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UIPM WORLD CUP II: FACES OF THE FUTURE



Gold medallist Kate French (GBR) is flanked by Alice Sotero (ITA) and Ilke Ozyuksel (TUR) – all enjoyed their best-ever World Cup result



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World Cup II: Cairo, Egypt (22-26 Mars)

The 2017 UIPM World Cup season continued with a thrilling instalment in the Egyptian capital of Cairo as old and new faces of Modern Pentathlon jostled for ranking points, medals and podium prize money.

There was gold-medal success for Pavel Tymoshchenko (UKR), Kate French (GBR) and Belarus and first-time medals for emerging athletes from Germany and Turkey.

UIPM also staged a second successful demonstration of Laser-Run with obstacles designed to appeal to new and existing audiences of UIPM Sports and to the IOC, which will soon decide the composition of the sporting programme for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

Men's Individual: Tymoshchenko (UKR) reigns supreme

Pavlo Tymoshchenko of Ukraine won Men's Individual gold at 2017 UIPM World Cup II after a dominant performance in Cairo.

The 2015 world champion, who claimed an Olympic silver medal at Rio 2016, moved out in front during the Fencing discipline and took a 22-second lead into the Laser-Run which he defended with ease.

Behind him, world No.2 Valentin Prades (FRA) moved with great stealth through the field having started the Laser-Run

in 11th place, and cruised home in second place 12 seconds behind the champion.

The real battle was for bronze, and it was won by Fabian Liebig (GER) after he used his strong running prowess to pass Matteo Cicinelli (ITA) at the beginning of the final lap.

The experienced Tymoshchenko, 30, has now won four individual World Cup gold medals after previous successes in Rome (2015), Chengdu (2013) and Palm Springs (2011).

Cicinelli (ITA) set the standard in Swimming in the morning with the fastest time of 2:01.36, narrowly quicker than Hikaru Shimano (JAP, 2:01.83).

It was in Fencing, however, that the eventual champion stood up to be counted and Tymoshchenko (UKR) was way ahead of his rivals with a Ranking Round score of 26V/8D and a points differential of 24 over second-best Alexander Lifanov (RUS).

After two events there was strong Egyptian representation on the



The podium of the Men's Individual Final at World Cup II



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leaderboard with Sherif Rashad and Eslam Hamad flying the flag in the absence of the Olympian siblings Omar and Amro Elgeziry. They both stayed in contention during the Riding. Liebig (GER) moved into the mix with a clean round, while Tymoshchenko (UKR) and Prades (FRA) incurred only 7 penalty points each.

Prades (FRA) was the star performer in Laser-Run as he moved serenely up to 2nd place, while Alexander Savkin (RUS) finished strongly in 4th.

The other top-six places went to Cicinelli (ITA) and Hamad (EGY), who was greeted with huge cheers from the home crowd during the prize giving. Rashad (EGY) finished 10th.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "We are at the beginning of the season and we could see great performances and new faces of our sport here at the World Cup II, in Cairo. It gives us a great view of the future."



Swimmers take to the pool during the men's event



Hamad (EGY) takes a group selfie on the podium

Women's Individual: Fantastic French is golden girl

Kate French of Great Britain was an emphatic winner of the Women's Individual gold medal at UIPM 2017 World Cup II.

The 26-year-old, who finished 6th at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, celebrated her first World Cup success only four weeks after winning silver at World Cup I in Los Angeles (USA).

Behind the winner there were many interesting plot lines, as Ilke Ozyuksel (TUR) shrugged off her Laser-Run starting rank of 19th to storm through the field and claim silver - Turkey's first-ever UIPM World Cup medal - and Alice Sotero (ITA) won an epic battle with her compatriot Gloria Tocchi to secure bronze.

World champion Sarolta Kovacs (HUN) finished 5th and Julie Belhamri (FRA) rounded up the prize winners in 6th



Gulnaz Gubaydullina (RUS) strikes first



A rider clears a fence as the sun sets in Cairo



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athlete now. Rio gave me experience and confidence and now I'm just really enjoying it."

Honours in the pool went to the Olympic record-holder in Swimming, Gulnaz Gubaydullina (RUS), who won the fastest heat in 2:08.56. Kovacs (HUN) was typically quick in 2:11.00 and there was early reason for cheer among the home crowd as Salma Abdelmaksoud (EGY) hit the wall in 2:11.52.

