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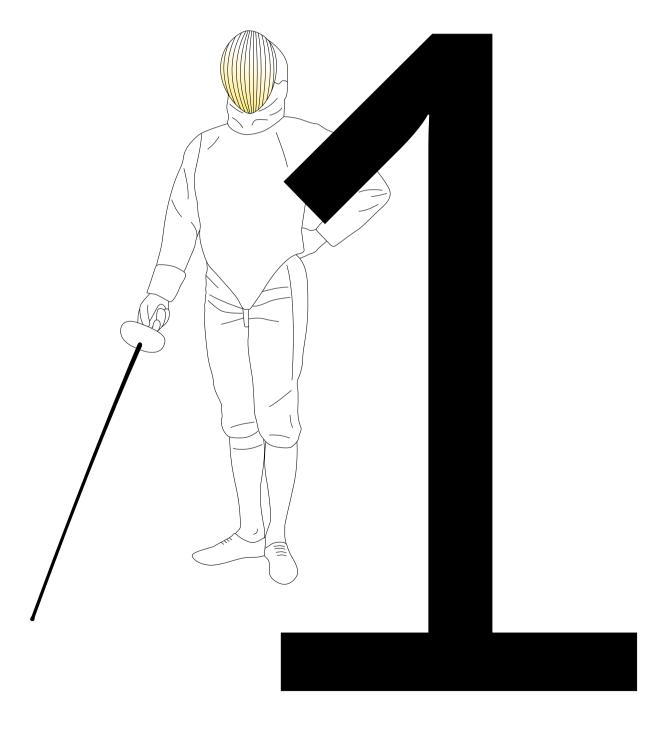
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### President's Foreword



#### Dear colleagues and friends of the Modern Pentathlon movement!

The year 2018 marked the 70th anniversary of UIPM, which was founded in Sandhurst (GBR) during the 1948 Olympic Summer Games in London. As we celebrated and reflected on 70 years of heritage and innovation, our Union was able to proudly demonstrate how far our sporting movement has progressed.

It was another year memorable for outstanding international competitions organized by our National Federations. Our sport is represented in more than 138 nations around the world and we are proud to have 500 annual national and international competitions.

In 2018 our athletes proved once again that they are operating at a very high level with excellence and in the spirit of fair play, in respect and friendship. We are very proud of our athletes and coaches, improving and working hard to achieve their goals and living their dream of the Olympic Games and Modern Pentathlon. "Olympism is a philosophy of life, exalting and combining in a balanced whole the qualities of body, will and mind" – International Olympic Committee.

Competition was fierce throughout the UIPM Pentathlon World Cup series, culminating in an excellent and well-attended World Cup Final in Astana (KAZ). The unforgettable and high-quality UIPM 2018 Pentathlon World Championships were hosted in Mexico City (MEX), where we introduced the Pentathlon Stadium, tailored to enable all five disciplines of our core Olympic sport to be staged in the same venue. This will now become part of the Olympic Games for the first time at the Tokyo Stadium in 2020 and the new format will create a better experience for athletes and coaches, spectators and TV viewers, media partners and sponsors. We will see it again during the 2019 World Championships in Budapest (HUN).

The year 2018 has been historic for a lot of reasons, with a number of "firsts". At the end of UIPM's 70th anniversary year, which we celebrated at the UIPM 2018 Congress in Limassol (CYP) with the addition of new inductees to the UIPM Hall of Fame, we can reflect on the success of the 1st Pierre de Coubertin Pentathlon Day, the world's first Pentathlon Stadium and the 1st FISU World University Pentathlon Championships, held in Budapest (HUN).

Our Mixed Relay is growing in popularity every year and we are confident it will be included in the Olympic Games programme for Paris 2024.

More and more people are participating in UIPM Sports around the world thanks to our development programme (sports pyramid), from Laser Run to Biathle and Triathle, to Tetrathlon and Modern Pentathlon. We are attracting new audiences to our sport and especially younger generations. And more and more people are following our athletes on television and digital channels.

In everything we do, our global community of volunteers and professionals – work hard to preserve the legacy created by Baron Pierre de Coubertin, founder of Modern Pentathlon, and promote the Olympic values. Every year we are building on that heritage and leading by example as one of the pillars of the Olympic sporting movement.

Apart from Coubertin's legacy, the other framework that we must keep in mind is our commitment to the IOC's Olympic Agenda 2020. We must remember at all times the importance of gender equality, inclusion and accessibility, sustainability and many other important facets which are now embedded into our sport, which has such a proud history stretching back to the 1912 Olympic Summer Games in Stockholm.

The composition of our UIPM Committees and Commissions is now stronger than ever, and the members of these groups are doing excellent and thorough work to make sure our movement stays informed and up to date and representative of all stakeholders. I would like to thank all NFs and UIPM Confederations for their ongoing support and hard work in organizing high-level competitions. All of you are giving our athletes a stage on which to perform, always in close cooperation with local and national governments, commercial and media partners as well as wonderful volunteers. Only in unity can we succeed and empower ourselves to strive for even better.

Our Union enjoys excellent relations with the International Olympic Committee and International Paralympic Committee, National Olympic Committees and International Federations. We continue to grow within the Olympic movement and to have stronger connections within the Olympic family. In 2018 we had many opportunities to meet on international stages, like the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games in Pyeong-Chang (KOR), SportAccord in Bangkok (THA), the Asian Games in Jakarta (INA) and the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires (ARG).

This is helping us to further develop our sport, open our minds to new ideas and innovations and exchange



knowledge and experiences. The UIPM Family takes care of the legacy that Coubertin established when he founded the Modern Pentathlon especially for the Olympic Games in Stockholm in 1912. We stand up for values of integrity, respect and fair play and promote clean sport in the belief that it can be a vehicle for a more peaceful world.

Let us continue to work hand in hand to make all our dreams become reality and share the joy of our beloved sport of pentathlon around the world.

UIPM President Dr. h.c. Klaus Schormann bleus Bramann

## President's Activities



President Dr Klaus Schormann with the UIPM staff team at headquarters in Monaco



UIPM President Dr Schormann with (left to right) Innovation Commission Chair Ivar Sisniega, Vice-President Joel Bouzou, 1st Vice-President Juan Antonio Samaranch, Honorary President HSH Prince Albert of Monaco and Secretary General Shiny Fang during the 132 IOC Session in PyeongChang (KOR)



Meeting with S.E. Sheikh Saoud Al Thani in Berlin



A group photograph of the IOC Culture and Olympic Heritage Commission with IOC President Dr Thomas Bach (front row, centre)



Dr Schormann in Japan House with IOC Member and NOC President Tsunekazu Takeda, who hosted the Olympic Family in PyeongChang (KOR)



Dr Schormann with Pal Schmitt, IOC Member, Olympic fencing gold medallist and former President of Hungary



UIPM President Dr Schormann and Secretary General Shiny Fang with colleagues from the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games Organising Committee



The Men's Individual podium at Pentathlon World Cup Los Angeles with a white card demonstration in support of Peace and Sport



The Men's Individual podium at Pentathlon World Cup Kecskemet featuring Hungarian Olympic Committee President Krisztin Kulcsar (far right), Sports Director László Fábián (far left) and Bulgarian Modern Pentathlon Federation President Andrey Kuzmanov (3<sup>rd</sup> from right)



UIPM President Dr Schormann and Secretary General Shiny Fang with Dr Gyula Bretz (left) and Ferenc Török (right)



UIPM President Dr Schormann and Secretary General Shiny Fang with (left to right) Márton Szenes, Kitty Chiller, Dr Gyula Bretz, Christian Roudaut and Andrejus Zadneprovskis in Kecskemet (HUN)



Dr Schormann with Hungarian Olympic Committee President Krisztian Kulcsar (far right), Sports Director László Fábián (far left) and Bulgarian Modern Pentathlon Federation President Andrey Kuzmanov in Kecskemet (HUN)

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Members of the UIPM Executive Board meet in Astana (KAZ) during the 2018 UIPM Pentathlon World Cup Final



Mixed Relay podium at the UIPM Pentathlon World Cup Final in Astana (KAZ)



Dr Schormann with participants and volunteers of the UIPM Global Laser Run City Tour in Darmstadt (GER)



UIPM President Dr Schormann and Secretary General Shiny Fang with Tokyo 2020 representatives



The Xiamen Sports Centre where the UIPM 2020 World Championships will take place



The Fencing Ranking Round during the UIPM 2018 Masters World Championships in Halle (GER)



The UIPM President with the Russia team during the UIPM 2018 Masters World Championships in Halle (GER)



Dr Schormann with fans at the 2018 Asian Games in Jakarta (INA)



UIPM President Dr Schormann and Secretary General Shiny Fang and Asian Confederation Secretary General Namdev Shirgaonkar (3<sup>rd</sup> right) with the Thailand delegation during the Swimming event of the Modern Pentathlon at the 2018 Asian Games



The UIPM President with the Ukraine team during the UIPM 2018 Masters World Championships in Halle (GER) the UIPM tradition

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Dr Schormann at the official launch of the Asian Games Modern Pentathlon competition at the Adria Pratama Mulya School



The UIPM President plants a tree at the Adria Pratama Mulya School in Jakarta (INA) to maintain the UIPM tradition

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The UIPM President with AOC President Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah at the 2018 Asian Games in Jakarta (INA)



The opening ceremony of the UIPM 2018 Pentathlon World Championships Mexico City (MEX)



The UIPM President visits the athletics at the Asian Games with dignitaries including IOC Member Rita Subowo (2nd left) and Erick Thohir, President of the Asian Games and the Indonesia Olympic Committee (3<sup>rd</sup> right)



Dr Schormann enjoys a moment of fun with volunteers at the 2018 Asian Games in Jakarta (INA)



The Fencing Ranking Round at the 2018 Asian Games in Jakarta (INA)



A #High5 for Pierre de Coubertin Pentathlon Day at the 2018 Asian Games in Jakarta (INA)



Men's Individual podium at the 2018 Asian Games in Jakarta (INA)



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and Secretary General Shiny Fang with the Sport Minister of China, Gou Zhongwen



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann receives an award from the Mexico City Government in recognition of encouraging and promoting sport at an international level throughout his career.



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and Vice-President Juan Manzo (right) meet the Mayor of Mexico City, Jose Ramon Amieva Galvez

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The world's first Pentathlon Stadium in Mexico City (MEX)



South American Confederation President Jorge Salas (left) with President Dr Schormann and Vice-President Manzo in the Hall of Fame in the Confederation building in Mexico City (MEX)

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UIPM President Dr Schormann and Secretary General Shiny Fang during the  $133^{\rm rd}$  IOC Session in Buenos Aires (ARG)



Pierre de Coubertin Medals are presented to Horacio de la Vega, President of the Local Organising Committee, and UIPM Vice-President Juan Manzo for their contribution to the UIPM Pentathlon World Championships



Dr Schormann with Gary Lu, President of UIPM sponsor Absolute Fencing



UIPM President Dr Schormann and Secretary General Shiny Fang with (left to right) Martin Dawe, Joel Bouzou, Ivar Sisniega, Viacheslav Malishev and Pagona Sonndag during the UIPM Innovation Commission meeting in PASO headquarters in Mexico City (MEX)



UIPM President Dr Schormann, Horacio de la Vega (centre) and UIPM Executive Board Member for Development Viacheslav Malishev (2<sup>nd</sup> right) enjoy an encounter with Mexican Olympians



UIPM delegates, staff and Local Organising Committee colleagues gather for a farewell dinner at the end of the UIPM Pentathlon World Championships in Mexico City (MEX)



The UIPM President and Executive Board Members enjoy the action in Mexico City



The UIPM President presents the gold medal to the Women's Individual world champion, Anastasiya Prokopenko (BLR) during UIPM 2018 Pentathlon World Championships Mexico City (MEX)



UIPM President Dr Schormann and Secretary General Shiny Fang with GAISF President and FIBA Secretary General, the late Patrick Baumann (left) and Honorary President HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco (right) during the 133<sup>rd</sup> IOC Session in Buenos Aires (ARG)



UIPM President Dr Schormann and Secretary General Shiny Fang with 1st Vice President Juan Antonio Samaranch (left) and Honorary President HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco (right) during the 133rd IOC Session in Buenos Aires (ARG)



UIPM President Dr Schormann meets with Dr Gerardo Werthein, NOC President of Argentina (centre)



Dr Schormann with (left to right) Slovak Olympic Committee Secretary General Jozef Liba, SOC President Anton Siekel and UIPM Technical Committee Member Dr Vladimir Miller



UIPM President Dr Schormann and Secretary General Shiny Fang are joined by IOC President Dr Thomas Bach during the Swimming event of the Modern Pentathlon at the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires (ARG)



IOC President Dr Thomas Bach meets Buenos Aires 2018 Athlete Role Models Charles Fernandez (GUA) and Yane Marques (BRA) during the Youth Olympic Games



The UIPM President gives a talk on Olympism and Modern Pentathlon in Buenos Aires (ARG)



Dr Schormann presents a Certificate of Achievement to the Rio 2016 Olympic women's pentathlon champion Chloe Esposito (AUS) during the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires (ARG)



A group photograph with YOG 2018 Athlete Role Models, Local Organising Committee officials and UIPM Executive Board Members and staff in Buenos Aires (ARG)

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UIPM President Dr Schormann and Secretary General Shiny Fang watch the action in Buenos Aires (ARG) alongside other members of the Pentathlon family

# Secretary General's Foreword



# Dear Pentathlon friends,

It has been another year of relentless progress. Pentathlon and the other UIPM multi-discipline sports continue to grow and strive for excellence.

Our organization remains relatively small when compared to other sports and International Federations, but like no other we promote the best athlete and human being, just like the Ancient Greeks and Pierre de Coubertin taught us to.

In the year 2018, the UIPM has provided more resources and courses, more equipment and technical support, more guidelines and collaborations with event organizers and the NFs. We have again upgraded the standards and the format of our competitions to make them more exciting and dynamic. Equally, we are promoting heavily our sports pyramid at all levels to grow the number of participants. In parallel, we are improving the governance of our organization and we have fought off any attempt to undermine our sport.

Our sports pyramid has been growing and added a sixth layer: the 1st FISU Pentathlon University World Championships in Budapest launched the new format of Pentathlon Team composed of four team members, each of them competing in one discipline including Laser Run. It is quite an exciting and promising development and provides us with another pathway to embrace more athletes with different backgrounds.

Besides the pentathlon major events, the 2nd edition of Global Laser Run City Tour (GLRCT) broke the record of its first edition (2017), by having close to 100 events in 2018.

# UIPM 70th anniversary, heritage and innovation!

A key question we are often confronted with is whether our sport is too elitist, destined only for a few "supermen and women". To some extent this is true. It is not for everyone to excel in all five disciplines simultaneously. The issue with that is that the resources required in each country for the training of these great athletes may seem disproportionate when compared to the number of athletes the UIPM family can count on today.

To fundamentally tackle these issues, important steps were taken under the 4E strategy (Equipment, Education, Empowerment and Expansion), which you will read about in more detail in the following pages.

As an example, under Expansion, multiple paths to reach Pentathlon from the other five layers in the sports pyramid have been laid down. Any of those UIPM multi-discipline sports provides opportunity for our members to recruit and detect athletes.

Equally, compared to the number of 205 NOCs that the IOC recognizes, our NF membership – despite the fact that we have been steadily growing in recent years – still has space for new inclusions as we only count 117 members to date.

As we look forward to our Olympic year 2020 and the next Congress, the Executive Board will have a chance to prepare the UIPM Agenda 2024-2028, a comprehensive strategic roadmap for our sport into the future. As a new cycle will start in 2020, it is a perfect occasion to discuss with all our members and stakeholders what is the best way forward and what can we do, together, to innovate.

