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UIPM 2018 PENTATHLON JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS





Women's Individual champion Elena Micheli (ITA) celebrates her success at the UIPM 2018 Pentathlon Junior World Championships in Kladno (CZE), as Ahmed Elgendy (EGY) approaches the finish line to become Men's Individual champion, his second individual world title of the year









UIPM 2018 Pentathlon Junior World Championships

Italy lead the way again but honours shared among the continents

he UIPM 2018 Junior Pentathlon World Championships in Kladno, Czech Republic featured healthy crowds, warm weather and tough competition for a generation of athletes who could be the breakthrough stars of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic cycle.

Remarkably, 12 nations went home with medals from Kladno (CZE), representing four of UIPM's continental confederations (Europe, Asia, Africa and NORCECA).

medals including two golds, while

Korea and China each claimed three medals and the other five gold medals were spread between host nation Czech Republic, Egypt, Guatemala, Hungary and Russia.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "Thank you to the athletes first, and to the organisers who have enabled us to enjoy a real highlight of the season here in Kladno. We had a good number of spectators and we had 20 teams for the Mixed Relay, which is a great number.

venue, with everything in walking distance. It was wonderful to see As in 2017, Italy were the top- so many countries from different performing nation. They won five continents on the podium, showing the strength of our movement."

Bohumil Hrudka. President of the Czech Modern Pentathlon Association, said: "It was a very successful competition for us.

"We had a perfect team of judges, who improve with every competition, and they managed the competition very

"We are very happy with the results of our Czech team. We started very well with a big success with the gold medal in the Men's Relay, and then we had an 8th place and a 6th place "The organisers prepared a great in the individual finals. It could have been better but I think the results overall were very good. We are looking forward to hosting the UIPM Pentathlon World Cup here in the Czech Republic in 2019."



Czech Republic athletes Vojtech Hercik and Aranka Chalupnikova enter the Riding arena during the Mixed Relay, with an expectant home crowd looking on









Women's Relay: Glory for Guatemala

uatemala caused an upset on the Gopening day as Sophia Hernandez and Sofia Cabrera won a brilliant gold in the Women's Relay.

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

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

For Hernandez (GUA) it was a second visit to the podium in successive years - she won bronze in the Women's Relay with Isabel Brand at the 2017 championships in Hungary. In 2016 Charles Fernandez (GUA) became men's world junior champion.

"I'm very thankful that I was able to achieve this success with my teammate," said Hernandez (GUA). "It was very tough, but we had fun, and this is what happens when you have fun. I think this was just a taste of what we have been doing in training."

Swimming

There was a fast start in the pool by Russia (Ibatullina/Khamppu), although their time of 2:04.48 was almost matched by Italy (Tognetti/Micheli) as they touched the wall in 2:04.73. USA (Erica Oake / Avery Niemann) were next fastest on 2:05.80.

Fencing

The gueens of the piste were Guatemala (Hernandez/Cabrera), who scored 19V/9D and added two additional points in the Bonus Round.

Three nations were tied on 16V/12D -



Sophia Hernandez (GUA) crosses the finish line and prepares to celebrate with partner Sofia Cabrera



Women's Relay podium

Italy (Tognetti/Micheli), China (Zhong/ Gu) and Korea (Kim Junju / Yoo Sumin) - while France (Riff/Riff) added three bonus points.

The overall lead held by Guatemala (Hernandez/Cabrera) came under threat as Germany (Matthes/Langrehr), China (Zhong/Gu), Italy (Tognetti/ Micheli) and the host nation Czech Republic (Aranka Chalupnikova & Karolina Krenkova) managed clear rounds and collected 300 points.

Guatemala (Hernandez/Cabrera) kept their composure under pressure in the final ride but the concession of 10 penalty points allowed Italy (Tognetti/ Micheli) to steal a 2sec lead overall.

This had the potential to be a classic duel between the top two nations, but China (Zhong/Gu) started only 9sec behind Italy (Tognetti/Micheli) and 7sec behind Guatemala (Hernandez/ Cabrera) and clearly had designs on









As it turned out, Guatemala China (Hernandez/Cabrera) and (Zhong/Gu) became the participants of the duel, as Italy (Tognetti/Micheli) lost ground that they would never recover.

China (Zhong/Gu) ended up with the best Laser-Run time of 12:05.10 and finished only 5sec behind the champions Guatemala (Hernandez/ Cabrera), who timed 12:07.70.

Men's Relay: Czech duo strike gold

There was jubilation for the home nation on day two as Czech Republic denied Korea the chance to retain their Men's Relay title.

So Hyunseok and Seo Changwan proved to be every bit as strong as last year and went into the decisive Laser-Run in the lead on behalf of Korea. But they were denied by an exceptional performance from Marek Grycz and Martin Vlach, who surged past them to win by 7secs and earn the right to stand on top of the podium and hear the Czech Republic national anthem.

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

Vlach (CZE) said: "It's amazing. After Riding I was worried that we couldn't make it for the gold, but we did. At the beginning I felt quite angry, because my second shoot was very bad. I was looking all the time at my colleague from Korea. In the end I did my best."

