LASER-RUN IS TAKING OVER THE WORLD

Junior athletes race for the finish line during the 2017 Laser-Run City Tour in Sausset-les-Pins (FRA)
2017 Laser-Run City Tour
A new world . . . and everyone is invited

Tbilisi (GEO): April 1

More than 200 athletes from Georgia competed in the UIPM’s first-ever Laser-Run City Tour.

The concept is designed to showcase Laser-Run to a global audience and give more and more athletes worldwide an introduction to UIPM Sports, starting them on a road that can end at the Olympic Games.

Tbilisi was the first of more than 60 cities that will blaze a trail for LRCT in 2017, and participating athletes came from a number of cities and clubs including Digomi, Penta, Sachkhere, Rustavi, Olimpic, Gidani 1, Gidani 2, Gori, Poti, Batumi, Chiatura and Arena.

Competition was hot in the cold weather as the best young Georgian pentathletes demonstrated their strong skills. Gaga Khijakadze, a World Laser-Run medallist from 2015 and 2016, took the U19 gold medal while Natia Matchavariani — also a medallist at the 2015 Laser-Run World Championships — won the U17 girls title. Noe Pantskhava, leader of the 2016 UIPM World Schools Biathlon world rankings, was the winner of the U13 boys gold medal.

Dr Viacheslav Malishev, President of the Georgian Modern Pentathlon & Triathlon Federation and UIPM Executive Board Member for Development, said: “I’m glad that Georgia had the chance to be the first from more than 60 cities to host UIPM LRCT in 2017.

“This competition, which combines running with laser pistol shooting, is aimed to attract mass participation and widen audience of our sport. This is a great tool for further modern pentathlon development worldwide.”
Sausset-les-Pins (FRA): April 8

The second UIPM Laser-Run City Tour was hosted in the city of Sausset les Pins in the south of France, a few kilometres from Marseille.

Under the sun and by the sea, the event attracted not only many participants but also a number of onlookers who were invited to come and sample Laser-Run. Among them, Camille and Benoît, a couple who wished to directly integrate a series of Masters competitions.

At the end of her race, Camille told UIPM: “I discovered this sport today; before I was just running but I’m pretty good at shooting and I find the Laser-Run a lot of fun. I had a great time, I even won bronze and made the podium! I will definitely be back.”

More than 220 athletes participated in this competition, supported by 50 volunteers throughout the day.

The French Modern Pentathlon Federation had entrusted the organization to the Provence Alpes Cote d’Azur Regional Committee, which, under the leadership of President Jean Luc Dejardin and Secretary Thomas Fleurot, created a good ambience through a highly motivated team which contributed to the success of the event.

In addition to the 220 competitors, 88 people came to try laser shooting, with test sessions included in the programme and run by young pentathletes.

There was a record attendance at Masters level with more than 50 participants in this category.

The Masters A series was won by Cécilia GEPPIER and Jean Christophe PERRIER, winner of the Laser-Run World Championship titles in 2015 and 2016.

Joël Bouzou, Vice-President of the UIPM and President of the FFPM, said in an address to the organizers: “I had no doubts about the success of this event and those to come. I thank all the volunteers without whom this type of organization would not be possible and congratulations to all participants from the youngest to the Masters.

“After organizing the first Laser-Run World Championship in Perpignan in 2015, France continues to be part of the evolution of Laser-Run. I really believe in the success of this discipline.”

Christian Roudaut, UIPM Executive Board Member and Chair of the Coaches Committee, added: “I believe LRCT is an incredible opportunity to bring more and more participants to our Modern Pentathlon family.

“We had a massive attendance of spectators from the community of Sausset les Pins and surroundings who have organized an amazing event in such an iconic place. In addition, we are aiming to enlarge the base of our athletes pyramid in France and the competition was perfect for our recruiting system.”

Anfisa Kasyanov, a member of the newly-assembled UIPM Laser-Run Experts Panel, added: “The Georgian Federation has the experience in organizing development competitions and in 2015 it hosted the UIPM Biathle and Triathle World Championships in Batumi.

