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## UIPM WORLD CUP: NOW ALL ROADS LEAD TO VILNIUS



Laura Asadauskaite (LTU) celebrates her Women's Individual victory at World Cup III and Jun Woongtae (KOR) crosses the line to win Men's Individual gold at World Cup IV



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## World Cup III

### Cream rises to the top in Kecskemét

#### Women's Individual: Asadauskaite returns to winning ways

**A**ny time Laura Asadauskaite enters the Laser-Run stage of a pentathlon with the leader in her sights, that woman is going to come under serious pressure.

So it proved during the Women's Final at World Cup III when Asadauskaite (LTU) made light work of a 43-second deficit to deny Sarolta Kovacs (HUN) victory in front of her home crowd.

The result was a superb gold medal for Asadauskaite (LTU), her first podium finish of the 2017 season and 9th individual gold of her World Cup career, thanks to a lightning-fast Laser-Run (11:52.49).

Now 33, the 2012 Olympic champion is clearly as strong as ever, especially in the heat of Laser-Run competition where nerves and stamina tend to separate the great from the good.

"It was a very good day, a very lucky day," said Asadauskaite (LTU). "Everything went well and I am very happy."



Laura Asadauskaite (LTU) poses for the cameras after winning her first 9th individual World Cup gold

"Swimming was good, fencing was good and riding was good. Sarolta had a big lead at the start of Laser-Run but I always know that my running and shooting will be strong. I am very happy today."

Another strong Laser-Run performance came from Gulnaz Gubaydullina (RUS), who also overtook Kovacs (HUN) at the 3rd shoot and kept enough in reserve to claim an excellent silver, her first World Cup medal.

Gubaydullina (RUS) typically set the pace in the pool with a standout time of 2:07.88. Kovacs (HUN, 2:10.56) was her nearest challenger.

Ekaterina Khuraskina (RUS) claimed 26V/8D in fencing and added an extra point in the Bonus Round bout by defeating Kovacs (HUN, 24/10).

All of the leading women stayed in contention during a high-class exhibition of riding. Ayumu Saito (JAP) was the only rider to claim a perfect score of 300 but 15 athletes conceded eight penalties or fewer, including Kovacs (HUN, 298), Gubaydullina (RUS, 296) and Asadauskaite (LTU, 292).

That meant Kovacs (HUN) began the Laser-Run with a 33-second lead over Gubaydullina (RUS), with Asadauskaite (LTU) lurking 10 seconds further back.

Immediately the former Olympic champion made inroads, starting with a 10-second shoot, and it was at the 3rd range that Kovacs (HUN) stalled and was ruthlessly left behind.

With exceptional shooting Gubaydullina (RUS) moved into the lead, but within



Laura Asadauskaite (LTU) clears an obstacle during the Riding in Kecskemét



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The Women's Individual competitors arrive at the Laser-Run shooting range

### Men's Individual: Prades (FRA) shines on election day

On the day France went to the polls to elect a new President, "La Marseillaise" rang out at World Cup III after Valentin Prades gave his country cause for celebration.

World No.2 Prades (FRA), who finished 4th at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games and won silver at World Cup II, confirmed his strong form with victory in a pulsating Laser-Run that provided a fitting climax to the Men's Final.

All day long it had seemed impossible to call a winner, and seven athletes started the Laser-Run within 15 seconds of the leader, Bence Demeter (HUN), the gold medallist at World Cup I.

Prades (FRA) used the first 800m lap to move from 3rd to 1st and at that point the tall, muscular 24-year-old looked poised to stretch away.

When he stalled at the 2nd shooting range, Jung Jinhwa (KOR) leapt into the lead.

Then at the 4th shooting range, Pavlo Tymoshchenko (UKR), winner of silver at World Cup I and gold at World Cup II, briefly took the top spot.

But every time he had his supremacy challenged, Prades (FRA) came up with

the answer - and his strong running eventually propelled him across the line in 1st place.

Behind him, Demeter (HUN) summoned the stamina to overtake Olympic silver medallist Tymoshchenko (UKR) on the final straight and claim silver to add to the bronze medal won 24 hours earlier by his fellow home athlete, Sarolta Kovacs (HUN).

"I just tried to stay calm and focus on my shooting, and luckily it was good enough today," said Prades (FRA) after a compelling Laser-Run that electrified the Hungarian crowd.

"I hope this is a good preparation for the World Championships in Cairo in August. The European Championships and World Championships are my big targets this summer and the World Cup is a great form of preparation."

