UIPM 2016 WORLD CUP #2
Thank you Rio, see you in August ...
Six days of competition in Rio de Janeiro saw the 2016 Olympic Games Modern Pentathlon venues fully tested by most of the world’s leading pentathletes.

The UIPM President, Dr Klaus Schormann, reflected on the Olympic Test Event with satisfaction while acknowledging that work remains to be done on fine-tuning the facilities and the organisational flow of the competition, which will take place in Deodoro Park as it did during World Cup #2.

“Modern Pentathlon will be one of the biggest highlights of the 2016 Olympic Games, thanks to our five disciplines and thanks to the high performance of our athletes,” said Dr Schormann.

“It will be a big surprise for many people in the media to see the big challenge of Bonus Fencing, and to see that our Combined Event is much better than it was at the London Olympics in 2012.

“We will deliver a great pentathlon stadium, knowing that only the swimming is outside of this stadium, so this Test Event was the right time to test the technical parts, to test all of our surroundings and equipment, and very important to find and test the right horses.

“Now we have the opportunity to make some modifications – I have discussed it with Celso Silva, the Rio 2016 competition manager, what we have in mind – and we will review the reports from this Test Event and then go forward maybe with some new guidelines for the Olympic Games.”

Women’s Individual: Cesarini reigns in the rain

Claudia Cesarini conquered a tropical downpour and dozens of higher-ranked pentathletes to secure Women’s Individual gold at World Cup #2.

The world No.57 from Italy will perhaps not be one of the favourites to win Olympic gold when the leading ladies of Modern Pentathlon return to Rio in August, but she reigned supreme in the rain as the first medals were decided in the official Olympic Test Event.

Cesarini, who trailed behind three of her Italian compatriots in the UIPM World Rankings ahead of this competition, clearly has a liking for the big stage and she rose to the challenge in style at this dress rehearsal.

“It’s a dream, and I can’t believe it,” said Cesarini (ITA), who received her gold medal alongside

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the other medallists the following morning because the rain was so severe.

“I had a pain in my stomach throughout the qualification, and I was afraid I would not be able to run, but I had a lot of help from the Brazilian physiotherapist.”

One experience the athletes will not want to experience in August is the torrential rain that soaked them – and the grass surface at the Deodoro Stadium – during the closing Combined Event.

After a day of warm sunshine, the rain arrived just before the beginning of the run/shoot and grew heavier and heavier during the event.

Yane Marques (BRA) was first to start the Combined Event after a consistent final performance, but there was never any suggestion of the home heroine running away with it. She enjoyed a lead of only 6 seconds over Qian Chen (CHN), with Cesarini (ITA) a mere 8 seconds behind the Brazilian.

The final outcome showed how it is possible for a good pentathlete to put one bad event behind them, even at this elite level.

Cesarini was 30th fastest in the Swimming, but she built on her winning performance in the previous day’s Fencing Ranking Round by beating Donata Rimsaite (RUS) in the decisive bout of the Bonus Round, held on a magnificent raised piste at Deodoro Park.

She followed that up with a strong performance in Riding, finishing 6th, to allow her to start the Combined Event in podium contention. And the Italian moved convincingly past Qian (CHN) and Marques (BRA), keeping her composure in the dramatic weather conditions.

Cesarini (ITA) must have known that most of the best pentathletes in the world were chasing her but she never stuttered, and with great defiance fought off a strong challenge by World Cup #1 winner Lena Schoeneborn (GER), who advanced from 9th to 2nd to win silver.

Donata Rimsaite (RUS) finished 3th to join her Italian and German foes on the podium, denying Zsofia Foldhazi (HUN) a medal. There was a great result for Ilke Ozyuksel (TUR), who advanced from a starting position of 20th to finish 5th, but Marques (BRA) could only manage to come home in 9th.

Earlier in the day, before the dramatic and rain-soaked conclusion, it was Elodie Clouvel (FRA) who seemed to be taking the initiative with a strong swim on the back of her good showing in the Fencing Ranking Round.

Clouvel (FRA) led the overall standings going into the Riding after a swim of 2:08.95, which was bettered only by Gulnaz Gubaydullina (RUS) in 2:07.71.

Inside the Deodoro Stadium itself, there was a very dominant performance on horseback by the Asian
contingent. Rena Shimazu (JPN), Qian Chen (CHN), Sunwoo Kim (KOR) and Xiaonan Zhang (CHN) were the four athletes who enjoyed a clear round, with four competitors failing to record a score.

“It was an exciting day but it finished with an awful thunderstorm, which was a pity for the athletes,” said Dr Klaus Schormann, President of UIPM. “They gave their best all day on what will be the facilities for the Olympic Games.”

Men’s Individual: Jun makes the grade

Woongtae Jun of Korea continued his impressive rise through the elite Modern Pentathlon ranks by securing Men’s Individual gold at World Cup #2.

At 20, Jun (ranked 7th) is the youngest man in the top 10 of the senior World Rankings and his success at this official Olympic Test Event closely followed his victory in the season-ending 2015 Champion of Champions in Doha, Qatar.

His emergence has been so convincing that he is now perhaps Asia’s best chance of an Olympic medal when the world’s best Modern Pentathletes return to Rio de Janeiro in August.

