

UIPM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:

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Juan Antonio Samaranch is pictured with the other members of the UIPM Executive Board and the IOC President, Dr Thomas Bach, at the meeting of the new board in Lausanne









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Juan Antonio Samaranch Jr was elected 1st Vice-President of UIPM at the first full meeting of the new Executive Board in Lausanne (SUI) on January 20-21.

Mr Samaranch (ESP) became a Vice-President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in 2016 and now takes up the most senior office in the UIPM movement beneath the Presidency. He succeeded Ivar Sisniega (MEX) as 1st Vice-President.

Mr Samaranch accepted his election as 1st Vice-President of UIPM and said: "I am very happy with the results and the main objectives that were achieved by UIPM at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games."

Chaired by the UIPM President, Dr Klaus Schormann, at the Olympic Museum, the meeting also featured a visit from Dr Thomas Bach, IOC President, who addressed the board and conveyed his satisfaction for UIPM following and applying the principles of Agenda 2020. He also briefed the board on the future of the Olympic Games and all the efforts the IOC is taking to protect clean athletes.

The final appointment to the Executive Board confirmed that there will be four female members in office during the 2016-2020 Olympic cycle. Dr Natalia Ofitserova (BLR) takes her place after being elected as Chair of the UIPM Medical Committee, replacing Prof Dr Fabio Pigozzi (ITA), who is Chair of the UIPM Anti-Doping Panel.

Dr Ofitserova, who has been a member of the Medical Committee since 2000, joins UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang (CHN), Oceania Confederation President Kitty Chiller (AUS) and Athletes Committee Chair Aya Medany (EGY) as a strong

representation of women on the new-look Executive Board.

Another key appointment in the UIPM hierarchy was confirmed when Viacheslav Aminov (RUS) was re-elected as Vice-President for Business Affairs.

Kuisung Choi (KOR), whose Vice-Presidency of the UIPM came to a conclusion in 2016, became a UIPM Honorary Member for Life.

UIPM President, Dr Klaus Schormann, proposed a number of appointments to UIPM committees and commissions, all of which were approved by the board. UIPM's Global Engagement Programme, aimed at growing the global popularity of its sports, continues to progress with key advances in three primary areas of the programme. First, the UIPM's strategy of having the Mixed Relay included in future Olympic Games programmes starting with Tokyo 2020 was discussed at length. It was unanimously agreed that this innovative format will include Obstacle Course Racing as part of the Laser-Run discipline.

This addition, with strong ties to the historical traditions of the Modern

Pentathlon, will add additional value to the Modern Pentathlon event, and the Games itself, and UIPM will campaign strongly for its inclusion.

Secondly, it was reported to the board that more than 50 cities have registered for the new UIPM Laser-Run Global City Tour, which begins in Port Louis, Mauritius.

Finally, the UIPM Secretary General, Shiny Fang, briefed the board on the agreement signed with the TV network Eurosport at the beginning of January (see News section).

At the end of the meeting, Dr Klaus Schormann said: "This was a very important work session with the new Executive Board during which we appointed Juan Antonio Samaranch Jr as 1st Vice President of the UIPM.

"We also had budgetary discussions and we had the pleasure of a visit from Thomas Bach, who briefed us on the whole movement of the IOC linked to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games."

The 2017 competition season begins on February 22 with UIPM World Cup #1 in Los Angeles, California (USA).











UIPM News

Eurosport and Pro-Active sign up as broadcast partners

odern Pentathlon will be beamed out live on TV across Europe this summer after the UIPM signed a contract with continental network Eurosport.

The agreement will include the 2017 World Cup Final in Vilnius (LTU) in June and the Senior World Championships in Cairo (EGY) in August, where the finals will be broadcast live to a vast audience of sports fans across Europe and beyond.

Eurosport is the 'new home of the Olympics' and the agreement with the UIPM means more than half of the sports to feature at the Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympic Games will be broadcast on Eurosport over the next 12 months.

In addition to the broadcast rights, Eurosport will work closely with the UIPM to promote its sports and help activate the governing body's commercial partnerships through a dedicated promotional platform, comprising both TV and digital activations.

Eurosport CEO Peter Hutton said: "Modern pentathlon is widely regarded as one of the most challenging and traditional sports in the Summer Olympic program and we are delighted

Pro-Active



to be able to bring this year's biggest events to our viewers.

"Eurosport already dedicates over half of its schedule to Olympic sports and this agreement further strengthens our portfolio as we start our journey towards the next Summer Games in Tokyo.

"The Modern Pentathlon in Rio last summer provided some of the most iconic moments of the Olympic Games with records tumbling in both the men's and women's events. The sport has a rich Olympic history and, as the new Home of the Olympics in Europe, we look forward to following these remarkable athletes and sharing their stories on our screens throughout 2017."

