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UIPM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETS AT OLYMPIC HOUSE



Members of the UIPM Executive Board and staff pose for a photograph with International Olympic Committee President Dr Thomas Bach and Director General Christophe de Kepper during their two-day meeting at the new headquarters of the Olympic movement in Lausanne (SUI)

New Pentathlon & New Tetrathlon update



Left to right: IOC Vice President and UIPM 1st Vice President Juan Antonio Samaranch, Director General Christophe de Kepper, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, IOC President Dr Thomas Bach and IOC Sport Director Kit McConnell during the UIPM Executive Board meeting in Lausanne (SUI)

UIPM Executive Board approves format proposals relating to Paris 2024 and Dakar 2022

Dynamic new formats for Modern Pentathlon and Tetrathlon at future Olympic Games were given the seal of approval by the UIPM Executive Board (EB) on January 31.

The EB voted unanimously to approve proposals from the New Pentathlon and New Tetrathlon YOG 2022 Working Groups designed to improve the presentation of the two UIPM Sports at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games and Dakar 2022 Youth Olympic Games respectively.

The decisions came at the end of a three-day meeting at Olympic House, the

new headquarters of the International Olympic Committee in Lausanne (SUI), chaired by UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and attended by IOC President Dr Thomas Bach.

The New Pentathlon concept, which includes an elimination system, will be subject to a rigorous examination with three or four test events to be scheduled in advance of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

The New Tetrathlon format, details of which had already been widely circulated, will now be fully implemented subject to one final test event where the project will be finalised.

In late 2019 it was announced that

the Modern Pentathlon event at Dakar 2022 would be increasing from a quota of 48 athletes to 64. The EB agreed on a distribution system that is designed to ensure proportionate continental representation.

The EB also made decisions relating to new member applications and future competitions. Applications from **Croatia** and **North Macedonia** to become provisional member federations of UIPM were approved, while competitions were awarded to the following member federations:

Finland – UIPM 2022 Masters World Championships

Egypt – UIPM 2021 Junior World Championships



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The EB also viewed presentations relating to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, a proposed athlete nomination system for the UIPM Annual Awards and the ongoing development of UIPM e-sports. A UIPM eLaser Run game is scheduled to be released in 2020.

The EB summit in Lausanne (SUI) followed an intensive series of meetings from January 23-26 in Frankfurt (GER) that brought together the UIPM Athletes, Coaches and Technical Committees as well as the New Pentathlon and New Tetrathlon Working Groups.

On the second day of the EB meeting in Lausanne (SUI), IOC President Dr Bach, Vice-President Juan Antonio Samaranch, Director General Christophe de Kepper and Sport Director Kit McConnell all addressed the EB at the new IOC Headquarters.

Dr Bach made a speech and took part in a Q&A with UIPM's most senior decision-making body at Olympic House. Mr Samaranch also addressed the EB, on which he sits as UIPM's 1st Vice President, and Mr McConnell took part in a Q&A about the Olympic Summer Games sporting programme for Tokyo 2020, Paris 2024 and Los Angeles 2028.

UIPM President Dr Schormann said: "We have had two days of very important discussions about the future presentation of our sport, especially in the future at the Youth Olympic Summer Games Dakar 2022 and Olympic Summer Games Paris 2024.

"It was a great honour for us that Dr Bach joined us for the meeting and we had a very interesting debate. Our Executive Board Members asked him questions and the IOC President provided a clear indication of which direction the IOC is going and also which direction International Federations should be going.

"I'm very happy that what was proposed in Frankfurt by the various UIPM



Members of UIPM Committees and ad-hoc Working Groups gather in Frankfurt (GER)



Committees and Working Groups was accepted by the Executive Board. Now what we have is that our Union is moving in the right direction for youths but also for the juniors and seniors who will be competing at future Olympic Games.

"I can say we have created a tradition now – we will come to Lausanne for meetings every second year. Visiting this building has touched us and we go home now with a wonderful experience and ready to move forward."

Olympic House in Lausanne (SUI) was opened in 2019 and is designed to serve as a home for the entire global Olympic sports family, of which UIPM has been a part since its creation in 1948.

For the third year in succession, UIPM held a joint meeting of its Athletes, Coaches and Technical Committees in Frankfurt (GER) in advance of the meetings in Lausanne.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "The joint meetings of UIPM Committees and Working Groups in Frankfurt-am-Main on January 23-26 took place in a super atmosphere.

"We are proud to have created a forum where so many of the key influencers and decision-makers in our movement can come together to discuss and make proposals about the future direction of our sport.

"It is very important to give all important groups in our movement, especially the athletes, a voice."

UIPM President & Secretary General's new year address



Dr Klaus Schormann, President of the Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne, has issued a joint address with Secretary General Shiny Fang to mark the beginning of the 2020 Olympic season.

Their statement reads as follows:

Dear colleagues and friends of the UIPM movement,

We write to share with you some reflections at the beginning of this momentous year.

The Olympic Games in Tokyo will be a special highlight, of course. This will be the 26th time our flagship sport of Modern Pentathlon has featured as a core sport on the programme of

the world's greatest sporting event. We must grasp the opportunity to showcase Pentathlon at a moment when the whole world is watching.