Having embarked on a highly competitive Combined Event in 6th place with a 25-second handicap, he showed levels of determination, composure and fitness that will certainly befit the ultimate stage if Jun can reproduce them later this year.

“I’m so happy because, after the Champion of Champions, I promised myself that I would be better this year,” said Jun (KOR) after his victory.

“There is a lot of time between now and August, and I will be preparing very hard in Korea for the Olympic Games.”

Jun (KOR) denied Omar El Geziry (EGY) a gold medal that few would have begrudged him given how consistently he performed all week. But the Egyptian was very happy with his own landmark achievement of silver, with Adam Marosi (HUN) picking up bronze.

El Geziry (EGY) said: “It’s the first individual World Cup medal of my life, and I can’t explain how happy I am. I’m so proud of myself and my brother Amro – we are pushing ourselves hard for 16 years in this sport and it’s paying off right now.

“He won the first World Cup, and now I have a silver medal. I’m very hungry for more and more – me and him.

“It’s a huge step towards getting a medal at the Olympics; I’m over the moon. But I can’t get too excited because I have to qualify and the season is very long, and we will see.”

It was Omar El Geziry’s brother Amro (EGY) who swam fastest in the morning, his time of 1:57.02 narrowly faster than James Cooke on 1:57.47 and his British compatriot Joseph Choong on 1:58.57.
At the end of a Fencing Bonus Round dominated by the Hungarians Bence Demeter, who won six bouts to give himself six extra seconds in the Combined Event, and Robert Kasza, it was Maksim Kustov (RUS) who still led the standings narrowly ahead of Kasza (HUN) and Junli Guo (CHN), with Jun (KOR) in fifth.

Inside the Deodoro Stadium, Charles Fernandez (GUA), Omar El Geziry (EGY), Stefan Kollner (GER) and Adam Marosi (HUN) were the four riders who managed a clean round.

Guo Jianli (CHN) was heading for a perfect round when he misjudged his approach to the last obstacle and incurred seven penalty points, and the leader Kustov (RUS) had a similar experience.

A score of 293 allowed the Russian to remain in a prominent position heading into the Combined Event, albeit conceding a four-second handicap to Omar El Geziry (EGY), who went out first. Guo (CHN) was only a further second behind Kustov (RUS), so it was destined to be a finale fraught with tension.

And so it proved, as Guo (CHN) and El Geziry (EGY) exchanged the lead in the early stages before the race developed into a four-way tussle. El Geziry (EGY) clearly had the staying power necessary to win the event, but Jun (KOR) showed exceptional accuracy at the shooting range to put pressure on the leader along with Marosi (HUN) and Fernandez (GUA).

Jun (KOR) and El Geziry (EGY) embarked on their final 800m almost neck and neck but the Korean made his move with around 500m to go and put a couple of seconds between them that he was never going to relinquish.

Dr Klaus Schormann, President of UIPM, said: “This Men’s Individual Final was such an exciting competition, and at the end when we saw the changes from first to second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth place, always moving and changing, everybody enjoyed it so much.

“But I would also underline that the Horse Riding was a great show, and it showed who was really prepared and who was not. It was really an Olympic standard, with everything in harmony between athletes and horses and we saw athletes who are really well educated in riding doing everything in their capacity.”

Mixed Relay: Gold for Germany

Lena Schoeneborn asserted her class once again when she teamed up with Patrick Dogue to win gold for Germany in the Mixed Relay at World Cup #2.

The final act of the Olympic Test Event in Rio became an intriguing tussle between Germany and Egypt, two countries that had already stamped their mark on this year’s World Cup with medals both here and in Cairo at World Cup #1.

In the end the class of reigning individual world champion Schoeneborn allowed the Germans to comfortably prevail, with Haydy Morsy & Eslam Hamad (EGY) holding on to silver and consigning Natsumi Tomonaga & Tomoya Miguchi (JAP) to bronze.
Schoeneborn (GER), who won silver in the Women’s Individual two days previously, said: “Finally we are through – it was a lot of effort. It was good to find out how the venues are going to be in the Olympics, it was good for us to try the horses once again although we lost a few points in this discipline today.

“Overall, of course we are happy having the gold medal. For me it was good because it gave me some points for the internal Olympic qualifying ranking, which is still going on, and because it gave me some self-confidence to know that I can perform well in these venues.

“I’m going to have one more World Cup this season, and then keep training for the summer.”

Her partner Dogue (GER) admitted the victory was extra satisfying because he had not been fully fit. “It was about having fun. I got a little injury on my finger yesterday, so I was not sure if I could compete but we tried, and it was good – we had a lot of fun.”

The German duo certainly had fun from the start of the day, as they created a 25-point lead over the rest of the field in the opening two disciplines.

In the Fencing Ranking Round, Schoeneborn/Dogue (GER) won 30 of their 42 bouts, with each of the eight competing nations meeting each other seven times on the piste.

Swimming did not quite so well for the Germans, whose time of 2:02.96 was only 5th fastest. Tomonaga/Miguchi (JPN) were easily the fastest with 1:54.92, ahead of Wei Danni & Su Halhang (CHN) and Elena Nogueda & Alvaro Sandoval (MEX).

Morsy/Hamad (EGY) kept the pressure on the leaders by winning the final bout in the Fencing Bonus Round, and then coming out on top in the Riding.

