

UIPM 2021 Congress Minutes

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UIPM 71st Congress – Day 1

First Session

UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann welcomes everyone from around the world, laments that the COVID-19 Pandemic has kept this Congress as a virtual gathering but thanks everyone for being present and looks forward to a productive Congress.

After Dr. Schormann declared Congress officially opened, a standing ovation took place for a video tribute to members of the Modern Pentathlon family who have passed away since the last UIPM Congress in 2018.

1. Congress conduction procedures

UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang hands over to Christian Keidel, UIPM Legal Counsel, who explains the voting proceedings, welcoming Lumi Global as technical partners for all virtual voting together with Cheeswrights Scrivener Notaries, LLC in charge of overseeing the voting procedures and processes during the Congress and, therefore, eliminating the need for scrutineers and tellers of votes.

Mr Keidel added that *"Lumi is the dominant player globally in the provision of software and real-time audience engagement technology to facilitate Annual General Meetings for Companies (whether listed or non-listed), Associations, Legislative Bodies, Membership Organizations, and Partnerships. Headquartered in the UK, Lumi provides software, hardware, and services that assist registrars or event organizers to register delegates and provide live, secure polling, Q&A management services, and relevant reporting. Lumi is a trustable partner of several International Sports Federations and Organizations like GAISG and IOC"*.

Regarding then notary services, Mr Keidel said that *"Cheeswrights LLP is a notarial office which has been established in the City of London since 1779, its clients include many international financial institutions, multinational companies, professional service firms, government departments and private individuals. Organisations which Cheeswrights have assisted with include the International Olympic Committee, World Athletics, the International Ski Federation, the International Table Tennis Federation, GAISF, ASOIF and FIA. Cheeswrights is represented in UIPM Congress by Mr. Luis Hyde-Vaamonde – qualified as a notary in 2008 - and who will perform his role during the two Congress days in Lumi Global Headquarters based in the UK."*

Mr Keidel clarified that general voting during the Congress will require a majority of 50%+1 of valid votes to pass, while for elections there are other specific requirements that will be further explained.

2. Roll call of the members

Mr Keidel hands over to the notary and Lumi technical staff to proceed to the roll call. They confirm that the current number of voting delegates online is 66, while the quorum requirement is 59.

3. Adoption of the agenda

SG Fang outlines the updated Agenda to Congress members.

She hands over to the notary and Lumi to conduct the voting for the agenda's approval, highlighting the importance of the vote training session conducted by Lumi and opened to all National Federation (NFs) delegates on November 23rd, 2021, to guarantee to all members clear explanations and understandings about the online voting.

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Lumi staff presented a fresh technical explanation on voting procedures followed by a test vote for delegates to get used to the system.

After that, the adoption of the agenda was voted, with results as follows:

Total Possible Votes	71	
Abstentions	5	
Valid Votes Cast	60	
YES	54	90.00%
NO	6	10.00%

THE ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA IS APPROVED

UIPM 71st CONGRESS AGENDA

1. Congress conduction procedures
2. Roll-call of the Members
3. Adoption of the agenda
4. Approval of the minutes of the 2018 Congress
5. Report of the President on the activities of the Executive Board
6. Reports of the Vice-Presidents
 - 1st Vice-President
 - Vice-President for Business Affairs
 - Other Vice-Presidents
7. Report of the Secretary-General
8. Report of the Treasurer
9. Adoption of the budget plan and approval of the budget for 2022
10. Reports of representatives of other UIPM bodies
 - a) EB members
 - EB member for Sport
 - EB member for Media
 - EB member for Marketing
 - EB member for Development
 - b) Committees
 - Chairman of Coaches Committee
 - Chairwoman of Athletes Committee
 - Chairwoman of Medical Committee
 - Report of Master Committee
11. Report of the Honorary Auditors
12. Continental Confederations reports

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- Africa
- Asia
- Europe
- NORCECA
- Oceania
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13. Approval of the new members

14. UIPM events awarding and presentations

15. Briefing of UIPM 1st Vice President Juan Antonio Samaranch Jr

16. Briefing of UIPM Vice President Joël Bouzou

17. Ratification of EB decision taken on Oct 31, 2021

18. Elections

- President
- 5 Vice-Presidents
- Treasurer
- Member for Sport
- Member for Marketing
- Member for Media
- Member for Development
- 2 Honorary Auditors
- 6 members of the Technical Committee
- 6 members of the Medical Committee
- 4 members of the Business Affairs Committee

19. Decisions on motions submitted:

- a) Motions from the Executive Board
- b) Motions from the National Federations

20. Next Congress, and any other business

Question from the floor (DEN)
Benny Elmann-Larsen requests that the motion from Germany be removed from the agenda because it is against the UIPM constitution the way it has been submitted.
Reply
SG Shiny Fang confirms that the referenced item is not for discussion on Day 1 and is for discussion on Day 2, along with all other NF motions.

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4. Approval of the minutes of the 2018 Congress

SG hands over again to the notary and Lumi to conduct the voting for the approval of the minutes of the 2018 Congress that took place in Cyprus, with results as follows:

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Total Possible Votes	73	
Abstentions	9	
Valid Votes Cast	56	
YES	55	98.21%
NO	1	1.79%

THE MINUTES OF THE UIPM 2018 CONGRESS ARE APPROVED

5. Report of the President on the activities of the Executive Board

UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann thanks all member federations for their efforts during the COVID-19 Pandemic. "It was always in your hands how you could continue to move in your sport," he said as he acknowledged the athletes, coaches, local organizers and volunteers and all delegates for their effort to host competitions during the last years.

"Our sport pyramid is so important as countries focus on youth and never forget our Masters. We are a sport for all generations," he says as he expresses his gratitude to the UIPM Executive Board, Committees and Commissions and all UIPM staff for their efforts over the past cycle.

Dr. Schormann enthusiastically praised the IOC, the Olympic Movement, the government of Japan and the health authorities for completion of the delayed Tokyo Olympic Games. "They never gave up," he said. "The athletes wanted to fulfil their dream."

He also praised countries for hosting UIPM events in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, with special mention for Egypt, Bulgaria and Hungary

Dr. Schormann highlighted the popularity of the Global Laser Run City Tour and the presence of Laser Run in the first Urban Games in 2019. "The IOC is focusing on the young generation, the young consumer, he said as he highlights skateboarding and sport climbing at the Tokyo Games, breakdancing and BMX at Paris 2024. "We need to also go in this direction too. We need to look at how we can make our sport more accessible around the world. We have to have this in mind — what it means to be global."

Dr. Schormann observes growth in continental competitions and thanks Pan Am Sport for the inclusion of Modern Pentathlon, including the Mixed Relay, in the upcoming Junior Pan American Games in Cali next week, and both the Polish Federation and the European Confederation for Pentathlon's inclusion in the European Games in Krakow in 2023.

Dr. Schormann addresses the challenge to prepare athletes for the Youth Olympic Games in Dakar in 2026, which he says are so important for Africa. He praises the IOC decision to host the Games there and highlights UIPM's close relationship with African countries. "It's so important that athletes from all continents can compete in our sport," he says. "We are focusing on all continents where we can achieve new ground and promote the sports of our sports pyramid."

