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UIPM PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

UIPM PRESIDENT:
2015: A MEMORABLE YEAR FOR UIPM FAMILY

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PRESIDENT JOEL BOUZOU AND UIPM PRESIDENT
DR. KLAUS SCHORMANN DURING THE IOC SESSION
IN KUALA LUMPUR
Modern Pentathlon, our wonderful sport, takes me to many places. This year I visited all Category A competitions and took part in all international conferences in the Olympic Movement.

Traditionally you have learned about my worldwide activities through the UIPM Pentathlon Newsletter.

During my visits I watch, I talk and I listen. I spend time with athletes, coaches and officials and I learn about their opinions and wishes relating to Modern Pentathlon and the other pillars of our movement: Biathle, Triathle, Tetrathlon. In return I transfer information to them, to update the Modern Pentathlon Family on key matters of politics and business that influence international sport.

We are on the threshold of change. The IOC President, Dr Thomas Bach, will act to renew and brighten up the Olympic Movement with the IOC Agenda 2020, which was approved during the IOC Session in December 2014 in Monte Carlo.

So what will the IOC Agenda 2020 mean for us? First and foremost, it will be about developing more competitions for mixed gender.

As you know, UIPM has for many years been discussing the inclusion of our Mixed Relay with the IOC President and IOC Sport Department, based on the success of the format at World Cups, at World Championships since 2010 and at two very successful Youth Olympic Games: Singapore 2010 and Nanjing 2014. The Mixed Relay will be included in the next Youth Olympic Games: Buenos Aires 2018.

On September 7, I met with the IOC President Dr Thomas Bach, together with UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang, and briefed him about the new innovations we have applied to development projects and competition formats. We discussed at length the inclusion of the Mixed Relay at the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo, underlining that the IOC is asking the International Federations to promote more mixed-gender competitions.

In 2015, we continued to set the example on this. Our National Federations organized a World Cup series culminating in an excellent Final, a World Championships and Continental Championships as Olympic Qualification Events - all to a high standard.

We know that the organization of these flagship competitions is a strong financial challenge as well as a logistical challenge - requiring close attention to be paid to facilities, transportation, accommodation and many other things.

Cooperation is central to our success. The UIPM headquarters staff, under the guidance of Secretary General Shiny Fang, has assisted local organizing committees and offered financial support where it is needed to ensure optimum presentation.

As we approach the end of 2015, I would like to highlight three UIPM competitions that demonstrated our progress and our expertise.
When Berlin hosted the UIPM 2015 Senior World Championships, we sold the rights for television coverage to ARD. The network transmitted our Women’s Individual Final on Saturday to 1.3 million people, and the Mixed Relay Final on Sunday to 1.2 million people. This was the first time UIPM had collaborated with an Organizing Committee to provide special TV presentation of a World Championships - and with great success.

When Batumi, Georgia hosted the 2015 UIPM Biathle/Triathle World Championships there were more than 500 athletes involved in what was an excellent presentation of the development possibilities of Modern Pentathlon.

When Perpignan, France hosted the first UIPM Laser Run World Championships it was another major step in the mission to open our doors to more countries that are just beginning their journey in Modern Pentathlon.

This was truly a historic milestone for our union, with more than 200 athletes competing in so many age categories, and I think everybody understands now that Laser Run is a powerful promotional tool to enlarge our development projects for both developing and developed countries.

Our member nations have embraced this format and we will see much more of it in future: now that we have a World Championships we can create Continental Championships. This was extraordinarily important for our UIPM movement and I would like to say to the world thank you to everybody who supported this idea that was born in my head.

I would like to highlight two more development projects that became new pages in the story of Modern Pentathlon.

In August 2015 in Cuernavaca, Mexico, UIPM and FISU collaborated to host the 1st International University Open in Modern Tetrathlon.

And in September 2015 during the World Youth A Championships in Buenos Aires, UIPM held its first test event for Para Pentathlon - a very special milestone in our mission to make our sport accessible to all.

UIPM competitions are hosted mainly in cities which have a long association with Modern Pentathlon. Therefore it is important to find new destinations for our flagship events.

Sarasota, through hosting World Cups and World Cup Finals, has in the past two years become an important city for our movement and in 2016 the World Cup Final will return to this excellent venue in Florida, USA. Sarasota will also host the Biathle/Triathle World Championships.

In 2015 we achieved another milestone during the World Cup Final in Minsk, which was organized to such a high standard that it was more than a competition - it was a real event of Modern Pentathlon. In Minsk we saw the introduction of Bonus Fencing as a core feature of all competitions.

Throughout the year it was wonderful to see our athletes embrace the challenge of this new format, which was ratified by you, the UIPM members and delegates, at our 2014 Congress in Sofia.

With the fencing bonus round Modern Pentathlon is now more compact, with four disciplines in one field of play; our media partners and spectators have commended the new format as the most effective development in the presentation of Modern Pentathlon as a modern, dynamic Olympic Sport.
Now to the area of development itself.

I am very thankful to all confederations that have participated in the promotion of Modern Pentathlon in our developed federations and our developing federations.

The creation of new National Federations is still a major part of UIPM’s strategy to be a global international federation. Biathle, Triathle and Tetrathlon are the tools we aim to use to find the future pentathlete.

The new UIPM Sport For All Commission works closely with UIPM Headquarters, National Federations and National Olympic Committees. Olympic Solidarity has for many years offered support to UIPM projects.

We have continued to embrace advances in sports medicine, in anti-doping strategy and in the prevention of illness and injury in Modern Pentathlon. As the ultimate multi-sport Modern Pentathlon, requires a unique balance of body and mind, of physical and mental control.

I have already mentioned our progress in live TV connected to the World Championships but UIPM made so many other gains in media and communications in 2015.

We developed our live streaming product, ensuring that our sport can be viewed on the laptops, PCs, phones and tablets of more and more people worldwide, and we grew our digital community with a big increase in activity on social media: Facebook, Twitter, Sina Weibo and WeChat.

More than ever before we are talking to our community, they are talking to us and they are talking to each other.

Like any other movement, to stay mobile we need money. Without new financial resources, the development projects and high-performance competitions that are central to the growth of our sport would be difficult to organize.

Together with Secretary General Shiny Fang, I have met with numerous companies this year and look forward to sharing the outcome of those discussions with you when we have concrete results in the coming months. And so to 2016: Olympic year.

This is the time when all the hard work of a four-year Olympic cycle pays off. But we have to keep working to make sure everything is right. The Olympic Games gives us the greatest chance to showcase our sport, but with that opportunity comes responsibility.

I have had many discussions this year with the Organizing Committee of Rio 2016, centring on preparations for Modern Pentathlon. A big focus for UIPM will be the World Cup in March, which will be run as an Olympic test event.

I have more exciting news about the Olympic Games to share with you.

Already I can confirm that the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games will see Modern Pentathlon organized with all five disciplines taking place within the Tokyo Stadium, which has a spectator capacity of 50,000.

And on September 15, the IOC received official candidature applications for the 2024 Olympic Games from Budapest, Hamburg, Rome, Los Angeles and Paris. In all of these countries - Hungary, Germany, Italy, USA and France - Modern Pentathlon is well developed, which will greatly assist UIPM in our discussions with the candidate cities.

The IOC President, Dr Thomas Bach, has appointed me to the Commission for Culture and Olympic Heritage. Since 1994 I have served in the IOC Commission for Culture and Olympic Education. Through this membership I can apply my academic knowledge directly to the Olympic Movement.

It is important that we retain close lines of communication to all International Federations both summer and winter (ASOIF and AIOWF), FISU, the IPC, the Pierre de Coubertin Committee and the Association of National Olympic Committees.

There is one political remark I would like to make in this report.

We cannot close our eyes, our ears or our mouths when the worldwide political and economic landscape is changing in front of us. Because of civilian wars and business manipulations we are all living in a less secure world.

To develop sport across the gender divide, Modern Pentathlon needs a world that poses less of a threat to human life. It is the duty of all of us to use sport as a device for integration in modern society.

UIPM’s image in the Olympic Movement is well-established and it is strong. The Olympic Family recognizes the global impetus that we have created to keep our sport growing through youth development. It recognizes that our sport is truly inclusive, respecting all religions, ethnic groups and cultures.

Modern Pentathlon is an Olympic flame for peace, freedom and humanitarian values - just as our founder, Baron Pierre de Coubertin, intended.

Dr. h.c. Klaus Schormann
UIPM President
UIPM SECRETARY GENERAL: EXPANSION IS OUR NEXT FRONTIER

VERY RECENTLY ON THE HOME PAGE OF OUR WEBSITE WE PICTURED TWO YOUNG SMILING FACES FROM THE UIPM DEVELOPMENT CAMP IN BURKINA FASO. THIS IS WHAT WE ARE AIMING FOR: EXPANSION.
EXPANSION IS OUR NEXT FRONTIER

But before I “expand” into it, allow me a brief recap of the last 12 months. I had the honour of addressing you at our Congress in Sofia where I outlined the work done by the UIPM Administration in the year 2014. We published our first yearbook, we improved allocation processes for events, we set new standards in order to provide better conditions for athletes, and we launched the 3E Program for our member associations, concentrating on Education, Equipment and Empowerment.

The UIPM Administration continues to act along these lines and those set by the Congress and the Board and I am very proud to lead a group of highly talented and motivated professionals that strive to improve modern pentathlon every day and to provide, you, our members, with the best possible services. From the feedback we receive, while there is still much to do and to improve, there is now a permanent and constructive exchange between all the members of the UIPM family.

We have been deploying a lot of efforts over this past year in three particular areas:

1. DELIVERY OF EVENTS

After a few setbacks and difficulties in the past years, we have now reached higher standards in event management. In fact, the Administration has been able to support over the past 12 months all organizers with improved practices and resources, accompanying them in person on the ground. This has made a huge difference. The link between UIPM, the National Federations and the various Local Organizing Committees has thus been strengthened and to a growing extent standardised through operational manuals, which allow for easy replication at future events. Also, and very importantly, organizers feel comforted by the direct support given by the UIPM and the local staff becomes more knowledgeable from event to event.

2. PROMOTION OF OUR SPORT AND OUR ORGANISATION

After revamping our website in 2014, the next challenge was content and distribution. In his opening remarks the President has already alluded to our improvements. Let me be more specific with results: our various events over the past 12 months were seen on the screen in 128 countries for a potential cumulated viewership of 3 billion people. As an example, the World Championship in Germany surpassed all expectations on German television reaching 2.95 million viewers.

At the same time, we have an increase of 58% of website users, 192% increase in page view. We reached the magic number of 2 million views on Facebook and witnessed an 81% increase in traffic on our YouTube channel.

Last but not least, I would humbly think that our working material, leaflets, television programming and various presentations have now a unique, modern and professional look: exactly the look that a sport, hungry for new opportunities, deserves. One of our next challenges is to adjust other aspects of our brand to match our new, dynamic and passionate attitude.
NATIONAL FEDERATIONS AND THE 3E PROGRAM

The 3E program is comprised of 3 elements: Education, Equipment and Empowerment.

Education:
We organize worldwide training camps and seminars with a network of 30 experienced UIPM instructors from 16 countries. Their main objective is to have more countries becoming active in any of the UIPM sub-sport and Olympic Sport Modern Pentathlon.

Over the past year, UIPM held 15 camps and seminars, developed 5 new national federations and activated another 8 national federations.

More than 50 athletes from different National Federations from all continents received assistance enabling them to participate in official UIPM competitions.

Equipment:
Shooting equipment and Fencing gear have been distributed free of charge. More than 35 countries received equipment from UIPM, directly paid for with our own budget this year, and supported sending full sets of shooting range targets directly to 4 competitions. And, for the first time, the UIPM established a laser shooting homologation system.

More than 1200 items were tested in 10 competitions this year for a total of more than 150 hours of tests. Finally, we supported many different event categories’ organizers with equipment and technical supervision.

Empowerment:
National Federations are our members and our network to promote and run our sport in their countries. Many of you face challenges as our sport struggles to become popular, often lacking sufficient financial or other resources. Our efforts in Education, our distribution of Equipment as well as our assistance to make sure that many can participate in our events and our Congress, are all aimed at making sure that national federations acquire the necessary know-how and capabilities to develop on their own and to speak up at gatherings like this with their views on how to develop the sport and run it successfully. We hope that the tools that we have prepared are useful for this purpose.

All of the above is business as usual. Yes, and possibly, hopefully, a better business model with more hands at work to service you. In fact, today, with a staff of 14 FTE and PTE, we are about 3 times as many as just a few years ago, while the administrations’ budget has not changed and remains capped at under 20% of the UIPM yearly budget. For a service providing organisation, this is a remarkable achievement.

However, we need always to keep an eye at the context in which we operate. You have all read about the most recent proposals for new sports made by Tokyo 2020. This needs to make us think hard as to how to maintain our position and to strengthen it. Our colleagues in other sports are concerned as, thanks also to the IOC Agenda 2020, changes seem to happen much faster than expected. We should too. It is important to stay ahead of trends, to foresee threats and to secure a competitive advantage that makes the survival and growth of our sport sustainable in the long term.

I mentioned already in 2014 that our sport grows (and is more easily marketable) when our product grows in attractiveness and is practiced by more athletes. We have changed a number of elements to become more attractive through better television production and exposure and a more TV-friendly format of our events (cfr. the MP Stadium or the Bonus Fencing, mixed relay, etc.) or by lowering the costs of our equipment to make the sport more accessible.

