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# UIPM CONGRESS 2017: NEW SIGNS OF GROWTH IN TBILISI



The oak-tree planting ceremony outside Olympic Park in Tbilisi (GEO) on the eve of the 2017 UIPM Congress









## **UIPM Congress 2017**

The 69th UIPM Congress in Tbilisi (GEO), attended by National Federations from six continents, decided on a number of progressive initiatives aimed at integrating and strengthening the UIPM sporting movement.

The UIPM Laser-Run World Championships, which has become a highlight of the calendar since its debut in 2015, will be incorporated into the UIPM Senior World Championships in Budapest (HUN) in 2019.

Laser-Run is UIPM's fastest-growing development sport and this new integrated competition will highlight

the pathway that exists to the Olympic sport of Modern Pentathlon and promote the benefits of cross-over between the two sports.

The growth in Laser-Run participation has accelerated in 2017 thanks to the success of the new Laser-Run City Tour, which will include more than 100 cities in 2018 following approval of an expansion strategy by the UIPM Executive Board in Tbilisi prior to Congress.

UIPM's Under 19 (formerly Youth A) World Championships will also be expanded to include Under 17 (formerly Youth B) categories. In other competition news, China will host the UIPM Senior World Championships at a city yet to be confirmed (Chengdu, Shanghai or Beijing), in 2020 – the same year that Tokyo (JAP) will host the Olympic Games.

Coaches will benefit from the introduction of a Coaches Zone across the various disciplines in all major UIPM competitions.

Away from the competition circuit, Congress voted for the creation of Modern Pentathlon Coubertin Day, which will take place annually with National Federations taking part in



Delegates at the 2017 UIPM Congress









sporting and educational activities with the aim of celebrating UIPM's flagship sport, which has been a constant part of the Olympic Games programme since 1912.

Three new National Federations were approved as members of UIPM, all of them in the African Confederation: Togo, Mali and Niger.

Congress also approved the following motions:

- The UIPM Anti-Doping Rules to be aligned to the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Code by the addition of updated rules and procedures
- UIPM Congress to take place

every two years from 2018, instead of every year

 UIPM branding to be reviewed with a view to introducing new logos and brand guidelines for internal and external promotion

The Congress concluded with the announcement of the winners of the 2017 UIPM Annual Awards.

The awards recognise the bestperforming athletes and coaches during the calendar year as well as celebrating excellence in competition organisation.

At the conclusion of the two-day Congress, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "The 69th UIPM Congress has been a big success and it has underlined the strong ties between our global sporting community and the Olympic movement in Georgia.

"The UIPM Congress is a very strong democratic forum and many interesting motions were carried this year. It was also a pleasure to present the UIPM 2017 Annual Awards to so many of our hard-working athletes, coaches and competition organisers.

"I would like to thank our hosts in Tbilisi for their excellent hospitality and we are looking forward already to our next visit."

The 70th UIPM Congress will take place in Limassol (CYP) in November 2018.



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann addresses delegates at the 2017 UIPM Congress









# **UIPM Annual Awards**

| AWARD                          | NAME  |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Best junior woman              | Kim Sunwoo (KOR)  |
| Best junior man                | Marek Grycz (CZE)   |
| Best senior woman              | Gulnaz Gubaydullina (RUS)   |
| Best senior man                | Valentin Prades (FRA)   |
| Best coach                     | Choi Eunjong (KOR)  |
| Best team                      | Russia  |
| Best contribution              | Dr Klaus Hartmann (GER)   |
| Fair play award                | Stephany Saraiva (BRA)  |
| Best overall UIPM competition  | World Cup Final, Vilnius (LTU)  |
| Best promoted UIPM competition | Senior World Championships,<br>Cairo (EGY)  |
| Best organiser                 | Hungarian Modern Pentathlon<br>Association for Junior World<br>Championships,<br>Székesfehérvár (HUN) |