Swimming

Great Britain (Pillage/Sutton) gave themselves a good lead with their speed in the pool. Their time of 1:47.48 was more than 3sec faster than second-placed Italy (Cicinelli/ Malan, 1:50.78) with Argentina (Alexis Corradini Martinez / Vicente Lima) ranking 3rd in 1:51.84.

Fencing

The action on the piste was a wonderful spectacle for locals as Czech Republic



Martin Vlach (CZE) in action during the Fencing Ranking Round



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

(Grycz/Vlach) topped the standings with an excellent 21V/11D and two extra points in the Bonus Round.

Once again Italy (Cicinelli/Malan) were not far behind the leaders as they matched Korea (So/Seo) on 21V/13D.

Riding

Korea (So/Seo) put themselves in pole position overall as they emerged with a clear round. Only two other nations managed a perfect score of 300: Poland (Gutkowski/Lawrynowicz) and Russia (Ivan Tarasov / Pavel Babanin).

Great Britain (Pillage/Sutton) came back into contention with 295 points, but Italy (Cicinelli/Malan) lost ground

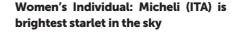
after two errors, conceding 14 points.

Laser Run

Czech Republic (Grycz/Vlach) started in 3rd place, 6secs behind Italy (Cicinelli/Malan) and 12secs behind leaders Korea (So/Seo).

Ten minutes later, the margin between the top two remained largely unchanged but the complexion of the competition was transformed by the local favourites, who completed the course in a highly impressive 10:27.99.

There were also good performances by Hungary (Andras Gal / Barnabas Burcsik, 10:33.60) and Poland (Gutkowski/Lawrynowicz, 10:38.16).



he smiles of three teenage starlets beamed down from the podium on an evening when the future of Modern Pentathlon lit up the horizon.

Elena Micheli of Italy continued an unforgettable summer by adding Women's Individual gold to the Women's Relay bronze she collected earlier in the week and the Women's Individual gold she took home from the 1st FISU World University Championships in Budapest (HUN).

The 19-year-old was followed closely across the line by 18-year-old rivals Laura Heredia of Spain and Zhong Xiuting of China.

The UIPM Junior World Championships is open to athletes aged 21 and under, so it was remarkable that three athletes so young should prove to be the strongest in the field. And the invasion



Laura Heredia (ESP) is a picture of concentration at the laser shooting range

Zoe Davison of Great Britain finished 4th, ahead of Emma Riff of France in 5th and Micheli's team-mate Aurora Tognetti (ITA) in 6th. Davison (GBR) and Riff (FRA) are 19 and Tognetti (ITA), the 2017 silver medallist, is still only 17.

of the teenagers did not end with the
There was a touching moment in the final moments of the Laser-Run when Tognetti (ITA), noticing that Micheli (ITA) looked certain to win, reached across the markers of the running course to high-five her team-mate.

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The pair had already teamed up to win bronze in the Women's Relay following



There was fierce competition during the Fencing Bonus Round

















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a silver medal in the same event in 2017, and today they joined forces again to celebrate the team gold medal, along with Maria Lea Lopez (ITA).

Team silver went to China (Zhong / Gu Yewen / Zheng Lishan) and bronze was won by Hungary (Blanka Guzi / Michelle Gulyas / Luca Barta).

Individual bronze was a good mark of progress for Zhong (CHN), the 2014 Youth Olympic Games gold medallist who won silver alongside Gu (CHN) in the Women's Relay. Silver was a huge breakthrough for Heredia (ESP).

Micheli (ITA) said: "It has been amazing, unforgettable. Last year I was 2nd in the Under 19 World Championships and this is my first [individual] medal at the Junior World Championships. I've been working for this a long time, for all the days I have been training."

Swimmina

Gulyas (HUN) recorded the fastest time in the pool (2:13.25), although she was only a fraction of a second quicker than Micheli (ITA), who timed 2:13.54. Next fastest was Misaki Uchida of Japan (2:15.30).

Fencing

It was on the piste that Heredia (ESP) catapulted herself into contention. In the Ranking Round she scored 26V/9D, two more victories than her nearest rival Zhong (CHN).

Four athletes managed 22V/13D: Micheli and Tognetti (ITA), Anastasia Chistiakova of Russia and Anna Matthes of Germany, who added three points in the Bonus Round.

Ridina

Micheli (ITA) continued her exceptional day with a clear round that confirmed she would start first in the Laser-Run. Gulyas (HUN) and Yoo Sumin of Korea also scored a perfect 300.

Tognetti (ITA) faded out of contention when she picked up 21 penalty points, as did the top-ranked Ilke Ozyuksel



Another obstacle is cleared during the women's Riding discipline



Elena Micheli (ITA) celebrates on the finish line as Heredia (ESP) secures the silver medal

round for Germany, as Matthes failed to finish and her team-mate Rebecca Langrehr was eliminated.

Laser Run

Starting 10sec ahead of Heredia (ESP) and 11sec ahead of Gulyas (HUN), Micheli (ITA) knew she had the momentum of a strong season behind her and she duly protected her lead with great composure, ultimately winning by 8sec from Heredia (ESP).

The best Laser Run time came, unsurprisingly, from Ozyuksel (TUR),

of Turkey. It was also a disappointing but she had lost far too much ground to the leaders and finished 12th despite a time of 12:03.41.