But there is only so much that we can do by improving, tweaking and twisting the existing. This is where Expansion comes into play. Expansion happens in different forms and we have taken serious steps in many of those, all aimed at increasing the number of participants and the number of countries actively participating in our sport.

1) The introduction of several new events using our 5 disciplines (Biathle, Triathle and Tetrathlon), has allowed us to provide a tailor made approach to organizers, thus increasing the number of UIPM events.

2) Thanks to our network of Olympic friends, we have successfully entered in the university world of FISU. As most campuses have the adequate facilities to train regularly in four of our disciplines for young men and women, Universities are the ideal hub for our modern pentathlon athletes.

3) Similarly, we have initiated our cooperation with the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) and hosted our first Para-Pentathlon test event in Argentina in order to reach also athletes with disabilities and the feedbacks have been very positive.

BUSINESS AS USUAL IS GOOD AND NECESSARY. UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THE BOARD, THE UIPM ADMINISTRATION STRIVES TO IMPROVE PROCESSES, STANDARDS, MANUALS, REGULATIONS AND MANY OTHER ASPECTS RELATED TO THE TRADITIONAL MODERN PENTATHLON ORGANISATION.
4) To tap into the growing trend of urban sports and to become accessible to a larger audience and to encourage more youngsters to enter our world, we launched the Laser Run. This new format exceeded all our expectations at the opening World Championship in Perpignan, France.

5) To expand into more countries in every continent, the President and the Administration work tirelessly for modern pentathlon to be included ex-officio in all multisport events organized by the continental organisations of the National Olympic Committees.

6) Discussions have been initiated with other organizers and event owners that have running as a core sport, given their growing number of followers and participants. Incorporating one or the other into our family could boost our reach exponentially and increase our membership many times over with one stroke of a pen.

Ladies and Gentlemen, dear members of the Modern Pentathlon family,

Modern Pentathlon is growing yet needs to grow further.

We know and understand that many things are not perfect yet, neither from an administrative perspective nor from an event delivery perspective nor from the perspective of the limited resources available to us. And, above all, we continue to face a credibility challenge on a regular basis, whether within the Olympic movement or amongst potential commercial partners. But with a strong vision, with a clear understanding that change is a certainty, and with a total commitment by all the family, modern pentathlon can and will be successful in retaining its position after Tokyo and, in fact, being considered as an essential part of the Olympic program and one of the International Federations that has adapted itself successfully to the challenges of these times.

As Secretary General of UIPM, I am proud and honoured to have a chance to participate in this exciting moment of UIPM’s history and to contribute to its success together with a totally committed group of staff members and under the guidance of the Board and this Congress. I thank you all for your support and I thank the staff for their dedication to UIPM.

We look forward to meeting you also during the year 2016 and to be able to reconvene in one year with stimulating news, after what we all hope - despite the many difficulties - will be a successful Olympic modern pentathlon competition in Rio de Janeiro.

As we continuously improve our structures centrally and in every country, “expanding” our reach is our real next frontier. The right choices in this area will make a huge difference in the lead up to Tokyo 2020, when the IOC will once again review the sports program, and in the long run, beyond 2020.

Educating, Equipping, Empowering, Expanding… From 3E to 4E!

Sincerely Yours,

Shiny Fang
Secretary General
A thrilling start to the season in Sarasota

Many of the world’s leading modern pentathletes embarked on the “Road to Rio” as the first leg of the UIPM World Cup series took place from 18-23 February in the Florida sunshine.
Women’s Individual: Samantha Murray (GBR) Wins Gold

Great Britain’s Samantha Murray was crowned the Women’s Individual champion at the UIPM 2015 World Cup #1 after a breathtaking day of live sporting action.

The British dominance of the Women’s Individual Final was such that Kate French took third place after a strong finish in a thrilling Combined Event. Local favourite Margaux Isaksen (USA) split the British pair by taking silver to the delight of a large, enthusiastic audience.

Second-placed Margaux Isaksen was delighted with the backing of her home crowd. She said: “Hearing their cheers definitely helped push me on. I know I have a lot of work to do on the shooting range, but overall I’m happy.”

The UIPM President, Dr Klaus Schormann, paid tribute to the hard work of the athletes and those working behind the scenes and said: “From the success and excitement of the Fencing Bonus Round all the way to the atmosphere of the pool, the grace of human and horse working together in the Riding and the thrill of the Combined Event – we experienced every emotion today.”
MEN’S INDIVIDUAL: COOKE (GBR) WINS GOLD

JAMES COOKE COMPLETED A SPECTACULAR DOUBLE FOR GREAT BRITAIN AS HE MATCHED THE ACHIEVEMENT OF SAMANTHA MURRAY BY WINNING INDIVIDUAL WORLD CUP GOLD IN SARASOTA.

The British success came 24 hours after Murray won the Women’s Individual gold and Kate French picked up bronze in the same event.

Cooke, 23, already had one World Cup gold medal in his collection after his maiden triumph in Hungary in 2013, but this success was arguably the most impressive of his career as it allowed him to take the early initiative in terms of qualifying for the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro.

After a long day at the top of the leaderboard, El Geziry, his legs tiring on the sand and grass of Nathan Benderson Park and his aim wavering, was then overtaken by the Russian duo Egor Puchkarevski and Ilia Frolov, who finished strongly behind Cooke to win silver and bronze respectively.

SWIMMING NEW WORLD RECORD

One of the highlights of the UIPM 2015 World Cup #1 was Logan Storie’s new Modern Pentathlon world record in the Swimming event (50m pool).

Storie (USA) swam the 200m in 1:53.72min, a performance that took more than one second of the previous record (1:54.25min) held by Britain’s James Cooke.
RESULTS - WORLD CUP #1

MEN
1. COOKE James (GBR)
2. PUCHKAREVSKY Egor (RUS)
3. FROLOV Ilya (RUS)
4. EL GEZIRY Amro (EGY)
5. HERNANDEZ USCANGA Ismael (MEX)
6. FERNANDEZ Charles (GUA)
7. CASSE Simon (FRA)
8. KUF Jan (CZE)
9. TYMOSHCHENKO Pavlo (UKR)
10. SANDTEN Matthias (GER)

WOMEN
1. MURRAY Samantha (GBR)
2. ISAKSEN Margaux (USA)
3. FRENCH Kate (GBR)
4. RIMSAITE Donata (RUS)
5. SCHONEBORN Lena (GER)
6. LIANG Wanxia (CHN)
7. MALISZEWSKA Anna (POL)
8. SCHLEU Annika (GER)
9. CLOUVEL Elodie (FRA)
10. BURJAK Anna (RUS)

MIX-RELAY
1. LESUN Aleksander, BURJAK Anna (RUS)
2. LANIGAN-O KEEFFE A., COYLE N. (IRL)
3. RIKER-FOX J., MCCANN M. (CAN)
4. INZUNZA Jorge, NOGUEDA Elena (MEX)
5. BOWSHER Dennis, ISAKSEN Margaux (USA)
6. DE LUCA Riccardo, TOCCHI Gloria (ITA)
7. CAO Zhongrong, ZHANG Xiaonan (CHN)
8. BRAND Isabel, FERNANDEZ Charles (GUA)
9. SWIDERSKI J., NOWACKA O. (POL)
10. ZAPATA Emanuel, KHOKHLOVA Iryne (ARG)
TEAM MIX RELAY: RUSSIA WINS GOLD

RUSSIA WERE THE VICTORS IN THE TEAM MIX RELAY FINAL ON ANOTHER THRILLING AND SOMETIMES CONTROVERSIAL FINAL DAY OF THE UIPM 2015 WORLD CUP #1, WITH IRELAND TAKING SILVER AND CANADA BRONZE.

Aleksander Lesun and Anna Burjak formed a wonderfully balanced partnership in the Sarasota sun to consistently sit in the top three overall after each of the Events.

The elimination of early pace setters Egypt in the Riding arena, where they mistakenly jumped a fence the wrong way, saw the Russian duo replaced them in first place going into the Combined Event and their grip on gold never wavered.

Jubilant Aleksander Lesun said he hoped the Mix Relay would become a permanent fixture in all Modern Pentathlon Events. He said: “I like this event, it is very interesting. It is not in the Olympics yet, but I hope that it could be for the Tokyo Olympics as I would like to see it recognised there.”

Irish pentathletes Arthur Lanigan-O’Keeffe and Natalya Coyle secured silver with a fantastic surge up the table in a thrilling Combined Event which they had started sitting way down in eighth.

Third was taken by Canadian duo Melanie McCann and Joshua Riker Fox.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann concluded by saying he was delighted with the high standard of athletes at the competition as well as the work that went on behind the scenes.

The Team Mix Relay Combined Event ensured a tense finish to the UIPM World Cup #1 for the enthusiastic spectators, who watched a battle over the final metres of the course.

Russia were crowned champions ahead of Ireland and Canada, who had begun the Combined Event in fourth.
New stars join established elite on podium in Cairo

The Egyptian capital of Cairo, for many years the stronghold of modern pentathlon in Africa, staged another successful major event when the world’s finest pentathletes descended on the city to compete for honours and 2016 Olympic qualifying points.

This is not true !!!!!!
GREAT BRITAIN’S SAMANTHA MURRAY WAS CROWNED THE WOMEN’S INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION AT THE UIPM 2015 WORLD CUP #1 AFTER A BREATHTAKING DAY OF LIVE SPORTING ACTION.

Laura Asadauskaite (Lithuania) came from behind to earn a spectacular victory in the second leg of the 2015 UIPM World Cup series in Cairo, Egypt.

As the reigning Olympic champion, Asadauskaite can never be dismissed as a threat and she proved her class by overcoming a 31-second handicap to win the Combined Event and consign Margaux Isaksen (USA) to her second consecutive World Cup silver medal.

Freyja Prentice (Great Britain) continued her country’s prolific start to the 2015 series by snatching a bronze.

Isaksen (USA) was fighting back tears as she reflected on finishing second again. She said: “Laura is a really incredible athlete, obviously - she won the Olympics. So I knew she was closing in, and at the last shot my nerves just got the better of me. I really freaked out.

“The season has started well for me. It’s a good gauge of where I am, physically and mentally. I feel the same way as I did after Sarasota: I have a lot of work to do, and most of it is at the shooting range.”

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“THIS WAS A VERY GOOD DAY, A VERY GOOD COMPETITION, AND I AM VERY HAPPY. IT WAS A VERY GOOD FIGHT, ESPECIALLY AT THE LAST SHOOTING”
/ LAURA ASADAUSKAITE
MEN’S INDIVIDUAL: NAKONECHNYI (LAT) CROWNED MEN’S CHAMPION

RUSLAN NAKONECHNYI (LAT) TOOK THE FIELD BY SURPRISE TO BE CROWNED THE MEN’S INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION.

After a steady display in the first three events of Fencing, Swimming and Riding, the Latvian didn’t look to be in contention for a place on the podium.

But he saved his best for the Combined Event where he amazed the crowd by overtaking the more fancied athletes and clinching first place.

“I am very happy,” said Nakonechnyi. “I thank my family and I thank Cairo and the lovely people of Egypt. A year ago I finished in fifth place and now I am the winner so I am very thankful. I have a new coach and a new team and I thank them too, this is a great result for me and I am delighted.”

He was joined on the podium by Jan Kuf (Czech Republic), who took silver, and Pavel Tsikhanau (Belarus) in third.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann was thrilled with the excitement of the Men’s Final and believes it will help Modern Pentathlon prosper as a sport in Egypt.

He said: “Today we had a new winner, a new face from last year and I think it is very good for our movement to have new people, young people coming through to win a World Cup.

“It gives a lot of hope for other people and provides big motivation that not only the star can win, but other young up and coming stars who are rising through the ranks. This is very good for the whole development of our sport.”

TWO WORLD RECORDS BROKEN

International Day of Happiness on March 20 was particularly sweet for two of Modern Pentathlon’s finest marksmen as the shooting world record was broken twice in the same day.

It was during qualification for the Men’s Individual Final at World Cup #2 in Cairo, Egypt, that William Muinhos (Brazil) scored five hits in 7.01 seconds. Amazingly, only a few minutes later Marvin Dogue (Germany) demolished the new record by managing five shots in just 5.9 seconds.
RESULTS - WORLD CUP #2

MEN
1. NAKONECHNYI Ruslan (LAT)
2. KUF Jan (CZE)
3. TSIKHANAU Pavel (BLR)
4. PODDIGHE Fabio (ITA)
5. BELAUD Valentin (FRA)
6. DE LUCA Riccardo (ITA)
7. MAROSI Adam (HUN)
8. DEMETER Bence (HUN)
9. LANIGAN-O KEEFFE Arthur (IRL)
10. EL GEZIRY Omar (EGY)

WOMEN
1. ASADAUSKAITE Laura (LAT)
2. ISAKSEN Margaux (USA)
3. PRENTICE Freyja (GBR)
4. VENCKAUSKAITE Gintare (LAT)
5. NOWACKA Oktawia (POL)
6. SAVCHENKO Anna (RUS)
7. ESPOSITO Chloe (AUS)
8. KHURASKINA Ekaterina (RUS)
9. MALISZEWSKA Anna (POL)
10. PROKOPENKO Anastasiya (BLR)

MIX-RELAY
1. HERNANDEZ USCANGA I., VEGA T. (MEX)
2. LANIGAN-O KEEFFE A., COYLE N. (IRL)
3. HARANGOZO B., ALEKSZEJEV T. (HUN)
4. ESPOSITO Max, ESPOSITO Chloe (AUS)
5. HEFNY Yasser, MORSY Haydy (EGY)
6. LIEBIG Fabian, SCHLEU Annika (GER)
7. PODDIGHE Fabio, SOTERO Alice (ITA)
8. PALAZKOV Ilya, AROL Katsiaryna (BLR)
9. SCHRIMSHER Lucas, ISAKSEN Isabela (USA)
10. KUF Jan, BILKOVA Lenka (CZE)
TEAM MIXED RELAY: MEXICO WINS GOLD

THE DUO STARTED AND FINISHED THE DAY AT THE TOP OF A TIGHT LEADERBOARD. ONLY FIVE SECONDS HAD SEPARATED THE TOP THREE OF MEXICO, IRELAND AND HUNGARY - WHO FINISHED ON THE PODIUM IN THAT ORDER - GOING INTO THE COMBINED EVENT WHICH GAVE THE CAIRO CROWD PLENTY TO CHEER ABOUT.

