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Foreword
President of the UIPM

Modern Pentathlon, the only sport created especially for the Olympic Summer Games by Baron Pierre de Coubertin, already boasts a strong heritage stretching back to 1912 and the Olympic Games in Stockholm. Every year we are building on that heritage and leading by example as one of the pillars of the Olympic sporting movement.

In 2017, at the 130th IOC Session, the IOC Members approved Modern Pentathlon’s status as one of the 28 core sports for the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris. This endorsement gives our movement a strong mandate to continue the successful development of Modern Pentathlon and the non-Olympic UIPM Sports: World Schools Biathlon, Biathlete, Triathlete, Tetrathlon and Laser-Run.

The year 2017 was another landmark year for our global development programme. The Laser-Run City Tour was created and took our movement to many countries and cities that were hosting a UIPM competition for the first time. All the time we are attracting new audiences to our sport and especially the younger generations.

In other good news for UIPM Sports development, we saw long-standing national federations like Australia return to youth and junior competitions. Thailand, Israel, Monaco, Malaysia, Philippines, Nigeria and Burkina Faso are some of the many new and young federations that took part this season in different competitions.

At the pinnacle of our sporting movement is of course Modern Pentathlon, and in 2017 our athletes proved once again that they are operating at a very high level. Many new and improving athletes challenged the established order, and I was very happy to see athletes from more and new countries and different continents reaching the podium.

I was very proud of their performances and the spirit of fair play which was, as always, a hallmark of all competitions. Athletes are the base and the backbone of our movement. The better they perform and present Modern Pentathlon and our other UIPM Sports, the more our Union is respected and honoured in the Olympic Movement.

Competition was fierce throughout the World Cup series, culminating in an excellent and well-attended World Cup Final in Vilnius (LTU). The UIPM Senior World Championships were hosted in Africa for the first time by Cairo (EGY), and the year ended with another high-quality Champion of Champions in Doha (QAT).
A memorable year for UIPM

UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann with IOC President Dr. Thomas Bach.
During the year I travelled more than 250 days and attended all rounds of the World Cup including the World Cup Final, as well as the Under 19, Junior and Senior World Championships. The UIPM now presents an annual competition calendar marked by consistent excellence and many of our National Federations are organising high-quality events.

One highlight of competition promotion in 2017 was the Kremlin Cup in Moscow (RUS) in September, organized by the Modern Pentathlon Federation of Russia, with the strong financial support of the city government of Moscow. The participants were invited by the Russian Federation.

Another highlight was the 4th Champion of Champions in Doha (QAT), organized and financed by the Qatar Equestrian and Modern Pentathlon Federation. The athletes competed in first-class facilities at the Qatar Foundation centre and Al Shaqab Arena which is a centre for Arabian horses.

I would like to thank all National Federations and also the UIPM Confederations who work so hard on the ground to manage these and other competitions, collaborating effectively with local and national government and corporate partners and always supported by the energy and dedication of our wonderful volunteers. I am grateful to all organizers for their strong support and willingness to take risks and take responsibility for giving our athletes a stage on which to perform.

In 2017, our close cooperation with Eurosport and the way we embraced new media increased the numbers of viewers enormously. Social media gives us a great opportunity to promote our movement and grow an audience of consumers and followers.

One of our main goals is still to have our Mixed Relay included in the Olympic Summer Games. Since the first Youth Olympic Summer Games in 2010 in Singapore, the Mixed Relay has been and will continue to be a part of the programme, from Nanjing (2014) to Buenos Aires (2018) and beyond.

We will continue to energetically support our athletes, the greatest asset of our sport, and escort them through good education, new training concepts and financial and equipment aid. We also have a responsibility to help them build a sustainable model for life after pentathlon.

As we know, athletes depend on close relations with highly-qualified trainers and coaches. The National Federations are responsible for them but UIPM also takes care to develop training methods and new systems based on sport science. More and more experts are needed to mentor the trainers and coaches. When they reach a higher level they transfer this to athletes. During the 2017 Senior World Championships, the first UIPM coaching handbook was published, entitled “Start Coaching Modern Pentathlon”. This book is a fine accomplishment by the leading coaches of our sport.

The word “hope” carries high value and always gives me strong motivation to continue working on a vision for the future. One of the reasons I am very hopeful about the future of UIPM and Modern Pentathlon is the way we adhere to our values, which are the same as the values of the wider Olympic movement as established by Coubertin.

Our Union enjoys an excellent relationship with IOC President Dr Thomas Bach and his colleagues in the Executive Board, where UIPM’s 1st Vice-President Juan Antonio Samaranch (ESP) represents us as IOC Vice-President. Dr Bach
visited the first meeting of the new UIPM Executive Board in the Olympic Museum in Lausanne (SUI) in January and briefed the Executive Board on the results and legacy of the 31st Olympic Summer Games in Rio de Janeiro in 2016, and spoke about achievements linked to the IOC Agenda 2020. He underlined the importance of sustainability in all IOC and International Federation programmes.

Led by our Executive Board, we in UIPM very strongly follow the principle of educating our athletes, coaches and our community to stand firm against doping or any kind of manipulation in sport and society. No corruption, no manipulation of results in competitions or elections will be permitted.

Following the direction of the International Olympic Committee, we must promote clean sport and protect clean athletes and strictly follow the ethical rules of UIPM by preserving the image of a fair, open-minded and visionary Olympic sport with a history going back to the Ancient Olympic Games in 708 BC in Olympia.

Hand in hand, let us go and act in the spirit of Baron Pierre de Coubertin. Sport unites us, it empowers us and it enables us to strive for a better and peaceful world.

Dr Klaus Schormann
Activities of the President

[1] Dr Schormann with fellow guests at the 25th anniversary of the Kazakhstan NOC.

[2] Dr Schormann at the 25th anniversary of the Kazakhstan NOC with ANOC President Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah.

[3] Dr Schormann in Cape Town (RSA) with Dr Ivan Meyer, Western Cape Provincial Minister for Finance and International Relations.
Dr Schormann in Cape Town (RSA) with Anroux Marais, Western Cape Provincial Minister for Cultural Affairs and Sport.

Dr Schormann in Cape Town (RSA) with Helen Zille, Western Cape Premier.

Dr Schormann presents King Constantine, UIPM Honorary Patron (left), with the UIPM Hall of Fame certificate alongside UIPM Member for Marketing, Martin Dawe.
A special posthumous presentation of the UIPM Hall of Fame certificate to General George S Patton in Los Angeles (USA).

Dr Schormann announces the recognition of the International Modern Pentathlon Jiangsu Xishan Senior High School Training Base in Wuxi (CHN).

Dr Schormann exchanges symbolic gifts with Principal Tang Jiangpeng of the International Modern Pentathlon Jiangsu Xishan Senior High School Training Base in Wuxi (CHN).

Dr Schormann with (left to right) UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang, IOC President Dr Thomas Bach and UIPM Honorary Patron King Constantine at the IOC Session in Lausanne (SUI).
Dr Schormann with UIPM Honorary President Prince Albert II of Monaco (centre) and Alain Lunzenfichter at the IOC Session in Lausanne (SUI).

Dr Schormann with (left to right) Neven Ilic, the new President of PASO, Honorary President Julio Maglione and PASO Secretary General Ivar Sisniega, former UIPM 1st Vice-President.

Dr Schormann meets Guo Zhongwen, Sports Minister and President of the National Olympic Committee of China, in Tianjing (CHN).
[14] Dr Schormann with Daina Gudzinevičiūtė, President of the National Olympic Committee of Lithuania, during the 2017 World Cup Final in Vilnius (LTU).

[15] Dr Schormann with Stanislav Prozdnyakov, Vice-President of the National Olympic Committee of Lithuania (left), and European MP Confederation President Dmitry Svatkovsky during the 2017 World Cup Final in Vilnius (LTU).

[16] Dr Schormann at the Baron Pierre de Coubertin Memorial on the 80th anniversary of his death along with Prof Dr Norbert Muller, President of the Pierre de Coubertin Commission.
Principal Tang Jiangpeng of Wuxi Xishan Senior High School receives the Pierre de Coubertin Medal in Gold from Dr Schormann.

Dr Schormann at SportAccord 2017 with IOC Member Prince Frederik of Denmark (left) and WADA President Sir Craig Reedie.

Dr Schormann and UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang visit the Los Angeles 2024/2028 Olympic Games bid team.
Dr Schormann and UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang join Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games organizing team members to inspect the venues.

Dr Schormann with Laura Flessel, France Minister for Sport, and Gary Lu of Absolute fencing at the FEI World Fencing Championship in Leipzig (GER).

Dr Schormann with pupils from the Hangzhou Qinglan Primary School in Hangzhou (CHN).

Dr Schormann with Remigijus Simasius, Mayor of Vilnius (LTU), during the 2017 World Cup Final.
Dr Schormann with Saulius Skvernelis, Lithuania Interior Minister, during the 2017 World Cup Final in Vilnius (LTU).

Dr Schormann with UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang and Tokyo 2020 Sport Director Koji Murofushi in Tokyo (JAP).

Dr Schormann with UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang.
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Dear Modern Pentathlon friends,

A year after the Olympic Games in Rio we already have our eyes set on Paris 2024. Yes, Paris... not Tokyo.

The IOC at its session in Lima decided to confirm the core sports for 2024 and Modern Pentathlon has been reconfirmed. In fact, with better marks than the last time, but not yet enough to include mixed relay as an additional medal event at Tokyo 2020.

Despite this setback, we have time to mobilize, think, act and run, much as one of our great athletes, towards new frontiers. Tokyo 2020 will see the one-stadium concept in action and we should prepare now for the next innovation for 2024, to be seen in Paris!

In the meantime, this Yearbook will bring back many memories of a great year of UIPM events all over the world.

And we would like to use it to say, first of all, thank you.

Thank you to all athletes, who under difficult conditions engage in our sport, invest their time and sometimes their money to learn and compete in the sport they love. The same goes for their coaches and all of our judges.

Thank you to all national federations and local organizers, whose efforts are crucial to maintain our network of events, our World Cup series and our World Championships.

Thank you to our partners, who stand by us in difficult times and help our sport to remain relevant and protect its history.

Thank you to all volunteers. We need motivated and passionate people who make things happen on the ground, especially when we have events or when athletes train. Many of our federation officials are also volunteers and devote their time away from their daily jobs. They deserve a very special mention and appreciation.

Thank you to all our committee/commission and board members, who advise and lead us to the best of their abilities.

Thank you to the UIPM staff, who I am very fortunate to captain. They remain motivated and are fully dedicated to our sport. They work effortlessly, without asking questions and on many occasions leaving their own families in the background when the captain calls.

