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## MODERN PENTATHLON 2022 SEASON BEGINS



Participants in the Hungarian Indoor Championships in Budapest (HUN) celebrate the beginning of the 2022 Modern Pentathlon international season



## Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games cycle

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### UIPM New 5th Discipline Working Group enjoys hugely productive first meeting

The Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne (UIPM) is pleased to update that the working group formed to lead the consultation process to identify the historic New 5th Discipline has begun its work with a hugely productive first meeting.

The working group, made up of 21 of the foremost stakeholders and experts in the Modern Pentathlon and Olympic community, met via video conference on January 13th in order to look at reforming Modern Pentathlon for inclusion in the Los Angeles 2028 programme.

The process aims to identify a new discipline which will replace Riding after the Paris 2024 Games, reducing the cost and complexity of Modern Pentathlon and making the whole sport more accessible to the global

community. All aspects of the presentation of the sport are being considered by the group.

The working group includes senior UIPM leadership, committee chairs, athletes representatives and leading marketing and media experts and TV partners, collected specific suggestions of all of the stakeholders' groups. It also discussed the 13 decisive criteria for the selection of the new discipline.

The timeline for the year ahead was also set up including tests to be conducted.

With fully 10 Olympic pentathletes among the group, athlete representation and voice is at the forefront of all efforts and there is unity across the UIPM community around this pivotal endeavour for the future of the sport.

A number of the athletes were present during the meeting and James Cooke (GBR) made a presentation to the

wider group outlining proposals which were praised particularly by the sports industry specialists involved.

Yasser Heffny (EGY), the Athletes Committee chairman, said: "The proposal presented here by the athletes is compliant with UIPM requests, and it is attractive in terms of legacy, adaptability to the new format and the key athletes' skills involved."

James Cooke (GBR), also on the Athlete Committee, added: "Since the creation of the working group, the athletes' representatives are fully involved and working hard with the community to contribute with solid and relevant ideas to the process."

The world-leading media and marketing experts underlined the huge opportunities presented by a new 5th Discipline, as well as the challenges.

"I think it's important to also broaden the whole discussion and review



James Cooke (GBR, above) and Natalya Coyle (IRL, right) are two of the four athletes on the UIPM New 5th Discipline Working Group. The group enjoyed a successful first meeting in January, during which the athletes' presentation and proposals won much admiration and support from the assembled experts

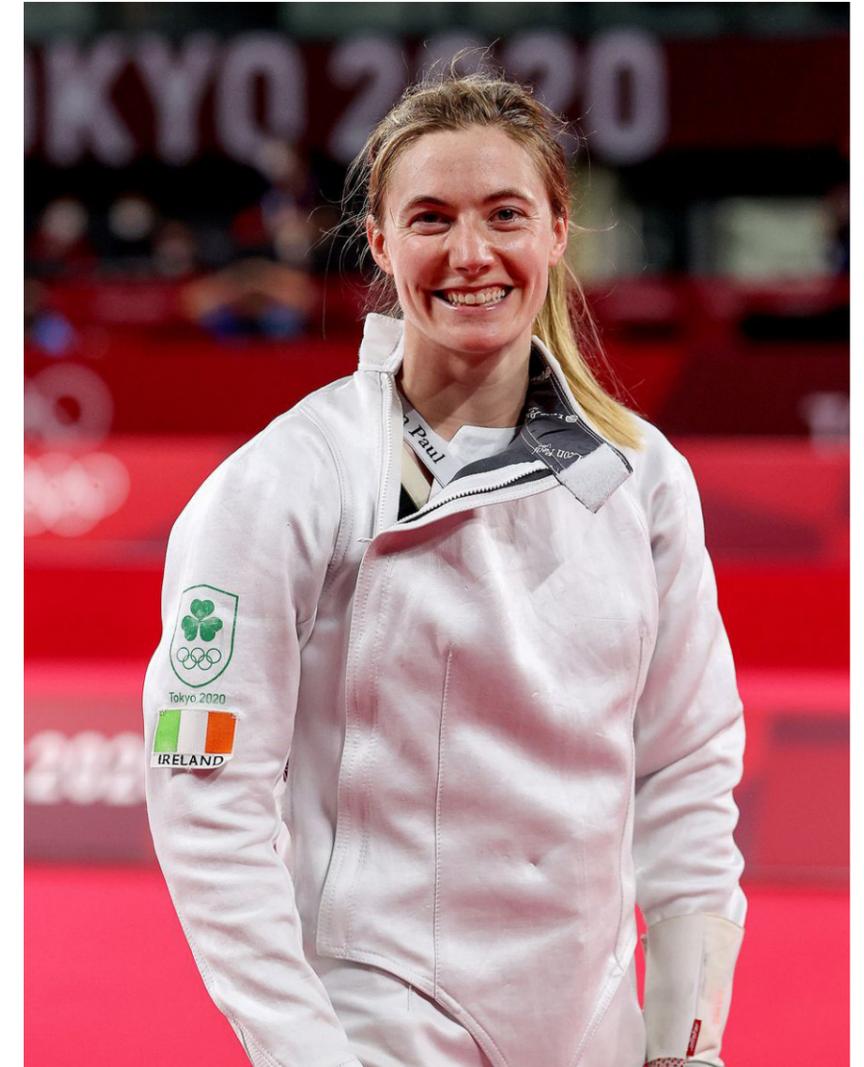
that one is not just looking at the replacement discipline, but at the overall presentation of your sport," said Michael Payne (GBR), former IOC Marketing/Broadcast Rights Director.

"Don't just look at what sport you're adding but how it's all integrated to create the best possible narrative presentation structure to the broadcaster."

He suggested a continuous format with included live in-competition data.

Terrence Burns (USA), an expert in Olympic Games sponsorship strategies and a consultant on both Olympic Games and FIFA World Cup bidding processes, told the group "You have an opportunity to 'move your sport from niche to mass'" and pointed to key overarching points.

"It's important to transform the sport to make it more relevant (for fans), more accessible (for youth), and more promotable (for organizers, broadcasters, and commercial partners). This means reviewing every aspect of the sport and its presentation, not just a single discipline."



Peter Hutton (GBR), Head of Sports at Meta (the owner of Facebook) and former CEO of Eurosport, said: "We have to respect the traditions of the sport, but also look to widen the popularity and appeal to a watching audience with clearer storytelling and an understanding of viewing trends."

The group also discussed internal tasks which will be conducted by smaller dedicated focus groups, including further consultation with athletes and the Pentathlon community.

The UIPM New 5th Discipline Working Group will now work remotely until the first physical meeting of involved participants, which is planned for April.

UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann said: "I am so very happy with the collaboration, productivity and unity in this first meeting of the New 5th Discipline Working Group. This is an historic moment for our great sport and to have such collective determination from our athletes in this vital endeavour is hugely important."

"I want to also thank our esteemed experts from the media and marketing industries. Their insights into this New 5th Discipline and the overall future of our sport have been invaluable."

"There is much progress to be made but there is now a great energy among the entire group to get to work."



## Paris 2024 Olympic Games cycle

**Bath (GBR), Ankara (TUR) and Bali (INA) the destinations as UIPM confirm upcoming event hosts**

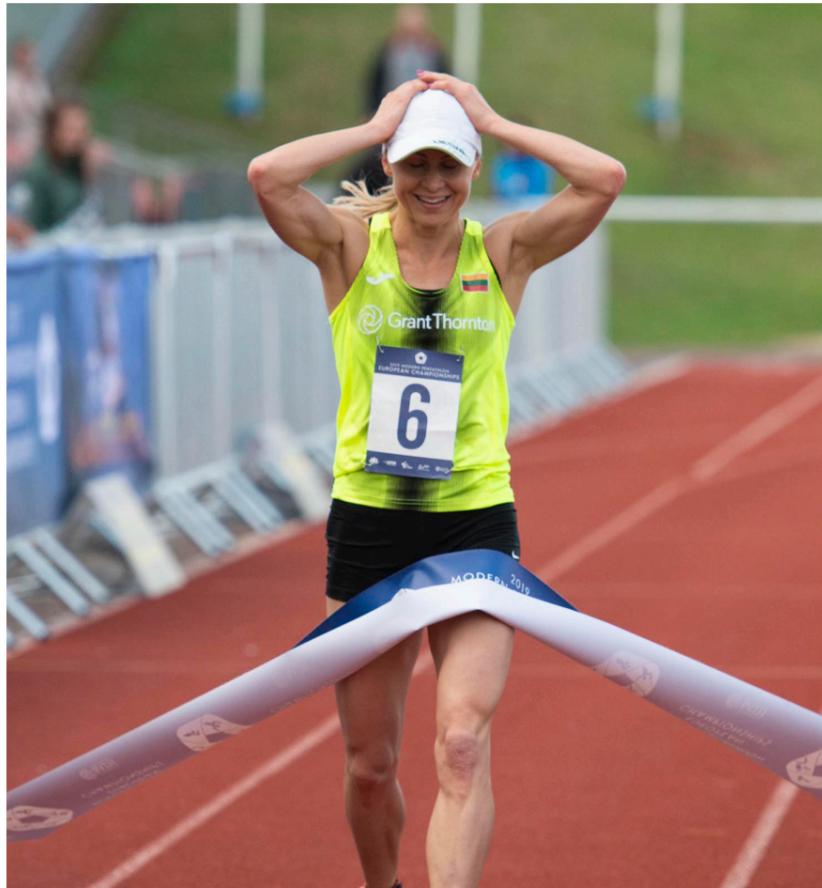
The Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne (UIPM) is delighted to confirm the successful bids of Bath (GB), Ankara (TUR) and Bali (INA) as host cities for major UIPM events in the next two years.