Dr. Schormann highlights his activity reports presented in all UIPM monthly newsletters and finishes by highlighting that IOC President Dr. Bach reiterated a new word at a recent IOC Session — "together". "This word means a lot. Only together we can achieve things for the next generation," he said. "We are never forgetting history or heritage. When we discuss these matters with the family of the Coubertin, they highlighted that Baron de Coubertin was always focusing on providing a vision for the future. We have always been very innovative, taking care of our environment and being fair to each other. It's why we are focused on staying together in solidarity."

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Question from the floor (SWE)

Erik Lakomaa provides one statement and ask one question. Statement: when a delegate requests the floor, it's important that they are heard before the vote. Question: could delegates use the chat function to ensure that their request to be heard is seen?

Reply

SG Fang responds and agrees with the first part of the question but notes that the system specifications mean the chat function cannot be used in this way.

Question from the floor (UGA)

Simon Peter Komakech expresses concern that new members in Africa are resource-constrained and asks if there any possibility where UIPM admin can assist new members with resources to rise up to their counterparts? He also invites President and Member for Development to take a fact-finding tour to realize the challenges of new members.

Reply

SG Fang thanks Mr. Komakech for his comments and agrees that the UIPM can and does certainly assist new countries. She highlights the election of new African Confederation President and emphasizes UIPM will work closely with the continent and again expresses thanks for the comments.

6. Reports of the Vice-Presidents

▪ Report of the 1st Vice President

Juan Antonio Samaranch, UIPM 1st VP welcomed all delegates and mentions that he opts to defer his comments to the afternoon session.

▪ Report of the other Vice Presidents

President Schormann refers that the reports of the other VPs are published on the Congress Book and asked if any of the delegates have any remarks or questions about those reports. There was no question from the attendees.

7. Report of the Secretary-General

SG Shiny Fang begins by noting how the Tokyo 2020 cycle was "highly eventful, the whole globe had just gone through unbelievable and extraordinary experiences, embracing the new normal. At UIPM we have learned the hard way to turn negatives to positives." SG Fang said she has "a deep well of pride to the work of the UIPM staff team" and highlights the "unsung heroes" of committees, commissions and working groups and tireless work of organizers.

She reiterates to the UIPM family's athletes that "we're here for you" and goes on to note some of the successes of the cycle including many firsts — the Pentathlon Stadium which debuted in Mexico in 2018 as well as collaboration with FISU on the World University Championships, the World Urban Games, SEA Games and Junior Pan American Games. She also notes the launch of the Global Laser-Run City Tour in 2017, the Biathle/Triathle National Tour, the first ever Coubertin Day and the launch of the first UIPM stamp in collaboration with the Monaco government as part of the celebrations of the UIPM 70th Anniversary.

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She highlights successful launches of both the UIPM Central App for smartphones and the UIPM online Shop as well as the UIPM online Educational Platform for coaches and judges, with more than 1000 coaches and judges certified from more than 60 countries over this cycle. Since 2019, UIPM has offered scholarships in partnership with various universities while during the COVID-19 pandemic, media products as UIPM Live talks and Pentathlon 360 were a success.

SG Fang also stresses major structural and sporting developments, celebrating the fact that the UIPM welcomed 20 new national federations in this cycle and reached 240 cities through the GLRCT, distributed close to 2000 sets of shooting equipment to more than 80 countries, and supported more than 20 countries with fencing equipment. Meanwhile, the New Modern Pentathlon Format approved by the IOC Executive Board in December 2020 for the Paris 2024 Games has been rigorously tested in spite of all obstacles of pandemic.

She recalls that the new UIPM Headquarters was opened by HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco in 2020.

On media issues, SG Fang notes an increased global TV reach and increase in broadcast hours. She says, "there is still a lot of room to improve together with a new TV partner". On digital initiatives, there has been a 43% increase in web traffic and 38% increase in newsletter open rate as well as exciting growth in the social media marketplace: 238% growth on Instagram; 1000% on Weibo in the cycle. "Storytelling is now embedded in our communications, with athletes at the centre," she says.

This Olympic cycle was about surviving as well as thriving, says SG Fang as she thanks the support from the Monaco government to retain staff without redundancies.

Looking to the future, SG Fang notes UIPM's first e-sports initiative and progressive moves across parasport. She says the focus will be on both Paris and Dakar Olympic Games with the goal of getting the UIPM to 150 federations still very much front and centre.

"Just look at everything we have achieved by working hard together through hard times," finishes SG Fang. "Now we have the confidence to achieve in an innovative sport inspired by faith, passion, creativity, support and collaboration."

UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann thanks SG Fang and the staff for their work.

8. Report of the Treasurer

UIPM Treasurer John Helmick presented his financial report for the current cycle underlining that the 2017-19 parts of the cycle had left the UIPM in a healthy financial position with a balance of \$3,364,496 at the end of 2019.

He noted that the COVID-19 pandemic which struck in 2020 caused a unique financial impact however the loss in revenue was somewhat offset with significantly lower costs due to the absence of competition-staging costs. He said the UIPM was given an interest-free advance of \$1,250,000 from the IOC in 2020 to help with pandemic-related shortfalls.

Mr. Helmick presented the balanced budget for the upcoming 2022-2024 cycle with reserve fund savings of \$1,500,000 factored in and revenues projected as per existing sponsorship agreements and upcoming IOC TV revenue payments.

Expenditure in 2022 is budgeted at \$4,133,500 with funds set aside for the process of researching the new fifth discipline with revenues of \$13,140,000. Starting 2023 with a cash balance of \$7,506,500 and revenue of \$440,000, expenditure is projected at \$4,004,000 to leave a cash balance of \$3,942,500 for 2024.

It being an Olympic year, there is a slightly higher budgeted revenue of \$530,000 with a projected expenditure of \$4,472,500, leaving a balanced budget at the end of 2024. Given this, Mr. Helmick said,

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if budgets have to be increased in one part of UIPM operations, the funds will have to be found from another part of expenditure to balance things out.

Question from the floor (FIN)

Janne Saarikko notes that during the last two Congresses there were recommendations to change the external auditors from KPMG and asks has this been done? He asks also what the current annual costs of the president's office in total are?

Reply

UIPM Treasurer stresses that UIPM have honorary auditors elected by the Congress as well as professional external auditors KPMG. During the pandemic felt it was not the time to seek out new auditors for UIPM. He also noted that UIPM must have auditors who are based in Monaco, which provides less options compared to being in London, the U.S. etc. Mr. Helmick also notes that costs for the audit are very reasonable. Addressing costs of the office of the President, he notes that UIPM probably has the least expensive presidential costs of any sport in the Olympic programme with \$250,000 the total annual costs of the president's office.

Question from the floor (SWE)

Erik Lakomaa again requests that the chat function on Zoom be open for questions. He asks for clarification on itemization and wage totals for the secretariat.