Secondly, when you go through this year’s edition of the Yearbook, you will see that UIPM continues to progress. I am sure you will appreciate how much better we have become in communicating about and branding our events. Our social media exposure is improving at every event, meaning we have more and more followers for modern pentathlon. I had presented to you in the 2016 Yearbook how we excel on our technology platforms. The investment in time to make those state-of-the-art platforms is paying off. Our website, our educational platforms, our online guidelines and our social pages act as “the glue” that unites our diverse family of athletes, coaches, officials and organizers, wherever they are in the world.

Thirdly, we continue to work on expanding our development efforts and our sport pyramid, both of which are essential to our growth. This Yearbook will show you how the new Laser-Run sport is taking root in our family. In fact, the expansion of the base of our sport pyramid remains a much-needed objective and requires effort at all levels: from the leadership, with clear objectives and guidance, to the grassroots with strong passion and effort. Modern Pentathlon has always been and will remain the pinnacle of our movement, and it will continue to flourish if we strengthen the base.
As I mentioned last year, UIPM is a federation which takes seriously its heritage, its responsibilities and its ambitions. We care deeply about the sustainability of our sport and making sure it is inclusive and accessible to all. We remain focused on delivering, under the heading of 4E – Education, Equipment, Empowerment and Expansion – all the necessary tools to sustain growth from grassroots all the way up to the Olympic Games. It is a pleasure to inform you that we have now reached more than 100 of our national member federations with these programs.

Finally, as we prepare for Tokyo 2020, we are already looking beyond, to Paris 2024. To do that, we will concentrate on the fact that we need to become a truly accessible sport movement, from grassroots to elite. We have worked on our sport pyramid, but we must do more, better and faster. It is no longer about “surviving” but taking our future into our own hands and showing we are a serious, evolving International Federation with a strong sport and deep values.

I would therefore like to encourage all readers of this Yearbook to think about contributing your own vision for the future. We have set up a special email address for anyone wanting to offer ideas to change, improve, engage with modern pentathlon and UIPM and participate in a larger and permanent consultation process that will hopefully provide the Executive Board and our Congress with new, strong direction. Please do not hesitate to contribute anonymously or otherwise by sending your thoughts to future@pentathlon.org. At the 2018 UIPM Congress, we will provide you with a study on all the feedback we receive.

I thank the President, the Executive Board members and the entire UIPM Family for the support given to me personally and to the team over the past year. This has been a great source of motivation to us as we seek to serve and improve for a strong modern pentathlon future!

I hope you will enjoy this Yearbook and we look forward to your valuable contributions.

future@pentathlon.org
The worldwide sports marketplace has never been more competitive. As a core sport of the Summer Olympic Games, Modern Pentathlon benefits from being on display in a global shop window every four years but all UIPM Sports are continually promoted throughout Olympic cycles in order to attract more people to the movement and protect the legacy of the founder of Modern Pentathlon, Baron Pierre de Coubertin.

UIPM’s mission is to raise and maintain the profile of UIPM Sports and this Global Profile section tells you all you need to know about the promotional work that goes on behind the scenes.

In 2017 the challenge was to build a stronger media footprint on the back of a successful Rio 2016 Olympic Games. It was a year of new audiences, new competitions, new platforms and new opportunities to promote the most challenging sports and the most versatile athletes in the Olympic movement – UIPM’s #5uperathletes.

These new collaborations were part of a long-term strategy of the governing body to develop UIPM Sports as a broadcasting spectacle, thus increasing their general awareness and value.
Beamed into your homes

The 2017 season began in exciting fashion when an agreement was signed between the UIPM and Eurosport in February. The deal included live TV coverage of the World Cup Final in Vilnius (LTU) and Senior World Championships in Cairo (EGY) and gave viewers across Europe, the traditional heartland of Modern Pentathlon, the chance to watch the world’s top athletes in action from their homes.

The agreement was in line with Eurosport’s “new home to the Olympics” strategy, which aimed to feature half of the Olympic sports in their programming grid. It also enabled the UIPM to further promote its sports and help activate commercial partnerships through a dedicated promotional platform, comprising both TV and digital activations.

Another major development in early 2017 was the appointment of the UK-based Pro-Active Broadcast to create and distribute highlights programmes from all rounds of the UIPM World Cup including the World Cup Final, as well as the Senior World Championships.

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

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With an additional 54 territories reached by our partnership with Eurosport, we are very proud to be able to beam our sport into an estimated 483 million TV homes in 175 countries across the world.
The UIPM TV over-the-top standalone platform remains a powerful tool for the organisation, bringing value to sponsors and showcasing UIPM Sports to the world, enabling a worldwide audience to watch live action from the UIPM World Cup and Senior World Championships.

The platform also features highlights from most category-A competitions such as the very popular Junior World Championships and Biathle-Triathle World Championships.

In 2018, UIPM TV will become more closely linked to social media outlets and will showcase unique content with the aim of retaining and attracting existing and new audiences.

A memorandum of understanding was signed earlier in the season between the UIPM and the Olympic Channel that will allow millions of sports fans beyond the immediate community to follow the UIPM World Cup Final and the UIPM Senior World Championships live and enjoy exclusive content tailored for the platform.

The communications team is constantly striving for new ways to promote UIPM Sports, to tell the stories of the athletes and to keep fans and followers informed and entertained.

Digital technology enables continuous improvement in communication services and in 2017 the team announced the soft launch of the UIPM Central App for both Android and iOS users.

The announcement coincided with the 2017 UIPM Senior World Championships held in Cairo (EGY) where fans and athletes had access for the first time to follow live results on the app.

The UIPM Central App is in its first phase of development and will evolve to provide an unparalleled digital platform and experience to unite the UIPM community of athletes, fans and other stakeholders.
Social life

UIPM’s strategy is to use its social media assets as a tool to educate, inform, inspire and entertain fans and the Olympic community about the values of UIPM Sports in a fun, emotional, dynamic and engaging way.

In 2017 there was a trend of major platforms enabling users to create and share live action and stories via video, battling to become the go-to place for short, in-the-moment content that spurs action and engagement.

By integrating this tactic into competition coverage UIPM enabled athlete takeovers and live coverage of competitions, resulting in an increase in engagement.

A new series called UIPM Training Tips was launched on YouTube and Facebook with a film campaign entitled “Laser-Run Made Simple”. The aim of UIPM Training Tips is to help athletes and coaches in their daily training routine with insight about equipment and techniques.

In 2018 the communications team plans to complete the rollout of a comprehensive new social media strategy, streamline efforts with National Federations and centralize social communication activities.

GLOSSARY

Post Reach
The total number of unique profiles that interfaced with our post across Instagram, YouTube, VK, Weibo, Twitter and Facebook.

Video Views
The number of unique profiles that interfaced with our video posts on YouTube, Facebook, VK, Weibo and Instagram for more than 30 Seconds.

Website Page Visits
Unique visits to the UIPM Website.

Total Fan Growth
The percentage growth of our fanbase in the year in retrospect.

Total Reach
The total unique profiles that saw a UIPM Post.

The Impressions
The number of times our posts appeared one way or the other on profiles.

SOCIAL MEDIA

UIPM Social Media FootPrint 2017

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The shopping channel

Building on the 2016 release of the UIPM Shop, a digital retail resource that raises money for UIPM Sports development, the product has been developed in terms of content and promotion.

Winter and Summer collections were launched and promoted by elite UIPM athletes who are active on social media, enabling the service to be promoted directly to fans. The collections featured casual and technical wear and merchandise was made available for purchase directly through Facebook or Twitter.

The online interface of the UIPM Shop (shop.uipmworld.org) was also refreshed and boosted with the release of a promotional video.

In Viveiro (ESP) during the UIPM 2017 Biathle-Triathle World Championships, a physical version of the UIPM Shop was erected for the first time – promoted also on social media – and the response was very positive with hundreds of articles sold.

Cover stars

The development of UIPM Sports is dependent on the oxygen of publicity and one way to grow profile is to empower athletes to act as ambassadors for the movement.

In 2017 UIPM produced tailored content for and in collaboration with athletes, putting them in the spotlight. They were the stars of the new UIPM Shop collection, they featured on prime-time television shows and featured in social media campaigns and print/digital press coverage.

These #Superathletes are UIPM’s biggest asset and will continue to be a cornerstone of many of the federation’s communication strategies.

TOP ATHLETES

Marketable Athletes

Intelligent & Well-Spoken Athletes

Equality Men and Women Equally represented

Values Refreshed Brand Identity Retaining the Association with Olympic Values

Global Appeal With Ethnic Groups represented

Pentathletes Alexandre Dallenbach (SUI) and Sophia Hernandez (GUA) posing for the next UIPM Shop collection.
On the shelves...

The UIPM movement was also featured in magazines such as Sport Business, SportsPro, Sportel and HostCity in 2017. Areas covered included the partnership between UIPM and Eurosport, the growth of Laser-Run City Tour and upcoming events in 2018.

... and on the stand

UIPM was represented at the international Sportel exhibition in Monaco in October and will follow up at the 2018 International Sports Convention in Geneva (SUI). These opportunities give the team an opportunity to network and spread the word about UIPM Sports through face-to-face communications.

Whether it’s on TV, online, in print or in person, UIPM Sports’ global profile is growing all the time.

E-COMMUNICATIONS

UIPM connects with new and existing audiences through numerous forms of electronic communications.

In 2017 our output included:

144 news stories on UIPM website
12 monthly newsletters
77 e-mail press releases
• Including 19 in Chinese language
10 stories in IOC Olympic Highlights
III.

Inside the UIPM
UIPM Structure

AS PER UIPM STATUTES

UIPM Committees
- UIPM Athletes’ Committee
- UIPM Coaches Committee
- UIPM Technical Committee
- UIPM Masters Committee
- UIPM Medical Committee
- UIPM Business Affairs Committee

UIPM Commissions
- UIPM Finance Commission
- UIPM Sport for all Commission
- UIPM Cultural Commission
- UIPM Pierre de Coubertin Commission
- UIPM Innovation Commission
- UIPM Equipment Commission
- UIPM TUE Commission
- UIPM Para Sport Commission

UIPM Honorary Auditors

UIPM Honorary Members
The UIPM sporting movement in Asia continued to develop rapidly in 2017 and there are some very prestigious events in the 2018 calendar to look forward to, including the UIPM World Cup Final in Astana (KAZ). With the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games on the horizon we are working hard to grow the profile of Modern Pentathlon in Asia and attract new audiences to the non-Olympic sports such as Biathle, Triathle and Laser-Run through national competitions and tours.

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For the first time in history UIPM has a product — Laser-Run — which is at the same time good for development, for detection, for entertainment and for spectacle. I hope all National Federations understand what is at stake: from 2 to 5 disciplines, a smart solution for the future of our sport!