This selection marks some historic firsts with two new major competition organizers added to the UIPM calendar for the first time as we continue to expand the global horizons of our multi-discipline sports.

Bath (GBR) has been awarded the UIPM 2023 Pentathlon and Laser Run World Championships after its bidding team's initial presentation to the UIPM Executive Board, centred around facilities at the University of Bath, was followed by further meetings with UIPM. As the base for Pentathlon GB, it is a city with a very strong heritage in the sport and the 2023 Pentathlon and Laser Run World Championships will bring even more excitement and drama as the event will be part of the Olympic qualification process with quota places for the Paris 2024 Games on the line. Meanwhile, the event will also welcome hundreds of young UIPM Laser Run athletes from GB and around the world.

Bath most recently hosted the 2019 Modern Pentathlon European Championships, which also doubled as an Olympic qualifying event with Tokyo 2020 berths at stake.

The selection of Ankara (TUR) as host city of the UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup Final further underlines Turkey's emergence as part of the backbone of



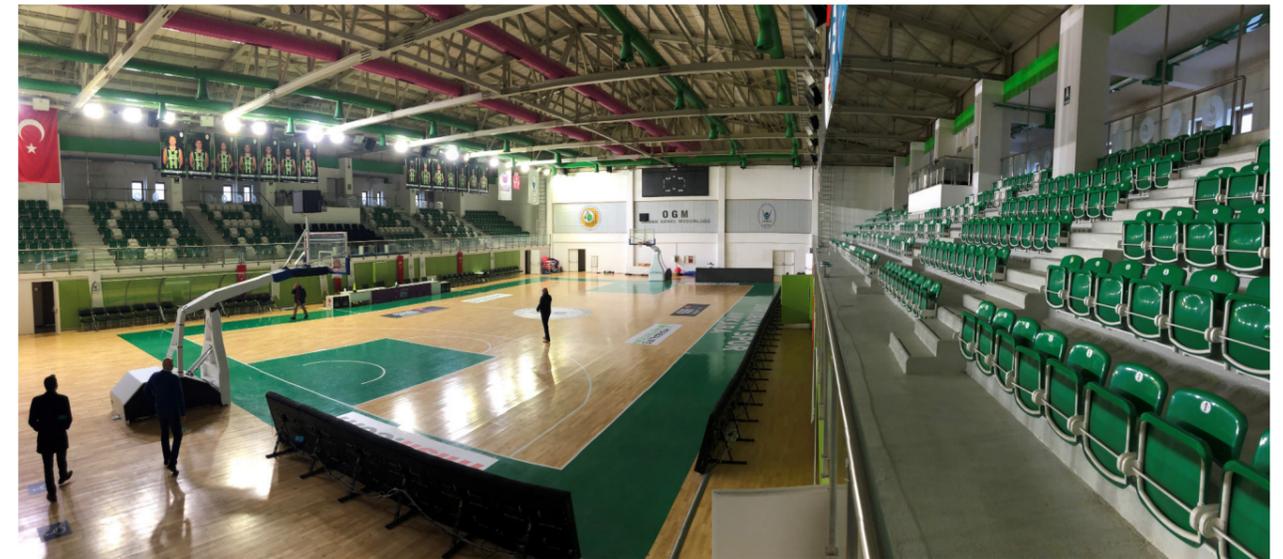
Bath (GBR) hosted the European Championships Olympic Qualifier in 2019

UIPM event hosting. The event will take place in the Turkish capital from June 23-26 and is the first time the country hosts a major UIPM live-broadcasting event. This season Ankara also plays host to the fourth leg of the UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup which takes place from June 7-12 following legs in Cairo (EGY), Budapest (HUN) and Albena (BUL).

The UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup Final in Ankara (TUR) will also be the first major event in the Olympic cycle to exactly follow the same programme and schedule that will be implemented at the Paris 2024 Games.

Another first will arrive in Bali (INA) when the UIPM 2023 Biathlon/Triathlon World Championships takes place across the golden sands of the island. It will mark the first time the Biathlon/Triathlon World Championships are hosted in Asia and is a hugely significant moment for the region with South and Southeast Asia the sight of impressive progress across UIPM multi-discipline sports in recent years.

The selection of Bali's impressive bid also builds upon the legacy of the 2018 Asian Games, which were hosted in Indonesia. UIPM sports have been steadily growing in the country with



The impressive facilities in Ankara (TUR, above and below) will be the centre of the action when the city hosts the UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup Final

Indonesian youth progressing through the ranks and the 2023 Biathlon/Triathlon World Championships is sure to further ignite that progress.

The Biathlon/Triathlon World Championships started in 2013 in Cyprus designed as a mass-participation event to further grow the sports and Bali, as a destination famous for its natural beauty and conservation efforts, further fits the mould of an event formed around environmentally friendly laser shooting, running and open water swimming.

UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann said: "This is another hugely important day for our great sports and I am so pleased to welcome these wonderful host cities. Growing all of the multi-discipline sports of UIPM, opening them to new communities and inspiring the next generations remains our focus. For those and so many other reasons, these three cities are very exciting destinations for our major events. I am particularly happy to welcome Ankara as a new host city for a major Championship as Turkey has become a great, stable friend to our sports. And it is with great pride that we will see Asia host a Biathlon/Triathlon World Championships for the first time



next year in Bali. This competitive and inspiring bid process emphasizes the continued health and attraction of our UIPM sports and events."

UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang underlined: "Each of UIPM major event organizers has demonstrated their incredible passion and responsibility for the sport, while we all understand how much collective effort is needed to put together hosting a multi-discipline sport like Modern Pentathlon, especially during this pandemic time, it also needs more motivation and

commitment than ever.

"UIPM has gone through a lot of innovations for its events based on the pathway of the UIPM sports pyramid. It is not only to raise the bar of the competition standard, but also to create its clear sport identity and a DNA for youth to identify UIPM sports' difference among other sports, certainly more challenging compared to many others.

"But just as many of our athletes have described, you would never get bored



The Asian Games 2018 was held in Indonesia, which will host its first major UIPM Sports event in 2023 with the UIPM Biathlon/Triathlon World Championships

since you have so much room to improve across so many disciplines!

“We admire our organizers, and we will work hand in hand with them to build the sports future from every single detail of the events.”

Chairman of Pentathlon GB David Armstrong said: “We are proud and excited to have been selected as the hosts of the 2023 World Championships. It is testament to the strength of our partnership team and the vision and collaboration of all involved that the bid has been successful. We are also pleased to be able to share some positive news during a challenging time for the sport.”

President of the Turkish Modern Pentathlon Federation Veli Ozan Çakir said: “I would like to convey our gratitude to UIPM Executive Board on behalf of Turkish Modern Pentathlon Community for awarding us such

an important event. This awarding shows the trust they put in us. This is an important opportunity for us to give back to Modern Pentathlon sport. One of our greatest desire is to have successful events and become a permanent event organizer for our beautiful sport. We are looking forward to seeing you in our beautiful country and give you the taste of world-famous Turkish hospitality.”

**Committees and Commissions for Paris 2024 Olympic cycle confirmed**

The Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne (UIPM) has revealed the composition of all Commissions and Committees for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games cycle.

As part of its ongoing commitment to gender equality – which has existed in all UIPM competitions since the first Modern Pentathlon World Championships for women and

men in 1981 in London (GBR) – the Union has launched a new Women’s Commission, chaired by Cassandra Choh of Singapore.

