

73rd UIPM Congress

Day 1

Opening of the Congress and welcome messages

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann (KS) opened the 73rd UIPM Congress and welcomed delegates to an historic gathering and thanked the Saudi Modern Pentathlon Federation for their hospitality and for the invitation to stage the Congress – with a record-breaking attendance – in Riyadh in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

UIPM Honorary President, HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco, sent a video message in which he thanked the hosts and welcomed the delegates before reflecting on the importance of electing a new President and Executive Board during the Congress. He thanked KS for his long period of leadership and for overseeing important changes in the sport.

A promotional video for Saudi Arabia followed.

The Saudi Olympic & Paralympic Committee Vice-President, HH Prince Fahd bin Jalawi bin Abdulaziz bin Musaed, then took to the stage to welcome the global UIPM community to Riyadh, and looked forward to a successful Congress, highlighting the strong commitment of Saudi Arabia to further its standing as an international sports movement.

Video tribute to UIPM friends

A video was played commemorating friends of the Modern Pentathlon movement who died in the past two years.

1. Congress Conduction Procedures

UIPM Legal Counsel Fulvia Lucantonio (FL) explained that voting would be managed by Lumi Global, as in 2022, and illustrated the relevant majorities in accordance with the UIPM Statutes, supported by Powerpoint slides presented to the participants of the Congress. UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang (SF) asked for approval of the Congress Conduction Procedures.

CONGRESS VOTE – Congress conduction procedures

SF asked if any delegates would like to vote against the Congress conduction procedures, or to abstain, otherwise it would be unanimously approved. No hands were raised.

CONGRESS CONDUCTION PROCEDURES APPROVED

SF handed over to Lumi for a practical explanation of the voting process, and a successful testing vote was held.

2. Election of two scrutineers

CONGRESS VOTE – Approval of two scrutineers

Does the General Assembly approve Aleksander Georgiev (BUL) and Justinas Kinderis (LTU) as scrutineers for the Congress? (50%+1 majority needed)

100 possible votes, 93 members present

- YES 87 (93.55%)
- NO 3 (3.23%)
- ABSTENTIONS 3 (3.23%)

THE TWO SCRUTINEERS WERE ELECTED

3. Roll call of the members

SF reminded the members that, pursuant to the UIPM Statutes, half of the members to vote would have to be present for the General Assembly to be legally constituted.

Members: 132 (66)

Present: 99

SF announced that the quorum was reached.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

CONGRESS VOTE – Adoption of the agenda

Does the General Assembly approve the UIPM 2024 Congress agenda? (50%+1 majority needed)

100 possible votes, 98 members present

- YES 95 (96.9%)
- NO 1 (1%)
- ABSTENTIONS 2 (2%)

UIPM 2024 CONGRESS AGENDA APPROVED

5. Approval of the minutes of the 2022 Congress

CONGRESS VOTE – Approval of the minutes 2022 Congress

Does the General Assembly approve the UIPM 2022 Congress minutes? (50%+1 majority needed)

100 possible votes, 97 members present

- YES 85 (87.6%)
- NO 4 (4.1%)
- ABSTENTIONS 8 (8.2%)

UIPM 2022 CONGRESS MINUTES APPROVED

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

KS referred to his written report in the Congress Book. He added some reflections around his outgoing Congress as UIPM President, and noted the passing of 130 years since the founding of the modern Olympic movement by Baron Pierre de Coubertin, who later introduced Modern Pentathlon at the Stockholm 1912 Olympic Games. KS said Pentathlon had been at the heart of the Olympic Games since 708 BC. KS noted the contribution of Modern Pentathlon as part of an exceptional and memorable Paris 2024 Olympic Games. KS thanked National Federations for creating athletes, with support of government and other partners, to develop sport at grassroots level and later to compete at international level. KS said athletes were always at the heart of the sport, and later working hard to organise and promote the sport. KS asked delegates to respect and listen to each other, be positive even where people disagreed. KS thanked all volunteers on the Committees and Commissions, working hard based on the recommendations of the EB. KS recalled the work of those who passed away, and singled out Juan Antonio Samaranch (JAS), who started together with KS in 1988 when elected as UIPMB Council Members, and would be standing down as UIPM 1st Vice President. There was a round of applause

for JAS. KS said he was proud of his 31-year leadership tenure but it was only possible because of the efforts of the community. KS reflected on highlights during his service under five IOC Presidents. KS asked GBR delegate Stephanie Cook to stand up, as the first female Olympic champion in Modern Pentathlon, at Sydney 2000. KS then reflected on the moments where Modern Pentathlon's future was endangered in the Olympic Games and how it had survived, culminating in the IOC Session in Mumbai in 2023 where the changes made to the sport were acknowledged with the decision for Modern Pentathlon to continue in the Olympic Games. KS ended by speaking about the future, and sport's role as a bridge for peace. Through sport, he said, messages of peace and respect could be communicated transcending politics and barriers that exist in other parts of society. KS reflected by saying that the Modern Pentathlon family is strongly taking care of the heritage and legacy of Coubertin. Finally KS said that he, and his heart, would remain in the sport.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD APPROVED

7. Reports of the Vice Presidents

1st Vice President, Juan Antonio Samaranch

JAS, an IOC Vice President running for election as IOC President, and reaching the end of his tenure as UIPM Vice President, thanked KS for his kind words and said it was an emotional day, with a long journey coming to an end. But JAS said it was time for a new generation to take over and leaving the Union in good hands. JAS said it was a work in progress, working together and fighting hard, and the Union was in good hands regardless of who would take over as UIPM President. Be brave and be daring, he said, in an extremely competitive world, with challenges coming from esports and other sports making strong efforts to join the Olympic programme. JAS said the old days of relationship building within the Olympic community, 'working the aisle', which used to count for 100%, was now closer to 10% in terms of importance and, in a digital age, UIPM's numbers were not good enough. JAS said it was a great effort to change the game with Obstacle and described it as a "miracle" to earn another chance, but it had to be fulfilled with enormous success at LA28. How to improve? It all started with the number of countries in the room, but audience must follow, he said. JAS said it was time to move together as one in that direction. JAS said it was good to see as many as 70 candidates standing for election at the UIPM 2024 Congress. JAS finished by saying he would take extraordinary memories with him, and with support and trust of the community he had gained an elevated position within the IOC and was now trying to become President. JAS

proposed a deal to the next UIPM President: to attend the next Congress if he were elected IOC President, and if not, the new UIPM President would promise to invite him.

REPORT OF THE 1ST VICE PRESIDENT APPROVED

8. Report of the Secretary General

Shiny Fang (SF) clarified to Congress that JAS was standing for the IOC Presidency in March 2025, and said she was confident he would win.

1) Acknowledgment

SF added an emotional farewell to KS, having worked for 12 years together on a daily basis, and thanked him for his energy and constant innovation. SF thanked the Executive Board for always finding a balance to make big decisions, resulting in a stronger base for the sport's future. SF then acknowledged National Federations, with resources growing year by year, and UIPM doing its best to support them. For Committee and Commission members, SF reflected on the success of online meetings keeping ideas and implementation going through the pandemic and in the era of sustainability and cost-cutting. For organisers, SF said the bar had been raised and they should be proud for making events happen.

2) Summary of current leadership

A video was played showing key achievements of UIPM's 4E strategy (Expansion, Equipment, Education, Empowerment).