“The Organizing Committee of the LRCT in Tbilisi successfully coped with all tasks they were responsible for and held the competition at a high level. This is a good example for all future UIPM LRCT editions.”
Karnal (IND): April 9

India's first experience of hosting a Laser-Run event was a great success with 205 athletes from 12 states taking part in the third Laser-Run City Tour.

More than 30 technical officials assisted the Modern Pentathlon Federation of India (MPFI) and the UIPM delegation in organising the competition.

India will host further LRCT events later this year in Pune and Delhi.

The UIPM community will continue to spread the gospel of Laser-Run through the LRCT for the rest of 2017, with more than 300,000 athletes expected to take part in the inaugural season.

In 2018, UIPM is targeting more than 100 participating cities all over the world.
Rostov (RUS): May 1

The latest Laser-Run City Tour in Rostov-on-Don (RUS) was held on 1 May, 2017 with 15 sets of medals for different age categories. There were 219 participants ranging from the age of six (the youngest was Spiridon Valaev) to 55 (the oldest was the Minister of Sport of Rostov-on-Don, Samvel Arakelyan).

The tournament formed part of the 1 May celebrations in the central square of the city with plenty of spectators. The awards ceremony took place on a huge stage in the centre of the square in between performances by pop stars.

Besides the school pupils of Rostov-on-Don, there were many young athletes from military schools of the small towns of Rostov region including Shakhty, Novocherkasks and Orel. Guests from St Petersburg came to participate as well, and a special group of 30+ and 40+ veterans was formed by the mothers of young athletes.

All the regional authorities were present at this LRCT event, which created a real stir in the city and generated interest from many spectators and media outlets.
Three IOC Commission appointments for UIPM

Two UIPM office-bearers have been elected to commissions of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) for the next 12 months.

UIPM President, Dr Klaus Schormann, has been re-elected to the IOC Culture and Olympic Heritage Commission, marking 23 years of continuous service. Dr Schormann served on the IOC Culture Commission from 1994 to 2001 when it was expanded to include Olympic Education and Heritage.

UIPM Vice President, Joël Bouzou, was re-elected to the IOC Sport and Active Society Commission, which he has served since 2015.

The 1st Vice-President of UIPM, Juan Antonio Samaranch, was appointed to the Beijing 2020 Coordination Commission.

Mr Samaranch, who is Vice-President of the IOC, sits on the Executive Board and he will also be responsible for European TV rights and serve as President of Olympic Channel Services and Member of Olympic Broadcast Services during the Tokyo 2020 cycle.

IOC President, Dr Thomas Bach, wrote to the successful office-bearers before announcing the composition of the IOC commissions for 2017, with an increase in female members and a much broader geographical representation.

The make-up of the commissions, which provide assistance to the IOC and Olympic Games Organising Committees, reflects the Olympic Movement’s commitment to universality and marks a significant overall increase in representation of members from Africa and Oceania.

Martin Dawe visits Pescara (ITA)

Right across the world, cities are considering the merits of staging a Laser-Run City Tour event and Martin Dawe, the UIPM Executive Board Member for Marketing, had discussions about the UIPM’s new competition concept during a visit to Pescara (ITA).

Mr Dawe travelled to the city for discussions with one of UIPM’s operational partners and he also met with the Mayor of Pescara and Director of Sports, Marco Alessandrini, during his visit.

Pescara, a seaside resort on the Adriatic Sea, will host the Ironman 70.3 triathlon endurance event in June 2017.

Rio 2016 laser targets awarded

Every pentathlete who wins a medal at the Olympic Games has enough memories to last a lifetime.

Thanks to one of UIPM’s equipment partners, the stars who graced the Olympic podium in Rio de Janeiro in 2016 can now remind themselves what it was like to compete at the Games from the comfort of their own homes.
Dr Schneider Messtechnik, the company that provided laser-shooting targets in Rio, has donated the original targets that were used by the six 2016 Olympic medallists in modern pentathlon:

- **Gold**: Chloe Esposito (AUS) and Alexander Lesun (RUS)
- **Silver**: Elodie Clouvel (FRA) and Pavlo Tymoshchenko (UKR)
- **Bronze**: Oktawia Nowacka (POL) and Ismael Hernandez Uscanga (MEX)

Mr Uwe Keller has now donated the six targets to the various athletes through their National Federations. Mr Keller is pictured with Kitty Chiller, President of Modern Pentathlon Australia, at the 2016 UIPM Congress.