The other members of the Women’s Commission are Kseniya Gulyamova of Uzbekistan, Yane Marques OLY of Brazil, Aya Medany OLY of Egypt and Dora Palli of Greece.

In total there are seven Committees and 11 Commissions, each made up of dedicated members of the global UIPM Sports family and working closely with the Executive Board and Headquarters.

The elected representatives will sit until December 2024 and will begin their duties with virtual meetings in January and February 2022 ahead of the start of the UIPM competition season.

London 2012 Olympian and two-time world youth champion Yasser Hefny OLY (EGY) will chair the UIPM Athletes



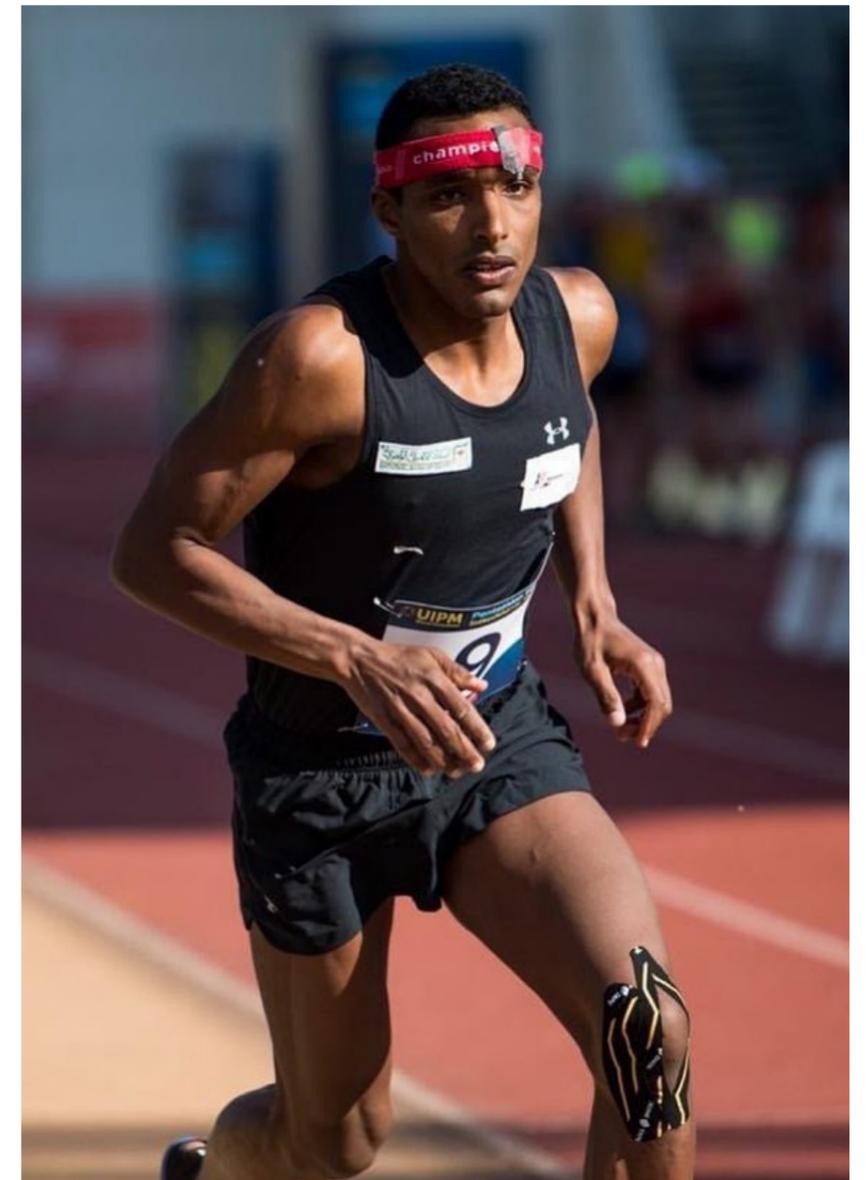
London 2012 Olympian Yasser Hefny (EGY, right) will chair the UIPM Athletes Committee while two-time Olympic champion Andrei Moiseev (RUS, above) is among the five newcomers on the UIPM Coaches Committee

Committee from 2022-24, taking over from his compatriot Aya Medany OLY, who stood down after taking up a new position as a Member of the Egyptian Parliament.

The UIPM Athletes Committee – announced alongside the make-up of the UIPM Coaches Committee in June 2021 – contains four other new faces: James Cooke OLY of Great Britain, Natalya Coyle OLY of Ireland, Sophia Hernandez of Guatemala and Rebecca Jamieson of New Zealand.

Christian Roudaut of France has been re-appointed as Chair of the Coaches Committee, like fellow Chairs Janusz Peciak OLY of Poland (Technical Committee) and Dr Natalja Ofitserova of Belarus (Medical Committee). All three, along with Hefny (EGY), will have a place on the UIPM Executive Board.

The five newcomers on the Coaching Committee are Florence Dinichert OLY of Switzerland, two-time Olympic champion Andrei Moiseev OLY of Russia, London 2012 Olympic silver medallist Zhongrong Cao OLY of China, Raoud Mahrous OLY (EGY), Dean Gleeson of Australia and Genadijus Sokolovas of the United States.



Dr Dapeng Bao (CHN) is the only new face on the Medical Committee, while the Business Affairs Committee welcomes new members Ana Luisa Almeida (BRA) and Mohamed Hamdy Gad (EGY).

A new-look Technical Committee contains six fresh faces: Agnese Tommasi of Belgium, Ali Assem (EGY), Rui Lucena of Portugal, Zhenhua Qian OLY (CHN), Edyta Maloszyc (POL) and Andrea Dell’Amore (ITA).

The Innovation Commission will

again be chaired by Ivar Sisniega OLY of Mexico, while the Equipment Commission chaired by Bernhard Petruschinski (GER) and for Para Commission chaired by Andrew Collings (NZL) will be at the forefront of future developments and improvements in UIPM sport equipment and the UIPM Para Sports movement.

A full list of UIPM Committees and Commissions can be found online at: [www.uipmworld.org](http://www.uipmworld.org).

## News from around the world

### UIPM follows IOC guidance and takes measures with regard to war in Ukraine

With the escalating tensions and worsening humanitarian situation in Ukraine in the wake of the breach of the Olympic Truce by the Russian government and the government of Belarus through its support, the UIPM Executive Board made the following decisions during an emergency meeting on February 28:

\* To condemn the breach of the Olympic Truce by the governments of Russia and Belarus as announced by the IOC Executive Board on February 25.

\* To express its full support to the people of Ukraine as well as the athletes and the Modern Pentathlon community in Ukraine, including offering humanitarian assistance where possible. The UIPM President already wrote to the Ukrainian Modern Pentathlon Federation President with a full expression of support on February 24.

\* To adopt the IOC Executive Board recommendation published today, February 28, to not allow the participation of Russian and Belarusian athletes and officials in UIPM-sanctioned international competitions, to protect the integrity of the sport and for the safety of all the participants.

UIPM will continue to closely monitor the situation before making further decisions and will make other announcements in due course.

The Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne takes the safety and security of the athletes as paramount and strongly calls for peace with the wish for a better world through peaceful sporting competitions.



### UIPM congratulates 1st Vice President Juan Antonio Samaranch on election as IOC VP

The Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne (UIPM) warmly congratulates UIPM 1st Vice President Juan Antonio Samaranch (ESP) on his election as Vice President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) at the the IOC Session in Beijing on February 19.

Mr Samaranch is one of the most passionate and devoted volunteers to the Modern Pentathlon movement. For over 40 years his dedication and expertise has helped to drive multi-discipline sports forward. He first joined the UIPM Executive Board at the Congress in London in July 1993.

The 139th IOC Session saw Mr

Samaranch voted back on to the IOC Executive Board and return as Vice President, a position he first held for the four-year term from 2016-20. Mr Samaranch has served as chairman of the IOC Coordination Commission for the ongoing Beijing Winter Olympics, which was a remarkable success and feat of organisation given the unique challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr Samaranch will take over the IOC Vice President seat of Mr Yu Zaiqing (CHN), who steps down after completing two consecutive four-year terms.

Mr Samaranch's steadfast and successful relationship with Modern Pentathlon stretches back to 1980 when he first joined the Board of the Spanish Modern Pentathlon

Federation. In 1988 in Seoul (KOR) he was elected to the UIPM Council. In 1993 he was elected as UIPM Member for Marketing. In Budapest in 1996 he was elected UIPM First Vice President, a position he has held since and was re-elected at UIPM Congress in Monaco on November 27, 2021.