Earlier, the Koreans dominated Swimming with the fastest three times set by Hwang Woojing (1:59.14), Jung (2:00.68) and Jun (2:01.03).

The 'bunching' of results continued in the Fencing Ranking Round where Demeter (HUN) managed 24V/11D, one more victory than Pavlo Zvedeniuk (UKR) and Justinas Kinderis (LTU).

However, there was an incredible performance in the Bonus Round by

100 metres of the 3rd lap came the decisive move from Asadauskaite (LTU). The Lithuanian used all her experience to take the tape.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "This women's final was a great success, especially with the fantastic horses. The athletes also performed at a much higher level than the first two World Cups this season, and the organisation by the Hungarians has been excellent.

"It is not a surprise to see Laura, our 2012 Olympic champion who did not have luck on her side in Rio, back competing and on top of the podium."



Valentin Prades (FRA) crosses the line to win the Men's Individual



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Hamad (EGY), who won 10 consecutive bouts, before Zvedeniuk (UKR) ended his run and claimed the last three points.

There were numerous immaculate performances in Riding, where Robert Kasza (HUN) and Hamad (EGY) enjoyed perfect scores of 300 and Tomoyuki Ono (JAP), Gianluca Micozzi (ITA) and Gergely Demeter (HUN) conceded only one penalty point.

After a day of high-class performances, a dramatic Laser-Run was the perfect climax.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "Today we saw a great competition, with athletes who won medals at the Olympic Games and other top athletes involved in an exciting finish in the Laser-Run.



Valentin Prades (FRA) leads Jun Woongtae (KOR) during the Laser-Run

"I have to underline that the horses given to the athletes for this World Cup in Kecskemét were first class and the facilities were very good, and the athletes really appreciate that.

"Like yesterday in the Women's Final, our men have shown very high performances in this great Olympic sport."



Fencers from Belarus and Egypt do battle during the Bonus Round



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### Mixed Relay: Heroes of Hungary bring joy to home crowd

It was Hungary's turn to enjoy a day of patriotic pride as Sarolta Kovacs and Bence Demeter won the gold medal in the Mixed Relay to bring World Cup III to an exciting close.

The playing of the Hungarian national anthem, "Himnusz", completed a triumphant week for the organisers of a successful World Cup, with gold following a bronze medal in the Women's Final for Kovacs and silver in the Men's Final for Demeter.

A few seconds behind them, Tatsiana Khaldoba and Ilya Palazkov from Belarus were strong winners of the silver medal, but there was drama in the race for bronze.

Having started the Laser-Run in 5th place, Czech Republic (Jan Kuf / Natalie Dianova) worked relentlessly in pursuit of a podium place and they secured it by defeating Russia (Gulnaz Gubaydullina / Kirill Belyakov) in a sprint finish.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "The Mixed Relay is a very important team competition for our union and has been since the first time we held it at a World Championships in 2010 in Chengdu.

"The format was included in the Youth Olympic Games in Singapore (2010) and Nanjing (2014) and will be again included in Buenos Aires (2018), so this format is very important for us and we are promoting the Mixed Relay for inclusion in the Olympic Games in 2020 in Tokyo.

"We could see that the strong nations who competed in the individual events also competed here in the Mixed Relay and we saw a very high performance along with the excellent facilities here in Kecskemét.

"I am very happy and confident that the IOC will support our wish for the Mixed Relay to be included in the Olympic Games."



Shino Yamanaka and Takeshi Sekiguchi (Japan) exchange a high five during Fencing



Champions Bence Demeter and Sarolta Kovacs (HUN) smile for the cameras



Mixed Relay team-mates congratulate each other after the Swimming leg



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## World Cup IV

### Sprint to the finish line in Drzonków

#### Women's Individual: Birthday girl Sotero enjoys perfect day

**A**lice Sotero (ITA) earned herself the perfect birthday present as she took home a Women's Individual gold medal from World Cup IV.

A day that began with Sotero (ITA) turning 26 years old ended with the Italian national anthem playing - and it was a very appropriate soundtrack because three of the 'Azzurri' athletes had finished in the top five.

In fact there was the possibility of an Italian clean sweep at the start of the Laser-Run, when Sotero (ITA) started 12 seconds ahead of Francesca Tognetti (ITA) and 23 ahead of Gloria Tocchi (ITA).

Sotero (ITA) held on to her advantage to enjoy a convincing victory - it was her first major gold medal and delivered on the promise of her silver at World Cup



*Alice Sotero (ITA) enjoys her first individual World Cup gold medal*

II in Cairo (EGY) - and it took two very special Laser-Run performances to deny her compatriots silver and bronze.