Dr Klaus Schormann, President of UIPM, said: "UIPM's development programmes have enabled our sporting movement to grow right across the world and we have seen the results with the Rio 2016 Olympic medallists in Modern Pentathlon coming from three different continents.

"However, the traditional heartland of Modern Pentathlon is the continent of Europe and today is a day for celebration for the many fans of our sport who will be able to watch our most important competitions on television through Eurosport.

"This is another major step forward for our core Olympic sport, which has benefited in recent years from great advances in media coverage and marketing.

"I can say now that the Modern Pentathlon, which was conceived by Pierre de Coubertin especially for the Olympic Games, is very attractive as a perennial sporting event for our fans, our broadcast partners such as Eurosport and our sponsors."

Shiny Fang, UIPM Secretary General, said: "Modern Pentathlon has a prestigious history and UIPM has allowed innovation to flourish while protecting the roots and culture of the sport.

"We always remain alert to the latest tendencies and trends among our young fans, and we need strong platforms for our flagship sport that will help us promote the philosophy and beauty of Modern Pentathlon and our athletes.









"Eurosport is exactly the match we have been looking for and we are excited to be part of their portfolio. We hope to increase awareness of the UIPM and our six multi-discipline sports, especially the Modern Pentathlon which is a cornerstone of the Olympic movement." UIPM recently announced the appointment of UK-based Pro-Active Broadcast to manage and distribute the broadcast and web-stream output from World Cup and World Championship events during the 2017 and 2018 seasons.

Pro-Active will be responsible for the creation and distribution of highlights programmes from all rounds of the UIPM World Cup including the World Cup Final, as well as the Senior World Championships.

They will also develop and co-ordinate a Live World feed from the latter two competitions, the flagship events on the UIPM calendar, working closely with the host broadcaster hired by the Local Organising Committee of each competition to optimize coverage.

Tommasina Kay, Senior Project Director, Pro-Active Broadcast, said:

"This is an exciting project where we aim to raise and change the profile and interest levels in the core Olympic sport of Modern Pentathlon over the next two years.

"UIPM has taken great steps in the last few years and there is great potential to develop the sport as a broadcasting spectacle. Our tightly co-ordinated, multi-skilled and very experienced team will be an ideal partner for UIPM in the next stage of its development."

Already Eurosport are committed to taking all available output from the UIPM and Pro-Active are now looking to build the take-up worldwide as well as increase the impact of the web streaming and social media output from each event.

Shiny Fang, UIPM Secretary General, said: "UIPM presented Modern Pentathlon at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games in a fresh and innovative way that attracted mass media attention on a different scale to previous Games. That said, we still see room for improvement in the presentation of our sports, especially in the way we

tell the story of a Modern Pentathlon competition to a TV audience.

"The complexity of Modern Pentathlon creates a challenge of presentation and UIPM is delighted to welcome Pro-Active Broadcast on board with a view to boosting our online and traditional TV audiences.

"We have been in connection with Pro-Active for a couple of years and collaborated with them on some small projects and videos, and in those initiatives we have seen their passion for our sport and their own professionalism shine through. We are excited to see how their innovative way of thinking will enlighten our own thoughts about the broadcasting strategy for Modern Pentathlon and how we improve the service we provide to both existing and new fans of the sport worldwide."

Pro-Active and UIPM will begin their two-year collaboration at the first round of the 2017 UIPM World Cup in Los Angeles (USA) on February 2.











News from around the world

Demeter is home hero in Budapest

Bence Demeter (HUN) enjoyed some encouraging early-season success at the two-day Peridot Indoor Competition in his home capital city of Budapest. Demeter (HUN) capitalised on home advantage to win gold ahead of silver medallist Simon Casse (FRA) and his own compatriot Istvan Malits (HUN), who claimed bronze. Two Hungarians made the podium in the women's event, but it was Iryna Prasiantsova (BLR) who took the top spot on the podium. Sarolta Kovacs, the 2016 world champion, was runner-up and Anna Zs Toth came third.

The competition attracted 68 male and 34 female participants.



Laser-Run National Competition in Afghanistan

The Afghanistan Modern Pentathlon Federation has performed his first internal Laser-Run national competition. According to the President, Khoshal Sarwari (AFG), the aim is to introduce Modern Pentathlon to potential athletes through the combined shooting and running. For the 2017 season, the Afghans have already schedule 10 competitions.





UIPM Development plan on the right track

The NOC of Salvador has distributed 10 laser pistol and blank pistol kits to the Salvadorian Modern Pentathlon federation. The aim is to promote this sport to adolescents and youngsters at various educational centres in the country. Attending the handover ceremonies were NOC President Eduardo Palomo, Modern Pentathlon Federation President Luis Mejía and P. Graeme Keslake and Sara Suster from the Academia Británica Cuscatleca school.