Reply

UIPM Treasurer Mr. John Helmick notes that wages for the secretariat are \$400,000 and further explains how costs are categorized. Using round numbers, he says the cost of personnel including salaries, independent contractors and vendors is just under \$1m. Travel and costs of the committees are around \$1m. The support to organizers, NFs, competition expenses and athletes are around \$1.1/1.2m. All other costs bundled together come to around \$800,000. SG Fang also notes that UIPM staff will continue to pay attention to address everyone who raises their hand to speak before voting. But the chat cannot be opened due to standard procedures.

Question from the floor (SGP)

Desmond Chan asks how funding is calculated by the IOC?

Reply

UIPM SG Shiny Fang thanks Mr. Chan for his question and explains that IOC funding is based on five categories of the 28 sports among the in the Summer Olympic Programme. Modern Pentathlon is ranked in the 5th and last category so receives some of the least pay-out. She explains that this is based on many of indicators, including popularity of traditional media, social media, and TV. Total viewing hours at Games time play a big part that is our disadvantage since we only have two events until the Tokyo Olympics, but she notes that the recently approved New Format with elimination format with longer schedule in the OG, should help a lot on increasing those numbers.

9. Adoption of the budget plan and approval of the budget for 2022

UIPM Treasurer presented the breakdown of the budget for 2022.

SG hands over again to the notary and Lumi to conduct the voting for the approval of the budget for 2022, with the following results:

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Total Possible Votes	79	
Abstentions	2	
Valid Votes Cast	67	
YES	63	94.03%
NO	4	5.97%

THE BUDGET FOR 2022 IS APPROVED

10. Reports of representatives of other UIPM bodies

- a) Executive Board (EB) members
- b) Committees

SG Shiny Fang asks if there are any questions in relation to the reports of the bodies of the UIPM. The only question presented is the one below.

Question from the floor (DEN)
Benny Elmann-Larsen requests clarity on which report is being referenced?
Reply
UIPM SG Fang reiterates that the reports of the various committees of the UIPM are to be discussed. All of which reports are part of the Congress Book sent via email to all National Federations on October 28, 2021.

11. Report of the Honorary Auditors

SG Shiny Fang asks if there are any questions about the report of the UIPM Honorary Auditors circulated in the Congress Book. There was no question from the delegates.

12. Continental Confederations reports

SG Shiny Fang asks if there are any questions about the reports of any of the Continental Confederations Presidents' reports circulated in the Congress Book. There was no question from the delegates.

13. Approval of the new members

UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann lists the new 11 provisional NFs to be approved as full members:

- Africa: Chad, Eritrea, Rwanda, Sierra Leone South Sudan, and Sudan.
- Asia: Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and East Timor
- Europe: Croatia and North Macedonia

SG hands over to the notary and Lumi to conduct the voting for the approval of the new members, with the following result:

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Total Possible Votes	79	
Abstentions	1	
Valid Votes Cast	70	
YES	68	97.14%
NO	2	2.86%

THE NEW MEMBERS ARE APPROVED

Dr. Schormann congratulates and welcomes the new federations to the UIPM family.

14. UIPM events awarding and presentations

SG Fang introduced a series of video outlining and promoting the upcoming events in 2022 including the Pentathlon World Cups in Egypt, Hungary, Bulgaria, and Turkey as well as the 2022 Congress in Antigua, Guatemala.

Question from the floor (DEN)
Benny Elmann-Larsen asks whether members' right to speak at Congress is being violated saying he has not been given the right to speak.
Reply
UIPM SG Shiny Fang pointed out that Mr. Larsen had already been given the floor four times in the morning session and again reiterated that any NF representative who raises their hands has been given the opportunity to speak.

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Second Session

UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann began the second session by providing some background on the journey for Modern Pentathlon to still be in the Olympic Program over the past 30 years.

Dr. Schormann notes that when he started in 1993, he received an invitation by the then-IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch to Lausanne to have a first conversation where the future of Horse Riding at the Olympic Games was quickly raised, after Modern Pentathlon has experienced issues during the Riding discipline at the Barcelona Games in 1992. The IOC president asked to consider cycling instead of Riding. Dr. Schormann notes that cycling was explored but it was too expensive.

He recalls that in 1996 in Atlanta there were further issues and ahead of the IOC session in 1997 in Lausanne, newspaper reports predicted that Modern Pentathlon would be removed of the program for Sydney 2000. However, "after a concerted team campaign, we survived for Sydney"

Dr. Schormann recalls that in 2001 when Dr. Jacques Rogge took over as IOC President at the next IOC Session in Mexico City in 2002, it was on the agenda to again remove Modern Pentathlon, as well as baseball and softball. Dr. Schormann notes that along with UIPM Vice-President Joel Bouzou, he went to Mexico City and after a series of talks and successful presentation to the IOC session it was possible to keep Modern Pentathlon "away of a place in the Olympic Museum."

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Subsequently after issues at the 2008 Olympics when the Riding discipline at the Men's competition in Beijing was not successful, IOC President Rogge called again and asked Dr. Schormann to "please understand that you need a new fifth discipline to make your sport more accessible".

Dr. Schormann notes that in 2016 in Frankfurt the UIPM decided to establish an Innovation Commission to be in charge of discussions about potential changes in the sport. In a meeting in 2018, once more in our history, UIPM got a clear message from the IOC President. In a meeting with Dr. Thomas Bach, the IOC Sports Department, and the SG Shiny Fang a clear message was delivered that a solution to replace riding and make the sport more inclusive had to be made.

Besides, Dr. Schormann noted that in all discussions in the past and at the present time, UIPM have been listening to the Athlete's Committee. It was always understood that UIPM Athletes Committee is representing all athletes around the world, from all continents.

Dr. Schormann confirms that there have been already successful meetings in Paris with the Organising Committee of the 2024 Olympic Games and Sport Department of the IOC but now the focus has to turn to the new discipline and the next generations for Los Angeles 2028 and Brisbane 2032. Future generations have to have the chance to fulfil their Olympic dream, he said. "As UIPM modernises, there are so many more possibilities for the future".

He reminds that he is a President for all of the UIPM family and finishes by arguing that "the future is in our hands — do we want to be in the Games, or not?"

UIPM President then introduces a video showing the path of UIPM history detailing all of the firsts and all of the changes over the past century.

15. Briefing of UIPM 1st Vice President Juan Antonio Samaranch Jr

UIPM Vice-President Samaranch addressed the Congress on the need to replace Riding with a new fifth discipline.

He said that "we are at a defining moment for Modern Pentathlon. In the past, we placed our defence on tradition. But the world has changed dramatically."

He said that we are now in a digital era where everything is measurable and it is no good to go to the IOC with emotion, there is nowhere to hide. He also pointed to the fact that while until recently it was almost impossible to change the Olympic Programme, now the programme is changing. Sports climbing, skateboarding, surfing, 3x3 basketball, karate, all included now — and these sports got a lot of traction in Tokyo in the age group that is most interesting for the future, he said.