The Egyptians scored highest with 289 thanks to a single seven-point penalty and a four-point time penalty. By contrast, Schoeneborn/Dogue (GER) incurred 31 penalty points overall and this led them to concede most of their advantage heading into the Combined Event.

There, despite enjoying a buffer of only 5 seconds, Schoeneborn/Dogue (GER) reasserted themselves and never looked like being threatened.

Dr Klaus Schormann, President of UIPM, said: “We know that many nations already went to Buenos Aires for a big competition, and that other nations went to Rome for a big competition, so only eight nations competed today but for us it’s always important to test the Mixed Relay format again, again, again.

“This was again a good presentation of our wishes to the IOC ahead of the 2016 Olympic Games.”
Lithuania, France and host nation Italy enjoyed a taste of gold at the third round of the 2016 UIPM World Cup series as the European nations claimed eight of the nine medals on offer.

Women’s Individual: Olympic champions on top

The normal order was restored on the UIPM World Cup circuit as Laura Asadauskaite won her first event of the season ahead of another member of the Olympic champions’ club.

Asadauskaite, the London 2012 gold medallist from Lithuania, and Lena Schoeneborn, Germany’s Beijing 2008 champion, re-asserted their supremacy in the Women’s Individual event by winning gold and silver respectively ahead of bronze medallist Anastasiya Prokopenko (Belarus).

For Asadauskaite (LTU), it was a timely return to form after she could only finish 13th in her first event of the 2016 Olympic season, World Cup #2 in Rio de Janeiro. For Schoeneborn (GER), it was a continuation of an excellent season; she had finished 2nd in Rio de Janeiro having previously won gold at World Cup #1 in Cairo. So there was a familiar feel about the appearance of the podium as the two Olympic champions stood side by side at the medal presentation.

Asadauskaite (LTU) said afterwards: “It was almost a perfect day. It started with the Fencing where I was very focused, win by win. In the Riding I went clear and I was very happy about that. In the Combined Event, for the first two laps I worked very hard and then after that I just kept calm. “I enjoyed being the podium because I won here in Rome last year and I am very happy to be back on the top of the podium. “The process of Olympic preparation is getting better and better and I will keep it going.”

Schoeneborn (GER) said: “I am very happy. I didn’t expect it to go like this at all - not for the first World Cup, not for the second and not for this one, but if I have a good fence I can look forward to a good day. “Of course it depends on the Riding and the Run/Shoot but this time by ride was really unbeatable, so I am very glad with the second place.

“I will probably have a long training
camp now, after one World Cup after another. There is time for training now because we still have another goal coming up this year, which I want to prepare for."

Halfway through the Women’s Individual Final it was neither of the former Olympic champions who were setting the pace. Instead, it was Elodie Clouvel (FRA) who led the standings, but her medal challenge ended abruptly when she was eliminated with no score from the Riding.

The Fencing Ranking Round saw Schoeneborn (GER) lead the way with 27 wins from her 35 bouts, ahead of Asadauskaite (LTU, 26) and Clouvel (FRA, 25).

After the Swimming, the Frenchwoman moved to the top of the leaderboard having registered the second-fastest time of the day (2mins 08.73secs). The only woman to swim faster was Gulnaz Gubaydullina (RUS, 2:08.30), who repeated the outstanding form she showed in Rio when edging out Clouvel (FRA) in a thrilling 200m race.

Clouvel (FRA) continued to seize the day in the Fencing Bonus Round where she came out on top, taking maximum points into the last two disciplines.

Unfortunately for the world No.7, a zero score in Riding took all of the momentum out of her charge and her experienced rivals took full advantage of her struggles on horseback.

Eight pentathletes enjoyed a flawless round, including Asadauskaite (LTU), and this allowed her to start the Combined Event in pole position with a nine-second advantage over Yane Marques (BRA) and Schoeneborn (GER).

The world No.1, who is the reigning World Cup and European champion as well as holder of the biggest honour in the sport, never had any cause to look behind her as she stretched her lead to enjoy a comfortable victory in front of an appreciative Roman crowd.

Similarly, Schoeneborn (GER) soon left Marques (BRA) behind and enjoyed a comfortable last lap knowing that she had done enough to keep the challenge of Prokopenko (BLR) at bay, and knowing the leader was out of sight. Marques, who is the great hope for a home medal at Rio 2016, finished 5th, one place behind Kim Sunwoo (KOR).

There was no home success for Italy to cheer, as Elena Micheli finished 17th and Claudia Cesarini, surprise winner of World Cup #2, 22nd.

The UIPM President, Dr Klaus Schormann, said: “In Rome, the historical Olympic city, the final of the Women’s Individual event was a big success with a fantastic environment created by the Carabinieri Cavalry and other elements of the cultural programme.

“But the most important part was to have our Olympic champions
from 2008 and 2012 on the podium, as well as our Brazilian lady Yane Marques in 5th place. We have our best athletes on the podium and that shows that preparations for the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro are really on course.

“This was a great occasion for our athletes on the way to Rio.”

**Men’s Individual: French men make podium their own**

It was a day of dominance for France on the UIPM World Cup circuit as Valentin Prades and Christopher Patte finished in first and second place in the Men’s Individual Final at World Cup #3 – with Valentin Belaud not far behind in 6th.