After losing out by just a second to the Mexicans, Arthur Lanigan-O’Keeffe (Ireland) said: “Yes it was really close. I was happy with my run although my legs were tired from the Men’s Final, but all round it was a really good performance by me and Natalya [Coyle] and next time we’ll get that gold.”

After absorbing all the drama of another compelling Mixed Relay, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: “The whole event was very well organised, there was a wonderful atmosphere inside the arena, great sportsmanship from the athletes and again they have shown that Mixed Relay is a wonderful competition. It is so exciting for the public, for the athletes and the nations.”

“I FEEL REALLY EXCITED AND REALLY HAPPY FOR MYSELF AND MY TEAM MATE BECAUSE WE HAD A GREAT COMPETITION ALTHOUGH THERE ARE STILL THINGS WE NEED TO WORK ON TO MAKE IT AN EVEN BETTER COMPETITION. WE WILL TRY TO REPEAT THIS RESULT IN THIS YEAR’S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS”

/ ISMAEL HERNANDEZ-USCANGA
Rome hosts a breathtaking Modern Pentathlon World Cup stage

Pentathletes from Lithuania, Ukraine and Korea took the spoils in Rome as the third leg of the 2015 UIPM World Cup series again demonstrated that elite Modern Pentathlon is one of the world’s most compelling sporting spectacles.
Having topped the podium in Cairo at World Cup #2, the reigning Olympic champion came from way down the field in the Combined Event to take a second successive gold.

It was a performance that showed why Laura Asadauskaite is such a formidable pentathlete. She moved from 20th place to 1st in a thrilling Combined Event where she overcame a 59-second gap on the starting leader.

Asadauskaite was joined on the podium by Zsofia Foldhazi (Hungary) in second and Donata Rimsaite (Russia) who took third. But the day, and the glory, belonged entirely to the Lithuanian after another superb display.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann was full of praise for the performances put in by Asadauskaite and her fellow competitors.

He said: “Back in 2000 if someone is winning from 20th place that was quite normal as good runners were selected for the pentathlon. But nowadays, where they are all so close together, to see Laura come from 20th place and catch up with no misses in the shooting and such a great run at the end that when she finished she was just relaxed, it was quite amazing to watch. “This is again a big lesson for everybody. You can see how strong she is and I think we are all very happy and satisfied to see that it is possible in our sport to come from behind to win.”
“I’m very happy with this result, it is beyond my wildest dreams. I still can’t believe it.”

/Laura Asadauskaité
Robert Kasza (Hungary) took the silver medal and, to the delight of the home crowd, Pierpaolo Petroni (Italy) fought off a late challenge from Kasza’s compatriot Adam Marosi to secure bronze.

Tymoshenko (UKR), who was silver medallist at the 2014 World Cup Final in Sarasota, competed with great purpose and determination to move up from 10th position at the beginning of the Combined Event and finish 8 seconds ahead of his nearest rival.

The tall 28-year-old made his way seamlessly through the field as Han Jiahao (China) let his lead slip between the 2nd and 3rd shooting ranges.

The more experienced European athletes had Han (CHN) in their sights and when he became engulfed and overtaken by the pack, it was Tymoshenko (UKR) who strode to the front.

“I am very happy,” said Tymoshenko (UKR) after receiving his gold medal. “I thought that Petroni would be able to run at the same speed as me, but my shooting was strong and the last series was an important moment. I tried to focus, and I have done it.

“Before the World Cup Final I think I will go to Hungary for World Cup #4, but there are so many tournaments this year. Everyone is competing really hard.”
TEAM MIXED RELAY: KOREANS CLAIM FIRST PLACE

WOO JIN HWANG AND SOO JIN YANG (KOREA) TOOK GOLD IN THE MIX RELAY TO BRING THE THIRD LEG OF THE 2015 UIPM WORLD CUP SERIES IN ROME TO A DRAMATIC CLOSE.

The Koreans claimed first place with a steady performance across all four events. They were joined on the podium by Amro El Geziry & Haydy Morsy (Egypt) who took silver and Jiahao Han & Qian Chen (China) who claimed bronze.

A jubilant Yang (KOR) said: “We are very happy. We had perfect shooting and running round and it was a wonderful end to the competition here in Rome. It is such beautiful surroundings and they inspired us both to put in our best performances.”

Morsy & El Geziry (EGY) were delighted with their second place, which Morsy put down to her efforts on the Shooting range: “I was worried about the shooting because I shot badly in the Women’s Individual semifinals and that is why I did not enter the finals.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: “This is a team competition where you can see how the men and the women work together in great harmony.

“We had another really exciting finish here today where it looked like the Chinese would win only for them to be caught up by the Koreans. Then there was the drama of the Egyptians eventually overtaking the Chinese too. I think you will agree that the three strongest teams have won the event.

“However, we have also seen the teams from Cuba, Chile and the teams from the Americas in this competition which is wonderful, but I believe that this relay competition is one which the nations should support more and we have to push it forward more in our competitions.”

RESULTS - WORLD CUP #3

MEN
1. TYMOSHCHENKO Pavlo (UKR)
2. KASZA Robert (HUN)
3. PETRONI Pierpaolo (ITA)
4. MAROSI Adam (HUN)
5. MISHCHENKO Vladislav (UKR)
6. STASKIEWICZ Szymon (POL)
7. JUNG Jinhwa (KOR)
8. JUN Woongtae (KOR)
9. HEREDIA VIVES Aleix (ESP)
10. DE LUCA Riccardo (ITA)

WOMEN
1. ASADAUSKAITE Laura (LTU)
2. FOLDHAZI Zsofia (HUN)
3. RIMSAITE Donata (RUS)
4. PRASIANTSOVA Iryna (BLR)
5. NOWACKA Oktawia (POL)
6. SOTERO Alice (ITA)
7. MALISZEWSKA Anna (POL)
8. SKARZYNSKA Aleksandra (POL)
9. BURJAK Anna (RUS)
10. KOVACS Sarolta (HUN)

MIX-RELAY
1. HWANG Woojin, YANG Soo jin (KOR)
2. EL GEZIRY Amro, MORSY Haydy (EGY)
3. HAN Jiahao, CHEN Qian (CHN)
4. BUSTOS Esteban, ROSAS Javierea (CHI)
5. MOYA Leidis Laura, FIGUEROA Jose (CUB)
6. KUF Jan, KODEDOVA Barbora (CZE)
7. DE SANTIS Tulio, BONESSIO Lavinia (ITA)
8. ZAPATA Emanuel, KHOKHLOVA Iryne (ARG)
9. PADILLA Manuel, NOGUEDA Elena (MEX)
10. GADIEL F., ENCARNACION A. (DOM)
Kecskemét is last stop on journey to World Cup final

Hungary’s leading pentathletes demonstrated the benefit of home advantage as they claimed two of the three gold medals on offer at the fourth leg of the 2015 UIPM World Cup series in Kecskemét.
SOFIA FÖLDHÁZI WAS CHEERED BY A JUBILANT HOME CROWD AS SHE SNATCHED WOMEN’S INDIVIDUAL GOLD IN THE FOURTH LEG OF THE 2015 UIPM WORLD CUP SERIES IN KECSKEMET, HUNGARY.

Földházi (HUN), who had finished second at World Cup #3 in Rome, took advantage of the absence of Olympic champion Laura Asadauskaite (Lithuania) to secure a vital win on the Road to Rio 2016.

Exhausted but delighted after her success, Földházi (HUN) said she wanted to thank her family for supporting her. “I am really happy and it’s all come together for me after Rome,” she said.

Looking ahead to the World Cup Final where Olympic qualifying places will be on offer, Clouvel (FRA) declared: “Now the season starts for me.”

Clouvel (FRA) was the early front-runner after taking second place in the first two events. The 26-year-old scored 23 wins in the fencing and finished the 200m in the pool in 2:10.21. She then received the maximum 300 points for a clear round in the jump, normally her weakest event.

At the end of the day, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann was full of praise for the women’s performances and said that conditions in Kecskemét were “excellent”.

“I AM REALLY HAPPY AND IT’S ALL COME TOGETHER FOR ME AFTER ROME”
/ ZSÓFIA FÖLDHÁZI
RESULTS - WORLD CUP #4

MEN
1. BELAUD Valentin (FRA)
2. FROLOV Ilia (RUS)
3. PRADES Valentin (FRA)
4. JUN Woongtae (KOR)
5. TYMOSHCHENKO Pavlo (UKR)
6. PATTE Christopher (FRA)
7. JUNG Jinhwa (KOR)
8. LEE Woo Jin (KOR)
9. KRASTANOV Dimitar (BUL)
10. NAKONECHNYI Ruslan (LAT)

WOMEN
1. FOLDHAZI Zsofia (HUN)
2. CLOUVEL Elodie (FRA)
3. ISAKSEN Margaux (USA)
4. BURJAK Anna (RUS)
5. YANG Soo jin (KOR)
6. ESPOSITO Chloe (AUS)
7. SOTERO Alice (ITA)
8. ALEKSZEJEV Tamara (HUN)
9. BONESSIO Lavinia (ITA)
10. NOWACKA Oktawia (POL)

MIX-RELAY
1. MAROSI Adam, ZS. TOTH Anna (HUN)
2. SCHRIMSHER N., ISAKSEN M. (USA)
3. JUN Woongtae, KIM Sunwoo (KOR)
4. ESPOSITO Max, ESPOSITO Chloe (AUS)
5. SVOBODA David, DIANOVA Natalie (CZE)
6. BUSTOS Esteban, ROSAS Javiera (CHI)
7. PADILLA Manuel, NOGUEDA Elena (MEX)
8. IMERI Jorge, BRAND Isabel (GUA)
9. DOBrica D., DUMITRESCU C. M. (ROM)
10. SUKHAREV V., POTAPENKO E. (KAZ)
Valentin Belaud (France) showed a cool head and a blistering final run to clinch Men’s Individual gold at WC#4 in Kecskemét, Hungary.

The 22-year-old overcame a 22-second gap on Ilia Frolov (Russia) to beat the former World Champion into second place in a dramatic Combined Event.

The two athletes were neck-and-neck going into the final shoot, but a nerveless display from Belaud (FRA) saw him race out of the pistol range seconds ahead of his more experienced rival. He then stretched his lead to break the tape nine seconds in front of Frolov (RUS) and claim maximum qualifying points.

Continuing a good weekend for France, Belaud’s compatriot Valentin Prades (FRA) finished 3rd and Christopher Patte (FRA) 6th, following the silver medal won by Elodie Clouvel (FRA) in the Women’s Individual final.

Jun Woongtae (Korea) finished 4th and Pavlo Tymoshchenko (Ukraine), winner of World Cup #3 in Rome, was 5th. Two other Koreans – Jung Jinhwa and Lee Woo Jin – were 7th and 8th respectively.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann was thrilled with the excitement of the Men’s Final as well as the international spread of the leaderboard. “There were three French athletes in the top six and three Koreans in the top ten,” Dr Schormann said.

“It sends a big message that things are changing and some of the European countries may be very surprised that we have such strong athletes from Asia competing.”
Neck and neck with Nathan Schrimsher (USA) in the final lap of the combined run, the 2012 Olympic bronze medallist Marosi (HUN) summoned a sprint finish from his tired legs to claim victory by five seconds.

Schrimsher (USA), who was paired with Margaux Isaksen, put up a spirited fight and almost overtook Marosi (HUN) with half a lap to go but was ultimately forced to settle for silver.

Jun Woongtae and Kim Sunwoo (South Korea) were 3rd with brother-and-sister team Max and Chloe Esposito (Australia) fighting from 6th ahead of the combined into fourth overall. Reigning Olympic champion David Svoboda (Czech Republic) finished 5th with Natalie Dianova, 54 seconds behind the leaders.

Marosi (HUN) heaped praise on his team-mate, thanking partner Anna Toth for setting him up for his grandstand finish. “In the fencing she was brilliant and in the run she was brilliant too,” Marosi said. “And then to win in the last 100m, that is why I am so happy.”

Isaksen (USA) said she was “incredibly happy” with the result and that it served notice that the US pair can compete at the highest level. “Adam [Marosi] is one of the best in the world,” Isaksen said. “But we’re making strides and I think we’ll have more good things to come. Silver is just a step in the right direction.”

Schrimsher (USA) said: “The Hungarians are an awesome team. We had a solid day with no mistakes, but every day is a learning experience.”

