In Alexandria (EGY) and Istanbul (TUR) a new era of Modern Pentathlon dawned as the UIPM 2023 U17 World Championships and then UIPM 2023 U19 World Championships saw next-generation athletes compete in a full Pentathlon sequence of Fencing/Obstacle/Swimming/Laser Run for the first time.
Golden glory for Ismail (EGY) and Clergeau (FRA) in Istanbul (TUR)

It was another gold-laden Super Saturday for Egypt and France as both the Women’s and Men’s finals at the UIPM 2023 U19 World Championships served up drama aplenty in Istanbul (TUR).

Malak Ismail gave further signal of Egypt’s golden generation of emerging talent as she claimed Women’s gold with a superb all-round performance. Ismail (EGY) carried a huge lead into the Laser Run but almost saw victory disappear as Sumin Shin of Korea stormed to silver. Bronze went to Zora Zeman of Hungary. Team gold also went to Egypt with Hungary taking silver and France bronze.

Etienne Clergeau gave France its own golden moment in the Men’s Final as he dug deep and triumphed in an energy-sapping Laser Run, making up over 30 seconds and climbing from a starting position of sixth to top the podium. Behind him Hungary toasted a medal double with Botond Tomas winning silver after a blistering Laser Run and compatriot Zalan Jasso bronze. That was more than enough to ensure a Men’s Team medal for Hungary too as they took bronze with Egypt combining for silver and gold again going to France.

With three continents sharing the women’s podium, the truly global appeal of Pentathlon was again on show. Athletes from 35 nations are enjoying a 25-second lead across the field with Schulz (CAN) behind him and Jasso (HUN) setting off fourth. Another six competitors including Clergeau (FRA) were within 40 seconds of the leader. The sense that the medals had yet to be truly decided was confirmed with the 36 finalists went sub-30 seconds. Denis Agavuldo of Italy was fastest of all in 0:25.13 and there was joy for the host nation with Erkan Altunay of Turkey less than a second behind. The competition remained wide open when early leaders Cho (KOR), Shulz (CAN) and Clergeau (FRA) all placed in the bottom quarter of Obstacle.

Arguably the day’s most stunning display came in the pool when Matteo Bovenzi of Italy stormed to a remarkable time of 1:57.68, fully seven seconds quicker than second-fastest Bartosz Szymyte of Poland. Clergeau (FRA) stayed on the tails of the leaders with the eighth-quickest time.

That pool performance rocketed Bovenzi (ITA) into a commanding lead ahead of the decisive Laser Run, enjoying a 25-second advantage on the field with Schulz (CAN) behind him and Jasso (HUN) setting off fourth. Another six competitors including Clergeau (FRA) were within 40 seconds of the leader. The sense that the medals had yet to be truly decided was confirmed with the 36 finalists went sub-30 seconds. Denis Agavuldo of Italy was fastest of all in 0:25.13 and there was joy for the host nation with Erkan Altunay of Turkey less than a second behind. The competition remained wide open when early leaders Cho (KOR), Shulz (CAN) and Clergeau (FRA) all placed in the bottom quarter of Obstacle.

CHAMPIONS’ REACTION

Women’s gold medalist Ismail (EGY) said: “Today was really amazing.
Yesterday I started the Fencing and didn’t go well in the first part with two victories and seven defeats. I was very bad. Then I got really good in the last 26 matches, I just lost two. It was very nice to do that.

“I was a little nervous about Obstacle because I didn’t compete in it before. I think the Obstacle is good, it’s amazing to compete on. It’s good to see so many young athletes now and they’re happy with the Obstacle discipline. It’s an adventure game!”

“I’m trying to qualify for the Paris 2024 Olympics. It’s a dream for me but I hope to do it and then go to the Los Angeles Olympics after that!”

Men’s gold medalist Clergeau (FRA) said: “I am very happy, it’s amazing! I can’t find the words. I came to have fun and to do the best I could and I find myself with two gold medals and it’s not over because I will compete tomorrow in the Mixed Relay. These are sensations that one can’t put into words.

“When I crossed the line, I felt so proud and a little surprised that the athlete in second didn’t follow me because I shot very well.

“The Obstacle discipline is new this year and we could train as the federation found a way to train so we came well prepared. I did a mistake on the rings and it cost me 10 seconds (20 points) but I focused and caught up. I have a good feeling about the Obstacle discipline and I think it will be interesting.”

Mixed Relay: France on top of the world after Clergeau and Flavin sprint to gold

France finished top of the medal table on the final day of the UIPM 2023 U19 World Championships after winning their gold medal in the Mixed Relay.

Men’s Individual and Team gold medallist Etienne Clergeau (FRA) added a third world title alongside team-mate Coline Flavin (FRA), who had finished 5th in the Women’s Individual Final 24 hours earlier.

With their golden treble France topped the competition medal table ahead of Egypt, who had already won two golds.
The inclusion of Obstacle in Modern Pentathlon has already led to some fascinating moments of drama with Istanbul no different.

and added a second silver thanks to Women’s Individual champion Farida Khalil and Mohamed Sherif in the Mixed Relay. Korea finished third in the medal table with one gold and one silver topped up by a bronze claimed by Sumin Shin and Hwanhee Lee.

**MEDALISTS’ REACTION**

Gold medallist Clergeau (FRA) said: “Today was incredible, I don’t have the words. It was a very good day, all disciplines were very good and my team-mate was very good too. We are the team of the day. “Obstacle is a very nice discipline, there is a lot of complexity but we can train for it and be better next time and all the time. “My dream is to be Olympic champion one day, and it’s a good start. I think, in this competition, I hope I will be better every day to add to the dream. I want to say thank you to everybody who helped me in my project.”

Partner Flavin (FRA) added: “It was a good day, all was fine. I think Fencing was our best because we had a very, very good performance. I think Obstacle is a good discipline. It’s so hard and difficult, and I like this. “Thank you to everyone who helped me and thank you to Etienne for the French team.”

**ACTION REPLAY**

Fifteen nations lined up in the Mixed Relay and France (Flavin/Clergeau) took what looked like a decisive lead with a incredible Fencing performance.