It was typical that Laura Asadauskaite (LTU), the 2012 Olympic champion, should make up so much ground from

17th place to claim the silver medal, but the bronze medal was earned by a display of incredible guts that the great Asadauskaite herself would have been proud of.

Ilke Ozyuksel (TUR) had secured her first World Cup medal earlier in the season and she made an even greater impact here, breaking the world junior Laser-Run record with a time of 11.57 to secure another podium. She kept Asadauskaite (LTU) in her sights as they marched through the field and recorded a time only 0.01 secs slower.

"I am so pleased to break the world record because I know the course and I set a world record here before; I tried again and managed to improve it by three seconds," said Ozyuksel (TUR).

The Fencing Ranking Round took place the previous evening and it was Francesca Summers (GBR) who took an early lead after a strong performance on the piste.

Summers (GBR) collected an impressive haul of 28V/7D and her



*Action during the Women's Fencing Bonus Round in Drzonkow*



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Action from the Swimming pool

### Men's Individual: Koreans offer glimpse of future

There was a dramatic one-two for Korea in the Men's Individual Final at World Cup IV as 21-year-old duo Jun Woongtae and Lee Jihun claimed gold and silver respectively.

Jun (KOR), winner of World Cup II and a World Junior silver medal in 2016, timed his Laser-Run to perfection as he held his nerve on the range and left runners with tired legs behind him on the cross-country course in Drzonków.

Lee (KOR), in World Cup medal contention for the first time after a strong junior career of his own, refused to buckle under pressure from more experienced competitors and won a thrilling battle with Patrick Dogue (GER) for silver.

It was another glimpse of the huge potential of Korean pentathlon, where there is now genuine strength in depth. Seo Changwan (KOR) also finished in 6th place.

"We showed great teamwork today and I'm very happy because we're having a great season," said Jun (KOR).

"In Korea the pentathlon family now

nearest contenders were Tognetti and Tocchi (ITA), who scored 24V/11D and 23V/12D respectively.

Elodie Clouvel (FRA) built on a decent fencing performance with the fastest time in Swimming (2:10.06), ahead of Salma Abdelmaksoud (EGY) in 2:11.44.

Summers (GBR) confirmed her Fencing form with victory in the final bout of the Bonus Round to halt the momentum of Tocchi (ITA), but it was in the Riding arena that the competition really changed direction.

Sotero (ITA) was among a group of seven who recorded a maximum 300 score and this ensured that she

has many good athletes and the future is bright."

Dogue (GER) seemed satisfied with his bronze medal, even though he had briefly overtaken Lee (KOR) on the final lap, and the quality of the three medallists' performances was underlined by the fact that Rio 2016 Olympic silver medallist Pavlo Tymoshchenko (UKR) was made to settle for 4th place.

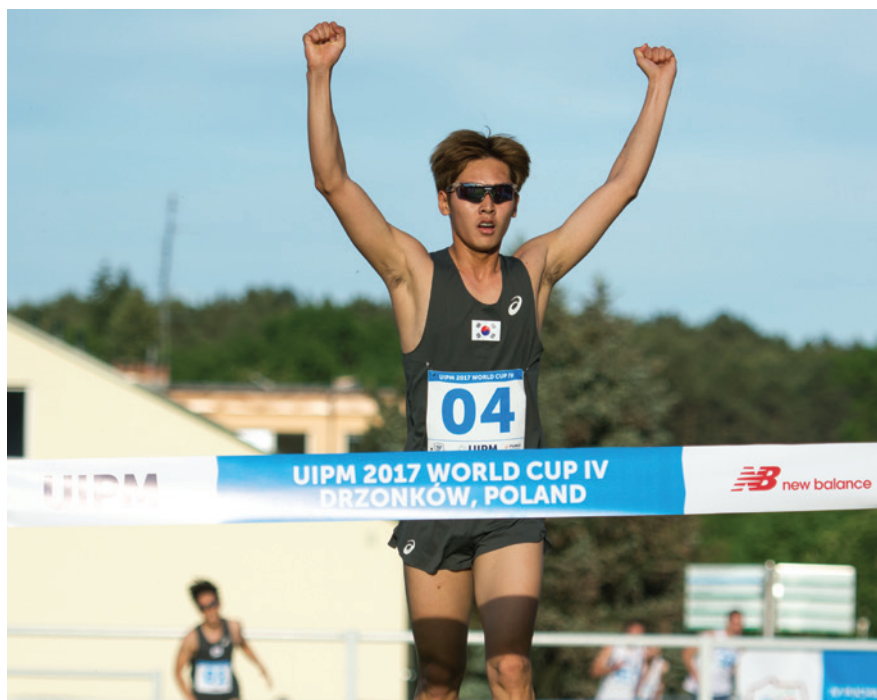
would start the Laser-Run first, while Asadauskaite (LTU) made sure she stayed in touch.