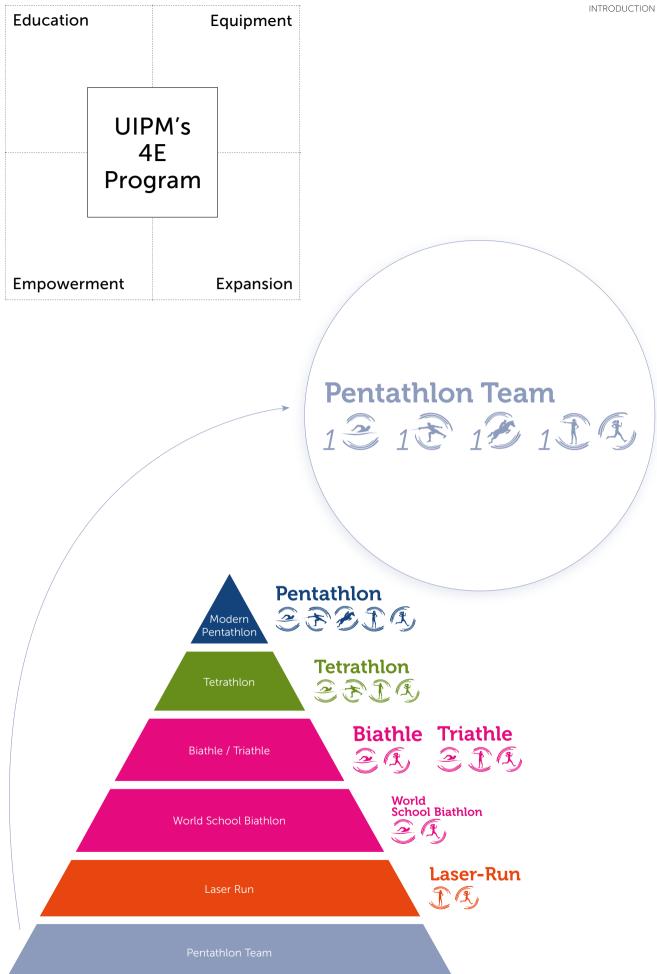
We are the unique International Federation of the modern gladiators, athletes with superpowers and skills that have an individual and combined strength matched by no-one.

This applies also to all readers of this Yearbook. To leverage your knowhow – an exceptional asset – we also encourage you to participate in shaping the roadmap for our future and we look forward to receiving any and all possible ideas to include in the work process of the Innovation Commission and the Executive Board.

Our journey into the future – while respecting our past – will need to be filled with opportunities and excitement.

UIPM Secretary General, Shiny Fang





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## **UIPM Pathway**

1912



Stockholm (SWE): First time in the Olympic Games

1948



London (GBR): UIPM is born

1981



The first women's World Championships took place (individual + relay) in London (GBR)

1989



Men's relay is introduced

1991



Handicap start for running event

1992



Women's relay is introduced

1993



One-day format introduced at UIPM World Championships in Darmstadt (GER)

1994



Air pistols are introduced

1996



Atlanta (USA): First time all 5 disciplines in one day

2000



Sydney (AUS):

First time women's competition at the Olympic Games

2008



Beijing (CHN):

Full stadium with 40,000 spectators on both final days at the Olympic Games

2009



Introduction of shooting and running combined in London (GBR) during Senior World Championships

2010



First mixed relay at the Youth Olympic games in Singapore and UIPM World Championships with laser shooting instead of air pistol

2011



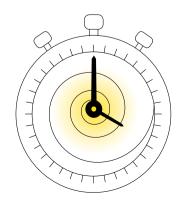
Mixed Relay in all UIPM major competitions

2012



London (GBR):

First time combined shooting and running in Olympic Games



2013



Distribution of laser shooting equipment to more than 65 countries to develop the sport— The first UIPM Triathle WCH combining with Biathle

2014



Second Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing (CHN). Implementation of Fencing Bonus Round, making the sport more attractive to spectators and broadcasters

2015



First Laser-Run World Championships. Consisting of laser shooting and running, Laser-Run is designed to allow more athletes an entry point to Modern Pentathlon in Perpignan (FRA)

2016



All in One:

The integration of the five sports in one sports complex, as envisaged by Dr. Klaus Schormann, implemented in Rio 2016 Olympic Games

2018



New visual identity launched brand new UIPM educational platform and e-learning for coaches and judges

2020



Tokyo (JPN):

All five disciplines will be contested in one stadium in Olympic Games

# A selection of key athletes and milestones in the UIPM's history

1912



Gösta LILLIEHÖÖK (SWE), first Olympic Winner

1948



Founding congress of the UIPM in Sandhurst (GBR)

1949



Aladar Kovacsi (SWE) during cross country riding

1981



Women and Men starting competing together during the World Championships

1994



Air pistol shooting is introduced

2000



Stephanie Cook (GBR) wins as women compete for the first time during the Olympics

2008



Lena Schöneborn (GER) running towards gold in a full stadium during Beijing 2008

2011



Mixed Relay is during the 2011 World Championships in Moscow (RUS)

2013



Biathle and Triathle are combined into one World Championships

2014



Bonus round during the Nanjing Youth Olympic Games

2015



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The first UIPM Laser-Run World Championships in Perpignan (FRA)

2018



Pentathlon Stadium in Mexico City (MEX)

### Pentathlon Stadium

"The idea of the Pentathlon Stadium is 'one sport, five disciplines, one ticket, one seat ... within five hours'

- Dr Klaus Schormann, UIPM President

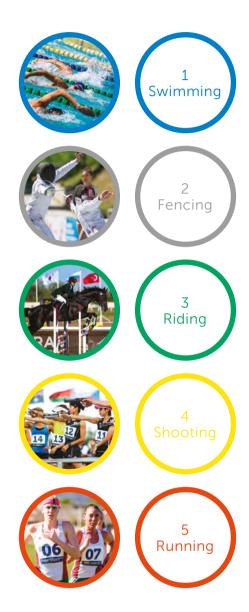
The Pentathlon Stadium started out as a dream. Then it became a vision, encapsulated in an artist's impression. In Mexico City (MEX) in September 2018, the dream became a reality.

The UIPM 2018 Pentathlon World Championships marked 50 years since the 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico City. It was also historic because it enabled the world's greatest pentathletes to experience for the first time a pentathlon venue where they could perform all five disciplines in one day.

It also enabled more than 80 journalists and photographers to become the first accredited media representatives to experience the innovative all-in-one venue format, while large crowds gathered at the Campo Marte sports complex to become the first spectators to watch Swimming, Fencing, Riding and Laser Run from the same seat on the same day.

The Pentathlon Stadium creates a better experience for athletes and coaches and it adds value for sponsors, broadcasters, reporters, photographers and VIP guests. It will become a feature of the Olympic Games when it is created for 50,000 spectators in the Tokyo Stadium in 2020, and the successful trial in Mexico City marked the latest milestone in a long-running project to improve the presentation of pentathlon.

In 2015, the Fencing Bonus Round was invented, and this meant that spectators at the Deodoro Stadium in Rio de Janeiro (BRA) during the 2016 Olympics were able to see four of the five disciplines. Mexico City became the first host city to embed a swimming pool (50m) into the field of play. As our graphic shows, **Swimming (1)** takes place adjacent to the special piste which hosts the **Fencing Bonus Round (2). Riding (3)** then takes centre stage before Laser Run – **Shooting (4)** and **Running (5)** – takes place on an oval circuit.







Dr Klaus Schormann, UIPM President, said: "The idea of the Pentathlon Stadium is 'one sport, five disciplines, one ticket, one seat ... within five hours' and we were very excited to introduce this innovative concept in partnership with our UIPM Pentathlon World Championship hosts in Mexico City.

"Not only does the Pentathlon Stadium provide a wonderful experience for athletes and spectators and VIP guests but also for our sponsorship and media partners who do so much to support and promote our sport."

Organisers in Mexico felt a justifiable sense of pride, and on the 1st Pierre de Coubertin Pentathlon Day, September 9, President Schormann presented Pierre de Coubertin Medals medals to Juan Manzo, President of the Mexico Modern Pentathlon Federation, and two-time

Olympic pentathlete Horacio De La Vega, Sports Director for the Mexico City Mayor's office.

Glowing testimonials from happy athletes came in thick and fast.

Anastasiya Prokopenko (BLR), double gold medallist in the women's relay and women's individual event in Mexico City, said: "It's an amazing place for us because you can do everything in one place, and you can rest between events."

Valentin Belaud (FRA), the 2016 world champion, said: "With five sports in the same arena it's a very good atmosphere for the public, and it's very easy for us too."

Yavor Peshleevski (BUL) added: "The Pentathlon Stadium is amazing. Everything is in one place, we can rest between the disciplines and concentrate. It's a great venue."

## New visual identity

UIPM started 2018 by revealing a bold <u>new visual identity</u> with the release of two dynamic logos.

A branding review in late 2017 resulted in the production of two new emblems representing the growth of UIPM Sports with Modern Pentathlon at the pinnacle.

The marketing logo contains the tagline "World Pentathlon", introduced to the UIPM branding portfolio as a means of emphasizing the global reach of UIPM, which governs the core Olympic sport of Modern Pentathlon as well as Laser Run, World Schools Biathlon, Biathle/Triathle and Tetrathlon.









The new institutional logo, which is primarily for internal use, aims to communicate the historic pentathlon family values aligned to the dynamic future of UIPM Sports.

The logo features two original colours that represent the pentathlon environment: yellow (symbolizing dynamic development) and blue (standing for longevity and power). Gender equality is also reflected with the addition of two female pictograms.

UIPM also launched a new visual signature entitled "1 Sport 5 disciplines", which is linked to the World Pentathlon marketing logo and helps audiences to easily understand the meaning of Pentathlon – one sport comprising five disciplines.

New pictograms were also added to this signature to make the disciplines more recognizable and distinct. The signature was promoted during competitions as part of the physical on-site branding, social media collateral and other promotional materials.





Last but not least, the Union rebranded its annual World Cup series as the UIPM Pentathlon World Cup, complete with a new visual identity of its own. This strong and colourful new look was designed to add more value to TV and marketing rights.

# Pierre de Coubertin Pentathlon Day

# #HighFive



The 2017 UIPM Congress voted unanimously to set aside a day to create more recognition for our sporting movement and to celebrate its proud heritage, hence the formation of the Pierre de Coubertin Pentathlon Day (#PentathlonDay).

September 9 was selected as the date to celebrate the maiden edition of the new global celebration. This was also the day of the Mixed Relay at the UIPM Pentathlon World Championships in Mexico City (MEX). The Mixed

Relay is a vital part of the future of Pentathlon and it demonstrates UIPM's commitment to gender equality and "Sport For All".

UIPM invited the whole world to join in the celebration by either hosting a uni-que event or by joining the digital #High5 campaign.

The Pierre de Coubertin Pentathlon Day #High5 campaign was created by the UIPM as a symbol of our movement's commitment to preserving and building on the legacy of Baron Pierre de Coubertin, the founder of the Modern Olympic Games who created a sport especially for the Games that would represent the apex of athletic achievement.

The #High5 was recognized as the symbol of dedication and by raising and showing their hand, participants demonstrated a commitment to protect, promote and further develop Pentathlon.

UIPM encouraged participants to go the extra mile and use their social media accounts to share photos of

friends and family who took part in the campaign. Pictures were received from more than 800 participants across the world, driving an overall social impression of 100,000+.





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## Television/Broadcast



The year 2018 was a story of broken records in broadcasting. UIPM increased the number of broadcasters taking competition footage by 150% during the Pentathlon World Cup Final in Astana (KAZ), which was a remarkable result given the strong competition from the FIFA World Cup happening at the same time. New and strong partnerships were created with major domestic broadcasters such as BBC (GBR), L'Équipe (FRA) and FOX (AUS), which considerably increased our reach in these territories.

The Pentathlon World Championships in Mexico City (MEX) raised the bar for live competition broadcast with a total of 24 channels relaying a total of 88 hours' live coverage. In addition to "as-live" hours this amounted to a total of 175 hours, more than double the equivalent 2017 figure.

The TV product was also improved thanks to good cooperation with local organizing committees. Image stability was enhanced, and more camera angles and more opportunities were used to show-

case pentathlon in the best possible light. Full coverage of all the disciplines was provided for the first time on UIPM's own Over The Top (OTT) digital platform, UIPM TV.

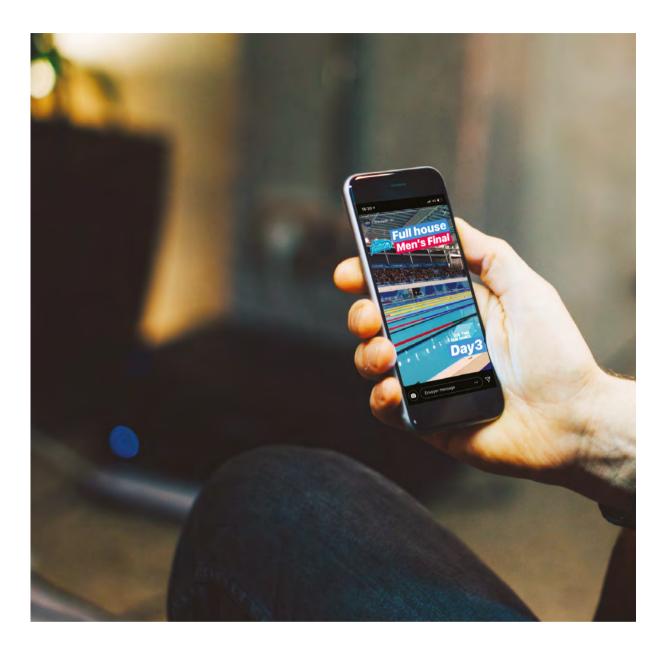
Development and implementation became a bigger task in 2018, demanding a multi-stakeholder project from UIPM's Communications and Competition departments together with providers and organisers. New sets of graphics that are now directly linked to the timing/scoring apparatus were tested during Pentathlon World Cup Kesckémet (HUN) and officially broadcast during Pentathlon World Cup Final Astana (KAZ).

Not only did the graphics feature a new look and feel, they also changed the way information is shown to spectators and enhancements will continue in 2019. UIPM's partnership with Swiss Timing will enable a higher level of consistency during the Olympic Games, taking the standard of graphics to another level.



Journalists and cameras during the Pentathlon World Championships in Mexico City

### Social media



Building on the progress of 2017, a successful digital growth strategy was carried out on UIPM social channels in 2018. Enhancing collateral was an important objective and a tailor-made editorial calendar enabled this to be carried out across all competitions, not just the Pentathlon World Championships which was a clear highlight.

Having gone into the championships in Mexico City (MEX) with a global viral #High5 campaign to celebrate the 1st Pierre de Coubertin Pentathlon Day, the final outcome was an increase of 10,000 followers to the UIPM Facebook page, a post reach of 1m across all platforms and 50,000 post engagements.

UIPM's strategy was to use both its owned and shared digital properties to successfully deliver audience growth, engagement and generate more relatable content of UIPM sport and competitions. Key indicators including 200 million impressions on social media served as a strong signal of the high-level consumption that UIPM's social content delivered.

Video continued to be one of the strongest type of content across all social media networks in 2018 and as such saw the development and implementation of the new UIPM's social video content strategy. This resulted in a growth in overall video views and engagements in 2018 across UIPM's digital

platforms, more than two times the amount in 2017.

The further development of Russian and Chinese platforms also formed a critical part of the strategy and were crucial in that growth. In only one year, followers of UIPM's social media platforms have more than doubled and the amplification of campaigns was underlined by the viral #High5 campaign which saw participation from across the world.

Fans and viewers were able to watch some live competitions on UIPM social platforms, with all Laser Run events in the Pentathlon World Cup series made available live without restrictions. The open distribution of live competitions brought many more and new viewers.

# UIPM App – Generation II

The second and updated version of the UIPM Central app was released and went live to the general public in 2018 on both iOS and Android as free downloads. The newest version saw an uplift from the previous version with exciting new features such as news, photo gallery, world rankings, sports and upcoming competitions.

The user interface was refreshed and enhanced to make the app more appealing and easy to nav-

igate. The news section captured all the major stories covering UIPM sports and the global community. Users were notified when big headlines dropped in.

All photos after each competition were readily available for download via the app, which also presented a new world rankings section to track the form of the top athletes. All in all the new UIPM app witnessed an increase in usage and download.



## **Publications**



### **Press**

To optimise connections with traditional media outlets across print, digital, radio and TV, the UIPM Communications department sent a total of 80 press releases to an expanded media contacts database. The National Federations were involved in the process of updating these contacts, adding about 2000 trusted contacts to the central UIPM distribution lists. Furthermore, in order to reach more potential media outlets, news and pictures were sent through international wires during flagship competitions. The number of online and print articles more than doubled compared

The Pentathlon World Championships Men's Individual Final was the most viewed and talked-about moment of the season with hundreds of articles recorded. The incredible last 200 metres between James Cooke (GBR) and Valentin Prades (FRA) became viral, especially in Britain and France where the video got approximately a million views on national news outlets, with a total reach of 2m.