In the Ranking Round they scored 26 victories with only four defeats, putting distance between themselves and next-best Eva Marsh and Freddie Barlow of Great Britain (20V/10D), who they defeated in the final bout of the Bonus Round too.

Katarzyna Debiska and Bartosz Szymytkie of Poland performed best in Obstacle (1min 06.74sec) and second-best in Swimming (2:02.14) in a bid to put some pressure on the overall leaders, but France (Flavin/Clergeau) were 3rd in Obstacle with only Egypt (Khalil/Sherif), 1:11.45) and the Poles out-performing them. Great Britain (Marsh/Barlow) posted the best combined Swimming time of 2:01.81.

Into the Laser Run, there was still a massive gulf between the top duo and the chasing pack, with France (Flavin/Clergeau) starting with a 40sec advantage over Egypt (Khalil/Sherif) and Poland (Debska/Szymytkie) 3sec further behind.

And there was no twist in the tale as France (Flavin/Clergeau) added a second to their lead in finishing 41sec clear of silver medallists Egypt (Khalil/Sherif), the champions even posting the best Laser Run time of the day (12:55.10).

As the Polish challenge stuttered, Korea (Shin/Lee) took full advantage by racing into the bronze-medal position and holding on.

Swiss twins lead the charge in historic relay battle as Korea claim men’s honours

Two sisters from Switzerland and a male duo from Korea became the first-ever Under 19 world champions in a full Modern Pentathlon including the new Obstacle discipline.

A thrilling Women’s Relay on the opening day of the UIPM 2023 U19 World Championships was won by 17-year-olds Florina and Katharina Jurt (SUI) after a tight contest with silver medallists Egypt (Khalil/Sherif), the champions even posting the best Laser Run time of the day (12:55.10).

Earlier, Korea returned to the top of the podium after drawing a blank at the recent U17 World Championships with an impressive Men’s Relay gold for Juchan Lee and Hanseo Cho. Silver went to Denis Agavriloaie and Matteo Bovenzi (ITA) while France claimed bronze thanks to Karl Furler and Nathan Dupuy-Lenche.

**MEDALISTS’ REACTION**

Women’s Relay gold medallist Florina Jurt (SUI) said: “I’m so happy; we gave everything to win. I love the new discipline. I liked Riding but the change is really great. “I think my dream is the same as all other athletes – we want to go to the Olympics and do our best.”

Katharina Jurt (SUI) added: “I’m feeling overwhelmed because I never thought it would be possible for us to be better, because our Fencing was not that good. We were 3rd last. “After the Obstacle, we won and we changed many places, I think six, and then the Laser Run is our discipline. It was a nice feeling to run in this beautiful weather, and it was a beautiful end. “I love the change, too. We have ridden for a long time, since we were little, and we liked Riding but Obstacle is good for us because we are great in the discipline. We trained hard to get that far in the discipline. “To win the Olympics in Los Angeles is a great goal for us, and together it will be a long and cool journey.”

Men’s Relay gold medallists Lee (KOR) and Cho (KOR) said in a joint interview: ‘We are very happy about the medal today. Very excited.”

**MEDALISTS’ REACTION**

Men’s Individual champion Farida Khalil and Mohamed Sherif in the Mixed Relay. Korea finished third in the medal table with one gold and one silver.
“The Obstacle discipline was very exciting, although hard. It was our first time competing in Obstacle, we trained a little in Korea. Our dream is the Olympic gold medal, in Los Angeles. “Thank you to our Team Korea coaches, and our families too.”

MEN’S RELAY
An impressive 18 nations lined up in the Men’s Relay and despite performing well with 24 victories, Korea (Lee/Cho) were outperformed by Quinn Schulz and Connor Chow of Canada, who top-scored with 25V/9D. Mexico (Angel Charbel Martinez & Jorge Hernandez) notched 22V/12D. Korea (Lee/Cho) came out on top with four additional points in the Bonus Round, where Uzbekistan (Sadridin Kobiljonov & Aziz Muminov) stood out with four successes.

An intriguing Laser Run brought the Final to a close and Korea (Lee/Cho) finally prevailed by 1sec over Italy (Agavrioloaie/Bovenzi), with France (Furderer/Dupuy-Leriche) finishing a comfortable 3rd ahead of Japan (Tomita/Ito) and Mexico (Martinez/ Hernandez), whose time of 12:26.70 was comfortably the best.

WOMEN’S RELAY
With 16 nations lining up, it was Elisa Ramos and Isabella Zetina of Guatemala who narrowly emerged on top in Fencing. Their Ranking Round score of 18V/12D was matched by both Germany (Sarah Dicks & Josefine Unterberger) and Egypt (Nouran Beheiry & Habiba Ramadan), but six points in the Bonus Round gave Guatemala (Ramos/Zetina) the edge overall.

Three countries demonstrated a superior mastery of the Obstacle course and it was Switzerland (Jurt/Jurt) who came out on top with a combined time of 1:21.86, with Czech Republic (Katarzyna Debiska & Malgorzata Karbowiak) proved fastest in Swimming with a time of 2:10.27 and both Great Britain (Holland/Roberts) and Korea (Yuri Kim & Nayeon Kim) in hot pursuit.

There was no sign of any team achieving overall dominance as Poland (Katarzyna Debiska & Malgorzata Karbowiak) proved fastest in Swimming with a time of 2:10.27 and both Great Britain (Holland/Roberts) and Hungary (Yuri Kim & Nayeon Kim) in hot pursuit.

The starting leaders in Laser Run were Czech Republic (Vanova/Fernandes), Poland (Debiska/Karbowiak) and Hungary (Varga/Mecsenber) but the Eastern European challenge was overturned by three exceptional performances. Switzerland (Jurt/Jurt) timed 13:37.10 to win gold by 4sec from Italy (Allara/Gioia, 13:57.50) with Great Britain (Holland/Roberts) timing 13:54.70 to deny the Czech duo a medal.
It’s golden glory for Egypt and France as Alexandria (EGY) witnesses a new dawn

Egypt and France will be the countries listed in the record books forever but for every nation competing in Pentathlon, the UIPM 2023 U17 World Championships will carry a little bit of history.