At the same time, it is essential to continue to focus on the work that is happening in UIPM Sports at grassroots level in towns and cities in every corner of the world. Without our development programme there would be no UIPM Sports Pyramid and no future for the UIPM movement. We must always remain strong in all areas!

Olympic Games

Tokyo 2020 will be a spectacular moment for Modern Pentathlon. For the first time at the Olympic Games, all five disciplines of our sport will take place in one stadium, thanks to

the dedicated Pentathlon Arena that is being created within the Tokyo Stadium (50,000 capacity).

The Games will be a watershed moment for the Olympic movement, as the IOC and all International Federations prepare to enter a new era post-Olympic Agenda 2020, which has promoted the importance of gender equality, inclusion and accessibility, sustainability and many other important facets which are now embedded into our sport at all levels.

We are determined that Tokyo will stage the best-ever presentation of Modern Pentathlon and we need your help to promote our sport in your countries like never before, encouraging new audiences to see how our historic sport

has evolved into a truly compelling spectacle.

That said, there is always room for improvement and we will also spend a lot of time in 2020 discussing the future presentation of our sport, particularly for the Olympic Games Paris 2024.

In November you will all have the chance to vote on the EB's recommendations for a stable future for Modern Pentathlon - based on the findings of the New Pentathlon Working Group - during Congress in Xiamen (CHN).

Youth Olympic Games

The first Olympic Games in Africa is now only two years away, and UIPM will again follow the IOC's suggestion to use the Youth Olympic Games as an "incubator for innovation" in Dakar (SEN) in 2022.

The New Tetrathlon Working Group is in the process of finalizing the new format that was approved by the EB in Budapest in 2019. Tetrathlon will be more dynamic, with a more continuous flow, as a result of the changes – as anybody who watched one of the test events in 2019 will testify!

At the end of last year we celebrated some wonderful news from the IOC relating to Dakar 2022 – there will be 32 male and 32 female athletes taking part, an increase of 33 per cent on Buenos Aires 2018.

This is a testament to the energy and enthusiasm you have all put into the Youth Olympic Games by sending the best Under 19 athletes from your countries to the YOG, not only in 2018 but previously in Nanjing (2014) and Singapore (2010).

UIPM Sports Pyramid

Our UIPM Sports Pyramid (see below) is stronger than ever with robust foundations supporting Modern Pentathlon at the top.

More and more people around the world now have a pathway to Pentathlon thanks to the accessibility of our development sports and the appeal of urban, beach and university formats. We are attracting new audiences to our sport and especially younger generations, with more ways to follow our athletes on television and digital channels.

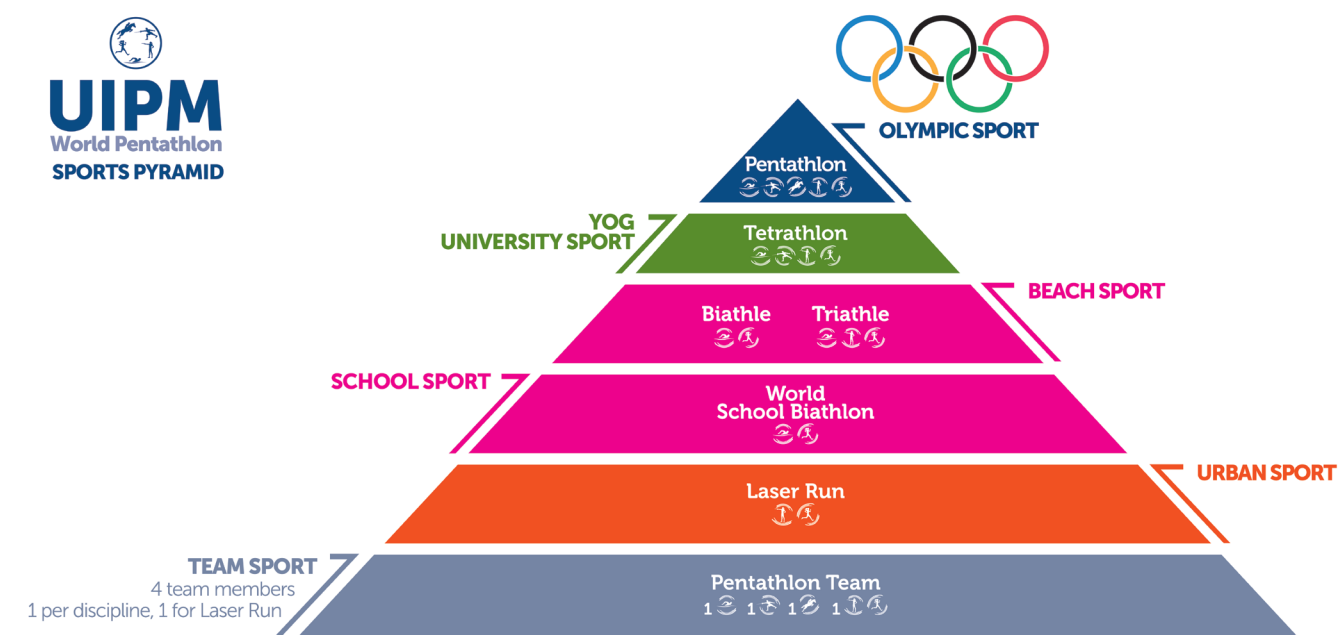
The Biathlon-Triathlon National Tour will

expand in 2020, with 10 events planned, and the Global Laser Run City Tour will again give us a means of cultivating the seeds of Laser Run, which have been spread in all continents since 2015, worldwide.