Our main goal in this new four-year period is to continue to demonstrate to the sporting world that Modern Pentathlon is a great sport and worthy of wide coverage across the media. It should be written about and demonstrated on TV that this is a sport to be proud of within the Olympic movement.
All of my closest friends are people that I competed against in the sport of Modern Pentathlon, and many of them are now my colleagues on the Executive Board of UIPM. This sport creates fantastic human beings, and long-lasting friendships.
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<th><strong>Janusz Peciak</strong></th>
<th>Pentathlon is expanding bigger and bigger. We are getting more and more disciplines. We are adding more events in younger categories. Biathle, Laser-Run and Triathle are becoming very popular. Now we are working on UIPM Para-Sport.</th>
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<td><strong>Martin Dawe</strong></td>
<td>The 2017 season has seen increased marketing activity across all areas. This is particularly important as we must continue to increase the awareness and the profile of our sport.</td>
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<td><strong>Andrejus Zadneprovskis</strong></td>
<td>Digital technology enables continuous improvement in communication services. We are working hard to attract a younger, newer, more modern audience to our sport through the extensive use of social media.</td>
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<td><strong>Viacheslav Malishev</strong></td>
<td>The development of all UIPM Sports is important, but the development of Modern Pentathlon is the ultimate priority.</td>
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<td><strong>Natalia Ofitserova</strong></td>
<td>As Chair of the UIPM Medical Committee and a sports medicine physician I know how important it is to apply modern scientific knowledge and best practice of sports medicine to the service of athletes in order to ensure their health and achievements are supported.</td>
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<td><strong>Aya Medany</strong></td>
<td>The game is not about winning or losing, it’s about achieving your own target and standing up after falling.</td>
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<td><strong>Christian Roudaut</strong></td>
<td>The UIPM Coaches Committee’s main goal for 2018 is to enhance connections with other UIPM commissions and with coaches all over the world, to be part of the qualitative and quantitative development at each level of the UIPM Sports pyramid.</td>
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<td>Nundkishor Fakun</td>
<td>If you want to go quickly, go alone; If you want to go far, go together.</td>
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<td>Dmitry Svatkovsky</td>
<td>It always seemed dull to me to go into one sport and to do it daily and I chose Modern Pentathlon. But with the years I realized that it was Modern Pentathlon that had chosen me and revealed to me all the sides and corners of life which no other sport could do.</td>
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<td>Sangwoo Park</td>
<td>Modern Pentathlon, a sport of 5 different charms. It is 5 times more exacting sport than other sports.</td>
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<td>Robert Stull</td>
<td>The last years in Modern Pentathlon have been the most exciting to watch as our community has embraced the latest innovations to truly be the “Modern” Pentathlon.</td>
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<td>Kitty Chiller</td>
<td>This the first time that Oceania has had a documented and formal Strategic Plan. The Plan is based around three key areas of focus for 2017 – 20 – being Governance, Growth and Development.</td>
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<td>Jorge Salas</td>
<td>In principle, the inclusion of the relays and the increase of the quota of female athletes in the Pan-American Games 2019, have been treated.</td>
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Committees and Commission

Athletes’ Committee

Chairwoman — Aya MEDANY (EGY)

The Athletes’ Committee represents the interests of the athletes. It has the right to represent the athletes’ position to the General Assembly, the Executive Board and the Committees, in particular to the Technical and the Medical Committees.

In 2017 the Committee, chaired by the newly-elected three-time Olympic Games pentathlete Aya Medany (EGY), came up with clear and creative ideas and communicated their visions to the UIPM.

In January, an Athletes’ Committee representative was invited to attend a Technical Committee meeting and delivered their ideas and opinions.

The Committee met twice in Cairo (EGY) in the 2017 season, during World Cup II and the Senior World Championships. They discussed the importance of the Mixed Relay being involved in future Olympic Games, and expressed their thoughts and requests.

The Athletes’ Committee would like to work more on the development of Riding with more Riding camps in the future for our athletes; at the same time they are comfortable with the process of drawing a horse that they don’t know and warm up only 20 minutes before the competition, taking the view that equestrian athletes wouldn’t do better.

In their exchanges with the UIPM the Athletes Committee representatives praised the media input and improvement that the sport has demonstrated, while providing valuable suggestions for more dynamic graphics for next season.

The Union will act on all reasonable wishes of the Athletes Committee into 2018 and beyond.
The Business Affairs Committee (BAC) is comprised of the Finance, Marketing and Media Commissions.

The BAC serves to provide the UIPM Executive Board with proposals regarding financial, marketing and media issues, and undertake projects related to financial, marketing and media issues as requested by the UIPM Executive Board. The BAC also seeks out new sources of financial support for UIPM.

UIPM business delegates attended competitions as representatives of the BAC and acted with dedication and diligence in their duties. During these events they fulfilled a variety of roles from assisting local organizers in all marketing and media aspects to monitoring UIPM’s own branding and promotional activities.

The BAC proposed the UIPM app and recommended it be reserved for competition use in its first phase, with further development planned in 2018 season for other aspects.

A commercial working group will be composing in the 2018 season and the BAC will working along with the UIPM development strategy and will lead the marketing side further on.
The Coaches Committee works in close cooperation with the Technical, Athletes’ and Medical Committees and the Continental Confederations to educate coaches and athletes, prepare coaches’ clinics and seminars, elaborate proposals on training, sport and other questions related in the interests of the coaches for discussion by the Technical Committee and discussion and decision by the Executive Board.

In 2017 the Coaches Committee delivered a great number of projects together with other committees and UIPM bodies, including the education of coaches and athletes, preparation of coaches’ clinics and seminars and the development of proposals on training, sport and other questions related to the UIPM movement.

The committee held four meetings in 2017, during World Cup III in Kecskemet (HUN), the European Championships in Minsk (BLR), Senior World Championships in Cairo (EGY) and Under-19 European Championship in Caldas da Rainha (POR). The committee discussed a range of important subjects including the new system of coaching awards, youth ranking and competition system, and coach gender equality.

The committee worked together with the UIPM Instructor Group on a series of seminars and camps in 2017, also fully implementing the UIPM Coaches Certification Program worldwide.

The 5th UIPM Coaches Conference was scheduled for Manchester (GBR) in November 2017; the committee continues to promote the UIPM Sports pyramid by spreading out the message to all coaches at all levels.

The Coaches Committee focused on education than ever, and will join in more UIPM educational programs under UIPM’s 4E (Equipment, Education, Empowerment and Expansion) strategy.

A ceremony was held in Cairo (EGY) during the UIPM 2017 Senior World Championships to recognise the first group of UIPM Level 4 elite-level coaches.

**Coaches Committee**

Chairman —

Christian ROUDAUT (FRA)
The Medical Committee is responsible for all medical issues within the UIPM movement and for supervising compliance of UIPM Rules and Policy with WADA requirements. The Medical Committee informs the Secretary General (SG) if there is a report on suspected doping of an A sample and takes part in the elaboration of Rules which may have medical consequences, providing basic data for this process. It also reports to the Executive Board on the activities carried out by UIPM Medical Delegates.

Six members of the UIPM Medical Committee worked at eight major UIPM events in 2017 and carried out both medical tasks and anti-doping activities onsite.

The first Committee meeting took place during World Cup IV in Drzonkow (POL) on May 27 in the presence of both the UIPM President and SG; the committee identified action plans and discussed health and welfare protection for the athletes, prevention of injury and illness in the sport.

The UIPM Medical Committee remained fully committed to the fight against doping and the promotion of clean sport and protecting clean athletes.

The Committee emphasized the importance of working closely with the LOC and aspects related to medical assistance, first-aid services for athletes and participants onsite, and the environmental and nutritional aspects during major events.

The Chairwoman represented the UIPM in the 2nd IF Women in Leadership Forum held in Lausanne (SUI) and at the meeting of IF Medical Committee Chairperson held in Monaco. She attended the IOC World Conference Prevention of Injury and Illness in Sport (Monaco) and WADA TUE Symposium (Helsinki, FIN). The member Dr Atanas Andreev participated in the ASOIF Medical and Science Workshop held in Lausanne (SUI).

The UIPM Anti-Doping Manager, Ms Radka Zapletalova, attended the WADA meeting concerning McLaren Reports (with Legal department), WADA anti-doping investigation seminar, INADO meeting and 2017 WADA Annual Symposium. Together with Dr Yahia they participated in the Classification research Forum (for Paralympics sport) within the framework of the UIPM Para-Sport project activities.

The Committee held the value that global anti-doping education is the most effective means of preserving the integrity of our sport and upholding the value of fair play.
The Masters movement and community has been in a continuous state of metamorphosis in recent years. There has been a focus on transitioning Masters from a tradition-based community of formerly active (mostly male) athletes to a gender-balanced, fully integrated part of the UIPM, following UIPM statutes, regulations and competition rules.

In 2017 the UIPM Masters sports movement achieved a number of significant achievements for both existing and new member groups.

There was a smooth transition to Laser-Run in competitions such as the International German Masters Championships and the Masters European Championship in Kharkiv (UKR). Previously Masters events had featured two parallel modes of competition: classical shooting and Laser-Run.

For traditional member groups, popular events such as the Winter Pentathlons in Helsinki (FIN) and Davos (SUI), as well as annual events in Tartu (EST), Neuss (GER) and Pécs (HUN) provided plenty of opportunity for socially-active members to meet and have fun with family, friends and former team-mates.

The UIPM Masters community currently consists of about 30 nations from four continents, with the female quota rapidly increasing. The 2017 season featured nine events including one in Africa (Egypt). The goal for 2018 is to offer a similar broad portfolio of competitions. The most important of them will be the 15th UIPM Masters World Championships in Halle (GER) from July 10-15.

The spirit of the Masters Community consists of two components: a social and a competitive component. Both aspects need to be considered equally, in order to achieve a maximum of consent within the broad bandwidth of member age groups.

The challenge is to keep the older members motivated and on board while trying to satisfy the more competition-oriented demands of the younger generation. There is clear evidence that the competitive element is becoming increasingly important in the growing number of new and younger athletes now joining the UIPM Masters family, having already adopted newer and more advanced UIPM competition rules.
The UIPM Technical Committee for the Olympic cycle 2017-2020 continues to work under the leadership of the Chair, 1976 Olympic champion Janusz Peciak (POL). The committee, consisting of experienced and new members, started its work with a Technical Commission meeting in January 2017, held in Frankfurt (GER). The implementation of rule changes in 2017, a restructure of international judges education as well as competition and championship assignments were discussed.

Technical Committee members worked in their assigned roles on various competitions, on all continents and at various age categories to contribute to successful events. Their on-site work is crucial to ensuring fairness and high-level officiating at each event.

The UIPM Technical Committee periodically reviews current rules and making recommendations. The committee has also been instrumental in supporting the newly introduced Judges Certification Programme (JCP). Recruiting new technical officials and preparing them for the international pathway to support the global expansion of UIPM Sports depends on the involvement of Technical Committee members.

On the committee, a number of cultures and languages are represented, which facilitates working together with competition organizers, national federations and teams in geographically dispersed locations.

Under the guidance of double Olympic champion Janos Martinek (HUN), the Commission discussed the current equipment situation and regulations, focusing on quality, safety, fairness, performance, reliability and practicability. In addition, new possibilities, technologies and improvements were evaluated.