Tournament & Training

Camp Invitations

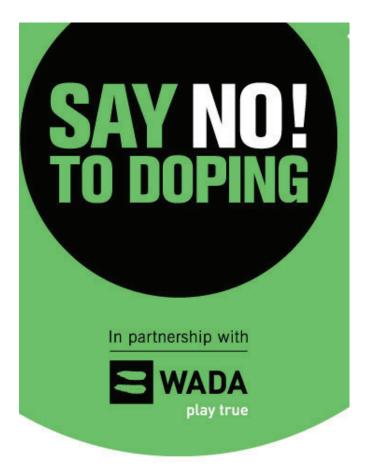
This is an important notice for all Athletes and Competitions organisers to continuously check pentathlon.org for all information related to invitations and visa letters.

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

COMPETITION INVITATIONS

UIPM 2017 World Cup #2 Cairo, Egypt 22-26 March 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









Inside UIPM:

Monthly activities of President Dr Schormann

11.01.2017, Los Angeles, USA

IPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, joined by Secretary General Shiny Fang, visited the office of the Los Angeles 2024 Olympic Games bid. Rob Stull, CEO of the US Modern Pentathlon Association and now President of NORCECA, also attended the meetings.

President Dr Schormann met first with Timothy Potts, Director of the J Paul Getty Museum, James Cuno, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Getty Trust, and M.A. Hartwig, Vice President Communication, to discuss projects relating to "Sport, Art and Culture" linked to the LA 2024 bid.

On January 9, Casey Wasserman, Chairman of Los Angeles 2024, briefed President Schormann on the philosophy of the bid.



Visit of the J. Paul Getty Museum



Office Los Angeles 2024

On January 10, the UIPM President and Secretary General received a detailed presentation of the LA 2024 bid by Bill Hanway and John Harper. Doug Arndt, Sports Operations Officer, outlined the facilities planned for Modern Pentathlon and general points linked to the Olympic Village, transportation and training facilities.

Rachel Isaacs, Sport Performance Bid Committee Liaison from the US Olympic Comittee, joined the meeting, where there was a general discussion about the special requirement of Modern Pentathlon to be presented with all five sporting disciplines in one arena. They placed Modern Pentathlon in the Stubhub Stadium.

Also on January 10, President Dr Schormann and Shiny Fang met with Anita L Defrantz, IOC Member, and Gene Sykes, CEO of LA 2024, for a discussion about the importance of the Olympic Games in future in respect to the IOC Agenda 2020. Dr Schormann stated that the international sporting movement, based on Olympic values and ideals, needs strong support from all groups of modern society around the globe more than ever before.

On January 11, the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) of the UIPM 2017 World Cup #1 welcomed President Schormann and Mrs Fang to the competition venue at Fairplex and briefed them on the preparation of this important UIPM competition, hosted for the first time in LA-Fairplex.

David Simon, Fairplex CEO and President of the LA Sports Council, and Michelle Demott, Fairfax Vice President of Branding and Knowledge Management, gave a tour of the facilities and a briefing on the whole operation of World Cup #1, which takes place on February 24-26. Robert Stull also took part in this meeting.



Visit of the Stubhub Stadium. (Left - Right) Bill Hanway, Shiny Fang, Doug Arndt, Dr Klaus Schormann, Rachel Isaacs and Rob Stull









10.01.2017

President Dr Klaus Schormann met with IOC Member Anita L. Defrantz and CEO of LA Bid 2024 Mr Gene Sykes where they together with Secretary General Shiny Fang spoke about the importance of Olympic Games in future in respect to the IOC Agenda 2020. The international sport movement based on the Olympic values and ideals need strong support from all different groups of modern society around the globe more than ever before, stated Dr Schormann.



UIPM President with the Organizing Committee

11.01.2017

The Organizing Committee of the 1st World Cup of UIPM in this season 2017 welcomed in Fairplex President Dr Schormann and SG Shiny Fang to give them a briefing of the preparation of this important UIPM competition, hosted first time in Los Angeles - Fairplex.

CEO David Simon also Chairperson of the Sportcouncil of LA gave together with Michelle DeMott - Vice President Branding and Knowledge Management - a tour through the facilities and a briefing of the whole operation for the WC I, which takes place 21.-26. February 2017.

UIPM EB Member and USMPA Chief Executive Officer Robert Stull joined this meeting.

21.01.2017, Lausanne. SUI

The first official meeting of the new UIPM Executive Board, formed during the elective UIPM Congress in Frankfurt-am-Main (GER) in 2016 was held in the Pierre de Coubertin Room of the Olympic Museum.

