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## UIPM 2021 PENTATHLON WORLD CUP BUDAPEST



Individual champions Kate French (GBR) and Pavels Svecovs (LAT) celebrate their success at UIPM 2021 Pentathlon World Cup Budapest





## UIPM 2021 Pentathlon World Cup Budapest



A high five for Hungary as the world's most versatile athletes returned to competitive action at UIPM 2021 Pentathlon World Cup Budapest

### British athletes shine during breathtaking week of Modern Pentathlon in Budapest (HUN)

They hadn't competed or trained with any foreign athletes for 13 months, but it didn't stop Great Britain enjoying a remarkable season-opener at UIPM 2021 Pentathlon World Cup Budapest.

After a gold-silver double in the Women's Final orchestrated by Kate French and Joanna Muir, the British team celebrated another gold medal on the final day thanks to Olivia Green and Joseph Choong winning the Mixed Relay.

Apart from those bald statistics, it was a riveting Pentathlon World Cup with a world record, an exceptional

performance in qualification from a 13-year-old and a first appearance on the podium for two athletes in the Men's Final - Pavels Svecovs of Latvia and Ahmed Hamed of Egypt.

After a fallow year, the breathtaking action across five days showed just what it meant to the world's most versatile athletes to get back to doing what they do best - and in many cases to strive for Olympic qualification.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "Here in Budapest we had our first UIPM Pentathlon World Cup since Cairo in February 2020 and it was a very important week for our athletes who are trying to collect points for the UIPM Olympic World Ranking.

"The high level of organisation

underlines that Hungary is one of the strongest pillars in our movement. And thanks again for the high performance of the athletes – good luck for the other Pentathlon World Cups coming in Sofia and later for the Pentathlon World Cup Final.

"We have to say that the Mixed Relay deserves to be on the Olympic programme in future, and you can see how much the athletes enjoy the gender equality, therefore I say thank you to all the nations still supporting the Mixed Relay."

### Women's Final: Record-breaking French (GBR) in big win

A captivating Women's Final was settled in the final moments of



Swimmers dive in to start the UIPM competition season and, below, world champion Volha Silkina (BLR) takes evasive action in Fencing

the Laser Run when Joanna Muir of Great Britain held off a challenge from last year's winner to take gold at 2020 UIPM Pentathlon World Cup Cairo.

After setting a new Fencing world record, there was no stopping Kate French (GBR) from clinching her fourth Pentathlon World Cup gold medal but her team-mate Joanna Muir (GBR) also stood out from the field as she claimed silver – and Francesca Summers (GBR) completed a remarkable team effort by finishing 6th.

Gintare Venckauskaite of Lithuania completed a thrilling comeback to earn the bronze medal in the first elite Modern Pentathlon final since UIPM 2020 Pentathlon World Cup Cairo.

Muir (GBR) was the gold medallist that day and she strengthened her lead at the top of the UIPM Olympic World Rankings with today's result.

Behind the top three, Marie Oteiza of France finished strongly to place 4th and Iryna Prasiantsova of Belarus finished one place further back after



performing consistently all day. In a sprint to the line, Natalya Coyle of Ireland came home 7th, one place ahead of Uliana Batashova of Russia.

### MEDALLISTS' REACTION

French (GBR) said: "I wasn't very happy with my semi-final performance so I'm glad I was able to turn it around.

"I also messed up a little in Riding today

but I turned it around in the end. I was secretly hoping that my team-mates would not be far away and it was great to see Jo cross the line behind me and then Francesca finished 6th, so it's been an amazing day."

Reflecting on her world record in Fencing, French (GBR) added: "I can't believe it. I was stressing a little bit in the last few bouts but I managed to



hold it together.”

Muir (GBR) added: “I don’t think it has quite sunk in yet. I had no idea how it would go as we haven’t competed in so long.

“Training has been going very well but I had no idea what other competitors had been doing because we hadn’t been on any training camps or anything. It was really tough today, especially the Fencing, because of that.

“It’s just a rollercoaster of emotions. It wasn’t easy. The boys go tomorrow and they’ve been training well too and are in good shape, so I’m sure they will do really well.”

SWIMMING

New season, same old pecking order in the pool as the prolific Gulnaz Gubaydullina (RUS) set the standard with a time of 2min 05.81sec. Elena Micheli of Italy was second-fastest in 2:07.61 while Michelle Gulyas of Hungary and Oteiza (FRA) also ducked under 2:10.

FENCING

Any pentathlete who dominates Fencing knows they will be in a strong overall position, but it was difficult to see anyone catching French (GBR) after a truly unforgettable performance.

The world record of 280 points (30V/5D) for senior women had stood for nearly a decade, first set by Xiaonan Zhang of China at UIPM 2013 Pentathlon World Cup Palm Springs in USA and matched by Lena Schoeneborn of Germany in the UIPM 2015 Pentathlon World Championships in Berlin (GER).

Despite the high calibre of competition, with 17 of the world’s top 20 women’s pentathletes competing in the Hungarian capital, French (GBR) was almost unbeatable on the piste, winning an extraordinary 31 of her 35 bouts (31V/4D).

The catch-up effort was led by



Sarolta Kovacs (HUN) clears an obstacle during the Riding discipline in Budapest (HUN)



Gintare Venckauskaite(LTU) moves through the Laser Run field on her way to a bronze medal



Women’s Final podium

Prasiantsova (BLR, 27V/8D) and Iryna Khokhlova of Ukraine (26V/9D), while Amira Kandil of Egypt also performed superbly, scoring 25V/10D and winning four additional points in the Bonus Round to be the last woman standing.

RIDING

There was only one perfect Riding score of 300 points, performed by Salma Abdelmaksoud (EGY), but Muir and Summers (GBR) lifted themselves up the leaderboard with only three and five time penalties respectively. When French (GBR) dislodged two obstacles it gave the chasing pack some hope.

LASER RUN

Starting a slender 9sec ahead of Kandil (EGY), 15sec ahead of Prasiantsova (BLR) and 18sec ahead of Muir (GBR), French (GBR) was a picture of composure throughout, running confidently and shooting with patience and calm. Finally she won by 15sec from Muir (GBR), who overtook Kandil (EGY) on the first lap and never looked back, leaving all the intrigue to surround the battle for bronze.