Laser Run will again stand proudly alongside our flagship sport during the UIPM 2020 Pentathlon and Laser Run World Championships in Xiamen (CHN), demonstrating the inclusiveness and unity of our movement. And we are looking forward to another wonderful UIPM Biathlon/Triathlon World Championships in Weiden.

These sports are a vital pillar of our development programme, giving participants from all different communities and socio-economic backgrounds an entry point into the Pentathlon movement.

We continued to rapidly grow our National Federation membership in 2019 and many new members organised their first competitions, not to forget the many courses run in all continents by our UIPM Coaching and Judging Certification Programmes (CCP / JCP).



Female youth athletes demonstrate their focus at the laser shooting range during a successful UIPM 2019 Biathlon-Triathlon National Tour event in Piliyandala, Colombo (SRI) in September 2019

Our global community is rapidly growing, and we are planning to reach 150 member nations by the time of UIPM 2020 Congress, which will be the biggest democratic exercise in the history of UIPM with all nations' attendance supported.

All developing countries are benefiting in different ways from the UIPM Sports Pyramid, using the opportunities provided by UIPM's development programme to chart their own pathway.

To illustrate this we would like to share with you part of a letter written by Mr Nishanthe Piyasena, President of the Sri Lanka Modern Pentathlon Federation, in September 2019.

"I am pleased to inform you that we have completed successfully the BTNT19 in Piliyandala Colombo last weekend. It was highly commended by the Ministry of Sports and National

Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka and all other stakeholders.

"A large number of school kids from schools and clubs all around the country and villages took part in the event. The interest among parents and the general public for the event was evident with the participation in large numbers to witness it.

"Since we started our sport in 2014, our athletes were able to get three Biathlon and Triathlon medals in 2016 (Goa) and seven medals in 2019 (Kazakhstan) and part of the first ten rankings at LR WCH in Dublin last year.

"We are now entering to Tetrathlon. Last month we have already started Fencing training with the help of Fencing federation in Sri Lanka for our Senior and Junior categories, especially focusing on young athletes who were born in 2004/5 to prepare for the next YOG in 2022."

Conclusion

At UIPM we are committed to our mission of global expansion and confident in our ability to compete with other International Federations and new sports. We will embrace trends and welcome young generations to join in at all levels of our multi-sport movement, creating a global community we can all be proud to belong to.

More than ever in 2020 we are counting on your support and collaboration as we work together to grow our sport, protect the legacy of Baron Pierre de Coubertin and promote our sport as a vehicle for education, peace, democracy, tolerance and humanity.

With our best personal regards,

UIPM President
Dr h.c. Klaus Schormann

UIPM Secretary General
Mrs Shiny Fang

ROAD TO
TOKYO

International Budapest Indoor



Left to right: Annika Schleu (GER), champion Joanna Muir (GBR), Elodie Clouvel (FRA) and top-placed home athlete Michelle Gulyas (HUN), who was 5th

Muir (GBR) and Dogue (GER) taste success in Budapest (HUN)

The 2020 Olympic Modern Pentathlon season began with a thrilling Peridot International Indoor Competition in Budapest (HUN) and gold medals to savour for Great Britain and Germany.

Joanna Muir (GBR) retained her Women's Individual title ahead with Annika Schleu (GER) again claiming the silver medal behind her, while Rio 2016 Olympic silver medallist Elodie Clouvel of France took home the bronze.

In the Men's Individual Final, World No.3 Marvin Dogue (GER) managed to do what he failed to do last season - and defeat the world No.1.



Left to right: Richard Bereczki (HUN), Joseph Choong (GBR), champion Marvin Dogue (GER) and Fabian Liebig (GER)

Joseph Choong (GBR) was forced to settle for bronze after failing to match the quality of Dogue (GER) and his silver medallist compatriot Fabian Liebig (GER).

Dogue (GER) was twice beaten in a sprint finish by Choong (GBR) in 2019 - in the UIPM Pentathlon World Cup Final & Olympic Qualifier in Tokyo (JPN) and in UIPM Pentathlon World Cup Prague.

There were 71 male entries and 60 female entries in qualifying, with a remarkable 28 countries represented - an increase of 13 on the 2019 Indoor Competition.

Hundreds of athletes are still pushing hard for qualification points in the hope of reaching the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, With 26 places remaining up for grabs, with a range of pathways in 2020 promising to lead the world's most versatile athletes to their coveted destination.

Six automatic places (three each for women and men) will be on offer in Xiamen (CHN) during the UIPM 2020 Pentathlon and Laser Run World Championships in May.

Japan, as host nation, will be guaranteed at least one place per gender, and two places per gender will be reserved for the Tripartite Commission, which has the right to allocate berths by invitation to NOCs that apply before 17 January, 2020.