At the meeting in Frankfurt (GER) the commission members used their expertise to undergo detailed analysis and make recommendations for Fencing and Laser-Run equipment used in Modern Pentathlon. In Fencing, heightened safety regulations and homologation of scoring apparatus and evaluation of wireless fencing were discussed. In Laser-Run, current homologation standards for laser equipment, future improvements and tests, as well as interfacing or embedding of third-party systems were discussed.

To use modern technologies for the benefit of the competitors and the sport itself is critical to the commission’s work.

Modern Pentathlon is an ever-evolving sport where development in technology applied to the five sporting disciplines has a key role. In order to ensure UIPM, its member federations and its athletes have access to the latest cutting-edge sports equipment - complying with all the prescribed international rules and regulations - a new Equipment Commission has been created and met for the first time in November 2017.
The European Confederation of Modern Pentathlon, which manages and promotes the UIPM sporting movement in its traditional heartland, experienced a very dynamic 2017 with major progress in participation levels.

Each of the four ECMP Championships in 2017 – Senior in Minsk (BLR), Junior in Barcelona (ESP), U19 (incorporating Youth Olympic Games qualification) in Caldas da Rainha (POR) and U17 in Pazardzhik (BUL) – were extremely successful and well received and there was also a record number of 215 participants at U19 level at the European Cup in Sant Boi de Llobregat (ESP).

In addition, the ECMP made the decision to host an increased number of European Cups (four) and to create an all-new competition, the U24 European Championships.

Interest in Modern Pentathlon among the youth population across Europe continued to increase and the Confederation explored possibilities to develop the movement in traditional centres in the centre of Europe such as Drzonkow (POL), Tata (HUN), Ratomka (BLR), Sant Boi de Llobregat (ESP), Bath (GBR) and other places which not only produce athletes but enable athletes to train together in preparation for competitions.

More than 20 Laser-Run City Tour events were organised across the continent. There were outstanding achievements in Barcelona (ESP) with close to a thousand participants and Perpignan (FRA), which is home to the French National Lase-Run Championships and hosted the first Laser-Run World Championships in 2015.

At the 2017 ECMP Congress in Minsk (BLR), all member federations under the leadership of President Dmitry Svatkovsky renewed their determination to focus on increasing the number of athletes participating in UIPM Sports.
SOUTH AMERICA

It was a busy year of consolidation, preparation and reconnaissance in South America after the incredible high of the continent hosting its first Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro in 2016.

The South American Confederation (CSPM) already has another major global event to look forward to in 2018 with the Youth Olympic Games heading to Buenos Aires (ARG). Also in 2018 the Central American and Caribbean (CAC) Games will be held in Colombia and CSPM President Jorge Salas was part of a delegation that visited the proposed venue.

The Pan American Sports Organization (PASO) Congress was another important date in the 2017 calendar and this was a forum that produced positive outcomes for Modern Pentathlon as the inclusion of relays and an increase in the quota of female athletes were discussed for the 2019 Pan American Games in Lima (PER). The creation of an Under 21 Pan American Games was also discussed.

On the competition front, Argentina, Chile and Venezuela all played host to Laser-Run City Tour events. Magdalena, in the suburbs of the Argentinian capital, Buenos Aires, hosted the most popular event on the continent.

The Pan American Senior / Junior Championships took place in Santo Domingo (DOM) with eight of the 14 participating countries coming from South América: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Bolivia, Ecuador, Panama, Venezuela and Uruguay.

The 2018 Youth Olympics in Buenos Aires (ARG) will be an excellent showcase for Modern Pentathlon, with the competition taking place in the main arena, all disciplines gathered in one venue, free entry to the pentathlon and a site established for a promotional event for young people to find out more about UIPM Sports. A seminar for judges, organizers and volunteers is scheduled for early 2018.
Working hard to capitalise on the incredible success of Chloe Esposito (gold medallist) and Max Esposito (7th) at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, the Oceania Confederation oversaw a number of competitions that illustrated a new wave of interest in UIPM Sports in the region.

On behalf of Modern Pentathlon Australia, Oceania staged a leg of the Laser-Run City Tour in Geelong, Victoria, in September. It was a very successful event and Modern Pentathlon Victoria arranged a Fencing and Swimming event at the venue to encourage the Laser-Run participants to try these other pentathlon sports.

The Confederations focused on promoting the full suite of UIPM sports, most specifically Laser-Run, World Schools Biathlon and University Sport.

This came after the new Executive of Oceania had met for the first time in December 2016 and drafted and adopted a four-year strategic plan, with aligned activities, objectives, responsibilities and budget.

It was the first time Oceania had created a documented and formal Strategic Plan and the vision was based around three key areas of focus for 2017-20: Governance, Growth and Development.

Another key nation in the Oceania region, New Zealand, will return to the competition circuit in 2018 with the organisation of a Laser-Run City Tour event in Wellington, the first on New Zealand soil.

The confederation also held fruitful meetings with the Organisation of Sports Federations of Oceania and the Director of High Performance Sport in Papua New Guinea to further develop the sport in the region.
AFRICA

What a year for the UIPM sporting movement in Africa.

Not only did Modern Pentathlon’s flagship competition, the UIPM Senior World Championship, take place in Cairo (EGY), but the Laser-Run craze swept across the continent from west to east and north to south.

This activity comprised the UIPM Laser-Run World Championships in Cape Town (RSA) and a staggering total of 11 Laser-Run City Tour events: three in South Africa, three in Egypt, three in Ivory Coast, one in Nigeria and one in Gambia.

Everywhere from Abidjan to Banjul, Alexandria to Pretoria, and with many pit stops in between, scores of African communities engaged with Laser-Run for the first time and enjoyed this new and inclusive urban sport.

Beyond pentathlon and Laser-Run, South Africa once again stood out as a champion of UIPM development sports with incredible team performances at both the Laser-Run and Biathle/Triathle World Championships, with Egypt not far behind and excelling in all pentathlon competitions too.

As well as hosting the World Championships, the north African powerhouse of Cairo (EGY) was also on the UIPM World Cup roster and it will open the 2018 season with World Cup I at the end of February, kick-starting another year of dreams, discovery and diligence on the African continent where UIPM Sports are blossoming in popularity.
It was a record-breaking year on the competition front and a big year of administrative progress for the Asian Modern Pentathlon Confederation.

The 2017 Asia/Oceania Championships in September attracted the highest-ever number of participants, with around 104 athletes among a delegation of about 200 travelling to Gotemba (JAP). The event incorporated the qualifying competition for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games, enabling senior and youth athletes to mix, while there were International Judges from five member federations (CHN, KAZ, KGZ, KOR and TPE).

The global Laser-Run City Tour frenzy was fully apparent in Asia, which stood among the most prolific continental organisers with 10 events spread across 4 countries: Sri Lanka, Pakistan, India and Singapore.

Another first in 2017 was the inaugural Asian Biathle/Triathle Championships in Kazakhstan in June, attended by about 300 participants.

In February, representatives of the confederation met the UIPM Member for Sport, Janusz Peciak, together with Technical Committee Member Dongkook Chung and former Vice-President Kuisung Choi, to discuss preparations for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and the potential for an international pre-Games training camp for athletes in Mungyeong (KOR), venue of the 2015 CISM World Championships.

These discussions continued throughout the year – during the first-ever AMPC Executive Board meeting in Seoul (KOR) and during the 2017 AMPC Congress, held in Gotemba (JAP) with 12 Asian members in attendance as well as UIPM Vice-President Berik Imashev (KAZ) and Oceania Confederation President Kitty Chiller (AUS).
NORCECA

The confederation for North America, Central America and the Caribbean placed a lot of focus on development work in 2017 with so many member nations scheduled to host very important competitions in the coming years.

These include the UIPM 2018 Senior World Championships in Mexico City (Mexico), the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires (Argentina), the 2018 Central American and Caribbean (CAC) Games in Barranquilla (Colombia) and the 2019 Pan American Games in Lima (Peru).

There will also be further qualifying events for the Youth Olympic Games and the Pan American Games, after initial competitions in 2017. The road to Buenos Aires began in Merida (MEX) while the 2017 Pan American Championships took place in San Jose (DOM). This was a very well-prepared and executed competition well attended by all NORCECA nations. The competition venues were primarily those used and maintained as a legacy from the 2003 Pan American Games held in the Dominican Republic.

Many National Federations hosted Laser-Run City Tours and seminars to boost the development agenda and they were supported by the NORCECA through the UIPM with the provision of logistics, equipment and advice on partnership and sponsorship. Away from sport it was a difficult year for the region, with the continent hit with three severe hurricanes and one big earthquake which left lots of damage.

Young Fencing enthusiasts promote the Modern Pentathlon during a 2028 Olympic Games celebratory parade at Fairplex in Los Angeles (USA).
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Dr Klaus Schormann, President of UIPM, said: “The set-up of the field of play in the fantastic Al Shaqab Arena gave this Champions of Champions the hallmarks of a real event.”

Swimming during the men’s event in Doha (QAT).
All the competitors showed fantastic sportsmanship to Khalid Al-Nuaimi (QAT) who competed for the first time in a UIPM event.

Valentin Belaud and rivals take aim during the Laser-Run at the Champion of Champions.

Preparations for the Fencing.
Germany’s Schleu and Dogue end 2016 in style

Annika Schleu won her second consecutive gold in the women’s event and Patrick Dogue made it a double success for Germany as he claimed men’s gold at the 2016 UIPM Champion of Champions in Doha (QAT).

Schleu (GER) made up a 64sec deficit in the Laser-Run to finish ahead of silver medallist Samantha Murray (GBR) and Kim Seehee (KOR), who took bronze.

In the Men’s event, Dogue (GER) held his nerve to defeat world champion Valentin Belaud (FRA), who won silver ahead of bronze medallist Robert Kasza (HUN).

There was a special moment of sportsmanship at the end as all of the competitors stood at the finish line to applaud the Qatari athlete, Khalid Al-Nuaimi, who was competing in his first Champion of Champions.

Dr Klaus Schormann, President of UIPM, said: “The set-up of the field of play in the fantastic Al Shaqab Arena gave this Champions of Champions the hallmarks of a real event. All of the staff and volunteers here in Qatar have prepared a wonderful platform for our world-class athletes at the end of the Olympic season.”
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Annika Schleu (GER) won the Champion of Champions for the second time.

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Samantha Murray (GBR) during one of her shooting series.

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Valentin Belaud (FRA) during his riding event.

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The women’s competition podium.

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The men’s individual podium.
UIPM 2017
World Cup I
LOS ANGELES (USA)
Olympics on the agenda in Los Angeles

The opening event of the 2017 UIPM World Cup season took place in the 2024 Olympic Games candidate city of Los Angeles during the campaigning phase, and Fairplex proved to be an excellent venue for the first World Cup of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic cycle.