Just as Pavlo Tymoshchenko (UKR) had dominated the piste 24 hours earlier, there was one outstanding fencer on show and it was French (GBR), who finished the Ranking Round with an exceptional 29V/6D and defeated Haydy Morsy (EGY) in the final bout of the Bonus Round.

Morsy (EGY) also set herself up for a strong performance in front of her home crowd with 23V/12D and three victories in the Bonus Round.

French (GBR) maintained her lead through the Riding discipline, but not without conceding some ground. A



Kate French (GBR) shows her composure at the shooting range

total of 14 penalty points allowed her to go into the Laser-Run with a cushion of 17 seconds over Sotero (ITA), with Kovacs (HUN) and Ieva Serapinaite (LTU) a further three seconds adrift.

Kovacs (HUN) was one of eight riders to enjoy a maximum score, while Morsy (EGY) and Elodie Clouvel (FRA) lost ground and the much-fancied Annika Schleu (GER) suffered elimination.

Due to the quality of the athlete in the lead, the Laser-Run was very much a procession as French (GBR) held her nerve on the range and looked typically strong on the 4x800m course.

Sotero (ITA) held 2nd position for much of the race only to find Ozyuksel (TUR)

flash past her on the penultimate lap. Sotero (ITA) was then overtaken by Tocchi (ITA) at the final Shooting series, but showed great tenacity to hang on the shoulder of her compatriot and overtake her to grasp the prize of bronze.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "Today was an important competition, with a lot of countries sending young athletes and you could see that some of them have to learn more about certain disciplines, especially Riding.

"We saw an excellent presentation of our sport, and now the Egyptian federation has to work very hard on preparations for the World Championships in Cairo in August 2017."



The podium of the Women's Individual Final at World Cup II



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Mixed Relay: Belarus are untouchable

For the third successive day, gold was won with something to spare at World Cup II as Belarus claimed the Mixed Relay title.

Iryna Prasiantsova and Kiril Kasyanik (BLR) proved strongest in Fencing and held on to their advantage for the rest of the day, defending a Laser-Run lead of 22 seconds with no significant alarm.

Behind them, Great Britain (Joanna Muir & Myles Pillage) managed to cut the deficit in half at one point, but a decisive final shoot from Kasyanik (BLR) consigned them to silver.

The battle for bronze was won by Hungary (Tamara Alekszejev & Tamas Bence Frohlich), who devoured a 23-second to overtake Japan and claim bronze.

Prasiantsova (BLR) said: "We are feeling good because we fenced really well, swam really well and rode well. Shooting was not so nice but we ran strongly - we really wanted this win."



Two athletes exchange a high five during the Mixed Relay

Tokyo 2020 host nation Japan continued to demonstrate the strides they have made to compete at this level, as Natsumi Tomonaga & Tomoyuki Ono finished 2nd in both Swimming and Fencing before their challenge faded in Riding and Laser-Run.

Muir/Pillage (GBR) were quickest in Swimming (1:56.81) but it was Prasiantsova/Kasyanik (BLR) who dominated on the piste with 28V/14D.

There were polished rides for Great Britain (295), Belarus (293) and Hungary (287) while Japan (279) faltered and

Russia (Uliana Batashova & Alexander Lifanov) were eliminated.

In Laser-Run, Alekszejev/Frohlich (HUN) were the star performers as Belarus and Great Britain defended their positions strongly. Italy (Irene Prampolini & Matteo Cicinelli) also made ground and overtook Japan to finish 4th.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "We had eight nations in this Mixed Relay and a young group of athletes who are very exciting."



The podium of the Mixed Relay at World Cup II



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"We saw that Japan almost made it again to the podium but Hungary are very strong and Great Britain and Belarus as we know are very traditional modern pentathlon countries.

"We have excellent new athletes coming from nations who have been investing a lot in our sport in the past, and we can see their gains now as the young generation continue their success.

"We have seen a very good presentation of our sport at this World Cup II in Cairo."

The UIPM 2017 World Cup seasons resumes in May with World Cup III in Kecskemet (HUN, May 5-7) and World Cup IV in Drzonkow (POL, May 26-28).

The World Cup Final follows in Vilnius (LTU) from June 23-25.