Athletes from 26 nations took part in the first global youth competition to feature a five-discipline Pentathlon, run according to the sequence of Fencing/Obstacle/Swimming/Laser Run that will be adopted at all levels of Modern Pentathlon after the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang commented: “This was the first time our UIPM U17 World Championships included a full Pentathlon including Fencing and the new Obstacle race on top of Swimming and Laser Run.

“It makes a huge difference in the requirement of athletes to reach a competitive level across all disciplines, but our athletes met this challenge successfully and with incredible versatility.

“Seeing so many young, smiling faces around the competition is extremely inspiring, it’s like seeing the future of the sport – dynamic, embracing and super exciting!”

Farida Khalil (EGY) drew the love of the crowd and made history as the first Youth athlete to become individual world champion in a full Modern Pentathlon.

The impressive Khalil (EGY) crossed the line 15sec ahead of the competition in the Women’s Final, with Nadja Farmand of Germany and Annachiara Allara of Italy claiming silver and bronze respectively. The Egyptians doubled up with team gold with Germany taking silver and Hungary bronze.

An incredibly dramatic Men’s Final followed in the evening session at the Arab Academy for Science, Technology & Maritime Transport, where Mathis Issaka Idelarge (FRA) won a four-way sprint to the finish line to become world champion.

Idelarge (FRA) prevailed but only by 1sec from silver medallist Bartosz Szymyk of Poland, who in turn finished 1sec ahead of Tarek Sadek (EGY) whose team-mate Mohamed Hassan (EGY) narrowly missed out on a medal. Egypt unsurprisingly added another team gold as Ukraine (silver) and Poland (bronze) joined them on the podium at the end of a late night in Alexandria (EGY).

There was golden glory for the host nation on an historic Super Saturday at the UIPM 2023 U17 World Championships in Alexandria (EGY)

Women’s Final
Farmand (GER) was the standout performer in Fencing, claiming an exceptional 30 victories with only five defeats in the Ranking Round to take a 20-point lead into Super Saturday. And with team-mates Hannah Dicks (GER) and Amelie Treib (GER) lurking after success in the Bonus Round, Farmand (GER) proved her mettle again with victory in the final bout to protect her lead.

Khalil (EGY) also scored well in Fencing (24V/11D) and made some ground on the leaders with a 5th place in Obstacle – which was dominated for the second time this week by Amaya El-Masri (GER) as the only athlete to finish the course in less than 30sec. Diana Rajinckas of Hungary and Alessia Canto (ITA) were next-fastest over the sprint course.

Over to the Swimming pool and it was here that Khalil (EGY) made a major
move towards overall supremacy, with the day’s best time of 2min 14.48sec, a fraction faster than Wakana Uchiyama of Japan with Zofia Wyczolek of Poland timing 2:16.65.

Laser Run began with Farmand (GER) holding a 1.3sec lead over local favourite Farida (EGY), with Dicks (GER) a further 20sec behind. And it was all about the top two as they jostled for that coveted gold medal. Farida (EGY) eventually holding her nerve to seal an unforgettable win on home soil. Allara (ITA) flashed around the course with a stunning 24.22.

Such was the variety of skills and specialties on show that there was a bunch start at the front of the Laser Run, with Klymenko (UKR) following leaders Szmytke (POL) and Hassan (EGY) over the start line just 1sec later. The anticipated epic duly ensued, but it was 5th-placed starter Idelarge (FRA) who pounced having quietly stalked his prey all day. His time of 9:01.70 meant that Swimming came next, and Szmytke (POL) obliterated the field with an outstanding 1:58.08 – a time that would be competitive in a senior men’s final. Team-mate Krystian Trepczyk (POL) and Oleksandr Klymenko of Ukraine were next-fastest.

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MEDAILISTS’ REACTION

Women’s world champion Khalil (EGY) added: “I’m so happy, I can’t believe it. It’s so nice. Fencing was really good, amazing, and I was really happy with my Obstacle time and then Swimming was Ok. In Laser Run, shooting could be better but it was Ok.”

Allara (ITA) said: “I’m really happy because I didn’t think it would happen and I don’t know what more to ask.”

Men’s champion Idelarge (FRA) said: “At first, I was very happy when I crossed the finish line but I couldn’t really celebrate it because something hurt so much that I had to stop and it stopped the euphoria.

Looking back, I realise that what I accomplished is grand and I am very, very proud of it. It’s really important for me, it’s something that represents a lot of work so it’s a crazy feeling. I won’t compete during the rest of the season, I will take a break until next season. My dream is to get a gold
medal at the Olympic Games.”

Silver medallist Szmytko (POL) added: “I feel good and I’m in shock because I did not expect a medal in the Final, because I started training for Fencing in October. That’s not much time to learn, but it was much better than I expected.

“In the sprint I was so exhausted, I didn’t feel anything. I just said ‘go ahead and finish as best you can’, I didn’t think about it during the race.”

Sadek (EGY) said: “I’m feeling very proud. I’d love to thank my coaches and my mother. At the beginning of the season it was so hard, I had a bad ankle injury, but thank God with all my doctors’ and coaches’ help, I came to the World Championships and did my best.

“My dream is to compete in the Los Angeles Olympics 2028. Obstacle was so much fun, and it felt so good to be competing.”

**Mixed Relay: Great Britain end an impressive week on golden note**

Great Britain came out on top among 14 nations with a convincing Mixed Relay gold on the final day of the UIPM 2023 U17 World Championships.

Host nation Egypt finished clearly top of the medal table with seven medals including four golds, but a commanding dual performance by Chloe Johnson and Sebastian Forrest ensured the British team did not go home empty-handed.

Having won Women’s Individual and Team gold a day before, and Women’s Relay silver earlier in the week, Farida Khalil (EGY) completed a prolific week with a remarkable podium ‘slam’ – two gold and two silver medals as she signed off with a Mixed Relay silver alongside Omar Amer (EGY).

There was also a second bronze medal of the championships for Hungary, thanks to Linda Haraszin and Marcell Hugo Gyurka holding off the challenge of Czech Republic (Jakub Samiec & Alexandra Fernandes) as the world’s leading U17s became the first in history to compete for world titles in a full, five-discipline Pentathlon.