### PENTATHLON WORLD RANKINGS TOP SIX:

### WOMEN

- 1 Gulnaz Gubaydullina (RUS)
- 2 Anastasiya Prokopenko (BLR)
- 3 Laura Asadauskaite (LTU)
- 4 Tamara Alekszejev (HUN)
- 5 Lena Schoeneborn (GER)
- 6 Kate French (GBR)

### MEN

- 1 Valentin Prades (FRA)
- 2 Pavlo Tymoshchenko (UKR)
- 3 Robert Kasza (HUN)
- 4 Jun Woongtae (KOR)
- 5 Jung Jinhwa (KOR)
- 6 Alexander Lesun (RUS)



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann with representatives of each of the winners of the 2017 UIPM Annual Awards









#### Oak tree ceremony

The UIPM President, Dr Klaus Schormann, planted an oak tree in Tbilisi (GEO) during a symbolic ceremony ahead of the 69th UIPM Congress.

Oak trees have been planted in all corners of the world by the UIPM President since the 50th anniversary of the Union in 1998. The origin of the tradition goes back to 1912 when an entire forest was planted surrounding the Olympic Stadium in Stockholm (SWE), where Modern Pentathlon was inaugurated as an Olympic sport thanks to Baron Pierre de Coubertin, founder of the Modern Olympic Games and Modern Pentathlon.

President Dr Schormann described the gesture as "a message symbolising the special environment that we are able to create through pentathlon".

"This is the fifth time I have been in

Georgia since 1980 and the Union is very happy that we are able to bring the 2017 Congress here," he added.

"I am very impressed today by the new facility that has been developed and established by the Sport Department, the National Ministry and the National Olympic Committee and linked to the European Youth Olympic Festival. For our sport, for pentathlon, I think we have a pillar here which we can develop more."

The ceremony at Olympic Park, Dighomi was attended by local dignitaries including Shalva Gogoladze (Deputy Minister, Sport and Youth Affairs), Leri Khabelovi (President, Georgian National Olympic Committee), Dr Viacheslav Malishev (President, Georgia Modern Pentathlon and Triathlon National Federation and UIPM Executive Board Member for Development) and Malkhaz Shushiashvili (President, Tbilisi Modern Pentathlon and Triathlon Federation).

Accompanying the UIPM President were Joel Bouzou (Vice-President) and Martin Dawe (Executive Board Member for Marketing), ahead of the UIPM Executive Board Meeting that took place on November 23.

Leri Khabelovi said: "I'm glad that such an important event as the UIPM Congress will be held in Georgia. Oaktree planting is an old tradition for the Modern Pentathlon, which is a symbol of a life and strength and represents the future and history of the Federation."

President Dr Schormann added: "The oak tree is a symbol of our sport and building up deep roots, standing firm in the face of storms. It shows energy and long life and we have established our movement here in Georgia in recent years.

"Viacheslav Malishev and his team have done an excellent job with preparations for the 2017 Congress and Executive Board Meeting."



Dr Viacheslav Malishev, UIPM Executive Board Member for Development, participates in the tree-planting ceremony









### Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games: excitement grows in Argentina

The new year 2018 is almost upon us and one of the most exciting and important events on the calendar will be the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires (ARG).

Nowhere is there more anticipation than in the host nation itself, and UIPM contacted three key individuals in Argentina to find out their impressions and feelings with less than a year to go until the opening ceremony.

Jorge Salas, President of the South American Modern Pentathlon Confederation (CSPM), said: "Preparations for YOG 2018 are within forecasts and even very advanced in some areas. We believe that everything will be finalized at the beginning of 2018 and we will present a fantastic world event.

"Our country has a great sporting tradition and the event is generating great expectations. There is a lot of anticipation in the population near the Olympic facilities. Promotional work is intense and continuous. No doubt this event has contributed to the knowledge of Modern Pentathlon and its history.