3) Past 2 years key results

a. Sport

SF reflected on how UIPM had built an entire Obstacle system from scratch, from integration to conduction, and how Modern Pentathlon had achieved flawless operations through four days of Olympic competition at Paris 2024, allowing its new 90-minute format to shine. SF said it was important to improve the advance preparation timeline with Local Organising Committees (LOCs), as well as deeper analysis and stricter evaluation before the EB awards events.

b. Communications

She recalled the difficulties that followed Tokyo 2020, and how UIPM had used all internal and external resources to get in charge of the narrative. The spectacular outcome of Paris 2024 had helped to reset the global image of the sport, she said, across traditional and social media where all efforts were aligned to create a safer space for comment without fear of abuse. In TV, the new format had enabled 1800 hours to be delivered to takers each season, she said, while social media had seen a 30% growth in the cycle across all channels, reaching 5m individuals in 2024 with Instagram increasing 18% in 2024 alone. UIPM's pre-Olympic series *A Passion For Paris* series had been a success, with one reel getting 160k views on Instagram (10x average). Around Paris 2024, she said UIPM's social media had reached 3m individuals and 98% of them were non-followers, while UIPM's pre-event press conference had generated 146 pieces of coverage with an estimated reach of 5m views, with 12.3m estimated views following during the competition. According to an ASOIF study of Paris 2024, Modern Pentathlon had ranked in the first quartile for social media ROI on video views. Finally, she reported a 15% increase in overall audience since Tokyo 2020.

c. Development

SF highlighted the expansion of the UIPM Para Sports development and the new and enhanced esports game of Obstacle Laser Run, designed for potential inclusion in Olympic Esports Games in Saudi Arabia. She noted the start of construction of the Asia-Pacific Development Centre in China, a franchised UIPM facility, the increased accessibility provided by the homologation of equipment, and the related success of UIPM's development tours per year, now numbering 70 per year.

d. Service

SF noted that UIPM's official photo platform was providing free access, resulting in 32m views, while the relaunch of the UIPM Central app had created a platform for accurate real-time information and an enhanced fan experience, with 6k active users since 2023. UIPM's Competition Management System had directly serviced four continental multi-sport Games, she reflected.

e. Education

SF reflected on the revamp of the UIPM Educational Platform in 2022, with around 2000 active users, before the new Obstacle Module in 2023 had resulted in 95% of certified judges completing the course. She said more than 20 courses had been empowered by the Judges Certification Programme (JCP), while the Coaches Certification Programme (CCP) continued its growth with 31 courses reaching 442 newly certified coaches. The Athlete Certification Programme (ACP), meanwhile, had seen the delivery of 11 workshops for more than 400 athletes, with almost 20 awarded scholarships enabling study at the World Academy of Sports (University of London), and more than 1,000 vouchers distributed for young athletes to attain athlete certification.

f. Governance

UIPM was now at the top of Group B of ASOIF's IF governance evaluation system, with a moderated score of 183 compared to 2016 score of 92 – a higher rate of improvement than most IFs.

4) Outlook and business plan for LA Olympic cycle

SF presented a diagram that illustrated how UIPM would be structured in order to succeed in a new era of entrepreneurship, with a corporate business mindset. She noted that NFs would be 'shareholders' benefiting from any new revenue gains.

To conclude, SF said UIPM continuously raise the bar in the level of competition organisation, the quality and quantity of services delivered to the community, to be self-reliant on TV conductions, to provide more tailored support for NFs, including the building of funding classifications for NFs.

SF finished by saying that UIPM was aiming to be more financially self-sufficient. Hand in hand, she said, "we can and we will make the difference for the next generations together".

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL APPROVED

9. Report of the Treasurer

JH said it was a pleasure to report to Congress and offered to take questions.

Increased transparency, integrity and clarity: JH started by reflecting on ASOIF ratings for financial governance, where UIPM's rating had increased from 12 to 24, thanks to UIPM putting stronger internal financial controls and systems in place, and he provided some examples of this. He said the financial process was now transparent, verifiable and audited. He then took Congress through the 2020-2024 review of UIPM's financial position, providing special explanation of the importance of currency exchange because 95% of UIPM's income was in USD but 60% of its expenses were in EUR. He then provided further explanation on the Paris 2024 revenue share of \$16.74m, which based on advice from KPMG auditors was now recognised in 16 calendar quarters rather than 4 calendar years. He finished by saying that UIPM had projected Q4 2024 expenses of \$852,599 to finish the year with a zero balance.

Turning to the 2025-28 business plan, JH targeted 2026 to have this up and running and said the model would have to identify three major revenue streams with financial incentives: Competition Organisers; Athletes; UIPM. He identified three potential revenue sources to be analysed (Entry Fees, TV Rights Fees and Sponsorship Fees.).

JH reflected on the three companies he had built in his career, all growing to become multi-million-dollar enterprises. He said UIPM had to develop a business model and, in order to succeed in implementing it, would have to think about being great at sport business and not only sport politics.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER APPROVED

7. Reports of the Vice Presidents (cont'd)

KS said all Vice Presidents other than JAS (who had already spoken) had provided written reports to the Congress Book and they were available for questions. There were no questions from the floor.

REPORTS OF THE VICE PRESIDENTS APPROVED

10. Reports of representatives of other UIPM bodies

- a) EB Members
- b) Committees

KS referred to the written reports of the Member for Sport, Member for Marketing, Member for Media and Member for Development as well as the Chairs of the Athletes Committee, Coaches Committee and Medical Committee and invited questions. There were no questions from the floor.

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER UIPM BODIES APPROVED

11. Report of Honorary Auditors

UIPM Honorary Auditor Helio Meirelles (HM) presented a brief summary of the Honorary Auditors' report 2023, which comprised an analysis of the report prepared by the independent auditors, KPMG, which had examined budget execution, identifying that revenues and expenses had been managed in accordance with the values defined by the approved budget. He highlighted that the KPMG auditors had noted a "significant improvement" in the presentation financial statements for the year, with more detailed explanatory notes for the most relevant items. In terms of budget execution, HM highlighted that the year 2023 was marked by transition in Modern Pentathlon format with additional costs arising from the assembly of Obstacle courses for international championships. As a result there was an excess of expenses compared to the budgeted amount, but without major change in UIPM's financial reserves.

REPORT OF HONORARY AUDITORS APPROVED

12. Adoption of the Budget Plan and approval of the Budget for 2025/2026

JH explained the obligation of the Treasurer to provide a two-year budget. He listed and quantified the budget categories and the relevant proportions, including a contingency of 4.2%, with a table followed by a pie chart. Displaying a sequence of slides, he then showed Congress a budget outline for 2025 and 2026 and explained the allocation of Paris 2024 revenue payments. JH reiterated his clarification from previous Congress reports that revenues were only recognised in projections once funds were received or party to a written signed agreement for receipt of funds. He explained a \$200k difference in the Operations budget for 2026 vs 2025 because there would be a Congress that year. He reiterated the principle of the budget that no money would be spent unless it was received. Finally he confirmed the total budgeted expenses for 2025 (\$4,806,500) and 2026 (\$4,803,500).

SF thanked JH for his presentation and invited questions from the floor.

Denmark: in the business plan it was indicated that one of the points was called entry fees, but why was this not in the budget overview? JH explained that this should be part of the UIPM business model going forward, but he said UIPM's conservative policy prevented him from including this as a project revenue item in the absence of a signed contract. DEN made a further remark about how the Obstacle racing world "feeds on" participation fees. JH said he would not speculate about this revenue opportunity in the budget.

Latvia: regarding sponsorship fees of \$300k per year, who are these sponsors and are there relevant signed agreements? JH said agreements had been signed with Absolute Fencing (\$100k) and Xiangxing Group (\$200k).

Latvia: [directed at the Executive Board] Commented that 13% sport development for future not enough; more support was needed with a lot of change coming. JH said it was important to have an open and honest discussion of what were the priorities of the organisation. SF agreed with LAT that this would be a priority, with negotiations taking place around reduction of Obstacle installation costs, and meanwhile the EB had agreed any additional revenues would be invested in development – and UIPM would now be in a better place to attract sponsors.