His father, former IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch was also a UIPM Honorary Member and in 2016 was elected to the UIPM Hall of Fame.

In an exciting time of evolution for UIPM sports, Mr Samaranch is the first chairperson of our new Television Commission. He has extensive professional experience in the financial sector and is the Chief Executive Officer and Founding Partner of GBS Finanzas, SA.

UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann said: "What a magnificent and richly deserved honour for our dear friend and colleague Juan Antonio Samaranch. I congratulate him on his election as IOC Vice President at the 139th Session in Beijing. How fitting that his return to the role should come in Beijing where he has helped co-ordinate a truly impressive Winter Games.

"Juan Antonio's impact and influence on the modern history of UIPM cannot be overstated. As we enter into this exciting new chapter for our sport, his election as IOC Vice President is another reminder of how proud we are to have his passion and insight with us for this journey. Congratulations again to Juan Antonio."

### Ekaterina Khuraskina (RUS) wins World Academy of Sport scholarship with funding for two more UIPM sports representatives

Modern Pentathlon representatives from across Europe, Southeast Asia, the Middle East and Africa have been awarded financial supports to study at the World Academy of Sport (WAOs).



Two-time European champion Ekaterina Khuraskina (RUS) has won a full scholarship to study at the University of London as part of the WAOs program.

The third intake of athletes, coaches and administrators from across the Pentathlon family is being led by Olympian and former Modern Pentathlon World Champion Ekaterina Khuraskina (RUS) who has been awarded a full scholarship to study the prestigious Sports Management course at the University of London.

The financial support for Khuraskina is being provided as part of the memorandum of understanding between UIPM and WAOs. For the first time, the UIPM has also committed to further supporting two candidates whose strong applications had been

awarded partial funding for the programme.

Rex de la Cruz (PHI), a national Modern Pentathlon coach from the Philippines, and Jawid Khawar (AFG), a former administrator with the Afghanistan National Olympic committee, were the successful applicants who had 25% of their fees covered by the WAOs Academic Pathway programme and the received further significant financial supports from the UIPM.

The globally-recognised Post Graduate Certificate (PGCert) in International Sports Management has



been collaboratively developed by the University of London and WAoS and aims to provide students with an in-depth understanding of the latest sport management strategies and develop the skills needed for the professional management of organisations and projects within the dynamic sport industry.

Khuraskina has recently returned to training and competition after giving birth to her daughter just six months ago. The Russian was crowned women's World Champion in 2010, competed at the London 2012 Olympic Games, is a two-time European Champion, most recently in 2019, and was twice named Russia's best pentathlete.

"I want to express my deep gratitude for the opportunity to study at the University of London, one of the top places for studies," said Khuraskina (RUS).

"I am happy to receive a full grant for the entire duration of my studies. For me, this is a unique opportunity to gain new knowledge in such an interesting field as sports management but also through learning to improve my English. I am very interested to



Rex de la Cruz (PHI) hopes to use his WAoS studies to help grow pentathlon in the Philippines (top); Jawid Khawar (AFG, above) is eager to help development in Afghanistan and the Middle East.

learn new strategies and methods of management and organization in sports. And I am sure that this will allow me to achieve my goals after the end of my sports career as a manager in sports".

Jawid Khawar (AFG) currently works as international relations manager at the Egyptian Modern Pentathlon Federation and is eager to help development of Modern Pentathlon in

his native Afghanistan and across the Middle East.

He said: "When I started the Sport as my full-time job and career back in 2014 with the Afghanistan National Olympic Committee, I was always dreaming of studying sport management in one of the prestigious universities of the World. Now it is a reality with the help of the UIPM and World Academy of Sport. My involvement in sport organizations



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann with close friend and esteemed Olympic scholar and academic Professor Dr Norbert Mueller

have proven me the importance of the academic knowledge in the field and the impact it can make. I believe these opportunities for the Pentathlon community is a huge investment in sport and the Olympic movement.

"The importance of academic knowledge in the field of sport in underdeveloped countries are more than a need; it is vital. I feel the responsibility and commitment on my shoulders for this opportunity. A great thanks goes to all involved in this project."

Rex de la Cruz (PHI) said: "This opportunity provided by UIPM and WAoS will open my access to the international sports community. Its inclusivity to everyone allows a wider range of understanding about International Sports Management. As a National Coach of a newly founded sports association in the Philippines, I firmly believe that this program is very vital in creating a world-class sports management foundation for Modern Pentathlon in our country."

The provision of educational opportunities with WAoS is part of UIPM's commitment to athletes through the Athletes Centered Programme (ACP).

UIPM is constantly working to create new educational opportunities for athletes and the wider Pentathlon family in the belief that such efforts can only be a benefit as successful applicants contribute to the community.

UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann said: "On behalf of the UIPM Executive Board I am delighted to see three more members of our Pentathlon community benefit from this incredible opportunity.

"Our sport is strongly linked to the world of education and academia and we have always believed in the power of education as the best path for our community to give back to the sport. We are delighted to continue partnering with the World Academy of Sport to enable our athletes but also NF officials, staff and volunteers to further

their knowledge and equip themselves for a wonderful future in sport."

**Tributes paid to Prof Dr Norbert Mueller, Olympic scholar**

The global UIPM family is in deep mourning after the untimely passing of one of the most admired experts and passionate thinkers and advocates for the Olympic movement, Professor Dr Norbert Mueller, who died February 16th, at the age of 75.

Prof Dr Mueller was one of the foremost global scholars of Pierre de Coubertin stretching all the way back to the 1970s when he wrote his dissertation on Baron de Coubertin, the father of the Modern Olympic Games and creator of Modern Pentathlon.

For fully four decades Dr Mueller had been a passionate and dedicated intellectual support to the UIPM and was a member of the UIPM's Pierre De Coubertin Commission up until his death. Since 1994 Prof Mueller had served on the IOC Commission



for Culture and Olympic Heritage, alongside UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann.

Emeritus Professor in Sport Sciences at the Johannes Gutenberg University in Mainz (GER), Prof Dr Mueller specialized in the study of Olympism and the impact of the Olympic movement around the world. He was also a former President of the International Pierre de Coubertin Committee.

Former colleagues from across the Olympic movement and the academic world paid tribute to Prof Dr Mueller recalling a scholar who was "one of the most pure and true members of our Olympic Family" and someone who "made a remarkable contribution to the Olympic movement".

Prof Dr Mueller died surrounded by his three children after a long battle with illness. UIPM extends its deepest sympathies to all of Prof Mueller's surviving family and friends. His impact and legacy shall be remembered for decades to come.

UIPM President Dr Schormann paid the following tribute to his friend: "We have all lost a very close colleague. I have lost one of my best and dearest friends, with whom I have shared the philosophy of Pierre de Coubertin for over 40 years."

**Nordic Laser Sprint adds a new exciting edge at another memorable Winter Pentathlon in Davos (SUI)**

As the curtain came down on a hugely successful Winter Olympic Games in Beijing last weekend, the world was already looking forward to the next instalment in Milano Cortina in 2026.

There, we will see another new Winter Olympic sport, ski mountaineering, added to the Games, to go along with the traditional sports which already thrill sports fans and viewers around the world.

What only insiders know however, is that in 1948, on the occasion of the Winter Olympics in St. Moritz, a Winter Pentathlon with the disciplines of cross-

country skiing, shooting, downhill skiing, fencing and horse riding was part of the program. Unfortunately, this exciting combination and twist on Modern Pentathlon did not make it permanently into the Olympic programme for Winter Games.

Almost 40 years later, the Swiss pentathlete Ernst Burn took up the idea of a winter competition format in 1986 in Davos (SUI). Markus Hostetter, a passionate skier and horseman, also took part and became an enthusiastic pentathlon fan in both the summer and winter versions with his first participation.

Ever since, he has continued the tradition of the winter pentathlon in the spirit of the founders as an athlete and as host and organiser in Davos. This year, the Ernst Burn Memorial successfully experienced its sixth edition thanks to the excellent organisation of Hostetter and his tireless helpers.

In addition to the classic Winter Pentathlon, swimming and snow laser run were added as disciplines for the



The action was non-stop (opposite, above, left and right) during the sixth edition of the Ernst Burn Memorial in Davos (SUI). The Winter Pentathlon format was augmented by a new Nordic laser sprint with Romain Chauvet (FRA) coming out on top.



first time, as was the Nordic laser sprint, a combination of cross-country skiing and laser shooting. And so the hard-bitten among the allrounders were able to compete in eight disciplines.

