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UIPM 2022 PENTATHLON WORLD CUP



The first individual gold medallists of the UIPM 2022 season (clockwise from top left): Elena Micheli (ITA) and Christopher Patte (FRA) at UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup Cairo; Michelle Gulyas (HUN) and Martin Vlach (CZE) at UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup Budapest



New 5th Discipline update



Obstacle Discipline is selected for testing after leading over 60 proposals for New 5th Discipline in Modern Pentathlon

Two variations of Obstacle Discipline have been selected for testing after leading over 60 proposals in the race to replace the Riding discipline in Modern Pentathlon, UIPM announced on May 2.

Introduced in the 1912 Stockholm Olympic Games by the founder of the Modern Olympic Games, Pierre de Coubertin, the Modern Pentathlon was created to identify the most complete athlete.

As times have changed, the Olympic programme has evolved over the years to attract greater audiences around the world.

As the governing body of Modern Pentathlon, UIPM is undertaking an unprecedented review of every aspect of the sport. One of the outcomes of this effort is that the Riding portion of the event has proven no longer viable.

In reaching its decision, the New 5th Discipline Working Group rigorously followed the 13 established criteria. The selection considered athletes' views, medical aspects (including workload, injuries and anti-doping), TV, media and marketing opportunities.

Taking into account the International Olympic Committee (IOC) requirements for the programme of the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games, the Obstacle Discipline was selected for the following reasons including:

- Compatible with the DNA of Modern Pentathlon, which examines the

complete athlete as created by Pierre de Coubertin, the founder of Modern Pentathlon

- Reduction in cost and complexity
- Universal participation with great accessibility around the world
- Popularity among all age groups especially youth
- Dynamic and attractive to global audiences
- Simple and safe infrastructure for training and sustainable for organisers worldwide.

The exciting news follows two days of intense meetings in Budapest (HUN) that continued the Q2 phase of the New 5th Discipline project, launched in collaboration with the decision-

making timelines of the IOC.

The UIPM Executive Board decided to test the combination of the Obstacle Discipline alongside Fencing, Swimming and the Laser Run. Testing will begin immediately after the UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup Final in Ankara (TUR) in late June. Following comprehensive testing, the final decision will be taken by the UIPM Congress.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "The New 5th Discipline Working Group has conducted its work with clear direction and a commitment to expertise, resulting in thought-provoking discussions and strong conclusions.

"The guidance provided by the IOC around the selection of an alternative

discipline for Modern Pentathlon has been closely followed, with athletes playing a central role in this process.

"I would like to thank all stakeholders and especially the outside experts, Michael Payne, Terrence Burns, David Hill, Ursula Romero and Peter Hutton for their exceptional contribution."

Yasser Hefny, Chairman of the UIPM Athletes Committee, led a Focus Group composed of 26 athletes from 22 countries.

He said: "After many months of detailed talks we are on the brink of a landmark decision that would change the history of Modern Pentathlon, the sport we all love, forever.

"When the mandate to explore the possibility to replace Riding from

our sport was first announced, my fellow athletes worldwide had a lot of questions and concerns. I believe the New 5th Discipline Working Group has been very thorough in evaluating the options put forward by our community, using internal and external expertise to good effect.

"While we still have specifics to finalize, we have a new and exceptional opportunity to grow and give visibility to our sport for the benefit of many generations to come, and that's very exciting."

The introduction of the new discipline to Modern Pentathlon after Paris 2024, along with the complete reassessment of the sport, is designed to ensure the future of a sport that has been a core part of the Olympic Games for over 100 years.



Members of the UIPM's New 5th Discipline Working Group meet in Budapest (HUN) to discuss progress and next steps as the historic process moves towards the testing phase

UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup Cairo

Super Saturday proves to be a spectacular showcase as Micheli and Patte light up Cairo finals

The first super Saturday under Modern Pentathlon's new format lived up to its billing as Elena Micheli of Italy and Christopher Patte of France claimed the first gold medals of the season in spectacular style at UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup Cairo.

With both the Women's and Men's Finals taking place on the same day there was so much at stake in the glorious sunshine in the Egyptian capital.

It was Micheli (ITA) who reached out and claimed gold in the Women's Final after a gripping battle with close friend Michelle Gulyas of Hungary, who took silver on a prolific day for her team. World Cup debutant Emma Whitaker of Great Britain made a stunning statement of intent for the year ahead by claiming bronze.

For a time it looked as though Italy would claim both gold medals as Matteo Cicinelli (ITA) led the way in a pulsating men's Laser Run. However the class of Patte (FRA) shone through in the decisive stages as his imperious shooting saw him take the lead and race away to glory. Team-mates Csaba Bohm (HUN) and Balazs Szep (HUN) showed remarkable energy reserves to haul in Cicinelli (ITA) in the final straight and ensure Hungary finished the day with three podium places.

In all, this was a day which emphatically proved the new format, which features just 18 competitors in each final and all five disciplines taking place in the space of 90 minutes, is an exciting leap forward for the sport and one which gives the athletes the opportunity to show their very best.



Mohanad Shaban and Salma Abdelmaksoud celebrate Mixed Relay glory for host nation Egypt.

MEDALISTS' REACTION — WOMEN
Once she caught her breath Micheli (ITA) reflected on his triumph and said: "It's my first World Cup medal and a gold one! I'm very excited for that. It's been a difficult year but I had the support of my federation so I want to thank them. I'm here and I won and it's thanks to them. I'm really happy. I know that this is the good way to work. I had that confirmed today."

Silver medalist Gulyas (HUN) said: "It's amazing. It's so good to be back again, after seven months without competition. I hope the spectators

were enjoying it as much as we were enjoying it to compete."

Bronze medal winner Whitaker (GBR) said: "I can't believe it really. This week has been amazing. Even to get into the Semi-final was a dream come true and then today, for it to go perfect, I can't believe it. It's a dream come true and so exciting for the rest of the season."

MEDALISTS' REACTION — MEN
Gold medalist Patte (FRA) savoured his victory and said: "I'm very happy. For me, this competition [in Cairo] is my favourite in terms of organization, very



Great Britain's Emma Whitaker took bronze - her first UIPM World Cup medal thanks to a consistent all-around display with some strong Fencing (above).

nice sun, such nice people in Cairo and great volunteers. I thank UIPM for organizing this event. It's the same as I had said three years ago — if you shoot five, you win!"

Silver medalist Bohm (HUN) caught his breath as he said: "It was really tough but I had great shooting and that made it easier. I was sad with my Fencing performance but my purpose in the Final was to just enjoy all of it."

His compatriot Szep (HUN) reflected on bronze and laughed: "It almost killed me! I am dead. The Riding was bad for me but the Fencing was good. It was a hard Laser Run. I'm very happy to now be finishing [in third place]."

Women's Final: Gulyas (HUN) and Whitaker (GBR) put on pressure but brilliant Micheli (ITA) holds nerve

RIDING

The Women's Final kicked off Saturday's proceedings and there was plenty to cheer from the start for the home fans as Malak Ismail of Egypt turned in a hugely impressive performance in the



Five of the 18 riders recorded the maximum in a competitive Riding round in Cairo

Riding discipline, picking up maximum points. In total, five of the 18 riders recorded the maximum with Gulyas (HUN) and Whitaker (GBR) among the perfect quintet which also included Natalia Dominiak of Poland and Maria Lea Lopez (ITA)

FENCING

As the action moved to the piste with the Fencing Bonus Round, it was the

strong performances of Rebecca Langrehr of Germany and Sarolta Simon (HUN) in the Fencing Ranking Round earlier in the week which put them ahead of the rest in the discipline, both notching up 26 victories.

In the Bonus Round, home favourite Amira Kandil (EGY) picked up six points while Micheli (ITA) sent a statement of intent as she added eight points.



Five of the competitors in the Women's Final went sub-2.20 in the Swimming discipline

SWIMMING

The frenetic pace of proceedings was adding to the excitement but as the athletes moved to the pool, there were no signs of letting up.

Elodie Clouvel (FRA) led the pack with a blistering pace of 2:13.58, only Micheli (ITA) able to come anywhere close as she clocked in at 2:14.38. Gulyas (HUN) and Kandil (EGY) were next best with Aurora Tognetti (ITA) the only other competitor to go sub-2.20.

LASER RUN

With a slender 7sec lead over world No.2 Gulyas (HUN), Micheli (ITA) knew she would have to perform strongly to earn the top spot on the podium — and so it proved.

Conserving energy in the run, which now consists of five laps of 600m, Gulyas (HUN) attacked her rival on the shooting range, making up ground on the first three visits.

After the second shoot the two leaders left the range together, and again after the fourth shoot — setting up a grand finale.

At this point many people would have



Great Britain's Emma Whitaker took bronze - her first UIPM World Cup medal - thanks to a consistent all-around display with some strong Fencing (above).

backed the athlete with momentum — Gulyas (HUN) — but Micheli (ITA) proved her class with a superb riposte, moving away from a tiring Gulyas (HUN) to win by 5sec.

Some distance behind them, the early work of Clouvel (FRA) in getting past Kandil (EGY) in a bid to reach the podium was undone by a superb Laser Run by World Cup debutante Whitaker (GBR), whose time of 11:36.11 was only bettered by compatriot Jessica Varley (GBR, 11:28.86).

Clouvel (FRA) had to settle for 4th and there was a standout performance from 5th-placed Dominiak (POL), who pushed home favourite Kandil (EGY) into 6th.