That leaves about 12 places to be earned by right, and this will be where the key battleground takes place this year. The UIPM Olympic World Ranking List will be closely monitored throughout the Pentathlon World Cup season as athletes vie for position, hoping to secure one of 12 places (six female, six male) when the final list is published on 1 June.

Visit the UIPM website for a full explanation of the Tokyo 2020 qualification process.

ROAD TO TOKYO: 2020 OLYMPIC QUALIFIERS

Women	Men
Haydy Morsy (EGY)	Sherif Nazeir (EGY)
Laura Asadauskaite (LTU)	Joseph Choong (GBR)
Mariana Arceo (MEX)	Charles Fernandez (GUA)
Samantha Schultz (USA)	Esteban Bustos (CHI)
Leydi Moya (CUB)	Sergio Villamayor (ARG)
Maria Chaves (BRA)	Lester Ders (CUB)
Lourdes Cuaspud (ECU)	Amro Elgeziry (USA)
Kate French (GBR)	Jamie Cooke (GBR)
Iryna Prasiantsova (BLR)	Valentin Prades (FRA)
Annika Schleu (GER)	Martin Vlach (CZE)
Natalya Coyle (IRL)	Lukasz Gutkowski (POL)
Gintare Venckauskaite (LTU)	Bence Demeter (HUN)
Marie Oteiza (FRA)	Justinas Kinderis (LTU)
Adelina Ibattulina (RUS)	Alexander Lifanov (RUS)
Sarolta Kovacs (HUN)	Patrick Dogue (GER)
Volha Silkina (BLR)	Valentin Belaud (FRA)
Elena Micheli (ITA)	Jun Woongtae (KOR)
Kim Sehee (KOR)	Lee Jihun (KOR)
Natsumi Tomonaga (JPN)	Luo Shuai (CHN)
Alise Fakhrutdinova (UZB)	Pavel Ilyashenko (KAZ)
Zhang Mingyu (CHN)	Shohei Iwamoto (JPN)
Elena Potapenko (KAZ)	Alexander Savkin (UZB)
Rebecca Jamieson (NZL)	Edward Fernon (AUS)

- Subject to Tokyo 2020 qualification criteria
- Visit www.pentathlon.org/olympic-games

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01	26.02. - 01.03.	UIPM 2020 Pentathlon World Cup Cairo	Cairo, EGY
02	25.03. - 29.03.	UIPM 2020 Pentathlon World Cup Sofia I	Sofia, BUL
03	02.04. - 06.04.	UIPM 2020 Pentathlon World Cup Sofia II	Sofia, BUL
04	29.04. - 03.05.	UIPM 2020 Pentathlon World Cup Budapest	Budapest, HUN
05	14.05. - 17.05.	UIPM 2020 Pentathlon World Cup Final Seoul	Seoul, KOR
06	25.05. - 31.05.	UIPM Pentathlon and Laser Run World Championships	Xiamen, CHN
07	06.08. - 08.08.	Games of the XXXII Olympiad	Tokyo, JPN
08	19.08. - 23.08.	UIPM 2020 Biathlon/Triathlon World Championships	Weiden, GER
09	20.09. - 26.09.	UIPM 2020 Pentathlon Junior World Championships	Drzonkow, POL
10	04.10. - 10.10.	UIPM 2020 Youth World Championships (U19/U17)	Hurghada, EGY

UIPM has governed the core Olympic sport of Modern Pentathlon since its formation in 1948. Today it oversees a range of multi-discipline sports (Tetrathlon, Triathlon, Biathlon, Laser Run and World Schools Biathlon) which form a development pyramid with Modern Pentathlon at the top.

Find out more info of Modern Pentathlon and other UIPM multi-discipline sports, Broadcast our World cups and World championships, Email us at media@pentathlon.org



Global Laser Run City Tour 2019

Big turn-out for festival in Rahim Yar Khan (PAK)

Laser Run has returned to the Punjab region of Pakistan, where 341 athletes took part in the Global Laser Run City Tour in Rahim Yar Khan on December 25, 2019.

The first GLRCT in Pakistan took place in Lahore in November 2018, since when the Pakistan Modern Pentathlon Federation has worked to introduce the sport to more areas of the country.

In Rahim Yar Khan, hundreds of young and energetic runners, including athletes from schools, colleges and other sporting academies, took part in the presence of the Deputy Commissioner of Rahim Yar Khan, Ali Shahzad.

A spokesperson for the local organising committee said: "There was a great level of interest in Laser Run during the event. The institutional heads expressed a determination to train their athletes to participate in future events of the Pakistan Modern Pentathlon Federation to get good results in regional and international events."

"At the prize distribution ceremony, the Deputy Commissioner appreciated the efforts of PMPF and UIPM for providing healthy sports activities in their region and he asked for more and more sports events to be organized and more coaches supported to train athletes and associated clubs."

New athletes mobilised in Lome (TOG)

Togo held its second Global Laser Run City Tour in Lome on December 21, 2019, building on the



Competitive action from the start line (above) and shooting range (below) in Rahim Yar Khan (PAK)



Happy Laser Runners gather for a group photograph in Lome (TOG)



Young athletes wrap up to maintain their performance in cold winter conditions in Molodechno (BLR)

success of the opening event three months earlier.