Alekszejew & Frohlich (HUN) embrace



Kasyanik and Prasiantsova (BLR) on horseback



Alekszejew and Frohlich (HUN) have a high five on the piste

Second test for new running format

Following the success of the first event at World Cup I in Los Angeles (USA), UIPM staged a second demonstration of Laser-Run with obstacles after the Women's Individual Final at the Cairo International Stadium.

The obstacles included hurdles, pyramids, slalom and half pipes and the demonstration was watched by a large crowd of appreciative and curious spectators at the front of the tribune.

Around 10 nations took part and Ilke Ozyuksel (TUR) and Richard Bereczki (HUN) won the demonstration, designed to add further weight to the UIPM's application for the Mixed Relay to be included in the Olympic Games programme at Tokyo 2020.

The Mixed Relay proposal includes a cross-country Laser-Run finale, where pairs can decide their own order of racing in advance and then touch hands at the end of each lap to mark transition.



One of the standalone hurdles on the test course



Men and women race in tandem during the demonstration



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News from around the world

First Laser-Run City Tour workshop held

UIPM has assembled a panel of Laser-Run City Tour (LRCT) experts to supervise the roll-out of the new global venture.

The inaugural LRCT Experts took part in a workshop in Monaco on March 13/14 aimed at preparing them for a busy run of competitions during the inaugural 2017 season.

LRCT is designed to spread the sport of Laser-Run through cities and communities around the world, offering a new pathway into the Olympic sport of Modern Pentathlon and increasing the sustainability of the UIPM sporting movement.



The first panel of Laser-Run City Tour experts joined forces in Monaco

The LRCT Experts will play an essential role in supervising, assisting and supporting organizers to deliver competitions efficiently in a fun and exciting environment. They will also assure that UIPM quality standards will be followed worldwide.

UIPM is proud to announce the first panel of LRCT Experts: Bondi Kovats (ESP), Pedro Petruschinski (GER), Andy Mackenzie (GBR), Anfisa Kasyanova (BLR), Jhon Godoy (URU) and Deniss Cerkovskis (LAT).

New-look Executive Board meets in Asia

The new Executive Board of the Asian Modern Pentathlon Confederation (AMPC) held its first meeting in Seoul (KOR) on March 9.

President Sangwoo Park (KOR) and Secretary General Namdev Shirgaonkar (IND) oversaw proceedings for the first time and seven of the eight board members were in attendance.

President Park told the executive board members that they were not mere delegates for their National Federations but should consider themselves partners in one team striving to achieve the common goal of developing UIPM Sports in the region.



President Sangwoo Park (KOR) in the centre and Secretary General Namdev Shirgaonkar (IND), to his left, with the new AMPC Executive Board



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Youth success for Great Britain and Spain

Olivia Green (GBR) and Cristian Chamizo (ESP) started their seasons in fine style by claiming victories at the GB Youth International

in Solihull on March 4. The competition, hosted by Pentathlon GB, was the first youth international event of the year and saw over 50 athletes from across Europe competing.

In the girls event, Olivia Green (GBR)

enjoyed a comfortable victory over Maria Teixeira Migueis (POR) with Zoe Davison (GBR) finishing 3rd. In the boys event a stunning Laser-Run from Cristian Chamizo (ESP) saw him ease to victory ahead of George Case (GBR) and Jan Kaufmann (GER).



Some of the female participants in the GB Youth International

Masters from four continents hit the Red Sea

The first International Egyptian Masters Championship (IEMCH2017) was held in the Red Sea resort of Hurgada (EGY) from March 3-6, 2017.

The Senzo Sporting Club was the main venue with the Riding event held at the Egyptian Riding School (ERS) in the capital Cairo.

Participants came from six countries representing four continents: Oceania (New Zealand), Europe (Great Britain, Germany & Ukraine), Asia (Palestine) and the host continent Africa (Egypt). They competed in 30+, 40+, 50+, 60+ and 70+ categories.

There were individual Modern Pentathlon and Tetrathlon events as well as a Men's Relay and a Mixed Relays.

The governor of the Red Sea, General Ahmed Abdullah, attended the opening ceremony along with the President of the Egyptian Modern Pentathlon Federation, Sharif



Artwork from the #IEMCH2017 event

Elerian, as well as the UIPM Masters Committee members Shereen Saleh (EGY) and Heidi Walli (FIN).