Three potential contenders moved completely out of contention, however, due to difficulties suffered in the arena.

Clouvel (FRA) suffered a fall on Atletico and was unable to finish. Annika Schleu (GER) incurred 72 penalty points, but her experience was a cruise compared to the plight of Summers (GBR), who racked up 105 penalties that undid all of her good work in Fencing and served as a reminder of the unique unpredictability of Modern Pentathlon.

Tymoshchenko (UKR) already had the complete set of gold, silver and bronze medals from the first three rounds of the 2017 World Cup, and will go into the World Cup Final in Vilnius (LTU) next month as the most consistent performer of the season. But on this day he never quite managed to seize the initiative.

The Fencing Ranking Round took place the previous evening and it was



Jun Woongtae (KOR) celebrates his victory as Lee Jihun (KOR) follows him home



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Lee (KOR) who took the early lead in the competition after achieving the best round-robin score of 26V/9D.

Tymoshchenko (UKR) was only one win behind him and Dogue (GER) and Jun (KOR) made sure they gave up no significant advantage.



Jun Woongtae (KOR) on the podium

### Mixed Relay: Irish duo prove class again

Ireland produced another classy demonstration of Mixed Relay tactics as they won gold at World Cup IV with plenty of time to spare.

Natalya Coyle and Arthur Lanigan-O'Keeffe (IRL), both of whom finished in the top 10 in individual events at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, were taking part in their first Mixed Relay of the 2017 UIPM season but there was no evidence of rust.



Natalya Coyle and Arthur Lanigan-O'Keeffe (IRL) enjoy their success

Jun (KOR) performed best in Swimming with 2:00.01, closely followed by Matteo Cicinelli (ITA) in 2:00.72.

Cicinelli (ITA) gave himself some more time to play with during the Fencing Bonus Round. He won four bouts before being defeated by Ilya Palazkov (BLR), who enjoyed three successes before being stopped by Lee (KOR).

Six athletes managed a perfect Riding score of 300 and there was delight for the home crowd as Szymon Staskiewicz (POL) was among them, but none of the leaders featured in that group. But Palazkov (BLR) and Cicinelli (ITA) only conceded seven penalty points, allowing them to close on the Koreans.

Lee (KOR) started the Laser-Run with a slender lead over Palazkov (BLR) and the duo kept each other company for the majority of the race. In fact it was Palazkov (BLR) who seemed to have made a decisive break at the 3rd shooting range, but the final 800m lap left him sapped and he froze at the final shoot.

The Irish duo, who have a fine record in the Mixed Relay, went second-quickest in Swimming behind Japan (Rena Shimazu & Hikaru Shimano; 1:56.51), and then led from the front in the Fencing Ranking Round, scoring an impressive 30V/14D.

Korea (Kim Sunwoo & Seo Changwan) enjoyed the best of the Fencing Bonus Round, picking off Germany (Annika Schleu & Christian Zillekens), Poland (Natalia Dominiak & Szymon Staskiewicz) and Ireland (Coyle/

That was the moment when Jun (KOR) bolted for the front, and there was no prospect of one of pentathlon's fittest athletes surrendering gold in the last 800m, especially when his nearest rivals were clearly struggling.



David Svoboda (CZE) during the Riding

Lanigan-O'Keeffe) to gain three extra points.

Ireland did not have their best day on horseback, surrendering 30 penalty points as Hungary (Karolina Palkovics & Norbert Horvath) led the way with a score of 296. But nothing could prevent the Irish from both starting and finishing the Laser-Run in front.

Setting out 15 seconds ahead of host nation Poland (Dominiak/Staskiewicz), 22 ahead of Korea (Kim/Seo) and 28 ahead of Germany (Schleu/Zillekens), Ireland never gave the chasing pack a chance.

"We started the day well and then we had a really good fence, and I didn't have a great ride so it was lucky we were in a good position. It was a really good day," said Coyle (IRL).

"I think it's great when you work together as pentathletes," said



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Lanigan-O'Keeffe (IRL). "Myself and Natalya have a good relationship and when one of us is struggling we pick each other up. It makes it a little easier to stay focused."

Behind them there was an intriguing battle for silver and bronze. Germany had looked comfortable until the final shooting series, when Korea threatened to catch them.