Men's Final: Patte (FRA) handles pressure to resist team effort by Bohm and Szep (HUN)

RIDING

The men couldn't quite match the women's feat from earlier in the day with just four finalists completing a perfect Riding round. There was little surprise that eventual champion Patte (FRA) was among them. So too was Bohm (HUN) with Emiliano Hernandez of Mexico and Jan Kuf of Czech Republic also completing clear rounds within the time limit. There was disappointment for the hosts when Mohamed Elgendy (EGY), younger brother of Olympic silver medalist Ahmed, was one of three riders eliminated in the Riding discipline.



Four of the Men's finalists in Cairo managed a perfect Riding score (above) while the action on the piste was dominated by the Hungarians (above).

FENCING

Another of the four Hungarians in the Final, Gergely Regos (HUN), enjoyed a spectacular Fencing Bonus Round as he added 10 points to his total. Almost as impressive was the prowess of Cicinelli (ITA) on the piste as he added eight points.

SWIMMING

Cicinelli (ITA) showed no signs of cooling off in the pool as he motored through the field, for a brief time looking as though he may even go sub-two minutes. His time of 2:02.64 was clearly best of the day with Moutaz Mohamed (EGY) next best in 2:04.49.

Only four-hundredths of a second could separate Bohm (HUN) and Fernand Mitterand (GER) in third and

fourth respectively with Patte (FRA) further back in the swimming pack, finishing eighth in 2:09.96.

LASER RUN

In a further sign that the new format can bring even more drama to Finals day, just 40 seconds separated the top 12 athletes as they lined up for the decisive Laser Run.

Cicinelli (ITA) would be first to set off and, while he had a 19-second advantage over Hernandez (MEX), with Kuf (CZE) and Patte (FRA) not too far behind, the Italian knew he was going to be hunted down by the richly talented field.

The penultimate shoot would be when Patte (FRA) began to make his

move with unerring accuracy. The Frenchman stalked Cicinelli (ITA) and overtook him ahead of the final shoot.

If the question was whether Patte (FRA) could possibly turn in another faultless shoot, he answered emphatically, firing five rapid green lights and even taking a second to wag his finger in celebration as he wheeled away from the range.

Cicinelli (ITA) was desperately trying to stay in the medal positions but in the final few hundred metres it was Hungarian legs that looked the freshest, Bohm (HUN) and teammate Szep (HUN) straining every sinew to claim silver and bronze ahead of a shattered Cicinelli (ITA).

Valentin Belaud (FRA) came in fifth with



On a warm day in Cairo, the pool didn't offer much relief to competitors in a red-hot Men's final (above left) before an exciting Laser Run finale (above).



Mohanad Shaban and Salma Abdelmaksoud (EGY) were second best in the Mixed Relay Riding

room for one more Hungarian near the top of the final standings as Regos (HUN) finished sixth.

Faultless shooting leads host nation to glory as Abdelmaksoud & Shaban (EGY) take Mixed Relay gold

The host nation brought the curtain down on the first World Cup of the season in some style as Salma Abdelmaksoud and Mohanad Shaban (EGY) claimed Mixed Relay gold on the closing day of UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup Cairo.

It was a show of simply spectacular shooting that proved decisive for the young duo as they raced clear of the field at the American University in their nation's capital city.

Great Britain's run of Mixed Relay

podium places at consecutive major events continued with Jessica Varley and debutant Ross Charlton (GBR) combining impressively to take silver with a fierce battle behind them for third. In the end, Bugra Unal of Turkey produced a sprint finish to claim bronze for he and Ilke Ozyuksel with the second Egyptian team of Amira Kandil and Eslam Hamad in fourth.

Guatemala's duo of Gabriela Fernandez and Juan Ochoa held off a renewed push from Spain to take fifth with Andrea Medina Gonzalez and Cristian Chamizo of Spain consoling themselves with 6th.

MEDALISTS' REACTION

Gold medalist Shaban (EGY) savoured victory alongside Abdelmaksoud and said: "It's amazing for us to win the gold in our country, Egypt. I think we are younger and growing. In other competitions we will take more top-6

and top-10 places."

Reflecting on another podium place for a Great British team, Varley (GBR) said: "I'm just so excited that we were able to put it together. We knew that we had a really good shot going into the Laser Run and it all paid off."

For Turkey, bronze was a fitting reward and Ozyuksel (TUR) said: "It's our first medal in the Mixed Relay. We are so happy. I have only won individual medals but now have won a Mixed Relay one with my friend today. We pushed so hard."

RIDING

It was Spain (Gonzalez/Chamiso) who kept their nerves most impressively as they recorded the day's best Riding score of 296 points, narrowly ahead of the first Egyptian duo (Abdelmaksoud/Shaban) with Guatemala (Fernandez/Ochoa) in third place with 279 points.



Mohanad Shaban and Salma Abdelmaksoud celebrate a victory on the piste for host nation Egypt (above) while the action was fast and furious in the pool in Cairo too (right) but it ultimately all came down to a pulsating Laser Run (below) where the Egyptians held their nerve as the chasing pack closed in on them

FENCING

The Fencing Bonus Round offered teams the chance to set things back on course and build on their score from the Fencing Ranking Round, which had taken place earlier. It was again Abdelmaksoud and Shaban (EGY) who took their opportunity as they added six points in the Bonus Round while Italy's duo of Beatrice Mercuri and Stefano Frezza added four to their total to finish as the Fencing discipline's top team. There had already been joy for the host nation on the piste when Kandil and Hamad (EGY) recorded the most victories in the Ranking Round, 28.

SWIMMING

Abdelmaksoud & Shaban (EGY) were fastest of all in 1:59.16 but, not to be outdone, Kandil and Hamad (EGY) also went sub-2 minutes, just 31-hundredths of a second behind their compatriots. Spain (Gonzalez/Chamiso) continued



to impress as they finished third in the pool in 2:01.62 to ensure they would be first off in the Laser Run but Turkey (Ozyuksel/Unal) weren't far behind.

LASER RUN

Tensions were high ahead of the decisive stage of proceedings. Spain (Gonzalez/Chamiso) began with a four-second advantage but in truth, all of the

teams in the top six knew that there was still everything to play for.

Gonzalez (ESP) reached the opening shoot in first place but that's where Egypt's precision would spectacularly surge them to the front of the field. Abdelmaksoud (EGY) put up five green lights in less than 10 seconds and sped off for her next lap.



On a blissfully sunny Sunday in Cairo, the crowds watching the Mixed Relay were treated to a Laser Run that saw some breathtakingly accurate shooting

Remarkably, she was even more unerring next time round as she recorded a clean shoot in less than 7sec to open up a yawning gap with the rest. Behind her, meanwhile, Varley (GBR) had scythed through the field to move from 6th to 2nd.

As Abdelmaksoud handed over to Shaban (EGY) the home favourites just needed to keep their nerve. Turkey (Ozyuksel/Unal) trailed Great Britain (Varley/Charlton) at the changeover with the second Egypt team (Kandil/Hamad) still eyeing up a medal too.

The shooting prowess of Shaban (EGY)

matched that of his teammate even with Charlton (GBR) breathing down his neck. A final clear shoot sealed glory with Great Britain (Varley/Charlton) in second thanks to the fastest Laser Run time of 12:15.83. Unal's final surge claimed bronze for Turkey.

PRESIDENT'S REACTION

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "This, for all of us, was a special moment. For the athletes, this new format saw the athletes perform to the highest level. We know it's not easy to do something new but they have been so impressive. Everything went great in a wonderful environment here. We are so

thankful to the athletes and coaches for a special first World Cup of 2022.

"We have seen winners from different continents but it's also important that the athletes have enjoyed this format. This is a new era. I am always happy to see new faces and new names on the podium. It shows our sport is alive.

"We know that we will change Riding after 2024 and make our multisport more accessible around the world. These young athletes compete in the traditional way but they are also the generation for Los Angeles 2028 and that motivates us to do more for them."



Mixed Relay medalists and best-placed teams atop the podium with UIPM and Egyptian officials in Cairo (EGY)

UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup Budapest



Haydy Morsy and Nouredin Karim toast back-to-back Mixed Relay gold medals for Egypt as the future of Modern Pentathlon shone in Budapest (HUN)

Medals and memories to last a lifetime as Budapest (HUN) gets taste of Pentathlon's exciting new world

Two of the hottest talents in Modern Pentathlon thrilled a large crowd on a remarkable Super Saturday at UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup Budapest.

After a superb victory in the Men's Final by Martin Vlach of Czech Republic, Michelle Gulyas of Hungary sent her supporters into dreamland with a stylish triumph in the Women's Final.

Aged 24 and 21 respectively, Vlach (CZE) and Gulyas (HUN) represent the future of the sport and have already demonstrated a mastery of the new format designed to make Modern Pentathlon more dynamic and exciting for the Paris 2024 Olympic cycle.

In the Women's Final, Gulyas (HUN) progressed from 4th to 1st place in the

Laser Run and refused to let the rival who denied her gold last month at Pentathlon World Cup Cairo back into the race.

Elena Micheli of Italy surprised nobody with her late sprint for silver, but Salma Abdelmaksoud of Egypt caused more of a stir with an accomplished performance to secure bronze. The 2018 Youth Olympic Games gold medallist, 22, confirmed her potential with her first individual medal in the Pentathlon World Cup.

This was the second of two dramatic conclusions on an exceptional Finals day in the heart of Europe. Earlier, with a trademark lightning-fast Laser Run, first-time champion Vlach (CZE) moved up from 13th to 1st place almost effortlessly, leaving his rivals to argue over silver and bronze.

Giuseppe Parisi (ITA) – the oldest of

the six medallists at 27 – held on for an impressive maiden silver, while Christian Zillekens of Germany performed strongly to secure bronze.