## Post UIPM World Championships In Numbers

#### TV BROADCAST



136
Countries reached



**350 Million**Potential TV Homes
Reached



**450**Broadcast Hours



**173.5** Live hours



Territories (much stronger presence in Asia and Oceania)

#### SOCIAL MEDIA



250

posts across Facebook, Twitter, Weibo, VK and Instagram



**100** articles culled from

**UIPM** Website



**50**competition updates styled in unique template



20

competition highlight videos



100

photo album/carousel of days highlight



20

Fun gathered competition build up videos

#### SOCIAL MEDIA IMPACT



50 Million

total post reaches 2018



250,000

in post engagements (Likes, Shares, Comments)



200 Million

post impressions

#### **PRESS**



**Traditional** 

media contacts database (selected 4000+ contacts)



PR

News Wire



**Potential** 

reach of 3M per releases in English/400'000 in ITA



+100

of articles published



**±100** 

31

of Press Releases

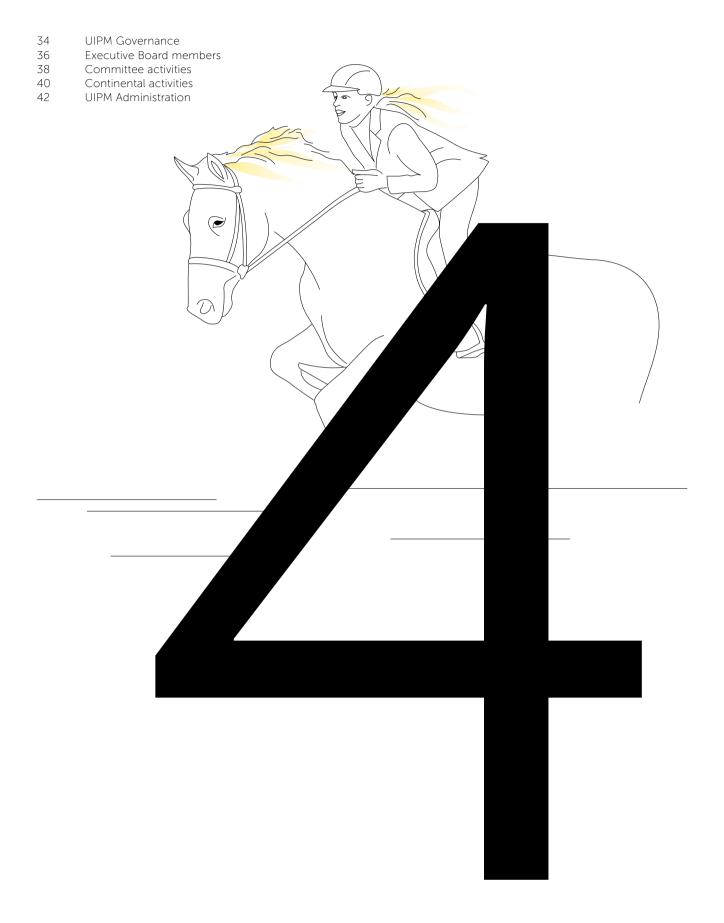


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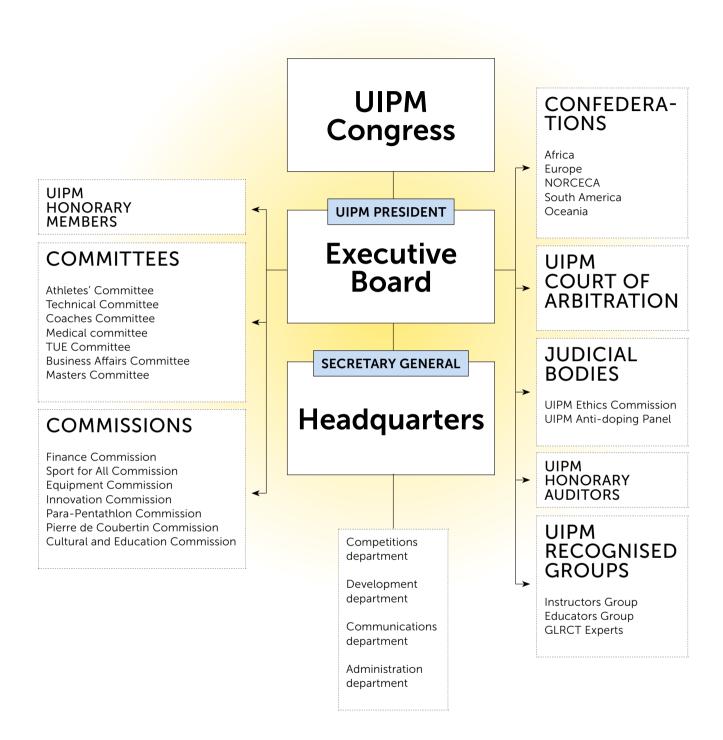
agencies including AFP, Reuters, AP, Telegram, BBC, L'Équipe



# 4. INSIDE UIPM



## **UIPM** Governance





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# Executive Board members

## **PRESIDENT**

<u>Dr. h.c.</u> <u>Klaus Schormann</u> (GER)

President



## FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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IOC Vice President



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Vice President

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Medical Committee
Chair



Aya Medany (EGY) Athletes Committee Chair



Christian Roudaut
(FRA)
Coaches Committee
Chairman

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Confederation (CAPM)



<u>Dmitry Svatkovsky</u> (RUS) President of the European Confederation (ECMP)



Kitty Chiller
(AUS)

President of the Oceania
Confederation



Sangwoo Park
(KOR)

President of the Asian
Confederation (AMPC)

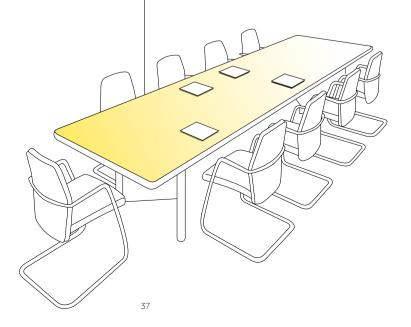


Robert Stull
(USA)

President of the NORCECA
Confederation



Jorge Salas
(ARG)
President of the
South-American
Confederation (CSPM)



# Committee activities

# ATHLETES COMMITTEE

Young athletes enjoying a competition together

In 2018 the Athletes Committee had its first joint meeting with the Executive Board, Technical Committee and Coaches Committee, covering areas of athlete and equine safety that led to clear improvements in the UIPM Pentathlon World Championships and Junior World Championships. Work was undertaken on the development of laser target and pistol technology, the recruitment of new National Federation representatives, an award for elite retired athletes and the first Athlete Rights Charter.

## COACHES COMMITTEE



A Level 3 Coaches Certfication Programme ceremony

The UIPM Coaches Committee worked throughout 2018 in cooperation with the Technical, Athletes and Medical Committees, Continental Confederations and UIPM operations to educate coaches and athletes, prepare coaches clinics and seminars, elaborate proposals on training, sport and other questions related to the interests of UIPM.

The committee met during Pentathlon World Cup Kecskemet (HUN), the European Championships in Székesfehérvár (HUN), the Pentathlon World Championships in Mexico City (MEX) and the Under 19 Tetrathlon World Championships in Caldas da Rainha (POR), focusing on areas such as the riding ability of athletes and development work to increase the number of pentathletes.

Proposals were made to UIPM relating to a riding project that aims to improve the presentation of pentathlon during the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, a designated coaches area during competitions, a new prize system for coaches, actions related to the Coaches Certification Programme (see Page 138) and the wider UIPM Educational Platform, anti-doping (see Page 144) and the UIPM Technical Committee.

## MEDICAL COMMITTEE



Medical Delegates have an important position in the Medical Committee

Working with UIPM headquarters in accordance with the recommendations of the International Olympic Committee and World Anti-Doping Agency, the UIPM Medical Committee focused in 2018 on the creation of adequate anti-doping programmes, further development of BPA (biological passport athlete) programmes, intelligence target testing, correct organisation and implementation of doping control in accordance with UIPM Rules and the education of athletes and coaches.

Committee members supervised eight international competitions including Pentathlon World Cups and World Cup Final and World Championships across Senior, Junior and Under 19 categories. There were 45 cases of athlete referral about diseases and injuries during and after competitions. More than half of cases were in the Junior and Under 19 categories, underlining the need for local organizing committees to strictly observe the competition medical regulations.

While the Medical Committee oversees UIPM's anti-doping activity (see page 144), the Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) Committee works with WADA to create a uniform global practice for granting exemptions for the therapeutic use of prohibited substances and methods. In 2018 the UIPM TUE Committee communicated TUE rules to athletes and other stakeholders according to its communication functions and anti-doping education.

### **MASTERS**

# TECHNICAL COMMITTEE



The Women's Victory Podium during the Masters World Championships in Halle (GER)

It was another year of progress for the global UIPM Masters movement, with increasing numbers of athletes originating from a Biathle/Triathle background and the transition from classic shooting format to Laser Run becoming more accepted as individual athletes continued to invest in laser technology. With an increasing onus on competition, Masters athletes competed in eight different countries in 2017 and new National Federations are urged to consider the merits of hosting Masters competitions while also encouraging former athletes to get back involved in Modern Pentathlon and the other UIPM Sports.



Technical committee members

Under the leadership of Technical Committee Chair, Janusz Peciak, technical delegates were assigned to all major international UIPM competitions and continental championships around the world. Depending on the size of the competition they were assigned alone or in groups of up to four. Based on the committee members' expertise, culture and language they worked in their assigned roles for various age group competitions in Pentathlon, Tetrathlon, Biathle/Triathle and Laser Run.

Fair competitions and results at the highest level were ensured thanks to the technical delegates' on-site work and collaboration with all technical officials. The daily work and contribution of expertise to local organizers was a crucial pillar of successful UIPM events during the year.



The 1st Joint Committee Meeting took place in Frankfurt (GER) in January

Besides many competition assignments, the Technical Committee continuously contributes to improvement of current rules and regulations to secure and strengthen technical aspects of UIPM Sports. Also, the Commissions' study and recommendations form an important pillar of future development work.

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# Continental activities







### Oceania Modern Pentathlon Confederation

It was a year of new horizons and positive transition within the UIPM Sports movement in Oceania. With Olympic champion Chloe Esposito continuing to raise the profile of Modern Pentathlon in Australia, the continent's first Global Laser Run City Tour was held in Sydney (AUS) in October as part of a new partnership with the University of Sydney, which Modern Pentathlon Australia is aiming to establish as a high-performance centre. In New Zealand. a new President was elected and the country held its first pentathlon event in over a decade, attracting more than 30 competitors including four para-athletes.

### NORCECA Confederation

A busy year of competitions in the Americas culminated in the highly successful UIPM 2018 Pentathlon World Championships in Mexico City (MEX), where the local organizing team led by Horacio de la Vega and Juan Manzo (UIPM Vice-President and Mexican NF President) created and implemented the world's first Pentathlon Stadium. Mexico delivered a world-class event, achieving record media impressions and generating nearly \$10 million in economic impact. In addition, a group of coaches were recognized by the UIPM Coaches Certification Programme after a multi-day seminar.

Training camps and competitions were held for NORCECA nations in the Dominican Republic and in Mexico ahead of the Central American and Caribbean Games in Barranquilla (COL). The Pan American Youth Championships and Youth Olympic Games ranking competition took place in San Antonio, Texas.

The second year of the UIPM Global Laser Run City Tour was adopted and enthusiastically promoted by most NORCECA nations. The United States added the Laser Run discipline to its US Nationals and introduced the sport to the summer camping system.

# Asian Modern Pentathlon Confederation

It was a year of integration in Asia, as numerous AMPC member nations gathered together to make a coordinated effort to develop UIPM Sports across the continent, with the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and a number of major Modern Pentathlon competitions coming up in the next two vears. There was a training camp in Korea in June involving teams from Kyrgyzstan and Indonesia. The Under 19 Asia/Oceania Championships and Youth Olympic Games qualifier became the first standalone youth competition in Asia and attracted 10 nations from the continent. Eight nations including new members Indonesia, Mongolia and Thailand took part in the 18th Asian Games in Jakarta (INA) where the AMPC Congress also took place, attended by 12



A pentathlon training session in New Zealand



Young sportsmen from the Dominican Republic



AMPC members showing their #High5 during the annual congress in Jakarta (INA)



# European Confederation of Modern Pentathlon

In 2018 there were six European Championships (Under 17, U19, Junior, Senior, U24 and Biathle/Triathle) as well as four European Youth Cups, with higher numbers of youth participants than ever before taking part in the competitions in Poland, Germany, Hungary and Spain. The Biathle/Triathle European Championships in Weiden (GER) was a notable highlight with 17 nations in attendance.

The climax of the season was the Senior European Championships in Szekesfehervar (HUN) in July, which was combined with Laser Run competitions which brought together local teenagers as well as others from Budapest and outside regions.

To reward the countries that have made a success of the European Youth Cups and encourage new and inactive existing nations to be more active, planning has begun for a European Cup Final, which would provide a logical "triumph" for the young athletes taking part. This was the result of discussions with UIPM Executive Board Members Viacheslav Malishev (Development) and Janusz Peciak (Sport).



# Confederation of South American Modern Pentathlon

Newly incorporated into UIPM, the National Federations of Bolivia and Colombia made an immediate impact with the perfect organization of the ODESUR South American Sports Games in Cochabamba (BOL) and the Central American and Caribbean Games in Cali (COL). Later in the year, Argentina held the Youth Olympic Games 2018 in Buenos Aires with a massive attendance of spectators and huge engagement with the general population. Multiple events took place in public venues, with open access and free local transport.

The Pan-American Youth and Junior Championship took place in Magdalena (ARG), and the Pan-American Championship (a test event for Pan-American Games 2019) took place in Lima (PER) overseen by the new Modern Pentathlon Federation of Peru (FDPPM).

The CSPM President, momentarily in charge of the Pan-American Modern Pentathlon Confederation, took part in multiple continental congresses and presented motions for the incorporation of Modern Pentathlon in Beach, Youth and Juniors Games in the South American and Pan-American sector. Men's, Women's and Mixed Relays were incorporated into the South American, CAC and Pan-American Games while multiple events in Laser Run, Biathle and Triathle were developed as well as seminars for judges and coaches.



# African Modern Pentathlon Confederation

The geography and economic realities of Africa are such that it can be challenging to gather the continental pentathlon community together. That is why it was decided at CAPM Congress in December 2017 to create regional zones to encourage integration and cooperation. This was one of many features of the strategic plan for expansion and development created at the Congress in Lagos (NIG) which began to bear fruit in 2018.

The African Championships will now be held every two years, with the next instalment in 2019, but Ghana agreed to host the continent's first zonal championships in 2018 with seven neighbouring countries – Ghana, Benin, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Niger, Mali and Togo – taking part in a Triathle format and with CAPM sponsoring their participation.

Uganda became a member of CAPM in 2018 and for the first time, Senegal, which will host the 2022 Youth Olympic Games, staged a coaching seminar thanks to funding from the IOC Olympic Solidarity scheme. A similar event is to be arranged in Madagascar, with delegates coming from Mauritius, and CAPM is creating a toolkit to help other members seek Olympic Solidarity funding through their National Olympic Committees.

The Global Laser Run City Tour was a massive success for many of CAPM's 17 active members this year, raising aware-ness of UIPM Sports, while two nations (Egypt and South Africa) qualified two athletes for the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires, another first for Africa.