“In the fencing she was brilliant and in the run she was brilliant too” / Adam Marosi
FANTASTIC FINAL IN MINSK ENDS WORLD CUP SERIES IN STYLE

AFTER FOUR THRILLING COMPETITIONS IN SARASOTA (USA), ROME (ITA), CAIRO (EGY) AND KECSKEMET (HUN), MINSK (BLR) HOSTED THE UIPM WORLD CUP FINAL WHERE THE TOP 36 ATHLETES OF THE SERIES COMPETED FOR MEDALS AND THE RIGHT TO RACE AT THE 2016 OLYMPIC GAMES IN RIO.
MIXED RELAY: GLORY FOR BELARUS IN THEIR OWN BACKYARD

ILYA PALAZKOV AND KATSIARYNA AROL (BLR) WERE CROWNED MIX RELAY CHAMPIONS ON THE OPENING DAY OF THE WORLD CUP FINAL TO SPARK JUBILANT SCENES OF CELEBRATION IN MINSK.

The Belarussian duo made home advantage count as they dominated the first event of the Finals in the 2015 UIPM World Cup Series in Minsk, Belarus.

A strong win in the Fencing saw them shoot straight to the top of the leaderboard and they remained there throughout the end of the first day of competition.

A strong run from Lanigan O’Keeffe (IRL) saw the Irish finish second to take silver with Jun (KOR) grabbing bronze from the Russians.

After an exciting first day of competition at the WCF, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: “The Minsk Organising Committee have given us first class facilities, the organisation has been first class. The Opening Ceremony was a wonderful showpiece and an exciting presentation of the country showing sport and culture combining in the Coubertin way.

“The fact that the winner today was Belarus will give us a big push and attraction for the weekend event. The sun is shining on us, there is a great atmosphere and it was great to see a lot of children cheering with us.”
With so much at stake, and so little between the top male pentathletes heading into the Final, competition was fierce especially between the top three of Pavlo Tymoshchenko (UKR), Ilia Frolov (RUS) and Valentin Belaud (FRA) with just six points separating first from third in the overall World Cup Men’s Rankings.

But after a day of thrilling and dramatic competition on the field, it was the surprise package of De Luca (ITA) who triumphed in a spectacular Combined Event to take Gold and guarantee his place at next summer’s Olympic Games in Rio.

The much fancied Tymoshchenko (UKR) took silver and graciously congratulated his rival: “I feel good with second place in such a big competition. But I am also a little disappointed to miss out on the Olympic qualification as there is only one place up for grabs, but second place is better than other places.

Third place and bronze went to Kazakhstan’s Pavel Ilyashenko.
President Dr. Klaus Schormann discussed during the Worldcup Final with Aleksandr Dubkovski - Deputy Minister for Sport and Tourism of the Republic of Belarus - , Mr Semen Shapiro - Chairman of Minsk Region Executive Committee, and his Vice Chairman Mr Viktar Sirenka and the Vice President of NOC Belarus Mr Mikalai Ananyeu the possibilities for important Modern Pentathlon competitions in Minsk, which is from now on an important pillar in the UIPM Movement based of the excellent conditions for training and competitions of Modern Pentathlon.
The Lithuanian was always in a strong position during the event, but it was in the final Combined Event where her experience and class counted and she easily overcame a seven second handicap to cross the line finish securing Gold and her seat on the plane to next summer’s Olympic spectacle.

Italy’s Gloria Tocchi (ITA) who was never out of the top two for the Women’s competition, took Silver.

Australian Chloe Esposito (AUS) who has already qualified for Rio 2016, had a strong Combined Event to take the Bronze.

After yet another dramatic day on the Modern Pentathlon field, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: “This was a great World Cup Final and Women’s Individual event with the winner the defending Olympic champion from 2012.”
RESULTS - WORLD CUP FINAL

MEN
1. DE LUCA Riccardo (ITA)
2. TYMOSHCHENKO Pavlo (UKR)
3. ILYASHENKO Pavel (KAZ)
4. EL GEZIRY Amro (EGY)
5. FROLOV Ilya (RUS)
6. JUNG Jinhwa (KOR)
7. JUN Woongtae (KOR)
8. STASKIEWICZ Szymon (POL)
9. MAROSI Adam (HUN)
10. KASZA Robert (HUN)

WOMEN
1. ASADAUSKAITE Laura (LTU)
2. TOCCHI Gloria (ITA)
3. ESPOSITO Chloe (AUS)
4. FOLDHAZI Zsofia (HUN)
5. RIMSAITE Donata (RUS)
6. ISAKSEN Margaux (USA)
7. CLOUVEL Edodie (FRA)
8. PROKOPENKO Anastasiya (BLR)
9. ISAKSEN Isabella (USA)
10. MCCANN Melanie (CAN)

MIX-RELAY
1. PALAZKOV Ilya, AROL Katsiaryna (BLR)
2. LANIGAN-O KEEFFE A., COYLE N. (IRL)
3. JUN Woongtae, JEONG Mina (KOR)
4. SHUGAROV I., KHURASKINA E. (RUS)
5. EL GEZIRY Omar, MORSY Haydy (EGY)
6. ILYASHENKO P., POTAPENKO E. (KAZ)
7. SVOBODA David, DIANOVA Natalie (CZE)
8. IMERI Jorge, HERNANDEZ Sophia (GUA)
9. SANDOVAL Alvaro, OLIVER Mayan (MEX)
10. SILVA Leandro, ZAPATA Pamela (ARG)
BERLIN HOSTS THRILLING EVENT FOR WORLD MEDALS AND OLYMPIC PLACES

BERLIN HOSTED THE UIPM 2015 SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS WHERE GERMANY’S LEADING PENTATHLETES DEMONSTRATED THE BENEFIT OF HOME ADVANTAGE AS THEY CLAIMED TWO OF THE FIVE GOLD MEDALS ON OFFER.
Men’s Relay: Germany Delight Home Crowd

Germany made home advantage count to pick up the first gold medal of the 55th UIPM Senior World Championships and launch the event in Berlin in the perfect style.

Dogue (GER) topped the podium in the Men’s Team Relay to begin a week of top-class Modern Pentathlon action at Berlin’s OlympiaPark.

The duo were in contention from the point they won the Fencing and were always among the top contenders as the event progressed.

After the victory Nobis (GER) said: “It was very close with the Russian athlete at the end in the shooting and it was a case of will he hit the target, won’t he hit the target? Marvin did really well and opened up a 20m gap in the last run.

“He wasn’t too secure, but it was fine because with all the people cheering him on the route and after the last corner he knew he had done it and he was going to cross the finishing line first. We are both delighted.”

Alexander Kukarin and Kirill Belyakov (RUS) took silver despite having led at the start of the closing Combined Event. The bronze went to Poland duo Szymon Staskiewicz and Jaroslaw Swiderski.

“From the beginning we felt very well. I am very proud of my teammate as he is very young whereas I am a very experienced athlete, but he did so very well. We are very happy.”

/ Jaroslaw Swiderski
WOMEN’S RELAY: CHINA DEFENDS ITS TITLE

China dominated the women’s relay for a second year in a row.

The 2014 World Championship-winning duo of Liang Wanxia and Chen Qian repeated their performance of the previous year to add another title to their collection.

Positions for silver and bronze were fought out between Poland and Lithuania after Italy dropped out of contention during the third shooting series.

2014 World Cup Winner Oktawia Nowacka (POL) came into the range for the final shoot in second place but a fast shoot by Batuleviciute (LTU) changed the standings and Poland failed by just 1sec to deny Lithuania the silver medal.

“The competition was very close. All teams made a very strong competition so we were surprised that we got this result.”

/ LIANG WANXIA
Natalie Dianova and Jan Kuf (CZE) were crowned Mix Team Relay World Champions after overcoming a 4-sec handicap in the Combined Event to pip Anna Burjak and Maxim Kustov and leave the Russian duo – who had led the Mixed Team Relay for most of the day – with silver.

The win was all the more special for Kuf (CZE) as he had overcome a career threatening injury – he broke his right forefinger fencing three months ago and had to undergo major surgery – to win his first ever title. He said: “I am really happy as I have never won anything before, so this is just amazing. It is the biggest moment of my career and I hope I can build on this. I think Natalie and I worked really hard as a team today and that is why it worked out so well for us.”

Bronze went to Margaux Isaksen and Nathan Schrimsher (USA) who said: “It’s our first ever World Championships medals and we have trained together for a very long time so they are very special to us.”

The Czech Republic picked up the final gold medal of the 55th UIPM Senior World Championships to round off a superb week at Berlin’s Olympiapark.

MIX RELAY:
CHEER FOR CZECH REPUBLIC
MEN’S INDIVIDUAL: TYMOSHCHENKO ON TOP OF THE WORLD

PAVLO TYMOSHCHENKO (UKR) BECAME THE NEW WORLD CHAMPION AFTER FENDING OFF COMPETITION FROM LAST YEAR’S WINNER TO TAKE GOLD IN THE MEN’S INDIVIDUAL EVENT.

Tymoshchenko shrugged off a 27-second deficit in the Combined Event to beat defending champion Aleksander Lesun (RUS), who claimed silver ahead of bronze medallist Andriy Fedechko (UKR).

The three athletes not only claimed their medals but earned automatic qualification for Rio 2016 with their podium finishes.

Tymoshchenko said that booking his passage to Rio was “amazing” but admitted he thought he’d blown his chance after the Fencing.

“I didn’t believe that I could do it,” he said. “After the fencing, I thought I had lost because I made too many mistakes. I didn’t believe it was possible.”

Despite being pipped at the post, Lesun said he was delighted with his medal and that it was more important than last year’s gold.

“I DIDN’T EXPECT TO WIN A MEDAL, BUT I WORKED VERY HARD AND AM VERY HAPPY WITH THE RESULT.”
/ ANDRIY FEDECHKO

SWIMMING: NEW WORLD RECORD

Logan Storie (USA) swam the 200m in 1:53.08 to break his own world record of 1:53.72 during the Men’s Individual Qualification.
Women’s Individual: A Second Gold for Locals to Cheer

Lena Schoneborn was crowned World Champion in front of a delirious home crowd in Berlin after winning the Women’s Individual Event.

Home advantage was crucial – as it was the Men’s Relay on the Opening Day - as the 2008 Olympic Champion came out on top in the 36-strong field to book her place in next summer’s Olympic Games in Rio.

Qian Chen (CHN) took silver with Yane Marques (BRA) in third for bronze – both will also be heading to Rio next summer and so will Donata Rimsaite (RUS), who qualified for the Olympics with her 4th placed finish because Qian Chen (CHN) had already secured her place at the Asian Olympic Qualifier.

After another superb day of thrilling live modern pentathlon action, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: “This was a great day with three different continents on the podium. What we have witnessed here in these very hot weather conditions is seeing high level performances from former Olympic and World champions who are now standing on our podium.”

Fencing New World Record

Schoneborn (GER) made a disappointing start to the day finishing 28th in the Swimming, but recovered well and went on to finish first in the Fencing beating the World Record with 280 Points (30 victories and 5 defeats), sixth in the Riding and stretch a nine second advantage going in the Combined Event to clinch first place on the podium.
### RESULTS - UIPM 2015 SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### MEN
1. Tymoshchenko Pavlo (UKR)
2. Lesun Aleksander (RUS)
3. Fedechko Andriy (UKR)
4. Belaud Valentin (FRA)
5. Lee Woo Jin (KOR)
6. Han Jiahao (CHN)
7. De Luca Riccardo (ITA)
8. Svozoda David (CZE)
9. Frolov Ilia (RUS)
10. Marosi Adam (HUN)

#### WOMEN
1. Schoneborn Lena (GER)
2. Chen Qian (CHN)
3. Marques Yane (BRA)
4. Rimsaite Donata (RUS)
5. Murray Samantha (GBR)
6. Kovacs Sarolta (HUN)
7. Oteiza Marie (FRA)
8. Esposito Chloe (AUS)
9. Tocchi Gloria (ITA)
10. Tomonaga Natsumi (JPN)

#### MEN-RELAY
1. Dogue M. F., Nobis A. (GER)
2. Kukarin Alexander, Belyakov Kirill (RUS)
3. Staskiewicz S., Swiderski J. (POL)
4. Fedechko Yuriy, Fedechko Andriy (UKR)
5. Tibolya Peter, Tomaschof Soma (HUN)
6. Myatt James, Curry Samuel (GBR)
7. Han Jiahao, Guo Jianli (CHN)
8. Tsikanau Pavel, Palazkow Ilya (BLR)
9. Bilko Martin, Kuf Jan (CZE)
10. Jung Jinhwa, Hwang Woojin (KOR)

#### WOMEN-RELAY
1. Liang Wanxia, Chen Qian (CHN)
2. Batulevciuute L., Serapinaite I. (LTU)
4. Prasiantsova I., Prokopenko A. (BLR)
5. Khuraskina E., Lebedeva S. (RUS)
6. Kim Sunwoo, Jeong Mina (KOR)
7. Schleu Annika, Schoneborn Lena (GER)
8. Bilkova Lenka, Pribylova Eliska (CZE)
9. Lontano C., Gandolfo F. (ITA)
10. Brand Isabel, Hernandez Sophia (GUA)

#### MIX-RELAY
1. Kuf Jan, Dianoova Natalie (CZE)
2. Kustov Maksim, Burjak Anna (RUS)
3. Isaksen M., Schrimsher N. (USA)
4. Lanigan-O’Keefe A., Coyle N. (IRL)
5. Guo Jianli, Chen Qian (CHN)
6. Staskiewicz S., Nowacka O. (POL)
7. Zillekens C., Kohlmann J. (GER)
8. Kindenis J., Asadauskait B. (LTU)
9. Tsiikanau P., Prokopenko A. (BLR)
10. Grasselli V., Tognetti F. (ITA)
Russia and Great Britain dominate in Mexico City

The capital city of Mexico, welcomed the best young pentathletes in the world during seven days of intense competition.
MEN’S INDIVIDUAL: NAUMOV OUT IN FRONT

OLEG NAUMOV (RUSSIA) WAS CROWNED MEN’S INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION AFTER DOMINATING THE 36-STRONG FIELD FROM START TO FINISH ON THE FIRST DAY OF FINALS AT THE 2015 WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS IN MEXICO CITY.