MEDALISTS' REACTION

Men's gold medallist Vlach (CZE) said: "Everything began in the Fencing Ranking Round where I started pretty good but in the second half of the competition, everything went downstairs.

"Luckily today my shooting went well and everything was all right. I think I need a little bit more time to process everything, because actually this is my first individual victory in my career."

Silver medallist Parisi (ITA) said: "I'm a little bit tired after four days. I was a little bit angry after the Riding because I had a refusal at the last.

"Shooting in the Laser Run is all about

patience and technique. To win my first World Cup medal is an incredible feeling and I don't know how to define it, it's a really good day."

Bronze medallist Zillekens (GER) said: "It was a fantastic race, of course. The time between athletes was very short, especially at the beginning, so everything was possible. I had fantastic running today."

"At the shooting range there was so much pressure. When you shoot one time with 15sec you are directly in the middle of the standings, so we had to be very focused today on the shooting range."

After greeting her ecstatic family and friends on a lap of honour, women's gold medallist Gulyas (HUN) said: "The gold medal is very special but it was even more special because it was in front of a home crowd. Lots of friends and family members and coaches were here and they helped me so much during the competition."

"Otherwise it was a really exciting competition because Elena was coming from the pack and it was a really exciting battle between us again. We are doing amazing, I think. I'm hoping that Elena and I will meet in the next World Cup again, it will be so exciting. I'm really happy with this year and happy with the huge improvement in my disciplines."

Silver medallist Micheli (ITA) said: "I'm really happy because it confirms what I'm doing right now with my staff and I'd like to thank all my staff, my society, the Carabinieri who are getting me here and got me in Cairo."

"I said in Cairo that me and Michelle were starting to take turns with the win, and we did it! We actually grew up together and we are still growing, and I'm happy for her and happy for me, and I'm enjoying this new format even if it's quite fast and quite tiring."

Bronze medallist Abdelmaksoud (EGY) added: "My Fencing at this World Cup



Four riders recorded perfect scores of 300 in the Riding discipline of the Men's final in Budapest.

was the best of my career. Swimming was perfect and then I ended up with a bronze medal in the Laser Run.

"My plan was not to focus on anyone, and that's what shooting is all about, and I wanted to finish as fast as I could and that's what I did."

Men's final: First-time champion Vlach (CZE) fires his way to gold with brilliant Laser Run performance

RIDING
Vlach (CZE) and Zillekens (GER) put

themselves firmly in the frame with perfect scores of 300 on horseback along with Balazs Szepe (HUN) and Marek Grycz (CZE). With only one obstacle dislodged, Marvin Dogue (GER) and Hungary duo Bence Viczian and Richard Bereczki also kept the pressure on the leaders, and it proved too much for Bence Demeter (HUN) who had an uncharacteristically bad ride, suffering two refusals and conceding a damaging 57 penalty points.

FENCING
Having dominated the Ranking Round



After dominating the Fencing Ranking Round, home favourite Bence Demeter (HUN) was unable to add to his tally at the Fencing Bonus Round (left) while in the pool, two swimmers dipped under the 2min mark as the action really heated up

with a terrific score of 29V/6D, Demeter (HUN) was unable to add the extra four points available to the last fencer in the Bonus Round. He was beaten by Taishu Sato of Japan, who added eight points to his tally. The other star of the piste was Parisi (ITA), who scored a superb 28V/7D in the Ranking Round – five more victories than 3rd-ranked Sato (JPN).

SWIMMING

Two racers dipped under the 2min mark with the fastest swims of the day – Matteo Cicinelli (ITA, 1:59.03) and Csaba Bohm (HUN, 1:59.63). World champion Adam Marosi (HUN) kept himself in contention with a solid 2:00.65. The aquatic pedigree of the host nation was unmissable with all seven Hungarians ranking in the top nine.

LASER RUN

Having come from nowhere to finish 5th in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, the world had already borne witness to the exceptional Laser Run ability of Vlach (CZE), but this was the first time his scorching pace had resulted in an individual gold medal.

He had started the Laser Run 24sec

behind leader Parisi (ITA), owing mainly to a poor fence (16V/15D), but by the second lap the young Czech was already in podium position, and with a 10sec shoot at the third visit to the range he leapt into a lead he was never going to relinquish.

Indeed, his time of 9:58.00 is easily the fastest recorded since the introduction of the new format (running now consists of five 600m laps) and will take

some beating.

Steady shooting and running by Parisi (ITA) enabled the original to protect his own podium position, and 6th starter Zillekens (GER) also did enough to deny the marauding Hungarians a prize for their efforts. In a three-way sprint to the line, the experienced Demeter (HUN) finished 4th ahead of younger team-mates Bohm (HUN) and Bereczki (HUN).



Martin Vlach (CZE) savoured victory in the Men's Final in Budapest after a super Laser Run performance.



Four riders recorded perfect scores of 300 in the Riding discipline of the Women's final in Budapest —just as the men had done earlier in the day.

Women's final: Close friends Micheli (ITA) and Gulyas (HUN) go toe to toe again as home favourite prevails

RIDING
As in the Men's Final, there were four unblemished scorecards and the members of the 300-point club on this occasion were Italy team-mates Micheli and Beatrice Mercuri, Olivia Green of Great Britain and Ieva Serapinaite of Lithuania. Sive Brassil of Ireland dropped only one time penalty while Marie Oteiza of France gave little away and Gulyas (HUN) escaped any major damage with 286.

FENCING
The emergence of Egypt's women as major contenders was confirmed not only by Abdelmaksoud, who scored 24V/11D in the Ranking Round but by top fencer Amira Kandil (26V/9D), who added four points in the Bonus Round to end the run of Gulyas (HUN) – the home favourite racked up four wins to add eight points to her overall score. Oteiza (FRA) also performed strongly in the Ranking Round with 25V/10D.



Athletes from Egypt and France enjoyed the best of the action in the Fencing Bonus Round.

SWIMMING
Knowing that every point could help her win the latest instalment of her rivalry with Gulyas (HUN), Micheli (ITA) topped the standings with a swim of 2:08.19, marginally quicker than Misaki Uchida (JPN, 2:08.32) who also scored 294.

But Gulyas (HUN) and Abdelmaksoud (EGY) were not far off this standard and each took 290 points into the finale.

LASER RUN
With Micheli (ITA) in 6th place 20sec behind leader Kandil (EGY), it looked as if there were six contenders for three medals and so it proved as the athletes ranked 4th to 6th overtook the top three to claim the prizes.

World No.1 Gulyas (HUN) made advances on the first lap to arrive at the range in the company of the top two, and a 13sec shoot enabled her to move



In a Women's Final packed with talented competitors, the Swimming discipline was another great opportunity to move up the standings in Budapest.

into the lead to the delight of the home crowd.

Only once during the subsequent race did Gulyas (HUN) give her rivals any encouragement, with a hesitant shoot at the third visit to the range that Micheli (ITA) fully exploited. However, the Pentathlon World Cup Cairo gold medallist jumped the gun on a 22sec final shoot, allowing the leader to gallop away.

With Oteiza (FRA) and Serapinaite (LTU) falling back, only three athletes were now in contention and Micheli (ITA) finally managed to rein in the impressive

Abdelmaksoud (EGY), catching her in the final strides to maintain the gold/silver exchange that she and Gulyas (HUN) began in the season-opener.

PRESIDENT'S REACTION
UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "In the morning we had a very exciting Men's Final and the same in the afternoon for the Women's Final.

"For the host country it's fantastic that they won 1st place and you could see in the Laser Run, like in the morning for the men, the positions changed at different times.

"Also, it's wonderful to see that all athletes in the places behind always gave their best to achieve points for the UIPM Pentathlon World Cup Final. There were so many spectators here giving great support to the host country and creating a wonderful atmosphere on a glory day here in Budapest.

"We are looking forward tomorrow to a great Mixed Relay, and we are focusing too on UIPM Pentathlon World Cup Albena very soon. Thanks again to our organisers, sponsors, media people and volunteers and I wish all athletes competing tomorrow a great Mixed Relay competition."



Michelle Gulyas (HUN) made hay at the range as she moved up from a starting position off the podium in 4th to race all the way into first place, hanging on for victory on home soil.



The Mixed Relay Final in Budapest proved to be a day of low scoring in the Riding discipline (above) but teams looked to make up ground in Fencing (below).

Repeat success for Egypt as Morsy and Karim enjoy comfortable triumph in Mixed Relay

Three continents were represented on the podium, but once again there was no doubt about the country on the top step.

For the second consecutive competition, Egypt finished on the best possible high with a gold medal in the Mixed Relay at UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup Budapest.

Following the success of Salma Abdelmaksoud and Mohanad Shaban in Cairo (EGY) in March, it was the turn of Haydy Morsy and Noureldin Karim to enjoy the plaudits after another dominant performance.

Behind them (39sec, to be precise) there was another moment of satisfaction for the home crowd as Rita Erdos and Robert Kasza of Hungary held their nerve to claim the silver medal.

All the drama in the Laser Run finale



surrounded the battle for bronze, and the prize finally went to Mexico (Catherine Oliver and Duilio Carrillo) after a cat-and-mouse battle with Great Britain (Charlie Follett and Samuel Curry).

MEDALLISTS' REACTION

Gold medallist Morsy (EGY) said: "After my individual result, I was very, very sad because my pistol stopped in the third series of shooting, which never happened to me before. But today I'm super, super happy to go home as a gold medallist, and I'm super, super happy for Salma [Abdelmaksoud, who



Two teams ducked under the magical two-minute mark in a scorching Swimming discipline in the Hungarian capital.

won individual bronze 24 hours earlier) as well. We made it!"