Svatovsky, Schormann during ECMP Congress at SECH



A meeting ahead of the Youth Olympic Games



Joy for Laser Run beginners in Koupela (BUR)

# **UIPM Administration**

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Tamer (EGY)



Radka (CZE)



<u>Alexand</u>re (BRA)

# Headquarters Monaco



(CHN)



Shiny Fang

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Alexandre (BRA)



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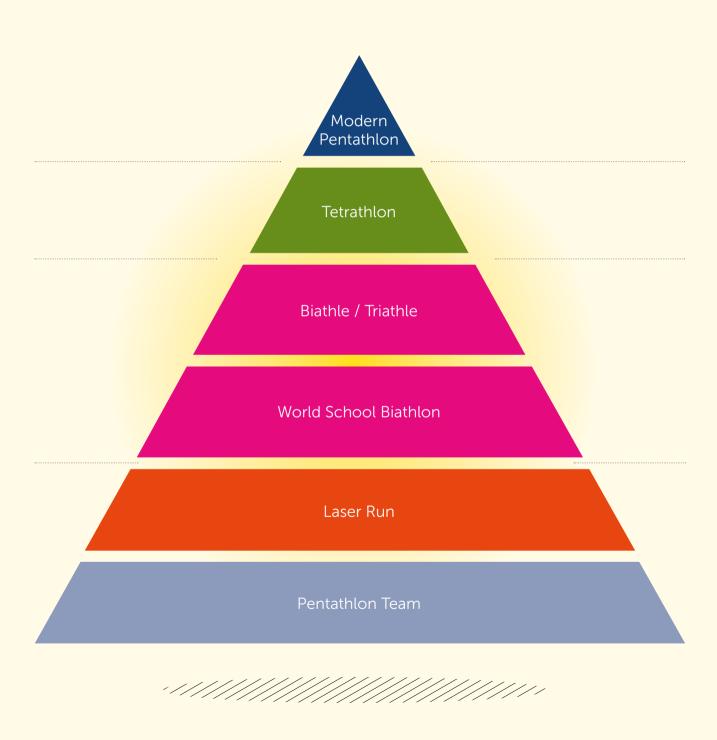
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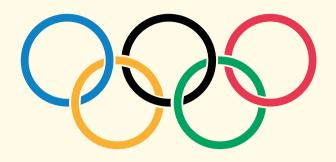
46	UIPM Sports Pyramid	96	Pentathlon Junior World Championships
48	Pentathlon World Cup Cairo	104	FISU University World Championships
56	Pentathlon World Cup Los Angeles	110	Under 19 Tetrathlon World Championships
62	Pentathlon World Cup Kesckémet	118	Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games
70	Pentathlon World Cup Sofia	122	Masters World Championships
76	Pentathlon World Cup Final Astana	126	Laser Run World Championships
84	Pentathlon World Championships	132	Global Laser Run City Tour
92	CISM Pentathlon Military World Championships		



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# **UIPM Sports Pyramid**





Olympic Sport	Pentathlon
YOG/ University Sport	Tetrathlon  3 3 1 5
Beach Sports	Biathle Triathle
School Sport	World School Biathlon
Urban Sport	Laser-Run
4 team members: 1 per discipline, 1 for Laser Run	Pentathlon Team  1 2 1 2 1 2 1 3



### **RESULTS**





Egypt (EGY)

# **WOMEN'S FINAL**

Rank	Name	Nation		MP Pts
1	CLOUVEL Elodie	FRA		1339
2	ALEKSZEJEV Tamara	HUN		1327
3	OZYUKSEL Ilke	TUR	C+	1325
4	VENCKAUSKAITE Gintare	LTU		1322
5	KHOKHLOVA Iryna	ARG	0	1316
6	KHURASKINA Ekaterina	RUS		1312
7	ESPOSITO Chloé	AUS	NE .	1310
8	PROKOPENKO Anastasiya	BLR		1306
9	GUBAYDULLINA Gulnaz	RUS		1298
10	TOCCHI Gloria	ITA		1296

# MEN'S FINALS

Rank	Name	Nation		MP Pts
1	PATTE Christopher	FRA		1446
2	BELAUD Valentin	FRA		1437
3	ILYASHENKO Pavel	KAZ		1428
4	BELYAKOV Kirill	RUS		1421
5	RADZIUK Yaraslau	BLR		1418
6	TYMOSHCHENKO Pavlo	UKR		1411
7	RASHAD Sherif	EGY	•	1409
8	MOURCIA Jean Baptiste	FRA		1404
9	STASKIEWICZ Szymon	POL		1400
10	CASSE Simon	FRA		1394

# MIXED RELAY

Rank	Name	Nation		MP Pts
1	TOCCHI Gloria MICOZZI Gianluca	ITA	ш	1425
2	CLOUVEL Elodie BELAUD Valentin	FRA	ш	1407
3	POTAPENKO Elena SUKHAREV Vladislav	KAZ		1404
4	YAMANAKA Shino YAMAMOTO Koji	JPN	•	1358
5	BATASHOVA Uliana SAVKIN Alexander	RUS		1350
6	KHOKHLOVA Iryna ZAPATA Emanuel	ARG	•	1323
7	KHALDOBA Tatsiana RADZIUK Yaraslau	BLR		1308
8	FOLLETT Charlie PILLAGE Myles	GBR		1298

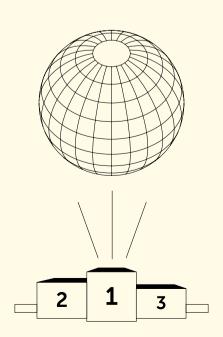
< Elodie Clouvel (FRA) shows her determination



"I am very happy, and this feels like my comeback, because last year was not very good in training.

This year I started training very hard with my team, and I am so happy."

- Elodie Clouvel (FRA)



### Women's Individual: Clouvel (FRA) puts training into practice

Elodie Clouvel (FRA) opened the 2018 season in style with a commanding victory in the Women's Individual Final.

The Rio 2016 Olympic silver medallist performed consistently in all disciplines and took control of the Laser Run after starting 1sec behind the leader, Iryna Khokhlova (ARG).

Tamara Alekszejev (HUN) also overtook Khokhlova (ARG) to claim silver while llke Ozyuksel (TUR) tore through the pack from 14<sup>th</sup> place to claim bronze.

There were encouraging signs of form for the Rio 2016 Olympic champion Chloe Esposito (AUS), 2017 world champion Gulnaz Gubaydullina (RUS) and Anastasiya Prokopenko (BLR).





Action from the Fencing Bonus Round



### France dominate season-opener in Egypt

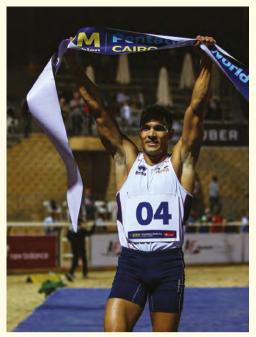
France finished the opening Pentathlon World Cup of the 2018 season with an exceptional two gold and two Tocchi and Gianluca Micozzi claimed silver medals, including both individual titles. Athletes from Italy, Hungary, Turkey and Kazakhstan also got their seasons off to a strong start in the capital city of Egypt with podium success.

### Mixed Relay: Italy deny France clean sweep

Italy prevented France from winning a clean sweep in Cairo as Gloria gold in the Mixed Relay.

France (Elodie Clouvel / Valentin Belaud) were aiming to win their third gold in consecutive days but they conceded 44 penalties in Riding and this enabled Italy (Tocchi/Micozzi) to start the Laser-Run with a lead that they protected with great determination.

France (Clouvel/Belaud) could not catch their European rivals but they did manage to overtake Kazakhstan (Elena Potapenko / Vladislav Sukharev) to claim silver.



Christopher Patte (FRA) celebrates his success

"It's my first time to finish first in the world. That was my best competition today so I'm very happy.

It's my first competition coming back after one year. Training began in September and I am very ready."

- Christopher Patte (FRA)

# Men's Individual: Patte (FRA) continues French procession

A stunning start to the season by France continued as their athletes won gold and silver in an action-packed Men's Individual Final.

Christopher Patte stormed to gold and was closely followed by compatriot Valentin Belaud, who advanced rapidly in the Laser-Run to move up to the silver medal position, with Pavel Ilyashenko (KAZ) taking bronze.

The one-two of Patte and Belaud (FRA) marked a hugely satisfying return for Patte after a long spell on the sidelines.



Elodie Clouvel (FRA) on the Laser Run range



Gloria Tocchi and Gianluca Micozzi (ITA) celebrate



Uliana Batashova hands over to Alexander Savkin (RUS)







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### **RESULTS**







## **WOMEN'S FINAL**

Rank	Name	Nation		MP Pts
1	GUBAYDULLINA Gulnaz	RUS		1359
2	SOTERO Alice	ITA		1352
3	ALEKSZEJEV Tamara	HUN		1341
4	BELHAMRI Julie	FRA		1334
5	MURRAY Samantha	GBR		1331
6	CLOUVEL Elodie	FRA		1329
7	BIAN Yufei	CHN	*[:	1313
8	FREZZA Alessandra	ITA		1309
9	MICHELI Elena	ITA		1303
10	OTEIZA Marie	FRA		1303

# MEN'S FINALS

Rank	Name	Nation		MP Pts
1	LEE Jihun	KOR	(0)	1468
2	DEMETER Bence	HUN		1446
3	SZÉP Balázs	HUN		1445
4	TYMOSHCHENKO Pavlo	UKR		1440
5	JUN Woongtae	KOR		1434
6	IWAMOTO Shohei	JPN	•	1433
7	COOKE James	GBR		1431
8	SWIDERSKI Jaroslaw	POL		1430
9	ELGEZIRY Amro	USA		1426
10	HENRARD Alexandre	FRA		1423

## MIXED RELAY

Rank	Name	Nation		MP Pts
1	FREZZA Alessandra DE LUCA Riccardo	ITA	ш	1433
2	ISAKSEN Isabella ELGEZIRY Amro	USA		1417
3	ARCEO Mariana PADILLA Manuel	MEX	<b>a</b>	1393
4	BIAN Yufei ZHANG Linbin	CHN	*)	1361
5	CABRERA Sofia IMERI Jorge	GUA	o	1359
6	DAVISON Zoe CURRY Samuel	GBR		1342
7	DOMINIAK Natalia GUTKOWSKI Lukasz	POL		1286
8	FITZSIMMONS Kelly RUDOLPH Christopher	CAN	+	1218

< Action from the Fencing Bonus Round in Los Angeles (USA)



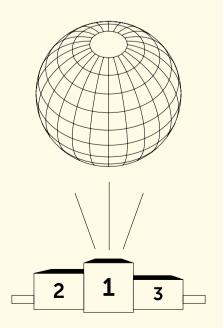
### Competition heats up in USA

The 2018 season began to intensify during the second instalment of the Pentathlon World Cup series as Russia and Korea joined Italy and France in the gold zone. Janusz Peciak, UIPM Executive Board Member for Sport, said: "I am happy to see so many new faces taking part and winning medals. The new faces challenge the established stars of our sport."

"I am happy to see so many new faces taking part and winning medals.

The new faces challenge the established stars of our sport"

– Janusz Peciak, UIPM Executive Board Member for Sport





Alexandre Henrard (FRA) clears a barrier



Gulnaz Gubaydullina (RUS) celebrates her victory



Gulnaz Gubaydullina (RUS) takes aim

Gubaydullina (RUS) said at the finish line:

"It was a very hard day.

Swimming pool: hard. Horse: hard. Fencing: hard. Everything was hard!

I like Los Angeles, I like America, every time I come here the people are very friendly."

### Mixed Relay: De Luca leads Italy to another title

Italy proved their status as the team to beat in the Mixed Relay after securing back-to-back victories with another gold medal in Los Angeles.

Alessandra Frezza and Riccardo de Luca repeated the success enjoyed by Gloria Tocchi and Gianluca Micozzi at Pentathlon World Cup Cairo as Italy held off a strong challenge from USA and Mexico to secure victory on a hot day at the Fairplex venue.

It was also a satisfying day for Isabella Isaksen and Amro Elgeziry as the husband-and-wife team were competing in unison for USA for the first time and made it on to the podium with an impressive silver medal. Mariana Arceo and Manuel Padilla fought hard to take the bronze medal home to Mexico.

# Women's Individual: Glory for Gubaydullina (RUS)

Gulnaz Gubaydullina of Russia confirmed her status as world No.1 with a well-controlled victory in a strong field in Los Angeles.

The 2017 world champion performed consistently throughout the day and moved from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> with great conviction in the Laser Run to win gold by a margin of 7sec.

Alice Sotero (ITA) performed strongly to claim silver while Tamara Aleksze-jev (HUN) ensured a podium finish with bronze after losing the lead in the deciding discipline.

### Men's Individual: Lee (KOR) keeps Hungarians at bay

Lee Jihun of Korea scorched his way to a scintillating gold medal as he dominated the field to win the Men's Individual Final at the UIPM 2018 Pentathlon World Cup Los Angeles.

Although Lee (KOR) was a comfortable winner, there was a hugely dramatic finale as Pavlo Tymoshchenko (UKR) came from a starting position of 11<sup>th</sup> to fight for a medal, only to be denied in a sensational sprint finish.

In the end, the silver medal was won by Bence Demeter (HUN) with team-mate Balazs Szep (HUN) narrowly claiming bronze.

Lee (KOR) said: "Today everything was good: Laser-Run, Riding, Fencing and Swimming. For the Korea team it was a great day, with Jun Woongtae also finishing in  $5^{\text{th}}$ ."



Lee Jihun (KOR) enjoys his success at the finish line







Action from the swimming pool in Los Angeles (USA)



The #WhiteCard is raised during the Men's Individual medal ceremony



Gulnaz Gubaydullina (RUS) from underwater



### **RESULTS**





Hungary (HUN)

## **WOMEN'S FINAL**

Rank	Name	Nation		MP Pts
1	ESPOSITO Chloe	AUS	31 <del>6</del>	1339
2	PROKOPENKO Anastasiya	BLR		1335
3	KIM Sunwoo	KOR		1335
4	GUBAYDULLINA Gulnaz	RUS		1307
5	KOVACS Sarolta	HUN		1302
6	SCHLEU Annika	GER		1298
7	ALEKSZEJEV Tamara	HUN		1297
8	ASADAUSKAITE Laura	LTU		1293
9	KHURASKINA Ekaterina	RUS		1291
10	SERAPINAITE leva	LTU		1286

# MEN'S FINALS

Rank	Name	Nation		MP Pts
1	JUN Woongtae	KOR	(0)	1437
2	PALAZKOV Ilya	BLR		1426
3	DEMETER Bence	HUN		1423
4	MOURCIA Jean-Baptiste	FRA		1423
5	CHOONG Joseph	GBR		1412
6	LEE Jihun	KOR	<b>(•</b> )	1411
7	TYMOSHCHENKO Pavlo	UKR		1406
8	LANIGAN-O'KEEFFE Arthur	IRL		1405
9	PATTE Christopher	FRA		1404
10	NOBIS Alexander	GER		1399

# MIXED RELAY

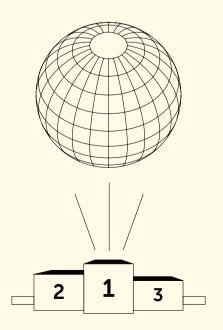
Rank	Name	Nation		MP Pts
1	KOVACS Sarolta DEMETER Bence	HUN	=	1410
2	COLEMAN LENEHAN Kate HEALY Michael	IRL	ш	1395
3	ZHONG Xiuting ZHANG Linbin	CHN	*)	1384
4	KHALDOBA Tatsiana TSIKHANAU Pavel	BLR		1375
5	STEINBORN Ronja LIEBIG Fabian	GER	-	1372
6	MORSY Haydy HAMAD Eslam	EGY	•	1367
7	YANG Soo jin JUN Woongtae	KOR	<b>(•</b> )	1361
8	FOLLETT Charlie SUTTON Bradley	GBR		1355

< Anastasiya Prokopenko (BLR) sets off from the range



### True champions catch fire in Hungary

Each of the three finals in the third Pentathlon World Cup of the season provided glimpses of pentathlon at its best, as an Olympic champion returned to the top of the podium, one of the leading pretenders for Tokyo 2020 demonstrated his class and two celebrated local heroes brought glory to the host nation.



Handover time for China in the Mixed Relay



### Men's Individual: Jun (KOR) leads from the front

Jun Woongtae (KOR) confirmed his status as one of the Modern Pentathlon's most consistent winners as he claimed his third Pentathlon World Cup gold medal with a dominant performance.

The 22-year-old built on his World Cup victories in Rio de Janeiro (BRA) in 2016 and Drzonkow (POL) in 2017 with another spectacular success in Hungary.

Behind him, another 22-year-old enjoyed the best result of his career as Ilya Palazkov (BLR) made his way through the Laser-Run field from a starting position of 6<sup>th</sup>.

The real drama was reserved for the battle for bronze, which was won by Bence Demeter (HUN) to the delight of the home crowd. Jean Baptiste Mourcia (FRA) had a superb Laser Run and finished within a split-second of the podium.