Word had spread about Laser Run across the capital city, creating a buzz that encouraged more club leaders to mobilise participants to compete at the venue in the eastern suburb of Baguida.

With categories from Under 11 to senior, there were opportunities for a wide range of participants and office-bearers from the Togolese Federation of Modern Pentathlon (FTPM) were present, including President Komlan Abalo.

A spokesperson for the local organising committee said: "We were very pleased to be able to mobilise Federation executives, club leaders and especially pentathletes from the different clubs in the capital.

"There was a real competitive atmosphere and a real festive atmosphere during the late refreshments. This tells us that future competitions promise an even better 2020 for our Federation, for our clubs and for many more pentathletes."

Rural schoolchildren join the party in Molodechno (BLR)

The UIPM Sports movement in Belarus is buzzing right now.

Not only have Belarusian pentathletes won the women's individual world title two years in a row, not to mention women's team gold in 2019, but there is more excitement on the horizon as the UIPM 2021 Pentathlon and Laser Run World Championships will take place in the Belarusian capital city of Minsk.

At grassroots level, the feelgood factor was tangible when the Central Stadium of Molodechno hosted the final instalment of Belarus's 2019 UIPM Global Laser Run City Tour series.

The event formed part of the Spartakiad festival, which enabled children from rural areas in Belarus and Russia to participate in sport in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Belarus.

The schoolchildren enjoyed their first taste of UIPM's most popular

development sport and received souvenir packages, with the most successful participants awarded medals and diplomas. The tournament was attended by athletes born in 2006/2007 as well as adults from both Belarus and neighbouring Russia.

Mikhail Prokopenko, Chairman of the Belarusian Federation of Modern Pentathlon, said: "This tournament ended the first Laser Run City Tour series in our country, hosted in four great Belarusian cities of sport – Vitebsk, Grodno, Brest and Molodechno.

"We are very happy to stage this kind of competition, where every athlete can try to become a member of our great Modern Pentathlon family and begin their pathway to a Pentathlon future, not only in regions but across the whole country and abroad."

At the double in Abidjan and Yamoussoukro (CIV)

Not once but twice in the week before Christmas 2019, the people of the Ivory Coast sampled the joys



Teenage athletes show their determination after starting the race in Yamoussoukro (CIV)

of the Global Laser Run City Tour. About 100 young athletes from the age of 11 took part in Yamoussoukro on December 21, with another 150 participants racing in the capital city of Abidjan two days later.

The youth athletes used the opportunity to hone their Laser Run skills as part of their ongoing Modern Pentathlon education. They were presented with awards and diplomas after racing.

Francois Xavier Akonde, President of the Federation de Pentathlon Moderne de Cote d'Ivoire, said: "We can say with pleasure today that Modern Pentathlon is now well known in the two big cities of our country, Abidjan and Yamoussoukro.

"We are satisfied to have been able to organize these two Global Laser Run City Tour competitions at the end of 2019. On both days we saw a beautiful gathering of sports youth with young people mastering the practice of Modern Pentathlon disciplines much better."



Action from the shooting range and a group photograph in Abidjan (CIV)



News from around the world

UIPM Judges Certification Programme: Mark of progress for 25 technical officials in Wuhan (CHN)

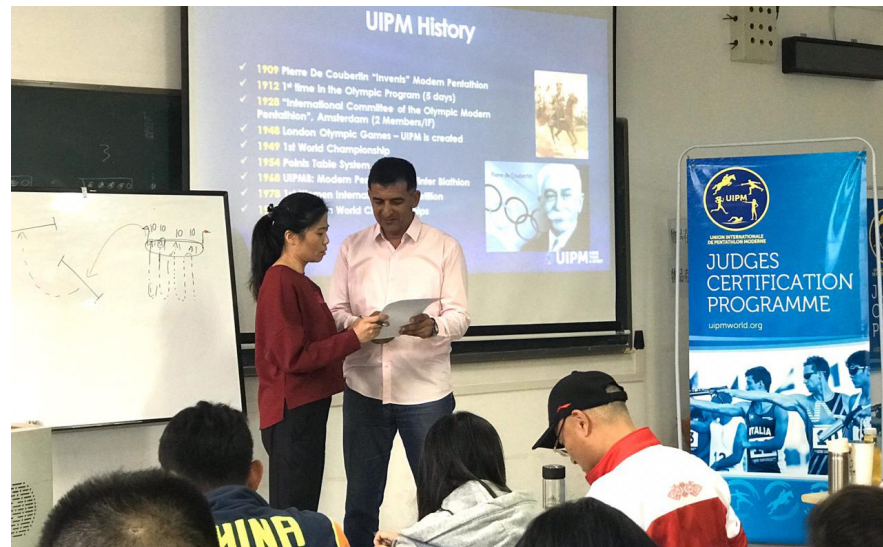
Not only is the Olympic Games taking place in Asia in 2020, but UIPM's two flagship competitions will also be on the continent – and no stone is being left unturned in preparation.