Great Britain (Johnson/Forrest) stood out in Fencing with a Ranking Round haul of 22 victories, three more than Hungary (Haraszin/Gyurka), and they added the four available bonus points.

Alessia Canto and Ascione Francesco of Italy proved fastest on the Obstacle course with a combined time of 1min 02.40sec, while Egypt (Khali/Amer) also looked sharp with 1:04.98, a fraction of a second quicker than Great Britain (Johnson/Forrest).

Poland clearly set the standard in Swimming with 1:56.54 from Hanna Jakubowska and Bartosz Szmytko. The best Laser Run performance was from Czech Republic (Fernandes/Samiec) as they posted a time of 9:12.75 to fall just short of the podium.

**MEDALISTS’ REACTION**

Gold medallist Johnson (GBR) said: “We felt nervous, in one word. In the shoots your hands shake and it’s scary. But we shot well.

“We started well this morning, had a really good Fencing Ranking Round and kept the energy really high. That got us off to a good start and tried to carry that through to the end of the day.”

Team-mate Forrest (GBR) added: “I was quite nervous that [Amer, EGY] was going to catch me after my bad first shoot but I kept a good pace on the next run, had a good last shoot and just went from it from there.

“The Obstacle discipline was brilliant, we really like that. It’s more inclusive and more people are able to do it. It’s really fun!”

Silver medallist Amer (EGY) reflected: “It was so hard. We were looking for the gold medal but what we say afterwards is ‘thank god’. We will stay positive and thankful for the silver medal.

“The second shoot, I think my first three shots were not good but after that it was okay. Obstacle was good, so good. Swimming, Fencing — I love Modern Pentathlon.

“It was so beautiful to compete in front of our families here. I can’t describe this moment. It’s so beautiful, all of Egypt is happy for us now.”

Bronze medallist Haraszin (HUN) said: “I’m really happy because I think it’s a great achievement. I’m so glad and
The Women’s Relay at the UIPM 2023 including the new Obstacle discipline. Champions in a Modern Pentathlon made history as the first-ever world. Four athletes from Germany and Egypt on opening day in Alexandria (EGY). Historic Relay success for Germany and Egypt on opening day in Alexandria (EGY). Proud of my teammate. Fencing was really good, we were happy with it. Before the Obstacle I was so nervous but we did a great job. Team-mate Gyurka (HUN) added: “I was really worried because I messed up my first shot. If I hadn’t have messed that up, it would have been a battle, you know. We had a 20-second lead because of Linda, she was really good. I would have felt terrible if we would have lost a medal because of that!”

MEDALISTS’ REACTION
Women’s Relay gold medallist Farmand (GER) said: “We feel very tired, it was a very hard race. We trained for many years. We played a Pentathlon, not a Triathlon, and we won the gold medal. Our families supported us, it was genius, and we are very happy for ourselves and for them. Our dream is the Olympics in Los Angeles.”

Men’s Relay gold medallist Zaki (EGY) said: “We feel very tired, it was a very hard race. We trained for many years. We played a Pentathlon, not a Triathlon, and we won the gold medal. Our families supported us, it was genius, and we are very happy for ourselves and for them. Our dream is the Olympics in Los Angeles.”

Hassan (EGY) added: “It’s our first championships with the five disciplines, and we won the race. The Obstacle discipline was so fun.”

WOMEN’S RELAY
Ten teams started the Women’s Relay and it was Korea (Damin Jung & Hyejin Yoon) who performed best in Fencing, adding four points to their Ranking Round tally of 240 (23V/13D). Germany (El-Masri/Farmand) also scored 23 wins, one more than Egypt (Mohamed/Khalil).

Germany (El-Masri/Farmand) then put their names in the history books as the inaugural winners of a global Pentathlon Obstacle discipline, with a combined time of 1min 23.54sec. Italy (Gelormino/Allara) also performed well with 1:15.70, while a third-fastest combined time of 1min 19.25sec was recorded by Korea Talebi and Vitus Thieke.

Korea (Taegyung Lim & Minjae Kim), Germany (Talebi/Thieke) and Hungary (Bendeguz Zeteny Domjan & Botond Basa) each won 16 bouts in the Ranking Round and Egypt added a vital 10 points in the Bonus Round. The Obstacle course was where Poland (Szmytke/Dubrawski) made an even bigger impression with a huge performance in the pool, timing 1:50.65 to move another 7sec clear of Egypt (Zaki/Hassan, 1:54.27). But the roles were reversed in the final discipline, as the young hosts showed the same conviction as their senior counterparts who have begun to dominate at the top of the sport.
Olympic medalist Kovacs (HUN) attends U17 athlete forum in Alexandria (EGY)

Sarolta Kovacs OLY (HUN) shared her insights with the young hopefuls of Modern Pentathlon during a forum held in Alexandria (EGY).

Sarolta Kovacs OLY of Hungary, the Tokyo 2020 Olympic bronze medallist, shared insights with the next generation of pentathletes during a forum that took place during the UIPM 2023 U17 World Championships in Alexandria (EGY).

Now working as a laser shooting coach with the Hungary national team, Kovacs (HUN) was joined at the forum by UIPM Athletes Committee Chair Yasser Hefny OLY, his fellow coaches Florence Dinichert OLY and Dr Walid Sayed, and former athlete Cristobal Rodriguez of Spain, now UIPM Events Operations Officer.

The panel appearance was part of a week-long programme of educational activities delivered on site by UIPM Education & Projects Manager Anfisa Kasyanova, following the International Olympic Committee (IOC) recommendation that international Federations arrange events during competitions to inspire, motivate and educate the next generation of Olympians.

Sarolta Kovacs OLY (HUN) said: “The educational activities and pentathletes forum were very important. It was my first time participating in such activities and I really liked it. “The youth athletes from Hungary who participated in the forum told me it was very nice evening where they heard other nations’ opinions. Such activities are good for all athletes because there they know each other better and can be inspired by each other.

“I think this is so important. We talked about motivation and this is the key for success as well as mental health. I fully enjoyed our conversations at the forum. Such activities are important for coaches, too, because we learn from other coaches and we learn how we can assist our athletes. I hope UIPM will continue such activities.”