Jean-Baptiste Mourcia (FRA) and Bence Demeter (HUN) push hard

"The real drama was reserved for the battle for bronze, which was won by Bence Demeter (HUN) to the delight of the home crowd."



Chloe Esposito (AUS) seals her comeback win



A helping hand for Hungary during the Mixed Relay





High five on horseback during the Riding

### Mixed Relay:

Kovacs & Demeter (HUN) defend title

The third Pentathlon World Cup of the season came to a fairytale conclusion for the host nation as Sarolta Kovacs and Bence Demeter won another Mixed Relay gold for Hungary.

Kovacs, the 2016 individual world champion, teamed up with Demeter to dominate the final day of action and repeat their 2017 success.

Ireland demonstrated their Mixed Relay prowess again as Kate Coleman Lenehan and Michael Healy secured silver – their first senior medals at a UIPM competition.

They were joined on the podium by Zhong Xiuting and Zhang Linbin of China, who held off tough competition from Belarus, Germany and Egypt.



Another obstacle is cleared during the Riding discipline

Women's Individual: Esposito (AUS) wins first World Cupqold

Olympic champion Chloe Esposito (AUS) secured another career first as she claimed her first Pentathlon World Cup gold medal after a dramatic Laser Run comeback in Kecskemet.

The 26-year-old showed her class to change the course of the Women's Individual Final. Kim Sunwoo (KOR) had built up a strong lead thanks a

superb Fencing score of 26V/9D but she was overtaken by two of the world's leading Laser Run specialists on the last lap.

Anastasiya Prokopenko (BLR) moved in front but then had to settle for silver after being passed by Esposito (AUS), with Kim (KOR) taking bronze.

Esposito (AUS) said: "I'm so happy just to be back and competing. Today proved to me that I am doing the right things and I am so happy about that."







Bulgaria (BUL)

## WOMEN'S FINAL

Rank	Name	Nation		MP Pts
1	FRENCH Kate	GBR		1379
2	COYLE Natalya	IRL		1366
3	BATASHOVA Uliana	RUS		1362
4	ESPOSITO Chloé	AUS	215	1353
5	VEGA Tamara	MEX	4	1341
6	OZYUKSEL Ilke	TUR	C+	1336
7	BETTINELLI Alexandra	GER		1326
8	TOMONAGA Natsumi	JPN		1326
9	YAMANAKA Shino	JPN		1323
10	IBATULLINA Adelina	RUS		1316

## MEN'S FINALS

Name	Nation		MP Pts
LANIGAN-O'KEEFFE Arthur	IRL		1468
JUN Woongtae	KOR		1454
DEJARDIN Pierre	FRA		1449
LIFANOV Alexander	RUS		1445
DOGUE Marvin Faly	GER		1442
DOGUE Patrick	GER		1437
REGOS Gergely	HUN		1435
PALAZKOV Ilya	BLR		1431
LOUBET Brice	FRA		1431
DE LUCA Riccardo	ITA		1424
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## MIXED RELAY

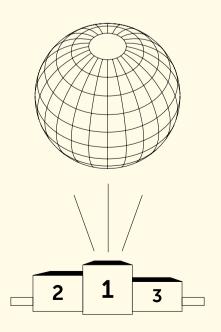
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3	PRASIANTSOVA Iryna RADZIUK Yaraslau	BLR		1436
4	KIM Sunwoo SEO Changwan	KOR	<b>(•)</b>	1427
5	UCHIDA Misaki MIGUCHI Tomoya	JPN	•	1415
6	BELHAMRI Julie LOUBET Brice	FRA		1392
7	FRALTSOVA Kseniia GLAVATSKIKH Danila	RUS	-	1391
8	ZHONG Xiuting LI Shuhuan	CHN	*)	1389

< Arthur Lanigan-O'Keeffe (IRL) savours the winning feeling



#### New venue serves up a romantic twist in Bulgaria

A new stop was created on the Pentathlon World Cup circuit as the capital of Bulgaria, Sofia, followed up on a successful 2016 EMPC European Championships with an excellent World Cup that featured success for Great Britain, the Czech Republic and Ireland – with a boyfriend and girlfriend both enjoying podium time.



Women's Individual: French (GBR) "over the moon" with win

Kate French (GBR) secured her second Pentathlon World Cup gold with a superb performance in the Bulgarian capital.

French (GBR) started the Laser-Run 10sec behind Natalya Coyle (IRL) but showed stamina and nerves of steel to overtake her rival and make sure she was never going to be caught.

Coyle (IRL) held on to secure silver, her first individual World Cup medal, and another first-time medallist followed her across the line as Uliana Batashova (RUS) beat Olympic champion Chloe Esposito (AUS) to bronze.

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Men's Individual: Lanigan-O'Keeffe (IRL) breaks new ground

Arthur Lanigan-O'Keeffe (IRL) went one better than his girlfriend Natalya Coyle as he became an individual gold medallist at a UIPM competition for the first time in Sofia.

With a 14sec winning margin, 2015 European champion Lanigan-O'Keeffe refused to give silver medallist and world No.1 Jun Woongate any chance to ruin his day, while Pierre Dejardin (FRA) won bronze.

Lanigan-O'Keeffe (IRL) said: "I was feeling pretty beaten up after the semi-final and I was worried my legs wouldn't hold up, but I'm delighted. My girlfriend medalled yesterday, French (GBR) said: "I'm very, very hap- and this is the first time we have won individual medals at the World Cup so it's a great result all round."

Mixed Relay: Czech duo in convincing win

Eliska Pribylova and Jan Kuf showed a consistent level of professionalism and skill to win gold for the Czech Republic in the Mixed Relay on the final day in Sofia.

The Czechs had a slender lead at the beginning of the Laser-Run but Pribylova (CZE) kept her running and shooting performance high to give Kuf (CZE) a straightforward task and eventually he crossed the line with 12sec to spare.

Behind him, Ahmed Elgendy ran with great tenacity to narrowly secure silver for Egypt alongside Salma Abdelmaksoud.

Elgendy (EGY), the star of the UIPM Under 19 Tetrathlon World Championships, overtook Yaraslau Radziuk of Belarus, forcing him to settle for bronze alongside Iryna Prasiantsova.



Action from the pool in Sofia (BUL)



Action from the Riding arena



Kate French (GBR) celebrates her triumph

"I'm very, very happy.

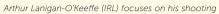
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Handover time for Iryna Prasiantsova and Yaraslau Radziuk (BLR)









Mixed Relay joy for Jan Kuf and Eliska Pribylova (CZE)

A double hit during the Women's Fencing Bonus Round









Kazakhstan (KAZ)

### **WOMEN'S FINAL**

Rank	Name	Nation		MP Pts
1	ESPOSITO Chloé	AUS	辨	1337
2	KOVACS Sarolta	HUN		1324
3	VENCKAUSKAITE Gintare	LTU		1317
4	COYLE Natalya	IRL		1311
5	BATASHOVA Uliana	RUS		1305
6	YAMANAKA Shino	JPN	•	1298
7	PROKOPENKO Anastasiya	BLR		1295
8	GUBAYDULLINA Gulnaz	RUS		1286
9	SILKINA Volha	BLR		1280
10	SERAPINAITE Ieva	LTU		1278

## MEN'S FINALS

Rank	Name	Nation		MP Pts
1	JUNG Jinhwa	KOR	(0)	1431
2	JUN Woongtae	KOR	(0)	1426
3	LANIGAN-O'KEEFFE Arthur	IRL		1425
4	PALAZKOV Ilya	BLR		1423
5	LIFANOV Alexander	RUS		1419
6	BELYAKOV Kirill	RUS		1416
7	PARISI Giuseppe	ITA		1407
8	PATTE Christopher	FRA		1405
9	REGOS Gergely	HUN		1402
10	DOGUE Patrick	GER		1402

## MIXED RELAY

Rank	Name	Nation		MP Pts
1	SOTERO Alice DE LUCA Riccardo	ITA	ш	1386
2	KIM Sunwoo LEE Jihun	KOR	<b>(e)</b>	1382
3	PERMYKINA Valeriya TYMOSHCHENKO Pavlo	UKR		1378
4	SILKINA Volha PALAZKOV Ilya	BLR		1378
5	BELHAMRI Julie PATTE Christopher	FRA		1366
6	SCHLEU Annika DOGUE Marvin Faly	GER		1347
7	AKHIDULLAYEVA Ardak ILYASHENKO Pavel	KAZ		1341
8	ABDELMAKSOUD Salma ELGENDY Ahmed	EGY	=	1336

< Action from the Laser Run shooting range

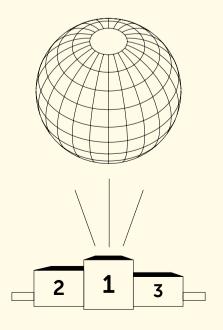


#### <u>Golden moments for three continents</u> <u>in Kazakhstan</u>

With 24 international TV networks relaying the action across all continents, the first Pentathlon World Cup Final in Astana was a roaring success as 72 athletes vied for the title of World Cup Final winner – and three different continents supplied the gold medallists.

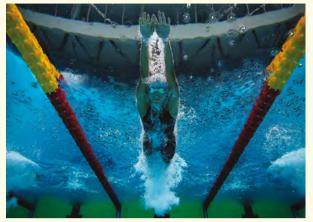
The competition served up another thrilling moment in the career of Australia's Olympic champion, more proof of the depth of talent in Korea and another example of Italian athletes using their collective ability to bring glory to their country.

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Swimming action from the Mixed Relay



An underwater shot during the Women's Final in Astana (KAZ)



Sarolta Kovacs (HUN) keeps her eye on the prize



Chloe Esposito (AUS) smiles after securing victory



Jung Jinhwa (KOR) lets his emotions out on the finish line



Mixed Relay Italy master mixed format again



A high five for Lee Jihun and Kim Sunwoo (KOR)

#### Men's Individual: Jung leads Korean one-two

Having conquered the world, Jung Jinhwa (KOR) added the World Cup to his collection after winning gold in Astana.

The good news continued for Korea when Jun Woongtae followed his team-mate across the line to win silver after a stunning Laser Run.

Joining them on the podium was Arthur Lanigan-O'Keeffe, who went one better than partner Natalya Coyle 24 hours earlier as he won a historic first Pentathlon World Cup Final medal for Ireland.

Jung (KOR) said: "The World Cup season has been difficult, but I had a few days' break before the World Cup Final and that was a very good choice. Today was very, very difficult but it was a fantastic race."

#### Mixed Relay: Flawless Irish duo retain title

After winning two of the four gold medals on offer during the regular season, it was no surprise to see Italy emerge on top in the Mixed Relay on the final day of the UIPM 2018 Pentathlon World Cup Final.

The country's highest-ranked pentathletes, Alice Sotero and Riccardo de Luca, joined forces to make sure the strong "Azzurri" performances around the world earlier in the year would not be overshadowed.

There was more success for Korea on the final day of the championships as Kim Sunwoo and Lee Jihun teamed up to win silver, while Ukraine (Valeriya Permykina & Pavlo Tymoshchenko) beat Belarus (Volha Silkina & Ilya Palazkov) to bronze after a sprint finish.

Italy's success built on the foundations of Pentathlon World Cup victories for De Luca & Alessandra Frezza (Los Angeles) and Gloria Tocchi & Gianluca Micozzi (Cairo).

De Luca (ITA) said: "We feel really good; both of us did our job without stress or fear."



The Riding discipline in sharp focus in Astana (KAZ)

Natalya Coyle (IRL) clears a jump



# Women's Individual: Esposito (AUS) grabs glory

Rio 2016 Olympic champion Chloe Esposito (AUS) won gold at the UIPM Pentathlon World Cup Final for the first time after a typically determined fightback.

Sarolta Kovacs (HUN) had started the Laser Run with a lead of 13 seconds but Esposito (AUS) gradually reduced the deficit and then overtook her

rival on the final visit to the shooting range.

Kovacs, the 2016 world champion, summoned the strength to hang on for silver and there was a shock bronze medal for Gintare Venckauskaite (LTU), who surged through the field to overtake 4th-placed Natalya Coyle (IRL).

Behind them, Uliana Batashova (RUS) claimed 5th place and Shino Yamana-

ka (JAP) finished 6th in a major boost to the pentathlon team from the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games host nation.

The results demonstrated the importance of momentum throughout the Pentathlon World Cup – Esposito (AUS), Coyle (IRL) and Batashova (RUS) all won individual medals during the season while Kovacs (HUN) had won a Mixed Relay gold.



A ticker-tape blast during the Mixed Relay medal ceremony









Mexico (MEX)

### **WOMEN'S FINAL**

Rank	Name	Nation	MP Pts
1	PROKOPENKO Anastasiya	BLR	1346
2	SCHLEU Annika	GER	1332
3	OTEIZA Marie	FRA	1329
4	FOLDHAZI Zsofia	HUN	1320
5	BATASHOVA Uliana	RUS	1318
6	KOVACS Sarolta	HUN	1312

## MEN'S FINALS

Rank	Name	Nation		MP Pts
1	COOKE James	GBR		1435
2	PRADES Valentin	FRA		1435
3	TYMOSHCHENKO Pavlo	UKR		1429
4	KUF Jan	CZE		1425
5	HAMED Ahmed	EGY	-	1424
6	BELAUD Valentin	FRA		1420

## **WOMEN'S RELAY**

Rank	Name	Nation		MP Pts
1	PROKOPENKO Anastasiya PRASIANTSOVA Iryna	BLR		1381
2	SCHLEU Annika STEINBORN Ronja	GER		1364
3	CABRERA Sofia HERNANDEZ Sophia	GUA	ø	1353

## MEN'S RELAY

Rank	Name	Nation		MP Pts
1	BELAUD Valentin HENRARD Alexandre	FRA	ш	1518
2	KUF Jan VLACH Martin	CZE		1513
3	MIHALEV Todor PESHLEEVSKI Yavor	BUL		1482

## MIXED RELAY

Rank	Name	Nation		MP Pts
1	LANGREHR Rebecca LIEBIG Fabian	GER	-	1452
2	GULYAS Michelle BRUCKMANN Gergo	HUN	=	1427
3	RIFF Emma HENRARD Alexandre	FRA		1416

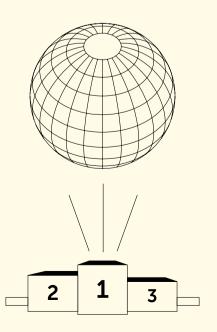
< A happy #High5 on the piste



# Perfect cocktail of innovation, history and thrills in Mexico City

The 2018 UIPM Pentathlon World Championships was much more than a competition. There was the unveiling of the new Pentathlon Stadium – a world first – and the celebration of the 1st Pierre de Coubertin Pentathlon Day. But on the field of play, the action was also immense and historic, as a veteran mother of two claimed her long-awaited first world title and the final day saw one of the most dramatic finishes ever witnessed in Modern Pentathlon.

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Annika Schleu (GER) takes aim



Pavlo Tymoshchenko (UKR)...

#### <u>Women's Individual:</u> Prokopenko (BLR) claims her crown at last

Thirteen years after winning her first international gold, Anastasiya Prokopenko (BLR) enjoyed the crowning glory of her career as she became world champion for the first time.

At the start of the Laser Run, there were 11 athletes ahead of her and Prokopenko (BLR) started 60sec behind leader Marie Oteiza (FRA). But it was no surprise to see the 32-year-old slicing through the pack with her dynamic running and shooting.

On lap three, it looked like Annika Schleu (GER) was the one destined to win pentathlon's most coveted annual prize. She overtook European champion Oteiza (FRA) and 2016 world champion Sarolta Kovacs of Hungary with such effortless grace that it looked like her world title to lose.

But Schleu (GER) froze at the final shoot and Prokopenko (BLR) did what she does best and raced into the lead after a 9sec shoot. Schleu (GER) kept her head to win silver and Oteiza (FRA) confirmed her potential by confidently hanging on to bronze.

Prokopenko (BLR) said:

"My shooting was fantastic and my running was very, very fast ... and I believed it. I believed it!"



All smiles for Iryna Prasiantsova and Anastasiya Prokopenko (BLR)



Marie Oteiza (FRA) sets off first



...and Jamie Cooke (GBR) take aim

#### Men's Relay: Friends reunited for France

Five years after they became junior world champions, Valentin Belaud and Alexandre Henrard teamed up again to claim gold for France.