It was Kazakhstan (Elena Potapenko & Pavel Ilyashenko) who ended up putting pressure on Germany, and then Korea made life difficult for Kazakhstan, but in the end there were no twists in the tale and the Kazakhs secured bronze.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "The Mixed Relay is a very important team competition for our movement and our union."

"I'm really happy that we again had 12 nations competing from all around the world, and our Asian athletes from Korea, Japan and Kazakhstan performed extremely well as they did in the individual events."

"We are looking forward to the decision of the IOC Executive Board in July when they will decide if our Mixed Relay will be included in the 2020 Olympic Games, as is our wish."

"Drzonków was established as a centre of our sport 40 years ago and this weekend the athletes showed how motivated they are to qualify for the World Cup Final."

"It has been a great competition and I congratulate and thank the Polish federation, Anna Bajan and her team and also our Executive Board Member for Sport, the Olympic champion Janusz Peciak. Many of our former athletes are giving so much to our sport."

The 2017 UIPM World Cup season concludes with the World Cup Final in Vilnius (LTU) on June 23-25, when all three days of action will be televised live on Eurosport.



Big smiles from Rena Shimazu and Hikaru Shimano (Japan)



Annika Schleu and Christian Zillekens (GER) exchange a high five



The Mixed Relay podium



## Laser-Run City Tour

### New horizons for new concept

#### Rostov-on-Don (RUS): May 1

The latest Laser-Run City Tour in Rostov-on-Don (RUS) was held on May 1 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 May 1 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, Novocherkassk 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.



Male athletes at the start line in Rostov on Don



A junior male athlete takes the tape in Rustavi



Young female participants take aim in Rustavi

#### Rustavi (GEO): May 6

The new and fast-growing UIPM Laser-Run City Tour made its second visit to Georgia on May 6 as more than 200 athletes took part in the latest instalment of the series in the city of Rustavi.

Athletes of all ages came from various cities and clubs of Georgia including Digomi, Penta, Sachkhere, Rustavi, Olympic, Olimp, Adjara, Gldani 1, Gldani 2, Gori, Poti, Chiatura and Arena, while the Georgian organisers also welcomed guest participants from neighbouring Armenia.



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### Abidjan (CIV): May 13

Of all the countries to embrace the new concept of Laser-Run City Tour, Ivory Coast has been one of the most active advocates in scheduling three events for 2017.

The first took place on May 13 in Abidjan under the auspices of the Ivory Coast federation of Modern Pentathlon (FIPM).

The competition was held in "inch'Allah", in the middle of Koumassi, a district of Abidjan, at a venue usually used by local junior football clubs.

The venue was taken over by Laser-Run on the day and the event attracted more than 120 young athletes who wanted to discover how to combine laser shooting and running.

A UIPM observer reported: "More than a simple discovery of an unknown sport in Africa, this Laser-Run event gave a veritable new breath and joy in this poor area where life is difficult."



A group picture of Laser-Run athletes in Abidjan



Spectators and passers-by pay attention to the competition in Abidjan

### Perpignan (FRA): May 14

More than 300 participants took part in a sun-drenched Laser-Run City Tour in Perpignan (FRA) and their efforts were applauded by some Modern Pentathlon VIPs.

The Club of Perpignan built on the experience of hosting the 2016 Laser-Run World Championships to ensure that the new concept of Laser-Run City Tour would be demonstrated in exemplary style.

Laser-Run is now well inscribed in the Catalan landscape, like pentathlon, and this event allowed many participants from very young to veteran to discover it.

The race distances adapted to the different age categories in a spirit of conviviality and common values, and there was also an underlying spirit of competition.

This enabled young people from Perpignan schools to come and



Junior girls on the podium in Perpignan



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A shot from the Laser-Run in Perpignan

#### Kiev (UKR): May 14

Laser-Run visited the Ukrainian capital of Kiev for the first time during a successful UIPM Laser-Run City Tour.

More than 200 athletes of all ages took part in the competition, which was held in a beautiful recreation area and covered by multiple media outlets.

The event demonstrated a keen interest in the sport among Ukrainians, especially among the youth, fulfilling the main objective of the Laser-Run City Tour to attract many a new audience to UIPM Sports.

Igor Panin, President of the Ukraine Modern Pentathlon Federation (UMPF), explained to a local TV station that Laser-Run is the most accessible of UIPM Sports; running courses and shooting ranges can be adjusted according to athletes' age and most urban venues are suitable.