**UIPM events awarded for 2017 and 2018**

Dublin (IRE) has been named as the host of the 2018 Laser-Run World Championships.

This follows the recent news that the 2017 Biathle/Triathle World Championships will take place in Viviero (ESP, Oct 20-22) and the 2017 UIPM Congress will be held in Tbilisi (GEO, Nov 24).

**New challenge at PASO for Ivar Sisniega**

Ivar Sisniega (MEX), who served as 1st Vice-President of UIPM during the 2013-2016 Olympic cycle, has been appointed Secretary General of the Pan-American Sport Organization (PASO).

Mr Sisniega, who remains involved with UIPM as Chair of the Innovation Commission, was immediately asked to take control of the administration of PASO after the election victory of new President, Neven Ilic (CHI).

In the wake of Mr Ilic’s election at the PASO General Assembly in Uruguay, IOC Member Richard Peterkin (SKN) was also appointed as Treasurer.

Mr Ilic won a very close three-way contest against José Joaquin Puello (DOM) and Carlos Nuzman (BRA).

**Russian prospects stand out in Poland**

With UIPM World Cup IV looming on the horizon, the Polish pentathlon stronghold of Drzonków hosted the International Junior Trophy and U19 European Modern Pentathlon Cup in the Provincial Sports and Recreation Centre of Zbigniew Majewski, where 85 athletes from 10 countries took part.

Among juniors Ksenia Fralcova (RUS) finished first followed by Aurelia Tamasesauktai (LTU) and Marina Carrier (AUS). The best Pole was Natalia Dominiai (ZKS Drzonkow).

Andrei Zuev (RUS) was the winner of the men’s event, ahead of home athlete Daniel Lawrynowicz (St PP CWKS Legia Warsaw) in second and Marek Grycz (CZE) in third.

Adelina Ibatullina (RUS) was the winner in the women’s open classification of the U19 European Cup followed by Melissa Mireles (MEX) and Rebeka Peter (HUN). Wiktoria Wierzba (UKS 8 Starogard Grański) was the best Pole, ranked 7th.

The best men in the category were from Hungary: Barnabas Burcsik finished first and Balazs Szap second, with Gytis Gudlevicius (LTU) third. Oskar Paradowski (UKS G-8 Bielany Warszawa) finished 7th and was the best Pole.

The competitions in Drzonków were the final organisational test before UIPM World Cup III in May, which will feature the best senior pentathletes from 25 countries.

**UIPM medical consultant speaks at IOC conference**

UIPM medical consultant and leading skin cancer expert, Prof Dr Hans-Michael Ockenfels, presented recently at the 2017 IOC World Conference on Prevention of Injury and Illness in Sport.

More than 1200 participants from 96 countries were involved in this cutting-edge scientific forum and Prof Ockenfels presented on the following topics:

- Worldwide increase in skin tumours
- Outdoor sports and skin cancer
- The increased risk posed to golfers
- Skin cancer prevention program

Prof Ockenfels, along with his team at the Rhein-Main Dermatology Centre, became the first dermatologist in Germany to develop a skin cancer prevention program for athletes five years ago. This was preceded by studies of increased skin cancer rates in elite athletes and recreational sports.
Tributes to Cornel Vena

It is with great sadness that one of the true greats of Pentathlon in Australia has passed away a little over a week ago.

Cornel Vena first came to Australia for the 1956 Olympics held in Melbourne representing his home country of Romania.

Following the Olympics, Cornel stayed in Australia and continued competing in both Pentathlon and Fencing.