The educational topics covered during the week included mental health, competition manipulation, safe sport, performance nutrition, anti-doping, personal brand and social media, educational and career opportunities and Olympic values.

Athletes were asked about their motivations to practise sport and meet the challenges of Modern Pentathlon, and they mentioned the dream of winning Olympic gold, the opportunity to travel the world and discover new countries, to meet friends, to see a process of improvement in performance and results in competitions, and to win prize money.

Jacob Li of Canada, who finished 10th and completed all activities of the programme, said: “As an athlete, the education, opportunities and resources offered by the UIPM educational activities are vital in laying the foundation for a successful athletic career. “With these programmes and the tools they provide, athletes can develop and strengthen their skills, benefiting not only from educational support but also from networking opportunities and the chance to connect with other athletes. Moreover, the interactive nature of these programmes fosters athlete engagement and incentivises a focus on education.”

Nativa Matchavariani, Georgia youth coach, added: “We participated in extraordinary courses under the Athlete Certification Programme (ACP). When I was an athlete we didn’t have such activities and it is great that we have it now. It was very interesting, fun and adapted for all athletes. “In the future I will encourage the athletes to attend more as they add so much value to their development and growth in the sport. Thank you!”

The activities were delivered in hybrid format and besides learning at the campus in Alexandria (EGY) through games, Q&A and workbooks, athletes could test their knowledge through quizzes on the same themes at the UIPM Educational Platform.
With less than a year to go to the Olympic Games there is a new name atop the UIPM women’s world rankings. Italy’s Alice Sotero stormed to gold at the European Games in early July, securing her country’s second quota qualification place in Paris and vaulting to No.1 in the leaderboard of female pentathletes.

That was a position that Hungary’s prolific Michelle Gulyas had made her own over the past 12 months and while it sounds ridiculous to say that she has had a quieter season so far in 2023, Gulyas herself is adamant she is ready to roar back to her very best.

Gulyas (HUN) also claimed a quota qualification spot for next summer’s Olympics at the European Games in Krakow (POL) but did so while finishing 7th. That may represent an impressive position for most competitors but Gulyas (HUN) has made the podium herself for over a year now, finishing among the medals in nine-straight senior events from March 2022 to April 2023.

After taking silver at the UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Championships in Alexandria (EGY), Gulyas is targeting another impressive showing at this year’s event in Bath (GBR) from August 21-28. Another spot among the prizes could see the 22-year-old reclaim her No.1 ranking with trademark rapid speed.

“I’m very relieved about the [Olympic] qualification,” Gulyas said. “I was a little bit sad about the full competition and qualification,” Gulyas said. “I was a little bit sad about the full competition and qualification.”

“I will have a high altitude training camp before the World Championships.

“With a focus on inclusivity, Games Wide Open represents a push for unprecedented public access and engagement with an Olympics, not just as spectators but taking part on some of the venues too. For instance 20,024 spectators but taking part on some of the venues too. For instance 20,024 participants will run the exact same marathon route as the Olympic athletes. Paris will also see many of its most iconic monuments and tourist sites transformed into venues for the Games, the city itself becoming an open-air sports arena.

As the first Games to be planned in line with the Olympic Agenda 2020 reforms Paris is minimising construction, using 95% existing or temporary infrastructure. All energy used will be 100% renewable. The countdown clock is only going one way now, as those athletes vying for priceless qualification places know all too well.

Either way, Paris will be ready for the world. The world should be ready for a wide open Games.
Bond of brothers: Meet the Elgendys

Ahmed Elgendy has just pulled up outside his family home in New Cairo City, southeast of Egypt’s capital. The 35-minute commute from another busy day training at Cairo Stadium has left him feeling peckish. But he fears that when he gets inside he’s going to have to source his own lunch. That’s because his devoted mother Mona will be concentrating on another meal — his brother’s.

“Many times I will come back home after training and I see my mother is preparing for Mohamed a very nice dinner and she hasn’t even yet asked me if I wanted to eat something,” Ahmed says. “So you know, he can’t be about it, Mohamed is my mum’s favourite!”

Mohamed, the younger of these two remarkable brothers and the baby of four Elgendy siblings in total, is sitting in the driver’s seat having navigated the route home from training. He can only laugh and nod just a little to acknowledge that yeah, maybe he is his mum’s favourite.

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He stopped for three years without any sport and then he gained too much weight in these years. He was maybe a heavy boy then,” smirks Ahmed as he looks over at his brother. “When he was 14 or 15 he started to do Fencing only. He was very talented in Fencing. In 2019 he turned back to Pentathlon. When you stop for eight years in Swimming and get back it’s very hard to get back to that level but he’s done well. He was coming back gradually in Laser Run too but now he is one of the best in the world.”

Ahmed has had lots of time to admire his sibling’s development — a little more than him? Perhaps? The two laugh at the suggestion. They may both be at the earlier stages of their career but the tight bonds suggest their rivalry can only become so fierce. Family is central to their lives, with parents Mona and Osama a huge influence. Their mother is also a key part of their team.

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Mohamed drifted away, trying squash, fencing and a while nothing at all.

“Last year in the senior World Championships in Alexandria, in the first match against each other, I got the victory. But after that, Mohamed got second position in Fencing overall. I was 16th or something. When I won that first match, I was worried. ‘Oh, will it affect him?’ But he did brilliantly.”

“I didn’t know the feeling of my family until I started to watch Mohamed in the competitions! It’s much easier to compete than to watch your brother or son or daughter. When I started to watch Mohamed in the last year when I was injured. I found myself very tense and getting way too nervous for him.”

In a new ‘Pentathlon Personalities’ series, a strong family ethos keeps two Egyptian brothers driving on towards Paris — and beyond

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They currently sit third and tenth respectively in the UIPM World Rankings. But in second place is compatriot Mohanad Shaban, who is enjoying a brilliant season highlighted by a gold medal breakthrough at the UIPM 2022 World Championships in Alexandria (EGY) last year.

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Celebrating 75 years since Union formed

Dr Klaus Schormann | UIPM President
(pictured right)

“For me this anniversary is something really special. Having first been elected in 1988 as UIPM Vice-President for Marketing and Publications, and then as UIPM President in 1993, I have been involved in the leadership of our Union for 35 of its 75 years. In 1993, we had 63 National Federations; now we have more than 130.”