A delighted Naumov said: “It was a fantastic day. It’s not my first time here in Mexico and I really enjoy competing here. Competing at this altitude is not easy and was a very difficult competition. I’m really happy with this result.”

Woongtae Jun (Korea) took silver with his compatriot Lee Jihun picking up bronze.

Woongtae said: “Today was a very hard competition. I started the combined event in the first place and I wanted to keep it. I didn’t make it but I’m very happy with this result. I’m very young and for sure I will come next year for the title.”

Russia’s success extended to the team event, where they won another gold ahead of silver medallists Korea and bronze medallists Germany (Christian Zillekens, Marvin Faly Dogue and Fabian Liebig).

UIPM First Vice-President Ivar Sisniega said: “We have the opportunity to see here the tremendous level of our Junior pentathletes. We have some of them already qualified to the Rio 2016 Olympic Games and this shows the high level of this competition.”

“All these athletes from the 23 countries represented are really the future of this sport.”

“THE FACILITIES HERE IN MEXICO CITY ARE UNIQUE WITH ALL THE VENUES IN A RANGE OF 50M. THIS MAKES A VERY GOOD COMPETITION FOR ALL”
/ IVAR SISNIEGA (UIPM FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT)
WOMEN’S INDIVIDUAL: A FINE SUMMERS DAY!

FRANCESCA SUMMERS WAS CROWNED WOMEN’S INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION AT THE UIPM 2015 JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN MEXICO CITY AFTER A DRAMATIC FINISH OF THE COMPETITION.

The British pentathlete came from way down the field in the Combined Event to take gold in front of the Sofia Serkina and Uliana Batashova (Russia).

The 2014 Youth Olympic Games silver medalist said: “I’m really happy. So happy that I can’t even describe it. It was a really close finish. I pushed hard all day and mostly in this combined event and happily it worked out.”

In the team event, it was Russia who won the gold ahead of Great Britain and bronze medallists Italy.

UIPM First Vice-President Ivar Sisniega said: “In my opinion, today was one of the most exciting combined events that I’ve seen in Modern Pentathlon.

“To have the athletes who started in 9th and 14th place fighting for the gold in the last meters was an incredible ending of a really exciting day.”
### Men’s Relay: Korea Kickstart the Party

Woongtae Jun and Jihun Lee (Korea) proved the strongest of 14 teams to win gold in the Men’s Relay on Day Five of the Championships.

Having already won individual silver and bronze the Koreans were elated to go one better and Woongtae said: “We are really happy with this result. This combined event here in Mexico City is very difficult for us because of the difference of altitude but today the day was fantastic for us.

Second place went to Viacheslav Bardyshev and Aleksandr Lifanov (RUS) with Gergo Bruckmann and Kirsztian Strobl (HUN) taking third.

### Women’s Relay: British Ladies to the Fore

Francesca Summers and Eilidh Prise (GBR) won the new Women’s Relay title after a dramatic finish in Mexico City which saw them come from 4th place to beat their Russian rivals in the final metres of the Combined Event.

There was no hiding the delight of the British duo. Eilidh Prise said: “I’m really happy with this result. In the beginning of the combined event I was angry with my riding where I had two knockdowns and I knew that I would recover the 22-second gap I had. I was really determined to do it.

Second place went to Ekaterina Makarova and Uliana Batashova (Russia) with Karolina Palkovics and Rebeka Ormandi (Hungary) claiming bronze.

### Results - UIPM 2015 Junior World Championships

#### Men
1. Naumov Oleg (RUS)
2. Jun Woongtae (KOR)
3. Lee Jihun (KOR)
4. Fernandez Charles (GUA)
5. Lifanov Alexander (RUS)
6. Dogue Marvin Faly (GER)
7. Parisi Giuseppe (ITA)
8. Colasanti Alessandro (ITA)
9. Zillekens Christian (GER)
10. Bardyshev Viacheslav (RUS)

#### Women
1. Summers Francesca (GER)
2. Serkina Sofia (RUS)
3. Batashova Uliana (RUS)
4. Tognetti Aurora (ITA)
5. Dovovenko Ekaterina (RUS)
6. Ozuyuksel Ilke (TUR)
7. Prise Eilidh (GBR)
8. Kim Sunwoo (KOR)
9. ZS. TOTH Anna (HUN)
10. Delhalle Pulcherie (FRA)

#### Men-Relay
1. Jun Woongtae, Lee Jihun (KOR)
2. Bardyshev V., Lifanov A. (RUS)
3. Strobl K., Bruckmann G. (HUN)
4. Zillekens C., Dogue M. F. (GER)
5. Dejardin Pierre, Loubet Brice (FRA)
6. Chenu Shuxing, Li Shuhuan (CHN)
7. Lees Thomas, Tasker Luke (GBR)
8. Vera Ricardo, Cruz Luis (MEX)
9. Sozinov Igor, Tyurin Denis (KAZ)
10. Abdelmageed O., Rashad S. (EGY)

#### Women-Relay
1. Prise Eilidh, Summers Francesca (GBR)
2. Batashova U., Makarova E. (RUS)
3. Ormandi R., Palkovics K. (HUN)
4. Tognetti Aurora, Frezza Alessandra (ITA)
5. Cabrera Sofia, Fernandez Sophia (GUA)
6. Delhalle Pulcherie, Belhamri Julie (FRA)
8. Derrant Martha, Ponce Andrea (MEX)
9. Coleman R., Corbett D. (USA)

#### Mix-Relay
1. Li Shuhuan, Zhong Xiuting (CHN)
2. Colasanti A., Tognetti F. (ITA)
3. Lee Jihun, Kim Sunwoo (KOR)
4. Dogue M. F., Bettinelli A. (GER)
5. Lees Thomas, Pipes Georgia (GBR)
6. Horvath Norbert, ZS. TOTH Anna (HUN)
7. Fernandez C., Fernandez S. (GUA)
8. Rivera Saul, Martinez Katia (MEX)
9. Dejardin Pierre, Delhalle Pulcherie (FRA)
10. Stevens Garnett, Cignagna Beatrice (CAN)
MIXED TEAM RELAY: CHINA SEAL GOLD

SHUHUAN LI AND XIUTING ZHONG (CHINA) OVERCAME A 49-SECOND HANDICAP IN THE COMBINED EVENT TO STORM THE FIELD AND WIN MIXED TEAM RELAY GOLD AT THE UIPM 2015 JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN MEXICO CITY.

Shuhuan Li said: “I’m really happy with this result. It was really difficult to win this competition but after the fantastic run and shoot of my teammate I had in my mind that I couldn’t let her down.”

Silver was won by Alessandro Colasanti and Francesco Tognetti (Italy) with the bronze medal going to Jihun Lee and Sunwoo Kim (Korea).
ARGENTINA GETS THE BALL ROLLING IN STYLE FOR YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES

THE UIPM 2015 YOUTH A WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA MARKED A SPECIAL AND HISTORIC MILESTONE FOR THE UNION INTERNATIONALE DE PENTATHLON MODERNE.
Egypt’s Haydy Morsy (EGY) took silver with Anna Toth ZS (HUN) of Hungary picking up bronze, despite holding an 18 second lead going into the Combined Event.

Ozyuksel said: “I am so happy that I still can not believe. I did not have a good day in swimming and fencing so when I came to the combined I knew that I needed to do much better to make it to the championship. So this sentence stuck in my mind: do it!

“And in the last 800 meters I knew I was competing against two strong runners. I looked at my coach and he repeated the same thing to me: do it! From there I ran to the victory.”

Also celebrating were the Russian team who won gold in the Women’s Team event. Ekaterina Utina, Adelina Ibatullina and Xeina Fralcova stood on top of the podium alongside silver medallists Hungary (Sarolta Simon, Anna ZS. Toth and Alexandra Boros) and bronze medallists Egypt (Haydy Morsy, Salma Abdelmaksoud and Sondos Aboubakr).

**RESULTS - UIPM 2015 YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**MEN**
1. BARANOV Serge (RUS)
2. SEO Changwan (KOR)
3. KIM daewon (KOR)
4. GARZA Andres (MEX)
5. RASHAD Sherif (EGY)
6. VLACH Martin (CZE)
7. GRYCZ Marek (CZE)
8. HERNANDEZ Emiliano (MEX)
9. STEPACHEV Alexandr (RUS)
10. CICINELLI Matteo (ITA)

**WOMEN**
1. OZYUKSEL Ilke (TUR)
2. MORSY Haydy (EGY)
3. ZS. TOTH Anna (HUN)
4. HERNANDEZ Sophia (GUA)
5. IBATULLINA Adelina (RUS)
6. SIMON Sarolta (HUN)
7. SUMMERS Georgina (GBR)
8. FRALCOVA Xeina (RUS)
9. UTINA Ekaterina (RUS)
10. ABDELMAKSOUD SALMA (EGY)

**MEN-RELAY**
1. STEPACHEV A., BARANOV S. (RUS)
2. GRYCZ Marek, VLACH Martin (CZE)
3. SHAHIN Ahmed, RASHAD Sherif (EGY)
4. KIM Hyemin, SEO Changwan (KOR)
5. HERNANDEZ Emiliano, GARZA Andres (MEX)
6. SALGA Gergo, BURCSIK Barnabas (HUN)
7. AKITOYE Justin, Graf Max (GER)
8. ARMANAZQOLI M., CORRADINI M. A. (ARG)
9. KHAMTSOU Ivan, Arol Yauheni (BLR)
10. MILLER Josh, Murray Oliver (GBR)

**WOMEN-RELAY**
1. LANGREHR Rebecca, MATTHES Anna (GER)
2. SUMMERS G., BRYSON K. (GBR)
3. SHORNIKOVA A., IBATULLINA A. (RUS)
4. MICHELI Elena, SCIARRA DALILA (ITA)
5. CABELLA Sofia, HERNANDEZ Sophia (GUA)
6. AMER MARIAM, MORSY Haydy (EGY)
7. TRUBKINA Darya, SUSLAVA Aliaaksandra (BLR)
8. SIMON Sarolta, PALKOVICS Karolina (HUN)
9. KIM Seonjin, KIM Seungyeon (KOR)
10. BORGARUCCI J., BALSALOBRE A. (ARG)

**MIX-RELAY**
1. HAMED A., ABDELMAKSOUD S. (EGY)
2. CARRILLO Dulio, RAMIREZ Marìa (MEX)
3. GISPERT Joan, FREIJE Aroà (ESP)
4. HERCIK Vojtech, CHVALOVSKÁ Lea (CZE)
5. KARDOS Benicz, ZS. TOTH Anna (HUN)
6. TARASOV Ivan, SUKHINSKAIA Irina (RUS)
7. DROBOTOV A., AKHIDULLAYEVA A. (KAZ)
8. LAWRYNOWICZ D., DOMINIAK N. (POL)
9. CICINELLI Matteo, TOGNETTI Aurora (ITA)
10. KIM daewon, PARK Naeun (KOR)
The Russian Serge Baranov stormed a very closely positioned 36 strong field going in to the final Combined Event to overcome a 13 second handicap and take the gold followed home in silver and bronze by Korean duo Changwan Seo and Daewon Kim (both KOR).

In the team event, it was Korea who won the gold. Changwan Seo, Daewon Kim and Woojin Park stood on top of the podium alongside silver medallists Russia (Serge Baranov, Alexandr Stepacev and Andrei Petrov) and bronze medallists Mexico (Emiliano Hernandez, Dulio Carrillo and Juan Perez).

With these exciting days of action at the Youth A World Championships, UIPM President Klaus Schormann said: “Buenos Aires is the future Olympic city with the Youth Olympic Games in 2018 and this competitions is being considered the first big test event.

“The Argentinian Olympic Committee was of a strong support for the UIPM 2015 Youth A World Championships.”
RUSSIA ROUNDED OFF A GLORIOUS WEEKEND WITH GOLD IN THE MEN’S TEAM RELAY TO BRING THE CURTAIN DOWN ON THE UIPM 2015 YOUTH A WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA.

Fresh from Serge Baranov storming to individual gold in the Men’s event on Saturday, the Russian team were in sterling form on Sunday finishing clear of the Czech Republic in second and Egypt who claimed bronze and the country’s third medal of the championships.

In a sign of how the competition would unfold, all three medalists occupied the top three spots in the Fencing, the Egyptian team claiming 20 victories from 30 with Russia and the Czechs both just one win behind.

In the Mixed Team Relay, Egypt were again among the medals as they soared to gold with a performance that was all about consistency. Fresh from Haydy Morsy’s silver medal in the Women’s Individual on Friday, the Mixed team went one better thanks to top-five finishes in Fencing, Swimming and Combined.

It was eventual silver medalists, Mexico, who came out on top in the Fencing with 26 wins from 34 contests, one ahead of Egypt in second. At that stage, few would have believed Spain would find their way on to the podium, having finished well outside the top ten. Yet the Spanish roared back in the Swimming and Combined – taking first place in both – to claim bronze a medal.