Aged just 13, Natsu Ohta (JPN) finishes her qualification round in 1st place

with Oteiza (FRA) not far behind.

For much of the race it looked as if Prasiantsova (BLR) had the medal to lose, but there are always bolters at this level. When the Belarussian registered a 10sec shoot at the final visit to the range, it boosted her confidence but Venckauskaite (LTU) also made her five shots in 10sec and burst into 4th place

Like her compatriot Laura Asadauskaite (LTU), Venckauskaite (LTU) is one of the best Laser Runners in the business and she duly hunted her target down and crossed the line with a cry of joy, 6sec ahead of Oteiza (FRA). Natsu Ohta of Japan, a 13-year-old senior debutante





Action from the Swimming pool during the Men's Final in Budapest (HUN)

who had qualified for the Final with the joint-highest score, finished 33rd overall.

#### Men's Final: Svecovs (LAT) settles classic duel

A breath-taking finish to the Men's Final saw two first-time medallists engage in a lung-bursting dash to the line.

Pavels Svecovs of Latvia had led the competition for much of the day, but he was made to strain every sinew to win the gold medal under pressure from Ahmed Hamed of Egypt, who came so close to overcoming a 19sec deficit during a thrilling Laser Run.

Neither athlete had won a Pentathlon World Cup medal before but their high-quality performances boosted their chances of qualifying for the rescheduled Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

Another athlete who did just that was Patrick Dogue of Germany, who is one of four top 20-ranked athletes battling for two places at the Games. A hard-earned bronze medal confirmed his form after the gold medal he won in the recent Hungarian Open Indoor Championships.



Behind them, Egypt had two more high finishes to celebrate as 2018 Youth Olympic Games champion Ahmed Elgendy (EGY) finished 4th, three places ahead of Eslam Hamad (EGY). France performed well with Pierre Dejardin and Valentin Prades in 5th and 6th respectively, while host nation Hungary cheered Richard Bereczki across the line in 8th.

#### MEDALLISTS' REACTION

It was a coming-of-age result for both gold and silver medallists. Svecovs (LAT) had previously finished only as

high as 8th in UIPM 2019 Pentathlon World Cup Sofia, while Hamed (EGY) had finished 7th in the UIPM 2017 Pentathlon World Championships in Cairo (EGY) and two places higher in 2018 in Mexico City (MEX).

Svecovs (LAT) said: "I think it was in my mind [that the race was won] - it was very good. All disciplines were good for me and I did my best.

"I saw all of my competitors coming after me, but I just ran. I need to qualify for the Olympics so it's a very good



The Fencing Bonus Round at UIPM 2021 Pentathlon World Cup Budapest

start for me to get the 1st place."

Hamed (EGY) said: "I'm over the moon to get my first medal. It's a good step in the Olympic qualification and I'm so proud and satisfied.

"From the beginning of the Laser Run I was looking forward and I tried to catch [Svecovs] but my shooting was not as good as I wanted. At the end, in the last 800m I tried to catch him and I did my best."

Dogue (GER) added: "It was amazing. I started [the Laser Run] 9th and from the first lap it was so fast. I wasn't sure I could catch up but my shooting was good and in the end I finished 3rd in a very strong field.

"The Olympic season is always tough, and this is my second podium in back-to-back competitions [after the Hungarian Open Indoor Championships] and it feels good.



James Cooke (GBR) clears an obstacle during the Riding discipline



"For me it's very important because the German team is so strong. We fight for two places at the Olympics and making the podium has put a lot of pressure on the other guys, so I feel very happy."

#### SWIMMING

Having watched their female teammates dominate the Women's Final with three of the top six places including gold and silver, Great Britain set the standard in the pool with Joseph Choong (1:55.19) and James Cooke (1:55.39) engaging in a memorable duel and recording the fastest times.

Behind them, Gustav Gustenau of Austria (1:57.32) and Elgendy (EGY, 1:57.38) each kicked off their day with an impressive 316 points.

#### FENCING

Throughout the Ranking Round and Bonus Round, the standard of Fencing was high with no athlete able to stand out as Kate French (GBR) had 24 hours earlier in setting a new world record.

Hamed (EGY) and Svecovs (LAT) topped the standings, each scoring 24V/11D. With three points in the Bonus Round making him the last man standing, Jinhwa Jung of Korea eclipsed Alexander Lifanov of Russia after both had registered 23V/12D in the Ranking Round.

#### RIDING

A remarkably high standard was evident in the Riding arena with 16 athletes recording a score of 290 or more and only two scoring beneath 250, with no eliminations. Svecovs (LAT) put himself in pole position for gold with an immaculate round, with Pan American Games champion Charles Fernandez of Guatemala and Dejardin (FRA) also notching 300 points.

With 297 points Hamed (EGY) refused to let his rival stretch away at the top of the leaderboard, ensuring that he would start the Laser Run 19secs and 1sec behind Lifanov (RUS), who also rode beautifully for 296.



Ahmed Hamed (EGY) progresses in the Laser Run on his way to a silver medal



Men's Final Podium at UIPM 2021 Pentathlon World Cup Budapest

#### LASER RUN

Sharp-shooting Svecovs (LAT) did enough to win gold – just enough. The pain was evident on his face throughout the last two laps as he strained to keep the smooth-running Hamed (EGY) at bay, and the last 800m became a dramatic test of stamina, endurance and grit.

Behind them, as so often there was a thrilling tussle for bronze, and Dogue (GER) used all his experience to make his way up from a starting place of 9th. On the third lap he moved clear of Elgendy (EGY) and Hamad (EGY) and kept an eye on his rivals throughout the last 800m to secure his prize.

#### Mixed Relay: Great Britain double golden tally

Great Britain claimed their second gold medal of the competition as

Olivia Green and Joseph Choong held their nerve to win an intriguing Mixed Relay.

The British duo found themselves locked in an even duel with Sarolta Simon and Balazs Szep of the host nation, Hungary. It wasn't until the last 300 metres of the final lap of Laser Run that world No.1 Choong (GBR) pulled away from Szep (HUN) to seal the victory.