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[1] The dirt track at Fairplex provided an excellent venue for the riding event.
Women’s Individual: Schoeneborn (GER) is early riser again

Lena Schoeneborn (GER) shook off her Rio 2016 Olympic Games setback with a stylish victory at World Cup I for the second year in succession.

The World No.1, 30, claimed her 9th individual World Cup victory in the US and set the pace for the season just as she did in 2016 when she won gold at World Cup I in Cairo (EGY).

Schoeneborn (GER) began the Laser-Run with a 21-second deficit to Natsumi Tomonaga (JAP) but dropped the leader on the second 800m lap and never looked back.

“It was difficult, but I knew I could still make up the time on the Laser-Run and I didn’t have to go all out, and that was nice,” said Schoeneborn (GER).

Kate French (GBR) and Ekaterina Khuraskina (RUS) also caught Tomonaga (JAP) on the 3rd lap and took home silver and bronze respectively.
Lena Schoeneborn (GER) enjoys victory.

Bronze medallists Elena Potapenko and Vladislav Sukharev of Kazakhstan.

Bronze medallist Ekaterina Khuraskina (RUS) shows her emotion.
Men’s Individual: Demeter (HUN) pounces to claim opening gold

Bence Demeter (HUN) came from behind to claim Men’s Individual gold at the opening event of the World Cup season.

The 26-year-old, previous winner of two World Cup bronze medals, demonstrated masterful tactics during the Laser-Run that allowed him to outwit silver medallists Pavlo Tymoshchenko (UKR) and bronze medallist Alexander Lesun (RUS) and secure his first gold.

Demeter started the Laser-Run in 2nd place behind Lesun (RUS) but it was Tymoshchenko (UKR) who took the initiative in the last three shooting series. On the final lap, Demeter (HUN) lurked behind the leader and then pounced, timing his sprint to perfection to leave Tymoshchenko (UKR) five seconds behind and Lesun (RUS) a distant third.

“I am very happy, it was a brilliant run-shoot for me,” said Demeter (HUN). “My tactic was to try to follow the first two competitors and then use my sprint in the last 100 metres. Usually I have a good sprint, so I am very happy.”
Mixed Relay: Koreans lead Asian 1-2-3

Korea’s Yang Soo Jin and Jung Jinhwa claimed a decisive gold medal in the Mixed Relay as World Cup I drew to a close.

Japan (Ayumu Saito & Taishu Sato) set off first in the Laser-Run but they were unable to match the running pace and shooting composure of Korea (Yang/Jung), who made sure the Japanese duo would have to shift their focus to protecting silver.

Behind them, with the final lap approaching it looked like Great Britain (Jessica Varley & Myles Pillage) might pinch an unexpected bronze out of the grasp of Kazakhstan (Elena Potapenko & Vladislav Sukharev), but a 9sec shoot by Sukharev (KAZ) soon snuffed out that challenge and made sure it would be an all-Asian top three.
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Cairo passes dress rehearsal

The 2017 UIPM World Championships host city of Cairo (EGY) staged a successful World Cup as athletes from 22 nations gathered for the second round of the 2017 circuit.
Mixed Relay: Belarus duo lead from the front

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

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

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

Bronze was won by Hungary (Tamara Alekszejev & Tamas Bence Frohlich), who made up a 23-second deficit to overtake Japan.
Women’s Individual: French (GBR) turns silver into gold

Kate French of Great Britain was an emphatic winner of Women’s Individual gold at World Cup II.

The 26-year-old celebrated her first World Cup success only four weeks after winning silver in Los Angeles (USA).

Ilke Ozyuksel (TUR) shrugged off her Laser-Run starting rank of 19th to storm through the field and claim silver – Turkey’s first-ever UIPM World Cup medal – and Alice Sotero (ITA) won an epic battle with her compatriot Gloria Tocchi (ITA) to secure bronze.

“I think I’m a more experienced athlete now,” said French, who finished 5th at the 2016 Olympics. “Rio gave me experience and confidence and now I’m just really enjoying it.”
Men’s Individual: Tymoshchenko (UKR) makes it look easy

Pavlo Tymoshchenko of Ukraine won Men’s Individual gold after a dominant performance in the Egyptian capital.

The 2015 world champion and 2016 Olympic silver medallist moved out in front during the Fencing discipline and took a 22-second lead into the Laser-Run which he defended with ease.

Behind him, Valentin Prades (FRA) moved with great stealth through the field having started the Laser-Run in 11th place, and cruised home in second place 12 seconds behind the champion.

Bronze was won by Fabian Liebig (GER) after he used his strong running prowess to pass Matteo Cicinelli (ITA) at the beginning of the final lap.

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“I just tried to stay calm and focus on my shooting, and luckily it was good enough today,” said Prades (FRA).
Men’s Individual: Prades (FRA) prevails in classic encounter

On the day France went to the polls to elect a new President, Valentin Prades confirmed his strong form with victory in a pulsating climax to the Men’s Individual Final.

World Cup I champion Bence Demeter (HUN) led at the start of the Laser-Run but Jung Jinhwa (KOR) and Pavlo Tymoshchenko (UKR) also spent time at the front of the field but eventually the strong running of Prades (FRA) propelled him across the line in 1st place.

Demeter (HUN) summoned the stamina to overtake Olympic silver medallist Tymoshchenko (UKR) on the final straight and claim silver, while Korea took 4th and 5th.

“I just tried to stay calm and focus on my shooting, and luckily it was good enough today,” said Prades (FRA). “For me the World Cup is a great form of preparation for the European Championships and World Championships.”

[1] Valentin Prades (FRA) crosses the line to win the Men’s Individual.
2. Action from the Fencing Bonus Round.

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

4. Champions Bence Demeter and Sarolta Kovacs (HUN) smile for the cameras.
It was Hungary’s turn to enjoy a day of patriotic pride as Sarolta Kovacs and Bence Demeter won the gold medal in the Mixed Relay to close an enthralling World Cup.

A few seconds behind the local heroes, World Cup II winners Belarus (Tatsiana Khaldoba & Ilya Palazkov) were strong winners of the silver medal, but there was drama in the race for bronze.

Mixed Relay: Kovacs & Demeter (HUN) are perfect hosts

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

Fourteen nations participated in the Mixed Relay, demonstrating the growing value and popularity of the event.
Patriotic pride and pulsating performances in Kecskemet

The Hungarian national anthem, ‘Himnusz’ was played at the end of a triumphant week for the organisers of a successful World Cup, as the host nation claimed a gold medal to go with Men’s Individual silver and Women’s Individual bronze.
Laura Asadauskaite of Lithuania made light work of a 43-second deficit to deny Hungary’s Sarolta Kovacs victory in front of her home crowd.

For Asadauskaite (LTU) this was a first podium finish of 2017 and ninth individual gold of her World Cup career. A lightning-fast Laser-Run (11:52.49) was even quicker than her incredible performance at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

“"It was a very good day, a very lucky day," said 33-year-old Asadauskaite (LTU). "Everything went well and I am very happy. My running and my shooting were strong."

Like Asadauskaite (LTU), Gulnaz Gubaydullina (RUS) overtook Kovacs (HUN) during the Laser-Run and kept enough in reserve to claim an excellent silver, her first World Cup medal. Kovacs (HUN) held on to claim bronze.

Women’s Individual: Asadauskaite (LTU) topples local favourite

“It was a very good day, a very lucky day,” said 33-year-old Asadauskaite (LTU). “Everything went well and I am very happy. My running and my shooting were strong.”
Athletes fight for Final places in pentathlon heartland

Dr Klaus Schormann, President of UIPM, celebrated another ultracompetitive World Cup and paid tribute to the organizers of World Cup IV in Drzonkow. He said: “Drzonkow was established as a centre of our sport 40 years ago and this week our athletes showed how motivated they are to qualify for the World Cup Final.”

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Natalya Coyle and Arthur Lanigan-O’Keeffe (IRL) were taking part in their first Mixed Relay of the 2017 UIPM season but there was no evidence of rust as they scored 30V/14D in the Fencing Ranking Round and held on to their advantage all day.

“I think it’s great when you work together as pentathletes,” said Lanigan-O’Keeffe (IRL). “Myself and Natalya have a good relationship and when one of us is struggling we pick each other up.”

There was an intriguing battle for the other podium places, and it was Germany (Annika Schleu & Christian Zillekens) and Kazakhstan (Elena Potapenko & Pavel Ilyashenko) who ended up taking silver and bronze respectively.

Mixed Relay: Ireland prevail with masterclass of teamwork

Ireland produced another classy demonstration of Mixed Relay tactics as they won gold at World Cup IV with a rare degree of comfort.
Women’s Individual: Sotero (ITA) has two reasons to celebrate

Alice Sotero earned herself the perfect birthday present as she led a strong Italy contingent to victory in Drzonkow.

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

Sotero (ITA) held on to her advantage to claim her first major gold medal but Laura Asadauskaite (LTU) made up 16 places to claim silver and Ilke Ozyuksel (TUR) set a new world junior Laser-Run record of 11.57 to in bronze and deny the other Italians a place on the podium.

“I am so pleased to break the world record because I know the course and I set a world record here before; I tried again and managed to improve it by three seconds,” said Ozyuksel (TUR).
Men’s Individual: Inspired Jun leads Korean one-two

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

Jun (KOR) held his nerve on the range and left runners with tired legs behind him on the cross-country course, while Lee (KOR) refused to buckle under pressure and won a thrilling battle with Patrick Dogue (GER) for silver.

It was another glimpse of the huge potential and strength in depth of Korean pentathlon; Seo Changwan (KOR) also finished in 6th place. “We showed great teamwork today and I’m very happy because we’re having a great season,” said Jun (KOR). “In Korea the pentathlon family now has many good athletes and the future is bright.”

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

Action from the women’s Laser-Run.
Swimming was held at the Sports Ministry pool.

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Swimmers take to the pool.

Valentin Prades (FRA) at the finish line.

Tamara Aleksjejev (HUN) holds her nerve during the Laser-Run.
"I had a good first shoot and I knew that Tymoshchenko was close behind me, but I knew I had the power in me," said Prades (FRA).
Men’s Individual: Powerful Prades (FRA) wins second gold

Valentin Prades of France marked Olympic Day by winning his second UIPM World Cup Final gold.

A large crowd was treated to a fantastic Laser-Run battle between Prades (FRA) and Pavlo Tymoshchenko (UKR), who had been the most consistent performer in the 2017 World Cup. Eventually Prades (FRA) pulled away on the last lap to win by 4 secs.

Behind the leading duo, Jaroslaw Swiderski (POL) enjoyed the best result of his career with a fine bronze medal. Jun Woongtae (KOR) finished 4th ahead of 2016 world champion Valentin Belaud (FRA) in 5th and the 2016 Olympic champion Alexander Lesun (RUS) in 6th.