VP Samaranch argued that today the idea of core sports simply doesn't exist and the UIPM has to change drastically. Asking for Congress to ratify the EB's decision he said it's beyond urgent and outlined the pathway ahead with IOC meetings planned for the following week and a Session in China in February. He stressed that is why the Executive Board took a decision with urgency using force majeure. "We did it to give us the opportunity. If we don't do it, we would put ourselves in a very difficult position."

VP Samaranch warned that the high chances are that if UIPM do not deliver what has been asked of us since 1993, this time it will not be able to overcome the situation just with emotion. He asked delegates to ratify the decision and finished his address by reiterating that "this is a most defining moment in our history. More than you can imagine. Please take very seriously what we have to do here, because there is no sense in hiding our heads in the sand."

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Question from the floor (DEN)

Benny Elmann-Larsen reads a speech outlining opposition to the decision and noted that Modern Pentathlon athletes are the employers of UIPM staff and Executive Board. Suggesting that 75% of the athletes of the world are against the decision, he urged delegates to vote against ratifying the decision.

Reply

UIPM First VP Juan Antonio Samaranch responded that much like the board of any company, the Executive Board of a sporting organization is elected to act when it is necessary. He said the UIPM would be doing a "meagre" favour if they didn't act on the information they had. VP Samaranch added that the term "the athletes of the world" is very broad. He emphasized that the UIPM Athletes Committee is fully aware of the situation and have consulted a significant number of athletes prior to the decision of the EB. He stressed the decision is being brought to be ratified by the NFs who also represent the athletes. "The UIPM EB is doing the best we can, and we took that decision based on urgent information. Sorry, Ben, but I feel very comfortable with the way we are doing this, we are now going to vote on that, and I am happy that this is going to happen".

Question from the floor (SWE)

Erik Lakomaa argued that the IOC are on record as saying they haven't demanded the removal of Riding. He argues that UIPM shouldn't be in a hurry to make such a decision and request that the decision is put off.

Reply

UIPM First VP Juan Antonio Samaranch reiterates that there is no formal request by the IOC that UIPM drop the horses or MP be out of the programme. "That is not the way things are done in the Olympic movement – you can believe or not in what we are saying," he says as he welcomes Mr Lakomaa to vote on ratification of the decision. On the legality of the decision, VP Samaranch invites Christian Keidel (GER), UIPM Legal Counsel to explain the facts.

Mr Keidel points to item 13.2 of the UIPM statutes and says that at the moment when a decision on sending the proposal to the IOC by November 24 had to be taken, UIPM General Assembly was not in session, and it is the EB who governs the UIPM in between General Assemblies. He underlined that the options for the EB were either to risk not having the sport in LA 28 or do everything is possible to keep it in the Games. He says it's important to understand the scope of the force majeure decision taken which was only the content of the proposal submitted to the IOC for Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games because of the deadline of the IOC Programme Commission for changes to be presented by IFs aiming at the 2028 Programme. All and any other changes to the constitution will be taken by the Congress.

Regarding the repeating concerns of both the Danish and Swedish delegates on the back of their comments saying they were representing their athletes, SG Fang asked where their athletes are since in the past decade, the data in UIPM major Modern Pentathlon events shows that there were no Swedish MP athletes, male or female, and just one female Modern Pentathlon athlete from Denmark who competed in 2019. She stressed she would like to know what the problems and issues of their nations are to develop the sport and underlines that the UIPM would like to help them with any issues on that matter, but if those nations are claiming to represent their athletes, again, please let us know where they are and if the NFs are indeed suffering similar difficulties as a lot of other NFs based on the accessibility of the MP. She also reiterates that First VP Samaranch is a former IOC VP and an expert in matters as they related to the IOC and his insight on issues relating to IOC should be respected.

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She highlighted that VP Samaranch is the Chair of the Olympic Channel and not all the IFs are that fortunate to have such prestigious people in their Executive Board, and that his words really mean a lot.

Question from the floor (FIN)

Janne Saarikko says it is clear to that the athletes have spoken and are against the decision. He asks UIPM legal counsel what the date of the request from the IOC was and whether an extraordinary General Assembly could have been organized, and also requests the content of the request?

Reply

Christian Keidel, UIPM Legal Counsel says there is no formal IOC request that has been referred to. UIPM SG Shiny Fang reiterate that there will be no changes to UIPM statutes and competition rules, which would only be happening in 2022, when UIPM Congress would vote on such changes. She highlighted that Dominic Mahoney (GBR) is in the line to make questions but unfortunately – as previously briefed by Pentathlon GB – he is not representing the NF and therefore not entitled to speak. Mr. Mahoney got access to the Congress as observer because he is a member of the New Format Task Force. SG Fang then offers UIPM Athletes Commission chair Aya Medany (EGY) the floor to pass on her thoughts.

Aya Medany takes the floor and outlines that from the athletes committee she received just 21 letters in the last week, a batch from 321 athletes from six countries, another batch from 96 athletes from six other countries also expressing their opinion. She says that while the athletes would prefer not to replace Horse Riding but yes, they agree to do anything to stay in the Olympic Games.

16. Briefing of UIPM Vice President Joël Bouzou

UIPM VP Joël Bouzou addressed delegates on the importance of the ratification of the decision of replacing Horse Riding. "It's a very serious time in this moment. I have been part of this long and passionate adventure and we have lived very critical times. Today is another one," he said. "We need the family to be united. For me it's a very simple question — it's a question of life and death. Nothing more and nothing less. I say this not only as a VP of the UIPM but also as a President of the World Olympians Association. I want to see in the future a lot of pentathletes wearing this OLY pin. For that, we have to face the reality.

"Is it a pleasure to drop Riding from our Pentathlon, from the Olympic format? No. But it is the only solution today. We have made every possible move to keep it. But we need to look at the reality. Our sport is still seen by a lot of stakeholders and for sure by the IOC as unfair — too many great athletes see their hopes destroyed by the draw. The Riding competition at the same time is showcasing the best rider but at the same time the best horse. That's not what we need to be seen as a fair sport.

"Inside the family we say 'yes, this is pentathlon. We can live with this. But we are not the only ones deciding. We are judged by others. Our sport has been unfair, and we have been protecting it. Our sport has a problem with development too. Very many of our federations here today have no athletes as underlined by the Secretary General. It is not easy. Even if today, we have a new product and try to build up this pyramid, we want everyone to do five sports in the future. Development is a problem and we do not have enough numbers."

"Now we have new parameters to face. The social networks and people not presenting things in the most accurate way. The welfare of animals with a lot of activists. The experiences since Tokyo. We are facing another parameter which is new — comparison, very precise, in TV ratings between other

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sports. Those who have just entered the Olympics. Those who want to enter. This comparison is not to our advantage.

"That's why several years ago, the Innovation Commission was created to think about that. To have experts look at the alternatives, to see if there were solutions. In the meantime, the world is not waiting for us. As the UIPM First VP explained, the IOC is changing. The IOC is also facing competition — from other sports, from electronic sports, new organization in society.