Great Britain's gold medal followed the gold and silver won by Kate French (GBR) and Joanna Muir (GBR) respectively in the Women's Final, while for Hungary it was a satisfying first medal of the championships. Korea also opened their tally for the season with a bronze medal secured by Sunwoo Kim and Lee Jihun.

#### MEDALLISTS' REACTION

Choong (GBR) said: "I had some things

to work out in my mind after the Men's Final, especially in Fencing. Today wasn't perfect but it was a good step in the right direction.

"I knew on the last lap that I had a good sprint finish, and I was actually willing to let [Szep] take the pace, but he didn't overtake me and I knew I would have enough left for the home straight."

Celebrating her first senior UIPM medal, Green (GBR) said: "It feels great. We've been training hard for the past few months and it's starting to pay off and I'm very excited."

Asked about the difference in standard from junior to senior level, she said: "It's mad – especially the Fencing, which is on another level. And in the Laser Run you just can't afford to miss a shot. I used to be able to catch people with my run but not at this level."



A high five for Natsumi Takamiya and Sho Onishi (JPN) after they set the third-fastest time in Swimming (1:54.81)





The Mixed Relay offers an opportunity for male and female team-mates such as Giorgio Micheli and Irene Prampolini (ITA) to compete together

Silver medallist Simon (HUN) said: "We were able to race in our home country and we are very happy about that.

"We were 2nd in Fencing, which was a very good result for us and very important. Also, Riding was very difficult but we were able to make it and the silver medal is a good result for us."

Bronze medallist Kim (KOR) said: "We trained hard for this and I hope we can continue at the next competition to improve from 3rd to 2nd or 1st position."

Her team-mate Lee (KOR) added: "I'm very happy with the 3rd position. Last season was a very long time ago but now we have the Olympic Games coming and we will try to do well at the next competition."

#### SWIMMING

Great Britain (Green/Choong) started as they meant to go on with the fastest swim of the morning. Their time of



Action from the Mixed Relay Riding discipline

1:52.75 was more than 1sec faster than Ireland (Sive Brassil & Arthur Lanigan-O'Keeffe) who recorded 1:53.94 while Japan (Natsumi Takamiya & Sho Onishi) were third-fastest with 1:54.81.

#### FENCING

The Fencing Ranking Round saw a new contender emerge in the form of Guatemala, as Sofia Cabrera and Jorge Imeri notched 250 points with

a tally of 18V/8D. Hungary (Simon/Szep) also stepped up their medal hunt with 16V/10D, complemented with two points added in the Bonus Round, while Mexico (Mayan Oliver & Alvaro Sandoval) also came into contention with 15V/11D.

#### RIDING

Guatemala (Cabrera/Imeri) saw their challenge fade on horseback, where they picked up 58 penalty points, while Hungary (Simon/Szep) and Great Britain (Green/Choong) put themselves in pole position with scores of 286 and 287 respectively.

The outcome was that Hungary (Simon/Szep) would start the Laser Run with the slimmest possible advantage (1sec) over Great Britain (Green/Choong), with Korea (Kim/Lee) apparently out of gold-medal contention 32sec adrift of the top two.

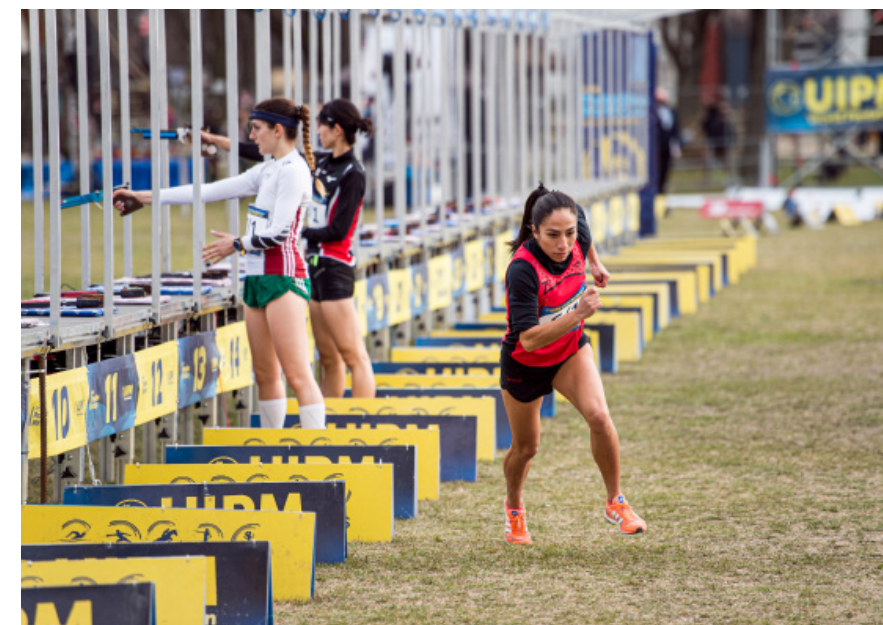
#### LASER RUN

As expected, the Laser Run was a two-horse race – but what a race. Green (GBR) and Simon (HUN) stayed within 5sec of each other throughout their two circuits, with Green (GBR) pulling away slightly at the end to give Choong (GBR) a little breathing space.

The men's world No.1 managed the situation expertly, refusing to lose his cool even when Szep (HUN) cut the gap almost to nothing at the shooting range. They played cat and mouse on the final lap but Szep (HUN) didn't have enough to keep pace with Choong (GBR), who confidently moved ahead in the final stages to win by 4sec.

Neither Kim (KOR) nor Lee (KOR) was ever threatened in 3rd place, leaving the battle for 4th to take centre stage. It was finally won by Mexico (Oliver/Sandoval), narrowly ahead of Guatemala (Cabrera/Imeri) with Hungary's second team (Rita Erdos & Mark Mano Gyurka) completing the top six.