Senegal: asked for a table with further explanation of the budgets allocated to the various Confederations. SF said this would be provided.

South Africa: noted JH observation that exchange rates played a big role in financial situation and asked to see provision for this in the budget to cover UIPM against volatile changes. JH explained that volatility of rates is mostly unpredictable as it could be a gain or a loss, and UIPM was periodically investing in buying EUR at preferable times which can create savings of up to €200k.

After a coffee break, SF presented the detailed budgets allocated to Confederations, in response to SEN question. SF clarified that the new EB would have the power to modify this if needed.

Senegal followed up by asking about the criteria.

JH explained that there was a flat amount as well as a relative number per quantity of nations in the Confederation. SF added that there were more African countries

now, and the breakdown should be reviewed accordingly, and reminded that the EB had already pledged to add any additional revenues into development.

Gambia: based on the trend of monetising social media, asked if any revenue line had been created relating to this area?

SF admitted that UIPM had struggled in this area, explaining that it was difficult to monetise because UIPM had missed the best period to grow audience. GAM asked to clarify if there was no expectation of social media revenue, and SF said UIPM could only aim to have broken even in this area to date. JH added further remarks about the viability of the business model and said that TV was another example of an area making a loss.

Gambia: asked if a mistake in the last slide would be rectified, and JH said it would.

SF stated that all further questions would be gathered and then answered afterwards.

Egypt: made a remark about the proportion of sponsorship income spent and asked why there was no contingency in the budget for 2026.

Latvia: proposed that Congress should not approve the budget before the election of a new President and Executive Board, because the new leadership would have no power to change a budget already approved.

Australia: asked why sponsor development & hospitality was only budgeted at 20k per year in 2023/2024, but increasing to 150k for 2025/2026.

Nigeria asked a further question about the criteria for the Confederations budget and **Uganda** asked how often and by what percentage the flat sum would increase, and both challenged UIPM to explain what Africa as a “growing continent” could realistically achieve with a \$49k allocation.

Great Britain: noted that detailed financial reports from past years had been displayed, and asked why the latest budget plan was not included in the Congress Book.

Chad: relating to the business plan for 2025-26, asked if UIPM had the right skills and competencies to develop this plan.

Jamaica asked three questions: 1) Noted the 200k contingency for 2025, but asked why it was zero in 2026; 2) asked why would UIPM not buy a currency hedge?

3) why had UIPM not budgeted interest income given the shift to 16 quarters instead of 4 years?

Nepal: asked for an increase in Confederation budgets.

Denmark asked for a breakdown of 2024 expenses until 1 October; they also noted the confusion of delegates over what Confederation budget was supposed to be used for, and to what extent it should be used for development vs the UIPM development budget.

JH replied to AUS, saying a contract had been signed in early 2024 with EB approval.

JH replied to various questions about Confederation budgets, explaining that each one starts with a 25k flat sum and then there was a variable amount based on various criteria; and then a final amount based on the number of NFs in the Confederation x \$300. Last time the middle portion was raised by 20% eight years ago.

JH explained that the budget plan could not be included in the Congress Book because the Treasurer is required to bring it to the EB first for approval, and then to Congress. He said the EB had decided only to approve the major categories, having had a “very animated discussion” about the more detailed budget items and thought best idea to get the approval of Congress based on the major categories, later enabling the new EB to have some flexibility around the detail. He also made the point that increase in a budget line would require a decrease elsewhere.

Answering JAM, JH noted that the difference in contingency between 2025 and 2026 was Congress taking place in 2026. He said currency hedging had been done and recorded, but on 1 Jan each year UIPM made sure to have enough EUR to cover projected expenses for that year. He described the revenue mechanism as conservative, not including income not already confirmed. He said a 1-2-year deposit would be a great idea. KS added context about the achievement of staying in the Olympic programme for 2028, mentioning discussions with business groups about new commercial opportunities. He said nowadays companies were coming to UIPM and asking to partner with them, not the other way round. He asked that the new EB be given some flexibility to raise and manage additional revenue, and reflected on an African Confederation meeting in Cape Town (RSA) in 2023 where the need to find new revenue sources had been discussed. He welcomed and encouraged ideas from the community about how to increase revenue.

Senegal made a closing point that Africa “doesn’t need a babysitter any more, it just wants more equity”.

JH replied to DEN about the breakdown of expenses up to 30 September 2024, adding context about the nature of expenses in the fourth quarter of a year, before the vote took place.

CONGRESS VOTE – Approval of the adoption of the Budget Plan and the Budget for 2025/2026

Does the General Assembly approve the adoption of the Budget Plan and the Budget for 2025-2026? (50%+1 majority needed)

101 possible votes, 93 members present

- YES 49 (52.69%)
- NO 36 (38.71%)
- ABSTENTIONS 8 (8.60%)

BUDGET PLAN AND BUDGET FOR 2025/2026 APPROVED

13. Continental Confederations reports

SF invited questions from the floor.

Canada referenced the African President’s report which mentioned a disappointment around Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games, and asked for a clarification. KS answered that a briefing had been given by the IOC and Dakar 2026 with a clear message that the programme has been cut back, due to finances, but Modern Pentathlon would be a presentation sport.

JH then said that with the conclusion of his Budget, his duties as Treasurer had been fulfilled. He reflected on his three terms in the context of UIPM’s new term limits, and said he felt tired of the workload. Over time, he said he had convinced Helios Meirelles (HM) to run for Treasurer, as he “had a sparkle in his eyes” about the role. JH said he was tired of difficult conversations. He said he had told HM he would not stand for re-election but would provide any help needed by HM if elected. JH noted that his future was elsewhere, and thanked Congress for his three terms of service.

14. Approval of the new member

SF invited Congress to vote on Cook Islands becoming a member of UIPM.

CONGRESS VOTE – Approval of the new member

Does the General Assembly approve the new UIPM member presented? (50%+1 majority needed)

101 possible votes, 96 members present

- YES 87 (90.63%)
- NO 2
- ABSTENTIONS 7 (7.29%)

NEW MEMBER APPROVED

15. Decisions on motions submitted

a) Motions from the Executive Board

EB1: UIPM Statutes – Replacement of the UIPM President

SF drew Congress's attention to an amendment to the wording of Executive Board Motion 1 as provided in the Congress Book. Lumi then arranged the vote.

CONGRESS VOTE – EB1

Does the General Assembly approve the modifications to Article 15 of UIPM Statutes? (2/3 majority required)

102 possible votes; 98 members present

- YES 90 (91.84%)
- NO 4 (4.08%)
- ABSTENTIONS 4 (4.08%)

MOTION EB1 APPROVED

EB2: Statutes (Honorary President)

Nigeria asked if there was a budget for this Honorary President office, and what type of benefits would be attached to this office?

JH clarified that there had never been a physical office allocated to an Honorary President before, and there was no precedent for it. Vice President El Erian (SE) said it had been discussed and the matter would be left for the next EB to decide: what is the budget and what are the duties needed? He said a budget could potentially be taken from the contingency.

CONGRESS VOTE – EB2

Does the General Assembly approve the insertion of Article 16.2 and 16.3, as well as the modifications of Article 19 of the UIPM Statutes? (2/3 majority required)

102 possible votes; 99 members present

- YES 54 (54.55%)
- NO 37 (37.37%)
- ABSTENTIONS 8 (8.08%)

MOTION EB2 NOT APPROVED

SF expressed a hope that Congress had not been “influenced” by recent inaccurate articles, noting that the budget plan was not even in place at the time the articles were published.

EB3: Statutes (Definition of UIPM and its sports)

SF invited questions from the floor and said all of them would be answered as a batch before the vote.

South Africa asked why Adventure Racing was included in the wording of the Article.