"We must remember that Argentina joined the group that started the Modern Olympic Games, which had an important national team until the Olympics in Rome in 1960 where it obtained a 3rd place in riding and 7th in swimming.

"In 2012, Buenos Aires hosted the Centennial UIPM Congress, with the largest participation of nations in history.

"Today our national team is experiencing an important development phase and the YOG Buenos Aires 2018 will be a powerful factor in the promotion and consolidation of pentathlon in our country."

Josefina Bernatene, a female athlete aiming to compete for Argentina at YOG 2018, said: "The preparations are going very well from a sporting perspective, as you can see from the number of shares in international media.

"In Buenos Aires and Argentina, there are still a lot of people who are not yet aware that the Youth Olympic Games is coming here but there is a lot of advertising and interest is growing.

"It's a dream for me to have a chance of taking part in an Olympic Games and I have been waiting for several years. For me it's going to be very important, especially to take part in Modern Pentathlon which was created by the fundamental creator of the Modern Olympic Games, Pierre de Coubertin, in 1912.

"It is a great dream – difficult, but not impossible."

Franco Serrano, a male athlete also hoping to compete for the host nation at the Games, said: "My preparations are going quite well, I am training hard and constantly. I'm putting all my effort and concentration to achieve the best outcome. "The environment is very motivating as sport and the YOG are being promoted very actively around the country.

"The importance is huge because this experience makes me reflect on all the effort of training and help that others give me. It would be more than a dream to get an Olympic medal."

The 3rd Youth Olympic Games will take place from October 6-18, 2018 with Modern Pentathlon (Tetrathlon) featuring on October 12-14 and 16.

As in Singapore (2010) and Nanjing (2014), there will be medals at stake in three events: Men's and Women's Individual and Mixed Relay.

Fourteen of the world's leading Under 19 athletes have already secured direct qualification places and many others are continuing to work on their qualifying campaigns. The 14 direct places were secured earlier in the year at the European, Pan American and Asia/ Oceania qualifiers in Mafra (POR), Merida (MEX) and Gotemba (JAP) respectively.

In the first Newsletter of 2018 we will bring you news of the African qualifier in Lagos (NIG) taking place on December 7, 2017.



The young pentathletes of Argentina are excited at the chance to compete in Buenos Aires

### News from around the world

# UIPM Equipment Commission meets for first time

UPM's newly-created Equipment Commission met for the first time at UIPM Headquarters in Monaco in November 2017.

The commission was created to ensure UIPM, its member federations and its athletes have access to the latest cutting-edge sports equipment - complying with all the prescribed international rules and regulations.

Under the guidance of double Olympic champion Janos Martinek (HUN), the Commission discussed the current equipment situation and regulations, focusing on quality, safety, fairness, performance, reliability and practicability. In addition, new possibilities, technologies and improvements were evaluated.

The commission members used their expertise to undergo detailed analysis and make recommendations for Fencing and Laser-Run equipment used in Modern Pentathlon.

In Fencing, heightened safety regulations and homologation of scoring apparatus and evaluation of wireless fencing were discussed.

In Laser-Run, current homologation standards for laser equipment, future improvements and tests, as well as interfacing or embedding of thirdparty systems were discussed.

To use modern technologies for the benefit of the competitors and the sport itself is critical to the commission's work.

### Global gathering of coaches in Manchester (GBR)

Pentathlon GB hosted the 2017 World Modern Pentathlon Coaches Conference in Manchester, officially opened by UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang on November 11.

For the fifth consecutive year the conference provided nearly 100 delegates from 16 countries with a unique and amazing opportunity to learn and share their experiences. A wide range of topics were presented anti-doping, including training recovery, talent identification, youth competitions, statistics, sport development, team management, as well as technical contributions about Fencing and Laser-Run performances.

In addition, some outstanding and



The UIPM Equipment Commission meets for the first time in Monaco









inspirational talks were delivered by Dean Clark (Hartpury College); Mark Richardson (GB Olympic athletics medallist) and Attila Mizser (Modern Pentathlon Olympic and world champion from Hungary).