> Ardak Akhidullayeva of Kazakhstan was second-fastest around the Kladno course in 12:31.83, ahead of Guzi (HUN) in 12:37.60.

> UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "In hot conditions the juniors showed that they are on the way to a higher profile in the direction of the

"In the Laser Run we saw the Italian,

Spanish and Chinese athletes earn their places on the podium, but behind them the other athletes ran very hard for their places and a good team ranking."

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

Four months earlier Ahmed Elgendy of Egypt had announced himself on the world stage by winning Men's Individual gold at the UIPM Under 19 Tetrathlon World Championships. In Kladno (CZE) he went one better.

Aged just 18, Elgendy (EGY) became the holder of two global individual titles after an incredible performance in the Junior Men's Individual Final.

The bespectacled teenager started the Laser-Run 37secs behind the leader, Gustav Gustenau of Austria, who shot with excellent composure and looked like a strong bet for gold. But on the third lap he suddenly found a rival on his shoulder, and Elgendy (EGY) used his electric speed to take the lead before finishing the job with a stunning 6sec shoot at the last visit to the range.

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

So competitive was the Laser-Run that the next three finishers had all started the race outside the top 12: Serge Baranov of Russia finished 4th, Lukasz Gutkowski of Poland was one place further back and Martin Vlach pleased the Czech Republic home crowd by completing the top six.

Hungary (Bence Kardos / Illes Szabo / Balint Bernath) won team gold ahead of silver medallists Korea (So Hyunseok / Seo Changwan / Kim Sedong), while Italy picked up their fifth medal of the championships as Matteo Cicinelli, Giorgio Malan and Roberto Micheli secured bronze.



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A capacity crowd in Kladno (CZE) enjoys the Riding discipline



Ahmed Elgendy (EGY) takes aim as he prepares to overtake Gustave Gustenau (AUT)











shot very nicely today.

"The semi-final was not good but this was a good day in Riding, Fencing and Swimming, and I'm very happy to achieve my second gold medal at a World Championships this year."

Gustenau (AUT): "At the beginning of the Laser Run I was a bit nervous, because there was a strong chasing pack, but in the end I'm just very happy that I finished 2nd and finished my last year as a junior with a medal.

"Not everybody in Austria knows pentathlon, and I think after this race maybe I'm a bit more famous and I won't have to explain my sport if somebody asks me on the street."

Individual gold medallist Elgendy (EGY), Hungary coach Janos Martinek, the equation. He recorded 28 victories and multiple world champion and Seoul 1988 Olympic Games double gold medallist, said of his team's success: "I am half and half: in one eye I am happy and in the other eye I am crying because in Fencing, two of our team were very bad. The guys can do it added four points in the Bonus Round. better but today wasn't good.

> "Fencing is the reason we missed out on an individual medal today. Maybe later will be better."

Swimming

Typically, Myles Pillage of Great Britain a score of 280, while Gustenau (AUT) was quickest to finish his 200m freestyle in a time of 1:58.81, but Gustenau (AUT) also went under 2mins in 1:5972. Third-fastest was Elgendy (EGY) in 2:00.87.

Fencing

A dominant performance by Khamtsou Laser Run (BLR) catapulted him into the podium

just seven defeats, winning four more bouts than any other competitor. But Gustenau (AUT) continued his highclass performance with 24V/11D, the same score as Balint (HUN). Paolo Singh (FRA) and Elgendy (EGY) each

There was drama in the Riding arena as Khamtsou (BLR) faltered badly, conceding 33 penalty points to effectively end his pursuit of gold. Elgendy (EGY) also lost ground with took the overall lead with 295.

Four riders managed a perfect score of 300: Vicente Lima of Argentina, Balasz Szep (HUN), Cicinelli (ITA) and Jan Kauffmann of Germany.

Gustenau (AUT) started out with a 8sec



Ahmed Elgendy (EGY) approaches the finish line at the end of his stunning Laser Run performance











cushion over Pillage (GBR) and 17sec over Bernath (HUN). The leader kept both of them at bay but all the time his captor was waiting in the wings.

Elgendy (EGY) timed his assault perfectly, taking big chunks out of the deficit on the first two laps to move from 8th to 2nd, and then moving past Gustenau (AUT) with ruthless efficiency.

So high was the Laser-Run standard that the winner's time of 10:46.55 did not even rank in the top three. Kardos (HUN) was quickest around the course in 10:37.44, ahead of home favourite Martin Vlach (CZE) in 10:44.78 and Baranov (RUS) in 10:45.30.

Mixed Relay: Russia and France get on the board

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

It was Russia's first medal of the week, while France also broke their duck as Paolo Singh and Emma Riff denied Great Britain (Holly Parker & James Harper) bronze by just 1sec. Korea took home their third medal as Kim Unju and Seo Changwan secured silver.

Russia (Fraltsova/Baranov) performed very strongly in the decisive Laser-Run to overturn a deficit of 12sec and ultimately win by 7sec from Korea (Kim/Seo), with France (Singh/Riff) a further 6sec behind.

Fraltsova (RUS) said: "Thank you very much, it was the first medal for Team Russia at this Junior World Championships. It was very difficult today but we did what we could and we are happy."

every discipline and that's why I was able to get a great result. It wasn't easy but I tried my best.