Great Britain delegate said they held a unique position as part of both the Obstacle and Pentathlon families – and expressed some concern about the potential perception of a takeover of World Obstacle by UIPM rather than the agreed integration. They said the motion could erode trust and damage unity, and recommended that the wording be adjusted as it would still respect the

governance of World Obstacle and allow UIPM to continue development of Obstacle within Modern Pentathlon.

Austria asked two questions: 1) noted that the Adventure Racing authority had not given permission for the governance step; 2) expressed confusion about Article 2.2 where there was a mention of horse riding, unlike later in General Aspects on Page 256 only five disciplines not including riding, and asked which one was correct?

Germany also said they had received contact from the OCR community with concerns about a takeover.

Denmark observed that if the Adventure Racing community did not want to be part of this community, UIPM should not attempt to take them over.

Canada said that instead of voting the motion down, it could be tweaked according to GBR proposal, and then moved forward.

SF replied to all questions, first pointing out that Adventure and OCR were different communities. She then said the GBR delegate was already an example of integration. She clarified that World Obstacle did sign an MOU with UIPM, having been an observer sport of GAISF which was then dissolved, leaving WO with no formal recognition as the governing body of Obstacle sports. SF said UIPM then consulted with the IOC, who recognised UIPM's entitlement to govern a sport that was not formally recognised. Based on relationship with WO, she said UIPM had received tremendous help from Obstacle community (noting the relevant content of EB Motion 4). On the other hand, SF said Adventure was a different story, as UIPM was misled at the beginning about its status inside WO. However, politically and legally, also in view of relevant CAS jurisprudence, as the umbrella organisation was only just established, SF said this body was also not recognised. She finished by expressing a belief that the two organisations could work together in future and live side by side.

Denmark disputed SF's version of reality, saying that the other side saw it differently.

SF responded and said there was a similar situation with FIG and parkour, and that Obstacle had no recognised governing body. She said it was a democratic decision for Congress, but the approval would "dramatically help our NFs to move forward combined in Modern Pentathlon and with Obstacle as standalone".

Austria echoed DEN concerns and also asked for clarification on disciplines, which SF provided.

CONGRESS VOTE – EB3

Does the General Assembly approve the modifications to Article 2 of the UIPM Statutes? (2/3 majority required)

102 possible votes; 97 members present

- YES 62 (63.92%)
- NO 31 (31.96%)
- ABSTENTIONS 4 (4.12%)

MOTION EB3 NOT APPROVED

SF reacted by saying that this result would not affect the movement, that UIPM could continue to plan standalone competitions and later consider the issue of governance.

EB4: Creation of the Obstacle Commission

CONGRESS VOTE – EB4

Does the General Assembly approve the modifications to Articles 4 and 7 of the UIPM Rules on Internal Organization? (50%+1 majority needed)

102 possible votes; 100 members present

- YES 86 (86.00%)
- NO 13 (13.00%)
- ABSTENTIONS 1 (1.00%)

MOTION EB4 APPROVED

EB5: Candidates Travel Expenses

CONGRESS VOTE – EB5

Does the General Assembly approve the modifications to Article 6.8 of the UIPM Election Rules? (50%+1 majority needed)

102 possible votes; 98 members present

- YES 87 (88.78%)
- NO 7 (7.14%)
- ABSTENTIONS 4 (4.08%)

MOTION EB5 APPROVED

EB6: UIPM Medical Handbook (removal of Horse riding related care and doping control)

CONGRESS VOTE – EB6

Does the General Assembly approve the modifications to Article 5; Update of Annex 1 – Nutritional Guidelines; Removal of SCAT 5? (50%+1 majority needed)

102 possible votes; 100 members present

- YES 97 (97.00%)
- NO 1 (1.00%)
- ABSTENTIONS 2 (2.00%)

MOTION EB6 APPROVED

EB7: UIPM Para sport regulations – revision of provided guidance

CONGRESS VOTE – EB7

Does the General Assembly approve the modifications to Articles 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 30 of UIPM Para Sport Regulations? (50%+1 majority needed)

102 possible votes; 100 members present

- YES 94 (94.00%)
- NO 3 (3.00%)
- ABSTENTIONS 3 (3.00%)

MOTION EB7 APPROVED



EB8: Biathle/Triathle competition rules & Laser Run competition guidelines

SF shared some amendments, following remarks about the placement of Swimming in a format that had been tested by RSA and discussed with GBR.

South Africa stated that Swimming at start would create injury risks and would be difficult to implement in a pool; to move Swimming towards the end, after last shooting round, would be a better solution.

SF said the EB supported that too, so there would be no amendment to the placement, only the timing.

CONGRESS VOTE – EB8

Does the General Assembly approve the modifications presented on Pages 239-254 of the Congress Book, referring to the Biathle/Triathle competition rules and Laser Run competition guidelines? (50%+1 majority needed)

102 possible votes; 96 members present

- YES 78 (81.25%)
- NO 16 (16.67%)
- ABSTENTIONS 2 (2.08%)

MOTION EB8 APPROVED

EB9.1: Adjustments to Competition Rules due to changes in the sport (General Aspects)

SF invited questions from the floor.

Canada observed that this motion was similar to its own submitted motion and highlighted the differences. CAN said it was looking for a shorter period for athletes to compete, with no Qualification or Semi-finals, which would help smaller nations struggling to find volunteer coaches to attend longer competitions.

- SF answered that all relays has been removed from World Cups and age-group World Championships, with a new Relay World Championships

helping to reduce the duration of each of the other competitions. In addition, she noted that Semi-finals had been removed from age-group World Championships below Junior. Regarding A/B Finals, she said there was no TV interest in a B Final and confirmed the EB had considered all this and decided on the motion, which would render moot the CAN motion if passed.

CAN argued that the removal of relays would not work for small countries.

- SF mentioned that after an internal discussion, UIPM had agreed to open the Relay World Championships to all countries, removing any limit to participation.

Switzerland complained that there were too many changes in one motion.

- SF said to vote on all general aspects one by one would take too long.

Austria noted that the Masters movement was integrated but there was no wording in the Rules about horse riding, and this provision should be included.

- SF said a reference could be made to Masters Rules.

Great Britain asked for a clarification of rules heading into 2027 and 2028, as test events should not be held within Senior and Junior World Championships.

- SF answered that all testing relating to the LA28 format should be completed by 2026, after which the EB would be asked to approve the format – with any adjustments to be made.

Great Britain proposed that changes to transition timings in the motion could be fundamentally unfair to the leaders of a Pentathlon competition.

- SF clarified that the new motion proposed breaks of 5, 5 and 10 minutes, arguing that it was feasible and would only be enforced in world events. She reiterated the commitment given to IOC and LA28 to have very short breaks.

SF then showed written amendments to the 9.1 General Aspects motion that had been made during the lunch break.

Canada sought clarification that relays would no longer be part of any World Cups or World Championships.

- SF clarified that yes that was the case, except for the U15 World Championships.

Belgium noted that after racing in Qualification, Semi-final and Final rounds, athletes were exhausted and they had been asked by athletes and coaches to try to reduce the number of competitions.

- SF explained context about the reasons for isolating relays into a dedicated World Championships, which would be a strong development tool.

Canada made a further remark that their idea was to reduce the number of days in a competition without losing the relays.

- SF accepted that CAN might not compete in the Relays World Championship.

Switzerland again asked about isolating one part of the motion on Page 260, Article 1.12.2 and 1.12.4 relating to number of athletes participating.

- SF agreed this would be excluded from the motion voted upon.