Prades, a relay gold medallist for France in the 2014 World Championships, and Patte, who claimed a World Championships gold medal the year before in the team event, enjoyed their first taste of success in this Olympic season by taking gold and silver respectively, ahead of bronze medallist Jan Kuf (CZE).

Prades (FRA) managed to claim top spot despite having started the Combined Event in ninth place, albeit that only 17 seconds separated him from pack leader Amro El Geziry (EGY) – the winner of gold at World Cup #1 in Cairo in February.

For Patte (FRA), silver medal allowed him to equal his personal best in the competition after he finished second in 2013. He benefited from a strong showing in the Fencing and Riding and recovered from a disappointing Swimming performance, where he finished in 30th place overall. Like his compatriot he made his way through the pack in the Combined Event, advancing from 8th to 2nd.

Gold medallist Prades (FRA) said afterwards: “I’m very happy because it’s an important season this year. It’s Olympic qualification and this is a good performance for getting my ticket to Rio. I am so happy because we have trained hard for this. It’s like winning the World Cup final; it’s the same feeling.”

On the composure he showed on the Shooting range, he said: “I don’t think it was just my Shooting. Everyone created a lot of pressure and we were very close. “Today I was good enough but the fight is nice and I hope the next competition will be similar.”

Runner-up Patte (FRA) said: “I’m feeling very good because I want to have a season of progress. I want to progress and I want to go to the Olympic Games and I am getting good qualifying points.

“I am very excited to have a medal. I love my French team because we
train so hard and we are a good team. I am happy for Valentin Prades that he finished first.

“Both Valentin and I are hard runners. So I said, ‘come on, let’s go!’ I knew we could do it.”

The Fencing Ranking Round featured excellent performances from Chinese duo Jianli Guo and Jiahao Han, with Christian Zillekens (GER), Jan Kuf (CZE) and Pierpaolo Petroni (ITA) also managing to secure 22 victories from their 35 bouts.

In the Swimming, a large crowd filled out the poolside spectator area and offered fantastic support, with local children offering high fives to the Pentathletes.

James Cooke (GBR) and Amro El Geziry (EGY) enjoyed a thrilling race with the Egyptian managing to pass his British rival in the final metres to secure top points.

Guo (CHN) then secured maximum extra points by coming out on top in the Fencing Bonus Round, defeating Han (CHN) in the final bout.

In the Riding arena, six competitors a clean round and the maximum 300 points, while Patte (FRA) and Kuf (CZE) put themselves in medal contention with scores of 293.

Unlike 24 hours earlier when Laura Asadauskaitė (LTU) led for much of the day, the lack of a clear leader meant it was destined to be an incredibly open Combined Event and so it proved as Amro El Geziry (EGY) failed to capitalise on the slender advantage he held by starting first.

For the French, it was a classic case of hunting in packs as Prades, Patte and Belaud saw each other taking prominent positions and collectively took charge of a world-class field.

Kuf (CZE) was satisfied with his first World Cup medal of the season while Joseph Choong (GBR) in 4th and Zillekens (GER) in 5th could be very pleased with their high placings.

For the second day in succession was no home success for Italy, with Petroni the highest finisher in 10th place. Defending World Cup champion Riccardo de Luca finished third from last, and compatriots Fabio Poddighe and Giuseppe Parisi fared only marginally better.

The UIPM President, Dr Klaus Schormann, said: “Today, the Men’s Individual Final was so exciting and it was no surprise that we had three French athletes in the best six.

“This competition shows, with a German finishing in fifth place and a Czech athlete finishing third, how close they started and the drama we had on show for the spectators here today.
“We have made great movements with this sport and we can see again with this competition, the World Cup in Rome, it was an exciting moment and it will give us motivation for the next competitions.

“Congratulations to all the athletes who fought for the points and the rankings. No one here gave up, they all want to look forward and qualify for the Olympic Games.”

Mixed Relay: Roman crowd savours Italian triumph

Hosts Italy savoured the perfect climax to the third round of the 2016 UIPM World Cup as Lavinia Bonessio and Lorenzo Michele claimed gold in the Mixed Relay.

It was a second Mixed Relay gold in three World Cup events for Italy and Bonessio after she topped the podium alongside Auro Franceschini at World Cup #1 in Cairo.

Bonessio and Michele performed strongly throughout and saved the best for last: a blistering performance in the Combined Event that led them to first place ahead of silver medal-winning brother and sister Lenka Bilkova & Martin Bilko (Czech Republic) and bronze medallists Mayan Oliver & Alvaro Sandoval (Mexico).

As the sun set on a successful World Cup event in the ancient Olympic city of Rome, Bonessio (ITA) said: "I am very happy with these results. I won in Cairo and in this competition, I competed with a young man and it was an exceptional result.

“This morning I was sick but it was okay because my preparation was better in this event than in the individual.”

Bilkova (CZE) said after receiving her medal: "I have a wonderful feeling. It was a bit surprising for me and for my brother but it was a very good day today.

“I'm very glad to be able to compete with him. Fencing was good for us because we had not competed in a while because he took a break and I was not very well.

“It's really great to be here because in Rome there is such nice weather; it's very sunny. It's been a good day but for us, the best was the riding. We had a very good horse.”