A brief summary of his career is as below:

- Born in 1932 in Romania.
- Died in 2017 Townsville, Qld, Australia.
- 1954 he won the 1st Romanian Pentathlon Champion.
- He went on to become the National Champion in 1955 as well as the National Triathlon Champion (Swim, Run, Shoot).
- In 1956 he competed at the Melbourne Olympics as part of the Romanian team.
  - He won the fencing with 29 wins and 6 losses out of 35 bouts scoring a Record number of points.
  - It is believed that this Olympic record remains as one of the longest standing records (if not the longest)
  - He finished 14th overall individually.
- Following the Olympics, Cornell remained in Australia and married an Australian.
- He became the Australian Champion in 1957
- And continued to compete in Modern Pentathlon in Australia right through to 1979.
- In 1997, the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Romania retrospectively awarded Cornel the title of Master of Sports.
- Cornel eventually moved to Townsville and established a Fencing club there before taking a well deserved break from the sport as he got older - but remained a keen observer of the sport.
- Although age eventually caught up with him, Cornel had a highly successful sporting life and gave as much to the sport as he got from it.
- His record of 29 wins 6 losses in the fencing component of Modern Pentathlon may never be broken as the closest anyone has come in the 60 years since is last year at Rio where Russian Aleksandr Lesun won 28 & had 7 losses.

UIPM attends FISU seminar

FISU’s World University Championships department hosted its biennial WUC Seminar, aimed at preparing future championship hosts, from 26-28 April in Lausanne (SUI).

Around 100 delegates from the Organizing Committees of 31 WUCs to be staged in 2018 were present. A UIPM delegation attended together with Istvan Gallai, Secretary General of the Hungarian Modern Pentathlon Association.

The Hungarian capital of Budapest will be the host of the inaugural World University Championships in Modern Pentathlon, which will be held in July 2018. Several joint meetings with the WUC 2018 host and respective FISU departments took place to discuss detailed preparations and planning.
This is an important notice for all Athletes and Competitions organisers to continuously check pentathlon.org for all information related to invitations and visa letters.

Navigate to the National Federations Portal or to http://www.pentathlon.org to stay up to date with all tournament news.

**COMPETITION INVITATIONS**

UIPM 2017 World Cup III
Kecskemét, Hungary
04-08 May 2017

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**WADA RELEASES FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs) ON THERAPEUTIC USE EXEMPTIONS (TUEs)**

Since 13 September 2016, the cyber espionage group “Fancy Bears” have been releasing batches of confidential athlete data on their website, which they illegally obtained from a Rio 2016 Olympic Games account of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)’s Anti-Doping Administration and Management System (ADAMS). Specifically, they are releasing data related to Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs) delivered by Anti-Doping Organizations (ADOs) – International Federations (IFs), National Anti-Doping Organizations (NADOs), and Major Event Organizers (MEOs).

This situation has led to a lot of media coverage; and, unfortunately, a tremendous amount of misinformation as it relates to TUEs. It is very unfortunate that athletes’ TUEs are being debated publicly on the basis of partial, confidential, medical information. Athletes should not be required to publicly justify their TUEs.

This FAQ has been designed to address the misinformation and uphold the rights of clean athletes as embodied within the World Anti-Doping Code (Code) and the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions (ISTUE).

The TUE program is a rigorous and necessary part of elite sport, which has overwhelming acceptance from athletes, physicians and all anti-doping stakeholders worldwide.

More information at pentathlon.org/medical-and-anti-doping
Inside UIPM: Monthly activities of President Dr Schormann

02.-07.04.2017, Aarhus (DEN)

During the 2017 Sport Accord Convention, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann took part together with Secretary General Shiny Fang in meetings including the General Assembly of the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF) and joint meeting with the IOC Executive Board.

The ASOIF General Assembly included the election of Sebastian Coe (IAAF) and Marisol Casado (ITU) as new members to the ASOIF Council, the reelection of Dr Ching-Kuo Wu (AIBA) and Prof Dr Ugur Erdener (WA), as well as the confirmation of five new governing federations as members and recommendations about the governance of ASOIF.

05.04.2017

During the convention the UIPM delegation met with Eurosport’s Sales Deputy Director, Emmanuel Mendibure, to discuss their existing partnership which will be launched with live coverage of the 2017 World Cup Final in Vilnius (LTU) in June.