The UMPF has already expressed an interest in staging Laser-Run City Tours in Kiev, Dnepropetrovsk, Kharkov and Zhytomyr in 2018.

test themselves, and among the participants were young people from a departmental medical centre suffering from respiratory or overweight diseases. They were all warmly applauded and rewarded for their commitment.

Joël Bouzou, President of the French Modern Pentathlon Federation (FFPM) and Vice-President of UIPM, made a speech that enforced the message that sport is an essential social bond in our society.

It was a view shared by the many sporting and political figures who came to appreciate and support the demonstration, including Jean Roman, President of the Departmental Olympic and Sports Committee, Yvan Meunier, Departmental Director of School Sport and Nathalie Beaufils and Fatima Dahine, elected from the city of Perpignan.

In her speech, Ms Hermeline Malherbe, Chairperson and Senator, noted that sport contributes to building the citizens of tomorrow.

Elodie Clouvel, Rio 2016 Olympic silver medallist and her partner Valentin Belaud, 2016 UIPM world champion, attended in support of their club and their region. They happily posed for photographs and gave autographs. They encouraged young athletes and gave advice to those who solicited them.

Hyacinthe Carrera, President of the Perpignan Club and Vice-President of the FFPM, congratulated all the participants and mentioned that none of it would have been possible without the contribution of educators and volunteers.



It's a family affair in Kiev



Young athletes take aim in Kiev



## News from around the world

### Jorge Salas (ARG) becomes President of PAMPC

**J**orge Salas, President of the South American Confederation of Modern Pentathlon (CSPM), has been elected President of the Pan American Confederation (PAMPC).

Mr Salas (ARG) will serve until the next Assembly of PAMPC during the Pan American Games in Lima (PER) in 2019. The President of PAMPC is elected by all National Federations in the NORCECA and CSPM regions.

### Laser-Run with obstacles arrives in Malaysia

**T**he Modern Pentathlon Federation of Malaysia successfully completed an inaugural Laser-Run with obstacles competition on April 30.

The course at the Haval International School in Kuala Lumpur comprised of nine obstacle stations which included laser shooting, jumping, crawling, running and others.

Young athletes from various schools participated in the Under 17 category, where the winner was Sean Ho Ka Wai, and Under 12, where the winner was Lim Eu Xuan.

### Kitty Chiller (AUS) named ambassador to Unirooms

**K**itty Chiller, President of the Oceania Confederation of Modern Pentathlon, has been named as one of two ambassadors to the Australian University Team - known as the Unirooms - for the 2018 Summer Universiade in Taipei.

Mrs Chiller, who performed the role of chef de mission to the Australian

team at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, said: "What Australian University Sport is looking to do is what we did with the Rio team, which is to bring all the different sports and function together as one united team. The aim is to start this prior to actually arriving in Taipei."

Mrs Chiller, who competed in Modern Pentathlon at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games, has also been re-elected as President of Modern Pentathlon Australia for another four-year term.

### Gold for Gudlevitius (LTU) in Milan Kadlec Memorial

**T**he annual Milan Kadlec Memorial in Prague (CZE) saw a number of nationalities fighting for supremacy on a day of intense competition.

The Czech Republic junior championship took place in the beautiful environment of the capital city in a very friendly atmosphere, and 29 athletes from 10 countries took part.

Gytis Gudlevitius (LTU) was a worthy winner having led from the beginning with 258 fencing points, 1:59.84 in swimming and an aggregate shooting time of 49 seconds in Laser-Run. Marek Grycz (CZE) claimed silver on home soil ahead of Jan Kaufmann (GER) who took bronze.

In the swimming pool another athlete who attracted attention was Pillage Myles (GBR), who timed 1:53.49 in the 25m pool.

The fastest Laser-Runner in 31C heat was Paolo Singh (FRA), followed by team-mate Eudes Baptiste (FRA) and Emiliano Hernandez (MEX).

The Milan Kadlec Memorial finished according to tradition with Riding, where the best result was achieved by Lukas Svehota (CZE, 299). There were only two eliminated athletes and a high standard of horses plus reasonably hard parkour brought a wonderful competition to the perfect end.



*The Riding competition at the Milan Kadlec Memorial*



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## International Triathlon in Ukraine attracts neighbourly support

The Ukrainian city of Lviv hosted an international Triathlon competition on May 27 that attracted more than 200 athletes from five countries.

Participants at the Lviv sports complex were aged between 8 and 50 and represented Belarus, Moldova, Georgia, Lithuania and Ukraine.

Event organiser Dmytro Bublik said: "A new sport such as Triathlon allows us to not only forge pentathletes but also support the development of a sport which has mass appeal."