“I had a good first shoot and I knew that Tymoshchenko was close behind me, but I knew I had the power in me,” said Prades (FRA).
Big crowds and top-class competition in Vilnius

Large crowds braved inclement weather at Vingis Park in Vilnius (LTU) to create a super-charged atmosphere for a group of athletes who responded with three days of top-class pentathlon competition. Eight countries shared the nine medals on offer.


[7] Horses were high-quality in Vilnius.

[8] Crowds are thrilled by the action on horseback.
Handover time for Japan during the Laser-Run.

Yasser Hefny and Haydy Morsy (EGY) enjoy a win during the Fencing Bonus Round.

Pavlo Zvedeniuk (UKR) scores a point on the piste.
Tamara Alekszejev of Hungary held off the challenge of a local hero to enjoy her first major success with gold in the World Cup Final.

The crowd at Vingis Park in Vilnius created an incredible atmosphere as Laura Asadauskaite (LTU) tried to make up a Laser-Run deficit of 77secs. In the end she came within one place of the new champion.

“I feel perfect. I can’t believe I’m World Cup champion. I’m very happy,” said Alekszejev (HUN). “I didn’t look behind me, I just focused on my shooting. After the first two runs I realised that Laura was coming, but I’m strong.”

There was a dramatic sprint for bronze and it was Gulnaz Gubaydullina (RUS) who held off the challenge of Anastasiya Prokopenko (BLR) to secure the medal.
Mixed Relay: Flawless Irish duo retain title

Ireland’s Natalya Coyle and Arthur Lanigan-O’Keeffe created a special double by winning gold in the Mixed Relay in Vilnius.

The Irish duo retained the title they won in 2016 in Sarasota (USA) and proved that they were the world’s leading Mixed Relay specialists with a commanding performance.

“We were strong from start to finish and it was one of those days that you don’t get very often in pentathlon,” said Lanigan-O’Keeffe (IRL).

Behind them, Valentin Prades added a silver medal to his individual gold as he teamed up with Julie Belhamri to win silver for France.

Gulnaz Gubaydullina was another athlete celebrating a second medal as she added relay bronze to her individual bronze for Russia with Alexander Savkin.
Men’s Individual: King Kim keeps title in Korea

Korea’s reputation for producing young athletes of the highest pedigree was further enhanced when Kim Woocheol produced a commanding Men’s Individual victory in Prague.

Twelve months after Jeong Youngjin (KOR) produced a sensational sprint finish to win gold, Kim (KOR) dominated the competition to claim the title with 19sec to spare over silver medalist Ahmed Elgendy (EGY), with Oleksandr Shelest (UKR) battling his way to bronze.

Kim (KOR) said after receiving his gold medal: “I am very happy. Last year I won a gold medal in the Men’s Relay and this year I will go home with two gold medals and a bronze. My target for the future is to win a medal at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.”
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Mixed Relay: Italians complete golden treble

Italy (Elena Micheli and Giorgio Malan) won their third title and fourth medal of the UIPM 2017 Under 19 World Championships with a hard-fought gold in the Mixed Relay.

All six UIPM continental confederations (Europe, Asia, Africa, Oceania, NORCECA and South America) were represented by their best teenage athletes in Prague and it was Micheli & Malan (ITA) who came out on top after fending off a stern challenge from silver medallists Russia (Adelina Ibatullina & Pavel Babanin).

Bronze went to Egypt (Haydy Morsy & Ahmed Elgendy), who finished the competition as the most prolific nation with an exceptional six medals.
Women’s Individual: Ibatullina (RUS) is up for the battle

Adelina Ibatullina of Russia stood on top of the world after a thrilling battle for Women’s Individual glory in Prague.

Ibatullina (RUS) overcame a 12sec deficit to win a spectacular gold after starting the Laser-Run in 5th place, and she was joined on the podium by two other athletes who demonstrated their composure and stamina to move through the field.

Silver went to Elena Micheli (ITA), whose efforts enabled Italy to claim team gold, and bronze was claimed by 2016 Olympian Haydy Morsy (EGY), a previous winner of silver and bronze.

Russia won team silver and Mexico were the unexpected winners of bronze.

Men’s Relay: Egypt show defiance to take gold

Egypt (Elgendy Ahmed & Shaban Mohanad) came from behind to secure victory in the Men’s Relay on day two in Prague.

Egypt started the Laser-Run in 3rd place but managed to overcome their rivals to win a thrilling contest. Belarus (Uladzislau Astrouski & Mikita Ivarouski) secured silver ahead of bronze medallists Korea (Kim Woocheol & Kim Kyounghwan), who secured a place on the podium thanks to a superb Laser-Run.

In fact it was a dramatic finish as Russia (Vladimir Chelmakin & Sergey Kolbasenko) had finished the final shoot at the same time as the three medallists, France (Xavier Dufour & Jean Baptiste Mourcia) having already relinquished their starting advantage.
Women’s Relay: Italians to the fore again

Italy drew first blood at the UIPM 2017 Under 19 World Championships as they successfully defended the Women’s Relay title.

In 2016 in Limerick (IRL) this event had been won by Elena Micheli and Aurora Tognetti and their compatriots Beatrice Mercuri and Maria Lea Lopez kept the flag flying with an assured performance, finishing 3rd in Fencing and 4th in Swimming before seizing their opportunity in the Laser-Run.

For part of the Laser-Run Egypt (Mariam Amer & Salma Abdelmaksoud) held the initiative and the two nations left the range together after the final shoot, but in the end Italy (Mercuri/Lopez) pulled away to win by 14sec with bronze medallists Hungary (Luca Barta & Michelle Gulyas) a further 7sec behind after an impressive Laser-Run.
A whole world of potential

All six UIPM continental confederations (Europe, Asia, Africa, Oceania, NORCECA and South America) were represented by their best teenage athletes in Prague, where Egypt became the most successful nation with six medals.
Men’s Individual: Colasanti (ITA) upsets the odds

Daniele Colasanti was an unexpected winner of Men’s Individual gold as Italy proved once again they have young talent in abundance.

Twenty-four hours after the Italians claimed team gold in the women’s event, they were on top of the podium again and this time their success included the ultimate individual prize.

Joining Colasanti (ITA) on the podium were silver medallist Marek Grycz (CZE), winner of European junior gold earlier in the year, and Colasanti’s compatriot Matteo Cicinelli (ITA), who won a thrilling sprint to the line for bronze.

Host nation Hungary claimed team silver, while bronze went to Korea.
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A pack of runners arrive at the range during Laser-Run.
Men’s Relay:
Korea display depth of talent

Korea dominated on day two in Hungary to claim a deserved gold medal in the Men’s Relay.

So Hyunseok and Seo Changwan (KOR) started the Laser-Run 13 sec behind leaders Russia (Andrei Zuev & Ivan Tarasov) but quickly reeled them in and refused to relinquish their advantage.

Korea (So/Seo) ended up winners by 9 sec from silver medallists Spain (Joan Gispert & Luis Shivel) with Belarus (Ivan Khamtsou & Yaraslau Radziuk) a further 6 sec behind. After a difficult Laser-Run, Russia (Zuev/Tarasov) finished 7th.

Women’s Relay:
Home comforts for Hungary

Host nation Hungary enjoyed the best possible start to the UIPM 2017 Junior World Championships as they claimed gold in the Women’s Relay.

Anna Zs Toth and Eszter Varga (HUN) held their lead throughout the Laser-Run to enjoy a comfortable victory in front of an appreciative home crowd.

Behind them, a dramatic race for silver ended with Italy (Aurora Tognetti & Elena Micheli) finishing 3 sec ahead of bronze medallists Guatemala (Isabel Brand & Sophia Hernandez).
Mixed Relay: Russia leave it late

Russia wrapped up the UIPM Junior World Championships with their first gold medal of the week as Xeina Falcova and Nikolai Matveev proved unstoppable in the Mixed Relay.

The Russian duo dominated all day long, finishing top in three disciplines before entering the Laser-Run with a 51sec lead that proved more than sufficient: they eventually won by 42sec from silver medallists Hungary (Eszter Varga & Gergely Regos) and 44sec ahead of bronze medallists France (Lisa Riff & Jean-Baptiste Mourcia).

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.
Artem Drobotov and Ardak Akhidullayeva take aim for Kazakhstan.

A handshake in the Swimming pool.

Action from the Riding arena in Székesfehérvár.

A lunge on the piste during the Men’s Individual Fencing Bonus Round.
Székesfehérvár shines brightly

A total of 172 athletes from 27 countries took part in the UIPM 2017 Junior World Championships in Székesfehérvár (HUN). Italy finished the championships as the dominant nation with three gold medals. Korea picked up two golds and there was one each for Hungary and Russia.
Eleven national and continental networks televised live coverage of the 2017 Senior World Championships as the magical city of Cairo (EGY) and Olympic sport’s most demanding test of mind and body enchanted the world. Korea and Germany each won two gold medals while Russia claimed the other as the greatest pentathletes in the world pushed themselves to the limit in the African heat.
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Action from the Fencing Bonus Round on day one in Cairo.
Men’s Individual: Jung (KOR) breaks new ground

Jung Jinhwa fulfilled his promise and confirmed his status as a major contender for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games by becoming Korea’s first individual world champion in the Men’s Individual Final.

The 28-year-old, a bronze medallist in Rome (ITA) in 2012 and Moscow (RUS) in 2016, led from the front after the withdrawal of Olympic champion Alexander Lesun (RUS) and made the gold medal his own with a highly composed performance.

Behind him, 31-year-old Robert Kasza (HUN) continued his excellent season with a very solid silver medal, while 30-year-old Justinas Kinderis (LTU) rolled back the years with a battling bronze.

Jung (KOR) said: “I am proud of this win and I hope it will help to make Modern Pentathlon more popular in Korea and around the world.”
Gulnaz Gubaydullina ended Russia’s 20-year wait for a Women’s Individual world champion after a commanding Laser-Run display in a hotly contested final.

Gubaydullina (RUS) began the Laser-Run in 4th place, 3sec behind leader Lena Schoeneborn (GER), but she and Zsofia Foldhazi (HUN) moved clear after the first shoot and Gubaydullina’s superior accuracy enabled her to take the initiative.

Foldhazi (HUN) narrowed the gap on lap three, but in the end was content to hold on for silver ahead of Anastasiya Prokopenko (BLR), who with typical character overcame a 42sec deficit to reach the podium.

“It was very, very hard, but I’m happy,” said Gubaydullina (RUS), who had already won bronze in the 2017 World Cup Final and Mixed Relay gold at the European Championships.


“We were very solid today and it was good to see that the track was better – the organisers worked hard on that. It was a tough day but we got the gold in the end.”
Men’s Relay: Koreans defend their crown

Jun Woongtae and Hwang Woojin of Korea retained their world title after another Men’s Relay masterclass in Cairo.

In fact, Korea (Jun/Hwang) were the only nation from outside Europe to finish in the top eight, as Germany (Christian Zillekens & Alexander Nobis) claimed silver and Belarus (Ilya Palazkov & Pavel Tsikhanau) took home the bronze ahead of Russia, Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Poland and Ukraine.