Bonessio/Michele (ITA) performed well throughout the day and finished 3rd of 9 participating nations in both Swimming and Riding, which put them in a strong position going into the Combined Event.

Bilkova/Bilko (CZE) dominated for large periods, leading at the first
and third Shooting ranges and they looked strong going into the final stages, but the Italians demonstrated greater Running stamina and finished strongly to move confidently to the finish line.

In Swimming, Bilkova/Bilko (CZE) timed 2:01.61 for a share of 3rd place. Elena Potapenko & Anton Kuznetsov (Kazakhstan) were easily the fastest with 1:57.47, ahead of Ronja Doring & Matthias Sandten (Germany) and the Czechs.

Theodore Lauzen & Samantha Achterberg (USA) kept the pressure on the leading pack with a strong performance in Riding, but they never quite moved into medal contention and had to settle for 4th.

Sandoval/Oliver (MEX) came from behind with an exceptional Run/Shoot performance to beat their North American neighbours to bronze. They had begun the Combined Event with a 74-second handicap against the leading Bilkova/Bilko (CZE).

As for Bonessio/Michele (ITA), they started 14 seconds behind the leaders but overcame the handicap with great composure to the delight of the Italian spectators and organisers.

Dr Klaus Schormann, President of UIPM, said: “The Mixed Relay, as we all know, is so important for us. That’s why we’re bidding for it to be included in the Olympic Games.

“This is a very special competition with a great team spirit so I am happy that we had such an exciting finish today.”

The 2016 UIPM World Cup resumes in Kecskemet, Hungary (April 14-18) before culminating with the World Cup Final in Sarasota-Bradenton, USA (May 6-8).

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Laura Leidis Moya (Cuba) and Nathan Schrimsher (USA) captured the international headlines in 2010 as they teamed up to compete in the Mixed Relay in the Singapore Youth Olympic Games in six years ago. In Buenos Aires they both made news again as they became Pan American Champions.

Laura Leidis won the women’s Pan American individual gold on March 18, scoring a total of 1366 points overtaking Iryna Khokhlova (Argentina) in the combined event. Sophia Hernandez (Guatemala), who is still a Junior, held off Melanie McCann (Canada) to take 3rd while Samantha Achterberg (USA) won the combined and moved up to 5th overtaking her teammate Margaux Isaksen (USA) who rounded off the top six.

In the men’s competition on March 19, Schrimsher (USA) had a comfortable lead at the start of the combined event and was able to hold on based on his very precise and fast shooting in all four series, finishing with a pentathlon total of 1440 points.

There was a three-way battle for the silver medal between Jorge Inzunza (Mexico) Sergio Villamayor (ARG) and Lucas Schrimsher (USA), Nathan’s younger brother. In the end Inzunza (MEX) pulled away in the final lap to win the silver medal and Lucas Schrimsher (USA) won the bronze. Villamayor (ARG) was 4th, Jorge Imeri (GUA) showed great progress as he finished 5th and Abraham Camacho (MEX) was 6th.

In the final day of competition on March 20, Cuban (Jose Figueroa & Lester Ders) won the Men’s Relay with 1545 points, winning the Fencing and Riding events.

They were followed by Mexico (Abraham Camacho & Alvaro Sandoval) who won the Combined Event as they sprinted past Argentina (Sergio Villamayor & Leandro Silva), who rounded off the podium.

In the Mixed Relay, Guatemala (Isabel Brand & Charles Fernandez) proved they are in great shape as they prepare to take part in the Rio Olympic Games. They finished in first place by a convincing margin, as they won the Swimming, Riding and Combined Events. The silver medal went to Argentina’s Zapata siblings (Ayelen & Emmanuel) while Mexico (Mariana Arceo & Jorge Inzunza) won bronze.

The Pan American Championship brought together 15 nations at the magnificent facilities of the Argentine Military Academy. Based on the number of athletes taking part and their high level, this was the first continental event outside of Europe to have a level 2 classification for the Olympic Qualification Ranking list.

The South American Senior and Junior Championship also took place simultaneously with the Pan American event.
Prof Fabio Pigozzi to chair UIPM Doping Review Panel

Prof Fabio Pigozzi, Chairman of the UIPM Medical Committee, has been appointed Chairman of the UIPM Doping Review Panel.

He will be joined on the Panel by Prof Eduardo De Rose (a World Anti-Doping Agency Executive Board Member and Head of Anti-Doping for the Rio 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games), Dr Tan Sri Jegathesan Manikavasagam (a WADA Health, Medical and Research Committee Member and Chairman of the OCA Medical Commission), Prof Norbert Bachl (EOC Medical Commission Member and Chairman of the ÖISM Österreichisches Institut für Sportmedizin, Vienna) and Avv Fulvia Lucantonio (UIPM Legal Counsel).

The Doping Review Panel receives information on potential violations of the UIPM anti-doping rules, conducts the reviews and decides on any ascertained violation.

The appointment of Prof Pigozzi as Chairman has a term of one year renewable for the next four years.

Shiny Fang, UIPM Secretary General, on behalf of the UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and the Executive Board, congratulated the incoming members of the Panel and sent them the very best wishes on their appointment.

She said: “We are sure that you will offer a very skilled contribution to UIPM and to the fight against doping.”