Silver medallist Kasza (HUN) said: "It's a really good feeling because the main goal here in Hungary was to have results, it's always a pleasure."

Bronze medallist Oliver (MEX) said: "It's a good result, because it was a close competition with Great Britain and it feels good for the next competition."

RIDING

On a day of low scoring in Riding, even the teams that performed best did not escape the deduction of penalty points. Egypt (Morsy & Karim) scored highest with 284, 10 more than Mexico (Oliver & Carrillo) and 28 more than Hungary (Erdos & Kasza).

FENCING

A closely-fought Fencing Ranking Round ended with Italy (Alice Rinaudo and Daniele Colasanti) coming out on top with 31V/17D, one more victory than Egypt (Morsy & Karim) and three more than Hungary (Erdos & Kasza). The Bonus Round was totally dominated by Great Britain (Follett & Curry), who added 14 points to their score after an exceptional unbeaten run.

SWIMMING

Two teams ducked under the magical 2min mark, with Great Britain (Follett & Curry) timing 1:58.57 and Brazil (Isabela Abreu and Danilo Fagundes) touching the wall in 1:59.80. Argentina (Martina Armanazqui and Franco Serrano) were 3rd-fastest with a time of 2:00.03.

LASER RUN

After the difficulties suffered by so

many teams in Riding, only five of the 13 nations began the Laser Run with a chance of a medal. Egypt were clearly in pole position with a 19sec lead over Great Britain (Follett & Curry) but Hungary (Erdos & Kasza), Italy (Rinaudo & Colasanti) and Mexico (Oliver & Carrillo) all knew that the podium was within reach.

The immediate move was made by Oliver (MEX), but a rapid second shoot enable Erdos (HUN) to hit back in the early battle for silver. As Erdos (HUN) handed over to her partner 4sec ahead of Oliver (MEX), Follett (GBR) appeared in the picture, creating a three-way battle for silver and bronze.

As the most experienced and decorated athlete in the field, Kasza (HUN) was always likely to impose himself on proceedings and he duly moved clear



Egypt's position atop the podium was further evidence that the African nation is fast becoming a powerhouse in the event.

of his rivals to ensure the second-best outcome for the home supporters. Behind him, Curry (GBR) overtook Carrillo (MEX) on the first lap and his better running speed seemed to be the telling factor, until he froze on the final visit to the shooting range, allowing Carrillo to put a safe distance between them.

By the time of this dramatic denouement in the battle for bronze, the leading pair were almost ready to celebrate as Karim (EGY) picked up the baton from Morsy (EGY) and ran and shot effortlessly to continue the Egyptian gold rush.

Brazil (Abreu & Fagundes) made up four places to clinch 6th in the standings.

UIPM REACTION

Martin Dawe, UIPM Executive Board Member for Marketing, said: "We had 13 nations taking part in today's Mixed Relay here in Budapest. The Riding, Fencing and Swimming were all very exciting and then we saw a thrilling race in the Laser Run with Egypt in 1st place and Hungary, Mexico and Great Britain contesting the other medal places.

"The new format made it very exciting and I'd like to thank the local organising committee and volunteers for making the competition so successful."



Haydy Morsy greets Egypt teammate Noureldin Karim at the Laser Run finish line in Budapest (HUN)

LASER RUN SPOTLIGHT

Moving up a gear worldwide



Youth athletes pose with their certificates and medals in Caracas (VEN)

Record number of Global Laser Run City Tours awarded for 2022

The global phenomenon of Laser Run is well and truly back!

Since the easing of restrictions around the COVID-19 pandemic, the return of UIPM's most popular development sport has been picking up pace and there was a major acceleration in March and April 2022.

A record number of City Tours – 90 – has been awarded with new host countries such as Iraq, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong, Sudan, Bangladesh, Estonia, Lithuania,

North Macedonia and Croatia planning to join on the circuit.

Not all countries were able to stage events – Ukraine, for example, had been one of the most active GLRCT nations until the start of the recent invasion – but competitions were staged in Africa, Asia, Europe and South America during this period, demonstrating the worldwide reach and magnetism of Laser Run.

Many Laser Runners participate simply for the joy of taking part, even doing so alongside members of their own families, but others race with competitive goals – and the UIPM Laser Run World

Championships taking place in Lisbon (POR) from September 22-25 is an obvious incentive.

Dazzling debut in Tallinn (EST)

International Laser Run has arrived in Tallinn!

On March 6, athletes from Latvia and Finland joined their hosts in Estonia, with 76 participants including high-level pentathletes.

Top 50-ranked Laura Salminen (FIN) was among those on the start line, along with world junior Triathlon champion and



Laser Run action in Tbilisi (GEO) and, below, Banha (EGY)

New generation emerges in Tbilisi (GEO)

On the same day (March 6) a Global Laser Run City Tour was held in the Georgian capital of Tbilisi, which has been a host city since 2017 when it hosted the first-ever GLRCT.

Davit Magrakvelidze, former international pentathlete and now coach, said on behalf of the LOC: "GLRCT in Georgia has become much more popular every year, I was participating in the past and now I am happy and proud to be involved in the organisation of the event as well as preparing athletes to compete."

"This year many young athletes appeared and became part of our family. We hope this will continue permanently."

Opportunity for all ages in Banha (EGY)

The first GLRCT in Egypt in 2022 was arranged at Banha City Club Stadium on March 12.

Competitions started at 9am and finished at 6pm, with athletes from more than 27 clubs gathering in Banha City Club.

More than 500 male and female athletes aged nine to 60+ showed their Laser Run prowess.

A spokesperson for the local organising committee said: "City Club is a smart sports, social and entertainment club across 15 cities in Egypt. It seeks to develop the talents of the children of the club in Modern Pentathlon sport with a goal to have their athletes among Egyptian professional athletes and achieving championships medals."

Fun on the farm in Kimberley (RSA)

The plug-and-play nature of Laser Run is perfect for urban environments but it also lends itself well to rural settings – and South Africa has held numerous events outside the metropolis.

Seventy participants gathered at the



Laser Run silver medallist Johanna Maria Jogisu (EST), who won the GLRCT senior women's race.

The Masters 40+ winner was Andra Novicka (LAT), a multiple champion in both UIPM Masters and Biathlon-Triathlon World Championships.

A spokesperson for the local organising committee said: "This was the first international Laser Run competition held in Estonia and we were delighted with the high standard of racing and the fun had by everybody. We are looking forward to hosting another Global Laser Run City Tour in Tallinn on May 22."



Young athletes on the shooting range in Kimberley (RSA) and, below, Gujranwala (PAK)

Mein Heim Estate Guest Farm, 20km outside Kimberley in the Northern Cape region on March 12. It was the first Global Laser Run City Tour to take place in the Northern Cape and the most popular age group was Under 9.

One first-time Laser Runner said: "It is more than a sport... I love it! It is fun, I will recommend it to all my friends."

A spokesperson for the local organising committee said: "We as the Northern Cape MPA committee believe it was a very successful day. A huge thank you to all parties involved in assisting and supporting our committee in this event."

Another GLRCT in South Africa is coming soon, in Stellenbosch on May 8.

A tonic for body and mind in Gujranwala (PAK)

Around 500 athletes of all ages took part in a City Tour held under the auspices of the Pakistan Modern Pentathlon Federation (PMPF) in Gujranwala on March 30.



High numbers of youths took part from a variety of schools.

A spokesperson for the local organising committee said: "Laser Run being a smart endurance sport improves athletes' physical fitness. It also brings self-confidence and a healthy state of mind to perform well in their studies."

"Through the PMPF, the GLRCT platform enables the athletes to showcase their talent and hidden abilities. They can be shortlisted for national and international competitions."

Gujranwala city, known as the City of Wrestlers, is famous for its food and is now Pakistan's third-largest industrial centre.



Hard running in Chirchiq (UZB) and, below, smooth shooting in Gori (GEO)



Commissioner of Gujranwala, Ehsan Bhutta, was a VIP guest of the final competitions. He told athletes: "The participation of such a large number of children in Laser Run is a welcome sign. We will conduct Laser Run events in line with the vision of UIPM, and I thank all officials who played a key role in the successful organisation of this event."

Students lead by example in Chirchiq (UZB)

On March 30 a first Global Laser Run City Tour was successfully held in the Uzbek city of Chirchiq.

The event was held in the grounds of one of Uzbekistan's finest sporting institutions, the Uzbek State University of Physical Culture and Sports, with 272 athletes aged nine to 63 taking part.

Students from the hosting university were joined by pentathletes from Tashkent city and the regions of Andijan, Tashkent, Kashkadarya and the Republic of Karakalpakstan in competing on the Laser Run course.

A spokesperson for the local organising committee said: "All participants in the competition received certificates of participation and shared incredible emotions."

There will be two more City Tours in Uzbekistan in autumn 2022, in Samarqand and Nukus.

History repeats itself in Gori (GEO)

Like Tbilisi, the Kvemo-Kartli region of Georgia was involved at the genesis of GLRCT in 2017 and the city of Gori hosted a reunion event on April 2.

Racing was organised at the main stadium of historic Gori, with local participants joined by others from the cities of Tbilisi, Rustavi, Sachkhere and Chiatura.

The local government was involved in the awards ceremony, and LOC spokesperson Marika Kakhiashvili said:

"It is a new opportunity for our region. We are happy to have the possibility to organise such a good event in our city for the best of the new sporting generation."