It is essential for competition organisers to have all the tools they need at their disposal to run Category A competitions, and that was the impetus for UIPM to run a Judges Certification Programme (JCP) course in Wuhan (CHN) ahead of the 2019 Asia/Oceania Championships and Olympic Qualifier.

The JCP course was held from November 7 to 12 and included a mixture of theoretical and practical tuition from UIPM Educator Walid Sayed (EGY). Twenty-five judges passed the exam and received their international JCP certificate at Level 2 and 3.

Wuhan (CHN) also staged the World Military Games in late 2019, and China will again host the best pentathletes in the world in May 2020 when Xiamen is the venue for the UIPM 2020 Pentathlon and Laser Run World Championships. This competition will take place just weeks after the UIPM 2020 Pentathlon World Cup Final in Seoul (KOR).

A spokesperson for the Chinese Modern Pentathlon Association said: "By scheduling the course alongside the Asian Championships, the technical officials were enabled to personally judge the international competition on site. This provided them with high-level event practice, which is of great help to improve the officials' on-site judging ability.



UIPM Instructor Walid Sayed provides one-to-one tuition during the JCP course in Wuhan (CHN)



Walid Sayed presents a UIPM JCP certificate to one of the successful graduates of the course

"The JCP course helped more people get a deeper understanding of the Modern Pentathlon rules, and the promotion of different levels enabled them to take on more advanced referee work. The increase in the number of international referees has resulted in a sufficient number of referees

to guarantee the normal operation of domestic and international competitions.

"In the long run, the improvement of officials' skill levels raises the quality of competitions and promotes fairness and justice. More international events in China will encourage more people

Kari Rasmuson (1962-2020)

Kari Rasmuson, Secretary General of the Swedish Modern Pentathlon Federation, has died aged 57.

Kari's husband Svante was Sweden's most recent Olympic medalist – he won individual silver at the Los Angeles 1984 Games having already won team bronze in Moscow in 1980.

Kari was the administrative leader of Swedish pentathlon in recent years, and the family has been the driving force behind the revival of the sport in the country that won eight of the first nine Olympic titles from 1912 to 1956.

Additionally, Kari had represented the Swedish Modern Pentathlon Federation at a number of UIPM Congresses, and the couple had three sons who were all active in Pentathlon at various times.

In the accompanying picture, Jakob (centre) became Under 17 European



champion in Lithuania in 2019, and he has competed with his brother Ludvig (far left) in relay events. Ludvig's twin brother Karl Johan (next to Kari) also competed in Pentathlon until injury cut short his career.

Kari's funeral took place at the

Hedvig Leonora Church in Stockholm and was attended by about 100 people, including Swedish pentathletes Lennart Pettersson, Hans Lager, Michael Hall, Janne Danielsson and Michael Brandt, as well as Benny Elmann-Larsen, President of the Danish Modern Pentathlon Association.

to enjoy and participate in the Modern Pentathlon."

New coaching role for Olympian Riker-Fox (CAN)

Olympic pentathlete Joshua Riker-Fox, 36, has been named National Next Generation Development Coach by Pentathlon Canada.

Riker-Fox (CAN) competed in the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games, finishing 24th, as well as multiple UIPM Pentathlon World Championships and World Cups, where he won a Mixed Relay bronze in Sarasota (USA) in 2015. He ended his international career later that season at the Pan American Games.



Canadian pentathlon coach and Beijing 2008 Olympian Joshua Riker-Fox

Riker-Fox (CAN) holds an MBA in Sport Management, an undergraduate degree in Business and Kinesiology and is a certified UIPM Instructor. He started coaching in 2015 and has trained athletes at the NORCECA Youth Championships, the Youth Olympic Games Qualifier and the UIPM Youth World Championships.

As National Next Generation Development Coach, he will support the development, performance, progression and planning process of athletes in the high-performance system, guiding current and future elite athletes to world-class performances.

Pentathlon Canada plans to announce a new National Coach early in 2020.

Col John Russell, 100, receives UIPM Medal of Honour

An equestrian champion from the US who became a leading Modern Pentathlon administrator has received one of UIPM's most prestigious awards on the occasion of his 100th birthday.

Col John Russell, born on 2 February 1920, is the oldest surviving Olympic medalist in the US and the second-oldest in the world. Sixty-eight years since his bronze medal in Helsinki (1952), a group of former pentathletes gathered for his 100th birthday party.



John Helmick (left) and Rob Stull (right) with 100-year-old Col John Russell

Col Russell, who headed up the US Modern Pentathlon Training Centre after retiring in 1956 and went on to coach multiple US pentathletes to success at world level, while also helping to arrange two UIPM Pentathlon World Championships, was presented with his Medal of Honour at the special celebration in San Antonio, Texas (USA) by UIPM Treasurer John

Helmick and NORCECA Confederation President Rob Stull.

The UIPM Medal of Honour is a special award presented to lifelong ambassadors of UIPM Sports who embody the values of the movement. Col Russell becomes the 29th recipient of this prestigious award and the second from the US after Lew Whiting.

At Schoeman (1940-2020)

At Schoeman, a renowned pentathlete and paratrooper in South Africa, has died aged 79.