Jorge Salas, President of Argentinian Modern Pentathlon Federation and UIPM Executive Board Member, was happy with the way the competition went. He said: “It was a competition in a high level with a demonstration of fair play by all these young athletes.

“I want to keep showing the best of Argentina to the world through the sport of Modern Pentathlon. This is the first Olympic Federation organizing a Modern Pentathlon championship seeking the Youth Olympic Games in 2018 in Buenos Aires.”
The Olympic Qualification event was an important competition with the top Oceania athlete and top 5 placed Asian athletes booking qualification spots for the Modern Pentathlon Olympic Event to be held 19/20 August 2016.

During this visit President Dr. Schormann joined UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang in meetings with the CMPA President, Mr Wei Wang and CMPA Secretary General Mr Zhang Bin, to discuss a new project in the city of Wuhan, where the Government will build a new Modern Pentathlon Centre in combination with other Olympic sports under the Patronage of UIPM.

China’s Qian Chen completed a golden double when she was crowned Women’s Individual champion which guarantees her place at next summer’s Olympic Games in Rio.
MAX EXPOSITO WON THE MEN’S INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION IN BEIJING SECURING OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION FOR RIO 2016.

RESULTS - ASIA/OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS

MEN
1. ESPOSITO Max (AUS)
2. JUN Woongtae (KOR)
3. LEE Donggi (KOR)

WOMEN
1. CHEN Qian (CHN)
2. KIM Sunwoo (KOR)
3. LIANG Wanxia (CHN)

MEN-RELAY
1. LEE Donggi, HWANG Woojin (KOR)
2. MIYUCHI T., TOMII S. (JPN)
3. WU Hepeng, GUO Jianli (CHN)

WOMEN-RELAY
1. CHEN Qian, LIANG Wanxia (CHN)
2. KHALZOVA D., AZDRAVINA A. (KAZ)
3. KUROSU N., YAMANAKA S. (JPN)

MIX-RELAY
1. HWANG Woojin, KIM Sunwoo (KOR)
2. GUO Jianli, ZHANG Xiaonan (CHN)
3. SUKHAREV V., AZDRAVINA A. (KOR)

TEAM MAN
1. HWANG W., JUNG J., JUN W. (KOR)
2. CAO Z., WU H., GUO J. (CHN)
3. TOMII S., IWAMOTO S., MIYUCHI T. (JPN)

TEAM WOMAN
1. ZHANG X., LIANG W., CHEN Q. (CHN)
2. KIM S., JEONG M., YANG S. (KOR)
3. POTAPENKO E., KHALZOVA D., AZDRAVINA A. (KAZ)
UIPM president Dr. Klaus Schormann visited the Pan American Games in Toronto – the most important competition in 2015 for the American athletes. It has been an excellent organization with impressive support of volunteers under first class competition venues.

RESULTS - PAN AMERICAN GAMES

MEN
1. FERNANDEZ Charles (GUA)
2. HERNANDEZ USCANGA I. (MEX)
3. SCHRIMSHER Nathan (USA)

WOMEN
1. MARQUES Yane (BRA)
2. VEGA Tamara (MEX)
3. OLIVER Mayan (MEX)
Athletes from Brazil, Mexico, Canada, Guatemala and Cuba secured qualification for the Women’s Individual event at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games with stand-out performances at the 2015 Pan American Games.

After an exciting day of competition, Brazilian Yane Marques was crowned champion of the Pan American Games in Toronto in front of a sold out crowd of 1,000 spectators, making her the first two time gold medalist in Modern Pentathlon.

Charles Fernandez took 2015 Pan American Championship gold back to Guatemala and gave his country reason to dream ahead of the Rio Olympic Games next summer.

Fernandez (GUA) secured one of five available places in the Men’s Individual event at Rio 2016 by finishing first at the “Pan Am” continental showpiece in Toronto. It was a dominant performance from the Guatemala athlete, who led from start to finish and broke a fencing world record with 284 points.
16 PLACES FOR THE OLYMPIC GAMES

THE ANCIENT SPA TOWN OF BATH (GBR) HOSTED THE 2015 SENIOR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS. THIS EVENT, WITH 16 SPOTS FOR THE OLYMPIC GAMES (8 MALE, 8 FEMALE) AT STAKE, BROUGHT MANY OF THE BEST PENTATHLETES IN THE WORLD TOGETHER.

RESULTS - EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

MEN
1. LANIGAN-O KEEFFE Arthur (IRL)
2. PRADES Valentin (FRA)
3. DE LUCA Riccardo (ITA)

WOMEN
1. ASADAUSKAITE Laura (LTU)
2. CLOUVEL Elodie (FRA)
3. SCHONEBORN Lena (GER)

MEN-RELAY
1. FEDECHKO Y., KIRPULYANSKY D. (UKR)
2. MALITS I., HARANGOZO B. (HUN)
3. GRASSELLI V., DE SANTIS T. (ITA)

WOMEN-RELAY
1. SCHONEBORN L., SCHLEU A. (GER)
2. KHURASKINA E., LEBEDEVA S. (RUS)
3. BATULEVICIUTE L., SERAPINAITE E. (LTU)

MIX-RELAY
1. GRASSELLI V., LONTANO C. (ITA)
2. PALAZKOV I., AROL K. (BLR)
3. KUKARIN A., RIMSHAYTE D. (RUS)

TEAM MAN
1. BEALUD V., PATTE C., PRADES V. (FRA)
2. LESUN A., FROLOV I., PUCHKAREVSKIY E. (RUS)
3. KUF J., SVOBODA D., POLIVKA O. (CZE)

TEAM WOMAN
1. FRENCH K., MURRAY, PRENTICE (GBR)
2. SCHLEU A., SCHONEBORN L., KOHLMANN J. (GER)
3. SOTERO, TOCCHI, CESARINI (ITA)
On the 24th August, and also during the Senior European Championships, the British Army and Pentathlon GB organised an event at Sandhurst on August 24, in the company of many notable guests. Sandhurst is the historical place for the UIPM as it was there, in 1948, that the Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne was founded during the London Olympic Games.

Among these were members of the family of Brigadier Leslie Wieler, who did so much at the time to facilitate and encourage the formation of the Union.

In a short speech the UIPM President thanked Anthony Temple - Chairman of GB Pentathlon and awarded him with a special UIPM plate. He also thanked the European Modern Pentathlon Confederation, in the presence of the Secretary General Tatiana Ardabieva representing the ECMP, for the excellent cooperation between the Organizing Committee, the national federations and UIPM.

The European Championships have been an example for the combination of sport, education and art.

On the 24th August, and also during the Senior To recognise this historic landmark, a seven foot oak tree was planted by Dr Klaus Schormann, President of UIPM, Anthony Temple QC, Chairman of Pentathlon GB and General Sir Peter Wall GCB, CBE, ADC, the President of British Army Pentathlon. There followed a brief dedication by the Army Padre. The oak stands on the edge of a beautiful lake with a plaque appropriately commemorating and celebrating the founding of the Union.
AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

TWO PLACES FOR THE OLYMPIC GAMES

THE HOST NATION, EGYPT, SNAPPED UP THE TWO AFRICAN BERTHS FOR THE RIO 2016 OLYMPIC GAMES AT THE 2015 AFRICAN OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION CHAMPIONSHIPS IN CAIRO.

Eslam Hamad and Haydy Morsy booked their spots for Rio, though not without strong competition from their team-mates in an event which also welcomed new athletes onto the African stage from Mauritius, Madagascar and Burkina Faso.
RESULTS - AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

MEN
1. HAMAD Eslam (EGY)
2. EL GEZIRY Amro (EGY)
3. EL GEZIRY Omar (EGY)

WOMEN
1. MORSY Haydy (EGY)
2. MEDANY Aya (EGY)
3. YAKOUT Reem (EGY)

MIX-RELAY
1. Aya MEDANY, Amro ELGEZIERY (EGY)
2. C. HAYS, P. OOSTHUIZEN (MIX 1)
3. O. SITA, N. ABDOU DIALILOU (BFA)

TEAM MAN
1. HEFNY, EL GEZIRY O., EL GEZIRY A. (EGY)
2. OOSTHUIZEN, BRADLEY, BURGER (RSA)
3. JASON Minerve (MRI)

TEAM WOMAN
1. MORSY H., YAKOUT, ABOUBAKR (EGY)
2. CORAL Hays (KEN)
3. OUEDRAOGO Angelica Sita (BFA)
Some 8,700 soldiers from 117 countries gathered in Mungyeong, South Korea for the quadrennial international sports event.

Several athletes fighting for the medals finally saw Polish Athlete Oktawia Nowacka as the winner of women’s competition. In the men’s Individual, local athlete, Korean Dong Su Park started in second, but went on to win the overall competition and securing the gold medal. In the Mixed-Relay competition the duo from Poland celebrated the second gold medal for their country.
The 6th Military World Games, organized by International Military Sports Council (CISM) and supervised by the Republic of Korea’s Ministry of National Defense featured 24 sports. The games’ vision is to promote friendship and solidarity among the world’s military personnel through sports.

Modern Pentathlon is traditionally part of this multi sports event. This year’s Pentathlon competitions were on October 7 to 10 and had included Women’s and men’s individual competition’s as well as a Mixed Relay.

RESULTS - 6TH MILITARY WORLD GAMES

MEN
1. PARK Dong-soo (KOR)
2. NOBIS Alexander (GER)
3. EL GEZIRY Amro (EGY)

WOMEN
1. NOWACKA Oktawia (POL)
2. KHURASKINA Ekaterina (RUS)
3. WANG Wei (CHN)

MIX-RELAY
1. SWIDERSKI J., NOWACKA O. (POL)
2. MARQUES Y., NASCIMENTO F. (BRA)
3. GUZAUSKAITE K., KINDERIS J. (LTU)

TEAM MAN
1. KARYAKIN, NAUMOV, FROLOV (RUS)
2. EL GEZIRY O., EL GEZIRY A., HAMAD (EGY)
3. PETRONI, GRASSELLI, FRANCESCHINI (ITA)

TEAM WOMAN
1. WANG W., YE A., WANG X. (CHN)
2. PAKHRUTDINNOVA E., KHURASKINA, LEBEDEVA S. (RUS)
3. SPAS, PEMYKINA, TERESHUK (UKR)
PENTATHLON
FOR ALL

UIPM HAS MADE IT A CORE MISSION TO DEVELOP ITS SPORTS
WITH CAREFUL ATTENTION TO SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

Sport is a great vector of social connection and impacts
on the global environment.

UIPM through its development program is trying to get
more countries active in the Olympic sport of Modern
Pentathlon but is in the advantageous position of being
able to offer Member Federations and countries various
combinations of the 5 disciplines to take into account
the capabilities and development readiness of each
country.

An apprenticeship in the sport can be carried out in
logical steps that bring nations at mid-term to the full
Modern Pentathlon.

Through the training camps and seminars we organize
worldwide with our network of experienced UIPM
Instructors, members of a group that facilitates
information and knowledge sharing, the recommended
process is to start with Running and Swimming (UIPM
Biathlete) and then advance to Shooting so that athletes
are able to compete in UIPM Triathlete.
After that comes Fencing for UIPM Tetrathlon, which is the sport used in the Youth Olympic Games since 2010. Finally, on a mid-term basis athletes will master Horse Riding to be able to compete in Modern Pentathlon.

UIPM treats its Federations the same by providing Instructors with great experience and awareness of the difficulties every country faces in teaching and training coaches and athletes to form the grassroots of development. UIPM also provides shooting equipment courtesy of its providers and fencing gear courtesy of our sponsor.

UIPM is willing to invite some countries that lack resources to travel to UIPM competitions. This is the best way to enable them to compete against stronger nations and to exchange ideas about the sport but also discover different cultures and make them feel fully part of the UIPM society.

Like the IOC promoting the United Nations goal of “a better and peaceful world through sport” or the Peace & Sport International Organization, UIPM is trying to use its Olympic sport as a vehicle to bring people closer together, to share their experiences and cultures and demonstrate their hunger for success.

Modern Pentathlon is an Olympic sport formed on strong values that make explicit the social responsibility of the sport. It encourages self-development through hard work and exchanges of knowledge both sporting and cultural.
The main goal of the exercise was to give athletes, coaches and officials from around the Africa region some preliminary training about UIPM rules and how to organize a competition with four events.

In the first week, 25 athletes aged between 7 and 25 from Burkina Faso attended a national training camp in Ouagadougou which involved daily swimming, shooting and running as well as an introduction to fencing. The week ended with a Biathle competition, after which the best six athletes from Burkina were selected for the second week’s international training camp.

Athletes from six nations - Benin, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Mali, Niger and Togo - took part and many of them travelled by bus for as long as 30-35 hours to be involved.

During the first session, it became apparent that some of the athletes were unable to swim but this was rectified during the week and in the final Triathle competition, only one boy was unable to complete the swimming distance.

The sessions were followed closely by the coaches, who asked questions throughout and by the end of the week were able to organized and correct errors in training by themselves.

The fortnight emphasised the challenges faced by countries that lack the infrastructure of member federations in the developed world but with motivation like that shown by the participants in this camp, there are fantastic possibilities for development.

The closing Triathle competition was held over the same distances used in Batumi at the World Biathle/Triathle Championships. More than 30 representatives from government, military, police and TV followed the competition and afterwards a representative of the Ministry of Sport addressed the group and thanked UIPM for supporting the camp.