"But the IOC, this is Olympism, we are carrying Olympism and we are the sport which was created for that. Olympism is still alive. Today the new trend of the IOC is the word 'together'. Why to add such a word when you are a sport organisation? Just to show the force that we are together? No, it's much more than that. Olympism has to become a pillar of society, a pillar to bring people together, to create social cohesion and create stability in the world. I remind you when Pierre de Coubertin created the Games it was not for marketing reasons or for audience. It was for peace; he wanted the youth of the world to come together so that conflict will be erased. Today it is something that is paramount.

"Today, all International Federations will go through this trend if they want to remain in the Olympic Programme. To be together you need to be strong, but you also need numbers, and our numbers are too small. When you take all of these parameters, there is no solution to keep our Riding event despite the fact that we love it. We need to find an alternative solution.

"There will be Riding in the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris. As President of the French Federation, I will be honoured and very excited to work with UIPM, the IOC, and the Organizing Committee to host everybody. There will be Riding in the programme because the IOC respect the athletes and the organizers with decisions about the Programme taken seven years in advance. We are now facing a group of activists in France — 60,000 people who want no Riding in the 2024 Games. We will fight for that, we will fight to keep it but there will be a lot of problems, a lot of negative writings. We need to stand strong and together.

"But I have to tell you, I think we have incredible opportunities. Pierre de Coubertin when he created the complete athlete of the Games, he was not talking about Riding in the beginning. He was talking about Rowing before Riding. Why? Because he was talking about skills, the complete skills of the complete athlete.

"An athlete who has mental qualities and physical qualities. That is why we have had evolution of our sport. It was not attached to Riding; it was attached to the skills.

"Today, the advantage we have in comparison with other sports, is that we can replace it with something which is very modern, will be easy to access, to practice, will be non-expensive. Can be accessed by any city in any country by any class of population. We can do more than that. If we are together.

"The complete athlete is not only an athlete for themselves. In this society where you see fractures, the complete athlete is also the complete role model. We have the cleverest athletes in the Olympic programme. The most complete, physically, mentally. But that is not enough for the moment. This is our challenge — to build up role models, people who will be incredible ambassadors of Olympism in society. Because they are the inheritance of Pierre de Coubertin.

"From this huge problem for us, we can create hope. We can build up a future. We can create a future for our athletes, coaches, our NFs, and for the UIPM as a whole. From 2023, we can offer a positive alternative to our youth, even if current athletes will still continue with Riding for 2024. We can look ahead to 2028 and 2032. I would also like to give a word to the Masters. With a lot of respect. We are not saying that we will cut the Riding for this category of athletes. Modern Pentathlon can still be practiced in its traditional way. But for the Olympic programme, as underlined by our President and

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our First Vice President — there is no choice. We make the right decision, or we go to the Olympic Museum.”

Question from the floor (AUT)

Gerhard Herke said he respects the athletes’ voices, but it’s not sufficient to consider only the operational level of our sport. And from the strategic view it’s quite clear that if we keep Riding, we will no longer be part of the Olympic program. We have to act and replace Riding with another discipline, he says.

Reply

UIPM President Dr. Schormann thanks him for his remarks.

Question from the floor (GBR)

David Armstrong asks if the UIPM could explain what its members are being asked to ratify? Whether it is a simple majority or a 2/3 majority? Mr. Armstrong says he understands the explanations of both UIPM VPs but believes there are solutions that can make Riding more accessible. In Great Britain, Riding is a key source of athletes, including Olympic champion Kate French, he says, adding that he believes there are practical solutions and would like to keep the door open to Riding.

Reply

Christian Keidel, UIPM Legal Counsel, confirms that the voting would only be to ratify the EB decision of replace Riding for another discipline in the Los Angeles 2028 Programme. A new fifth discipline to replace Riding will be determined by the UIPM at the end of 2022 during the next Congress. The today’s ratification would not include any changes of the rules or statutes and therefore would only require a simple majority of 50% plus one of votes cast.

Question from the floor (GUA)

Percy Javier Barbarena Aguilera says that even though it’s hard to make a decision that eliminates a sport, all of the arguments are very coherent and consistent. Riding can be a limiting factor to athletes who wish to practice pentathlon, he says. arguing this could be an opportunity to flourish while keeping the essence of pentathlon.

Reply

UIPM President Dr. Schormann thanks him for his remarks.

Question from the floor (UKR)

Konstantin Lavrentchouk says the question of replacing Riding is very complex and requires a brave decision. What other International Federations have had these kinds of changes? - he asks before making a brief presentation discussing the resources invested by countries like his in Riding and the benefits of it.

Reply

UIPM SG Shiny Fang agreed that the decision is huge, underlined that’s why the real change of the rules or the statutes can only happen at the UIPM Congress in 2022, and says she shares Mr. Lavrentchouk’s feeling, but on another hand, potentially losing the sport’s Olympic place would damage much more for our NFs than losing riding in the sport.

Question from the floor (BUR)

Sylvestre Zare thanks the UIPM for giving him the floor. He says that many of the delegates who spoke referenced ‘I’ whereas he would like to use the term ‘we’. He points out that many countries

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in Africa are in a position where they cannot access Riding and says he hopes that together members can make the sport more accessible.

Reply

UIPM President Dr. Schormann thanks him for his remarks.

Ivar Sisniega (MEX), Chair of UIPM Innovation Commission, addresses Congress and says that the warnings that the UIPM President and VPs made about the IOC are very much "real". He says that Riding is the weak link of pentathlon and affects UIPM's ability to explode globally. He emphasizes how exceptional MP athletes are as runners, swimmers, fencers, and shooters but they need a new fifth event for a sport that allows them to grow.

Sharif El-Erian (EGY) says he has seen the sport evolve and referenced the change to laser shooting and how he was reluctant, but it worked out positively. He says change is good. He also references that if Riding is removed while some tens of coaching jobs may be lost, hundreds will be created due to the sport being open to new athletes. He says there needs to be more growth in Africa and around the world. He says it's important to be united so that pentathlon is not out of the Olympic Games.

17. Ratification of EB decision taken on Oct 31, 2021

SG Fang stresses the importance of being united and thanks all delegates for the opinions and hands back to the notary and Lumi to handle the vote regarding the ratification of EB decision.

Lumi staff presented again a technical explanation on voting procedures followed by a test vote for delegates to get used to the system because several new delegates recently joined the Congress after the end of the first session.

After that, voting was conducted to answer to the question "Does the General Assembly ratify the EB decision of Oct 31, 2021, to submit to the IOC a competition format for the 2028 Olympic Games without riding and replacing discipline to be determined by the UIPM in collaboration with all stakeholders and that will be decided in 2022 UIPM congress and to open the consultation process regarding the 5th discipline?". The result of the voting was as follows:

Total Possible Votes	92	
Abstentions	3	
Valid Votes Cast	81	
YES	66	81.48%
NO	15	18.52%

THE EB DECISION OF OCT 31st, 2021, IS RATIFIED

18. Elections

Fulvia Lucantonio, UIPM Legal Counsel presents all regulations regarding the elections, explaining the procedures and majorities required in case of one or several voting rounds. Besides, candidates for EB positions have the right to address Congress for up to 3 minutes while other candidates have up to 1 minute.

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■ President

UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann is the only candidate for the position and makes a presentation to Congress canvassing for his election.