For Korea, it was another step in the right direction and provided further proof that Asia’s most progressive pentathlon nation has become a regular global contender at all age groups.

“We are still competing with other countries in Asia like Japan, but I think we are getting closer to the standard of the European countries,” said the Korea team coach, Choi Eunjong.
Women’s Relay: Germany repeat the trick

Another day, another successful title defence at the 2017 UIPM World Championships as Germany claimed gold in the Women’s Relay.

A superb performance from Lena Schoeneborn and Annika Schleu (GER) showed why they are regarded as two of the leading ladies in pentathlon and this time they finished a remarkable 33sec ahead of the chasing pack.

“I think the girls did a really good job, it started in the Swimming and Fencing was good, and they continued to perform well in Riding and Laser-Run,” said coach Kim Raisner (GER).

They may have finished a distant second but silver was a joyous result for Egypt (Mariam Amer & Sondos Aboubakr) in front of their home crowd. Japan (Rena Shimazu & Shino Yamanaka) secured bronze.
Mixed Relay: Germans add to relay return

Ronja Steinborn and Alexander Nobis drove Germany to Mixed Relay gold at the end of a successful UIPM Senior World Championships.

It was Germany’s second relay gold of the week and allowed them to join Korea on two golds. An additional silver and bronze made Germany the most prolific nation of the championships.

Nobis (GER) said: “We were very solid today and it was good to see that the track was better – the organisers worked hard on that. It was a tough day but we got the gold in the end.”

Hosts Egypt had further cause for celebration as Haydy Morsy and Eslam Hamad won silver. Bronze went to France (Julie Belhamri & Valentin Belaud).
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CISM Military World Championships

DRZONKÓW (POL)
Polished performances all round

The CISM World Military Championships went from strength to strength with this 45th instalment in Drzonkow (POL). Janusz Peciak, the 1976 Olympic champion and UIPM Executive Board Member for Sport, said: “Throughout the competition our world-class athletes produced excitement which, along with very good organization, created a friendly and successful championships.”

### Women Finals

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Men’s Individual: Marosi leads Hungary 1-2-3

Adam Marosi led Hungary to an exceptional clean sweep of the medals in the Men’s Final.

Marosi, the 33-year-old who won bronze at the London 2012 Olympic Games, took gold ahead of compatriots Robert Kasza (silver) and Soma Tomaschof (bronze). Inevitably their combined efforts enabled Hungary to add the team gold to their haul, with Egypt taking silver and Korea bronze.

For Kasza (HUN) it was a remarkable third silver medal of the summer, adding to his second-place finishes at the UIPM Senior World Championships and European Championships.
Lina Batuleviciute of Lithuania beat a world-class field to become gold medallist in the Women’s Final.

Batuleviciute (LTU) was a consistent performer all day and held off the challenge of silver medallist Ekaterina Khuraskina (RUS), who had been top scorer in Fencing, and bronze medalist Sarolta Kovacs (HUN). Russia retained their 2016 team gold medal.

There was a setback for the home crowd when 2016 Olympic bronze medallist Oktawia Nowacka (POL) withdrew following Fencing. Some consolation was provided by Anna Maliszewska (POL), who was just short of the podium in 4th.
Mixed Relay: France show power of alliance

A late surge allowed France (Elodie Clouvel & Valentin Belaud) to become gold medallists in the Mixed Relay.

France had begun the Laser-Run with a 15sec deficit to leaders Argentina (Iryna Khokhlova & Emmanuel Zapata) but the class of Clouvel and especially Belaud proved decisive and they ended up winning by 2sec ahead of silver medallists Hungary (Sarolta Kovacs & Robert Kasza) and 6sec ahead of third-placed Poland (Anna Maliszewska & Szymon Staskiewicz).

The bronze medal was a sweet way to end the championships for the host nation, but they were left with mixed feelings having been so close to silver and even gold.
Valentin Belaud (FRA) crosses the line to celebrate Mixed Relay success with Elodie Clouvel (FRA).

Oktawia Nowacka (POL) demonstrates her Fencing prowess.

The stage is lit for the Fencing Bonus Round.
UIPM 2017

Biathle/Triathle World Championships

VIVEIRO (ESP)
Fierce competition in the water during the Triathlon Mixed Relay.
Vivid signs of progress in Viveiro

The 2017 World Biathle-Triathle Championships in Viveiro (ESP) were hailed as a triumph for UIPM development sports as more than 500 athletes from 30 countries took part in thrilling competitions across four days.

Athletes ranging in age from 7 to 76 competed for medals in the Galicia beach resort across individual, team and Mixed Relay categories in both Biathle (Run/Swim/Run) and Triathle (Shoot/Swim/Run).

South Africa’s all-conquering team won an exceptional 42 gold medals across the four days, while there were strong performances from other nations including Great Britain, France, Egypt and host nation Spain. The team from Russia also proved to be a force to reckon with.

France (Julie Belhamri & Alexandre Henrard) enjoyed a spectacular double in winning both the Biathle and Triathle Mixed Relays. Belhamri added another individual gold while Czech Republic won the Triathle individual titles through Eliska Pribylova and Tomas Svoboda.

There was a poignant moment of recognition on Day 4 for Bob Garden (RSA), aged 76, who was the oldest competitor taking part. He was given a special presentation from Shiny Fang, UIPM Secretary General.

Viacheslav Malishev, UIPM Executive Board Member for Development, said: “I want to congratulate the athletes who came from five continents and 21 countries to take part in these wonderful championships.”
Alexandre Henrard (FRA) leads Pieter Oosthuizen (RSA) during the Triathlon Mixed Relay.

Women’s Individual Triathlon podium.

Two athletes from Kazakhstan enjoy their own private duel.

Pieter Oosthuizen (RSA) proved unbeatable in the Individual Triathlon.
John Hill (GBR), winner of the Masters 60+ Biathlon title.

A youth competitor from Spain takes aim at the shooting range.

Austria was one of many nations to get on the podium in Viveiro.

A female athlete from South Africa emerges from the water.
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Laser-Run World Championships

CAPE TOWN (RSA)
UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: “We will continue to support the Mixed Relay component in all of our UIPM Sports so that it’s clear that Mixed Relay is really a strong pillar for the future of our union.”
Cape crusaders show how Laser-Run is done

Cape Town in South Africa proved a spectacular host city for the 3rd Laser-Run World Championships, which built on the progress of Perpignan (FRA) 2015 and Lisbon (POR) 2016.

Hundreds of athletes from countries as diverse as Ivory Coast, Thailand and Monaco collected medals alongside more established UIPM member nations across 10 categories from Under-11 to Masters 60+.

South Africa, the host nation, dominated proceedings and ended up with a huge medal count, including gold in the Men’s Individual (Pieter Oosthuizen) and Mixed Relay (Oosthuizen & Alida van der Merwe). The Women’s Individual senior event was won by Eevi Bengs of Finland.

Oosthuizen (RSA) said: “It’s a very nice feeling, almost a feeling I can’t describe because all my friends and family are here and this is not only my home country but my home town.”

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A male youth celebrates becoming Laser-Run world champion in Cape Town (RSA).

Two South African Laser-Runners enjoy their experience.

Action from the senior men's event in Cape Town (RSA).
Champion of Champions
DOHA (QAT)
Action from the Riding event at Al Shaqab Arena in Doha.
Batuleviciute (LTU) and De Luca (ITA) end 2017 in style

Lina Batuleviciute of Lithuania brought a year of transition in women’s pentathlon to a close and Riccardo de Luca of Italy bounced back from injury in style at the 2017 UIPM Champion of Champions in Doha (QAT).

Batuleviciute (LTU) built on her success at the CISM World Military Championships to scale the top of the podium ahead of silver medallist Alice Sotero (ITA) and bronze medallist Elodie Clouvel (FRA), in the absence of 2015/2016 winner Annika Schleu (GER).

In the Men’s event, De Luca (ITA) forced the 2016 Champion of Champions, Patrick Dogue (GER), to settle for silver while Valentin Belaud (FRA) earned bronze after a great battle with junior world champion Daniele Colasanti (ITA).

This was the third UIPM Champion of Champions to take place in Doha, where facilities are world class, in four years and UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said negotiations would continue about a contract extension.

Clouvel (FRA), the 2016 Olympic silver medallist, added: “It’s incredible here, a really amazing complex and the Riding is very good. It’s a wonderful place and I love coming here.”
The men’s podium.

The women’s podium.

Riccardo da Luca (ITA) on his way to gold.
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Projects
The UIPM Laser-Run City Tour (LRCT) was created to deliver an exciting, dynamic and fun competition to participants of all ages as well as spectators.

Based on Laser-Run – the newest and most popular UIPM development sport – the LRCT was presented in parks, stadiums and iconic locations in 60 cities around the world in 2017. More than 15,000 participants from five continents competed in a stimulating sport which allows people with no competitive experience to test their sporting ability and even compete alongside family members and friends.

Highly competitive and easy to organize, the LRCT is a powerful positive force for sporting development as it follows the strategy of UIPM’s 4E Program: Education, Equipment, Empowerment and Expansion.

The LRCT also gives athletes from around the world, many from urban communities who would have no other means of exposure to UIPM Sports, an entry point into the most demanding of Olympic sports. This project is a sustainable and development tool for UIPM Member Federations to detect and recruit talented high-performance athletes.

In 2018, the LRCT project will continue to grow. The goal is to double the numbers from 2017, making this new format an even more valuable component in the progression of Modern Pentathlon.
A young athlete at the shooting range in Sausset-les-Pins (FRA).

Shooting action in Rustavi (GEO).
After a one-year development phase, the first online UIPM Educational Platform was launched in October 2017.

This new platform, created with the aim of supporting the global UIPM community, consists of three main parts that apply to each primary audience: coaches, judges and athletes. The two first sections are already activated and the athletes section will follow in 2018.

The platform offers users a state-of-the-art approach consisting of everything from quizzes, articles, resources underpinning the Coaches Certification Programme (CCP) and Judges Certification Programme (JCP) in four languages; lists of coaches and certified judges, educational videos and more.

In October the first group of students took part in an e-learning course for the on-site Judges Course held in November in Jakarta (INA), in preparation for the 2018 Asian Games. The e-learning experience will maximize the work of the newly formed UIPM Educators group when on site delivering JCP courses. The first group of Educators was recently trained in a workshop in Monaco to use the standardized content of the program as well as to learn the best practices and educational techniques to be implemented.

The e-learning resources enable UIPM to share knowledge in a simple and accessible way while increasing the quality and quantity of educational support to judges and coaches.

With this new platform the UIPM is strengthening its commitment to the development and sustainability of the sport, improving opportunities for people to recruit, prepare and retain athletes while giving them the opportunity to compete equally and fairly in events according to the highest technical officials’ standards.
UIPM launched an official handbook for coaches during the 2017 Senior World Championships in Cairo (EGY). This educational initiative demonstrates UIPM’s commitment towards a sustainable sport, making the sport more accessible, encouraging young and new coaches to explore and develop the sport and providing them with the tools to start from beginner level upwards.