During his illustrious military career, At Schoeman established a formidable reputation as a sportsman and his specialist sport was Modern Pentathlon. He was South African champion in 1964 and 1965 and



in 1968 set a new South African record for the sport on the way to a 12th-placed finish at the World Championships. He won a total of

seven national titles and went on to become an official in conducting the sport.

Mark Wiley, who had a close military and sporting association with At across many decades, paid tribute to his friend. He said: "The then Capt Schoeman was one of my instructors and the reason I got involved in the noble Olympic sport of Modern Pentathlon. At personified the culture of Olympism as Baron de Coubertin had intended."

Tournament & Training Camp Invitations

This is an important notice for all Athletes and Competitions organisers to continuously check pentathlon.org for all information related to invitations and visa letters.

Navigate to the National Federations Portal or to www.pentathlon.org to stay up to date with all tournament news.

COMPETITION / EVENT INVITATIONS

UIPM Pentathlon World Cup Cairo Cairo (EGY) 25 FEB - 1 MAR	UIPM Pentathlon World Cup Sofia I Sofia (BUL) 25-29 MAR	UIPM Pentathlon World Cup Sofia II Sofia (BUL) 2-5 APR
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Medical and Anti-Doping Corner

WADA PUBLISHES 2020 LIST OF PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has published its 2020 List of Prohibited Substances and Methods, an important resource for anyone involved in the UIPM Sports and the wider international sporting movement.

The list, which came into force on January 1, 2020, is accompanied by the 2020 Summary of Modifications and Explanatory Notes - which serves to help athletes, coaches and other support personnel to understand the latest changes - and the 2020 Monitoring Program.

The new WADA President, Witold Banka, said in his new year address. "It is to WADA's credit that 2020 will already see a greater level of support for Signatories to the World Anti-Doping Code (Code) than ever before.

"A year from now, the revised 2021 Code and related International Standards, to which so many of you have helpfully contributed, will come into force. Together, we will raise our game to new levels of performance for the good of clean sport."

For a substance or method to be added to the Prohibited List, it must be determined that it meets two of the following three criteria: a) it has

the potential to enhance or enhances sport performance; b) it represents an actual or potential health risk to the athletes; c) it violates the spirit of sport. Athletes who have a legitimate medical reason for using a prohibited substance or method that is on the List may be accommodated if they meet the criteria outlined in the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions (ISTUE).

The 2020 Prohibited List, Summary of Modifications and Monitoring Program are available for download on WADA's website (<https://www.wada-ama.org>) in multiple languages.

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Monthly activities of President Dr Schormann



Left to right: Kenneth Fok (Vice-President of the Hong Kong Sports Federation & son of Timothy Fok), UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, Prof Dr Ugur Erdener (IOC Vice-President & President of World Archery) and his wife Zafer, Juan Antonio Samaranch (IOC Vice-President & UIPM 1st Vice-President), Nita Ambani (IOC Member) and Timothy Fok (IOC Honorary Member & President of the Hong Kong Sports Federation & NOC)

09.01.-17.01.2020, Lausanne, SUI

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann attended the 3rd Youth Olympic Winter Games, where he also took part in the 135th IOC Session on January 10.

The Winter Youth Olympic Games 2024 was awarded to Gangwon (CHN), three new IOC Members were announced – David Haggerty (USA), Gianni Infantino (SUI) and Yarushiro Yamashita (JPN) – and there were updates on the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, anti-doping activities and the IOC Ethics Commission chaired by former United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon.



Dr Schormann with Krisztian Kulcsar (President of the Hungary NOC) and, right, Jose Pereruna (President of the International Canoe Federation) at the Youth Olympic Winter Games in Lausanne (SUI)

IOC President Dr Thomas Bach

underlined the importance of solidarity and political neutrality in a speech to the IOC Session.

During his stay in Lausanne President Dr Schormann met with IOC Members, NOC Presidents and IF colleagues to discuss general matters linked to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic season.

On January 12, the UIPM President met with 1st Vice President (and IOC Vice President) Juan Antonio Samaranch to discuss the development of Modern Pentathlon and the innovative steps proposed for a new presentation of Modern Pentathlon at the Olympic Summer Games Paris 2024. Later they attended some indoor competitions of the Youth Olympic Winter Games.

In Les Tuffes (SUI) on January 15, during the Biathlon Mixed Relay, Dr Schormann met with International Biathlon Union President Olle Dahlin and Greece NOC President and IOC Member Spyros Capralos. They discussed the importance of the Youth Olympic Winter Games as a dynamic process for future Olympic Winter Games and talked about issues of environment and climate.

23.01.-26.01.2020, Frankfurt, GER

On January 23 the UIPM President shared ideas about future school projects, sport cultural presentations, curriculum development, sport management and business with Prof Dr Bonnie Tiell from Tiffin University in Alabama (USA).

The two organisations signed a memorandum of understanding in July 2019 about a future bilateral partnership.

On January 24, 25 and 26 President Dr Schormann chaired a series of key meetings of UIPM elected decision-makers relating to the future presentation of Modern Pentathlon and Tetrathlon, among other matters.