Belaud (FRA) became individual world champion in 2016 and Henrard (FRA) has won multiple world titles in the development sports of Biathle, Triathle and Laser Run.

On day two of the 2018 World Championships they combined to great effect to continue a golden season for France. But they were almost denied gold by Jan Kuf and Martin Vlach of Czech Republic.

Vlach (CZE) led at the start of the final lap of the Laser Run but was reined in by the strong-running Belaud (FRA), who eventually prevailed by a 5sec margin.

Bulgaria (Todor Mihalev/Yavor Peshleevski) were surprise bronze medallists, having started the Laser Run in 7<sup>th</sup> place. Mixed Relay: Different duo, same result for Germany

There may have been higher-ranked athletes in the Germany team in Mexico City, but Rebecca Langrehr and Fabian Liebig blew away the competition provided by 15 rival nations to win the Mixed Relay

On the 1<sup>st</sup> Pierre de Coubertin Pentathlon Day, Germany built a big lead in Fencing and defending it with conviction to continue a new tradition. Germany had won gold in the same event in 2017 with Ronja Steinborn and Alexander Nobis.

Michelle Gulyas and Gergo Bruckmann of Hungary performed strongly to win a solid silver, without ever looking like catching the leaders.

Alexandre Henrard doubled his medal tally for the championships after teaming up with Emma Riff to win bronze for France, holding off a stiff challenge from Kazakhstan (Elena Potapenko/Pavel Ilyashenko).

#### Women's Relay: Belarus draw first blood

Belarus became the first team to cross the line in a Pentathlon Stadium as Iryna Prasiantsova and Anastasiya Prokopenko claimed gold on the opening day of the UIPM 2018 Pentathlon World Championships.

It was a landmark day for the sport, with an all-in-one venue enabling athletes to perform their five disciplines in one venue for the first time.

Belarus (Prasiantsova / Prokopenko) performed consistently all day and when they lined up for the Laser Run only 8sec behind leaders Yang Soojin and Choi Juhye of Korea, it was clear they would make a strong push for gold.

In the end they won by an impressive margin of 17sec ahead of silver medallists Germany (Ronja Steinborn / Annika Schleu) with Guatemala (Sofia Cabrera / Sophia Hernandez) picking up bronze.

The new stadium concept won praise from Prokopenko (BLR), who said: "It's an amazing place for us because you can do everything in one place, and you can rest between events."



Handover time during the Mixed Relay

"It's an amazing place for us because you can do everything in one place, and you can rest between events."

– Anastasiya Prokopenko (BLR)



Jamie Cooke (GBR) beats Valentin Prades (FRA) to the finish line

"I was really struggling on that last lap, but then I pushed on," said Cooke (GBR). "I just found in the last 100m that I had something left in my legs."



Men's Individual: Cooke (GBR) stuns Prades (FRA) on finish line

Jamie Cooke of Great Britain prevailed in one of the most dramatic Modern Pentathlon races of all time to become world champion in Mexico City.

After 200 metres in the pool, more than 35 fencing bouts, a round of

show jumping, four laser shooting series and four 800m runs, in a Pentathlon Stadium at 2,200m altitude, the most coveted prize of the year was decided by a photo finish.

hard work, moving through the pack from 14<sup>th</sup> place before muscling his way into the lead past Cooke (GBR) and Pavlo Tymoshchenko (UKR). But

Prades (FRA) celebrated prematurely as he entered the final straight, failing to realise that Cooke (GBR) had the stamina for one last shot at glory.

Cooke (GBR) launched into a sprint, Valentin Prades (FRA) had done all the catching Prades FRA) just as they reached the finish line. The veteran Tymoshchenko (UKR) claimed bronze to add yet another medal to his collection.



Action from the Riding discipline in Mexico City (MEX)



A double hit during the Fencing



Swimmers enter the pool



Zsofia Foldhazi (HUN) enjoys the Women's Team medal ceremony



Men's Individual podium









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1	KHURASKINA Ekaterina	RUS		1375
2	KOVACS Sarolta	HUN		1367
3	MALISZEWSKA Anna	POL		1363
4	CLOUVEL Elodie	FRA		1351
5	GUBAYDULLINA Gulnaz	RUS		1345
6	FREZZA Alessandra	ITA		1340
7	ALEKSZEJEV Tamara	HUN		1327
8	TAMASAUSKAITE Aurelija	LTU		1326
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1	DOGUE Patrick	GER		1468
2	ZHANG LINBIN	CHN	*):	1465
3	MAROSI Adam	HUN		1454
4	GUSTENAU Gustav	AUT		1450
5	BELAUD Valentin	FRA		1446
6	KINDERIS Justinas	LTU		1443
7	FEDECHKO Yuriy	UKR		1442
8	HENRARD Alexandre	FRA		1442
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4	ACHTERBERG Samantha ELGEZIRY Amro	USA		1440
5	HRYNKEVICH Mikhalina EVSTIGNEEV Artem	BLR		1420
6	MALISZEWSKA Anna STASIAK Sebastian	POL		1398
7	PERMYKINA Valeriya FEDECHKO Yuriy	UKR		1390
8	KHOKHLOVA Iryna ZAPATA Emanuel	ARG	•	1388

< Action from the Riding arena



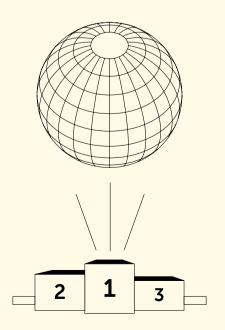


#### Honours even in Budapest (HUN)

Gold medals were evenly distributed between Russia, Germany and China during a highly competitive 46<sup>th</sup> CISM Pentathlon Military World Championships in Budapest (HUN).

"The 46th CISM World Championships brought us many exciting moments, concluding on the last day when we saw China and Italy challenging for the gold medal."

- Lt. Col. Nilton Rolim, CISM Modern Pentathlon President





Patrick Dogue (GER) celebrates victory



#### <u>Women's Individual:</u> Khuraskina (RUS) regains title

Ekaterina Khuraskina (RUS) maintained her impressive record at the CISM Military World Championships with her second individual gold in three years.

Khuraskina (RUS) has stood on the podium every year since 2015, winning both gold and silver on two occasions, and regained her title in Budapest (HUN) after an intense battle with a high-class field.

Sarolta Kovacs (HUN) performed well with home advantage and claimed the silver medal. Anna Maliszewska (POL) went one better than her 4<sup>th</sup> place of 2017 as she took home the bronze medal.

# Men's Individual: Dogue (GER) is top dog

Patrick Dogue (GER) emerged from a high-class field to win Men's Individual gold on day two.

Dogue (GER) came from behind in the Laser Run to prevail ahead of silver medallist Zhang Linbin (CHN), and there was a huge roar when local hero Adam Marosi (HUN) came home to win bronze.

There were no individual medals for France, but they won the team gold thanks to the collective efforts of Valentin Belaud, Christopher Patte and Alexandre Henrard, with Germany winning silver and Italy bronze.

# Mixed Relay: Wang and Zhang power China to glory

Wang Wei and Zhang Linbin drove China to Mixed Relay gold in Budapest (HUN) and left rivals with an idea of what to expect in 2019.

The 7<sup>th</sup> World Military Games will take place in Wuhan (CHN) and the host nation will have a reputation to defend in the pentathlon event after winning two medals at the 46<sup>th</sup> CISM championships in Budapest (HUN).

A day after Zhang (CHN) finished second in the Men's Individual event, he teamed up with Wang (CHN) to defeat many more celebrated opponents, stretching away in the last 80m of the Laser Run to prevail. Italy (Elena Micheli/ Valerio Grasselli) secured silver after a day of consistent excellence and Russia (Gulnaz Gubaydullina/Ilya Shugarov) claimed bronze.



Women's Individual podium



Men's Individual podium



Mixed Relay podium









## **WOMEN'S FINAL**

Rank	Name	Nation		MP Pts
1	MICHELI Elena	ITA		1354
2	HEREDIA Laura	ESP	ette:	1346
3	ZHONG XIUTING	CHN	*)	1325
4	DAVISON Zoé	GBR		1316
5	RIFF Emma	FRA		1314
6	TOGNETTI Aurora	ITA		1308

## MEN'S FINALS

Rank	Name	Nation		MP Pts
1	ELGENDY Ahmed	EGY	1	1467
2	GUSTENAU Gustav	AUT		1460
3	KHAMTSOU Ivan	BLR		1450
4	BARANOV Serge	RUS		1445
5	GUTKOWSKI Lukasz	POL		1443
6	VLACH Martin	CZE		1441

## **WOMEN'S RELAY**

Rank	Name	Nation		MP Pts
1	CABRERA Sofia HERNANDEZ Sophia	GUA	0	1391
2	GU Yewen ZHONG Xiuting	CHN	*)	1386
3	TOGNETTI Aurora MICHELI Elena	ITA	П	1369

## **MEN'S RELAY**

Rank	Name	Nation		MP Pts
1	GRYCZ Marek VLACH Martin	CZE		1525
2	SEO Changwan SO Hyunseok	KOR	<b>(e)</b>	1518
3	MALAN Giorgio CICINELLI Matteo	ITA	ш	1510

## MIXED RELAY

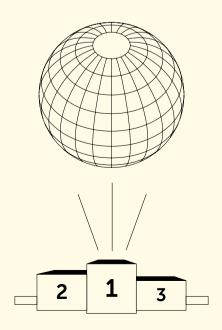
Rank	Name	Nation		MP Pts
1	FRALTSOVA Kseniia BARANOV Serge	RUS	=	1445
2	KIM Unju SEO Changwan	KOR	<b>(•</b> )	1438
3	RIFF Emma SINGH Paolo	FRA	ш	1432

< The crowd looks on as another rider goes clear



#### Share of success for all in Kladno (CZE)

Twelve nations went home with medals from the UIPM 2018 Pentathlon Junior World Championships in Kladno (CZE), representing four of UIPM's continental confederations (Europe, Asia, Africa and NORCECA). As in 2017, Italy were the topperforming nation and won five medals including two golds, while Korea and China each claimed three medals and the other five gold medals were spread between host nation Czech Republic, Egypt, Guatemala, Hungary and Russia.





A high five for Alexandra Boros and Bence Kardos (HUN)

#### Drama during the Fencing Ranking Round



#### Women's Individual: Kim puts success on repeat

Kim Sunwoo retained her Women's Individual title with another commanding performance as Korea picked up their second gold medal of the week.

Kim, 21, achieved the rare feat of two gold medals in successive years after her breakthrough success in Cairo (EGY) in 2016.

Silver went to Aurora Tognetti (ITA), who was Under 19 World Champion in 2014 and 2016, and her first Junior World Championship medal inspired Italy to claim team gold.

Only 3sec behind was bronze medallist Adelina Ibatullina (RUS), winner of the Under 19 world title earlier in the year. Ibatullina (RUS) was able to celebrate a second medal as Russia claimed team bronze, behind Italy and silver medallists Egypt.



Laura Heredia (ESP) stays focused



Action from the Fencing Bonus Round





It's handover time on the track during the Mixed Relay



#### Men's Individual: Elgendy (EGY) conquers world ... again

Ahmed Elgendy (EGY) announced himself on the world stage earlier in 2018 by becoming World Under 19 Champion, and in Kladno (CZE) he went one better.

Aged just 18, Elgendy (EGY) became the holder of two global individual titles after becoming junior world champion. He started the Laser Run 37sec behind the leader, Gustav Gustenau (AUT), but on the third lap Elgendy (EGY) used his electric speed to take the lead before finishing the job with a stunning 6sec shoot.

Gustenau (AUT), a 21-year-old former ice hockey player who has twice finished in the top 10 at the CISM Military World Championships, eased home for silver ahead of Ivan Khamtsou (BLR), who shrugged off a poor Riding performance to secure bronze.

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Ahmed Elgendy (EGY) takes aim



Ahmed Elgendy (EGY) approaches the finish line

#### Men's Relay: Czechs dethrone Korean duo

There was jubilation for the home nation on day two as Marek Grycz and Martin Vlach of the Czech Republic denied So Hyunseok and Seo Changwan of Korea the chance to retain their title.

The reigning champions were denied by an exceptional performance from Grycz & Vlach (CZE), who surged past them in the Laser Run to win by 7sec and earn the right to stand on top of the podium and hear the Czech national anthem.

Behind the top two, Italy picked up a second bronze medal in consecutive days thanks to a solid performance by Matteo Cicinelli and Giorgio Malan.



Marek Grycz and Martin Vlach (CZE) savour their success on home soil

#### <u>Mixed Relay:</u> Russian repeat brings relief

Kseniia Fraltsova and Serge Baranov came from behind to earn Mixed Relay gold for reigning champions Russia on the final day of the championships.

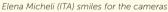
It was the first medal of the championships for Russia, while France also broke their duck as Paolo Singh and Emma Riff denied Great Britain (Holly Parker / James Harper) bronze by just 1sec.

Korea took home their third medal as Kim Unju and Seo Changwan secured silver.



Serge Baranov and Kseniia Fraltsova (RUS) share a laugh







Sophia Hernandez (GUA) prepares to celebrate with Sofia Cabrera

#### Women's Relay: Glory for Guatemala

Guatemala caused an upset on the opening day in Kladno as Sophia Hernandez and Sofia Cabrera teamed up to win a brilliant gold.

There was also a surprise silver for China as Zhong Xiuting and Gu Yewen exceeded expectations by finishing ahead of the defending champions, Aurora Tognetti and Elena Micheli of Italy, who had to settle for bronze after relinquishing a hard-earned lead.

Italy (Tognetti/Micheli) had started the Laser-Run with a 2sec lead over Guatemala (Hernandez/Cabrera) and a 9sec cushion over China (Zhong/Gu). After a thrilling battle there were three continents represented on the podium, but not in the order that many would have predicted.







Hungary (HUN)

## WOMEN'S FINAL

Rank	Name	Nation		MP Pts
1	LOUBET Brice	FRA		1163
2	ELGENDY Ahmed	EGY		1159
3	SVECHOTA Lukas	CZE		1152
4	GUTKOWSKI Lukasz	POL		1140
5	LAWRYNOWICZ Daniel	POL		1134
6	HORVÁTH Norbert	HUN		1131
7	HERNANDEZ Emiliano	MEX	4	1121
8	DUKIELSKI Maciej	POL		1116
9	RASHAD Sherif	EGY	=	1112
10	FARKAS Martin	HUN		1109

## **MEN'S FINALS**

Rank	Name	Nation	MP Pts
1	MICHELI Elena	ITA	1049
2	MALISZEWSKA Anna	POL	1032
3	ABOUBAKR Sondos	EGY	1027
4	KOBECKA Marta	POL	1021
5	RÉTI Kamilla	HUN	1021
6	PRISE Eilidh	IRL	1018
7	FRALTSOVA Kseniia	RUS	1006
8	CIPROVA Barbora	CZE	996
9	ZS. TOTH Anna	HUN	981
10	RIFF Lisa	FRA	966

## **MIXED RELAY**

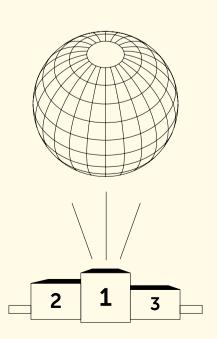
Rank	Name	Nation		MP Pts
1	KOBECKA Marta GUTKOWSKI Lukasz	POL		1447
2	FRALTSOVA Kseniia MATVEEV Nikolai	RUS	-	1445
3	ABOUBAKR Sondos NAZEIR Sherif	EGY	=	1438

## **TEAM EVENT**

Rank	Name	Nation		MP Pts
1	RASHAD Sherif NAZEIR Sherif MORSY Haydy ELGENDY Ahmed	EGY	Ξ	1463
2	AGAZZOTTI Riccardo COLASANTI Alessandro RINAUDO Emma MICHELI Roberto	ITA	n	1454
3	DUKIELSKI Maciej LAWRYNOWICZ Daniel KOBECKA Marta GUTKOWSKI Lukasz	POL	-	1407

<sup>&</sup>lt; Mixed Relay podium





# Student athletes from 18 nations make history in Budapest (HUN)

There were historic gold medals to savour for France, Italy, Poland and Egypt at the historic 1<sup>st</sup> FISU World University Modern Pentathlon Championship in Budapest (HUN), where Egypt won a medal in all four events.

