UIPM Update - Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games cycle

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 as the 5th discipline for inclusion in the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games. 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 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.

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.”

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.
The emergence as part of the backbone of the UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup Final further underlines Turkey’s importance in the sport and the 2023 Pentathlon World Championships after its bidding process. The 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 Albera (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 Biathle/Triathle World Championships takes place across the golden sands of the island. It will mark the first time the Biathle/Triathle World Championships are hosted in Asia and is a hugely significant moment for the region with South and Southeast Asia being a major focus of the UIPM.”

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-disciplined 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 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 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.

“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.”

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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 sport’s 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 Özcan Çakır 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 desires 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 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 Pali 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 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.

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).

A new-look Technical Committee will again be chaired by Ivar Sinisgall 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.
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 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 a 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 Zaiping (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).

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 sport and education in the world. Now it is a reality with the help of WAoS. It is a great thanks goes to all involved in this project."

Rex de la Cruz (PHI) said: “On behalf of the UIPM Executive Board I am delighted to see three more members of our Pentathlon family benefit from this incredible opportunity. Our sport is strongly linked to the world of education and academia. 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 global scholars of Pierre de Coubertin stretching all the way back to the 1970s when he wrote his dissertation on "The Olympic games - a history of the modern Olympics". For fully four decades Dr Mueller had been a passionate and dedicated intellectual supporter 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.

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In addition to the classic Winter Pentathlon, swimming and snow laser run were added as disciplines for the 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 1,391 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 organisations.

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 categories. It is planned to feature this competition in the junior and youth-age categories too.

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...
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Secretary General Shiny Fang’s message

Evolution becomes our fifth E — and our guiding light for 2022

The current conflict in Ukraine, following 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 SE 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 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 National Tour.

In Empowerment and Expansion, 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 revitalize 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 whole 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 our great UIPM athletes.

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 ‘SD’ will underline the importance of ‘SE’.

One of the major goals for UIPM in 2022 is to increase the commercial value of its sports in partnership with multiple stakeholders. The SD 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!
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.

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.

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

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 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

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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 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

Dr. Liston Bochette III PhD, President of the Modern Pentathlon Federation of Puerto Rico, also contributed to the seminar.

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

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). 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.
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 meeting to discuss the various venue options.

22.-25.02.2022: 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 (Biathle/Triathle 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.
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 Schorrann 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 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, Biatlhe, Triatle and Tetrathalon.

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.

The meeting with CONI President Dr. Giovanni Malago in Rome (above, right).

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

From February 25-27 UIPM held its first Technical Committee meeting with the newly elected and appointed members, many of whom attended in person. The members discussed in detail the new sports Laser Run, Biatlhe, Triatle and Tetrathalon.

Members of the new UIPM Technical Committee meet for the first time in Frankfurt (GER)
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 featured 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).
The PWR is updated live at www.pentathlon.org after each competition. PWR as at 1 March 2022:

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