Romain Chauvet (FRA) mastered this mammoth programme best and won with an impressive total of 2,262 points ahead of Denise Silk (GBR) with 2,252 points and Robin Schmidt (GER) with 2,139 points. In a hugely impressive follow-up, Chauvet also won the Winter Pentathlon with 1,191 points, followed by Beate Schenkel (GER) with 1,185 points and Denise Silk (GBR) with 1,145 points.

In the classic Winter Pentathlon, the new Riding format was particularly well received by the athletes and the organisers.

After a common warm-up phase, a Caprilli Test was ridden and the completion of the course was evaluated by a local, neutral riding instructor according to the rider's seat and influence, as well as mistakes. All Riding skills were tested, and the focus was always on horse welfare and harmonious cooperation between horse and human.

It is hoped that this exciting format will continue next year, especially the Nordic laser sprint which looks to have the potential to establish itself as an attractive additional discipline for the Winter Pentathlon with individual and relay disciplines. It is planned to feature this competition in the junior and youth-age categories too.

The competitors gave thanks to Mr. Hostetter and his team for the great days together in a wonderful winter landscape. The next Winter Pentathlon in Davos is planned from January 30 to February 5, 2023, where the first days can be used for cross-country and downhill training.

**UIPM athletes invited to apply for scholarship at Olympic University in Sochi (RUS)**

One UIPM athlete will be offered a unique chance to join the next generation of sports professionals by spending a year studying in Sochi (RUS) – the host city of Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics.

As part of the UIPM Athletes Career Programme (ACP), a scholarship has

been secured for the Master of Sport Administration course at the Russian International Olympic University (RIOU) for the 2022-2023 academic year.

Interested athletes should apply through their National Federations to take up the opportunity, which has formed part of a Memorandum of Understanding signed by UIPM and RIOU.

The MSA at RIOU, one of the world's first universities dedicated to sport business education, is regarded as one of the best postgraduate sport management courses, consistently ranking among the top in Europe.

The selected applicant will receive a full-year scholarship to study. The scholarship package covers tuition fees, accommodation in a double room in a three-star apartment hotel and a monthly allowance of 10,000 roubles (€117). The student will have to cover other costs such as airfare, food during all period of studies, medical insurance (about 20,000 rubles), diploma recognition (about 12,000 rubles).

Applicants must:

- Be active UIPM athletes with a UIPM ID registered by the NF (or recently retired)
- Have a university degree (grades of academic transcripts will be taken into consideration)
- Have a valid English language certificate that meets the minimum level requirement of C1 (TOEFL, IELTS or Cambridge is desirable but not must; there is an obligatory interview conducted in English by RIOU before final confirmation).

Other criteria for application will be sent via email directly by your National Federation upon request.

All applications must be received by the closing date of April 16, 2022. The UIPM will then evaluate all applications to make a decision by April 30, 2022.

Candidates can find further



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information about the course as well as some application guidance at [www.olympicuniversity.ru/en/web/msa-eng1/to-applicants](http://www.olympicuniversity.ru/en/web/msa-eng1/to-applicants).

(Please note although it is written that application process deadline is August 15th, for partner organizations the deadline is April 30. The UIPM has set its internal deadline to have enough time to evaluate and choose the scholarship holder.)

One UIPM pentathlete, Sondos Aboubakr (EGY), has already successfully completed the MSA programme in RIOU in 2021 having become the first pentathlete to be awarded a scholarship. Aboubakr is already making strides forward in the sport industry and she has been involved in the organization of major UIPM competitions in 2021 in her home country.

For more information on the MSA programme and to get a window into life on campus in Sochi (RUS), see: [www.olympicuniversity.ru/en/web/](http://www.olympicuniversity.ru/en/web/)

[msa-eng1/home](http://msa-eng1/home)  
UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann said: "This is another wonderful opportunity for our great UIPM athletes to secure a valuable place at such a prestigious university.

"Our sport has always been strongly linked to the academic world. Many pentathletes have achieved high success in their careers based on qualifications obtained alongside their sporting commitments and their intellectual capacity. I strongly encourage athletes to apply.

"The UIPM Executive Board members are constantly working very closely with the UIPM Athletes Committee and external organisations to identify opportunities to support athletes – and this will be developed in the years to come through the ACP."

All applications for RIOU should be submitted to UIPM by a Member Federation vis email to [projects@pentathlon.org](mailto:projects@pentathlon.org).

## Inside UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang's message

### Evolution becomes our fifth E – and our guiding light for 2022

The current conflict in Ukraine, following two years of global pandemic, has taught us all to remember that life can be fragile, scary and unpredictable.

That said, we should always hope for better days ahead, and not only hope but also plan with confidence for a better and more peaceful future that enables our communities to thrive.

With a new season of global UIPM competitions just weeks away, this is an opportune time to update you on UIPM's 5E strategy for development, which puts the emphasis firmly on evolution.

Since 2015, as you may know, we have been working against a 4E programme based on Education, Equipment, Empowerment and Expansion. We have had a series of good results under each of the four banners.

In **Education**, UIPM launched the Coaches Certification Programme (CCP) and Judges Certification Programme (JCP) in 2017 and 2018 respectively. This year we are following up with a new Educational Platform which will allow athletes, coaches and judges to easily access e-courses and a series of materials to facilitate study and improvement.

In **Equipment**, the provision of low-cost Shooting apparatus enabled us to support more than 80 countries since 2014, while Fencing equipment packages were also sent out to new and developing countries. This will be the year that UIPM starts to test and distribute the Pentasuit via countries hosting the UIPM Biathlon-Triathlon National Tour and through some elite pentathletes who will try this uniform for their Swimming and Laser Run.



In **Empowerment**, we invented the Global Laser Run City Tour (2017) and BTNT (2018) to allow National Federations to create sustainable events in all locations, offering people of all ages a chance to participate within the clear pathways of the UIPM Sports Pyramid. Importantly, in 2022 we will redouble our efforts to enhance and empower our athletes, giving them a stronger voice and more involvement – which already had a lot of positive impact and influence.

In **Expansion**, UIPM enlarged its sports community within the multiple layers of the movement across the wide variety of multi-discipline sports, while more than 20 new NFs became member nations since 2018. The launching of e-Laser Run and more engagement in the UIPM Para Sports movement, plus working with new organisers, will turn a new page for the sport and enable us to grow.

So how does **Evolution** become the cornerstone of our strategy in 2022? Of course, our movement has been subject to evolution ever since the creation of Modern Pentathlon in 1912, and especially so since the beginning of the 21st century. Now more than ever, we need to look closely not only at innovative technical changes to the sport but also think closely about how it can

embrace youth and remain attractive to future generations.

In this phase of innovation, which could be the most important period in the history of our sport, evolution becomes UIPM's key strategy. It will be built on the new format for Paris 2024, the new 5th discipline for Los Angeles 2028, the new Over The Top (OTT) digital broadcast platform and new working groups.

All of these will be pillars of the evolution but the new 5th Discipline process, with very clear steps and procedures, is perhaps the most pivotal part of all. It brings home the importance of why we need a strategic framework in the first place, with clear goals. In this way '5D' will underline the importance of '5E'.

One of the major goals for UIPM in 2022 is to increase the commercial value of its sports in partnership with multiple stakeholders. The 5D project has already attracted support from high-level experts, emphasising the power of evolution that we need to channel.

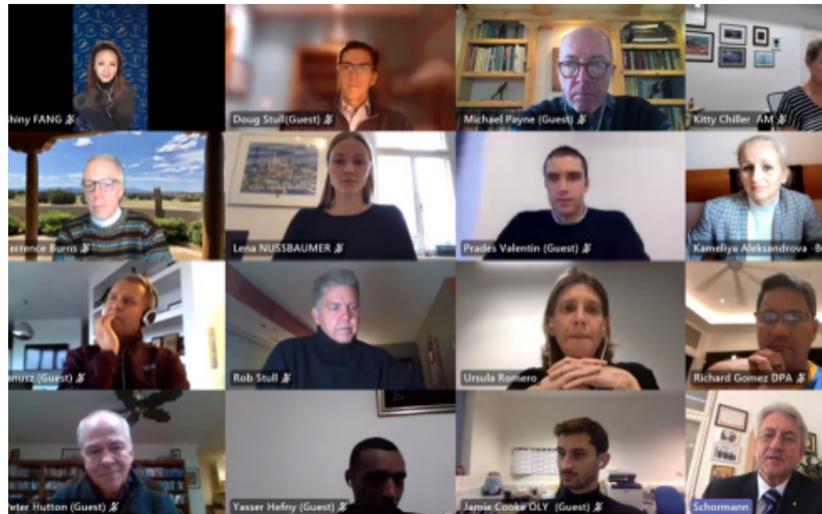
It will be a long journey, but the destination is achievable, as long as we have the combined efforts of the whole community put together. We need your support!