The inaugural championship was a huge success, attracting high-quality pentathletes from 18 nations across five continents to a new facility at the Ludovika campus of the National University of Public Service.

In the Men's Individual event, Brice Loubet (FRA) emerged triumphant from a thrilling battle with silver medallist Ahmed Elgendy (EGY) and Lukas Svechota (CZE).

In the Women's Individual competition, it was Elena Micheli (ITA) who became world champion after a dominant performance. Anna Maliszewska (POL) claimed silver and Sondos Aboubakr (EGY) joined them on the podium with bronze.

Poland (Marta Gobecka/Lukasz Gut-kowski) won the Mixed Relay after a tough duel with silver medallists Russia (Kseniia Fraltsova/Nikolai Matveev). There was a second bronze medal for Aboubakr as she teamed up with Sherif Nazeir to give Egypt their third medal of the championship.

On the final day, a newly-created Team Pentathlon took place with four athletes (male and female) from each nation taking part in one discipline each. Egypt were the winners, with Italy picking up silver and Poland claiming bronze

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Action from the men's swimming event

A moment of calm and concentration in the women's swimming event

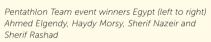




Another obstacle is cleared during Riding in Budapest (HUN)



Lukasz Gutkowski crosses the line to win Mixed Relay gold for Poland alongside Marta Gobecka





Men's Individual podium





A moment of camaraderie on the Fencing piste





Women's Individual podium



#### **RESULTS**





Portugal (POR)

#### **WOMEN'S FINAL**

Rank	Name	Nation		MP Pts
1	RINAUDO Alice	ITA		1053
2	LOPEZ MARIA Lea	ITA		1040
3	GU Yewen	CHN	*)	1036
4	ABDELMAKSOUD Salma	EGY	-	1028
5	ARMANAZQUI Martina	ARG	•	1026
6	KANDIL Amira	EGY	-	1016

#### MEN'S FINALS

Name	Nation		MP Pts
ELGENDY Ahmed	EGY		1182
SHABAN Mohanad	EGY		1155
SEWILAM Alyeldin	EGY		1150
FLEUROT Ugo	FRA		1145
TAMAS Jozsef	HUN		1142
ASTROUSKI Uladzislau	BLR		1135
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#### **WOMEN'S RELAY**

Rank	Name	Nation		MP Pts
1	RINAUDO Alice LOPEZ MARIA Lea	ITA	ш	1113
2	GU Yewen YUAN Xin	CHN	*)	1109
3	AMER Mariam KANDIL Amira	EGY		1100

#### **MEN'S RELAY**

Rank	Name	Nation		MP Pts
1	MOON Juseong LEE Minseo	KOR	<b>(e)</b>	1224
2	LIU Xinglong WANG Haoyang	CHN	*)	1215
3	SHABAN Mohanad SEWILAM Alyeldin	EGY	=	1191

#### MIXED RELAY

Rank	Name	Nation		MP Pts
1	ABDELMAKSOUD Salma ELGENDY Ahmed	EGY	=	1172
2	RIFF Emma FLEUROT Ugo	FRA	ш	1154
3	SERGEEVA Iuliia KUPRIYANOV Oleg	RUS		1148

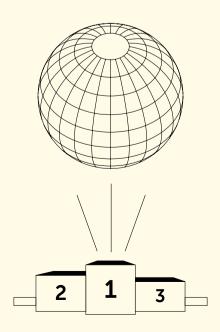
< A tight turn on the Laser Run course



#### Egypt dominate in Caldas da Rainha (POR)

Egypt came away from the biggest-ever gathering of teenage pentathletes with a remarkable six medals, three more than nearest rivals Italy and China and matching their own 2017 tally. More than 220 athletes took part across seven days of competition and 12 individual qualifiers were confirmed for the Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games.

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High fives during the Women's Relay





Underwater action from Caldas da Rainha (POR)



An alternative view of the Fencing Bonus Round from the floor



Handover time in the Mixed Relay

#### Mixed Relay:

Elgendy doubles golden tally with Egypt

Egypt secured their second gold medal of the championships as Salma Abdelmaksoud and Ahmed Elgendy claimed victory in the Mixed Relay.

The silver medal went to France (Emma Riff & Ugo Fleurot) while Russia (Iuliia Sergeeva & Oleg Kupriyanov) claimed bronze in the concluding final of the championships, which was contested by 20 nations.

For Elgendy (EGY) it sealed a fantastic championships as he added a second title to his Men's Individual crown, and made sure his country matched the performance of Italy in winning two gold medals.



Steely focus on the range



More glory for Egypt in the Mixed Relay

#### <u>Women's Individual:</u> Rinaudo fences her way to glory

Alice Rinaudo (ITA) had two reasons to smile after being crowned as world U19 champion and new U19 world record-holder in Fencing on the first day in Caldas da Rainha (POR).

Rinaudo (ITA) dominated after an incredible performance in the Fencing Ranking Round, with large crowds clamouring to see the action. She won 33 of her bouts with only 2 defeats, enabling her to embark on the Laser-Run with a massive 45sec lead.

The real story of the Laser Run was the battle for silver, ultimately won by Rinaudo's team-mate Maria Lea Lopez (ITA) with Gu Yewen (CHN) picking up bronze.



Maria Lea Lopez (ITA) prepares to celebrate victory with Alice Rinaudo

#### Women's Relay: Italians make it three in a row

Alice Rinaudo celebrated her second gold medal of the week as she teamed up with Maria Lea Lopez to win the Women's Relay for Italy for the third year in succession.

When Rinaudo (ITA) won the Women's Individual Final a few days earlier, Lopez (ITA) followed her home to claim the silver medal and this time they duo were together on the top step of the podium.

Gu Yewen, the individual bronze medallist, also returned to the podium after winning silver for China alongside Yuan Xin. They were promoted to  $2^{nd}$  position after Egypt (Mariam Amer & Amira Kandil) were relegated to  $3^{rd}$  for the violation of a clothing rule, and had to accept bronze after being given a 10sec penalty.



Alice Rinaudo (ITA) approaches the finish line

#### The Fencing Bonus Round



#### Men's Individual: Elgendy leads Egypt clean sweep

Ahmed Elgendy (EGY) was crowned Men's Individual champion on the fourth day of the championships – and he was surrounded by familiar faces on the podium.

In an extraordinary clean sweep, Egypt won all three medals as Shaban Mohanad and Alyeldin Sewilam claimed silver and bronze respectively. All three medallists finished in the top six of both Fencing and Laser-Run.

The contest for gold was not especially close, as Elgendy (EGY) crossed the line with a winning margin of 27sec. Mohanad (EGY) beat Sewilam (EGY) by 5sec and the man in 4th place, Ugo Fleurot (FRA), was a further 5sec behind.



It's all about Egypt on the Men's Individual podium



Happy faces as Korea celebrate

#### <u>Men's Relay:</u> Korea lead European conquest

Korea demonstrated the strength of their talent pipeline yet again as Lee Minseo and Moon Juseong won gold in the Men's Relay.

Lee  $\uptheta$  Moon (KOR) topped the standings in Fencing and held on to their advantage under pressure from China

(Liu Xinglong & Wang Haoyang), who won a comfortable silver and came within 9sec of gold after an excellent Laser Run.

The bronze medal went to 2017 champions Egypt (Alyeldin Sewilam & Mohanad Shaban), which confirmed the occurrence of a rare phenomenon: a UIPM competition podium with no European representation.



#### **RESULTS**





Argentina (ARG)

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5	RINAUDO Alice	ITA		1035
6	HEREDIA Laura	ESP	(fix)	1022
7	VAN DER MERWE Alida	RSA		1014
8	DENTON Annabel	GBR		1014
9	JURT Anna	SUI	+	994
10	ARMANAZQUI Martina	ARG	•	985

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ELGENDY Ahmed	EGY	1179
GROMADSKII Egor	RUS	1159
FLEUROT Ugo	FRA	1144
UIBEL Pele	GER	1141
OLIVEIRA Eduardo	POR	1128
MALAN Giorgio	ITA	1126
ZHAO Zhonghao	CHN	1125
ASTROUSKI Uladzislau	BLR	1117
KASPERCZAK Kamil	POL	1114
ZIBOROV Yevhen	UKR	1106
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## MIXED INTERNATIONAL TEAM RELAY

Rank	Name	Nation		MP Pts
1	GU Yewen	CHN	*)	1168
	ELGENDY Ahmed	EGY	-	1100
2	ABDELMAKSOUD Salma	EGY	-	1156
_	SERRANO Franco	ARG	0	1130
3	HEREDIA Laura	ESP	ik.	1148
	KASPERCZAK Kamil	POL		
4	RIFF Emma	FRA		1123
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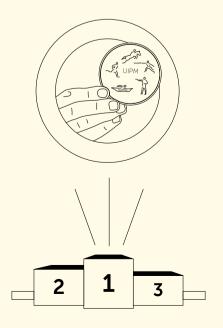


#### Triple delight for Egypt

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires (ARG) once again featured Men's and Women's pentathlon competitions and the unique Mixed International Team event. Egypt, who had never previously won an Olympic pentathlon medal at any level, enjoyed a remarkable clean sweep.



Mixed International Team podium



<sup>&</sup>lt; Ahmed Elgendy (EGY) stretches out on his way to Youth Olympic Games glory





Action from the Swimming pool in Buenos Aires (ARG)

Mixed International Team:

Elgendy (EGY) creates golden alliance
with Gu (CHN)

There was yet more glory for Egypt on the final day as Ahmed Elgendy teamed up with Gu Yewen of China to win the Mixed International Team event.

The unique format, enjoyed by IOC President Dr Thomas Bach among thousands of spectators in Buenos Aires, allows athletes from different nations to team up and battle for Youth Olympic glory.

Men's Individual champion Elgendy (EGY) and Gu (CHN), who finished  $4^{\rm th}$  in the Women's Individual event, went into the Laser Run with a

12sec lead over Elgendy's compatriot, Women's Individual champion Salma Abdelmaksoud (EGY), and her partner Franco Serrano (ARG).

To the delight of the home supporters, Serrano (ARG) & Abdelmaksoud (EGY) kept hold of their position to win the silver medal, while bronze went to Laura Heredia (ESP) and Kamil Kasperczak (POL).



Action from the Women's Individual Laser Run

Women's Individual:
Abdelmaksoud (EGY) secures
glorious gold

Salma Abdelmaksoud (EGY) left all rivals in her wake as she became the third winner of Women's Individual gold at the Youth Olympic Games.

Abdelmaksoud (EGY) moved into a strong position after finishing  $3^{rd}$  in Swimming and  $6^{th}$  in Fencing, enabling her to start the Laser Run 14sec behind the leader, Under 19 world champion Alice Rinaudo of Italy.

When Rinaudo (ITA) lost momentum at the second visit to the range, Abdelmaksoud (EGY) pounced and then kept her composure to leave the pack with no chance of catching her.

Bronze medallist Michelle Gulyas (HUN) also overtook Rinaudo (ITA) and kept possession of 2<sup>nd</sup> place until the final lap, when she was passed by silver medallist Emma Riff (FRA).



Joy and delight in the crowd at Youth Olympic Park



Ugo Fleurot (FRA) takes aim as the Olympic Flame burns

Men's Individual: Elgendy (EGY) completes unique double

Egypt continued to dominate at Buenos Aires 2018 as Ahmed Elgendy (EGY) proved his status as the best young pentathlete in the world. The 18-year-old Elgendy (EGY) had been unstoppable all season, becoming world champion at both the UIPM Junior and Under 19 Tetrathlon World Championships among various other accomplishments.

He once again mastered the Tetrathlon format in Buenos Aires (ARG),

finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in Swimming and 1<sup>st</sup> in Fencing before defending his lead without alarm in the Laser Run.

Behind him, Egor Gromadskii (RUS) was equally convincing in the way he captured the silver medal, while Ugo Fleurot (FRA) prevailed in an intense battle for bronze.





There was even one octogenerian on the entry list – Erwin Stalder from Switzerland – who declared his retirement from pentathlon at the end of the championships at the age of 80.



Erwin Stalder (SUI)



Action in Halle (GER) proves pentathlon is "sport for life"

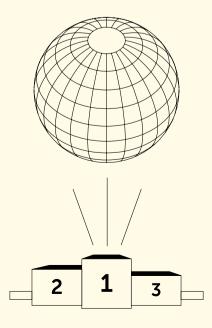
The UIPM 2018 Masters World Championships demonstrated the growing importance of enabling the UIPM Sports community to stay involved in competition throughout their life.

A record number of 26 nations sent more than 130 athletes to the championships in Halle (GER), with representation from Europe, North and South America and Africa in five male and female age categories from 30+ to 70+.

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Twenty of the 26 competing nations enjoyed medal success, with Ukraine proving strongest on the men's side and Germany in the women's events.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "This World Championships underlines that Modern Pentathlon is a sport for life: you can start when you are seven years old and you can finish in your old age, like 80-year-old Erwin Stadler from Switzerland."



<sup>&</sup>lt; Success at the finish line in Halle (GER)



Action from the Riding course



Thumbs up and a wink



Women's Team podium







# World Championships DUBLIN 2018







A Masters athlete from Great Britain

## There were more than 400 athletes from 28 nations in Dublin



Mixed Relay champions Bence Kardos and Blanka Guzi (HUN)

< Action from the handover



Great Britain top standings as Irish heroes put Laser Run "on the map"

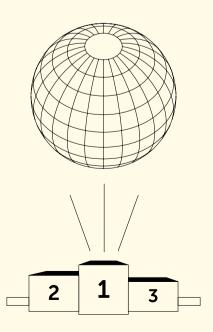
Great Britain finished the 2018 UIPM Laser Run World Championships as the best-performing nation with a haul of 27 medals including 10 golds.

Hungary also performed strongly with 18 medals (eight gold) while France managed 17 (seven gold) and South Africa, who dominated the 2017 event with home advantage in Cape Town, took home 15 (seven gold).

Jessica Varley (GBR) and Bence Kardos (HUN) scooped the individual prizes on the opening day and both were back on the podium on day two after the Mixed Relay, where Hungary (Blanka Guzi/Kardos) finished ahead of Great Britain (Varley/Harry Lane).

There was also success to savour for the host nation, who won five medals including individual silver for Kate Coleman Lenehan and Tom O'Brien, who then teamed up to win Mixed Relay bronze.

There were more than 400 athletes from 28 nations in Dublin and Paddy Boyd, Pentathlon Ireland CEO, said: "We can say that we have firmly put Laser Run on the map in Ireland and I hope many people will be inspired to take up the sport on the back of what they have seen this weekend."





Action from the range in Dublin (IRL)



A young competitor from Burkina Faso

Silver medallist Kate Coleman Lenehan (IRL)





France change hands during the Under 19 Mixed Relay



A South African competitor sets off for his next lap





A mass start for junior girls in Dublin (IRL)







Ormoc City (PHL)



Budapest (HUN)





#### Global Laser Run City Tour

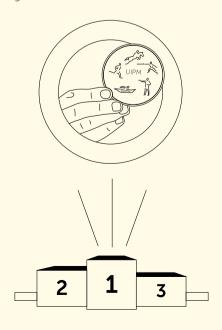
The UIPM Global Laser Run City Tour (GLRCT) reached more people in more communities around the world throughout 2018, delivering a dynamic and fun competition to participants of all ages and offering them an entry point to UIPM Sports.

The Tour was created in 2017 following a recommendation by the UIPM Executive Board and approval by UIPM Congress, and it took place in parks, stadiums and iconic urban venues across 60 cities in its first year.

In 2018, the GLRCT enjoyed significant growth and reached almost 100 cities across all of UIPM's continental confederations. Everywhere from Guatemala City (GUA) to Roswell (USA) in the Americas to Koupela (BUR) in Africa, Singapore (SGP) in Asia, Modena (ITA) in Europe and Melbourne (AUS) in Oceania.

At the base of the UIPM Sports pyramid, Laser Run demonstrates how mass-participation events can help National Federations (NFs) to detect and recruit talented high-performance athletes, potentially suitable for pentathlon and the other sub-sports. The GLRCT creates a pathway to the Olympic Games for aspiring athletes, many from urban communities, who may have no other means of exposure to UIPM Sports.