Top to bottom: Laser Run action featuring Mayan Oliver (MEX), Olivia Green and Joseph Choong (GBR) and Sunwoo Kim and Jihun Lee (KOR)





# ROAD TO TOKYO

## Olympic qualification news

### Szekesfehervar (HUN) replaces Seoul (KOR) as host of UIPM 2021 Pentathlon World Cup Final

One of the biggest competitions of the Olympic Modern Pentathlon season, the UIPM 2021 Pentathlon World Cup Final, is to take place in Szekesfehervar (HUN).

Hungary was awarded hosting rights after stepping in to replace Seoul (KOR), which was unable to stage the competition because of strict quarantine rules resulting from the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic.

Szekesfehervar has hosted many UIPM competitions in the past, most recently UIPM 2019 Pentathlon World Cup Szekesfehervar, and its selection as World Cup Final venue was confirmed during a visit to the city by UIPM President, Dr Klaus Schormann, on Thursday (March 25).



Left to right: UIPM President's Executive Assistant Lena Nussbaumer, Alba Volan Sport Club President Istvan Toth, HMPA Vice President and 2004 Olympic champion Zsuzsanna Voros, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, HMPA President Dr Gyula Bretz and HMPA Secretary General Istvan Gallai

The UIPM 2021 Pentathlon World Cup Final will take place from May 13-16 and will be contested by the 36 female and 36 male athletes who achieve the most qualification points in this year's Pentathlon World Cups in Budapest (HUN) and Sofia (BUL) and, retrospectively, UIPM 2020 Pentathlon World Cup Cairo.

The switch came after the UIPM Executive Board voted to relocate the competition from Seoul (KOR) due to strict quarantine rules in Korea that would have created unmanageable logistical and financial challenges for the global Modern Pentathlon community.

Hungary stepped forward to host the

competition, having already committed to staging three competitions in Budapest (HUN) - the Hungarian Open Indoor Championships, UIPM Pentathlon World Cup Budapest and the upcoming new Modern Pentathlon format test event (April 22-25).

President Dr Schormann said: "It is very good news for our global community that we can depend on Hungary once again to host the UIPM 2021 Pentathlon World Cup Final.

"We are happy that one of our flagship Modern Pentathlon competitions will take place in a city which has already hosted a lot of competitions – Junior World Championships, European Championships, World Cups and

many, many others going back more than 20 years.

"It was important to have an inspection of the facilities and especially the horses – they have their own horses, which provides us with guarantees about horse selection and this is important too.

"I congratulate the President of the Hungarian Modern Pentathlon Association, Dr Gyula Bretz, who is presenting us with an excellent organising team and we are looking forward to having a very successful World Cup Final as an important qualification competition for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 taking place in 2021.

"On behalf of the UIPM Executive Board I would like to thank our close friends in the Hungarian Modern Pentathlon movement and the wider sport and political society who are providing incredible support to our sport in these difficult times.

"We have great sympathy for our partners in Korea, who would have delivered a wonderful World Cup Final and I am sure that we can look forward to many high-quality competitions in Korea in future. The Executive Board was left with no option to relocate the competition for the sake of protecting the qualification process for the Olympic Summer Games Tokyo 2020 taking place in 2021."

Joining Dr Schormann and Dr Bretz at the venue inspection in Szekesfehervr (HUN) were HMPA Vice President and Athens 2004 Olympic gold medallist Zsuzsanna Voros, HMPA Secretary General Istvan Gallai, Istvan Toth (President of Alba Volan SC) and Istvan Bozai (Managing Director of the City Guard of Szekesfehervar).

After UIPM 2021 Pentathlon World Cup Budapest, athletes have four remaining opportunities to earn qualification points for the rescheduled Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. With two more Pentathlon World Cups coming up in April in Sofia (BUL) followed by the Final in Szekesfehervar (HUN), the UIPM Olympic Rankings Lists are led by Joanna Muir of Great Britain and Valentin Prades of France, who has already secured a quota place for his country (see full list, right).

The revised qualification process will conclude on June 14, one day after the completion of the UIPM 2021 Pentathlon World Championships in Cairo (EGY), which is the last opportunity for athletes to either qualify automatically or add to their tally of ranking points.

Find out more at the UIPM website.

### ROAD TO TOKYO: OLYMPIC GAMES QUALIFIERS

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

- All athletes listed have secured a quota place for their country and their participation is subject to selection by their National Olympic Committee
- All quota places listed will be protected in the revised Tokyo 2020 qualification process



## UIPM Global Laser Run City Tour

### Circuit resumes in Egypt and New Zealand

Like every other aspect of the UIPM Sports movement, the highly successful Global Laser Run City Tour had to be paused for the past 12 months due to measures imposed to tackle the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic.

However, in the early stages of 2021, the Tour has resumed with the first instalments taking place in safe and secure conditions in Egypt and New Zealand.

### Athletes of all ages flock to Alexandria (EGY)

Such is the strength and popularity of the UIPM Sports movement in Egypt, high participation rates are a perennial feature of competitions at all levels.

The first UIPM Global Laser Run City Tour of 2021 was no exception, as

255 male and 177 female participants across age groups from Under 9 to Masters 60+ gathered in Alexandria (EGY) to compete on February 11.

Hussein Gamal, GLRCT Competition

Manager and Egyptian Modern Pentathlon Federation Treasurer and Board Member, said: "We are happy to see how the Laser Run competitions are welcomed in Egypt and our athletes and families enjoy the competitions



Action from the senior female and, below, youth male age categories in Alexandria (EGY)



we organize. The huge participation of the athletes and participation of the families in the Global Laser Run City Tour in Alexandria on February 11, 2021 was a good illustration of that statement.

"We also trying to promote the participation of our special needs athletes in our future competitions. We believe sport participation is everybody's right."

Alexandria (EGY) will play host to the UIPM 2021 Junior and Youth World Championships in July.

### Inclusion tops the agenda in Hamilton (NZL)

New Zealand has been one of the global success stories in minimising the impact of COVID-19 and the Modern Pentathlon community has been able to continue encouraging participation.

This was beautifully illustrated on March 7 when the UIPM Global Laser Run City Tour visited a new venue at the Waikato University in Hamilton (NZL).

Athletes enjoyed relaxing on the village green, running an undulating lap of a lake through a short-section forest and shooting in an undercover urban area. Disabled and visually-impaired athletes participated alongside able-bodied athletes.