Viacheslav Malishev, UIPM Executive Board Member for Development,



Triathlon competitors race around the course in Lviv

added: "This competition represents the best of what can be organized for the development of our sport."

"The competition was attended not only by young athletes but also by their parents and fans. There was a

real struggle and a wonderful spirit of competition between the athletes."

Triathlon has been one of UIPM's most popular development sports since 2013, combining Swimming, Running and Shooting.

## Tributes to Jan Novotny

Jan Novotny, who died in Prague (CZE) on his 90th birthday, was a cornerstone of the UIPM movement.

He is best remembered internationally for his outstanding contribution to the UIPM Technical Committee in the period 1988-2004, especially in the influential role of Sports Director on the Executive Board.

He represented the former Czechoslovakia as a pentathlete and then became a father figure of the sport who inspired several generations of athletes and coaches.



Jan Novotny (1927-2017)

Janusz Peciak, 1976 Olympic champion and UIPM Executive Board Member for Sport, said: "We were all very sad to hear of the passing of Jan. He was a sweet, good person with a big heart."

"On a personal note he was the man who inspired me to become a UIPM Technical Delegate. He was my teacher and advisor and I owe a lot to him."

Ivar Sisniega, Chair of the UIPM Innovation Commission and former 1st Vice-President, said: "Jan was a great man who I greatly appreciated and took good care of me when I started out in the Technical Committee. He will be sadly missed."

## CISM World Championship venue visit

A delegation from CISM visited Drzonków (POL) during World Cup IV to assess preparations for the 45th World Military Modern Pentathlon Championships taking place in the city from September 11-17, 2017.

The delegation, led by CISM Modern Pentathlon President Lt Col Nilton Gomes Rolim Filho, inspected facilities at the Zielonogorski Sports



CISM President Lt Col Nilton Gomes (left)

Club and the sporting infrastructure in Drzonków and provided technical support to the Local Organising Committee.

Lt Col Gomes said: "Not only did this visit allow CISM to experience the enormous readiness and enthusiasm of the Polish Armed Forces for this important event and its future, but also a great professionalism in the Local Organising Committee."



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## Tournament & Training Camp Invitations

**T**his is an important notice for all Athletes and Competitions organisers to continuously check [pentathlon.org](http://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 Final**  
Vilnius, Lithuania  
**23-25 June 2017**

## Medical and Anti-Doping Corner



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

**S**ince 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](http://pentathlon.org/medical-and-anti-doping)



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## Inside UIPM: Monthly activities of President Dr Schormann

**04.05.-08.05.2017, Kecskemét, HUN**

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann met several times with UIPM Honorary Member Dr Gyula Bretz, the new President of the Hungarian Modern Pentathlon Association, during World Cup III. They discussed the Modern Pentathlon movement in Hungary and the coming UIPM Junior World Championships in August 2017 in Székesfehérvár. Another points of discussion was the 1st UIPM University World Championships in Budapest in summer 2018. There is an opportunity for the national federations of UIPM to promote this new movement strongly and push for future inclusion in the FISU Universiade.



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann with (left to right) Dr Ference Török (UIPM Honorary Member and former Olympic champion), Dr Gyula Bretz (UIPM Honorary Member and HMPA President) and Dr Viacheslav Malishev (UIPM Member for Development)



Dr Schormann, Shiny Fang and Viacheslav Malishev attend a cultural event at the Kodály Institute of the Liszt Ferenc Academy of Music

**11.05.2017, Mainz, GER**

President Schormann met with Prof Dr Manfred Messing and Prof Dr Norbert Müller to discuss the results of the questionnaire carried out by the Olympic research group during the Modern Pentathlon competition at the Summer Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro 2016.



Dr Schormann with Prof Dr Manfred Messing (left) and Prof Dr Norbert Müller (right)



### 13.05.2017, Bonn, GER

The UIPM President took part in a celebration of the 90th birthday of Gabor Benedek, who won Olympic gold for Hungary in Helsinki in 1952, who worked for more than 40 years as a Modern Pentathlon coach in Germany. More than 70 former athletes came together to honour his outstanding career. Dr Schormann awarded him with the Gold Pierre de Coubertin Medal, which is handed out to all Modern Pentathlon Olympic champions for their achievements in the Olympic movement.



Dr Schormann with 90-year-old Gabor Benedek, Olympic champion in 1952 (left), and German Modern Pentathlon Federation President Michael Scharf

### 16.05.2017, Frankfurt/Main, GER

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann met in his capacity as Executive Board Member of the German Olympic Academy (DOA) with colleagues and officials from the German Olympic Movement to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Academy. There were a number of lectures, discussions and workshops on the governance of sport and media and a reception was held in the historical "Römersaal" of Frankfurt City Hall to mark the occasion.