The project provides NFs with a sustainable platform for the development and promotion of both Laser Run and Modern Pentathlon, as well as an opportunity to generate revenue.





Chelyabinsk (RUS)



Bandaragama (SRI)



Guatemala City (GUA)



Koupela (BUR)



Chennai (IND)



Sohar (OMA)



Kosakowo (POL)

Braga (POR)





Alexandria (EGY)



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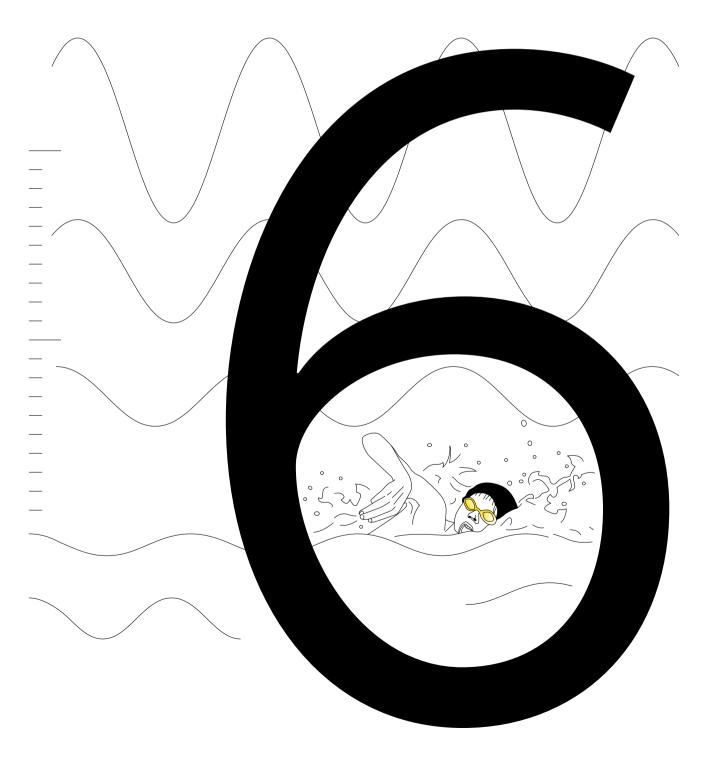
Darmstadt (GER)

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# Coaches Certification Programme

In the same way as the JCP, the UIPM Coaches Certification Program (CCP) today includes a standardized certification process with courses and educational materials delivered in English, Spanish, Russian and French. In 2018 there were eight seminars with 140 coaches from 15 nations certified. Every member of the UIPM Instructor Group delivering courses receives a special training ahead of each seminar in order to ensure compliance with UIPM educational standards.

For the first time UIPM conducted a Level 3 Coaches Course in January in Szekeshfehervar (HUN) with coaches attending from Egypt, Hungary, Great Britain, Italy, Moldova and Spain. In December UIPM had its first Level 4 Coaches seminar in Paris (FRA), completing the educational cycle for coaches in the four certification levels.



Even Olympic champion Chloe Esposito (AUS) needs guidance at times



All smiles from the side of the arena



The role of the coach is vital in pentathlon



Action from Pentathlon World Cup Final Astana (KAZ)



The team coach gives out advice to Gulnaz Gubaydullina (RUS)



### Judges Certification Programme

After its implementation in 2017, the UIPM Judges Certification Programme (JCP) was successfully conducted throughout 2018. Following an educators' workshop designed to prepare the team responsible for delivering judges courses all over the world, there were seven judges seminars in Asia, Africa and Americas with almost 300 UIPM judges certified in a fully standardized process.

Those seminars were linked to important competitions in the UIPM calendar and were focused on the

education of the judges of Levels 1, 2 and 3 assigned to those events. The on-site courses in 2018 were delivered in English, Spanish and Russian according to the local language and all educational materials presented were also translated.

As an innovation, all UIPM Judges at Levels 2 and 3 who attend seminars must pass a 20-hour e-learning module in the weeks prior to the course. The goal of this module is to increase awareness and understanding of Modern Pentathlon rules. Judges already certi-

fied in the previous Olympic cycle now renew their licence through a refresher e-learning course. From October UIPM started issuing new Judges Licence cards in a modern design format. All of these initiatives are designed to bringing recognition and place greater value on the essential role played by judges.



Technology at their fingertips



Young judges in Cairo (EGY)



Judges line up for duty in Astana (KAZ)



Judges in the Fencing arena



### **UIPM Para-Sport**



In the 4<sup>th</sup> full year of UIPM's membership of the international Paralympic family, the Para Pentathlon Commission continued to analyse technical and classification requirements of the various UIPM Sports –Laser Run, Biathle, Triathle, Tetrathlon and Modern Pentathlon – with the aim of establishing an effective strategy for the development of UIPM Para-Sports. This work is linked closely with the development of technical equipment needed and used by different disability classes and the Para Pen-

tathlon Commission is beginning its own research activities.

Dr Paul Baudet joined UIPM Para-Sports team as Head of Classification in March 2018 and offered his expertise and experience to the project. He participated in IPC Head of Classification meetings in Bonn (GER) and successfully entered the classifier community. This opportunity to brainstorm and present the UIPM project was an important step forward.

The 2017 UIPM Classification Rules were reviewed, including

proposed categories, and 2018 UIPM Para-Sport Regulations were prepared that will come into force for the remainder of the 2020 Paralympic cycle. In the new regulations, UIPM has defined five para-sport classes – three standing, one wheelchair and one visual impairment – common for Para Laser Run, Para Triathle and Para Tetrathlon, with the aim of stabilising classes in the upcoming seasons to further test and analyze their functionality.



Action from Dublin (IRL)



Athletes show off their certificates



Laser shooting in Alexandria (EGY)



Focused on the target



### **Anti-Doping**



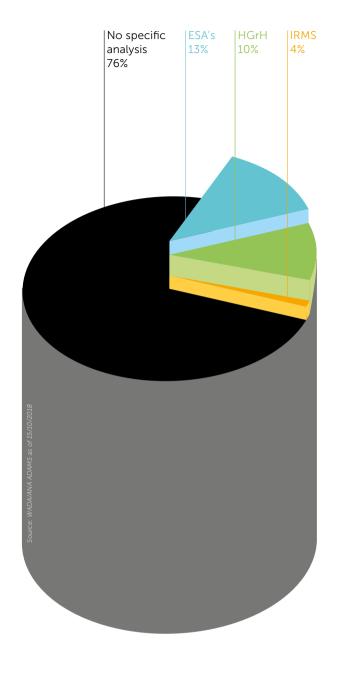
#### SHARE OF SPECIFIC ANALYSIS

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Pentathlon remains one of the Olympic sports least affected by doping, but a sophisticated detection system is now in place and doping control was a feature of all major events in 2018 including the Pentathlon World Cup, continental championships and World Championships in all categories (Senior, Junior, Under 19) and qualification events for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games.

UIPM also organized a series of unannounced Out Of Competition (OOC) doping controls. To facilitate the service and raise the effectiveness of this process, UIPM has started to negotiate with National Anti-Doping Organisations (NADOs) and private providers to optimise the effectiveness of testing opportunities in the 2019 season.

UIPM's anti-doping department is also responsible for educating and engaging athletes and coaches, and has implemented the WADA Education Platform (ADEL) which includes mandatory courses as part



of the coach licensing process. By the end of August 2018, 136 coaches had registered and 118 (from 18 countries) had successfully achieved the certification. UIPM is working on strengthening activities in the field of education by organizing seminars and facilitating one-to-one education for interested parties.

The global anti-doping and clean sport movement has been dominated by the investigations and revelations relating to alleged activities in Russia in the period 2012-2015. In March 2018, UIPM and other International Federa-

tions received copies of Moscow laboratory documentation from the investigators to provide maximum information related to the case.

UIPM has fully analysed the provided documentation, in cooperation with external experts from the Laboratory Athlete Passport management unit, and concluded that there is no evidence that requires new sanctions against any implicated athletes. UIPM will continue its investigation, closely cooperating with the World Anti-Doping Agency, in order to ensure competition is as clean as possible in the future.



# National Federation support

There are currently 117 National Federations (NFs) in the UIPM Family and the support they receive is based on the 4E strategy which covers Equipment, Education, Empowerment and Expansion.

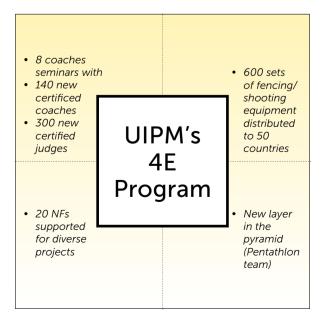
#### **Equipment:**

Six hundred sets of shooting and fencing material were distributed to more than 50 countries in 2018, and shooting equipment guidelines were developed.

#### **Education:**

The Coaches and Judges Certification Programmes (CCP and JCP) were launched in the past two years and in 2018 UIPM organized:

- Eight coaches seminars with 140 new certified coaches from 15 countries
- Seven judges seminars with almost 300 new certified national and international judges from 12 countries
- Thirty international judges from 15 countries passed the online course on UIPM's educational platform
- Fifteen UIPM Instructors and Educators were used and supported the efforts mentioned above.



#### **Empowerment:**

One of UIPM's goals for the NF structure is to create sustainable competition models such as the Global Laser Run City Tour. A series of guidelines and manuals were developed and shared with organizers and countries and UIPM supported athletes from more than 20 countries to attend various competitions.

In 2019 and 2020, the Biathle and Triathle National Tour (BTNT) with additional Fencing equipment support will be introduced and promoted. Enabling more nations to master more than three disciplines and to create a sustainable volume of mass competitions will help members to build their own path towards Pentathlon.

#### **Expansion:**

There are now multiple paths to reach Pentathlon from the other five layers in the UIPM sports pyramid, and all of the multi-discipline sports provide opportunities for NFs to recruit and detect athletes.

From 2019, athletes starting in Laser Run will have the opportunity to compete in the Urban Games. Furthermore, to have Biathle/Triathle included in Beach Games across all continents is another UIPM goal that has been realised.



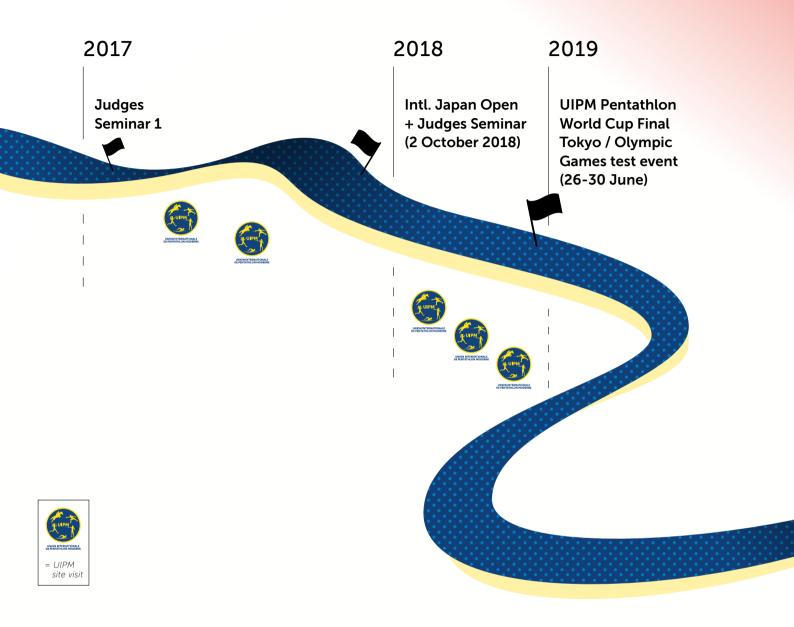


### 7. ROAD TO TOKYO



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### Road to Tokyo



On the road to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games UIPM has passed several milestones already, working closely with the Tokyo 2020 organizing committee and the Modern Pentathlon Association of Japan (MPAJ).

The unique novelty of Tokyo 2020 will be the Pentathlon Stadium, which will be presented as a feature of the Olympic Games for the first time. The new concept, trialled with great success in Mexico City during the UIPM 2018 Pentathlon World Championships, includes a Swimming pool built into the field of play and enables all five pentathlon disciplines to take place in one venue within five hours.

At the Tokyo Stadium, 50,000 spectators will therefore be able to watch Swimming, Fencing, Riding and Laser Run from the same seat and with the same ticket.

In preparation for the Olympic Games in Tokyo, the first seminar for judges and technical officials was held in Japan back in 2017. International judges and officials from Japan have since been included in major UIPM competitions to practise, learn and share.

The next step on the road was the International Open Japanese Championships competition, with a fully certified international judges seminar attached to it, which took place late in 2018.



2020

MP season

Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games (6-8 October)





Throughout the entire process, UIPM holds regular meetings with the Tokyo 2020 Modern Pentathlon team. The Tokyo 2020 Sports Manager for Modern Pentathlon is collaborating closely with UIPM and has attended several major pentathlon events over the past two years.

In the upcoming year, the Tokyo 2020 pentathlon team will benefit from the addition of sport-specific and Games-experienced personnel. They will be hosting, together with the MPAJ, the UIPM 2019 Pentathlon World Cup Final as the Olympic test event from June 26-30, 2019. This will be a very important competition

as it will be the first opportunity for teams to qualify athletes while also allowing them to get familiar with the host city, its climate and culture ahead of the XXXII Olympic Summer Games.

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## UIPM 2019 Calendar





PentathlonWorld Cup

February

Egypt (EGY)

Pentathlon World Cup

April

Bulgaria (BUL)

PentathlonWorld Cup

May

Hungary (HUN)

4 PentathlonWorld Cup

Мау

Czech Republic (CZE)

PentathlonWorld Cup Final\*

June

Japan (JPN)

PentathlonJunior WorldChampionships

July

Poland (POL)

7 U17-U19 World Championships

July

Bulgaria (BUL)

8 PanAmerican Games\*

July

Peru (PER)

PentathlonEuropeanChampionships\*

August

Great-Britain (GBR)

PentathlonLaser Run WorldChampionships\*

September

Hungary (HUN)

Pentathlon Asian Championships\*

July

China (CHN

Biathle-TriathleWorldChampionships

October

United States (USA)

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October

China (CHN)

Pentathlon AfricanChampionships\*

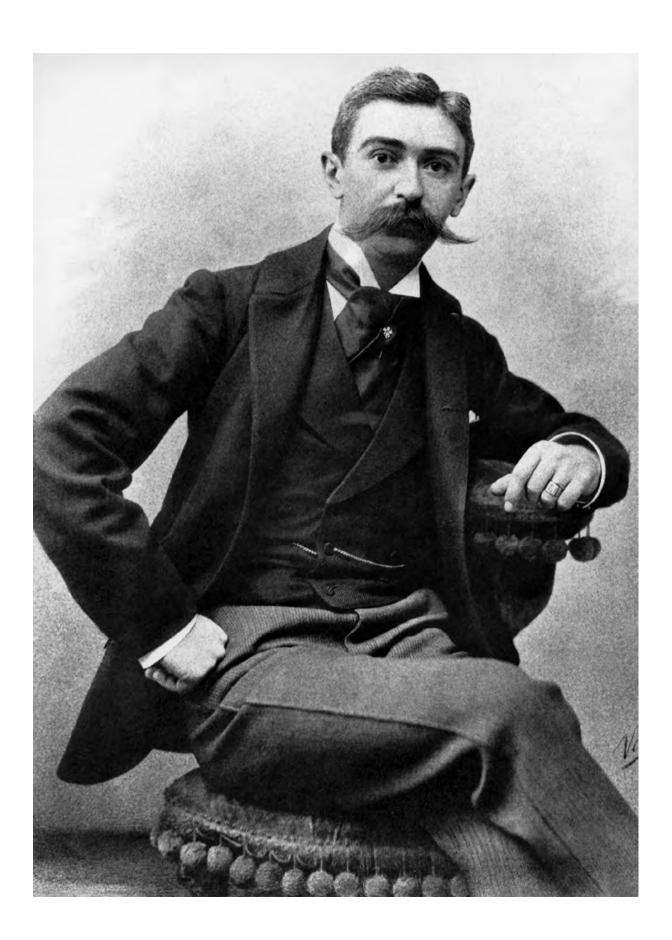
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\*Olympic Qualifying Event

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# The important thing in life is not to triumph but to compete.

– Pierre de Coubertin









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