"Inclusion is key to growing the sport of Modern Pentathlon in New Zealand, and the GLRCT is the perfect introduction," said Modern Pentathlon New Zealand President Kaewruethai Collings.

Like in Alexandria (EGY), athletes competed in age categories from U9 to 60+ and racing was held in line with strict COVID-19 protocols.

"The GLRCT is really just the start of our 2021 competition calendar,"



Action from the Laser Run in Hamilton (NZL) and, below, medallists share a moment of celebration



added President Collings. "Later in the year we are planning on running a second GLRCT, as well as our annual competition, and a variety of smaller events. In addition, we have secured several school Laser Run programmes and introduction to Modern Pentathlon to run, which is very exciting!"



## News from around the world



IOC President Dr Thomas Bach and UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann (centre) with office-bearers and staff at IOC Headquarters in Lausanne (SUI)

### UIPM congratulates Dr Thomas Bach on re-election as IOC President

Senior UIPM office-bearers wrote a letter of congratulations to Dr Thomas Bach immediately after his re-election as President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) on Wednesday, March 10, 2021.

The UIPM President, Dr Klaus Schormann, signed the letter alongside Juan Antonio Samaranch, UIPM 1st Vice President and IOC Member, and Joel Bouzou OLY, UIPM Vice-President and President of the World Olympians Association.

President Dr Schormann said: "The re-election of Dr Thomas Bach as President is wonderful news for the Olympic movement and I wish him

every success on behalf of the global UIPM community and also personally.

"The mandate to extend his Presidency until 2025 gives President Dr Bach and his team a wonderful opportunity to deliver on the goals of Olympic Agenda 2020+5.

"We are certain that the Olympic movement, as established by the founder of Modern Pentathlon, Baron Pierre de Coubertin, will continue to flourish and prosper under the leadership of Thomas Bach."

Dr Bach's re-election has been one of the highlights of the 137th IOC Session, taking place online. The Session featured a report from Mr Samaranch, in his capacity as Coordination Commission Chair for the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games.

UIPM's Honorary President, Prince Albert II of Monaco, also addressed his fellow IOC Members as Chair of the IOC Sustainability and Legacy Commission.

### Follow in footsteps of Sondos Aboubakr (EGY) and study for a Master in Sports Administration in Sochi (RUS)

For the second consecutive year, one athlete from the UIPM Sports community will be offered the chance to join the next generation of sports professionals by spending a year studying in Sochi (RUS).

The opportunity materialised after UIPM secured a scholarship for the Master of Sport Administration course at the Russian International Olympic



Sondos Aboubakr (EGY) is enjoying her time at the Russian International Olympic University in Sochi (RUS) with activities such as a curling session

University (RIOU) for the year 2021-22. This follows the offer presented by UIPM in 2020 which resulted in Sondos Aboubakr of Egypt being selected to attend the course.

As with last 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.

All applications must be received by the closing date of April 5, 2021.

Speaking from the university campus in Sochi (RUS), Aboubakr (EGY) said: "I'm really glad to be part of this Master of Sport Administration course. It's a really important part of my career, which will help me develop my skills and become a manager in future.

"I really would recommend everyone to try and strive for this opportunity because it's a really life-turning experience that helped me get more exposed to more people, more connections and networking, which is really important to keep on growing in



the field of sports.

"I'm really looking forward to finishing this programme and to applying it in real life.

"I'm enjoying the experience and it

has allowed me to make a lot of new friends. It's a brand new place and it's my first time in Sochi – it's been great to experience the legacy of the Olympic Winter Games 2014 which was held here."



The MSA at RIOU is regarded as one of the top three postgraduate sport management courses, ranked second in Europe. The selected applicant will receive a full-year scholarship to study at one of the world's first universities dedicated to sport business education. Travel restrictions permitting, studies will take place offline at the campus in Sochi (RUS) – with a blended offline/online package put in place in case this is not possible.

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 (€121). The student will have to cover other costs such as airfare, medical insurance (17,000 roubles) and diploma (11,000 roubles).

Applicants must:

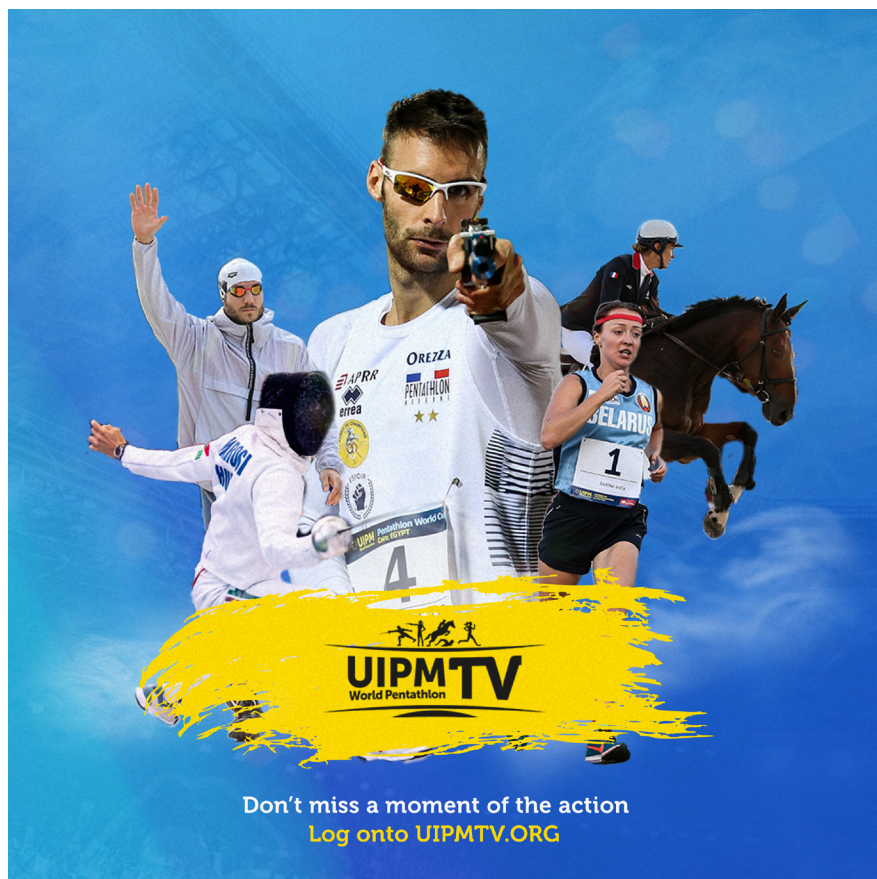
- Be active UIPM athletes with a UIPM ID registered by the NF (or retired since 2016)
- Have a university degree, preferentially in a sports-related area
- Be proficient in English (e.g. TOEFL, IELTS, Cambridge).
- Other criteria for application will be sent via email directly by your National Federation upon request.