"Start Coaching Modern Pentathlon"

was written by respected senior coaches who generously shared the experiences, knowledge and expertise picked up during their coaching careers. Their lives have been dedicated to our sport and the book is a valuable tool that will inspire new coaches and enhance the development of Pentathlon all over the world.

Besides dedicated chapters to each of the 5 disciplines, the book demonstrates a series of concepts related to coaching competencies, specific training principles, didactics, talent recruitment, physiology and others. The subjects are totally focused on the specifics of Modern Pentathlon such as training loads, recovery, athletes’ psychological requirements, individualization of programs and training methods.

The book will be distributed to all coaches concluding Level 1 and 2 courses offered by UIPM as part of the Coaches Certification Programme (CCP). In addition, it is already available for purchase in the UIPM Shop at http://shop.uipmworld.org.
University

The athletes can compete in an Individual Tetrathlon event, a Mixed Relay Pentathlon event and in a newly-created Team Pentathlon event (consisting of four athletes, mixed-gender, each competing in one discipline).

1st Modern Pentathlon World University Championships

Students have always been a source of athletes for our international community. In 2018, for the first time, the best student pentathletes will be summoned to compete together and become part of history. The inaugural World University Championships in Modern Pentathlon will be a unique opportunity to compete for honours in a world-class sporting event and will take place from July 4-8 in Budapest, Hungary.

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The competition will be organized by the Hungarian University Sports Federation and the Hungarian Association of Modern Pentathlon, supervised by UIPM and FISU, the global organization responsible for university sport.

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Worldwide development and promotion of Modern Pentathlon as a university sport

Strengthening existing Modern Pentathlon activities at universities and establishing new initiatives are part of the goal to make UIPM Sports more accessible to student-athletes worldwide. Engaging students in a lifelong pursuit of sport to achieve mental & physical balance, bringing students from different backgrounds together and promoting Olympic values through practising Modern Pentathlon are core principles of the development.

National University Sports Federations now have Modern Pentathlon, with its World University Championships, in their portfolio for the first time.

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UNIVERSITY TEAM EVENT

Tetrathlon Team

1 Swimmer
1 Fencer
1 Shooter & Runner

Pentathlon Team

1 Swimmer
1 Fencer
1 Rider
1 Shooter & Runner
Participants from 12 nations saw a competition conducted very professionally with state-of-the-art equipment including wireless fencing technology.
2017 was a year of changes for the UIPM Masters family, which has completed the transition from a tradition-oriented, loose community of formerly active athletes to a fully integrated part of UIPM, following the statutes, regulations and competition rules of the Union. For the first time all major international UIPM Masters competitions were conducted exclusively in Laser-Run mode, moving away from the classic shooting format of the past.

UIPM Masters also found a good compromise to keep older and more traditionalist members happy. The Winter Pentathlons in Helsinki (FIN) and Davos (SUI), as well as the more traditional events in Tartu (EST), Neuss (GER) and Pećs (HUN), provided plenty of opportunity for the more socially active members of our worldwide Masters community to meet and have fun with family, friends and former team-mates.

UIPM Masters 2017 started in February with the already famous Winter Pentathlon in Davos (SUI), where show-jumping in deep powder snow provided an unforgettable experience for all attendants. March saw the Open Egyptian Masters Championships in Hurghada (EGY). The Winter Pentathlon in Helsinki (FIN) was followed by the classic pentathlon competitions in Tartu (EST) and the one-day pentathlon event in Arnhem (NED). The International German Masters Championships in September in Bonn (GER) was among the outstanding events of this season, featuring the brand-new precision-target laser facilities of the Olympic Pentathlon Center. The Open European Masters Championships in Kharkiv (UKR) was a real highlight of the 2017 season. Participants from 12 nations saw a competition conducted very professionally with state-of-the-art equipment including wireless fencing technology. The season was closed by the classical "Cup of Pećs" in Hungary.

For the 2018 competition year the worldwide UIPM Masters community is looking forward to the XV UIPM Masters World Championships to be held in Halle (GER) from July 10th to 15th. Around 130 athletes, female and male, from over 30 nations across five continents are expected to visit this event, which will be an outstanding opportunity to further promote the professionalism, excellence and excitement of the UIPM Masters movement.
Anti-Doping

Modern Pentathlon remains one of the Olympic sports considered least affected by doping.

Anti-doping 2017

The post-Olympic year of 2017 was influenced worldwide by situation around Russia and the McLaren IP report outputs. The importance of testing activities in general has risen together with the unveiling of systemic doping in Russia (November 2015). This issue was continuously investigated by the World Anti-Doping Agency and a team of independent investigators in the years since.

This report has implicated over 1000 athletes from various sports, Modern Pentathlon included. UIPM has scrutinised the documentation provided and after detailed investigation has concluded that the evidence is not a basis for sanctioning implicated athletes. Unless additional information is provided, UIPM considers its cases related to the McLaren Report to be closed.

Modern Pentathlon remains one of the Olympic sports considered least affected by doping.

Doping control was in place at all major events including the UIPM World Cup series, continental championships and World Championships in all categories (Senior, Junior and Under 19).

UIPM also implements a system of unannounced Out-Of-Competition (OOC) doping controls. These are not linked to any specific event or place and can take place anywhere at any time. The proportion of OOC controls increased in 2017 and we would like to maintain this trend for upcoming season 2018.

UIPM Anti-Doping also takes care of athlete education and other activities towards athletes and coaches. We have participated in events and conferences organized by WADA, including the ADO symposium 2017.

UIPM is working on growing awareness and education by organizing seminars at various occasions and offering one-to-one education to interested parties. It is important to make athletes and coaches understand anti-doping is here not to create obstacles for athletes but to help them and protect their right to fair play and equal competition.

To achieve this we would like to closely collaborate through National Federations with local NADOs (National Anti-Doping Organisations) that provide education programs in local languages. We consider an effective education program to be an investment in the health and wellbeing of our future champions.
Ever since UIPM joined the international Paralympic (IPC) family in late 2014, the Para-Pentathlon working group and later Para-Pentathlon Commission has been analyzing the technical and classification requirements of Laser-Run, Biathle, Triathle, Tetrathlon and Modern Pentathlon, with the aim of establishing optimum strategies for the development of UIPM Para-Sport.

This work is closely linked to development of technical equipment needed and used by different disability classes and UIPM itself – by means of the Para-Pentathlon Commission – will undertake its own research activities.

Establishing a set of classification rules and a network of Para-Sport classifiers is one of the requirements set out in the 2017 IPC classification code compliance review. To meet the criteria UIPM has issued its 2017 Classification Rules and launched a recruitment drive for national and international classifiers.

Before the end of 2017 a series of test events is being considered to put into practice the proposed classification rules and identify any challenges that may be presented to Local Organizing Committees participating in the project.

In 2018 UIPM will launch the classification for Para-Laser-Run, currently class LR1 (standing category including lower-limb amputees and athletes with disabilities having similar impact on performance) in the elite category.

The vision of the Para-Pentathlon Commission is to increase the number of classes to three (one sitting and two standing) in seasons to come. Simultaneously the group is also working on classification requirements for Triathle events as a next step.

Para Pentathlon Swimming.

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Modern Pentathlon evolution

A selection key athletes, nations and milestones in Modern Pentathlon from 1950 until today.

2020 🏹
Tokyo: Five disciplines, one ticket, one seat. The full Pentathlon Stadium concept will feature in the next Olympic Games.

2016 🏹

2015 🏹
First Laser-Run World Championships. Consisting of laser shooting and running, Laser-Run is designed to give more athletes an entry point to Modern Pentathlon.

2014 🏹
Implementation of Fencing Bonus Round, making the sport more attractive to spectators and broadcasters.

1912 🏹
Stockholm: First time in the Olympic Program.

1948 🏹
London: UIPM was born.
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 Germany.
1994  Air pistols are introduced.
1996  Atlanta: first time all five sports took place in one day at the Olympic Games.
2000  Sydney: First time for women competing at the Olympic Games.
2008  Beijing: Full stadium packed with 40,000 spectators in both final days at the Olympic Games.
2009  Introduction of shooting and running combined.
2010  Singapore: Mixed Relay introduced in the Youth Olympic Games and UIPM World Championships with laser shooting instead of air pistol.
2011  Mixed Relay in all UIPM major competitions.
2012  London: First time combined shooting and running at the Olympics.
2013  Distribution of laser shooting equipment to more than 65 countries to develop the sport.
Road to Buenos Aires

3rd Summer Youth Olympic Games 2018

The Youth Olympic Games (YOG) vision is to inspire young people around the world to participate in sport and encourage them to adopt and live by the Olympic values and become ambassadors of Olympism.

The YOG encourages athletes to educate, engage and influence other youngsters, inspiring them to play an active role in their communities.

The Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games Organising Committee (BAYOGOC) has extended the educational and cultural activities aimed at the participants of the Games to all the young people of the city in order to promote Olympic values before, during and after the event.

BAYOGOC’s Learn & Share programme has been rolled out in different parts of Buenos Aires with the goal of leaving a real mark and legacy by bringing sports and its values closer to people and creating activities that promote culture and education.

Outside of Argentina and all over the world, teenage pentathletes took big steps on the road to Buenos Aires in 2017. The 3rd Youth Olympic Games will take place in the
capital city of Argentina from October 6-18, 2018 with Modern Pentathlon featuring on October 12-14 (individual) and October 16 (Mixed Relay).

As in Singapore in 2010 and Nanjing (CHN) in 2014, there will be medals at stake in three Modern Pentathlon events: the Men’s and Women’s Individual and the Mixed Relay. Mixed Relay teams will be composed of one male and one female athlete from the individual competitions, determined by a draw. This means some athletes will have two opportunities to challenge for a Youth Olympic Games medal in Buenos Aires.

Athletes must have been born between 2000 and 2003 to be eligible, and they are pursuing qualification at a series of continental events between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018. Fourteen of the qualifiers were confirmed at the time of printing.
UIPM 2018 Calendar

WORLD CUP I
Cairo (EGY) 28 Feb. until 04 Mar.

WORLD CUP II
Los Angeles (USA) 27 Feb. until 31 Feb.

U19 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
Mafra (POR) 7 Apr. until 15 Apr.

WORLD CUP III
Kecskemét (HUN) 03 May until 7 May

JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
Kladno (CZ) 30 Jul. until 7 Aug.

ASIAN GAMES
Jakarta (INA) 30 Aug. until 01 Sep.

SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
Mexico City (MEX) 08 Sep. until 15 Sep.

LASER-RUN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
Dublin (IRL) 20 Sep. until 23 Sep.
The important thing in life is not to triumph but to compete.

Pierre de Coubertin