Jorge Salas (ARG) re-elected as South American President

Jorge Salas, President of the Argentine Modern Pentathlon Federation, has been unanimously re-elected to serve as President of the South American Confederation (CSPM) for the 2016-2020 term.

Mr Salas received all nine votes at the recent CSPM Congress in Buenos Aires.

His fellow office-bearers at CSPM will be Vice-President Heilo Meirelles (Brazil) and Directors Lutgardis Arrue (Panama), Cesar Rondon (Venezuela) and Marcelo Meneses Leyva (Peru).

Athletes broke from their participation in the Pan American / South American Championships in Buenos Aires to vote for Pamela Zapata (ARG) and Charles Fernandez (GUA) to represent South America and NORCECA on the UIPM Athletes Committee.

The participating coaches, meanwhile, elected Guillermo Filipi (ARG) and Alejandro Guarch (CUB) to represent them on the Coaches Committee.

Rob Stull (USA) elected President of NORCECA

Rob Stull, the Managing Director of USA Pentathlon, has been elected to serve as President of the the NORCECA (North and Central America and the Caribbean) Modern Pentathlon Confederation at its General Assembly.

Mr Stull, a former Olympian who has been one of the commentators during TV coverage of the 2016 UIPM World Cup series on UIPMTV.org, received five of the seven votes while outgoing President Juan Manzo (MEX) received two.

He will be inaugurated as President of NORCECA at the 2016 UIPM Congress in Frankfurt-am-Main (GER) later this year.

His fellow office-bearers will be Regional Vice Presidents Angela Ives (North America), Siegfried Brand (Central America) and Doris Mayorquin (Caribbean), Executive Board Members Juan Manzo (MEX), Luis Alfredo Mejia (El Salvador).
and Craig Brown (Bermuda) and Secretary General Freddy Nunez (Dominican Republic). Siegfried Brand will act as Treasurer.

It was decided by NORCECA Congress that the 2016 NORCECA Junior and Senior Championships would be held in Mexico City in the last week of June.

Buenos Aires 2018 planning begins

UIPM Representatives Karen Myers (Event Director) and Roque Teixeira (Media Manager) had a very productive first meeting with the organisers of the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires on March 15-16.

They met with Mr. Mario Moccia, Chief of Sport and Venue Management; Ms Anabela Moccia, Head of Sport; Mr Juan Gregorio de Arma, Sport Coordinator (MP); Ms Noelia Garcia Lezcano, Sport Assistant; Mr Federico McCormick, Marketing & Communications Director and Mrs Soledad Crespo, Sport Presentation Assistant.

Items on the agenda included competition venue, training venues, competition schedule, promotion, sport presentation, TV/internet broadcast, sport management, sport equipment, accommodation, ticketing and culture and education programme (CEP). Site visits were also made to the competition and training venues.

The 3rd edition of the Youth Olympic Games will take place from October 1-12, 2018.

Tymoshchenko named Sportsperson of the Year in Ukraine

Pavlo Tymoshchenko took a break from his World Cup and World Championship preparations to receive a very special award in his native Ukraine.

Tymoshchenko, the 2015 UIPM World Champion and current World No.1, was named “Sportsperson of the Year” at the prestigious Person of the Year awards.

Tymoshchenko, who will return from an injury-enforced competitive break at World Cup #4 in Kecskemet before aiming to defend his title at the World Championships in Moscow, received his award from legendary pole vaulter Sergey Bubka and made a speech in which he strongly urged the audience to take a closer interest in Modern Pentathlon ahead of the Rio Olympic Games where he will be a strong contender for gold.

“It is a big honour to be chosen among such great athletes,” said Tymoshchenko, who beat off competition from world Greco-Roman wrestling champion Jan Belenyk and world chess champion Mariya Muzychuk.

“I’m grateful to my coaches, my family and many other people. Without their support I would never have become world champion and would not be here.

“And finally, I know many of you don’t know what Modern Pentathlon is. Please, look a little after the ceremony what kind of a sport this is. I’m sure it’ll be interesting for you.”

PAVLO TYMOSHCHENKO WAS NAMED SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR IN UKRAINE
SportsPro Live exhibition held in the Wembley Stadium in London on the 22nd and 23rd March.

Besides some special meetings with several partners, the UIPM representatives (Martin Dawe, Executive Board for Marketing, Heather Fell, former Olympic Medalist and Roque Teixeira, UIPM Marketing and Media Manager) had the opportunity to share the innovations and changes achieved by the federation in the last years.

Fair play recognition for Saraiva (BRA)

The Brazilian pentathlete Stephany Saraiva was given a special Fair Play award during the South American Championships in Buenos Aires.

Saraiva, 20 (who has a senior world ranking of 115), was recognised for an exemplary gesture of Fair Play during a Fencing bout that took place in the Bonus Round of the Mixed Relay competition.

She received her award from Victor Sergio Groupierre, from the Argentina Olympic Committee, and Jorge Salas, President of the Argentine Modern Pentathlon Federation and the South American Confederation.

SportsPro Live 2016

The UIPM was present in the 2016

Tributes to Mohab Aref

The Modern Pentathlon community in Egypt and UIPM staff were united in shock and grief at the sudden passing of Mohab Aref, IT Manager of the Egyptian Modern Pentathlon Federation (EMPF) since 2007.