Two more City Tours will follow in Georgia later this year, in Chiatura and Sachkhere.

We're live on Facebook in Alexandria (EGY)

The resort city of Alexandria has become a major hot spot of UIPM Sports in recent years and it hosted a two-day GLRCT at the historic Alexandria Stadium on April 15-16.

Evening racing started at 8pm in the evening due to Ramadan, and 385 athletes from 25 clubs (247 boys and 138 girls) participated.

In a mark of the increasing visibility of UIPM Sports, the Egyptian Modern Pentathlon Federation live-streamed the action on its Facebook page.

Another three GLRCTs are planned for Egypt in 2022, in Hurgada, Cairo and Ismailia.

Dedicated team achieve success in Caracas (VEN)

On the other side of the Atlantic, another two-day Global Laser Run City Tour was organised in the Venezuelan capital of Caracas on April 20-21.

With the onus on youth categories, there was a healthy participation of 218 boys and girls of various ages.

Venezuela National Federation President Cesar Rondon said: "GLRCT is a really very valuable project which helps us to guarantee sporting opportunities and motivate new talents to practise Modern Pentathlon."

"From Venezuela we are super happy with this project, directed by UIPM at an international level with the aim of



Anticipation on the start line in Alexandria (EGY) and, below, dynamic action in Caracas (VEN)





Action at the shooting range in San Martin (ARG) and, below, youths on the podium in Lahore (PAK)



visualising our sport. Venezuela has a team to organise high-level Laser Run events – despite the great economic limitations we have a strong team willing to develop Modern Pentathlon and Laser Run to the highest level.”

Two more City Tours are planned in Venezuela this year in Maracay and Cumana.

Busy year of Laser Run kicks off in San Martin (ARG)

Also in South America, a City Tour was arranged at the Military College of San Martin, Argentina, on April 22.

Around 400 students participated in competitions and a coaching clinic was provided by Olympic pentathletes Emanuel Zapata (ARG) and Iryna

Khokhlova of Ukraine. Guillermo Filipi, head coach of the Argentina Modern Pentathlon team and Member of the UIPM Coaches Committee, said: “Our experience has been spectacular, as we have been able to bring together many participants and encourage them to join our sport.

“The diffusion of this event is essential and its organisation is not very difficult comparing to other UIPM events. That’s what has enabled us to host several events this year.”

Four more GLRCT events are scheduled to take place in Argentina in 2022.

Plenty of potential on show in Lahore (PAK)

The PMPF, in collaboration with Sports Board Punjab (SBP), organised Pakistan’s second GLRCT of the year at Punjab Stadium on April 26.

Around 400 male and female athletes from the Lahore Division demonstrated their prowess in running and shooting during the event.

Zahoor Ahmed, PMPF Secretary General, said: “It was fascinating to witness such a large number of boys and girls from Lahore Division taking part in Laser Run competitions.

“Pakistan has plenty of potential in the disciplines of running and shooting and the PMPF is providing a suitable platform to promising male and female players to demonstrate their talent in a highly competitive environment.

“We are quite upbeat to find several talented players through Laser Run competitions. These budding athletes will be prepared for future national and international pentathlon competitions.”

Director General of Sports Punjab, Javed Chohan, graced the opening ceremony as chief guest. Two more GLRCT events are scheduled to take place in Pakistan in autumn, in Rahim Yar Khan and Islamabad.

News from around the world



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and Executive Board Member for Development Viacheslav Malishev with Ukrainian team members in Cairo (EGY)

UIPM and global Modern Pentathlon community continues its support of Ukraine and Ukrainian pentathletes

As the war in Ukraine continued, the Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne (UIPM) has reiterated its steadfast support to all of those affected, including Ukrainian members of the Modern Pentathlon family and expressed renewed hope for an end to the conflict.

Since the war began in late February, the entire global Pentathlon community has stepped forward in solidarity of its Ukrainian counterparts. The UIPM Executive Board has also continually sought out ways to provide direct support and aid to our member federation, the Ukrainian Modern

Pentathlon Federation, and all of the affiliated athletes, coaches, officials and their families who have been affected by this terrible conflict.

This support has come in the form of financial, material and logistical support to Ukrainian athletes forced to seek refuge in neighbouring countries, financial aid directly to the UMPF and its athletes and the opening of an online fundraiser for those affected.

For Ukrainian athletes currently based in Poland, UIPM has contributed items from the UIPM shop such as T-shirts, jackets, bags, shoes and caps as well as six complete sets of fencing uniform and six sets of shooting equipment. For those who are now in Lithuania, UIPM has provided seven complete sets of

fencing uniform and seven sets of shooting equipment.

In addition, UIPM covered all of the costs for a Ukrainian team to compete in UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup Cairo in March. UIPM invited athlete Maksym Aharushev (UKR) to Egypt and covered his participation fee, transportation and hotel costs for the entire delegation. Aharushev (UKR) competed admirably in the men’s competition, qualifying for the Semi-finals. UIPM also provided support for a Ukrainian team to compete at the subsequent UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup Budapest.

Across the Modern Pentathlon global family there has been a constant flow of support. The Korean Modern



UIPM has distributed T-shirts, jackets, bags, shoes and sets of fencing uniform and sets of shooting equipment to displaced Ukrainians (above and below).

Pentathlon Federation have donated €20,000 in relief funds while the Asian Confederation pledged €10,000. The UIPM's online fundraiser, meanwhile, continues to collect funds to help all of those affected.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "In this very difficult time during the war in Ukraine, on behalf of UIPM, we would like to once again underline our solidarity with all Ukrainian people in this incredibly difficult situation and also express our thanks to all people and institutions who are deeply involved and engaged in the push to provide humanitarian help.

"The World Modern Pentathlon family offers a lot of help through the actions of UIPM, directly to the athletes of our member federation, the Ukrainian Modern Pentathlon Federation, and their families.

"I want to express many thanks to UIPM confederations AMPC and EMPC, to our NFs like Poland, Korea, Lithuania,



Italy, Germany, Switzerland, Moldova, and many more for their dedicated efforts.

"On this Easter weekend, let's find together an island of peace and

security, to find a quiet time to think about a better world, never giving up the hope of humanitarian life in present time and future. Happy Easter to all of you and your families!"



The new UIPM Educational Platform for athletes, judges and coaches has undergone a complete redesign and boasts fresh, new content.

New UIPM Educational Platform is launched with revamped design and added interactive features

The Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne (UIPM) was delighted to unveil the brand new UIPM Educational Platform in early March.

The platform for athletes, coaches and judges has undergone a complete redesign to give it a new, interactive look and feel and boasts a range of fresh engaging content to help the educational journey of all members of the UIPM family.

The UIPM Educational Platform was originally launched in 2017 as a centralized resource for judges and coaches as part of both the Judges Certification Programme (JCP) and Coaches Certification Programme (CCP). The updated 2022 version will now also include the Athletes Centred Programme (ACP), which is to be launched separately soon.

Among the array of new features and content on the platform are educational webinars, publications, and a wide variety of informative videos, manuals and articles. Content tailored specifically for athletes includes career and educational opportunities, learning

and development tools. For coaches and judges there is an interactive calendar of upcoming courses and master lists of UIPM-certified coaches and judges. There is also easy access to the UIPM Library.

The new Educational Platform boasts a particularly user-friendly experience and ensures that the educational journey is attractive, fun but challenging too.

The platform will be the go-to site for the soon-to-begin refresher course for all UIPM-certified judges to renew their licenses for the upcoming Olympic cycle from 2022 to 2024.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "I am both proud and very excited to see this new ultra-modern UIPM Educational Platform launched.

"Education, the collaboration and sharing of knowledge and the focus on continual learning is central to everything we do. It is how we grow together.

"That is why this new platform, which brings our athletes, coaches, and judges together and provides so many rich resources for learning is a very important moment for us. I encourage

all members of our UIPM family to log on and dive in!"

UIPM Coaches Committee Member Guillermo Filipi (ARG) said: "As we enter into such an exciting period of changes and challenges with our New Format, this new, improved UIPM Educational Platform will be a priceless resource.

"The variety of educational resources will be particularly useful for coaches across the world and I am sure the available tools will be a huge help too."

UIPM Technical Committee Member Agnes Kulcsar (HUN) said: "Our sport is so often about timing and the timing of this redesigned Educational Platform is perfect.

"Judges are facing into a new Olympic cycle and now have a great, engaging source to seek out all of the tools they need for the upcoming years.

"With the updated online Refresher course for all UIPM-certified judges beginning soon on the platform, I recommend our judges experience visit the new platform and get ready for the busy, exciting cycle ahead."

You can visit the platform at: edu.uipmworld.org



A week-long CCP course took place in Cairo (EGY) during the first leg of this year's UIPM Pentathlon World Cup circuit

Development coaches from across Africa and Asia begin journey in Cairo (EGY) with first onsite course since pandemic began

Thirty-three participants from across six African and Asian nations climbed on to the first rung of the coaching ladder as they took part in a UIPM Coaches Certification Programme (CCP) in Cairo (EGY).

The week-long CCP Level 1 course took place during the first leg of this year's UIPM Pentathlon World Cup season, which kicked off in the Egyptian capital in March.

Under the tutelage of Raouf Mahrous, a UIPM Level 4 coach from Egypt, the new coaches began their journey with a session that marked the first onsite coaching course since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.

The 33 coaches represented six nations from the African and Asian confederations: Egypt, Uganda, Kuwait, Mauritius, India and Sudan.

The staging of the course was helped enormously by the host nation with the Egyptian Modern Pentathlon Federation strongly supporting the



week-long event which took place from March 17-21.