[Kim], I got a great result. Fencing and has a bright future."



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Male athletes follow their female team-mates into the pool during the Mixed Relay

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A high five on the Fencing piste for Alexandra Boros and Bence Kardos

Kim (KOR) said: "I concentrated on Riding were not so easy, but I made it." Bronze medallist Singh (FRA) added: "We went through a lot of emotions. I am so proud to achieve this medal in front of my family and with my team-Seo (KOR) Added: "Thanks to her mate Emma, who is super-strong and

Swimmina

In the first event of the day, Belarus (Katjarina Sukora / Yauheni Arol) were quickest in the pool with a time of 1:58.15, while Egypt (Salma Abdelmaksoud / Ahmed Elgendy) also went under 2min with 1:59.55. Russia









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(Fraltsova/Baranov) were third-fastest after timing 2:00.58.

Fencing

A tight Ranking Round resulted in a top score of 24V/14D for Czech Republic (Aranka Chalupnikova / Vojtech Hercik) and Belarus (Sukora/Arol).

Korea (Kim/Seo) were the next highest scorers with 23V/15D and three bonus points. Hungary (Alexandra Boros / Bence Kardos) were the stars of the Bonus Round, adding five points to their overall tally.

Riding

The Riding arena took its pound of flesh and left only one team fully intact. Russia (Fraltsova/Baranov) were the only duo to achieve a perfect score of 300, followed by Great Britain (Parker/Harper) on 291 and Hungary (Boros/Kardos) on 290.

Laser Run

With no team emerging as the dominant force throughout the day, Belarus (Sukora/Arol) started the Laser Run with a 3sec lead over Great Britain (Parker/Harper), with Russia (Fraltsova/



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

Baranov) a further 9sec behind and Hungary (Boros/Kardos), France (Riff/Singh) and Korea (Kim/Seo) all tightly bunched behind them.

Ultimately it was Russia (Fraltsova/Baranov) who were the big winners with a Laser Run time of 11:03.51 that propelled them to victory. Runners-up Korea (Kim/Seo) were next quickest around the course with 11:07.06 while France (Riff/Singh) finished with a time of 11:14.56.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "Today the Mixed Relay was contested by 20 nations who provided a big challenge, and we look forward to seeing another big number taking part in the Mixed Relay at the Senior World Championships in Mexico City.

"It was great also to see the spirit of the Mixed Relay on show. The Mixed Relay is very important to our movement and we hope to see it on the programme for the Olympic Games in future."



Serge Baranov and Ksenija Fraltsova (RUS) celebrate their success









Youth Olympic Games 2018:

Modern Pentathlon poised to take centre stage in Buenos Aires (ARG)

The Modern Pentathlon will be one of the centrepieces of the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires (ARG), with all competitions taking place at the biggest of five venues – the Youth Olympic Park (YPA) – where there will also be special things happening off the field of play.

The Games are now only a matter of weeks away and excitement levels are rising among the global pentathlon community, as well as in the host country.

The anticipation will be worth it when the pentathlon event begins in a venue that will host 12 of the YOG Sports and 70 per cent of the athletes, and where organisers are expecting a flow of 20,000 spectators on weekdays and 38,000 at weekends.

Alongside the stadium and the Olympic Village, the YPA site will also feature a Sport Initiation Zone, where young people can experience the sports on the Games programme for the first time and benefit from the support of experienced instructors.

This facility will include a 600-squaremetre Modern Pentathlon site where children aged six to 12 will be offered an introduction to Fencing (with plastic equipment) as well as Laser Run.

Viacheslav Malishev, UIPM Executive Board Member for Development, said: "As we approach the 2018 Youth Olympic Games, there is a high level of excitement about the competition and we hope that many new athletes will be attracted to our sport.

"The Sport Initiation Zone at the Youth Olympic Park will be part of the Games legacy for Argentina's next generation, and this will be a great way to promote Modern Pentathlon through Fencing and Laser Run to children who may not have been exposed to UIPM Sports until now."

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Pentathlon will share the YPA facility with fencing, swimming and athletics (cross country), but for the first time at a Youth Olympic Games, the Opening Ceremony will take place outside a stadium. Instead, it will be an open-air event in downtown Buenos Aires.

The 3rd Youth Olympic Games runs from October 6-18 with three Modern Pentathlon competitions (Women's Individual, Men's Individual and Mixed Relay) taking place from October 12-16

A record 31 nations will be represented by 48 competing athletes (listed in graphic, right), who qualified through continental qualifying events, a global rankings system and the UIPM 2018 Under 19 Tetrathlon World Championships.

The format of the YOG competition is Tetrathlon (Swimming, Fencing and Laser-Run) and one of the unique features of the event is the International Mixed Relay, where pairs are drawn at random from different nations and given the chance to team up.

Three senior Olympians from the pentathlon world will be involved in Buenos Aires. Women's Olympic champion Chloe Esposito will play the role of Young Change Maker in the Australia team, while Yane Marques of Brazil and Charles Fernandez of Guatemala have been appointed by the IOC as Athlete Role Models.