A special meeting was arranged with Anabela Moccia, Head of Sport for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires. She briefed Dr Schormann and Mrs Fang about new arrangements for Modern Pentathlon, which will be very close to the official Games Village.

06.04.2017

With FISU President Oleg Matytsin and Secretary General Eric Saintrond, the UIPM delegation discussed activities for 2017 and the Budapest 2018 FISU Modern Pentathlon World Championships, while focusing on future participation at the Universade.

In a meeting on April 6, Horacio de la Vega Flores, General Director of the Sports Institute of Mexico City, briefed President Dr Schormann and Secretary General Fang about preparations for the 2018 UIPM World Championships in Mexico City, which will form part of celebrations of the 50th anniversary of the Summer Olympic Games in 1968.

Dr Schormann and Mrs Fang then discussed the possibility of a partnership between UIPM, the US Modern Pentathlon Association and the US Olympic Committee for the 2020 UIPM World Championships to be hosted in the United States with Dragomir Cioroslan, the USOC’s Director of International Strategies and Development.

During Sport Accord the UIPM President met with 1st Vice President Juan Antonio Samaranch (also IOC
Vice President) to discuss issues linked to development, media and marketing projects.

Koji Murofushi, Executive Director of the Tokyo 2020 Sports Bureau, discussed with UIPM President and Secretary General the test event for the 2020 Summer Olympic Games, which will be the 2019 World Cup Final. They spoke about the appointment of the Modern Pentathlon Competition Manager and their visit to Tokyo on June 6-9, 2017.

President Dr Klaus Schormann met HRH Crown Prince Frederik of Denmark during a dinner on the occasion of the 2017 Sport Accord Convention in Aarhus.

During Sport Accord 2017 the UIPM President visited the stand of Berlin and met with Dr Michael Vesper, CEO of the German Olympic Sports Confederation (DOSB); Prof Dr Gudrun Doll-Tepper, DOSB Vice President for Culture and Olympic Education; Franz Schreiber, ISSF Secretary General and Katrin Grafarend, DOSB Head of International Relations.

11.04.2017, Shanghai (CHN)

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and Secretary General Shiny Fang met with business society representatives to discuss future partnerships in China.

13.-16.04.2017, Monte Carlo (MON)

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann met in UIPM Headquarters with Competition Manager Philipp Waeffler and Media & Promotion Manager Leandro Pontes to discuss World Cups III and IV in Kecskemét (HUN) and Drzonków (POL) as well as the World Cup Final in Vilnius (LTU).

On April 14, President Dr Schormann took part in the General Assembly of the Club Allemand International de la Principauté de Monaco (CAI) in Monte Carlo. In his position as Honorary Member of CAI he accepted to be the election administrator which was approved by the assembly. During his stay in Monaco Dr Schormann also met with business and banking society representatives who are in partnership with UIPM.
18.04.2017, Mainz (GER)

Dr. Klaus Schormann was invited to talk at an introductory event for new Masters students of Prof Holger Preuß and Anja Scheu from the Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz. He gave insights into his work as UIPM President and as a sports professional in national and international sports policy and took part in a forum. It was a great opportunity for both sides to listen and learn from each other.

27.04.2017, Frankfurt am Main (GER)

UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann met with Prof Dr. Hans-Michael Ockenfels, Chair of the UIPM Doping Review Panel, to discuss medical issues for athletes and anti-doping policy in preparation of an education tool for athletes and coaches.

28./29.04.2017, Frankfurt am Main (GER)

Dr. Klaus Schormann met with Heinz-Helmut Fischer, DSB President and ISSF Council Member, and Jörg Brokamp, World Archery and ISSF Executive Board Member and Member of the IOC Sport and Active Society Commission, at the General Assembly of the German Shooting Sport & Archery Federation. They celebrated the 60th German Shooting Day.
### New Balance World Rankings

The PWR is updated live on www.pentathlon.org after each competition. PWR as at 03 May 2017:

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Baron Pierre de Coubertin

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