## Inside UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann's activities

### 13.01.2022: 5th Discipline Working Group

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann chaired the historic first meeting of the 21-strong working group assembled to determine the future of Modern Pentathlon through a new fifth discipline, which will replace Riding after the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

It was a hugely productive meeting with an exchange of views from a wide variety of relevant stakeholders, bringing together all available internal and external expertise. The group will now work remotely until the first physical meeting, scheduled for April.



The New 5th Discipline Working Group enjoys a successful first meeting on January 13th

### 17.01.2022: Prof Dr Holger Preuss

President Dr Schormann met online with UIPM Innovation Commission Member Prof Dr Holger Preuss for discussions about actions in the Innovation Commission and education. They discussed academic partnerships through universities across all continents that can benefit all athletes and UIPM Sports society.



The UIPM Executive Board met virtually on January 19.

### 19.01.2022: UIPM Executive Board

The UIPM President, together with Secretary General Shiny Fang, briefed all Executive Board (EB) Members about some of the key actions around the 2022 season.

Key issues on the agenda included the new Modern Pentathlon competition format designed for Paris 2024, working group discussions around the new 5th Discipline designed for Los Angeles 2028, development matters and the importance of involving athletes in future processes.

The EB confirmed the award of future

competitions to Bath (GBR), Ankara (TUR) and Bali (INA).

### 24.01.2022: Para Pentathlon Commission

Dr Schormann attended the first online meeting of the new UIPM Para Pentathlon Commission, chaired by Andrew Collings (NZL).

Members of the group were introduced to each other, discussed the purpose of the Commission, set individual targets for the next 12 months and established future plans and tasks, including a second meeting that took place in February 2022.

UIPM has been a member of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) since 2014 and has set a strategic



Left to right: UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann, UIPM Executive Assistant Lena Nussbaumer and Dr. Michael Borchmann

goal of increasing the offer of para-sport opportunities to athletes with varying disabilities, beyond the successful initial establishment of Para Laser Run.

### 24.01.2022: Dr Michael Borchmann

President Dr Schormann and UIPM Executive Assistant Lena Nussbaumer met in Frankfurt-am-Main with Dr Michael Borchmann to discuss international sport in China as well as business matters based on UIPM's long-time partnership with Chinese society. Dr Borchmann is adviser for the China International Investment Promotion Agency at the Ministry of Commerce for the People's Republic of China.

### 29.01.2022: DVMF General Assembly

As Honorary President of the German Modern Pentathlon Federation

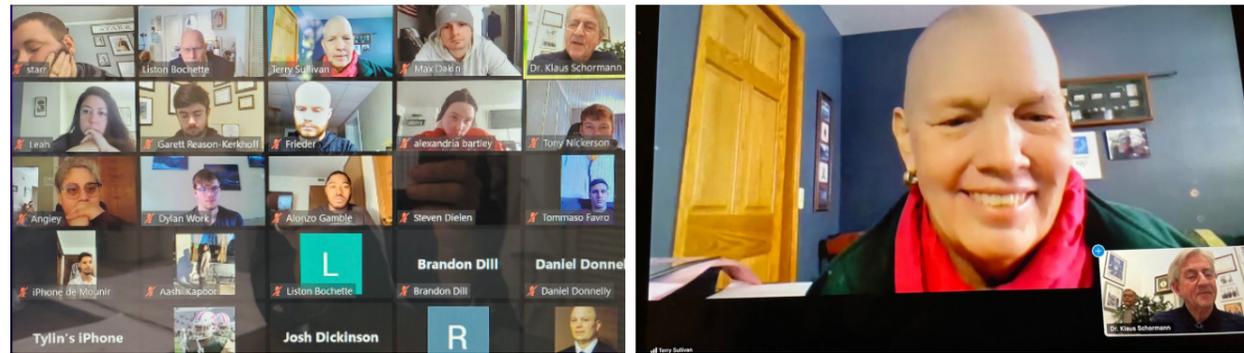
UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann attends the Extraordinary General Assembly of the German Modern Pentathlon Federation (DVMF), where he is Honorary President. Dr. Michael Doerr (pictured left of President Schormann) was elected as new DVMF President.



(DVMF), Dr Schormann attended the Extraordinary General Assembly which elected a new President. Dr Michael Doerr is a former world class pentathlete and national trainer of the Germany women's team.

The General Assembly also featured the election of Vice President Jan

Veder, Athletes Chair Patrick Dogue and Media Officer Robin Schmidt, as well as the re-election of Maïke Schramm (Development Member), Pierre Jander (Youth) and Sebastian Dietz (Vice President of Finance). Former DVMF President Michael Scharf became an Honorary Member.



Clockwise from above: UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann speaks to the class at Tiffin University; Professor Terry Sullivan; Tommaso Favro (ITA) and Liston Bochette, President of the Modern Pentathlon Federation of Puerto Rico, who all joined in the lecture.



President Dr Schormann briefed the Assembly on recent actions and decisions taken by UIPM and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and gave an update on the action plan for the 5th Discipline consultation.

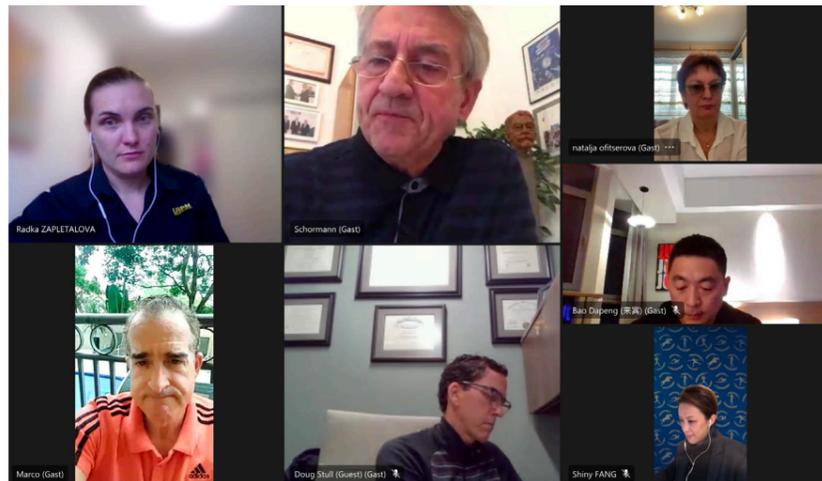
**01.02.2022: Marketing meeting**

Dr Schormann and Ms Nussbaumer met in Frankfurt-am-Main with Prof Dr Nicole and Prof Dr Markus Mau to discuss future marketing steps and promotion of all UIPM Sports within the development pyramid. The Maus are external marketing consultants who have offered to help and assist UIPM in the actions of the Union wherever needed.

**04.02.2022: UIPM Medical Commission**

President Dr Schormann attended the first meeting of the new UIPM Medical Commission, chaired by Natalja Ofitserova (BLR).

UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang



The first meeting of the new UIPM Medical Commission on February 4.

gave an operational briefing and the Commission discussed topics such as anti-doping activities, including an evaluation of current test distribution plans, UIPM's anti-doping education plan and policy for gathering intelligence.

Commission Members discussed matters relating to the new Modern Pentathlon format and the mental health and wellbeing of athletes. Dr Ofitserova mapped out the main direction of

activities for the Medical Commission from 2022 to 2024.

**04.02.2022: University lecture**

The UIPM President provided an online lecture for students of Tiffin University in Ohio (USA). Dr Schormann covered the following topics:

- UIPM Leadership
- Modernising Modern Pentathlon



UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann meets with staff at UIPM headquarters in Monaco (above), joins the first meeting of the newly established UIPM Women's Commission (below) and meets with UIPM Development Manager Maxime Papillon (bottom).

- Digital Transformation
- Politics and the Olympic Games
- Global Communication and Influence

Dr Liston Bochette III PhD, President of the Modern Pentathlon Federation of Puerto Rico and Deputy Mayor of Fort Myers, also contributed to the seminar.

**14.02.-16.02.2022: Monaco, MON**

UIPM President visited UIPM Headquarters and briefed staff members about key actions to follow in the 2022 season.

Dr Schormann had numerous meetings with all departments including Communications and Development. He also joined the first meeting of the inaugural UIPM Women's Commission and announced that UIPM will celebrate the 50th anniversary of women in Modern Pentathlon in August 2022 in Munich (GER).