The competition ended with a medal presentation and a farewell party.
SOUTH AFRICA

UIPM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES IN SOUTH AFRICA

The initiative allows judges and coaches to undergo courses to become qualified, and demonstrates the importance of focused training sessions that help athletes improve their abilities.

Bloemfontein (13-19 April): Athlete-focused training Bernhard Petruchinski assisted with coaching of athletes particularly in the Combined Event and also present at the Freestate Modern Pentathlon Championships (17-18 April). A remarkable improvement in competition in all athletes was noted after the week of focused training.

Stellenbosch (21-26 April): Four new judges were trained in all disciplines. Judges presided over a fencing session with athletes to practise the rules and decision making of this discipline. Additionally, judges attended a local Equestrian event to practise judging in Jumping.

Monday 27 April, a public holiday in South Africa, was a full day’s training in Fencing at Paul Roos Gymnasium School, Stellenbosch, as well as a stroke correction swimming session with athletes from the Khayelitsha Multisport Club, in Cape Town. Athletes from these largely poor communities showed an aptitude for Pentathlon and especially the Fencing discipline.

In subsequent weeks Bernhard Petruchinski ran two more Biathle/Triathle and Laser-Run practice sessions in Cape Town and in the small southern town of George. He continued with more training sessions in Swimming, the Combined Event and Fencing. The visit culminated with the South African Championships on 15-16 May in Stellenbosch. During the event, Petruchinski assisted the newly trained judges in order to ensure everything ran according to the UIPM rules, which is one of the main objectives of the development programme.
DEVELOPMENT IN NUMBERS

14 CAMPS AND SEMINARS

5 NEW NATIONAL FEDERATIONS (AFGHANISTAN, COLOMBIA, BENIN, INDONESIA AND MADAGASCAR)

SUPPORT TO NATIONAL FEDERATIONS, ATHLETES AND LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEES:

- NATIONAL FEDERATIONS FROM 4 CONTINENTS WERE HELPED TO GO TO COMPETITIONS THIS YEAR (REPRESENTS 50 ATHLETES AND 20 COACHES)

- EQUIPMENTS SENT TO 4 CONTINENTS

- EQUIPMENT SUPPORT FOR 4 COMPETITIONS: TRIATHLE WORLD TOUR, UIPM LASER-RUN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, BIATHLE TRIATHLE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, DUTCH COUBERTIN CUP

DEVELOPMENT COMPETITIONS:

UIPM BIATHLE-TRIATHLE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

14 COUNTRIES FROM 4 CONTINENTS

507 COMPETITORS (NEW RECORD)

700 DELEGATES (ATHLETES, COACHES AND TEAM OFFICIALS)
UIPM LASER-RUN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

25 COUNTRIES FROM 4 CONTINENTS

195 ATHLETES IN ELITE DIVISION (UIPM ATHLETES)

150 PEOPLE TRIED LASER SHOOTING IN THE CITY CENTER OF PERPIGNAN

ONSITE LASER PISTOL TESTS:

1200 ITEMS TESTED

150 HOURS OF TEST

10 COMPETITIONS WHERE LASER PISTOLS WERE ALL TESTED
BIATHLE / TRIATHLE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

FANTASTIC RACES AND EMOTION IN BATUMI

ANOTHER NEW UIPM VENTURE ENJOYED A SUCCESSFUL DAWN AS THE BEACHSIDE VENUE OF BATUMI, GEORGIA HOSTED AN EXCELLENT THREE-DAY BIATHLE/TRIATHLE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS.
PASSION AND TEAMWORK FROM COMMITTED ATHLETES

BATUMI EXHIBITED ITS HOSTING CAPABILITIES BEFORE COMPETITIVE PROCEEDINGS BEGAN WITH A COLOURFUL OPENING CEREMONY WHICH FEATURED ATHLETES FROM ALL PARTICIPATING NATIONS MARCHING WITH THEIR FLAGS UNDER THE SYMBOLIC ALPHABET TOWER.

On day one, there was a keenly contested Triathle Mixed Relay competition at all levels encompassing Youth A, B, C, D and E, Juniors, Seniors and Masters A, B. Egypt was particularly successful with three gold medals, while the Czech Republic also won two golds and Georgia brought cheer to the excited local crowd with two silver medals.

Egypt once again dominated the headlines on day two as they dominated the Triathle Boys and Girls competition encompassing Youth A, B, C, D and E along with the Juniors, Seniors (Women) and Masters winning 11 gold medals – quite some distance ahead of closest rivals Georgia, Russia and South Africa.

India made a little bit of history on the final day of the championships as Biathle took centre stage. Youth F athlete Akuskar Sawar Shivshankar picked up a bronze to become India’s first-ever Biathle medallist.

Alexandre Henrard (France) took gold in the highly anticipated Men’s Senior’s with Tomas Svoboda, twin brother of Olympic champion David Svoboda, in second. Gintare Venckauskaitė of Lithuania took gold in the Women’s equivalent.

The championships were hailed as a resounding success both by UIPM and the Georgian MP Federation who organised the competition so well.
A SPECTACULAR INTRODUCTION TO THE WORLD

UNDER A WARM PYRENEAN SUN, LASER-RUN HAS ENJOYED A SPECTACULAR INTRODUCTION TO THE WORLD AS A SPORT FOR ALL.
As curious spectators watched in wonder, the UIPM Laser-Run World Championships were born in Perpignan, France with a stunning exhibition of the newest form of Modern Pentathlon.

Introduced in 2014, Laser-Run is designed to allow more athletes from around the world an entry point into the most demanding of Olympic sports.

The two-day World Championships accommodated participants of all levels, allowing some of the world’s elite pentathletes to share a stage with their Youth and Masters counterparts and also many non-licensed athletes who are taking part in the ‘Laser Run For All’ initiative.

Seventeen world titles were decided over an innovative course that saw competitors run through a fountain in front of the Palais des Congres, and the French crowd was delighted to see athletes from the host nation win multiple medals.

On day one, the local success was especially pronounced at Senior level, with Alexandre Henrard heading up a French 1-2-3 to win Men’s gold ahead of compatriots Christopher Patte and Valentin Belaud.

The Senior Women’s title went to Anastasiya Prokopenko (Belarus) who was joined on the podium by Eevi Bengs (Finland) and Donna Vakalis (Canada) after a thrilling finish.

Julie Belhamri (France) picked up gold in the Junior Women’s discipline while Peter Oosthuizen (South Africa) was a very dominant figure among the Junior Men.

On day two, the inaugural championships came to an exciting denouement with five Mixed Relay titles decided from Youth Level at under 17s (B) and 19s (A) to Juniors, Masters and Seniors.

Once again the host nation France performed strongly by picking up two golds, five silvers and one bronze medal across the five levels.

There was triple success for France in the Masters event as they took all three podium places. Cecilia Geppier and Olivier Cabardos won gold ahead of silver medallists Mickaële Perrier and Jean-Christophe Perrier and third-placed Nathalie Picault and Edouard Jobet.

Gold went to Anastasiya Prokopenko – to add to her Senior Women’s title from the previous day – and Mikalai Hayanouski (BLR) with Elodie Clouvel and Alexandre Henrard (FRA) claiming silver while Margaux Isaksen and Lucas Schrimsher (USA) picked up bronze.

“The nations have accepted this competition and we will see much more in the future European Championships and other continental championships can be created”

/ DR. H.C. KLAUS SCHORMANN
PARA-PENTATHLON

After a successful first brainstorming meeting held in Rome between March 3-7, the PWG was officially launched during a meeting chaired by UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann during World Cup #3, where some fundamental steps were approved culminating in the first official test event awarded to the city of Buenos Aires (ARG) in conjunction with the Youth A World Championships 2015.

A group of athletes from the Argentine National Paralympic Committee, guided by NPC President José María Valladares and supported by the Argentina NF for Modern Pentathlon under the guidance of President Jorge Salas, took part in the one-day test event.

Four out of five disciplines were tested, including both Wheelchair Fencing (set up at the bonus round mode - unique in its genre) and Para-Combined were offered to the public and the PWG members, including UIPM President Schormann, were extremely satisfied by its success and the future development possibilities of the sport.

The implementation of this first testing phase was the Para-Pentathlon pinnacle for 2015, which also included meetings with IPC about the future of standardized evidence-based classification, the new research studies on equipment and technology and field testing in various other sports already approved for the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games.

UIPM representatives attending such meetings were able to network and share some good practice with the main IPC members and stakeholders using some of those lessons learnt for future reference and upcoming testing that would be also set up for 2015/2016 season.

UIPM will also be represented at the IPC GA in Mexico City in the upcoming month of November. Having been granted the status of ‘IPC Observer’ we do believe this will be a further step in order to show the world the unity, perseverance and inclusiveness we hope will culminate in the inclusion of Para-Pentathlon within the official programme for the Paralympic Games starting in 2024.

Here below some key numbers to illustrate the success of 2015:

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Para-Pentathlon Made Its First-Ever Test Event in Buenos Aires
MODERN PENTATHLON HAS CONTINUED ITS JOURNEY TOWARDS THE GOAL OF BEING A PARALYMPIC SPORT BY HOSTING THE FIRST-EVER PARA-PENTATHLON TEST EVENT IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA.

The demonstration was organised during the UIPM 2015 Youth A World Championships after a collaboration between the Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne (UIPM), the Argentinian Paralympic Committee (COPAR) and Pentathlon Moderno Argentina.

The event featured 8 para-athletes of the Argentina National Paralympic team exhibiting their skills to the media, youth athletes and public as well as local and international stakeholders.

The multi-disciplinary format was based on Para-Swimming, Para-Combined and Para-Fencing within the modern bonus round format officially in use by UIPM since 2014.

Para-Fencing was displayed by Luis Alarcon and Alejandro Palavecino, two top Argentinian wheelchair fencers from Buenos Aires and Cordoba who performed a 2 bout of 5 touches each; one of the formats recognised by UIPM.

There followed a Para-Combined Event where three Paralympic runners joined Alarcon and Palavecino in displaying the Standing Para Combined format with great laser shooting performances. Among them was Juan Manoel Geny, an 11-year national triathlon record holder.

The Sitting Para Combined Event offered the chance to analyse the abilities of athletes with diverse disabilities, beneficial for the sport’s development and future integration.

The final act came from Geny, who performed a 200m freestyle swim as per standard UIPM rules.

All athletes, team officials and stakeholders enjoyed the opportunity to witness this historic and inspirational demonstration.
UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann has for some time been driving the Para-Pentathlon movement as chair of the Para-Pentathlon Working Group (PWG), and the demonstration was directed in conjunction with COPAR President Jose María Valladares and Jorge Salas, President of the Argentina MP Federation.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann commended the Para-Pentathlon test event as a fine example of sporting integration and gender equality.

He said: “Disabilities have no barriers and it is important to integrate them with youth competition so that the young generation can witness the spirit of never giving up.”

UIPM will continue to strive to develop the Para-Pentathlon movement with the aim of introducing the sport in time for the 2024 Paralympic Games.

“WE HAVE A SPORT WITH GREAT POTENTIAL IN WHICH WE ARE INVESTING LOTS OF ENERGY NOW IN THE INTERESTS OF FUTURE PLANNING AND I AM SURE THAT THIS IS ONLY THE FIRST STEP OF MANY MORE TOWARDS OUR GOAL”
/ DR. H.C. KLAUS SCHORMANN
The Masters movement has worked hard during the 2015 season to make some important transitions.

First and foremost, after a successful initial trial and implementation of laser shooting in 2014, thanks to the support given by UIPM in terms of technology and equipment, 2015 has seen the introduction of official laser shooting all the year round.

Six official competitions will have been held by the Masters movement by the end of 2015. Starting with the traditional Winter Pentathlon held in Davos (SWI), the Masters progressed into a regular season with two additional competitions - the Springlehrgang Opens followed by the usual Show Jumping Masters Workshop set in Saale (GER).

This offered the opportunity to some more Masters to join in during the season while participating in two more additional opens such as the IDM - International Open German Masters in Halle (GER) - and the Baron P. De Coubertin Dutch Open Masters Championships set in Arnhem (NED).

The season then culminated with the 2015 Open European Masters Championships held in Gyor (HUN) that showcased the best of Modern Pentathlon Masters with the presence of more than 20 nations, 78 athletes competing in both gender individual events as well as mixed relays. It also offered the chance of including nations such as Monaco and the Netherlands which had no Masters movement for quite a while, to name just a few.

The newly appointed Masters Committee Chair, Ms Heidi Walli (FIN) with the usual support of Masters Sport Director Mr Sandor Koeris (GER) and the transition-end members for competition and events: Mr Peter Engerisser and Mr Rudiger Tesar, were pleased by the successes achieved and praised the support of some NFs while looking confidently forward to a brighter 2016 which will also hold involve a new official UIPM Masters Committee appointment and the World Masters Championships, following a 2-year award plan.

In this specific context Masters have received specific interest to stage those events from a multitude of nations and ultimately the decision will be taken by Executive Board members during 67th UIPM Congress, in Chinese Taipei.

Lastly, Masters, as an integral part of the UIPM family, had asked UIPM to continue supporting and strengthening the relationships between nations and its internal stakeholders.

This was also a key aspect of the UIPM 2015 year-end agenda and constitute the basis for a broad internal registering system that will help supporting all National Federations before getting approved by our online process and moreover make our Masters another pillar for the UIPM family.
For the first time an international university competition has been organized and welcomed athletes to compete against other students. These type of competition activities are not only attracting a new generation of future Pentathletes, but most important open the door for the specific group of student-athletes who like to share their common academic link and passion for sport among peers. To practice different sports in one multi discipline sport is a challenge and leads to excellence in mind and body.