Mahrous (EGY) put the participants through their paces with theoretical and practical lessons related to all of the training aspects of Laser Run and Swimming, particularly.

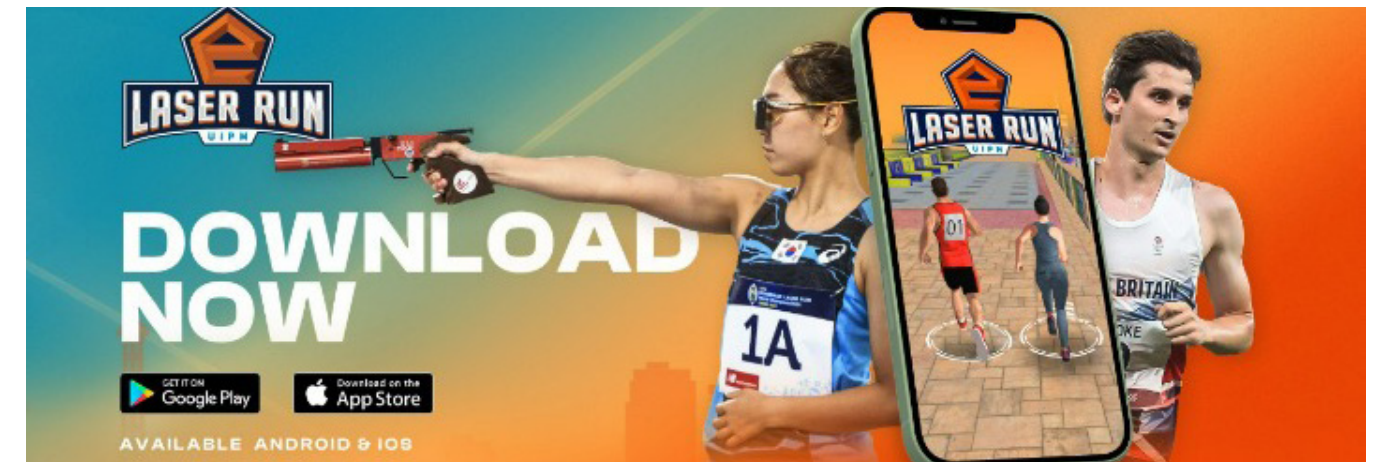
With such a dedicated focus on developing nations in the UIPM family, the participation of coaches from these countries and regions is another significant sign of the progress and growth potential of UIPM sports.

Educating and certifying Development Coaches to enable them to create a

plan for recruitment strategies and talent identification has already proven to be hugely successful for the UIPM.

UIPM Coaches Committee Chairman Christian Roudaut (FRA) said: "I am so pleased to see the success of this recent CCP course in Cairo. For two particular reasons, this course is a hugely positive sign of our progress."

Course instructor Raouf Mahrous (EGY) said: "It was a great joy to be able to help so many enthusiastic new coaches to begin their journey here in Egypt. It was extra motivating to host and instruct candidates from nations that are just beginning to grow the sport."



E-Laser Run is an original creation from UIPM that combines running and shooting in a fast-paced race including two rounds of laser pistol shooting.

UIPM announces first version of its E-sports project: E-Laser Run

UIPM joined the exciting world of E-sports with the launch of the first version of an E-Laser Run game.

E-Laser Run is an original creation from UIPM that combines running and shooting in a fast-paced and dynamic race including two rounds of laser pistol shooting.

The first version released includes a multi-player functionality that connects friends via Facebook as well as other connected players across the world. The app is available for download on mobile via the Google Play and Apple App Stores.

The global UIPM community became immersed in virtual sports during the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic, with athletes from all continents participating in new global competitions such as #LaserHomeRun and #LaserAllStars.

The release of E-Laser Run adds further credibility to the advances made in electronic sports by the governing body of Modern Pentathlon, Tetrathlon, Triathlon, Biathe and Laser Run.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "UIPM is committed to innovation and making our sports appeal to younger generations, and we look forward to sharing our E-sport products with the world. The commencement of



Rosario Gajardo (CAN) and Maria Elena Panetti (right) joined the Olympic Solidarity programme

our E-sport project is a milestone in our journey."

This is the first version of UIPM E-Laser Run and marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter of electronic sports gaming within UIPM sports. The evolution of the product will be based on player experience and feedback.

Rosario Gajardo (CAN) and Maria Elena Panetti (ITA) join the Women In Sport High Performance Pathway Programme

Rosario Gajardo of Canada and Panetti Maria Elena of Italy were selected to participate in the Women in Sport High Performance Pathway 21 Months programme by Olympic Solidarity, which includes a residential week in the UK. Both candidates meet perfectly the criteria to join the programme.

Rosario Gajardo (CAN) is a certified

UIPM coach with a coaching experience under the patronage of Pentathlon Canada.

Ms Gajardo said: "I am very excited for this next chapter in my coaching career, and to be able to better serve the athletes I work with. Thank you to the UIPM, Olympic Solidarity and Pentathlon Canada."

Shelley Callaghan, Pentathlon Canada Executive Director, added: "We are honoured that Rosario Gajardo has been accepted into the UIPM Women in Sport High Performance Pathway Programme. The training and experience Rosario will receive will not only help advance Canadian athletes but also inspire more women to become coaches."

Maria Elena Panetti (ITA) has achieved great results in coaching, with one of her pentathletes, Alice Sotero, finished



The JCP course that ran in Ankara (TUR) in early April was attended by an impressive 67 judges from across Turkey (above and right)

4th in the Tokyo 2020 Olympics.

Ms Panetti said: "I am beyond thrilled to have had the opportunity to join this course. I am sure that this experience will allow me to enrich my professional background and training both as a technician and as a woman in sport."

Filippo De Liguori Carino, Secretary General of the Italian Modern Pentathlon Federation (FIPM), added: "I am extremely pleased and proud in your choice of approving our Italian Federation of Modern Pentathlon's representative Ms Maria Elena Panetti in the programme organized by the UIPM "Women in Sport High Performance Pathway". The Italian Federation has nominated Ms Panetti because she brilliantly fulfils all the criteria required by UIPM for participating in the Programme in question."

Turkey ramps up preparations for major UIPM events with Judges Certification Programme course

Turkey ramped up its preparations for a hectic summer of elite Modern Pentathlon competitions with a prolific week of training and up-skilling the next generation of judges in

the country.

A particularly important UIPM Judges Certification Programme (JCP) course in the Turkish capital of Ankara in early April was particularly well attended with almost 70 judges from the nation either taking their first steps or moving on up the judging ladder.

Turkey will make its mark at top-level Modern Pentathlon this summer when it hosts the fourth leg of the UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup in early June and, just a few weeks later, the UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup Final.

With anticipation and excitement building for both events in Ankara, UIPM JCP Educator and Technical Committee member Andrea Dell'Amore (ITA) travelled to Turkey to help ensure the host nation's judging capabilities are ready to meet this challenge.

The JCP course, which ran from March 30 to April 3, covered all three judging levels: Level 1 (Assistant Judge), Level 2 (Judge) and Level 3 (International Judge) with 67 judges travelling from across Turkey to the capital city to take part. Six judges achieved Level 3 with 14 more moving up to Level 2 and an

impressive 47 participants taking their first steps into judging with their Level 1 certification.

The judges were put through their paces across all five disciplines during the course with participants eager to get to grips with all aspects of the new format, which was introduced successfully in the opening events of the UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup season.

There has been huge support from all levels of the Turkish and local governments as well as the National Olympic Committee surrounding the country's elevation to being a host nation of the most prestigious UIPM events and the same was again true of this course.

UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup Ankara takes place from June 7-12 with the Pentathlon World Cup Final brings the very best athletes in the world back to the Turkish capital from June 22-26.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "We have been so impressed with the dedication and excitement in Turkey as it prepares to host these prestigious UIPM events. But as we



know, attention to detail is vital too, and I am delighted to see this important week so well attended by so many newcomers and improving judges from across Turkey. I again give my thanks to the Turkish Federation and also the Turkish Government for their unwavering support as we look forward to a wonderful summer in Ankara."

UIPM Executive Board Member for Sport, Janusz Peciak OLY, said: "Judges are absolutely vital to everything we do in our great sport and we are always excited to see new participants begin their journey in the UIPM Judges Certification Programme. Just as importantly, seeing judges move on up the ladder gives me great confidence in the depth and quality of judging in Turkey. I thank our diligent instructor Andrea for all of his efforts and look forward to some great competitions in June."

UIPM Technical Committee Member and JCP Educator Andrea Dell'Amore said: "Working with so many participants hungry to learn and improve and grow their judging skills was really a thrill.

"We got through so much important work together and the growth I saw even in those five days makes me very excited for this group. UIPM's new Education Platform also offers great support to judges in Turkey and around the world as they continue their development so I thank UIPM staff for their work on this important endeavour and I wish all of the participants in Ankara continued success."



Iran's first National Biathlon Championships is a big hit with these senior male athletes

Iran celebrates watershed moment as it hosts its first ever National Biathlon Championships

In another hugely positive sign of the growth of UIPM sports in the Middle East and Asia, the Iranian Pentathlon Association hosted its first ever National Biathlon Championships in recent weeks.

Thanks to strategic support from UIPM development staff, multisports have enjoyed significant growth in Iran in recent years. The 2022 Iran Biathlon Championships which took place on March 30 in the capital Tehran.

The competition attracted 22 competitors and was a very lively

affair with Ali Rezvani finishing top of the podium followed by Mohammed Hossein Tayebi in second place and Amin Saghale, who took bronze.