CONGRESS VOTE – EB9.1

Does the General Assembly approve the modifications presented on Pages 255-265 of the Congress Book relating to the General Aspects chapter of the Modern Pentathlon Competition Rules and Equipment Regulations? (50%+1 majority needed)

102 possible votes; 99 members present

- YES 73 (73.74%)
- NO 25 (25.25%)
- ABSTENTIONS 1 (1.01%)

MOTION EB9.1 APPROVED*

***Switzerland** thanked SF for removing two articles from the Motion to be voted on separately, arguing that the changes opened the door to manipulation especially in Fencing. They highlighted the risk of losing nations. They also felt that the number of athletes was already growing, especially at Junior level in 2023.

- SF suggested it might be something for the EB to discuss.

EB9.2: Adjustments to Competition Rules due to changes in the sport (Fencing)

SF invited questions from the floor.

Great Britain said that the Pentathlon World Rankings did not impact on who wins the Olympics but the Fencing World Ranking might, and therefore this needed its own section. They provided examples of how Fencing points should only be earned in Category A competitions. It also impacted on Juniors, and generally on smaller nations, with potential for manipulation. She also expressed major concerns around points scoring of Direct Elimination and asked for a commitment from UIPM to carefully review the scoring over the next two years to be ready for LA28.

Austria supported GBR points and criticised the inconsistency of points regulations in the Direct Elimination format.

- SF explained the whole motivation: EB was forced to adjust Fencing rules to abide by commitment to LA28 in order to secure Modern Pentathlon in the Olympic Games with a one-venue solution.
- UIPM Events Operations Director Alexandra Franca (AF) reflected on the constitution of the Fencing Working Group and the discussions they had, followed by testing. After that, they made recommendations, and formats were then simulated based on the possibility of eliminations etc.
- Janusz Peciak (JP) made further explanations about transparency and fairness, and challenged some of GBR's concerns.
- Yasser Hefny (YH) said all of the points raised by GBR were considered at the start of the process, but referred back to the vital Olympic context. He admitted that the Round Robin would have been fairer but highlighted the pressure that made it necessary. But YH also spoke about the merits of having a simple format like in other sports, mentioning that the Fencing Bonus Round was not popular. He also said points averages from the past four years were collated and the gap between them was reflected in the gap in the new system.
- Christian Roudaut (CR) said YH had provided a complete explanation, and said it was important for all concerned to work on it together over the next two years.

CONGRESS VOTE – EB9.2

Does the General Assembly approve the modifications presented on Pages 266-274 of the Congress Book relating to the Fencing chapter of the Modern Pentathlon Competition Rules and Equipment Regulations? (50%+1 majority needed)

102 possible votes; 100 members present

- YES 69 (69.00%)
- NO 28 (28.00%)
- ABSTENTIONS 3 (3.00%)

MOTION EB9.2 APPROVED

EB9.3: Adjustments to Competition Rules due to changes in the sport (Obstacle)

SF invited questions from the floor.

Canada asked if gloves and tape were removed, what would happen in the event of wounds?

- YH noted that later, a medical tape can be used.

South Africa sought clarification about elimination / disqualification in a circumstance where an athlete did not acknowledge a flag, either deliberately or accidentally.

- AF said in such cases, it was possible for athletes to accidentally miss the flag. JP added context. Joel Bouzou (JB) added that one point was discussed by the EB: an athlete with hand sanitiser could leave the course slippery, so it should only be available at the end of the course. SF agreed to delete the words “at the start” from the motion.

South Africa urged that this be tightened up in the rules.

- SF said that could be considered, with a bit more time.

Bulgaria, as a regular host of Pentathlon World Cups, asked when the Obstacle course would have to be set up in advance of the draw stage of a competition.

- AF and SF provided answers and assurances, remarking that the process had been tested more than 20 times.

Philippines asked for clarification about the use of medical tape, in the case of a wound or otherwise.

- AF clarified that there was no limit in this case to prove a wound.

CONGRESS VOTE – EB9.3

Does the General Assembly approve the modifications presented on Pages 275-306 of the Congress Book relating to the Obstacle chapter of the Modern Pentathlon Competition Rules and Equipment Regulations? (50%+1 majority needed)

102 possible votes; 101 members present

- YES 78 (77.23%)
- NO 20 (19.80%)
- ABSTENTIONS 3 (2.97%)

MOTION EB9.3 APPROVED

EB9.4: Adjustments to Competition Rules due to changes in the sport (Swimming)

SF invited questions from the floor.

Austria questioned the handicap start in Swimming.

- SF agreed that Swimming should not have had a handicap start, but it was based on feedback from Olympic Broadcasting Services (OBS) – nobody understands the Swimming element of Modern Pentathlon because it is not clear who is leading the overall competition, and understandability is the key for all sports in the modern Olympic movement. SF emphasised that this was a compromise that would not affect athlete training, it would only change the conduction of the competition (there would still be there heats but with start timings according to overall scores).
- JP said it was all about media and marketing and spectator experience, to enable viewers to know who is leading the competition at any given moment.

Uganda felt that the change would make the sport more confusing.

- JP reiterated his point.



Germany said they had enjoyed Modern Pentathlon at Paris 2024 but Swimming was not exciting, and asked if UIPM had any videos to help the community understand the change.

- SF said every competition would effectively be a test ahead of the next Congress.

Australia asked why Swimming was not considered important and JP disputed this, arguing that it was important to create the excitement required by media. AUS asserted that some heats might not be interesting; JP disagreed and said it needed to be tried.

Egypt asked if any test event had been used before this motion was created, and noted that the trend was to make the event shorter, whereas Swimming would not become longer and not shorter with the adoption of this motion.

South Africa noted that in trying to make the sport more exciting, maybe the new Triathle with staggered start and same distance might be a better solution in Pentathlon to save time.

- SF said that OBS had made it clear that no Olympic sport broadcasters would be interested in taking the content of the current Swimming format. “In the Games, we are guests,” she added.

CONGRESS VOTE – EB9.4

Does the General Assembly approve the modifications presented on Pages 307-313 of the Congress Book relating to the Swimming chapter of the Modern Pentathlon Competition Rules and Equipment Regulations? (50%+1 majority needed)

102 possible votes; 101 members present

- YES 42 (41.58%)
- NO 56 (55.45%)
- ABSTENTIONS 3 (2.97%)

MOTION EB9.4 NOT APPROVED



EB9.5: Adjustments to Competition Rules due to changes in the sport (Laser Run)

SF invited questions from the floor and there were none.

CONGRESS VOTE – EB9.5

Does the General Assembly approve the modifications presented on Pages 314-319 of the Congress Book relating to the Laser Run chapter of the Modern Pentathlon Competition Rules and Equipment Regulations? (50%+1 majority needed)

102 possible votes; 100 members present

- YES 88 (88.00%)
- NO 11 (11.00%)
- ABSTENTIONS 1 (1.00%)

MOTION EB9.5 APPROVED

Italy then respectfully requested Congress to submit a motion based on Article 5.4 in the Rules of Internal Organisation (based on EB Motion 3). They suggested to vote on the same motion with the last words deleted, namely: “not limited to ninja, obstacle course racing (OCR) and adventure racing”.

- SF pointed out that the original motion did not pass but, if the new motion was seconded, it could be voted following the procedure.

Malta stated that a large majority of Obstacle movement wanted to enter UIPM and the Olympic family, but other parts of the community want to go a different way. Malta was already integrated, as one example. They suggested to follow the ITA motion.

Great Britain said it was about how UIPM would define Obstacle sports, and said that with the proposed revised wording of the motion, Congress would still be voting on the same thing while taking away some of the potential damage.

Belgium observed that obstacles existed before in military pentathlon, lifesaving, etc, and stated that the word Obstacle did not belong to anybody.

- SF announced there would be two votes: one to agree that it should be voted on a 2/3 majority and then for the new proposal to be voted. JB said the text would have to be clear.