Pentathlon GB's Performance Director Jan Bartu said: "It is of significant importance that the UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang and her team have for the last 12 months championed the Conference.

"UIPM's support and collaboration demonstrates the recognition given to this Conference and the coaches in our sport."

# Level 2 coaches cover new ground in Guatemala

Guatemala City hosted a Level 2 UIPM Coaches Certification Course from October 30 to November 4 in which 18 coaches from schools, clubs and other federations had the chance to learn and better prepared themselves to train Modern Pentathlon athletes of all levels, ages and athletic ability.

The National Modern Pentathlon Federation of Guatemala arranged the seminar as a second stepping stone to a full knowledge of Pentathlon training, having hosted a Level 1 Coaches Course in 2015. The UIPM's assigned instructor during the week was Kim Raisner (GER), the former Olympian and coach to Olympic champion Lena Schoeneborn.

The seminar was scheduled in separate morning and afternoon sessions, one sport by day and divided between theory and practice sessions.

The 40 hours of course content covered all disciplines of Modern Pentathlon as well as sessions dedicated to General Training Management, Anti-Doping and notions of Exercise Physiology and Sport Psychology.

For more information on the UIPM Coaches Certification system please visit <u>HERE</u>.



UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang gives her welcome speech



Delegates at the Level 2 UIPM Coaches Certification Course with their certificates

# UIPM Judges in Jakarta (INA) prepare for 2018 Asian Games

Modern Pentathlon Indonesia Judges Certification Programme (JCP) in the capital city of Jakarta as the country's technical officials continued preparations for the 2018 Asian Games.

The JCP has been introduced to help provide well-trained and competent officials who will uphold sporting standards and help to enhance competition standards in Modern Pentathlon and all UIPM Sports.

The programme divides judges into three certification groups - Level 1 (Assistant Judge), Level 2 (Judge) and Level 3 (International Judge) and the UIPM certified 51 Judges at all three levels who are now qualified to work in all disciplines of Modern Pentathlon.

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For the first time in Jakarta (INA), where the Asian Games will take place in September 2018 with Modern Pentathlon on the programme, judges at Levels 2 and 3 attended an e-learning course in the new educational platform as part of their preparation for the 40hour onsite course.

The JCP promotes a professional approach for recruiting, training, retaining, recognizing and rewarding technical officials. It gives a framework for judges' education as part of a solid system with a clear pathway to develop competency according to international standards and promote progress on merit. In addition, the inclusion of e-learning brings a new aspect to UIPM's educational portfolio.

### Prince Albert receives new Olympic honour

**P**rince Albert II of Monaco, the Honorary President of UIPM, has been recognised by the World Olympians Association with the new OLY Certificate of Recognition.

The Prince represented Monaco at five Winter Olympic Games in bobsleigh and he will now be able to add the letters OLY to his name along with many other former Olympic athletes who have worked hard to promote sport and the ideals of Olympian.

The Prince was presented with his award by WOA President and UIPM Vice-President Joel Bouzou.

"I feel proud and honoured to receive this certificate under my athlete name, Albert Grimaldi OLY," he said.

"Like many other athletes I trained hard for many years before reaching the Olympic Games and becoming an Olympian.

"As much as the goal, I treasured this journey, which taught me how to dedicate myself and build up an openminded character."



UIPM Honorary President Prince Albert II of Monaco receives his certificate from UIPM Vice-President and World Olympians Association President Joel Bouzou



UIPM technical officials in Jakarta (IND) give the thumbs-up for the Judges Certification Programme









### **Tournament & Training** Camp Invitations

his 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.

# Medical and Anti-Doping



### WADA PUBLISHES 2018 LIST OF PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has published its 2018 List of Prohibited Substances and Methods, an important resource for anyone involved in the UIPM Sports and the wider international sporting movement.