In spite of significant challenges around the start of the Persian New Year in late March and the beginning of Ramadan on April 4, the Iranian Pentathlon Association successfully gathered the 22 Junior and Senior champions from the previous season from 13 of the country's 31 provinces.

Iran Pentathlon Association President Mahdi Goudarzi has also confirmed that country will, for the first time, be sending teams to the year's Biathlon-Triathlon World Championships and the Laser Run World Championships, both

of which will take place in Portugal. The UIPM 2022 Laser Run World Championships are being hosted in Lisbon (POR) from September 22-25 while the UIPM 2022 Biathle/Triathle World Championships will light up the city of Machico on the island of Madeira from October 26-30.

UIPM Executive Board Member for Development Viacheslav Malishev (GEO) said: "This historic moment of the inaugural Iran Biathle Championships is a cause for significant celebration for our movement. Continuing to grow our sports in the Middle East and Asia has been a significant goal for our Executive Board and development staff.

"With that in mind, we are delighted to see this major step forward for our friends in Iran. I congratulate Iran Pentathlon Association President Mr. Mahdi Goudarzi and his team for their efforts and look forward to many exciting developments in the country – and wider region – as the season develops."

Sharif Elerian and Aya Medany OLY elected to Egypt NOC Executive Board

Two members of the thriving Modern Pentathlon community in

Egypt have been elected to roles on the Executive Board of the Egyptian National Olympic Committee (NOC).

Sharif Elerian, who is also Vice-President of UIPM and President of the Egyptian Modern Pentathlon Federation (EMPF), was re-elected unanimously as Secretary General of the NOC.

Aya Medany OLY, three-time Egyptian Olympian in Modern Pentathlon and former Chair of the UIPM Athletes Committee, was elected as a Member of the NOC Executive Board in her capacity as Chair of the NOC's own Athletes Committee.

The elections were held during the NOC's recent Electoral General Assembly and the two Modern Pentathlon representatives – a first for the EMPF – make up one-seventh of the 14-strong Executive Board.

UIPM 2022 Masters World Championships cancelled

The UIPM Executive Board (EB) has confirmed the cancellation of the UIPM 2022 Masters World Championships.

A request for cancellation by the host

Finnish Modern Pentathlon Federation was discussed and accepted in the EB meeting on May 2 after a discussion about challenging global circumstances.

As the competition is traditionally staged in even years, UIPM will in the coming months open a bid for the UIPM 2024 Masters World Championships. UIPM will also support the organisation of the European Masters Championships 2023.

As the cancellation has also caused the postponement of the UIPM Masters Committee elections, the EB agreed to appoint a small working group to work on Masters matters together with the UIPM administration before the next election (likely to be in 2024).

The composition of the working group will be proposed in the coming weeks.

UIPM encourages National Federations to conduct their own national Masters events with international participation and urges all athletes to continue training and entering the over-age categories in both the UIPM Laser Run and Biathle-Triathle World Championships in Portugal later this year.



Sharif Elerian (front row, far left) and Aya Medany OLY (front row, centre) will sit on the Executive Board of Egypt's National Olympic Committee

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Secretary General Shiny Fang's message

Why we need to catch the Olympic Games train

The Olympic Games train will depart with or without Modern Pentathlon.

It is a fast-moving vehicle, powered by the latest technology. It is also a historic monument, a tribute to human achievement with huge emotional symbolism.

The train carries all of our memories of the glory days of rail travel, and the journeys we took. But it also has an important task: to carry the passengers of tomorrow where they want to go.

The driver is resolute in this task and determined to succeed so that, 50-100 years from now, our children and their children will have as much love for the Olympic Games as we do now.

The train consists of new and old carriages, and it always will be, but some of the old carriages will eventually be released and sent back to the garage to be turned into museum exhibits. Meanwhile the train will speed along the track with newer, lighter, more dynamic carriages at the front.

We have options in front of us.

We can catch the train and equip ourselves as required by the driver, OR we can keep debating why the driver set such requirements and stay on the platform without moving.

We can work together to get everyone on the train, OR we can wait for those who insist on travelling in the old carriages that they remember so fondly; as a result, everyone misses the train.

We can leave behind some beloved belongings because they don't fit the



train, be strong and face the future with confidence, OR we can keep campaigning to bring items that the driver told us not to bring, and end up being denied entry to the train.

Do we have alternatives?

Can we wait and take another train because we still want to bring everything with us?

No, because this is the train that brought us here, and it will only stop at this station once.

Can we create our own train so that we can bring all our belongings with us?

Yes, but only if we are strong enough to own, buy or build that train.

So what can we do?

We can focus, prepare ourselves to be as fit as possible and help each other to

adjust to the new reality.

We can welcome new passengers into our carriage, appreciate them for the powers and skills that make us stronger as a group.

We can hold love for our cherished items, memorise them, but embrace our new belongings and turn them into the treasure of tomorrow.

The train is leaving soon, and we need to be on that platform with the right luggage and tickets to the same destination as the other carriages.

So are you ready for a new journey?

Think ahead. Decades from now, future generations will thank you for what you have done to keep them on the train, to allow them to experience the journey of Olympism as you did, and to start their own unforgettable journeys.

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President Dr Klaus Schormann's activities

02.03.2022: TV Commission

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann opened a meeting of the UIPM TV Commission and welcomed UIPM 1st Vice President Juan Antonio Samaranch as Chairman.

During the online meeting, Mr Samaranch discussed together with Commission Members steps and duties of this group for the future and the strategy that must be established.

03.03.2022: Commission for Culture & Education

Members of the UIPM Commission for Culture & Education discussed how they want to establish a system that will be useful for athletes especially at junior and youth level in competitions.

They came up with various topics that could be enlarged through an e-learning system. Here the Commission sees the possibility to connect the culture and heritage of Modern Pentathlon with the modern era.

The goal of this Commission is to give young people a greater insight into the cultures and history of Modern Pentathlon.

The European Games 2023 in Krakow (POL) promises to be an ideal platform for exhibitions, as one of the most important historical places in Europe. The Commission discussed using this event for promotion of the heritage of Pierre de Coubertin and exhibiting the evolution of Modern Pentathlon.

09.03.2022: German Olympic Academy

During the online meeting of the German Olympic Academy (GOA)



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann attends meetings with, top to bottom, the UIPM TV Commission, Commission for Culture & Education and Pierre de Coubertin Commission



Executive Board, the UIPM President highlighted the need for the GOA to have independence and closer links to the German Olympic Sports Confederation.

Close cooperation between the European Olympic Academy and International Olympic Academy in Olympia (GRE) has resulted in greater awareness of the goals of the Olympic movement.

15.03.2022: Pierre de Coubertin Commission

The UIPM Pierre de Coubertin Commission met to take care of the Pierre de Coubertin legacy, which is directly connected to Modern Pentathlon. Coubertin family member Alexandra de Navacelle invited the Commission to visit the home of Coubertin in France for a deeper look into his life and better understanding of his way of thinking. A trip to Paris and Normandy is scheduled for September 2022.

15.03.2022: Business Affairs Committee

President Dr Schormann briefed the Members of the UIPM Business Affairs Committee (BAC) on matters relating to sporting politics and business relevant to UIPM.

UIPM Vice President Viacheslav Aminov chaired the meeting and led discussions covering branding, promotion and general marketing issues.

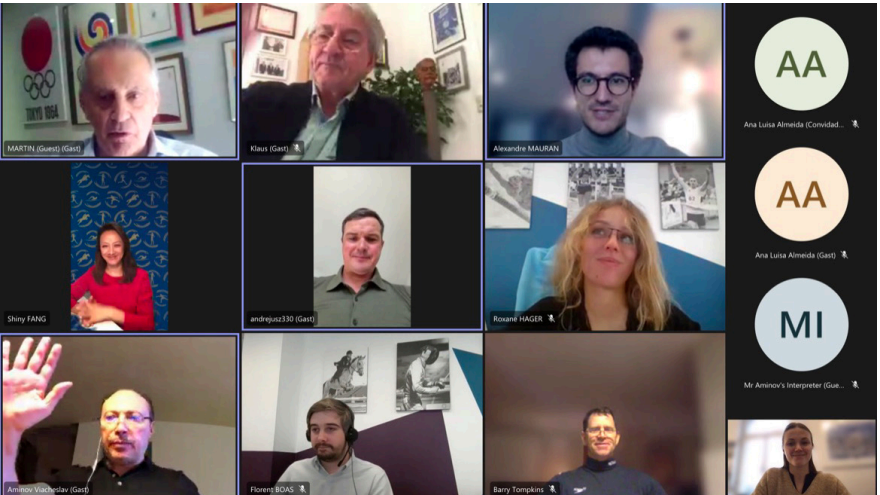
16.03.2022: Munich, GER

Dr Schormann arranged a meeting with the German Patron of Modern Pentathlon, HRH Prince Leopold of Bavaria, to discuss the 50th anniversary of women in Modern Pentathlon. The anniversary will be celebrated in August 2022 in Munich.

During the Olympic Summer Games Munich 1972, the General Assembly of the Union International de Pentathlon Moderne et Biathlon (UIPMB) approved a motion of the German Federation to



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann with HRH Prince Leopold of Bavaria, second left, and former German Modern Pentathlon Federation office-bearers Walter Vogel, left, and Olaf Kleidon, right



The UIPM Business Affairs Committee meets online

include women. The motion was created by the former President of the German Federation, Prof Dr Peter Wilhelm Henze, who was a UIPMB Council Member. HRH Prince Leopold of Bavaria was

happy to hear that we would like to do a celebration for this movement and accepted to take over the patronage of this important celebration.