The proposal was seconded by Malta and SF said the text would be reviewed before a vote could take place.

b) Motions from National Federations

BLR1: Riding discipline

SF noted that the Congress Book was circulated after a certain deadline, but asserted that Riding was already kept in UIPM Statutes, rendering the motion moot.

MOTION DECLARED MOOT

BLR2: Championships with riding

SF explained that this motion was also moot.

BLR clarified that they wanted a non-Olympic Modern Pentathlon World Championships for senior athletes, not only enabling Masters athletes to ride horses.

- KS said the whole point of the change was to make the sport more accessible, and it would not be fair to create something that only a few nations could compete in.

CONGRESS VOTE – BLR2

Do you approve the motion from Belarus? (50%+1 majority needed)

102 possible votes; 96 members present

- YES 36 (37.5%)
- NO 52 (54.17%)
- ABSTENTIONS 8 (8.33%)

MOTION NOT APPROVED

BLR 3: Congress

MOTION WITHDRAWN BY NF

✓ RS

BLR 4: Sanctions

KS mentioned high-level conversations that took place during the ANOC General Assembly and said UIPM must always follow the IOC in this area. SF also clarified that meetings also took place with Belarus NOC and the request was to release youth athletes without investigation to enable them to participate. IOC said they would come back if there was any provision for this.

BLR used examples of other sports where nations in the Olympic family such as football could continue, and made other remarks. KS said he had always tried to be as neutral as possible. SF made the point that if UIPM had a higher standing in the Olympic movement, perhaps they could fight for things, hence the motion about Swimming earlier.

CONGRESS VOTE – BLR4

Do you approve the motion from Belarus? (50%+1 majority needed)

102 possible votes; 95 members present

- YES 29 (30.52%)
- NO 58 (61.00%)
- ABSTENTIONS 8 (8.42%)

MOTION NOT APPROVED

CAN: Senior World Cup and World Championships Programme

Format/Schedule

SF explained that the motion was moot.

MOTION DECLARED MOOT

GBR1: International Federation funding to support the successful integration of Obstacle sport

SF stated that the EB had heard the points made.

MOTION WITHDRAWN BY NF



EB3: Statutes (Definition of UIPM and its sports), continued...

SF: relating to EB3, with an amendment from the floor, showed a slide illustrating the amended text.

CONGRESS VOTE – EB3

Does the General Assembly approve the submission of a motion from the floor proposed by Italy and Malta? (2/3 majority required)

102 possible votes; 101 members present

- YES 70 (69.31%)
- NO 30 (29.70%)
- ABSTENTIONS 1 (0.99%)

MOTION APPROVED

CONGRESS VOTE – EB3

Statutes – Amendments to the definition of UIPM Sports (Page 194 of the Congress Book)

Does the General Assembly approve the modifications to Art. 2 of the UIPM Statutes with the amendments propose by Italy and Malta from the floor? (2/3 majority required)

102 possible votes; 99 members present

- YES 70 (70.71%)
- NO 24 (24.24%)
- ABSTENTIONS (5.05%)

MOTION APPROVED

GBR 2: UIPM and World Obstacle merger

SF explained that the motion should be moot. It was explained that no “merger” had in a legal sense been conducted, and nor was it currently planned. So this motion had no object.

GBR said no, it was about the proposed merger, with a general point that NFs should be part of such a big decision.

PF additionally explained that having already voted on the amended EB3 with a 2/3 majority being related to GBR2, voting on this motion with 50% plus 1 majority would obstruct the delegates' will of the previous motion.

MOTION DECLARED MOOT

GBR 3: points by discipline

SF said it was a routine part of daily work but made a commitment that it would be worked on continuously by the Technical Committee.

MOTION WITHDRAWN BY NF

RSA: Keep Pentathlon with riding as a Masters format in addition to the obstacle discipline

South Africa explained that part of the Motion was to close the clause completely to remove confusion.

- SF explained that Riding was already mentioned in both the Modern Pentathlon and Masters Competition Rules.

MOTION DECLARED MOOT

SF announced that after the coffee break the first part of the Elections would be held. **16. Elections**

Election Procedures

SF welcomed the delegates back after the coffee break and explained that the Congress would now proceed with the presidential elections.

FL took the floor and explained the procedures, with abstentions not counted towards valid votes counted. FL referred to the Powerpoint slides regarding the required majorities displayed on the screen visible to all delegates and candidates. FL clarified that in the first and second rounds of voting, a candidate to be elected needed an absolute majority, meaning 50% plus 1, and from the third round onwards, a simple majority of votes would be enough to be elected. FL explained that a simple majority means more votes than any other candidate.

FL then moved on to explain that considering the specific circumstances and the importance of the upcoming elections, cell phones would be collected during the Presidential election, in line with other International Federations and IOC best practice. She stated that taking pictures of marked ballots could lead to criminal prosecution.

Election of UIPM President

SF clarified that according to Article 8.1 of Election Rules, each candidate could speak for a maximum of 3 minutes, in alphabetical order.

Mr Joel Bouzou (FRA)

JB addressed Congress with a verbal address and presentation slides.

Mr Sharif El Erian (EGY)

SE addressed Congress with a verbal address.

Mr Robert Stull (USA)

RS addressed Congress with a verbal address.

Lumi oversaw one final testing vote.

Lumi then proceeded to the voting on the presidential election.

CONGRESS VOTE – ELECTION OF UIPM PRESIDENT

Please select one (1) candidate for the election of the UIPM President.

Round 1 [50% +1 majority]

103 possible votes; 102 members present

- Sharif El Erian (EGY): 42 (41.18%)
- Robert Stull (USA): 38 (37.25%)
- Joel Bouzou (FRA): 22 (21.57%) – ELIMINATED

SF explained that a second round was required to be conducted without the candidate who had received the least votes in the first round. SF further explained that in the second round, still a 50% plus 1 majority was needed.

SF asked Lumi to start with the second round.

Round 2 [50% +1 majority]

103 possible votes; 101 members present

- Sharif El Erian (EGY): 51 (50.50%)
- Robert Stull (USA): 50 (49.50%)

SF clarified that no candidate had received the required absolute majority in the second round and that a third round of voting had to be conducted.

Round 3 (simple majority)

103 possible votes; 101 members present

- Robert Stull (USA): 53 (52.48%) – **ELECTED**
- Sharif El Erian (EGY): 48 (47.52%)

SF congratulated the new UIPM President and gave the floor to him to address the delegates.

Robert Stull (RS) took the floor and thanked the delegates.

The UIPM President closed Day 1 of the 73rd UIPM Congress.

Day 2

Welcome messages

KS opened Day 2 and addressed the room, thanked the Congress hosts for their hospitality the previous evening, and wished all delegates a fruitful second day.

He gave the floor to SF to lead the remaining Congress agenda.

15. Decisions on motions submitted (cont'd)

a) Motions from the Executive Board (cont'd)

SF explained that there was one outstanding motion to be discussed and voted on before the resumption of the elections and other agenda items.

South Africa said it was submitting a motion from the floor relating to the Competition Rules (Obstacle) already approved (Motion EB9.3). SF explained that this would need a 2/3 majority to be presented to the General Assembly and then a 2/3 majority to be passed. RSA said its motion was supported by **Portugal** and sought to clarify that when athletes do not adhere to the judgment of an official in the event of an elimination, what is the ruling?

SF then announced that the EB had met to discuss the already-approved Motion EB9.1 relating to General Aspects (1.12.2 and 1.12.4), which was intended to increase the participation and positive impact for local organisers – and the EB recommended that the status quo should remain. **Switzerland** was invited to speak again and expressed concern about fairness to athletes. YH responded with some context and SUI added further remarks.

SF took the roll call and announced that there were 100 members in the room, therefore the quorum of half was reached.

A successful testing vote was held by Lumi.