ATHLETE	M/W
SERRANO Santiago Franco ARMANAZQUI Martina	M
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VAN VENROOIJ Keaan	M
MAWHIRT Nikita	W
ASTROUSKI Uladziaslau	M
ETSINA Katsyarina	W
GUIMARES Maria	W
PAYANOTOV Hristo	M
STOILOVA Zornitsa	W
ZHAO Zhonghao	M
GU Yewen	W
KREJCI Katherina	W
ELGENDY Ahmed	М
ABDELMAKSOUD Salma	W
HEREDIA Laura	W
FLEUROT Hugo	М
RIFF Emma	W
PRICE Toby	М
DENTON Annabel	W
KHIJAKADZE Gaga	М
UIBEL Pele	М
ARAGON Anna	W
TAMAS Joszef	М
GUYLAS Michelle	W
MALAN Giorgio	М
RINAUDO Alice	W
SHIGHEHARA Hinano	W
IBRAGIMOV Adil	М
PRIZHENNIKOVA Sofya	W
KNJEBAEV Aydar	М
TAREVA Ekaterina	W
KAZLAS Avaras	М
ADOMAIYTE Elzbieta	W
VASILIANOV Alex	М
FLORES Sergio	М
MIRELES Melissa	W
KASPERCZAK Kamil	М
WYSOKINSKA Agnieska	W
OLIVEIRA Eduardo	М
POOVAN Rhys	М
VAN DER MERWE Alida	W
GROMADSKII Gregor	М
NOVIKOVA Viktoria	W
JURT Anna	W
CHEN Yu-Husan	W
NUSRETOGLU Dora	М
ZIBOROV Yeven	М

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Global Laser Run City Tour 2018

Buzz grows in Guatemala City (GUA)

The growth of the UIPM Sports movement in Guatemala has been one of the success stories of UIPM development in recent years and the Central American country has taken to Laser-Run with the same degree of enthusiasm as Modern Pentathlon.

Three 2018 Global Laser-Run City Tours are taking place in the capital. Guatemala City, in 2018 and the second instalment was on July 7 at the American Swiss College.

A total of 291 entrants took part in the races, arranged by the Guatemala Pentathlon Association and supported by local commercial sponsors and by the Guatemala Sports Authority (CDAG).

Ana Ruth Orellana, Secretary General of Guatemalan Federation said: "With these events the Guatemala Pentathlon Association looks to generate a buzz around modern pentathlon and find new talent.

"We look forward to the final date of the Laser-Run circuit of Guatemala City to be held on October in Cayalá City by the National Association."

Poland joins the party in Kosakowo

Barely a week has passed in 2018 without a new nation joining the Global Laser-Run City Tour, and the latest newcomer was a country with a rich pentathlon pedigree.

Kosakowo, a northern coastal city on the Baltic Sea, hosted the first GLRCT in Poland on August 4. People of all ages took part, from young children to Masters athletes, with particularly high numbers in the youth categories.

A spokesperson for the local organizing



The race is on at the start line in Guatemala City (GUA)

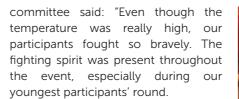


Three female youths have fun in the photo booth in Kosakowo (POL)









"Aside from the spirit, the atmosphere was supported by many fans and beautiful weather. People were amazed by the racing and are looking forward for another Laser-Run event in our region."

Poland has produced three individual Olympic medallists: men's champions Janusz Peciak (1976) and Arkadiusz Skrzypaszek and women's bronze medallist Oktawia Nowacka (2016).

World champion beaten in Finland double-header

hey already produced a Laser Run world champion in 2017 and now Finland can claim to have hosted not one but two editions of the Global Laser Run City Tour.

The double-header began in Veikkola on August 16 and concluded on August 18 in the capital city of Helsinki, which hosted the Finnish Laser Run Championships in conjunction with the GLRCT. The field was international. with athletes from five countries taking

In Veikkola, more than 300 people participated in an event organised jointly by the Finnish Fencing and Pentathlon Association (FFPA), Veikkolan Veikot sports club and Helsinki Modern Pentathlon.

Terho Mustonen, FFPA President, took care of the organisation alongside board members Janne Saarikko and Riina Pitkänen and former Olympian Minna Lehtola.

The Helsinki event strongly reflected the tradition of Finnish pentathlon, with legends such as 1972 Olympic bronze medallist Veikko Salminen among the audience. The event was organized



Central Railway Station, next to the national theatre. Eevi Bengs (FIN), the reigning women's

individual Laser Run world champion, was beaten to the gold medal in the Finnish Championships by Laura Salminen (FIN). Tiitus Ämmälä (FIN), who teamed up with Bengs (FIN) to win a Mixed Relay silver medal at the 2017 World Championships, won the men's individual title.

A spokesperson for the local organising committee said: "Finland looks forward to again becoming an organizer for major UIPM events and in 2022, through the UIPM Masters World Championships, we aspire to stage a Helsinki Olympics Modern Pentathlon jubilee event in the original competition venue.

"Our two Global Laser Run City Tours were a wonderful success with a lot of joy throughout both events and strong competition. Our thanks go

to Ecoaims, the Finnish equipment provider, who provided strong support

The UIPM Global Laser Run City Tour was created in 2017 to deliver an exciting, dynamic and fun competition to participants of all ages and offer them an entry point to UIPM Sports.