The meeting with UIPM Marketing Manager Alexandre Mauran focused on an overall review of the past two years, covering every sector including social media, TV, and esports, as well as a discussion on future marketing strategy, the impact of successful marketing for



the UIPM Sports movement and how the Union can profit from its actions.

On behalf of the Communications department Mr Mauran presented on work areas for 2022-24 including the TV product and viewer experience, branding consistency and improvement (especially with regard to the new format), better athlete visibility through UIPM Uniform Guidelines, and new directions in digital and social media and esports.

President Dr Schormann, Secretary General Fang and Executive Board Member for Development Dr Viacheslav Malishev were briefed on February 15 by UIPM Development Manager Maxime



UIPM 1st Vice President Juan Antonio Samaranch addresses the IOC Session in his capacity as Chairman of the Coordination Commission of Beijing 2022.

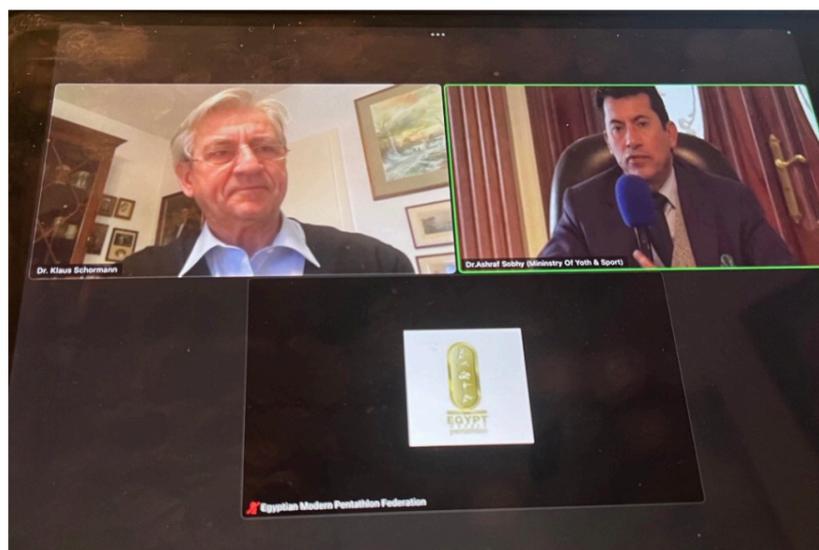
Papillon. The meeting included a general overview of how steps taken by UIPM in various countries are developing based on the resources and different capacity across the five continents.

There is now a key focus on the Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2026 – the first Olympic Games to take place on the continent of Africa. Special actions that can benefit new federations, such as administrative support through coaches, were discussed.

**19.02.2022: 139th IOC Session**

The UIPM President followed the IOC Session online. The Session included reports from IOC President Dr Thomas Bach and UIPM 1st Vice President Juan Antonio Samaranch (above) in his capacity as Chairman of the Coordination Commission of the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022.

Mr Samaranch explained that the Games in Beijing were the first totally environmentally-friendly Olympic Games. The IOC Session elected Juan Antonio Samaranch as IOC Vice President.



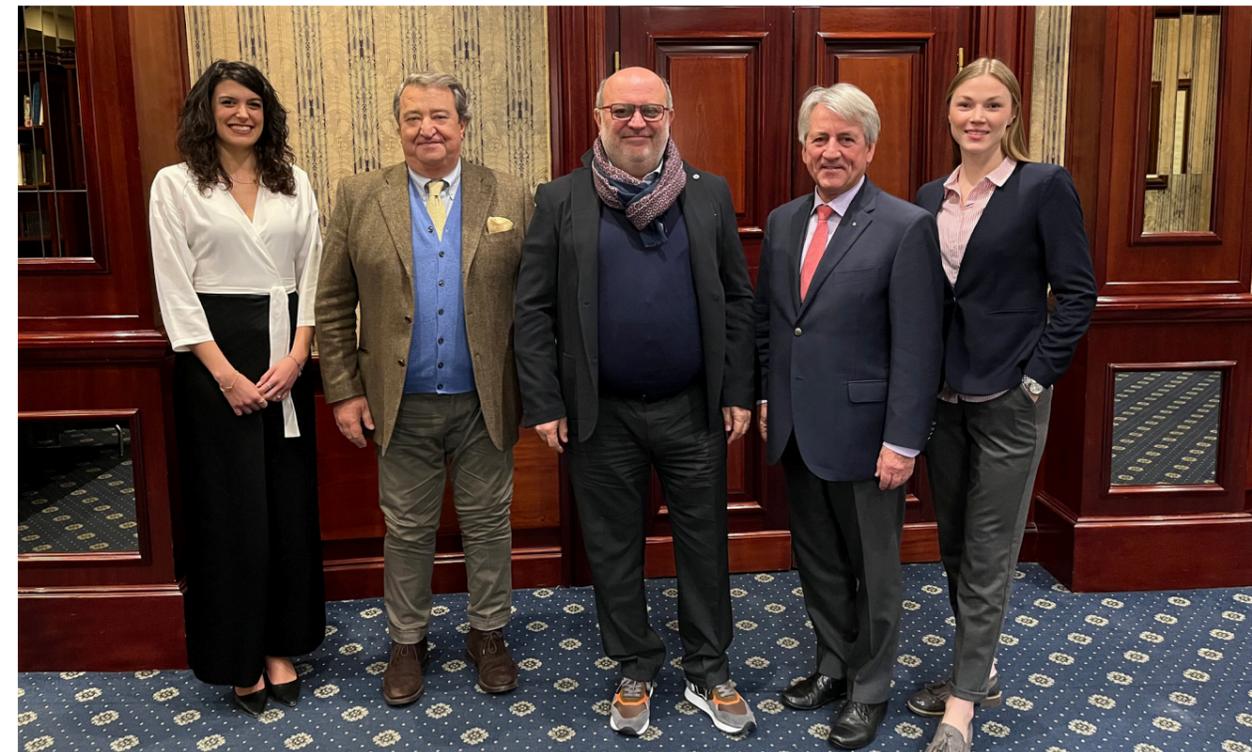
**20.02.2022: UIPM Pentathlon World Championships**

As a regular host of high-quality global UIPM competitions, Egypt has become a contender to host the UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Championships after the competition had to be relocated at short notice.

The UIPM President had an open

discussion about this possibility with Egypt's Minister of Youth and Sport, Dr Ashraf Sobhy. They discussed the requirements of the competition including aspects relating to the new Modern Pentathlon format that will be launched in 2022 ahead of Paris 2024.

The EB of the Egyptian Modern Pentathlon Federation (EMPF) including EMPF President (and new UIPM Vice President) Sharif Elerian joined the



Left to right: Simona Salsano (Modern Pentathlon Federation of Italy International Relations), Filippo De Liguori Carino (MPF of Italy Secretary General), Fabrizio Bittner (MPF of Italy President) UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann and UIPM Executive Assistant UIPM Lena Nussbaumer.



Left to right: Mr. Filippo De Liguori Carino (MPF of Italy Secretary General), UIPM Executive Assistant UIPM Lena Nussbaumer, UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann, Mr. Fabrizio Bittner (MPF of Italy President) and Simona Salsano (Modern Pentathlon Federation of Italy International Relations). UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann presents Modern Pentathlon Federation of Italy President Fabrizio Bittner with a small gift (right).

meeting to discuss the various venue options.

**22.-23.02.2022: Rome, ITA**

On February 22 the UIPM President met with the Italian Modern Pentathlon Federation (FIPM) to discuss the UIPM 2022 Youth World Championships in Lignano (ITA) in

September and future opportunities to host additional UIPM competitions in Italy.

Furthermore, Dr Schormann raised the topic of development areas (Biathlon/ Triathlon and Laser Run) in Italy and discussed ways to increase the number of young athletes participating in the coming years. The FIPM is also

supporting an exciting multi-sports competition with the FISU 2024 University World Championships heading to Rome (ITA).

As a symbol of the close partnership in the coming years, Dr Schormann handed over a small gift to FIPM President Fabrizio Bittner.





UIPM Honorary Member Prof Fabio Pigozzi of Foro Italico University of Rome met with UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann (below) and afterwards handed over the University plaque as a sign of long partnership (above).



Left to right: UIPM Executive Assistant Lena Nussbaumer, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, Prof Fabio Pigozzi.



In the afternoon the UIPM President met with Prof Fabio Pigozzi at the Foro Italico University of Rome and Prof Pigozzi handed over a University plaque as a symbol of long-term partnership.