Visit [pentathlon.org](http://pentathlon.org) for more information on the MSA programme and to discover life on campus.

#### UIPM TV: Sign up today to watch the best Modern Pentathlon action all year round

The online home of Modern Pentathlon broadcasting has been relaunched with a new subscription model that provides a one-stop shop for the sport's global digital community.

As of March 15, 2021, the majority of Modern Pentathlon content on UIPM TV (UIPMTV.org) became available only to subscribers. Live coverage of the Laser Run in each competition –



together with highlights from earlier in the day – remains free to watch.

Viewers who do not wish to subscribe can register their details on the site to access the free coverage, which will not be available anywhere else online. Footage from Biathlon/Triathlon, Laser Run and UIPM virtual events will also remain free, as well as educational content.

Annual subscriptions will be priced at €29.99 with a special 50% discount (code: UIPM50%OFF) available throughout 2021, reducing the price to €14.95. Subscribers will receive unlimited access for a full year to all live streams in the UIPM Pentathlon World Cup and World Championships. All disciplines are included: Swimming (World Cup Final, World Championships only), Fencing Bonus Round, Riding and Laser Run.

As well as viewing the live show, subscribers will be able to access archive footage from previous events,

and more historic content will be added during 2021.

UIPM TV was initially launched in February 2016 ahead of the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, completing UIPM's digital ecosystem, and the establishment of a subscription model serves two purposes. It is in tune with the governing body's priority to create new revenue streams to be invested back into the sport, while also providing fans with exclusive content.

UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang explained: "For many years when you looked around for action videos of UIPM Sports and relevant archive materials, YouTube was the main or only platform to search, and the content was not assembled well on that medium.

"That is why we established our own over-the-top online TV channel – UIPMTV.org – and after a couple years of running experiences, from 2021 UIPM is making additional efforts to

## Col Helmut Hornof (1937-2021)

Colonel Helmut Hornof, who supported the Modern Pentathlon movement for more than 50 years, died on March 10 aged 84.

As a sports teacher at the Bundesrealgymnasium from 1965 to 1994, Helmut Hornof coached aspiring pentathletes and supervised trips to competitions at home and abroad.

The Colonel (then a Major) used his military position to help organise competitions such as the Alpine Cup and International Austrian Championships in Wiener Neustadt (AUT) in the 1970s. Later he became an active member of the Masters community.

Peter Engerisser, Chair of the UIPM



Masters Committee, said: "Especially in the early days of our Masters community, he was there with passion and commitment, organizing competitions and taking part in Masters events as an active athlete - including the European Masters Championships in Prague

in 2003, where he and the team were runner-up won in a four-way battle.

"We will remember him fondly as a wonderful person and an exemplary sports comrade."

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann added: "From an early stage in the 1970s, Helmut Hornof was organising high-level competitions in Austria.

"Later in his life, Helmut was a passionate participant in the UIPM Masters movement, demonstrating that age is no barrier to athletic prowess and competitive spirit.

"Across the global UIPM movement we will all remember Col Helmut Hornof as a champion of our sport, as a true role model and a caring and dedicated person."

enhance the platform. We are aiming to provide a one-stop destination for our audience, fans, participants, families and friends to find the ultimate visual contents related to Modern Pentathlon and all other UIPM Sports."

The first competitions of the season and the resumption of qualification for the rescheduled Tokyo 2020 Olympic

Games have now begun, with UIPM 2021 Pentathlon World Cup Sofia I the next event on the calendar. Live coverage on UIPM TV will begin with the Women's Final on April 9.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann added: "I encourage all fans of our sport who are watching competitions online to visit UIPMTV.org and register

their details to ensure they can see the exciting race to qualify for the Olympic Games in 2021 unfold.

"The online broadcasting of Modern Pentathlon has evolved into a very strong product and with your support we hope to establish UIPM TV as the home of our sport for digital viewers for many years to come."





## Inside UIPM

### Secretary General Shiny Fang's message



#### Can you create a UIPM Anthem?

Hans Christian Andersen said: "Where words fail, music speaks."

Modern Pentathlon was created by Baron Pierre de Coubertin and introduced to the Olympic Games in 1912; UIPM was established in 1948. Since then, pentathletes and more and more people from our global community have demonstrated their integrity, loyalty and diligence for the sport.

The beauty of sport is not only shown in its actions and motions, but also presented in its spirit and mind.

The combination of physical and mental abilities that are needed to compete transcend the limits of the human being, and that's probably why regardless of

the difficulty of sport, still more new generations commit their lives to it.

We tell people how important it is for Modern Pentathlon to exist within the Olympic Games, how much Olympism the sport is carrying, and how the root of the sport has influenced generation after generation. We showed the most powerful images of our sport and recorded its excitement and dynamic moments. But that's not enough, and it's never enough.

We need to produce something beyond the actual sport, something without language and culture barriers that represents the spirit of Modern Pentathlon. It is the music of our sport, the anthem of UIPM.

Several anthems have in fact been produced for major international events, created by local musicians and sung

by local stars, and those were beautiful music and songs that touched our hearts and minds.

Today, UIPM is calling for a real anthem, calling for those talented musicians and composers who know about our sport, who liked our sport and who've even been part of our sport to create an anthem that encapsulates the beauty and spirit of our movement.

The winner of the contest will be officially named as composer of the UIPM anthem, not only winning the honour but also prize and a role in the inauguration of the anthem, which will be used for UIPM from 2022.