The Global LRCT took place in parks, stadiums and iconic urban venues in 60 cities around the world in 2017, with more than 15,000 participants. There are about 100 events scheduled in 2018.

Laser Run is a development sport of UIPM but aspiring athletes of all ages also have the chance to compete for global titles at the UIPM Laser Run World Championships, which are taking place in Dublin (IRL) on September 28-30, 2018. You can register for the open division and view the invitation to National Federations at pentathlon.org.

Have you liked the UIPM Laser Run Facebook page yet?









News from around the world

Championship ready: Judges certified in Indonesia and Mexico

n the past nine months, UIPM has certified more than 200 judges in various locations across the world, including Almaty (KAZ) ahead of the UIPM 2018 Pentathlon World Cup Final and Buenos Aires (ARG) ahead of the 2018 Youth Olympic Games.

The two latest courses took place in Jakarta (INA), ahead of the 2018 Asian Games, and in Mexico City (MEX) ahead of the UIPM 2018 Pentathlon World Championships.

In Jakarta, UIPM certified more than 30 judges to oversee the Modern Pentathlon competition of the Asian Games. A course was held from July 30 to August 3 in the Indonesian capital.

The pentathlon was scheduled to take place in the closing days of the Games (August 31 / September 1) and the judges earned the opportunity to be involved by gaining a qualification under the UIPM Judges Certification Programme (JCP).

The course was run by Janusz Peciak, 1976 Olympic Modern Pentathlon champion and UIPM Executive Board Member for Sport, and the syllabus included a test event competition that was held in order for the judges to perform their roles in real competition conditions.

"The Asian Games is the biggest multisport event in the Eastern Hemisphere and in Jakarta you can feel all the excitement that a multi-sport event generates. There are amazing facilities there and our Indonesian judges have been getting a lot of experience. They are willing to learn and now they will have the chance to deliver a great competition."



It's a new horizon for certified UIPM judges in Jakarta (INA) ..



and in Mexico City (MEX) where the judges were joined by UIPM Vice-President Juan Manzo (left)

On the other side of the world in Mexico City (MEX), UIPM has certified a group of senior judges who are charged with overseeing the sport's flagship annual competition.

A special UIPM Judges Certification Programme (JCP) course was held from August 20-26 in the city, which will host the best pentathletes in the world from September 6-15.

The course was overseen by Ana Ruth Orellana of Guatemala and was specially designed to prepare the judges for the demands of UIPM's flagship annual competition, with live assessment certification.

taking place during Mexico's national qualifying competition for the World Championships.

As with a number of previous courses in 2018, the syllabus was delivered in the local language, in this case Spanish. The theoretical part of the course was held at ODEPA Auditorium and practical elements took place at the Mexican Olympic Sport Centre, and UIPM Vice-President Juan Manzo Oranegui (MEX), who is also President of the Mexican Modern Pentathlon Federation (FMPM), attended in person to congratulated the judges on their







Hungary steps up preparations for 2019 dual championships

he city of Budapest will achieve a world first in 2019 when it hosts two UIPM World Championships simultaneously. And preparations are already being advanced.

With the Pentathlon World Championships and Laser-Run World Championships both heading in the direction of Hungary's capital next year, the host nation is sending an expanded team to the 2018 Laser-Run World Championships in Dublin (IRL) next month.

The athletes picked for the trip have come through two selection competitions, enabling the Hungarian Modern Pentathlon Association to identify 10 male and female athletes who will had to Dublin alongside four coaches - and another 10 athletes who are self-funded.

As the young Laser-Runners of Hungary embark on their quest for world domination, back home two events have been planned with a view to building local anticipation and interest for the double hosting experience in

First, the Budapest Urban Games takes place at the Citadella venue on September 1 with individual and Mixed Relay Laser-Run races featuring alongside running, swimming, 'streetball' and 'grundfoci' (3x3 football).

Then, a week later, the HMPA will participate in the 1st Pierre de Coubertin Pentathlon Day with another Laser-Run competition aimed at generating more interest in the format.

Laser Run makes UK School Games debut in Loughborough (GBR)

he growth in popularity of Laser Run was underlined when the sport made its debut at the national finals of the UK School Games in Loughborough (GBR).



Laser Run competitors wait at the start line in Budapest (HUN)



Medallists join fellow participants for a group photo in Sherborne (GBR)

and Laser Run, UIPM's fastest-growing sport, joined the established Olympic

Eleven sports were on the programme sports of canoeing, rowing and triathlon as well as netball in appearing for the first time.









80 spots at the Games.

One of the qualifying events was the Global Laser Run City Tour at Leweston School in Sherborne, Hampshire on August 5, which involved all age groups from Under-11 to Masters 60+.

The young athletes who qualified for the UK School Games represented four teams (Scotland, England North, England Midlands and England South).

The format was the same as the GLRCT and there were individual events on August 31 followed by a Mixed Relay on September 1, and the entire Games resembled a mini-Olympics with athletes staying in Olympic Village-style accommodation at Loughborough University.

Prior to the 2018 event, 19,200 young athletes had taken part in the UK School Games, with many having gone on to represent their country on the global stage. In fact, 15 per cent of the team that competed for Team GB at

the Rio 2016 Olympic Games and 20 per cent of the Paralympians the same year had experienced the UK School Games during their teens.