The DOA Executive Board meets in the historical "Römersaal" in Frankfurt City Hall

### 24.05.2017, Frankfurt, GER

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann discussed with Prof Dr Hans Michael Ockenfels, UIPM Medical Consultant, measures to protect athletes from skin cancer based on new medical substances. UIPM member federations will get detailed information in the coming weeks.

### 26.05.2017, Berlin, GER

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann was honoured guest at the 50th anniversary of the German Sport Foundation (DSH). During the celebration four German Olympic Champions were inaugurated to the Hall of Fame of Germany. President Dr Klaus Schormann has been a partner of DSH for 45 years.



Dr Schormann with Erika Dienstl (DOSB Honorary Member and former President of the German Fencing Federation) and Willi Holdorf (Olympic decathlon champion in Tokyo in 1964)



**26.05.-30.05.2017, Drzonków, POL**

**D**uring World Cup IV, President Dr Schormann briefed the UIPM Medical Committee, which had met for the first time after the elective UIPM Congress in Frankfurt/Main in December 2016, on relations between WADA and the IOC and the status of medical issues in UIPM. He presented the committee with some new ideas for future activities and new responsibilities linked to their function as medical delegates at UIPM competitions.

Dr Schormann met with Polish Modern Pentathlon Association President Anna Bajan to discuss Modern Pentathlon activities in Drzonków and future World Championships in Poland. Drzonków has been a centre for international training sessions and competitions for 41 years and always keeps up-to-date with changes to the format of Modern Pentathlon.

With UIPM Member for Sport Janusz Peciak, President Dr Schormann shared ideas about the presentation of

Modern Pentathlon linked to television requests and also for the spectators in the Pentathlon Arena.

Andrey Kuzmanov, President of the Bulgarian Modern Pentathlon Federation, acting at World Cup IV as the UIPM Business Affairs Delegate, discussed with the UIPM President the vision of the Business Affairs Committee for improved venue dressing for flagship UIPM competitions.



*Dr Schormann with Shiny Fang and Members of the UIPM Medical Committee*

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## New Balance World Rankings

The PWR is updated live on [www.pentathlon.org](http://www.pentathlon.org) after each competition. PWR as at 08 Jun 2017:

MEN			
RANK	NATION	NAME	POINTS
1	RUS	Aleksander LESUN	206
2	UKR	Pavlo TYMOSHCHENKO	190
3	FRA	Valentin PRADES	181
4	FRA	Valentin BELAUD	173
5	HUN	Bence DEMETER	163
6	KOR	Jinhwa JUNG	162
7	EGY	Yasser HEFNY	160
8	GER	Patrick DOGUE	150
9	CZE	Jan KUF	146
10	KOR	Woongtae JUN	145
11	GBR	James COOKE	137
12	HUN	Robert KASZA	136
13	EGY	Sherif RASHAD	129
14	GER	Alexander NOBIS	122
15	GER	Fabian LIEBIG	121
16	LTU	Justinas KINDERIS	115
17	ITA	Riccardo DE LUCA	115
18	EGY	Eslam HAMAD	115
19	RUS	Maksim KUSTOV	114
20	GUA	Charles FERNANDEZ	114

WOMEN			
RANK	NATION	NAME	POINTS
1	LTU	Laura ASADAUSKAITE	186
2	HUN	Sarolta KOVACS	177
3	FRA	Elodie CLOUVEL	175
4	GBR	Kate FRENCH	175
5	ITA	Alice SOTERO	167
6	TUR	Ilke OZYUKSEL	157
7	RUS	Gulnaz GUBAYDULLINA	156
8	GER	Annika SCHLEU	155
9	GER	Lena SCHONEBORN	154
10	RUS	Ekaterina KHURASKINA	137
11	KOR	Sunwoo KIM	129
12	GBR	Samantha MURRAY	125
13	JPN	Natsumi TOMONAGA	125
14	ITA	Francesca TOGNETTI	121
15	HUN	Tamara ALEKSZEJEV	120
16	GBR	Joanna MUIR	120
17	KAZ	Elena POTAPENKO	118
18	POL	Anna MALISZEWSKA	117
19	ITA	Alessandra FREZZA	117
20	IRL	Natalya COYLE	116

! The Full New Balance World Ranking is available on [www.pentathlon.org](http://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  
Drzonków, 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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