Whoever is willing to contribute, please contact us for more details. We will be thrilled to hear from you.

## Inside UIPM

### Monthly activities of President Dr Klaus Schormann



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann during his interview with the RaDar broadcast station

#### 05.03.2021: Interview with German broadcaster

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann gave an interview to RaDar, a German broadcast station. They spoke about matters relating to the rescheduled Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games hosted in 2021, including the difficulties of finding good training conditions to be prepared for the Olympic qualification competitions.

President Dr Schormann also spoke about development actions undertaken during the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic and the support provided by UIPM to National Federations in the interests of health and safety.

He underlined the importance of the vaccination of athletes, coaches and officials to give them reassurance about travelling to UIPM Pentathlon World Cups



A screen shot from the 137th IOC session, attended by UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann (bottom left)





UIPM Honorary President HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco (above, top right) and 1st UIPM Vice President Juan Antonio Samaranch address the IOC Session



The UIPM President with FIPM President Fabrizio Bittner (left) and Andrea Dell'Amore

and World Championships, and also to participate in good health conditions. Dr Schormann has asked governments to understand the importance of supporting all individuals connected to the Olympic Games in Tokyo.

#### 10.03.-12.03.2021: 137th IOC Session

The UIPM President and Secretary General, Shiny Fang, attended the 137th International Olympic Committee (IOC) Session via video conference.

Dr Thomas Bach was re-elected as IOC President until 2025, and the IOC Session also approved the IOC Olympic Agenda 2020+5 and discussed the presentation of Brisbane 2032, which has been installed by the IOC as "preferred host" of the Games of the XXXV Olympiad.

#### 15.03.2021: Meeting with Fabrizio Bittner and Andrea Dell'Amore

The President of the Italian Modern Pentathlon Federation (FIPM), Prof Fabrizio Bittner, joined technical official Andrea Dell'Amore on a visit to the UIPM President's Office in Darmstadt (GER).

President Dr Schormann provided his guests with a general briefing about the UIPM movement with specific focus on preparations for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

Prof Bittner stated a strong wish to maintain very close relations between FIPM and UIPM, offering to arrange UIPM competitions for different age groups in the coming years, as well as Pentathlon World Cups and Pentathlon World Championships.

They discussed the development of Para Pentathlon, which was introduced first to UIPM by Luca Pancalli (former pentathlete and President of the Italian Paralympic Committee) and Los Angeles 1984 Olympic champion Daniele Masala 10 years ago. President Dr Schormann also provided his guests with a tour of the UIPM Archive.

#### 17.03.2021: Meeting with Veronika Ruecker and Prof Dr Ockenfels

UIPM President Dr Schormann had an important meeting with Veronika Ruecker, CEO of the German National Olympic Committee (DOSB), and Prof Dr Hans-Michael Ockenfels, UIPM Doping Review Panel Chairman.

They discussed the COVID-19 situation and how athletes can be protected; for Dr Schormann the focus should be on the vaccination of athletes to ensure safe training and competitions.

They agreed to work more closely on the medical movement for the benefit of athletes. Difficulties can be presented by inconsistency of measurement in different countries, but they must establish a general system for athletes which every country can adapt.

Furthermore, Dr Schormann, Mrs Ruecker and Prof Dr Ockenfels discussed aspects of the German NOC and the international Olympic movement relating to sporting politics.

#### 22.03.-23.03.2021: Monaco, MON

The UIPM President flew to Monaco to visit UIPM Headquarters for the first time since attending the official opening of the new office base in late 2020.

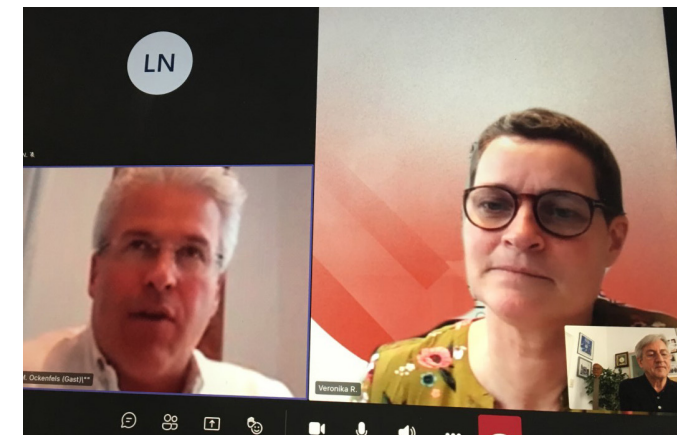
President Dr Schormann had a long discussion with UIPM Operations Director Alexandre Franca about all competitions in 2021 season and the management of the pandemic.

They evaluated all documents of the New Modern Pentathlon Format Task Force relating to the upcoming test event of the Paris 2024 Olympic format in Budapest from April 21-25.

Dr Schormann also met with Finance Director Valerie Russo to discuss the present situation of all financial issues based on the postponed Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

Right: President Dr Schormann in his meeting with Veronika Ruecker and Prof Dr Hans-Michael Ockenfels

Below: Dr Klaus Schormann and Shiny Fang attend a videoconference with the IOC President where he briefed all IFs about decisions relating to the IOC Session and Tokyo 2020



The UIPM President with Operations Director Alexandre Franca and Finance Director Valerie Russo

On the second day of his visit, Dr Schormann met with Bruno Philipponnat (Head of Mission reporting to UIPM's Honorary President, HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco). They discussed the close partnership between UIPM and the Principality.

#### 24.03.-28.03.2021: Budapest & Szekesfeher, HUN

On the first day of his visit to UIPM 2021 Pentathlon World Cup Budapest, UIPM President Dr Schormann attended an IOC Conference with International Federation (IF) Presidents





Above, left to right: HMPA Secretary General Istvan Gallai, HMPA Vice President and 2004 Olympic champion Zsuzsanna Voros, HMPA President Dr Gyula Bretz, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and Alba Volan Sport Club President Istvan Toth; (below) Dr Schormann and Dr Bretz share a laugh during the announcement of the UIPM 2021 Pentathlon World Cup Final venue in Szekesfehervar (HUN) and the UIPM President gives a TV interview



and Secretaries General. During the conference they discussed various aspects of the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 in 2021. Since the IOC announced with Japan that international spectators would not be permitted to attend the Games, it was important to discuss how the IFs could handle ticketing and other consequential aspects.