The School Games was the first competition for Pentathlon GB's new national competition and events manager, Dominic White, who said: "Laser Run offers a fantastic entry point to multi-sports and tests multiple characteristics with the challenge of having stamina and speed for the run, along with focus and composure for the shoot.

"We're delighted that it was included as one of just 11 sports in this year's UK School Games and it was a fantastic showcase for the sport and the Modern Pentathlon pathway. The 12 qualifying events around the country saw many new athletes introduced to Laser Run, helping to raise awareness of this dynamic sport."

Historic dawn as Laser Run enjoys exposure in Cali (COL)

he Modern Pentathlon was born during the 1912 Olympic Games in Stockholm and still today, 106 years later, the sport is enjoying its first

exposure in some countries.

Colombia is one such country. In the city of Cali, on July 15, Laser Run was presented for the first time, giving communities an introduction to the UIPM Sports movement and - potentially - an entry point to the Olympic sport of Modern Pentathlon.

The UIPM Global Laser Run City Tour has led to many similar historic dawns taking place across the world, with hundreds of thousands of people combining their passion for running with the fun of shooting a laser pistol in an urban race environment.

Major Santiago Cortes Fernandez, a physical education teacher, was the instigator of the Laser Run event in Cali, where the sport was promoted in universities, in a local athletics stadium and among deprived communities in the Siloe ghetto.

Major Fernandez said: "In Siloe we were able to interact with groups of practitioners from sports training schools that seek to keep young people away from vices and violence that take away their illusions and their future. We had 118 participants taking place in those activities."



Happy faces in Cali (COL) as the Laser Run beginners receive a certificate marking their participation











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in Colombia.

South American neighbours gather for Level 2 coaches course in **Buenos Aires (ARG)**

Pentathlon coaches from Chile, Bolivia and Uruguay joined Argentinian neighbours in Buenos Aires (ARG) for the first UIPM Coaching Certificate Programme course held in South America.

The Level 2 course took place from August 13-17 under the instruction of Marian Gheorghe of Guatemala.

The UIPM sporting movement in Argetina is developing fast and the pentathlon community has embraced a number of opportunities aimed at creating a strong legacy from the Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games, coming up in October.

The course consisted of more than 40 hours of theoretical and practical tuition of all five disciplines of Modern Pentathlon. The syllabus also featured physiology, training management, clean sport and ethics in sport.

Huge turnout for European Biathle-**Triathle Championships**

lmost 400 athletes turned out for Athe ECMP 2018 European Biathle-Triathle Championships in Weiden (GER) from July 27-29.

A total of 389 athletes competed, hailing from 17 countries (Germany, Italy, Portugal, Belarus, Russia, Ukraine, Monaco, Spain, France, Great Britain, Latvia, Austria, Hungary, Bulgaria, Lithuania, Czech Republic and, making a guest appearance from Asia, Japan).

After the opening ceremony on July 27, the Triathle was held on July 28 and



Coaches from four South American countries pay attention during the course in Buenos Aires (ARG)

and a Mixed Relay.

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A spokesperson for the local organizing committee said: "It was great to welcome so many competitors to the European Championships and our volunteers rose to the challenge very well despite hot weather conditions.

"There were plenty of spectators during the events in the public recreational facility, and all visiting teams had a great experience, especially the Japanese team who showed a lot of discipline and friendliness."

ECMP President Dmitry Svatkovsky said: "This year ECMP achieved further growth in the activities of the Youth and Masters movement, which is a very positive step, proving the popularity of our sports among the people who

individual events for men and women love them and try their best to promote

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"The most positive discovery was the wonderful organization of the European Biathle-Triathle Championships thanks to Pierre Jande and his club.

"Now we have a reliable organizer of Biathle-Triathle in the very centre of Europe – in Bavaria. These championships took place in a picturesque recreation zone near the centre of Weiden with a natural lake, swimming pools, forest and a lot of people visiting the place."

The UIPM 2018 Biathle-Triathle World Championships taking place in Hurghada (EGY) from October 25-28 and National Federations can see the official invitation and register teams for the Open Division at pentathlon.org.



the Biathle on July 29, each comprising Russian, British and German athletes vie for the lead in Weiden (GER)









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his is an important notice for all athletes and competition organisers to continuously check pentathlon.org for all information related to invitations and visa letters.

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

COMPETITION INVITATIONS

Championships Mexico City (MEX) 06-13 SEPTEMBER

Championships Dublin (IRL) 28-30 SEPTEMBER **UIPM Biathle-Triathle World Championships** Hurghada (EGY) **25-28 OCTOBER**

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WADA PUBLISHES 2018 LIST OF PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has published its 2018 List of Prohibited Substances and Methods, an important resource for anyone involved in the UIPM Sports and the wider international sporting movement.

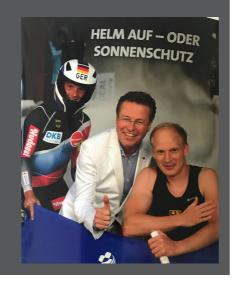
The list, which comes into force on January 1, 2018, is accompanied by the 2018 Summary of Major Modifications and Explanatory Notes, which serves to help athletes, coaches and other support personnel to understand the latest changes.