SG hands over to the notary and Lumi to conduct the voting, with results as follows:

Total Possible Votes: 92	Valid Votes Cast: 84
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Yes	72	85.71%
No	12	14.29%

DR. SCHORMANN IS ELECTED UIPM PRESIDENT

Dr. Schormann addresses congress to express his gratitude and promises "to serve for everybody together in solidarity".

■ 5 Vice-Presidents

The following candidates make presentations to Congress canvassing for their election: Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch (ESP), Mr. Joel Bouzou (FRA), Mr. Juan Manzo (MEX), Mr. Andrey Kuzmanov (BUL), Dr. Veli Ozan Cakir (TUR), Mr. Sharif El Erian (EGY), Mr. Berik Imashev (KAZ), Mr. Vjacheslav Aminov (RUS).

SG hands over to the notary and Lumi to conduct the voting, with the following results:

Total Possible Votes: 92	Valid Votes Cast: 79
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Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch (ESP)	72	91.14%
Mr. Joel Bouzou (FRA)	70	88.61%
Mr. Sharif El Erian (EGY)	53	67.09%
Mr. Vjacheslav Aminov (RUS)	52	65.82%
Mr. Juan Manzo (MEX)	50	63.29%
Mr. Imashev Berik (KAZ)	33	41.77%
Mr. Andrey Kuzmanov (BUL)	26	32.91%
Dr. Veli Ozan Cakir (TUR)	24	30.38%
Mr. Bakhromjon Gaziev (UZB)	15	18.99%

MR. SAMARANCH, BOUZOU, EL ERIAN, AMINOV, AND MANZO ARE ELECTED UIPM VICE PRESIDENTS

■ Treasurer

Mr. John Helmick is the single candidate for the position and makes a presentation to Congress canvassing for his election.

The UIPM Secretary General hands over to the notary and Lumi to conduct the voting, with the following results:

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Total Possible Votes: 92	Valid Votes Cast: 83
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Yes	74	89.16%
No	9	10.84%

MR. HELMICK IS ELECTED UIPM TREASURER

■ Member for Sport

Mr. Janusz Peciak (POL) and Mr. Istvan Gallai (HUN) make presentations to Congress canvassing for their election.

The UIPM Secretary General hands over to the notary and Lumi to conduct the voting, with the following results:

Total Possible Votes: 92	Valid Votes Cast: 83
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Mr. Janusz Peciak (POL) 56 67.47%

Mr. Istvan Gallai (HUN) 27 32.53%

MR. PECIAK IS ELECTED UIPM EB MEMBER FOR SPORT

■ Member for Marketing

Mr. Martin Dawe (GBR) and Dr. Veli Ozan Cakir (TUR) make presentations to Congress canvassing for their election.

The UIPM Secretary General hands over to the notary and Lumi to conduct the voting, with the following results:

Total Possible Votes: 92	Valid Votes Cast: 83
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Mr. Martin Dawe (GBR) 66 79.52%

Dr. Veli Ozan Cakir (TUR) 17 20.48%

MR. DAWE IS ELECTED UIPM EB MEMBER FOR MARKETING

■ Member for Media

Mr. Andrejus Zadneprovskis (LTU) is the single candidate for the position and makes a presentation to Congress canvassing for his election.

The UIPM Secretary General hands over to the notary and Lumi to conduct the voting, with the following results:

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Total Possible Votes: 92	Valid Votes Cast: 80
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Yes	74	92.50%
No	6	7.50%

MR. ZADNEPROVSKIS IS ELECTED UIPM EB MEMBER FOR MEDIA

▪ Member for Development

Mr. Viacheslav Malyshev (GEO) is the single candidate for the position and makes a presentation to Congress canvassing for his election.

The UIPM Secretary General hands over to the notary and Lumi to conduct the voting, with the following results:

Total Possible Votes: 92	Valid Votes Cast: 77
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Yes	74	96.10%
No	3	3.90%

MR. MALYSHEV IS ELECTED UIPM EB MEMBER FOR DEVELOPMENT

▪ 2 Honorary Auditors

Mr. Helio Cardoso (BRA) and Dr. Simoka Beata (HUN) are the single candidates for the positions.

The UIPM Secretary General hands over to the notary and Lumi to conduct the voting, with the following results:

Total Possible Votes: 92	Valid Votes Cast: 71
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Yes	70	98.59%
No	1	1.41%

MR. CARDOSO AND DR. SIMOKA ARE ELECTED UIPM HONORARY AUDITORS

▪ 6 members of the Technical Committee

Mr. Ali Assem (EGY), Mr. Andrea Dell'Amore (ITA), Mrs. Ana Ruth Orellana (GUA), and Mr. Marcelo González make presentations to Congress canvassing for their election.

The UIPM Secretary General hands over to the notary and Lumi to conduct the voting, with the following results:

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1st ROUND

Total Possible Votes: 92		Valid Votes Cast: 75	
Mrs. Agnes Kulcsar (HUN)	48 64.00%	Mr. Zhenhua Qian (CHN)	25 33.33%
Mr. Andrea Dell' Amore (ITA)	45 60.00%	Mrs. Agnese Tomassi (BEL)	23 30.67%
Ms. Ana Ruth Orellana (GUA)	43 57.33%	Mr. Rui Jorge Lucena (POR)	18 24.00%
Mr. Dongkook Chung (KOR)	42 56.00%	Mr. Mihail Prokopenko (BLR)	17 22.67%
Mr. Ali Assem Abdelghany Ali (EGY)	37 49.33%	Mr. Vladimir Miller (SVK)	15 20.00%
Mr. John Moreau (USA)	34 45.33%	Ms. Edyta Małoszyc (POL)	14 18.67%
Mrs. Corine Bouzou (FRA)	31 41.33%	Mr. Edvinas Krungolcas (LTU)	8 10.67%
Mr. Dmitry Menshikov (RUS)	25 33.33%		
Mr. Marcelo Gonzalez (BRA)	25 33.33%		

MRS. KULCSAR, MR. DELL'AMORE, MRS. ORELLANA, AND MR. CHUNG ARE ELECTED MEMBERS OF UIPM TECHNICAL COMMITTEE IN THE 1st ROUND

TWO SPOTS LEFT FOR THE SECOND ROUND

2nd ROUND

Total Possible Votes: 92		Valid Votes Cast: 77	
Mr. Ali Assem Abdelghany Ali (EGY)	31 40.26%	Mrs. Agnese Tomassi (BEL)	4 5.19%
Mrs. Corine Bouzou (FRA)	25 32.47%	Ms. Edyta Małoszyc (POL)	4 5.19%
Mr. John Moreau (USA)	25 32.47%		
Mr. Dmitry Menshikov (RUS)	17 22.08%		
Mr. Marcelo Gonzalez (BRA)	13 16.88%		
Mr. Mihail Prokopenko (BLR)	12 15.58%		
Mr. Zhenhua Qian (CHN)	10 12.99%		
Mr. Rui Jorge Lucena (POR)	8 10.39%		
Mr. Vladimir Miller (SVK)	5 6.49%		

NO CANDIDATES ELECTED IN THE 2nd ROUND. TWO SPOTS LEFT FOR THE THIRD ROUND.