On August 3, 1948, our Union was created by the 16 nations that competed at the London Olympic Games. It happened at Sandhurst Camberley – a great academy for the Commonwealth, where the Olympic Modern Pentathlon had just been organised.

From 1912 to 1948, the IOC managed Modern Pentathlon through a commission, while the NOCs worked closely with military and police departments to prepare athletes. Right up until the Munich 1972 Olympics, military figures dominated the so-called officer sport.

“The creation of the Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne was the start of a more organised and independent Modern Pentathlon movement. Since that day we learned how fast we could grow, with more nations joining, and soon the first World Championships was held.”

“I am proud to play my team work inside the UIPM Executive Board together with all UIPM Committees and Commissions and working on the best results, resulting in UIPM becoming a very dynamic International Federation, always following the guidance of the Olympic movement and UIPM on the present and future generations.”

“Dr Klaus Schormann was the current incumbent, Dr Klaus Schormann, was elected to lead UIPM in 1993. As the longest-serving UIPM President, Dr Schormann has led and overseen the evolution of Modern Pentathlon into a sport compatible with the 21st century which continues to respect Coubertin’s original premise – to examine the complete athlete.

Features of the evolution during the Schormann era include:

1. Modern Pentathlon’s journey from five days to one day, and now to a showcase of five disciplines in 90 minutes – a competing event to suit modern viewers and spectators
2. The integration of Obstacle in place of Riding, now in place at Youth and Junior levels, making the sport more globally accessible, reducing cost and complexity and adding youth appeal and relevance
3. UIPM’s growth into a worldwide family of more than 130 member nations enabling athletes of all ages and backgrounds to enjoy multi-sports and pursue the Olympic dream via Modern Pentathlon
4. Full gender equality achieved with the inclusion of women in the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games following years of discussions between President Dr Schormann and the IOC President, Juan Antonio Samaranch
5. UIPM Headquarters set up in Monaco with a professional management structure registered under Monegasque law in 1997.

James S. Davis | New Balance Chairman

“New Balance congratulates UIPM on its 75th anniversary. We are proud to have been part of the history of this sport for more than 25 years. New Balance is proud to sponsor the sport of Modern Pentathlon and the highly talented athletes who compete in it.”

Joel Bouzou OLY | World Olympians Association President

“With the sport’s heritage closely linked with the Modern Olympic Games founder Baron Pierre de Coubertin, modern pentathlon enjoys a rich Olympic tradition since being first included at the Stockholm 1912 Games. UIPM has also shown an appreciation of innovation and a willingness to evolve with the times. “UIPM was one of the founding ASOIF members and we have always enjoyed a strong and fruitful relationship. I should like to take this opportunity to wish you a successful Paris 2024 Olympic Games next year and all the very best for the future.”

Tatiana Ardiabieva | European Modern Pentathlon Confederation President; long-serving UIPM Executive Board Member

“For seven and a half decades, the International Union of Modern Pentathlon with pride and dignity has demonstrated the unity of athletes of all the continents and fully justified its title ‘Modern Pentathlon’ by constantly modernising the sport according to modern trends, attracting young people to its ranks.”

Hyunjun Kim | Asian Modern Pentathlon Confederation President

“How happy to join in celebrating UIPM’s 75th anniversary. We believe that a new look Modern Pentathlon with Obstacle will be a moving dynamic and appealing sport around the world. We, Asia, one of the most active continents, will always support the UIPM in the future.”

Jorge Salas OLY | South American Modern Pentathlon Confederation President

“On August 3, 1948, the International Union of Modern Pentathlon was created. Today from South America we want to pay tribute to three moments in these 75 years. 1. The vision of Baron Pierre de Coubertin and to all those who kept alive that memorable legacy.
2. To the development of our sport in South America, today with legitimate pride we can say our Confederation has managed to include all the countries as active members. Modern Pentathlon is part of the programme of all the South American and Pan American events. We are proud to say that we were able to organize the Olympic Games in Rio and the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires.
3. The present and the future are our challenge, we support the policy of UIPM’s President and UIS President Dr Schormann and his team for the enormous effort they make to carry out the necessary and beneficial changes at all levels.”

“Happy anniversary dear UIPM!”

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UIPM was founded in Sandhurst Camberley (GBR) on August 3, 1948 after the London Olympics Modern Pentathlon
ON SITE: UIPM 2023 Pentathlon and Laser Run World Championships, Bath (GBR)

UIPM Judges Certification Programme: Dedicated months of work come to fruition in Bath (GBR)

With the UIPM 2023 Pentathlon and Laser Run World Championships rapidly approaching around the corner, years of planning is close to coming to fruition for organisers in the historic city of Bath (GBR).

That planning has extended to all of the details, no matter how major or minor, it takes to run one of the biggest competitions in the sport. Over the past seven months, preparations for the judges who will play a crucial role in the success of the competition, which runs from August 21-28, has been busily progressing too.

With three separate UIPM Judges Certification Programme sessions organised specifically for the event in Bath (GBR) since January, the investment in resources and time has been significant but so very worth it with 37 judges who will be directly involved with the 2023 UIPM World Championships earning their judging stripes.

The final course of the three wrapped up last month when six British judges were put through their paces by UIPM Technical Committee Member Agnes Kulcsar (HUN) with a specific focus on Fencing and JCP Levels 1, 2 and 3 certifications being undertaken.

That course followed two previous editions with UIPM JCP Educator and Technical Committee member Andrea Dell’Amore (ITA) overseeing a two-day course on May 23-24 in both Bath (GBR) and Melksham (GBR), which saw 10 students take part in sessions focusing on Riding and Laser Run, again at JCP Levels 1, 2 and 3.

The first module of the year had taken place from January 12-15 with Agnes Kulcsar (HUN) again at the helm and helping to upskill 23 students from the novel and dedicated approach means there are almost 40 newly certified or further qualified judges ready to play their part in the UIPM 2023 Pentathlon and Laser Run World Championships. With the competition sure to attract the very best in the sport with Paris 2024 Olympic qualification quota places up for grabs, these new judges will be relied upon to help things run smoothly and steadily.