For the third year in succession, there was a joint meeting of the UIPM Athletes,



Dr Schormann with International Biathlon Union President Olle Dahlin, centre, and Greece NOC President and IOC Member Spyros Capralos



President Dr Schormann with Prof Dr Bonnie Tiell from Tiffin University in Alabama (USA)

Coaches and Technical Committees. The ad-hoc New Pentathlon Working Group and New Tetrathlon YOG 2022 Working Groups also met and established recommendations to present to the UIPM Executive Board (see News section).

29.01.-31.01.2020, Lausanne, SUI

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann chaired a historic two-day UIPM Executive Board meeting – the first to take place at the new IOC Headquarters, Olympic House.

On the first day of the meeting, IOC President Dr Bach, Vice-President Juan Antonio Samaranch, Director General Christophe de Kepper and Sport Director Kit McConnell all addressed the EB.

The EB voted unanimously to approve proposals from the New Pentathlon

and New Tetrathlon YOG 2022 Working Groups designed to improve the presentation of the two UIPM Sports at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games and Dakar 2022 Youth Olympic Games respectively.

The EB also made decisions relating to new member applications and future competitions (see News section) and received a range of presentations and updates.

President Dr Schormann, who will attend his 20th Olympic Games as an official in Tokyo in 2020, also joined the fellow EB Members who are members of the World Olympians Association (WOA) to sign a special wall within the IOC Headquarters.

The Olympians on the EB are Andrejus Zadneprovskis (LTU – 1996, 2000, 2004 bronze 2008 silver); Jorge Salas (ARG

– 1980 in biathlon); Aya Medany (EGY – 2004, 2008, 2012); WOA President Joel Bouzou (FRA – 1980, 1984 team bronze, 1988, 1992; Kitty Chiller (AUS – 2000); Janusz Peciak (POL – 1972, 1976 gold, 1980); Dmitry Svatkovsky (RUS – 1992 team silver, 1996, 2000 gold); Rob Stull (USA – 1988, 1992).

UIPM President Dr Schormann said: “We have had two days of very important discussions about the future presentation of our sport, especially in the future at the Youth Olympic Summer Games Dakar 2022 and Olympic Summer Games Paris 2024.

“I can say we have created a tradition now – we will come to Lausanne for meetings every second year.

“Visiting this building has touched us and we go home now with a wonderful experience and ready to move forward.”



Members of the UIPM Executive Board and staff pose for a photograph with International Olympic Committee President Dr Thomas Bach and Director General Christophe de Kepper during their two-day meeting at the new headquarters of the Olympic movement in Lausanne (SUI)



IOC President Dr Thomas Bach and UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann head up the table during the UIPM Executive Board meeting



UIPM President with (left to right) Andrejus Zadneprovskis (LTU), Jorge Salas (ARG), Aya Medany (EGY), Joel Bouzou (FRA), Kitty Chiller (AUS), Janusz Peciak (POL), Dmitry Svatkovsky (RUS) and Rob Stull (USA) at a special wall where Olympians sign their names at Olympic House in Lausanne (SUI)

New Balance
World Rankings

The PWR is updated live on www.pentathlon.org after each competition. PWR as at 28 January 2020:

MEN			
RANK	NATION	NAME	POINTS
1	GBR	Joseph CHOONG	210
2	FRA	Valentin PRADES	176
3	GER	Marvin DOGUE	172
4	UKR	Pavlo TYMOSHCHENKO	167
5	UKR	Jamie COOKE	162
6	FRA	Valentin BELAUD	160
7	CHI	Esteban BUSTOS	157
8	EGY	Ahmed ELGENDY	151
9	KOR	JUN Woongtae	151
10	LTU	Justinas KINDERIS	147
11	RUS	Alexander LESUN	145
12	CZE	Jan KUF	145
13	RUS	Alexander LIFANOV	142
14	GER	Patrick DOGUE	142
15	CZE	Martin VLACH	135
16	GER	Fabian LIEBIG	135
17	EGY	Eslam HAMAD	133
18	CHN	LI Shuhuan	129
19	HUN	Bence DEMETER	128
20	GBR	Thomas TOOLIS	127

WOMEN			
RANK	NATION	NAME	POINTS
1	FRA	Elodie CLOUVEL	195
2	LTU	Laura ASADAUSKAITE	195
3	GBR	Kate FRENCH	186
4	GER	Annika SCHLEU	179
5	RUS	Gulnaz GUBAYDULLINA	173
6	ITA	Elena MICHELI	173
7	BLR	Volha SILKINA	172
8	LTU	Gintare VENCKAUSKAITE	161
9	RUS	Uliana BATASHOVA	158
10	FRA	Marie OTEIZA	156
11	BLR	Iryna PRASIANTSOVA	150
12	BLR	Anastasiya PROKOPENKO	150
13	TUR	Ilke OZYUKSEL	146
14	MEX	Mariana ARCEO	145
15	GBR	Joanna MUIR	142
16	KOR	KIM Sunwoo	142
17	HUN	Tamara ALEKSZEJEV	139
18	RUS	Anna BURIAK	137
19	HUN	Sarolta KOVACS	135
20	IRL	Natalya COYLE	134

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