3rd ROUND

Total Possible Votes: 92		Valid Votes Cast: 71	
Mr. Ali Assem Abdelghany Ali (EGY)	33 46.48%		
Mrs. Corine Bouzou (FRA)	30 42.25%		
Mr. John Moreau (USA)	27 38.03%		
Mr. Dmitry Menshikov (RUS)	13 18.31%		
Mr. Marcelo Gonzalez (BRA)	11 15.49%		
Mr. Zhenhua Qian (CHN)	10 14.08%		
Mr. Mihail Prokopenko (BLR)	9 12.68%		
Mr. Vladimir Miller (SVK)	5 7.04%		
Mr. Rui Jorge Lucena (POR)	4 5.63%		

MR. ASSEM AND MRS. BOUZOU ARE ELECTED MEMBERS OF UIPM TECHNICAL COMMITTEE IN THE 3rd ROUND.

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■ 6 members of the Medical Committee

Dr. Dapeng Bao (CHN) makes a presentation to Congress canvassing for his election. There are 6 candidates for this election.

The UIPM Secretary General hands over to the notary and Lumi to conduct the voting, with the following results:

Total Possible Votes:	92	Valid Votes Cast:	75
Yes	75	100.00%	
No	0	0.00%	

DR. OFITSEROVA, ANDREEV, STULL, MICHELUCCI, ABDELMONEM, AND BAO ARE ELECTED MEMBERS OF UIPM MEDICAL COMMITTEE

■ 4 members of the Business Affairs Committee

Mr. Emir Basar (TUR), Mr. Mohamed Gad (EGY) and Mr. Anthony Sunarjo (INA) make presentations to Congress canvassing for their election.

The UIPM Secretary General hands over to the notary and Lumi to conduct the voting, with the following results:

Total Possible Votes:	92	Valid Votes Cast:	76
Mr. Barry Tompkins (CAN)	52	68.42%	
Mr. Andrey Kuzmanov (BUL)	42	55.26%	
Ms. Ana Luisa Almeida (BRA)	42	55.26%	
Mr. Mohamed Hady Gad (EGY)	39	51.32%	
Mr. Andris Feldmanis (LAT)	34	44.74%	
Mr. Anthony Charles Sunarjo (INA)	33	43.42%	
Mr. Andrew Collings (NZL)	31	40.79%	
Mr. Emir Kivanc Basar (TUR)	31	40.79%	

MR THOMPCKINS, KUZMANOV, GAD AND MS. ALMEIDA ARE ELECTED MEMBERS OF UIPM BUSINESS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

SG Fang brings Day 1 to a close, thanking everyone for their patience and dedication. President Schormann also thanks all delegates for their work and closes the works of Day 1 at 16:15h.

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UIPM 71st Congress – Day 2

Third Session

UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann opens Day 2 by welcoming delegates and thanking them for the work on Day 1.

He passes on that he had received a wonderful letter from IOC President Dr. Thomas Bach congratulating all those elected. Also, he has received a letter from Kit McConnell, Director of the Sport Department of the IOC as well as different IF Presidents supporting the UIPM.

Dr. Schormann outlines that the approaching tasks include appointing additional members for technical committees and commissions in the coming days. Dr. Schormann adds that the UIPM and all members now must prepare for the very busy season ahead in 2022.

UIPM SG Shiny Fang outlines the schedule for the rest of the session and hands over to technical partners notary and Lumi to handle the roll call. First, Lumi staff presented a fresh technical explanation on voting procedures followed by a test vote for delegates to get used to the system.

They confirm that the current number of voting delegates online is 73, while the quorum requirement is 65.

19. Decisions on motions submitted:

a) Motions from the Executive Board

SG summarizes the six EB motions and hands over to the notary and Lumi to conduct the voting of the motions.

After that, they proceed to voting the motions, with the following results:

MOTION 1 - EXECUTIVE BOARD		
<i>Election Rules, RIO and Code of Ethics</i>		
<i>(Pages 122 to 125 of the Congress Book)</i>		
Does the General Assembly approve the modifications of the Art 7.2 and 7.7 of UIPM Election Rules , the Art 3.8 and 4.10 of UIPM Rules on Internal Organization and the creation of Art 2.1.r) of UIPM Code of Ethics ?		

Total Possible Votes	75	
Abstentions	3	
Valid Votes Cast	64	
YES	62	96.88%
NO	2	3.13%

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MOTION 2 - EXECUTIVE BOARD

Medical Rules

(Pages 126 to 150 of the Congress Book)

Does the General Assembly approve the modifications of chapters 1 to 9 and Annex 2 of **UIPM Medical Rules**?

Total Possible Votes	76	
Abstentions	2	
Valid Votes Cast	65	
YES	65	100.00%
NO	0	0.00%

MOTION IS PASSED

MOTION 3 - EXECUTIVE BOARD

UIPM Competition Rules / Masters Event Rules

(Pages 151 to 164 of the Congress Book)

Does the General Assembly approve the modifications of chapters 1 and 2 of **UIPM Competition Rules Part 6 – Masters Event Rules**?

Total Possible Votes	76	
Abstentions	4	
Valid Votes Cast	65	
YES	64	98.46%
NO	1	1.54%

MOTION IS PASSED

MOTION 4 - EXECUTIVE BOARD

UIPM Competition Rules / Biathlon-Triathlon Event Rules

(Pages 165 to 169 of the Congress Book)

Does the General Assembly approve the modifications of chapters 1 and 3 of **UIPM Competition Rules – Biathlon Event Rules** as well as chapters 1 and 3 of **UIPM Competition Rules Parts 7 and 8 – Triathlon Event Rules**?

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Question from the floor (AUT)

Gerhard Herke raises a point on the changes and strict distances of 300m and 600m and whether they should apply to regional and national competitions and whether there is flexibility is there for those smaller events?

Reply

UIPM EB Member for Development Viacheslav Malyshev (GEO) agrees that local competition can be organized on the local rules. Laser Run has guidelines and if age groups need to be adjusted to local needs or local environment, there is that flexibility.

Question from the floor (RSA)

Schalk Mc Duling raises a question on whether we can have a 70+ age category for Laser Run, given the strong growth there in South Africa and whether that can be introduced in international competition?

Reply

UIPM EB Member for Development Viacheslav Malyshev (GEO) congratulations South Africa on that growth. It's impressive to have growth in 70+ age group. UIPM SG Shiny Fang says a 70+ age group for Laser Run is certainly possible, to ensure consistency with Biathle/Triathle grades.

Question from the floor (DEN)

Benny Elmann-Larsen raises a question on the reducing distances from 400m to 300m and potentially keeping the 400m/800m distances but at least have the option to change the distances?

Reply

UIPM SG Shiny Fang thanks him for his suggestions and says they are being explored. She confirms that with so many combinations of sports, consistency is the key but at national level there is flexibility. She agrees to do more study.