The year 2015 has been a milestone regarding the inclusion of Modern Pentathlon within the International University Sports Movement.

For 2016 and 2017 promoting our sport together with FISU at the university level worldwide as well as hosting bigger international university events are important steps leading up to the first World University Championships in Modern Pentathlon in 2018.

DID YOU KNOW... International university competitions are open to any student-athletes worldwide between the ages of 17–28
“Merging the educational spirit in the sport, educating students through the sport was, is and will be more underlined by UIPM through different sport formats and all kind of physical and mental training”
/ Shiny Fang, Secretary General UIPM

With 700,000 registered athletes around the world and 113 national member federations, Modern Pentathlon is often considered the most complete sport, and with over 100 years of history, the UIPM has the legitimacy to promote its values and culture, in particular to the younger generations under the motto of “Education through Modern Pentathlon”. This approach matches that of FISU and further highlights the existing proximity and consequent synergy between both organizations.

Keeping this in mind, the UIPM has drafted a detailed strategic plan, specifically oriented to University Sports, which is currently being implemented in partnership with its member national federations. This plan envisions to actively promote and help implement Modern Pentathlon, and its sub-sport programmes, at universities worldwide, sharing the UIPM’s know-how and technologies with key people on site.

Other actions planned include informational material presenting the sport for FISU member associations, and educational material on sport and especially the combined event for interested universities and their students/athletes.

“Bringing our sport to the people and attracting spectators in the streets creates a thrilling atmosphere.”
/ Philipp Waefller, UIPM University Project Manager
Our sport is an educational sport, a vast majority of our athletes are students; FISU and UIPM will have close cooperation in the future.

/ Dr. H.C. Klaus Schormann, President UIPM

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UIPM and FISU: a connection with a bright future

The capital city of the state of Morelos, Cuernavaca, welcomed 32 athletes representing 6 countries and from 20 higher education institutions at the International University Open, the first Modern Pentathlon event affiliated to FISU.
The event was a test event for a sport which joined FISU in May 2014 and will host its first World University Championship in 2018.

The morning disciplines effectively set them up for the run and shoot combined event that took place in an urban setting in midtown Cuernavaca.

The men’s competition started after the customary opening ceremony, attended by local city and university authorities.

Athletes first took to the swimming heats and soon after to the fencing pistes, complemented by the bonus round.

Local student-athlete Andres Garza (Escuela Nacional de Entrenadores Deportivos, MEX) beat off the competition after a thrilling final, having started the combined event in 11th place. Compatriots Diego Arriaga (Universidad Anáhuac, MEX) and Jhonnatan Ortega (Universidad del Valle del Mexico) were 2nd and 3rd respectively.

On day two, Katia Martinez (Universidad del Valle de Mexico, MEX) claimed the host nation’s second gold by winning the Women’s Individual Competition, beating her fellow countrywoman Mariana Arceo (Centro Iberoamericano de Ciencias del Deporte, MEX).

In third place was Eliani Câmara (Instituto Superior de Cultura Física Manuel Fajardo, CUB) who overcame the Monet Moreau (University of the Incarnate Word, USA) in the final stages of the combined run/shoot.

The Mixed Relay competition closed the programme of the International University Open with a spectacular performance of the home team composed of Kelly Mendonza and Andres Garza.

The duo completed a stunning victory after starting the Combined Event in fourth place. Canadians Beatrice Cigagna and Garnett Stevens finished second, followed by Eliani Câmara and Jose Figueroa from Cuba.
The annual World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Symposium took place in Lausanne from 24th to 26th of March. With a clear focus on protecting the clean athlete, participants gathered to discuss the enhanced World Anti-Doping Code (Code) rules that are now being practiced by 665 organizations around the world. The Symposium was attended on behalf of UIPM by Medical Committee Chair Pr. Fabio Pigozzi, Events Director Karen Myers and Anti-Doping Manager Radka Hajkova.
Doping control took place at all major events including the UIPM World Cup series, continental championships and World Championships in all categories (Senior, Junior, Youth A). We also organized a series of unannounced Out Of Competition doping controls. These are not linked to any specific event or place and can be sent anywhere. The number of Out Of Competition controls has increased in 2015 and we would like to maintain this trend for the upcoming season 2016.

UIPM Anti-Doping takes care also of Athlete Education and other activities involving athletes and coaches. To that end we have participated at events and conferences organized by WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency) including the WADA ADO symposium 2015, the Values Based Education conference and others. UIPM is working on strengthening its activities in the field of education. It is important to make athletes and coaches understand Anti-Doping is here not to poison their lives but to help them and protect their right to fair competition.

We have launched a short survey to update ourselves on the current situation in different parts of the UIPM world. Every country uses a different approach towards education and our main aim is first to understand and later unite our approach to get long-term and sustainable results in the field of Athlete Education with focus on athletes’ values and health. To achieve this we would like to closely collaborate through National Federations with local NADO (National Anti-Doping Organizations) that are providing education programs. An effective education program is an investment into the healthy future of our future champions.

To conclude, we are proud we can say that even in season 2015, Modern Pentathlon has proved itself to be a doping free/clean sport having been clear of any positive cases and we hope the upcoming Olympic season only confirms it.
In 2015 the Marketing & Media department took up the mission of engaging with Modern Pentathlon fans wherever they are on the globe.

Knowing that fans have an insatiable appetite for news, information and access to elite athletes, we provided that service across as many platforms as possible where we’ve established an audience.

Before formulating any strategy, we needed to figure out who the fans were and what they wanted. This was achieved during the year through constant analytics and intelligence. But from a success standpoint, the biggest challenge was to reflect the sport and new branding in the right way.

With this new approach to one key element we kept in mind was to create platform-appropriate contents. Through the UIPM YouTube channel, our premium programming included live streaming of World Cup Series and World Championships (rights permitting territories), competition highlights, features and storytelling.

The ongoing conversation on social media led to the growth of UIPM’s Twitter account through constant interaction with athletes, coaches and media in general.

The hashtag campaign #5uperAthletes - launched this year with a focus on pentathletes - caught on very well. We can expect to see quite a bit more of the #5uperAthletes over the next couple of years.

Facebook is our biggest channel, with over 48,000 followers.

The commitment to and relationship with our fans are something we build on every day. This season saw a boost in this engagement mainly during competitions when promotional activities, updated results, pictures and videos were timely posted on Facebook.

The UIPM online strategy also materialized in the opening of profiles in the two biggest Chinese social media networks, WeChat and Sina Weibo. Knowing that to be global it is first necessary to play locally, UIPM can now engage the Chinese audience with tailored contents.

During the year also the UIPM website has been developed and improved with a fresh look, making it easier to use with simple access and logical navigation with all the information ready to hand. The number of visitors has increased by 50% and the number of page views by 192%. There is no doubt the UIPM digital ecosystem is the place where Modern Pentathlon is getting more global, younger and stronger.
MODERN PENTATHLON BEAMS OUT TO A WHOLE NEW WORLD FROM BERLIN

THE 2015 UIPM SENIOR MODERN PENTATHLON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN BERLIN SHOWCASED THE SPORT TO NEW AUDIENCES ACROSS THE GLOBE.

As the Women’s Individual gold was won on Saturday July 4th by Lena Schoneborn of Germany, 1.3 million viewers in the host nation tuned in to the live TV coverage on the ARD network. With a 9.8% audience share among viewers aged over 3, this was a bigger audience than that which tuned in to Tour de France and football transmissions on the same channel on the same day.

In total, two hours of live Modern Pentathlon were broadcast by ARD, together with 12 hours of live streaming on UIPM’s YouTube channel where there were more than 150,000 minutes of recorded viewing. The countries with the greatest pick-up were Lithuania, Ukraine, Hungary, Russia and Italy.

On Sunday, during the Mix Relay Final won by the Czech Republic (Natalie Dianova & Jan Kuf), 1.18 million viewers in Germany tuned in to the live TV coverage on ARD.

The 55th UIPM Senior World Championships - which offered three men’s and three women’s individual qualifying places for the 2016 Rio Olympics - also created a big stir on social media where UIPM’s regular updates attracted 700,000 impressions on Facebook and Twitter.

Shiny Fang, Secretary General of UIPM, said: “The unprecedented level of media interest in the 2015 Senior World Championships illustrates how fast our sport is growing, as does the increasing number of people all around the world who are becoming involved with Modern Pentathlon online.

“These figures not only confirm what we already knew - that people all around the world have a keen interest in our sport - but that the audience has enormous potential for growth.”
INNOVATING CONSTANTLY OUR SPORT DNA AND IMAGE... AND ENHANCING IN 2016 OLYMPIC SEASON

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2015 UIPM GLOBAL REACH

SOME ACTIVE AGREEMENTS

CCTV  NBC
FOX  IEC IN SPORTS
EUROVISION  beIN SPORTS  ESPORTE INTERATIVO
1,000,000
MINUTES WATCHED

2,000,000
PEOPLE REACHED
55% WOMEN
45% MEN

350,000
IMPRESSIONS

4,000,000
UIPM WEBSITE PAGE VIEWS
100,000
ACTIVE USERS

3 BILLION
POTENTIAL VIEWERS
OF OUR TV NEWS
CLIPS

550,000,000
POTENTIAL VIEWERS OF
OUR COMPETITION
HIGHLIGHTS
...and global

18/03/15 - 02/04/15
World Cup #1
San Antonio, United States

18/07/15 - 19/07/15
Pan American Games
Toronto, Canada

28/09/15 - 06/10/15
Senior World Championships
Berlin, Germany

12/06/15 - 14/06/15
World Cup Final
Minsk, Belarus

01/06/15 - 06/06/15
Asia/Oceania Championships
Beijing, China

03/04/15 - 13/04/15
World Cup #3
Rome, Italy

18/09/15 - 20/09/15
Biathlon / Triathlon World Championships
Benalmádena, Spain

21/08/15 - 23/08/15
African Championships
Cairo, Egypt

19/03/15 - 23/03/15
World Cup #2
Cairo, Egypt

* Olympic Qualification Events
PENTATHLON FOR ALL

WE ARE UIPM FAMILY

UIPM EVENTS

MARKETING & MEDIA

SPORTBUSINESS
OCTOBER 2015

SPORTSpro
JANUARY 2015

HOST CITY
NOVEMBER 2015
MARKETING & MEDIA

SPORTEL
MONACO, OCTOBER 2015

SPORTSPRO LIVE
LONDON, MARCH 2015

UIPM

WHAT IS LASER-RUN?

LASER-RUN BROCHURE
Promotional material for the UIPM First Laser-Run World Championship in Perpignan, France
TOP ATHLETES

MARKETABLE ATHLETES

INTELLIGENT & WELL-SPOKEN ATHLETES

18-34 APPEAL TO TARGET DEMOGRAPHICS

MEN AND WOMEN REPRESENTED EQUALLY

GLOBAL APPEAL WITH ALL ETHNIC GROUPS REPRESENTED
WHAT A SEASON, WHAT A YEAR...

And the best thing about it? 2016 is going to be even better.

The 2015 elite UIPM scene featured Olympic qualifying competitions on four continents, a World Cup series and a World Championships. Each of them challenged the best male and female pentathletes in the world to outdo one another, every competitor knowing that the sport’s highest podium is now within sight, looming on the horizon.

One pentathlete stood out in 2015 for consistent success: Laura Asadauskaitė of Lithuania. Having already won two World Cups she claimed gold at the World Cup Final in Minsk (BLR) and followed up in August with the European title in Bath (GBR).

The only major prize that eluded her was the World Championship gold, which was claimed by Lena Schöneborn of Germany.

On the men’s side, it was a far more open scene albeit one dominated by the Europeans. The world title went to Ukraine as Pavlo Tymoshchenko fought off the challenge of reigning champion Aleksandr Lesun (RUS). Ireland enjoyed its first-ever major international title success as Arthur Lanigan-O’Keeffe won the European title, and it was an Italian, Riccardo de Luca, who prevailed at the UIPM World Cup Final.
As we enter 2016, the action will quickly accelerate towards Rio as World Cup #2 takes place as a test event in the Olympic Games host city. Many of the 72 Olympic places remain up for grabs as national rivals do battle for the right to represent their country.

The stakes have never been higher. The sport has never been so strong. It’s time to grasp the ultimate prize.

"THE MODERN PENTATHLON EVENT WOULD TEST A MAN’S MORAL QUALITIES AS MUCH AS HIS PHYSICAL RESOURCES AND SKILLS, PRODUCING THEREBY THE IDEAL, THE COMPLETE ATHLETE”

/ PIERRE DE COUBERTIN
2016 COMPETITION CALENDAR

24-28 February
Cairo, Egypt
UIPM World Cup #1

8-13 March
Rio, Brazil
UIPM World Cup #2

31 March-4 April
Rome, Italy
UIPM World Cup #3

6-8 May
Sarasota, USA
UIPM World Cup Final

21-25 July
Limerick, Ireland
UIPM Youth A World Championships

12-17 September

2016 Olympic Games
18-20 August

14-18 July

UIPM Biathle/Triathle World Championships
7-9 October

21-23 October
Kecskemét, Hungary
UIPM World Cup #4
14-18 April

Moscow, Russia
UIPM Senior World Championships
22-29 May

Doha, Qatar
UIPM Champion of Champions
21-23 October

TBC
UIPM Laser-Run World Championships
TBC

4-6 November