EB 9.1: Adjustment to Competition Rules due to changes in the sport (General Aspects; cont'd)

SF read out the proposed amendment to the motion.

CONGRESS VOTE – EB9.1 (cont'd)

Does the General Assembly approve the submission of a motion from the floor proposed by South Africa? (2/3 majority required)

102 possible votes; 102 members present

- YES 87 (85.29%)
- NO 12 (11.76%)
- ABSTENTIONS 3 (2.94%)

SUBMISSION OF MOTION FROM THE FLOOR APPROVED

EB 9.3: Adjustment to Competition Rules due to changes in the sport (Obstacle; cont'd)

CONGRESS VOTE – EB9.3 (cont'd)

Does the General Assembly approve the motion from the floor proposed by South Africa? (2/3 majority required)

102 possible votes; 101 members present

- YES 93 (92.08%)
- NO 7 (6.93%)
- ABSTENTIONS 1 (0.99%)

MOTION FROM THE FLOOR PROPOSED BY SOUTH AFRICA APPROVED

Motion EB9.1 General Aspects

Austria asked for clarification on the amendment to Page 260 and SF asked for the vote to proceed.

CONGRESS VOTE – EB9.1 (cont'd)

Do you approve Article 1.12.2 and 1.12.4 of the Competition Rules as shown? (2/3 majority required)

104 possible votes; 103 members present

- YES 74
- NO 26
- ABSTENTIONS 3

MOTION EB9.1 APPROVED

19. UIPM events awards and presentations

SF clarified that the events had already been awarded by the Executive Board following bid presentations on November 15. She also indicated that other bids would be opened after Congress.

No voting required.

- **UIPM 2025 Biathle-Triathle World Championships:** Mossel Bay (RSA)
- **UIPM 2026 Biathle-Triathle and Laser Run World Championships:** Funchal, Madeira (POR)
- **UIPM 2026 Obstacle Laser Run World Championships:** Soma Bay (EGY)
- **UIPM 2026 Pentathlon Junior and U17 World Championships:** Druskininkai (LTU)
- **UIPM 2026 Congress:** Budapest (HUN)

18. Hall of Fame, Medal of Honour and Coubertin Medal

SF said no voting was required by Congress.

17. Election of Honorary President

Dr Klaus Schormann was elected as Honorary President by acclamation. SF asked if anyone was against or abstention, and there were none. KS made some remarks of gratitude and promised to bring energy to the role.

16. Elections (cont'd)

SF announced that cell phones would again be placed into sealed envelopes during the elections. **Estonia** protested and questioned the legality of this action, before all delegates cooperated. PF explained that, in view of the secrecy of the vote, asking the delegates to put their cell phones into sealed envelopes during the voting process was a proportionate measure. Upon proposal of **Denmark**, he added that also laptops should be closed during the voting process.

A roll call was taken. With 104 member federations in attendance, SF announced that the quorum was reached.

Lumi explained the voting procedure.

SF gave the floor to FL. FL reiterated the Election Procedures. She explained that the rule of absolute majority (50% + 1) would apply in rounds 1 and 2, and thereafter a simple majority (the candidate with more votes than the other is elected) would apply if any further rounds were needed. She also reminded the delegates that abstentions would not count in elections.

A testing vote was carried out.

Election of Vice-Presidents (5 positions)

Dr Huda Al Matrooshi (UAE)

The candidate addressed Congress.

Viacheslav Aminov (RUS)

The candidate addressed Congress.

Aistis Baronas (LTU)

The candidate addressed Congress.

Fabrizio Bittner (ITA)

The candidate did not address Congress.

Kitty Chiller (AUS)

The candidate addressed Congress.

Dongkook Chung (KOR)

The candidate addressed Congress.

Ana Irene Delgado (PAN)

The candidate addressed Congress.

Sharif El Erian (EGY)

The candidate addressed Congress.

Bakhromon Gaziev (UZB)

The candidate addressed Congress.

Andrey Kuzmanov (BUL)

The candidate addressed Congress.

Dr Viacheslav Malishev (GEO)

The candidate addressed Congress.

Juan Manzo (MEX)

A video was played in the absence of the candidate (for health reasons).

FL gave the floor to Lumi to open the elections.

CONGRESS VOTE – Election of Vice Presidents

Please select five (5) candidates for election to the UIPM Vice President.

104 possible votes; 101 members present

First round (majority 50% +1)

- **Sharif El Erian (EGY):** 74 (73.27%) – ELECTED
- **Kitty Chiller (AUS):** 67 (66.34%) – ELECTED
- **Dr Viacheslav Malishev (GEO):** 66 (65.35%) – ELECTED
- **Dongkook Chung (KOR):** 58 (57.43%) – ELECTED
- **Ana Irene Delgado (PAN):** 56 (55.45%) – ELECTED
- **Aistis Baronas (LTU):** 49 (48.51%)
- **Viacheslav Aminov (RUS):** 30 (29.70%)
- **Juan Manzo (MEX):** 30 (29.70%)
- **Dr Huda Al Matrooshi (UAE):** 24 (23.76%)

- **Fabrizio Bittner (ITA):** 20 (19.80%)
- **Gaziev Bakhromjon (UZB):** 18 (17.82%)
- **Andrey Kuzmanov (BUL):** 13 (12.87%)

No second round required.

Election of Treasurer

CONGRESS VOTE – Election of Treasurer

Do you elect Helio Meirelles (BRA) for the position of UIPM Treasurer?

104 possible votes; 99 members present

- **YES 92 (92.93%)**
- **NO 7 (7.07%)**

THE CANDIDATE WAS ELECTED

Election of EB Member for Sport

SF stated that the **Egypt** candidate, Ali Assem, was ineligible to sit on the EB due to the election of Sharif El Erian.

CONGRESS VOTE – Election of EB Member for Sport

Please select one (1) candidate for election to the UIPM Executive Board Member for Sport.

First round (majority 50% +1)

104 possible votes; 101 members present

- **Andrea Dell'Amore (ITA):** 41 (40.59%)
- **Bernhard Petruschinski (GER):** 37 (36.63%)
- **Agnese Tomassi (BEL):** 23 (22.77%) – ELIMINATED

SF announced that a second round was required.

Second round (majority 50% +1)

104 possible votes; 101 members present

- **Andrea Dell'Amore (ITA):** 55 (54.46%) – ELECTED
- **Bernhard Petruschinski (GER):** 46 (45.54%)

Election of EB Member for Marketing

SF stated that the **Italy** candidate, Fabrizio Bittner, was ineligible due to the election of Andrea Dell'Amore.

The **Afghanistan** candidate, Jawid Khawar, announced their withdrawal, wishing to focus instead on EB Member for Development.

The **India** candidate, Vitthal Shirgaonkar, announced their withdrawal, wishing to focus instead on EB Member for Media.

Hussain Al-Abdulwahab (KSA)

The candidate did not address Congress.

Dr Veli Cakir (TUR)

The candidate addressed Congress.

Barry Tompkins (CAN)

The candidate addressed Congress.

CONGRESS VOTE – EB Member for Marketing

Please select one (1) candidate for election to the UIPM Executive Board Member for Marketing.

Round 1 (majority 50% +1)

104 possible votes; 100 members present

- **Barry Tompkins (CAN):** 38 (38.00%)
- **Dr Veli Cakir (TUR):** 32 (32.00%)
- **Hussain Al-Abdulwahab (KSA):** 30 (30.00%) – ELIMINATED

Round 2 (majority 50% +1)

104 possible votes; 100 members present

- **Barry Tompkins (CAN):** 58 (58.00%) – ELECTED
- **Dr Veli Cakir (TUR):** 42 (42.00%)

Election of EB Member for Media

SF announced that the **Saudi Arabia** candidate had withdrawn, while the **Canada** candidate (Barry Tompkins) was no longer eligible.