The competition director was Samy Awad (EGY), member of the UIPM Coaches Committee.



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World Schools Biathlon update

A total of 1576 young athletes competed in 2016 in the UIPM World Schools Biathlon and certificates recognising the top three athletes will be sent digitally to the

National Federations of awarded athletes in April 2017.

UIPM hopes to see so many young athletes competing again in 2017 as more and more countries will integrate the WSB competition, subject to format changes.



Business Affairs Committee meeting

The first meeting of the UIPM Business Affairs Committee (BAC) in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic cycle took place at the headquarters of the British Olympic Association in London (GBR) on March 18.

The group discussed a range of items focused on media and marketing,

TV, branding, sponsorship and fundraising and clarified the duties and responsibilities of the BAD (Business Affairs Delegate) during competitions.

The agenda included a discussion on the possibility of establishing a sustainable model for national federations to increase their resources.

The BAC meeting was chaired by Viacheslav Aminov (Vice-President for Business Affairs) and attended by Martin Dawe (Executive Board Member for Marketing) and Andrejus Zadneprovskis (Executive Board Member for Media) as well as the other committee members. Shiny Fang (Secretary General) addressed the committee and other members of the UIPM staff who were in attendance.



Celso Sooma Sasaqui, Andrey Kuzmanov, Andrejus Zadneprovskis (EB Member for Media), Barry Tompkins, Shiny Fang (Secretary General), Viacheslav Aminov (Business Affairs Vice-President), Martin Dawe (EB Member for Marketing), Andris Feldmanis, Alexandre Mauran, Leandro Pontes.



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Tournament & Training Camp Invitations

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](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

Medical and Anti-Doping Corner



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



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Inside UIPM: Monthly activities of President Dr Schormann

02.03.2017, Pfungstadt (GER)

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann took part in a business forum organized by „Banking today“ and presented by Mr Gottfried Milde, CEO of the business and infrastructure bank Hesse (WIBank).

07.-09.03.2017, Lausanne (SUI)

Dr Schormann was joined by UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang on a visit to the 2nd IF Women in Leadership Forum organized by the IOC and ASOIF. Dr Natalja Ofitserova, Chair of the UIPM Medical Committee, and Tatiana Ardabieva, Secretary General of the European Modern Pentathlon Confederation, represented UIPM. They all took part in the IOC President's dinner on International Women's Day on March 8.



Left to right: Dr Natalja Ofitserova, Tatiana Ardabieva and Dr Klaus Schormann

15.-18.03.2017, Astana (KAZ)

Under the slogan „One Nation – One Country – Winning Together“ the National Olympic Committee of Kazakhstan celebrated its 25th anniversary. The late UIPM Honorary Member Timur Dossymbetov was the founder and first President of this NOC.

President Dr Schormann took part in all the functions and presented NOC President Timur Kulibayev with the Golden Pierre de Coubertin Medal in recognition of education through sport and belief in the importance of bringing body, will and mind into harmony.

Together with UIPM Vice President Berik Imashev, Dr Schormann visited the Alzhir museum complex and the museum of the First President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Nursultan Nazarbayev.

They discussed preparations for the 2018 UIPM World Cup Final and other competition activities in the coming years in Kazakhstan, where Biathle/Triathle and Laser-Run competitions will take place in Astana and other cities.

Central Asia has a long tradition of being a strong Pentathlon region stretching back to the era of the Soviet Union.



Left to right: UIPM Vice President and MPFK President Berik Imashev, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, Kazakhstan NOC President Timur Kulibayev, ANOC President and IOC Member Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, ASOIF President Francesco Ricci Bitti at the NOC's 25th anniversary celebrations in Astana



Dr Schormann presents the Coubertin Medal and Diploma to Kazakhstan NOC President Timur Kulibayev



The full assembly at the 25th anniversary celebrations of the Kazakhstan NOC



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18.03.2017, Almaty (KAZ)

President Dr Schormann visited sporting facilities linked to Modern Pentathlon in Almaty and discussed preparations for the 2018 UIPM World Cup Final with staff from the Modern Pentathlon Federation of Kazakhstan.



Dr Schormann at a riding facility in Almaty

23.-27.03.2017, Cairo (EGY)

Sharif Elerian, President of the Egyptian Modern Pentathlon Federation, joined the UIPM President and Secretary General on a visit and inspection of the „October 6 Revolution area“ in Cairo where the 2017 UIPM World Championships will take place. They visited all facilities and discussed preparations for the UIPM's flagship annual competition.