Dr Schormann and Prof Pigozzi discussed the latest COVID-19 situation and how the sport is facing

the difficulties of being unable to host competitions in Asia.

Furthermore, Prof Pigozzi raised the importance of medical support for athletes during training and competitions during the pandemic, with a permanent exchange of medical knowledge needed.

The meeting with Prof Pigozzi, who is a UIPM Honorary Member, underlined the importance of close partnership between the sporting and academic world – the cornerstone of UIPM’s support for all Modern Pentathlon activities under the banner of FISU.

On February 23 President Dr Schormann



Above left to right: UIPM Executive Assistant UIPM Lena Nussbaumer, CONI President Dr. Giovanni Malagò, UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann, Mr. Fabrizio Bittner (MPF of Italy President), Mr. Filippo De Liguori Carino (MPF of Italy Secretary General) and Simona Salsano (Modern Pentathlon Federation of Italy International Relations).



Discussions at the meeting with CONI President Dr. Giovanni Malago in Rome (above, right).



and President Bittner, along with FIPM Secretary General Filippo De Liguori, met with Italian National Olympic Committee (CONI) President Dr Giovanni Malago in Rome.

They discussed further steps to hold more Modern Pentathlon competitions in future in Italy – including development sports Laser Run, Biathlon, Triathlon and Tetrathlon.

President Dr Malago also spoke about the current situation of Modern Pentathlon in relation to the Olympic Games Los Angeles 2028 and Dr Schormann gave a short briefing around the New 5th Discipline Working Group and all steps UIPM is taking to ensure the success of this consultation process ahead of the next UIPM Congress in

Antigua (GUA) in November 2022.

Italian sport stays close to UIPM based on their long history in Modern Pentathlon.

**25.02.-27.02.2022: UIPM Technical Committee**

From February 25-27 UIPM held its first Technical Committee meeting with the newly elected and appointed members, many of whom attended in



Members of the new UIPM Technical Committee meet for the first time in Frankfurt (GER)





Left to right: UIPM Competition Manager Tamas Varga, Agnese Tomassi, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and UIPM Operations Director Alexandre Franca.



At the first meeting of the new UIPM Technical Committee, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann presented Achievement Certificates to (clockwise from left) Agnese Tomassi, Agnes Kulcsar, Ana Ruth Orellana, Andrea Dell'Amore, Rui Lucena, Dr Vladimir Miller, Edyta Maloszyc and Ali Assem.

person despite the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions on global travel.



Dr Schormann awarded Certificates of Achievement to Technical Committee Members Agnes Kulcsar (HUN), Agnese Tomassi (BEL), Ali Assem (EGY), Ana Ruth Orellana (GUA), Andrea Dell'Amore (ITA), Edyta Maloszyc (POL), Rui Lucena (POR) and Dr Vladimir Miller (SVK).

Agnese Tomassi received an award for her role as Technical Official in the 2020 UTS Virtual Youth Festival, which also featuring a number of youth pentathletes. She received a gift from UIPM sponsor RAM Swiss Watches.



**28.02.2022: Conflict in Ukraine**

IOC President Dr Bach briefed all International Federations on the latest situation in Ukraine after the publication of an official statement.

The UIPM EB held an extraordinary meeting the same day to decide how to interpret and act upon the IOC guidance in handling the situation, with particular regard to the role of Russia and Belarus



in the conflict. UIPM released a statement that is available in the News section at pentathlon.org.

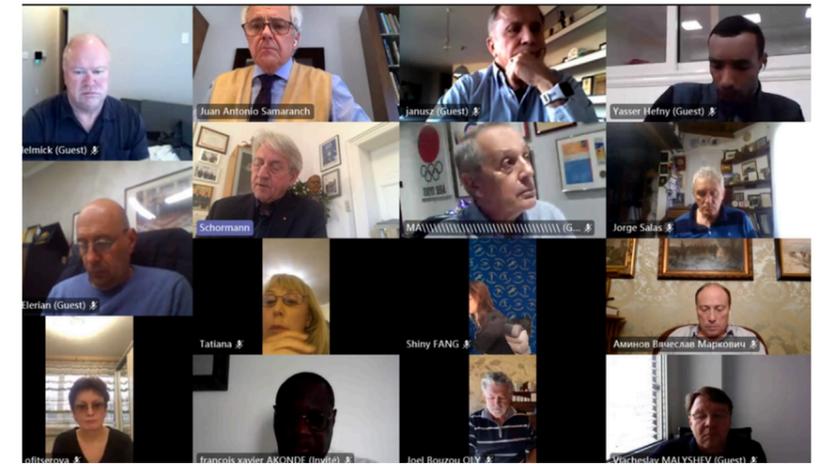
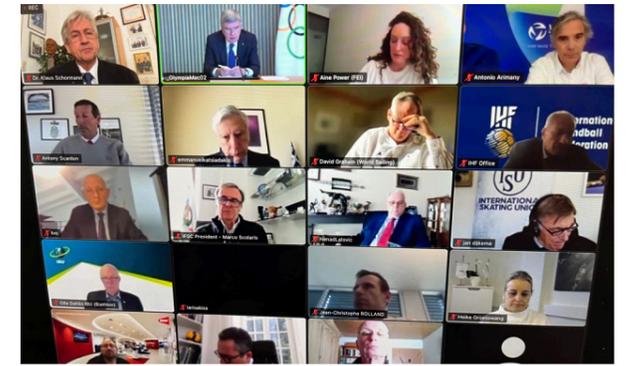
**01.03.2022: 5th Discipline Working Group**

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, Vice President Joel Bouzou and Secretary General Shiny Fang joined members of the UIPM Athletes Committee and external media and marketing experts who are all part of the UIPM 5th Discipline Working Group for a dedicated meeting about the future presentation of Modern Pentathlon.

The group discussed proposals from UIPM stakeholders for the 5th Discipline that will be part of the sport after Paris 2024.

The working group is composed of 21 people with fully 10 Olympic pentathletes bringing their expertise to the matter. The athlete community is represented by James Cooke (GBR), Natalya Coyle (IRE), Yasser Hefny (EGY) and Valentin Prades (FRA).

IOC President Dr. Thomas Bach briefs all International Federations (right) about the latest situation in Ukraine and (below) the UIPM Executive Board hold an extraordinary meeting to discuss the issue.



Members of the UIPM 5th Discipline Working Group meet again on March 1st to discuss the future presentation of Modern Pentathlon.

## Pentathlon World Rankings

The PWR is updated live at [www.pentathlon.org](http://www.pentathlon.org) after each competition. PWR as at 1 March 2022:

### MEN

RANK	NATION	NAME	POINTS
1	HUN	Adam MAROSI	200
2	EGY	Ahmed ELGENDY	193
3	KOR	Woongtae JUN	190
4	FRA	Valentin PRADES	182
5	GER	Fabian LIEBIG	175
6	GBR	Joseph CHOONG	173
7	RUS	Alexander LIFANOV	173
8	EGY	Ahmed HAMED	171
9	BLR	Ilya PALAZKOV	164
10	KOR	Jinhwa JUNG	161
11	FRA	Valentin BELAUD	161
12	CHN	Shuai LUO	153
13	GBR	Thomas TOOLIS	149
14	GER	Patrick DOGUE	149
15	UKR	Pavlo TYMOSHCHENKO	146
16	GER	Marvin DOGUE	144
17	HUN	Robert KASZA	142
18	LTU	Justinas KINDERIS	142
19	CZE	Jan KUF	141
20	CZE	Martin VLACH	137

### WOMEN

RANK	NATION	NAME	POINTS
1	GBR	Kate FRENCH	220
2	HUN	Michelle GULYAS	200
3	BLR	Anastasiya PROKOPENKO	190
4	FRA	Elodie CLOUVEL	183
5	LTU	Laura ASADAUSKAITE	177
6	GER	Annika SCHLEU	177
7	GBR	Joanna MUIR	175
8	ITA	Alice SOTERO	170
9	FRA	Marie OTEIZA	160
10	LTU	Gintare VENCKAUSKAITE	159
11	GBR	Francesca SUMMERS	155
12	MEX	Mayan OLIVER	154
13	TUR	Ilke OZYUKSEL	151
14	RUS	Uliana BATASHOVA	149
15	RUS	Gulnaz GUBAYDULLINA	141
16	IRL	Natalya COYLE	137
17	POL	Anna MALISZEWSKA	126
18	ITA	Elena MICHELI	125
19	GER	Janine KOHLMANN	125
20	HUN	Tamara ALEKSZEJEV	122

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