Mohab was a true professional who did a great deal to further the development of Modern Pentathlon in Egypt over the past eight years. He made sure that important events such as UIPM World Cup #1 in Cairo in February 2016 benefited from reliable technological management and passed without incident.

He was a highly respected and admired figure in our sport, not only in Egypt which has become a true Modern Pentathlon stronghold, but also worldwide. He will be greatly missed by the global Modern Pentathlon family.
Tournament & Training
Camp Invitations

This is an important notice for all Athletes and Competitions organisers to continuously check pentathlon.org for all information related to invitations and visa letters. Navigate to the National Federations Portal or to http://www.pentathlon.org to stay up to date with all tournament news.

Competition Invitations

UIPM 2016 World Cup Final
Sarasota-Bradenton, USA
5-8 May 2016

UIPM 2016 Senior World Championships
Moscow, RUS
23-29 May 2016

Medical and Anti-Doping Corner

WADA PUBLISHES 2016 PROHIBITED LIST

On 16 September, the World Anti-Doping Agency’s Executive Committee approved the 2016 List of Prohibited Substances and Methods, which is now available on WADA’s website in English. The List will come into force on 1 January 2016.

Updated annually, the List is one of five International Standards that are mandatory for all signatories of the World Anti-Doping Code (Code). It designates what substances and methods are prohibited in- and out-of-competition; and, which substances are banned in particular sports. According to the Code, if a substance or method is found to meet two of three criteria (enhances performance, poses a threat to athlete health, violates the spirit of sport), then it could be considered for placement on the List.

The List’s annual revision process is led by WADA and involves extensive consultation, which begins with a draft being circulated for comment amongst stakeholders. The comments are considered by WADA’s List Expert Group, which then presents its conclusions to WADA’s Health, Medical and Research Committee (HMRC). Once this process is concluded, the HMRC makes recommendations to WADA’s Executive Committee, which are discussed before making a final decision during its September meeting.

The new List can be found in the Medical Corner of the UIPM website (pentathlon.org).
Inside UIPM:
Monthly activities of President Dr Schormann

03 MAR 2016 - WIESBADEN, GERMANY

UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann met with National Paralympic Committee Germany representatives President Friedhelm Julius Beucher, Secretary General Thomas Urban and Director for Sport Frank-Thomas Hartleb to discuss projects for Para Pentathlon in 2016 in conjunction with the UIPM PWG (Para-Pentathlon Working Group) based on UIPM’s formative events held in Guatemala 2014, in Buenos Aires 2015 and in Cairo 2016. Pagona Sonndag - Executive Assistant to the President - will coordinate the coming process.

03 MAR 2016 - WIESBADEN, GERMANY

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and Mrs Pagona Sonndag joined the annual ‘Biebricher Schlossgespräche’ in Wiesbaden organized by the German Olympic Academy (DOA), where Dr Schormann is a Board Member.

For the first time a Fair Play Prize of German Sports was awarded as part of the ‘Biebricher Schlossgespräche’. Peter Beuth (Minister for Interior and Sport of Hesse) and Prof Dr Manfred Lämmer (Board Member of the DOA and chairman of the jury of the Fair Play Prize of German Sports) extended a very warm welcome to all participants.

Prof Dr Gunter A Pilz (University of Hannover, holder of the Ethics prize of the German Olympic Sports Confederation (DOSB)) held the main lecture on the topic ‘Fair Play - the ethical potential of sport’. The Fair Play prize donors were DOSB President Alfons Hörmann and VDS President Erich Laaser.

07-14 MAR 2016 - RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

The Olympic Test Event was incorporated into World Cup II in Rio de Janeiro. On March 9 the Organizing Committee of Rio 2016 held the opening ceremony of the official Olympic summer pool for Modern Pentathlon in Deodoro under the Chair of Rio 2016 President Carlos Arthur Nuzman (NOC President and IOC Honorary Member) in the presence of Aloizio Mercadante, Minister for Education, George Hilton General, Minister of Sports, and Joaquim Monteiro, President of the Municipal Olympic Company.

08 MAR 2016 - RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and Secretary General Shiny Fang met with President Modern Pentathlon Australia Inc. Kitty Chiller – Member of NOC Australia and Chef de Mission in Rio 2016 – and IOC
Sports Director Kit McConnell. They discussed general developments in Olympic Games preparation and specifically the facilities for Modern Pentathlon in Deodoro.

15-16 MAR 2016 - BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

UIPM Representatives Karen Myers (Event Director) and Roque Teixeira (Media Manager) had a very productive first meeting with the organisers of the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires on March 15-16.

They met with Mr. Mario Moccia, NOC Secretary General; Ms Anabela Moccia, Head of Sport; Mr Juan Gregorio de Arma, Sport Coordinator (MP); Ms Noelia García Lezcano, Sport Assistant; Mr Federico McCormick, Marketing & Communications Director and Mrs Soledad Crespo, Sport Presentation Assistant.

Items on the agenda included competition venue, training venues, competition schedule, promotion, sport presentation, TV/internet broadcast, sport management, sport equipment, accommodation, ticketing and culture and education programme (CEP). Site visits were also made to the competition and training venues.

The 3rd edition of the Youth Olympic Games will take place from October 1-12, 2018.