During World Cup II in Cairo Dr Schormann discussed development projects for all continental confederations with the UIPM Member for Development, Dr Viacheslav Malishev, who prepared a plan for the next four years. Shiny Fang joined some of the meetings.



Left to right: Khaled Tawfik, Philippe Waeffler of UIPM, Samy Away, Sharif Elerian, Dr Klaus Schormann, Shiny Fang, Dr Viacheslav Malishev, Yasser Aser

31.03.2017, Darmstadt (GER)

President Dr Schormann met with UIPM Executive Board Members Martin Dawe and Dr Viacheslav Malishev, as well as Innovation Commission Chair Ivar Sisniega and the journalist and expert Dieter Kühnle, for a Working Meeting in the President's office.

They discussed a number of matters relating to the sporting presentation

of Modern Pentathlon, television coverage, marketing and branding issues as well as the development of the sport. The main part of this fruitful discussion was the modification of the Laser-Run with cross-country elements in accordance with UIPM rules. The third test under new conditions will be held in Kecskemet at World Cup III and will include sand, logs, slalom, small hills, water and hay bales in a cross-country Laser-Run course.



Left to right: Ivar Sisniega, Martin Dawe, Dr Klaus Schormann, Dr Viacheslav Malishev

31.03.-01.04.2017, Frankfurt (GER)

President Dr Schormann met with and briefed the new members of the UIPM Technical Committee on future activities in UIPM competitions and sporting policy.



New members of the UIPM Technical Committee

New Balance World Rankings

The PWR is updated live on www.pentathlon.org after each competition. PWR as at 05 April 2017:

MEN			
RANK	NATION	NAME	POINTS
1	RUS	Aleksander LESUN	206
2	FRA	Valentin PRADES	196
3	GBR	James COOKE	194
4	UKR	Pavlo TYMOSHCHENKO	190
5	FRA	Valentin BELAUD	175
6	EGY	Yasser HEFNY	163
7	HUN	Adam MAROSI	163
8	RUS	Maksim KUSTOV	161
9	CZE	Jan KUF	161
10	KOR	Jinhwa JUNG	160
11	HUN	Bence DEMETER	159
12	GER	Patrick DOGUE	159
13	MEX	Ismael HERNANDEZ USCANGA	157
14	EGY	Omar EL GEZIRY	151
15	EGY	Amro EL GEZIRY	147
16	LTU	Justinas KINDERIS	146
17	CHN	Jianli GUO	141
18	USA	Nathan SCHRIMSHER	140
19	HUN	Robert KASZA	136
20	BLR	Mikalai HAYANOUSKI	132

WOMEN			
RANK	NATION	NAME	POINTS
1	GER	Lena SCHONEBORN	210
2	FRA	Elodie CLOUVEL	200
3	LTU	Laura ASADAUSKAITE	186
4	HUN	Zsofia FOLDHAZI	186
5	GBR	Kate FRENCH	175
6	CHN	Qian CHEN	167
7	HUN	Sarolta KOVACS	165
8	GER	Annika SCHLEU	165
9	ITA	Alice SOTERO	157
10	BLR	Anastasiya PROKOPENKO	153
11	LTU	Gintare VENCKAUSKAITE	151
12	TUR	Ilke OZYUKSEL	150
13	RUS	Gulnaz GUBAYDULLINA	143
14	KOR	Sunwoo KIM	140
15	CHN	Xiaonan ZHANG	138
16	BRA	Yane MARQUES	136
17	LTU	Ieva SERAPINAITE	136
18	GBR	Samantha MURRAY	133
19	FRA	Julie BELHAMRI	133
20	JPN	Natsumi TOMONAGA	127

! The Full New Balance World Ranking is available on www.pentathlon.org

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22-26 Feb World Cup I
Los Angeles, USA

22-26 Mar World Cup II
Cairo, EGY

04-08 May World Cup III
Kecskemét, HUN

25-29 May World Cup IV
Drzonkow, POL

23-25 Jun World Cup Final
Vilnius, LTU

21-27 Aug World Championships
Cairo, EGY

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Cape Town, RSA

20-22 Oct Biathlon/ Triathlon World Championships
Viveiro, ESP

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