UIPM Executive Board Member for Sport Janusz Peciak, OLY said: “Judges play an absolutely essential role in our sport, no matter what size or scale the competition. However at a major World Championships such as the one coming up in Bath it is key to have judges who are up to speed with every aspect of each discipline.

“As a result of this detailed and diligent work by both UIPM staff and local organisers in Bath over the past few months we know we have a great group of judges who have been expertly drilled in all aspects of the job. I thank Andrea and Agnes particularly for their patient and detailed instruction and commend the organisers for their approach with these sessions and now look forward to a wonderful event.”
UIPM launches new and improved version of UIPM Central app with added features

The improved functionality of the UIPM Central app reflects the continuing evolution of Modern Pentathlon with the integration of Obstacle

New and improved version of the UIPM Central app has been released via the Google and Apple app stores.

The update is the first since 2017 and the improved functionality reflects the continuing evolution of Modern Pentathlon with the integration of Obstacle as a new discipline.

The update includes the following new and improved features designed to engage and inspire both the UIPM community and the wider world of athletes and sports fans.

- A new presentation of competition results and schedules, enabling faster access to information.
- News, photo galleries and world rankings.
- Exclusive packages and deals on UIPM content.
- Online registration for UIPM events.

User registration is mandatory with the new app, which comes as the latest technological advance to strengthen UIPM’s digital ecosystem.

Kuwait City (KUW) to host inaugural UIPM Middle East Asia Championships in December 2023

Kuwait City (KUW) will make UIPM Sports history on December 7, 2023 by hosting the inaugural UIPM Middle East Asia Championships.

Middle East Asia is one of UIPM’s fastest-growing regions, with member federations in Afghanistan, Bahrain, Kuwait, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria and United Arab Emirates.

The introduction of the Middle East Asia Championships follows UIPM’s successful endorsement of the recent UIPM 2023 Southeast Asia Championships in Pattaya (THA), which continued the process of the Asian Modern Pentathlon Confederation (AMPC) offering opportunities to Asian athletes to compete internationally within their own geographical region.

Now UIPM and the AMPC will jointly oversee the pioneering Middle East Asia Championships, which is being hosted by the Kuwait Olympic Committee and Kuwait Modern Pentathlon Committee.

The competition format will be Laser Run and Kuwait City (KUW) will also host a UIPM Global Laser Run City Tour the same day, adding a further opportunity for athletes of all ages to compete for regional recognition.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: “After the success of the UIPM 2023 Southeast Asia Championships it is great news that athletes in another part of Asia will be given a new opportunity to compete internationally.

“Ours sporting movement has a significant history in Middle East Asia with Qatar having hosted three UIPM Champion of Champions in Doha, athletes from Bahrain competing in Olympic Games and World Championships, and Dubai hosting UIPM World Championships in Biathlon.

“Now we have a fresh start, and the UIPM 2023 Middle East Asia Championships promises to be a wonderful celebration of sport. On behalf of the UIPM Executive Board, I am grateful to our partners in Kuwait for hosting this historic gathering.”

AMPC President Hyunjun Kim added: “As President of AMPC, I am very pleased that we will have another regional development championships in Kuwait this year, after the success of the UIPM 2023 Southeast Asia Championships in Thailand in May. This is not only a proof that we, Asia become bigger and bigger with more member federations, but also a very positive signal that the AMPC will have more member federations in the future.

“I appreciate the initiative of Modern Pentathlon family in Kuwait and also express our thanks to UIPM for their support and interest in Asia. As always, we will work closely with the LOC for the successful competition in Kuwait.”

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UIPM’s application process opens on July 31, 2023 for those who wish to apply to compete as Individual Neutral Athletes. No teams of athletes from Russia or Belarus will be allowed to compete, and individual athlete applicants must satisfy the Independent Panel that they have never actively supported the war in Ukraine, do not serve the Russian or Belarusian military or national security agencies, and comply with anti-doping regulations.

Very similar rules apply to the eligibility criteria for support personnel (coaches and trainers, medical staff and physiotherapists, etc).

Application forms – available on request, along with the full criteria, procedures and timelines from eligibility@pentathlon.org – must be sent to UIPM inside a window of 30 days beginning 90 days before the start of the relevant event.

UIPM Judges Certification Programme: Judges get to grips with Obstacle in Alexandria (EGY)

The UIPM JCP course in Alexandria (EGY) was made at the UIPM 2023 U17 World Championships in Alexandria (EGY) when, for the first time ever, the Obstacle discipline was integrated into a global competition.

The week marked the beginning of a new era for the sport with the Fencing/Obstacle/Laser Run format to be adopted at all levels of Modern Pentathlon after the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

With this new dawn very much front of mind, a hugely productive UIPM Judges Certification Programme course was run in conjunction with the event in Alexandria, with over 50 participants putting a particular focus on the new discipline.

Under the expert tutelage of UIPM JCP Educator and Technical Committee member Andrea Dell’Amore (ITA), a group of 53 athletes were put through their paces at Levels 1, 2 and 3 for a full week from July 6-12.

The students included 49 from the host country with three notable additions – Jawad Khawar (AFG), with Afghanistan, Abdallah Mohamed Alga Hala (JOR) from Jordan and Valthav Chaphkeher (IND) from India – as UIPM continues to support development of our sports in the Middle East and Asia.
Inside UIPM
Secretary General Shiny Fang’s message

Integration, innovation and enjoyment!

Everything we do in UIPM, we do with tomorrow in mind. Our traditions and heritage are important but without a plan for the future, a vision for the type of sport that our children and their children can enjoy, we are history.

Two recent UIPM competitions, the 2023 World Championships for U19 and U17 athletes, illustrate this point. When we watch athletes compete in the new version of Modern Pentathlon, especially in the integrated Obstacle discipline, we see the joy of discovery and the potential of a future in which our sport becomes more relevant and more popular within the Olympic movement.

And in terms of securing that future, we are almost there. Some hard work remains but, by the middle of October, we will know if the incredibly hard work already undertaken was worth it. My message to the hundreds of young pioneers who competed in Alexandria and Istanbul is simple: keep training and keep believing.