The EB discussed the detailed budget for next four years and sporting projects linked to the 2020 Summer Olympic Games in Tokyo as well as the development of UIPM's non-Olympic sports: Biathle, Triathle, Tetrathlon, World Schools Biathlon and Laser-Run. President Dr Schormann, joined by Secretary General Shiny Fang, briefed the EB members on matters of international sporting politics and Juan Antonio Samaranch Jr, who was elected 1st Vice President during the meeting, supplemented the presentation with insights from inside the Olympic Movement.

IOC President Dr Thomas Bach joined the meeting on January 20 and briefed the UIPM EB on very positive results of financial success and media coverage from the 2016 Summer Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, which were successful Games but not easy to manage.

He gave clear instructions for necessary steps and actions on the way for Tokyo 2020. He thanked the UIPM EB for the respectful contribution of Modern Pentathlon, as well as the strong innovations and modernization of this historical sport created by Pierre de Coubertin for the Olympic Games.

During the meeting all vacant positions for Committees and Commissions were fixed. The final appointment to the EB was Dr Natalia Ofitserova (BLR) as the new Chair of the Medical Committee.



IOC President, Dr Bach, visiting the UIPM Executive Board

29.01.2017, Paris, FRA

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann visited the World Handball Championships, where he met with International Federation Presidents Dr Hassan Moustafa (handball), Horacio Muratore (basketball) Dr Chungwon Choue (WTF) and Marius Vizer (judo) as well as Francesco Ricci Bitti, President of ASOIF, and Dr Thomas Bach, President of the IOC. With them he shared important information about the Olympic Movement and underlined solidarity in the spirit of Olympism.

President Dr Schormann briefed Prince Albert II of Monaco, IOC Member and UIPM Honorary President, who was also present at the World Championship Final on January 29, about some of the main outcomes of the EB meeting in Lausanne.

30.01.2017, Frankfurt-am-Main, GER

IPM President Dr Klaus Schormann joined the New Year Celebration of the German Olympic Sports Confederation (DOSB), where politicians, sponsors, media, athletes and the leaders of German sport were gathered.



Dr Schormann with the President of France, Francois Hollande, IOC President Dr Thomas Bach and UIPM Honorary President Prince Albert II of Monaco at the World Handball Championships Final in Paris









New Balance World Rankings

The PWR is updated live on www.pentathlon.org after each competition. PWR as at 15 December 2016:

MEN			
RANK	NATION	NAME	POINTS
1	FRA	Valentin PRADES	196
2	GBR	James COOKE	194
3	FRA	Valentin BELAUD	182
4	EGY	Amro EL GEZIRY	172
5	MEX	Ismael HERNANDEZ USCANGA	170
6	HUN	Adam MAROSI	170
7	EGY	Omar EL GEZIRY	169
8	USA	Nathan SCHRIMSHER	168
9	RUS	Maksim KUSTOV	166
10	GER	Patrick DOGUE	165
11	EGY	Yasser HEFNY	163
12	CZE	Jan KUF	161
13	KOR	Jinhwa JUNG	160
14	RUS	Aleksander LESUN	156
15	UKR	Pavlo TYMOSHCHENKO	150
16	LTU	Justinas KINDERIS	146
17	KOR	Woongtae JUN	145
18	CHN	Jianli GUO	142
19	GBR	Joseph CHOONG	140
20	HUN	Bence DEMETER	139

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WOMEN	V		
RANK	NATION	NAME	POINTS
1	GER	Lena SCHONEBORN	210
2	FRA	Elodie CLOUVEL	201
3	LTU	Laura ASADAUSKAITE	186
4	HUN	Zsofia FOLDHAZI	186
5	GER	Annika SCHLEU 176	
6	CHN	Qian CHEN	171
7	RUS	Donata RIMSAITE	157
8	HUN	Sarolta KOVACS	156
9	LTU	Gintare VENCKAUSKAITE	151
10	ITA	Claudia CESARINI	151
11	BLR	Anastasiya PROKOPENKO	149
12	ITA	Alice SOTERO 144	
13	LTU	Ieva SERAPINAITE	143
14	RUS	Gulnaz GUBAYDULLINA	141
15	KOR	Sunwoo KIM	140
16	CHN	Xiaonan ZHANG	138
17	GBR	Kate FRENCH	138
18	BRA	Yane MARQUES	136
19	TUR	Ilke OZYUKSEL	134
20	GBR	Samantha MURRAY	133

WATCH ONLINE <i>UIPMTV.ORG</i>						
22-26 Feb	World Cup #1 Los Angeles, USA	25-29 May	World Cup #4 Drzonkow, POL			
22-26 Mar	World Cup #2 <i>Cairo, EGY</i>	23-25 Jun	World Cup Final <i>Vilnius, LTU</i>			
04-08 May	World Cup #3 Kecskemét, HUN	21-29 Aug	World Championships Cairo, EGY			
LIVE-STREAMING NEWS EDITS/HIGHLIGHTS						















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."

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