On March 25, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann travelled to Szekesfehervar (HUN) to inspect facilities for the UIPM 2021 Pentathlon World Cup Final. Together with HMPA Vice President and Athens 2004 Olympic gold medallist Zsuzsanna Voros, HMPA Secretary

Dr Schormann presents UIPM publications including the 2021 calendar and 'UIPM in 2020: Innovation in Adversity' to Alba Volan Sport Club President Istvan Toth during their meeting in Szekesfehervar (HUN)



Left: UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann with MPFU President Bakhromon Gaziev and (above, left to right) they join Hungary NOC President Krisztian Kulcsar, MPFU Secretary General Kseniya Gulyamova, UIPM Coaches Committee Chair Christian Roudaut and Oceania Confederation President Rob Stull

General Istvan Gallai, Istvan Toth (President of Alba Volan SC) and Istvan Bozai (Managing Director of the City Guard of Szekesfehervar), he announced Szekesfehervar as the host venue and gave interviews to media about the importance of the competition.

Dr Schormann expressed his thanks to Mr Toth and all of UIPM's trusted partners in Hungary that the country was able to step in and organize the World Cup Final after the UIPM Executive Board voted to relocate it from Seoul (KOR).

On March 26, the UIPM President

attended the Women's Final and awarded prizes to the athletes on the podium, including two women from Great Britain (Kate French and Joanna Muir). He also met with Krisztian Kulcsar (President of the Hungarian Olympic Committee) and the President and Secretary General of the Modern Pentathlon Federation of Uzbekistan, Bakhromjon Gaziev and Kseniya Gulyamova.

Attending the first UIPM competition of the year enabled Dr Schormann to speak with honoured guests of the Olympic movement and representatives of various National Federations in person,

a very important process during the pandemic time where there are so many consequences for the global sporting movement.

With NOC President Kulcsar and Dr Gyula Bretz, President of the Hungarian Modern Pentathlon Association (HMPA), Dr Schormann discussed the successful Pentathlon World Cup in Budapest, giving special thanks and respect for the well-arranged COVID-19 protocols in operation. They spoke about the upcoming test event for the new Modern Pentathlon format, which will take place in Budapest (HUN) from April 21-25.



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann with Dr Gyula Bretz and Krisztian Kulcsar (left) and (right) joined by CIPF President Jarno Tulli (orange shirt)





UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann with UIPM Competitions Manager Tamas Varga (left) and HMPA Competition Director Sandor Karman

On March 27, during the Men’s Final, four Presidents of the Olympic Movement convened: UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, HMPA President Dr Gyula Bretz, Hungary NOC President Krisztian Kulcsar and Dr Jenő Kamuti, President of the International Fair Play Committee (CIFP). They discussed the Olympic Movement and the IOC’s new Olympic Agenda 2020+5, which was presented at the 137th IOC Session and in video conferences with NOC and IF Presidents and Secretary Generals.



The UIPM President hosts a social dinner in Budapest (HUN) and (below) joins all technical delegates on the Fencing piste to thank them for overseeing UIPM 2021 Pentathlon World Cup Budapest



President Dr Schormann invited UIPM Executive Board members, technical officials and local organising committee (LOC) representatives to a social dinner to discuss organisational aspects of the competitions and political issues. All those who attended had submitted negative COVID-19 tests beforehand.

On March 28, the day of the Mixed Relay, President Dr Schormann met all technical delegates and officials who had overseen the smooth running of the competition in Budapest (HUN).

The UIPM President analysed the successful organization of the Pentathlon World Cup with Competition Director Sandor Karman, discussing how all athletes from 36 nations had been presented with the best conditions for a fair competition.

# Pentathlon World Rankings

- Updated after UIPM 2021 Pentathlon World Cup Budapest

The PWR is updated live at [www.pentathlon.org](http://www.pentathlon.org) after each competition. PWR as at 31 March 2021:

MEN			
RANK	NATION	NAME	POINTS
1	GBR	Joseph CHOONG	210
2	KOR	Jihun LEE	181
3	FRA	Valentin PRADES	176
4	GER	Marvin DOGUE	174
5	UKR	Pavlo TYMOSHCHENKO	167
6	KOR	Woongtae JUN	164
7	GBR	James COOKE	162
8	FRA	Valentin BELAUD	160
9	GER	Patrick DOGUE	151
10	RUS	Alexander LIFANOV	148
11	HUN	Adam MAROSI	145
12	RUS	Alexander LESUN	145
13	LTU	Justinas KINDERIS	140
14	EGY	Eslam HAMAD	138
15	EGY	Ahmed ELGENDY	134
16	CZE	Martin VLACH	134
17	KOR	Jinhwa JUNG	134
18	GER	Christian ZILLEKENS	133
19	CZE	Jan KUF	132
20	CHN	Shuai LUO	131

WOMEN			
RANK	NATION	NAME	POINTS
1	FRA	Elodie CLOUVEL	195
2	GBR	Kate FRENCH	190
3	GER	Annika SCHLEU	179
4	RUS	Gulnaz GUBAYDULLINA	173
5	ITA	Elena MICHELI	173
6	LTU	Gintare VENCKAUSKAITE	173
7	BLR	Volha SILKINA	172
8	LTU	Laura ASADAUSKAITE	170
9	GBR	Joanna MUIR	169
10	BLR	Iryna PRASIANTSOVA	157
11	KOR	Sunwoo KIM	157
12	TUR	Ilke OZYUKSEL	155
13	RUS	Uliana BATASHOVA	153
14	MEX	Mariana ARCEO	145
15	FRA	Marie OTEIZA	144
16	HUN	Tamara ALEKSZEJEV	139
17	RUS	Anna BURIAK	137
18	BLR	Anastasiya PROKOPENKO	137
19	JPN	Natsumi TAKAMIYA	136
20	GER	Janine KOHLMANN	130

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