Here are some reflections about the success of these two competitions and how we can improve in future:

- The UIPM Pentathlon Challenger event in Madrid hosted the two competitions; it was a great opportunity for us to learn and improve as an organisation.
- Geographical diversity / accessibility: More African countries participated in the competition, and the athletes were very proud of their performance and attendance, most of them participating for the first time in a five-discipline Pentathlon.
- Coach / athlete feedback: The feedback received indicates a high level of satisfaction with the Obstacle course. In the words of one coach, "All my athletes were very happy with the competition and although we had athletes at different levels of development, all of them enjoyed the challenge and experience of doing OCR." Attractiveness / spectator reaction: We saw screaming, cheering and clapping during the whole Obstacle event, everything came so naturally, and there was an impulsive excitement about the level of athletic skill and vocal support for the athletes to overcome each obstacle. I never saw a Modern Pentathlon competition with such a high volume of spectator energy and noise.

Understandability: The head-to-head format is easy to understand, athletes competing for the fastest time and challenging each other to set a new competition record – at this early stage, also a world record – and to prove they are the most capable of getting to the top of that finishing wall.

Organisational efficiency: A standard course that varies with a couple obstacles from competition to competition creates a consistency of organisation and presentation arrangement, and is especially helpful with keeping costs down, making everything absolutely predictable for organisers.

Is there any space to improve?
- Of course, from event to event we are learning and improving, together with the evolution of athlete skill levels.
- The two competitions have enabled us to reflect on what could be improved to arrange better events in a lot of other aspects too.

UIPM already raised the bar of the LOC has its unique difficulties and specialties, we clearly see where to go for the future…
Dear UIPM family, dear friends

Already we reached the end of July in this historic year of transition for our beloved sporting movement. Together we have achieved many things, with numerous opportunities still to come.

Whether you are an athlete or coach, technical official or administrator, professional or volunteer, you are playing a part in a historic transformation. Not only can the reinvention of Modern Pentathlon futureproof our sport, it has the potential to increase the global popularity and positive impact of the Olympic Games for future generations.

In July we saw the Obstacle discipline integrated into Modern Pentathlon for the first time at global level, creating a new opportunity for participants in the UIPM U17 and U19 World Championships to compete across five disciplines. We could all see the high level of enjoyment on the Obstacle course, where the standard of performance is already improving.

I take this opportunity on behalf of the UIPM Executive Board to express gratitude to all in our movement who are working hard to make this transition as smooth as possible for athletes of all ages, all stages of development and all social backgrounds. By helping to make our movement more accessible in more countries around the world, Obstacle is a unifying force!

On August 3, we marked the 75th anniversary of UIPM, which was founded in Sandhurst Camberley during the London 1948 Summer Olympic Games. In this context I am delighted that we will be back in Great Britain, only a few days after the anniversary, for our flagship annual event.

The UIPM 2023 Pentathlon and Laser Run World Championships promises to be a wonderful event. The beautiful host city of Bath is steeped in history and the Sports Training Village at the University of Bath provides a modern high-performance environment.

August 27 will be another key milestone on the Road to Paris, with up to six direct qualification berths available for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games in the Women’s and Men’s Individual Finals. And soon there will be further qualification opportunities at the African & Oceania Championships in Cairo (EGY), the Asian Games in Hangzhou (CHN) and the Pan American Games in Santiago (CHI).

We recently marked 1 Year To Go until Paris 2024, where the world will see an incredible showcase of Modern Pentathlon at the Chateau de Versailles. While our thoughts start to move in the direction of Paris, we remain absolutely focused on delivering on the mandate of UIPM Congress to preserve our future in the Olympic Games through the integration of Obstacle. We know that the IOC Session in Mumbai in October will decide if our road will go further than Paris 2024 to the next Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles in 2028.

In September, we are looking forward to visiting Druskininkai in Lithuania for the UIPM 2023 Junior World Championships – another landmark moment in this year of transition, a story of discovery where many actors are playing a key role.

UIPM may be 75 years old, and Modern Pentathlon in the Olympic Games may be 111 years old, yet some things never change. Everything we do follows the Olympic motto: Faster, Higher, Stronger, Together.

Dr Klaus Schormann
UIPM President
The Palace of Monaco was the venue for a strategic meeting between HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and two of UIPM’s most experienced Vice Presidents on July 18.

As Honorary President of UIPM, HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco has been an active ambassador for the Modern Pentathlon movement since 1997. His Highness has also been a Member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) since 1985.

UIPM President Dr Schormann travelled to Monaco for the meeting along with Juan Antonio Samaranch, UIPM 1st Vice President and IOC Vice President, and Joel Bouzou OLY, UIPM Vice President and World Olympians President.

Together they discussed issues of sporting politics relating to the future of Modern Pentathlon and general items concerning the Olympic movement ahead of the Paris 2024 and Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games. They also discussed the global development opportunity presented by Modern Pentathlon’s new format.

Earlier in his trip to Monaco, President Dr Schormann met Dr Harald Vervecke (President of the Belgium Modern Pentathlon Federation) to discuss the development of Modern Pentathlon in Belgium based on the new format.

UIPM President Dr Schormann also presented Dr Vervecke with a certificate as Member of the UIPM Commission for Culture & Education, to which Dr Vervecke has contributed for a long time with his extensive experience.

The two Presidents also spoke during their July 15 meeting about the political situation based on the military occupation of Ukraine and the possibility of neutral athletes taking part in UIPM competitions.

On July 17-18, President Dr Schormann attended UIPM Headquarters in Monaco and met with several UIPM staff for operational briefings on ongoing actions linked to international competitions and development projects in Africa and Asia.

Dr Schormann discussed with staff members important points relating to the UIPM 2023 Pentathlon and Laser Run World Championships in Bath (GBR) and key points around preparation for the Olympic Games Paris 2024.

The new format of Youth and Junior competitions with the integrated Obstacle discipline – which in 2023 has offered U19 and U17 athletes the chance to compete in a five-discipline Pentathlon at global level for the first time – was deeply discussed.
The PWR is updated live at www.pentathlon.org after each competition. PWR as at July 30, 2023

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