Natalya Coyle (IRL)

The candidate did not address Congress.

Leila Gyenessei (HUN)

The candidate addressed Congress and played a video.

Vitthal Shirgaonkar (IND)

The candidate addressed Congress.

CONGRESS VOTE – EB Member for Media

Please select one (1) candidate for election to the UIPM Executive Board Member for Media.

104 possible votes; 101 members present

- **Leila Gyenessei (HUN):** 55 (54.46%) – ELECTED
- **Vitthal Shirgaonkar (IND):** 36 (35.64%)
- **Natalya Coyle (IRL):** 10 (9.90%)

Election of EB Member for Development

SF announced that the **Georgia** candidate, Viacheslav Malishev, was no longer eligible due to his election.

Jameel Bubshait (KSA)

The candidate addressed Congress.

Jawid Khawar (AFG)

The candidate addressed Congress.

Janusz Peciak (POL)

The candidate addressed Congress.

CONGRESS VOTE – EB Member for Development

Please select one (1) candidate for election to the UIPM Executive Board Member for Development.

Round 1 (majority 50% + 1)

104 possible votes; 103 members present

- **Janusz Peciak (POL):** 42 (40.78%)
- **Jawid Khawar (AFG):** 40 (38.83%)
- **Jameel Bubshait (KSA):** 21 (20.39%) – ELIMINATED

SF announced that a second round was required.

Round 2 (majority 50% + 1)

104 possible votes; 100 members present

- **Jawid Khawar (AFG):** 52 (52.00%) – ELECTED
- **Janusz Peciak (POL):** 48 (48.00%)

Election of Technical Committee (6 positions)

SF stated that the **Italy** candidate, Andrea Dell'Amore, was no longer eligible so there were now 13 candidates. SF asked if any candidates would like to speak and explained that they would have a maximum of 1 minute.

Rafael Acosta (ARG)

The candidate did not address Congress.

Changsik An (KOR)

The candidate addressed Congress.



Ali Assem (EGY)

The candidate addressed Congress.

Corine Bouzou (FRA)

The candidate did not address Congress.

Marcelo Gonzalez (BRA)

The candidate did not address Congress.

Agnes Kulcsar (HUN)

The candidate did not address Congress.

Rui Lucena (POR)

The candidate did not address Congress.

Edita Maloszyc (POL)

The candidate did not address Congress.

John Moreau (USA)

The candidate did not address Congress.

Ana Ruth Orellana (GUA)

The candidate did not address Congress.

Zenhuai Qian (CHN)

The candidate did not address Congress.

Agnese Tommasi (BEL)

The candidate did not address Congress.

Leonid Zimarev (KAZ)

The candidate addressed Congress.

CONGRESS VOTE – Technical Committee

Please select six (6) candidates for election to the UIPM Technical Committee.

Round 1 (majority 50% +1)

104 possible votes; 98 members present

Agnes Kulcsar (HUN): 66 (67.35%) – ELECTED

Ali Assem (EGY): 55 (56.12%) – ELECTED

Rui Lucena (POR): 55 (56.12%) – ELECTED

Ana Ruth Orellana (GUA): 51 (52.04%) – ELECTED

Changsik An (KOR): 50 (51.02%) – ELECTED

Agnese Tommasi (BEL): 49 (50.00%)

Leonid Zimarev (KAZ): 49 (50.00%)

Marcelo Gonzalez (BRA): 40 (40.82%)

Corine Bouzou (FRA): 39 (39.80%)

John Moreau (USA): 38 (38.78%)

Rafael Acosta (ARG): 33 (33.67%)

Zenhua Qian (CHN): 33 (33.67%)

Edita Maloszyc (POL): 30 (30.61%) – ELIMINATED

SF announced that a second round was required.

Round 2 (majority 50% +1)

Please select one (1) candidate for election to the UIPM Technical Committee.

104 possible votes; 102 members present

- **Leonid Zimarev (KAZ): 30 (29.41%)**
- **Agnese Tommasi (BEL): 19 (18.63%)**
- **Rafael Acosta (ARG): 14 (13.73%)**
- **Corine Bouzou (FRA): 14 (13.73%)**
- **Zenhua Qian (CHN): 10 (9.80%)**
- **John Moreau (USA): 8 (7.84%)**
- **Marcelo Gonzalez (BRA): 7 (6.86%) – ELIMINATED**

SF announced that a third round, now with simple majority being sufficient, was required.

Round 3 (simple majority)

104 possible votes; 102 members present

- **Leonid Zimarev (KAZ):** 37 (36.27%) – ELECTED
- **Agnese Tommasi (BEL):** 28 (27.45%)
- **Rafael Acosta (ARG):** 15 (14.71%)
- **Corine Bouzou (FRA):** 12 (11.76%)
- **John Moreau (USA):** 8 (7.84%)
- **Zenhua Qian (CHN):** 2 (1.96%)

Election of Medical Committee (5 positions)

None of the candidates (listed below) addressed Congress.

Dr Dapeng Bao (China)

Dr Bassel Jamil (Syria)

Dr Marco Michelucci (Brazil)

Dr Douglass Stull (United States)

Dr Moussa Tadros (Egypt)

CONGRESS VOTE – Medical Committee

Do you vote for all five (5) candidates for the UIPM Medical Committee?

First round (majority 50% +1)

104 possible votes; 95 members present

- **YES 90 (94.74%)**
- **NO 5 (5.26%)**

ALL FIVE CANDIDATES WERE ELECTED

Election of UIPM Business Affairs Committee (4 positions)

SF clarified that the **Canada** candidate, Barry Tompkins, was no longer eligible due to their election.

Ana Luisa Almeida (BRA)



The candidate did not address Congress.

Emir Basar (TUR)

The candidate addressed Congress.

Andris Feldmanis (LAT)

The candidate addressed Congress.

Andrey Kuzmanov (BUL)

The candidate did not address Congress.

Theodora Palli (GRE)

The candidate addressed Congress.

Yuriy Solovyev (KAZ)

The candidate did not address Congress.

Peter Vizkeleti (HUN)

The candidate addressed Congress.

CONGRESS VOTE – Business Affairs Committee

Please select four (4) candidates for election to the UIPM Business Affairs Committee.

- **Emir Basar (TUR):** 77 (79.38%) – ELECTED
- **Theodora Palli (GRE):** 69 (71.13%) – ELECTED
- **Peter Vizkeleti (HUN):** 63 (64.95%) – ELECTED
- **Andris Feldmanis (LAT):** 52 (53.61%) – ELECTED
- **Ana Luisa Almeida (BRA):** 41 (42.27%)
- **Mona Al-Sabeg (KSA):** 40 (41.24%)
- **Andrey Kuzmanov (BUL):** 27 (27.84%)
- **Yuriy Solovyev (KAZ):** 19 (19.59%)

20. Next Congress, and any other business

SF stated that, as already voted by the Executive Board, Budapest (HUN) would host the UIPM 2026 Congress.

UIPM Recognition

KS recognised the contribution of Teodor Sheitanov, Course Designer and Horse Selector, in the organisation of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Mr Sheitanov, JB and CR joined KS on the stage for the presentation and Mr Sheitanov made a speech.

KS and SF also recognised five staff members for more than 10 years' service: Valerie Russo, Coralie Keidel, Maxime Papillon, Tamer Samy and Fulvia Lucantonio.

KS then asked for a round of applause for the hosting Saudi Modern Pentathlon Federation and made some closing remarks about the future direction of the sport.

RS then joined KS on stage for an informal handover of the Presidency, before adding a statement of his own about the importance of unity.

The UIPM President closed the 73rd UIPM Congress.



Rob Stull
UIPM President



Shiny Fang
UIPM Secretary General