The list, which comes into force on January 1, 2018, is accompanied by the 2018 Summary of Major Modifications and Explanatory Notes, which serves to help athletes, coaches and other support personnel to understand the latest changes.

"WADA is pleased to publish the 2018 Prohibited List," said WADA President, Sir Craig Reedie. "Updated annually, the List is released three months ahead of taking effect so that all stakeholders - in particular athletes and their entourage - have sufficient time to familiarize themselves with the document and its modifications.

"It is vital that all athletes and entourage take the necessary time to consult the List; and that, they contact their respective anti-doping organizations (ADOs) if they have any doubts as to the status of a substance or method."

WADA Director General, Olivier Niggli, added: "Annually, the Prohibited List review involves a very extensive stakeholder consultation process over the course of nine months. "In

reviewing the List, experts examine such sources as scientific and medical research, trends, and intelligence gathered from law enforcement and pharmaceutical companies in order to stay ahead of those that endeavour to cheat the system."

The <u>2018 Prohibited List</u>, the <u>Summary of Modifications</u>, and the <u>2018 Monitoring Program</u> are available for download on WADA's website in English and French. Spanish will follow shortly and if anybody would like to receive these documents in another language, please contact UIPM at *projects@pentathlon.org* 









### **Inside UIPM:** Monthly activities of President Dr Schormann

### 07.-09.11.2017 Lausanne (SUI)

UPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and Secretary General Shiny Fang took part in the International Federations Forum, entitled: "Leading the way towards a sustainable agenda". The IF delegates discussed best practice and how to actively promote and implement sustainability initiatives. The forum was a great platform to exchange ideas on how to approach this global challenge and to protect our environment and sport for future generations. On November 7, President Dr Schormann took part in the Olympic Golden Awards for the best

TV coverage of the Olympic Summer Games in Rio de Janeiro 2016 in the Palais de Beaulieu.

On November 8 the UIPM President joined the annual meeting of the IOC Commission for Culture and Olympic Heritage, on which he has been a member since 1994. Under the Chair of IOC Member Dr CK Wu they discussed different topics such as synergies with the Olympic Education Commission, cultural programmes at the Games or the activities of cultural Olympic institutions and communities.

IOC President Dr Thomas Bach briefed the commission on matters of sporting politics and spoke about corruption in some international federations which is damaging the image of the Olympic movement and underlined the clear message that the Olympic movement must at all times promote clean athletes and clean sport.

Also on November 8 the UIPM President and Secretary General met



Members of the IOC Commission for Culture and Olympic Heritage









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with Koji Murofushi, Tokyo 2020 Sports Director, for a deep discussion on the preparation of Modern Pentathlon for the Olympic Games, focusing on the selection and preparation of competition horses both for the 2019 World Cup Final (Olympic test event) and the 2020 Olympic Games.

On November 9 the IOC President Dr Thomas Bach hosted the IOC Women & Sports Awards in the Palais de Beaulieu, which UIPM President Dr Schormann and Vice-President Joel Bouzou attended.

#### 14.11.2017 Darmstadt (GER)

UPM President Dr Klaus Schormann chaired a working session on the evolution of UIPM branding in the UIPM President's Office. Together with UIPM Executive Board Member for Marketing, Martin Dawe and Giancarlo Alfani of the Oiko agency, two new UIPM logos were drafted for approval at the UIPM EB Meeting in Tbilisi (GEO) on November 23.

#### 21.-26.11.2017 Tbilisi (GEO)

During his stay in Tbilisi for the UIPM Executive Board meeting and Congress, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann had meetings with National Olympic Committee President Leri Khabelovi and the Minister for



UIPM Vice-President Joel Bouzou with UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann at the IOC Women and Sport Awards



The UIPM President with Giancarlo Alfani (left) and UIPM Executive Board Member for Marketing Martin Dawe



Dr Schormann with young athletes at the new Olympic Park in Digomi, Tbilisi









Sport and Youth of Georgia, Tariel Khechikashvili, in their offices together with Dr Viacheslav Malishev (President of Georgia Modern Pentathlon and Triathlon and UIPM Executive Board Member for Development) to brief them on future steps UIPM will take in close cooperation with the GMPT in Georgia. They also discussed the importance of education through sport and culture for a peaceful society and respect for different environments.

