Three weeks after its decision to select Obstacle Discipline for testing as the potential New 5th Discipline of Modern Pentathlon, the UIPM Executive Board (EB) convened for an extraordinary meeting to discuss next steps around testing and communication.

Highlighting the importance of athletes as key stakeholders, President Dr Klaus Schormann told the EB that an open athletes meeting would be held during UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup Ankara. He also advised EB Members they would be provided with briefing notes, as part of UIPM’s communications strategy, designed to ensure consistent delivery of information to media and public audiences.

Secretary General Shiny Fang updated the EB, following a briefing by 1st Vice President Juan Antonio Samaranch (also VP of the International Olympic Committee), on stakeholder communications required for the months ahead. Most EB Members took their turn to speak about their own perspective on the unique challenges and unique opportunities provided by the proposed integration of Obstacle Discipline into Modern Pentathlon.