President Dr Schormann appears on stage, above, alongside fellow VIPs at the UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup Cairo press conference; his speech, left, was appreciated by the large audience, below



21.03. – 27.03.2022: Cairo, EGY

On March 22, President Dr Schormann spoke and answered questions at the press conference promoting the season-opening UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup Cairo, together with Egypt’s Minister of Sport & Youth, Dr Ashraf Shoby.

UIPM has a good relationship with the Egyptian Government and Egyptian Modern Pentathlon Federation (EMPF), led by President Sharif Elerian who was elected UIPM Vice President at UIPM 2021 Congress.

Egypt has been a reliable pillar of the UIPM Sports movement, organizing high-quality World Cups and World Championships in this difficult time when a lot of countries are still restricted by COVID-19.

During his stay in Cairo (EGY), Dr Schormann met with representatives of various nations to discuss further steps for their federation or how to become a UIPM federation.

On March 23, along with UIPM Executive

Board Member for Development Dr Viacheslav Malishev, he met with the Saudi Modern Pentathlon Federation President, Nasser Al-Dugether.

Together they discussed the challenges and opportunities presented by the replacement of Riding with a new 5th discipline. They also spoke about the next Youth Olympic Games in 2026 in Dakar, which will be a great opportunity for African athletes to take part through the UIPM qualification system.

The same day, Dr Schormann and Dr Malishev met with Simon Peter Komakech (President) and Joseph Collins Ssemmanda (Secretary General) of the Uganda Modern Pentathlon Federation.

There were further possibilities for meetings with African federations during Pentathlon World Cup Cairo.

On March 25, UIPM Vice President Sharif Elerian arranged a group meeting attended by the Vice President of the African Confederation (CAPM), Jennifer O’Hanlon (President, South African Modern Pentathlon Association), Francois Akonde (President, Ivory Coast

Dr Schormann and Dr Viacheslav Malishev meet with, right, Saudi Modern Pentathlon Federation President Nasser Al-Dugether and, below, Simon Peter Komakech and, far right, Collins Ssemmanda of the Uganda Modern Pentathlon Federation, along with UIPM Executive Assistant Lena Nussbaumer



Dr Schormann and Dr Malishev meet with numerous African National Federation representatives who travelled to Cairo (EGY)



Dr Schormann with Dr Ahmad Dallal, President of the American University of Cairo which hosted the Pentathlon World Cup, above, and in attendance at a football match in Cairo (EGY) with, left to right, Hesham Hatab (NOC President of Egypt), Dr Hassan Moustafa (IHF President), Dr Ashraf Sobhy (Minister of Youth & Sport) and Gamal Allam (Egyptian Football Association President)



31.03.2022: Turkish Modern Pentathlon Federation

The UIPM President, accompanied by Secretary General Shiny Fang, had a meeting with the Turkish Modern Pentathlon Federation ahead of a busy month organising a UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup and World Cup Final in Ankara (TUR) in June.

The video meeting consisted of a general overview about preparations of the World Cups as well as the New 5th Discipline test event, which the UIPM Executive Board decided on May 2 should take place immediately after the Pentathlon World Cup Final in the same venue in Ankara (TUR).

TMPF President Veli Ozan Cakir also briefed the UIPM President and Secretary General on major development steps made in Turkey, where the Government is strongly supporting the UIPM Sports movement through schools and university projects.

22.04.2022: African Confederation

During an online meeting with Sylvestre Zare, the new President of the African Modern Pentathlon Confederation (CAPM), President

Modern Pentathlon Federation) and two CAPM Executive Board Members, Saikou Jarju (President, Gambia Modern Pentathlon Association) and Simon Peter Komakech (President, Uganda Modern Pentathlon Federation).

The meeting was essential for the African nations to gain a better overview of their mutual opportunities and challenges. Dr Schormann and Dr Malyshev decided to travel to Africa later in 2022 to meet with the whole CAPM Board and as many nations as possible.





A joint dinner brings together members of the UIPM Executive Board, the New 5th Discipline Working Group and Hungarian officials and VIPs



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann presents a certificate to UIPM 1st Vice President Juan Antonio Samaranch and, below, they socialise with IOC Member Pal Schmitt in Budapest (HUN). Opposite: the UIPM Executive Board meeting on May 2



Schormann discussed new possibilities for African nations presented by the New 5th Discipline that will replace Riding.

President Zare underlined that a new door for future development of the multi-sport Modern Pentathlon has been opened by the decision made by UIPM 2021 Congress, especially for developing countries.

25.04. – 02.05.2022: Budapest, HUN

During the second competition of the season, UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup Budapest, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann had the opportunity to speak with a lot of European federations as well as Executive Board Members from the European Confederation.

On May 1 UIPM gathered together the New 5th Discipline Working Group in person for the first time and they held critical discussions about the future of Modern Pentathlon with external experts Michael Payne, Terrence Burns, David Hill, Peter Hutton and Ursula Romero.

This meeting was very constructive and the group made a big step towards determining the best possible future for Modern Pentathlon. Ian Adamson, President of World Obstacle, and Col Alessandro Trono from the International Military Sports Council (CISM) presented their proposed disciplines.

In the evening UIPM hosted a big joint dinner with all EB Members and Working Group Members as well as officials from the Hungarian Olympic Committee and Government.

IOC Member Pal Schmitt and UIPM President Schormann gave speeches about solidarity and understanding for the future of Modern Pentathlon in the Olympic Movement, the tradition, the heritage and great innovation for new generations to come.

On May 2, the UIPM EB met and decided to test two variations of Obstacle Discipline – as proposed by World Obstacle – in Ankara (TUR) in late





A group picture of UIPM Executive Board Members and supporting UIPM staff in Budapest (HUN)

June immediately after the UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup Final. The mission to prepare Modern Pentathlon for a new era starting with the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games is now entering a new phase. The EB furthermore discussed the war in

Ukraine. As stated in previous statements UIPM is following the advice and recommendations of the IOC.

The meeting was the first to include new EB Members such as Asian Confederation President Hyunjun Kim and African

Confederation President Sylvestre Zare, each of whom gave a special report. The 1st Vice President of UIPM, Juan Antonio Samaranch (also IOC Vice President), received a special honour based on his outstanding work during many years for Modern Pentathlon.



UIPM President Dr Schormann addresses the CISM General Assembly in Lima (PER)

05.05. – 07.05.2022: Lima, PER

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, accompanied by Executive Assistant Lena Nussbaumer, attended the CISM Congress. Dr Schormann spoke at the General Assembly about the long pathway shared by CISM and UIPM as well as the future and changes in the pipeline.

During their time in Peru, President Dr Schormann and Ms Nussbaumer had discussions with delegations from Brazil, Saudi Arabia, Germany, Spain, Italy, India, Nigeria, Denmark, Romania, Sweden and Poland among other nations.

Furthermore, they had a long and important meeting with the President of the Peruvian Modern Pentathlon Federation, Bernardino Leyva Meneses.

Clockwise from top: Dr Schormann and Lena Nussbaumer with Col Alessandro Trono of CISM and Peru NF Secretary General Fredy Vargas Ortiz; with Col Stefan Marginean of CISM; with NF President Bernardino Leyva Meneses and Col Nilton Rolim of CISM; Dr Schormann with Col Khaled Rashed AlZaabi from the Ministry of Defence



Pentathlon World Rankings

The PWR is updated live at www.pentathlon.org after each competition. PWR as at 6 May 2022:

MEN

RANK	NATION	NAME	POINTS
1	HUN	Adam MAROSI	196
2	EGY	Ahmed ELGENDY	185
3	FRA	Valentin PRADES	178
4	RUS	Alexander LIFANOV	169
5	GER	Fabian LIEBIG	166
6	FRA	Valentin BELAUD	161
7	HUN	Bence DEMETER	153
8	KOR	Jinhwa JUNG	152
9	EGY	Ahmed HAMED	151
10	UKR	Pavlo TYMOSHCHENKO	146
11	CZE	Jan KUF	141
12	LTU	Justinas KINDERIS	136
13	GER	Patrick DOGUE	134
14	GER	Marvin DOGUE	134
15	BLR	Ilya PALAZKOV	133
16	CZE	Martin VLACH	131
17	KOR	Woongtae JUN	130
18	HUN	Csaba BOHM	130
19	HUN	Richard BERECKZI	130
20	GER	Christian ZILLEKENS	127

WOMEN

RANK	NATION	NAME	POINTS
1	HUN	Michelle GULYAS	200
2	BLR	Anastasiya PROKOPENKO	190
3	FRA	Elodie CLOUVEL	183
4	ITA	Elena MICHELI	178
5	LTU	Laura ASADAUSKAITE	177
6	GER	Annika SCHLEU	166
7	GBR	Kate FRENCH	160
8	ITA	Alice SOTERO	157
9	LTU	Gintare VENCKAUSKAITE	150
10	FRA	Marie OTEIZA	144
11	MEX	Mayan OLIVER	142
12	GER	Rebecca LANGREHR	132
13	EGY	Amira KANDIL	132
14	LTU	Ieva SERAPINAITE	128
15	TUR	Ilke OZYUKSEL	123
16	EGY	Salma ABDELMAKSoud	121
17	MEX	Mariana ARCEO	117
18	BLR	Volha SILKINA	117
19	RUS	Gulnaz GUBAYDULLINA	112
20	HUN	Blanka GUZI	109

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Baron Pierre de Coubertin

"The Modern Pentathlon event would test a man's moral qualities as much as his physical resources and skills, producing thereby the ideal, complete athlete."

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