President Dr Schormann also visited the new Olympic Park in Digomi, Tbilisi, where he joined a training session of young athletes.

On the same occasion he planted in memory of Pierre de Coubertin an oak tree (see main section of Newsletter for details).

### 30.11.-01.2017 Koblenz (GER)

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann took part as a member of the Executive Board of the German Olympic Academy at its General Assembly, where they discussed the international actions of Olympic Academies in Olympia (GRE) and a youth camp for the upcoming Olympic Winter Games in Pyeongchang (KOR), and briefed members on activities during the organisation's 10th anniversary year 2017.

On the same day President Dr Schormann, Wolfgang Over and Jörg Brokamp, the three Council Members of the German TV 32 group (linked to agreement with ZDF and ARD) guided the Assembly of all 32 members to deliver a report on future cooperation with the two main TV channels of Germany.

UIPM President Assistant Pagona Sonndag and Uwe Keller (Dr Schneider Messtechnik) gave a presentation on laser shooting in the Electoral Palace of Koblenz during the gala of the Landessportbund Rheinland-Pfalz, on the occasion of the general assembly of the German Olympic Sports Confederation (DOSB).



Dr Klaus Schormann with Tariel Khechikashvili, Minister for Sport and Youth of Georgia



The oak-tree planting ceremony outside the Olympic Park



Schormann with fellow TV 32 Solidarity Pact members (left to right) Thomas Urban (Secretary General, German Paralympic Committee), Wolfgang Over (former Secretary General, German Canoe Federation) and Jörg Brokamp (Secretary General, German Shooting Federation)



A laser shooting demonstration by Federal Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere and UIPM President's Assistant Pagona Sonndag. Copyright: www.eventfotograf.com









POINTS

### New Balance World Rankings

The PWR is updated live on www.pentathlon.org after each competition. PWR as at 15 December 2017:

| MEN  |        |                    |        |
|------|--------|--------------------|--------|
| RANK | NATION | NAME               | POINTS |
| 1    | FRA    | Valentin PRADES    | 195    |
|      | UKR    | Pavlo TYMOSHCHENKO | 190    |
| 3    | HUN    | Robert KASZA       | 185    |
| 4    | KOR    | Woongtae JUN       | 178    |
| 5    | KOR    | Jinhwa JUNG        | 178    |
| 6    | RUS    | Aleksander LESUN   | 171    |
| 7    | HUN    | Bence DEMETER      | 163    |
| 8    | LTU    | Justinas KINDERIS  | 156    |
| 9    | FRA    | Valentin BELAUD    | 154    |
| 10   | HUN    | Adam MAROSI        | 152    |
| 11   | EGY    | Eslam HAMAD        | 151    |
| 12   | CZE    | Jan KUF            | 146    |
| 13   | GER    | Marvin Faly DOGUE  | 138    |
| 14   | POL    | Jaroslaw SWIDERSKI | 137    |
| 15   | EGY    | Ahmed HAMED        | 132    |
| 16   | GER    | Alexander NOBIS    | 131    |
| 17   | BLR    | Ilya PALAZKOV      | 131    |
| 18   | EGY    | Yasser HEFNY       | 127    |
| 19   | GER    | Patrick DOGUE      | 126    |
| 20   | GBR    | Joseph CHOONG      | 124    |
|      |        |                    |        |

<sup>()</sup> The Full New Balance World Ranking is available on www.pentathlon.org















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#### Baron Pierre de Coubertin

"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."

 
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