16 MAR 2016 - BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

Dr Schormann joined FAPM President Jorge Salas – also President of the South America Modern Pentathlon Confederation – and UIPM 1st Vice-President Ivar Sisniega at the Opening Ceremony of the Pan American Championships in Buenos Aires in the Military Academy, where he gave a welcome speech.

They met with General de Brigada Carlos Alberto Podio – Colegio Militar de la Nacion – and underlined the importance of cooperation between the Military and Modern Pentathlon.

17 MAR 2016 - BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

During a Buenos Aires 2018 YOG meeting chaired by NOC Vice President Alicia Masoni de Morea – also a member of the IOC Commission for Culture & Olympic Heritage - and Head of Sport Anabela Moccia, Dr Schormann gave a lecture about Youth Olympic Games Culture, Education and Festivals based on his experiences and discussions undertaken by the IOC Commission for Culture & Olympic Education, of
which he has been a member since 1994. Mrs Morea and Dr Schormann continue to work in this area as members of the new IOC Commission for Culture & Olympic Heritage.

Half of the Summer Youth Olympic Games programme is concerned with sporting activities and the other half centres on culture, education and festivals to educate young athletes about Olympic values and to prepare them for a better understanding of humanity.

**23-26 MAR 2016 - MONTE-CARLO, MONACO**

President Dr. Klaus Schormann visited UIPM Headquarters and briefed UIPM Staff on the upcoming activities of UIPM and discussed some details linked to financial, sport, media and development matters with the relevant staff members.

On March 24, Dr Schormann participated in the political and economical forum ‘The conflict between the West and Russia’ which was organized by the German International Club for the Principality of Monaco, of which the UIPM President is Honorary Member. He was deeply involved in the discussions after a presentation by Vladimir Kotenev, former Ambassador of Russia in Berlin.

President Schormann took part in the annual General Assembly of the International German Club of Monaco under the Patronage of HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco, where he met with members of the business society of Monaco. With UIPM legal Honorary Advocate Gerd Ziegenfeuter – Member of CAI – Dr. Schormann discussed some legal matters linked to international organizations.

During his visit to Monte-Carlo, Monaco, Dr. Klaus Schormann had the opportunity to meet with the UIPM staff at headquarters.
During World Cup #3 in Rome the UIPM President discussed with Secretary General Shiny Fang important details about UIPM’s administration, media policy and development. The meeting centred mainly on preparations for the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro and preparations for meetings at SportAccord (18.-22.04.2016) in Lausanne.

During the Men’s Individual Final in Rome Dr Schormann discussed principle conditions linked to the bid by Rome to host the 2024 Summer Olympic Games with Italian Olympic Committee (CONI) President Giovanni Malago and the respected Modern Pentathlon journalist and historian Alain Lunzenfichter, a member of the UIPM Pierre de Coubertin Commission. President Malago underlined the support CONI has given to the Italian Modern Pentathlon Federation (FIPM) and international UIPM competitions and congresses in Italy for more than 40 years.

UIPM President Dr Schormann had meetings in Rome with FIPM President Dr Valter Magini, UIPM Medical Committee Chairman and EB Member Prof Dr Fabio Pigozzi, Georgian Modern Pentathlon Federation (MPFG) President and UIPM Sport for All Commission Member Dr Viacheslav Malishev, Turkish Modern Pentathlon Federation (TMPF) President Yasar Aksin and team leaders to discuss matters of local and international importance for the UIPM movement. He provided the media in Rome with an important statement about Peace Through Sport, which is a basic philosophy of the Olympic Movement.

The ad hoc working group ‘UIPM Hall of Fame’ met in Rome to prepare a draft document for the UIPM Executive Board Meeting which will take place in Rio de Janeiro on August 21. The group comprises Dr Klaus Schormann (UIPM President), Gyula Bretz (UIPM Honorary Member), Tatiana Ardabieva (Member of the UIPM Cultural Commission and Secretary General of the Russian Modern Pentathlon Federation), Angela Ives (Member of the UIPM Pierre de Coubertin Commission, former Head of Sport at L’Equipe). The ad hoc working group was involved in the award ceremony of the Mixed Relay competition.
The PWR is updated live on www.pentathlon.org after each competition. PWR as at 4 April 2016:

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### MODERN PENTATHLON | Key-Milestones

> “The Modern Pentathlon event would test a man’s moral qualities as much as his physical resources and skills, producing thereby the ideal, complete athlete.”

**PENTATHLON IN THE ANCIENT GAMES**

708 BC - Lampis of Sparta won the first ancient Pentathlon

**MODERN PENTATHLON**

- **1912** - Stockholm: First time in the Olympic Programme
- **1948** - London: the UIPM was established
- **1996** – Atlanta: First Olympic Games all 5 events took place in one day
- **1998** – Budapest, Mexico, Monaco, Olympia, Lausanne: UIPM celebrates 50th Anniversary
- **2000** – Sydney: First time women pentathletes competed in the Olympics
- **2004** – Athens: Pentathlon home after 2712 years
- **2010** – Singapore: Combined event (running and shooting) and laser pistol introduced into the 1st Youth Olympic Games
- **2012** – London: 100 Years of Modern Pentathlon in the Olympic Games
- **2014** – UIPM joins the International Paralympic Family and the University Sports Family
- **2016** – Rio de Janeiro: Fencing Bonus Round in the Olympic Games

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