After that, notary and Lumi Team proceed to voting the motion, with results as follows:

Total Possible Votes	78	
Abstentions	3	
Valid Votes Cast	64	
YES	61	95.31%
NO	3	4.69%

MOTION IS PASSED

MOTION 5 - EXECUTIVE BOARD

UIPM Competition Rules / Equipment Regulations

(Pages 174 to 177 of the Congress Book)

Does the General Assembly approve the modifications of chapters 1 to 5 of **UIPM Competition Rules – Equipment Regulations**?

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Question from the floor (PHI)
Richard Gomez asked if there is any changes on fencing equipment regulations.
Reply
UIPM SG Shiny Fang clarifies there is no changes in fencing equipment regulations.
Question from the floor (AUT)
Gerhard Herke raises a point on Riding changes relating to jumping heights and voices his opposition.
Question from the floor (SUI)
Erika Hintz asks for clarification on the UIPM logo patch requirement and whether the logos will be provided?
Question from the floor (DEN)
Benny Elmann-Larsen voices support for Austrian opposition on changes to Riding regulations and recommends that these regulations are put into a qualified working group? Also asks for future agreement that UIPM will work on improving Riding skills.
Replies to AUT-SUI-DEN
EB Member for sport Janusz Peciak (POL) said that the UIPM did several tests, and the new regulations didn't have an impact on Riding scores. SG Shiny Fang agrees with focus on Riding, outlines some of the obstacle changes including mentioned heights have been made and says that these are in the recommendations from the Riding Working Group, adopted by the EB as part of the EB motions. In relation to the logos, SG Fang says the UIPM is planning to also produce certain number of logos to help national federations but would of course be nicer if they were sewn directly on to the uniforms. EB for Marketing Martin Dawe adds that he suggests everyone studies the new UIPM uniform rules, especially the new rules and maximum area for sponsorship logos.
Question from the floor (AUT)
Gerhard Herke says that he has not seen any results from the Riding Working Group and asks that they should be included in the changes?
Reply
SG Fangs agrees that UIPM need to circulate more information from the Riding Working Group, including educational programs and other implementation issues, and agreed to send the complete recommendation document to all NFs right after the congress.
Question from the floor (DEN)
Benny Elmann-Larsen asks if it's possible that Congress could be reminded who the members of the Riding Working Group are.
Reply
SG Shiny Fang asks UIPM staff to prepare a slide with the names of all members of the Riding Working Group, also mentioned the names have been published at the website too. This slide is consequently shown during the session.

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The UIPM Secretary General hands over to the notary and Lumi to conduct the voting, with the following results:

Total Possible Votes	79	
Abstentions	3	
Valid Votes Cast	67	
YES	59	88.06%
NO	8	11.94%

MOTION IS PASSED

MOTION 6 - EXECUTIVE BOARD

*UIPM Competition Rules / Modern Pentathlon Rules
(Pages 178 to 196 of the Congress Book)*

Does the General Assembly approve the modifications of chapters 1 to 5 **UIPM Competition Rules – Modern Pentathlon Rules Parts 1 to 5 (General Aspects, Riding, Fencing, Swimming, Laser Run)?**

Total Possible Votes	79	
Abstentions	2	
Valid Votes Cast	70	
YES	67	95.71%
NO	3	4.29%

MOTION IS PASSED

b) Motions from the National Federations

UIPM SG Shiny Fang informs that three of the six NF motions have been withdrawn: Germany, Ghana, and Mauritius. SG Fang did point out that in relation to the motion from Ghana, the EB had already covered the issue in the UIPM budget which included increased funding for Africa.

MOTION FROM UZBEKISTAN

(Page 220 of the Congress Book)

Does the General Assembly approve the creation of the Women Commission with the subsequent insertions?

UIPM Rules on Internal Organization

4.2 The Women Commission

4.21 The Women Commission comprises 4 members and 1 chairperson, all experts and/or leaders of the sports movement who supports gender equality.

(Existing articles from 4.21 to 4.26 will shift to 4.22 up to 4.27)

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7.27 The role of the Women Commission is to advise the General Assembly, the UIPM Executive Board and the UIPM President on the development and implementation of policies that promote equal opportunities for girls and women to participate in, and benefit from UIPM activities.

Total Possible Votes	80	
Abstentions	4	
Valid Votes Cast	62	
YES	59	95.16%
NO	3	4.84%

MOTION IS PASSED

Finland

SG Fang clarified that all motions presented by Finland are already covered by the UIPM Competition Rules and regulation changes approved by the Congress today. She emphasized that in the moment NFs are submitting their motions they still do not know which motions the EB will present.

Janne Saarikko clarifies that he agrees with non-voting the Finnish motions, but he still requires the vocabulary change from "Riding Expert" to "Steward" in the EB motion at the new Riding rules that was approved. SG Fang asked for the Board agreement on that and got unanimous approval.

Canada

SG Fang explained that motions from Canada are mostly covered by EB motions, but the NF asks to move forward with their Motion #2

Shaun La Grange (CAN) is pleased to see that much of what they proposed has been approved by EB motions. He asks that UIPM form a group looking at Rider Competencies and asks Medical Committee to look at a concussion policy. He then introduces the remaining motion.

MOTION 2 FROM CANADA

Horse welfare

(Page 200 of the Congress Book)

Does the General Assembly approve the modifications of art 4.3.5 of UIPM Competition Rules – Modern Pentathlon?

ii) A **running** martingale with rings **on reins with stoppers** is compulsory if it is so prescribed on the list of the horses. Otherwise, the martingale is forbidden. Blinkers and hoods are prohibited.

iii) **The bridle must be fitted with a bit with a single rein attached. The rein must be attached to the mouthpiece part of the bit and not as a curb rein. Mechanical hackamores are not permitted.**

iv) **A rider must be familiar with the type of equipment provided and is appropriate for the horse they draw.**

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(If approved, such amendments will be renumbered according to the amendments approved by the motions presented by the Executive Board)

Total Possible Votes	81	
Abstentions	7	
Valid Votes Cast	63	
YES	54	85.71%
NO	9	14.29%

MOTION IS PASSED

Question from the floor (DEN)

Benny Elmann-Larsen questions whether there is or should be FEI involvement in the Riding Working Group?

Reply

SG Fang confirms that two members of the Riding Working Group are FEI-licensed members. UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann also confirms face-to-face meetings after Tokyo Games with FEI President Ingmar De Vos and notes very close co-operation with FEI over 30 years.

20. Next Congress, and any other business

UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann thanks delegates and celebrates “two days of very successful discussion and great decisions made for future.” He wishes all delegates a wonderful Christmas time and new year and 2022, “the first year with UIPM’s New Format, the Olympic format for 2024, that it will work successfully. Dr. Schormann expresses hope that he will see all members next year in Antigua [GUA] in November for further decisions on UIPM’s future. He thanks the EB members, congratulates the new members and finishes by reminding of the word from IOC President Dr. Thomas Bach, “together in solidarity.”

UIPM President closed the Congress at 11:05am.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Klaus Schormann".

Dr. Klaus Schormann
UIPM President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shiny Fang".

Mrs Shiny Fang
UIPM Secretary General