"WADA is pleased to publish the 2018 Prohibited List," said WADA President, Sir Craig Reedie. "Updated annually, the List is released three months ahead of taking effect so that all stakeholders - in particular athletes and their entourage - have sufficient time to familiarize themselves with the document and its modifications.

"It is vital that all athletes and entourage take the necessary time to consult the List; and that, they contact their

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann was among the guests at the opening of a new clinic run by Prof Dr Hans-Michael Ockenfels, Chair of the UIPM Doping Review Panel.

Prof Dr Ockenfels (pictured right with two German athletes) is an internationally renowned dermatologist and one of the leading authorities in skin cancer prevention and awareness in sport. About 16,000 patients are treated each year at his clinic in Germany, which has now moved to a larger premises.



respective anti-doping organizations (ADOs) if they have any doubts as to the status of a substance or method."

WADA Director General, Olivier Niggli, added: "Annually, the Prohibited List review involves a very extensive the course of nine months.

"In reviewing the List, experts examine such sources as scientific and medical research, trends, and intelligence gathered from law enforcement and

pharmaceutical companies in order to stay ahead of those that endeavour to cheat the system."

The 2018 Prohibited List, the Summary of Modifications, and the 2018 Monitoring Program are available stakeholder consultation process over for download on WADA's website in English and French. Spanish will follow shortly and if anybody would like to receive these documents in another language, please contact UIPM at projects@pentathlon.org









Inside UIPM:

Monthly activities of President Dr Schormann

30.07 - 06.08.2018, Kladno, CZE

IPM President Dr Klaus Schormann visited the UIPM 2018 Pentathlon Junior World Championships in Kladno, near to the Czech capital of Prague, together with Executive Board Member Aya Medany (Chair of UIPM Athletes Committee). He had various meetings with Bohumil Hrudka, President of the Czech Modern Pentathlon Association, and Secretary General Lucie Grolichova.

With Aya Medany he discussed important steps regarding information systems for athletes and special supportive actions on the way to the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo.

The UIPM President had a long and deep discussion with Radka Hajkova, UIPM Medical & Anti-Doping Manager, covering athletes, coaches and National Federations in general. They discussed more direct ways of sharing information and educational measures against doping and harassment among other issues.

President Schormann briefed Florent Boas, UIPM Media Manager, on new possibilities of promotion for Modern Pentathlon before, during and after UIPM's showpiece competitions.

There will be a special focus on the UIPM Pentathlon World Championships in Mexico City (MEX) and the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires (ARG) in October 2018. UIPM Competitions Manager Philipp Waeffler and Aya Medany joined these meetings.

13.08.2018 Frankfurt/M, GER

President Dr Schormann joined Prof Dr Hans Michael Ockenfels (Chair of UIPM Doping Review Panel) at the







President Schormann and Ava Medany (to his right) and Czech Modern Pentathlon Association President Bohumil Hrudka (to his left) with members of the local organising committee









Come Together Ceremony of the business, culture and political society of Hesse, hosted by the TOP Magazine of Frankfurt/Main.

19.08.-30.08.2018, Jakarta, INA

During his visit to the 18th Asian Games, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann engaged in a series of high-level discussions with fellow members of the Olympic sports community, including Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, President of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) and IOC Member.

Dr Schormann presented medals to the winners of the women's 100 metres



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President Schormann with Prof Dr Hans Michael Ockenfels, Chair of the UIPM Doping Review Panel, in Frankfurt/Main (GER)

(athletics) and women's under-62kg (ju-jitsu).

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Dr Schormann had a working session with the Lord Sebastian Coe, President of the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF), to discuss ideas and strategies for future events, and how to place showpiece events in well-known cities.

On August 19 and 20 the UIPM President and Secretary General Mrs Fang attended the OCA General Assembly, where they discussed Modern Pentathlon matters with various National Olympic Committee and Confederation Presidents from other sports.



The UIPM President shakes hands with Asian Games 2018 President Erick Thohir after they presented the medals and mascots for the women's 100 metres in athletics



Dr Schormann had a workshop with the IAAF President, Lord Sebastian Coe



UIPM President Dr Schormann hands out medals to ju-jitsu athletes on the podium after their success at the Asian Games



At the stadium with dignitaries including IOC Member Rita Sobowo (2nd left) and Erick Thohir, President of Asian Games 2018 and Indonesia Olympic Committee (3rd right)



President Dr Schormann with Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, President of the Olympic Council of Asia





met with Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah to discuss important points world and Olympic movement. for the coming years linked to the Modern Pentathlon programme in the At the show jumping on August 28, Dr 19th Asian Summer Games 2022 in Schormann met the IOC Member and Hangzhou (CHN) and the next Asian International Equestrian Federation Beach Games, which will take place in (FEI) President, Ingmar de Vos. On 2020 in Sanya (CHN).



President Schormann meets Ingmar de Vos (centre), IOC Member and FEI President



Dr Schormann with Marius Vizer, President of

On August 22, President Dr Schormann They discussed issues of sporting politics in Asian sport and in the wider

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the same day he had a meeting with Asia to honour Marius Vizer, President

equestrian parcour designer Olaf Petersen to discuss close cooperation for the next two years including the Olympic Summer Games Tokyo 2020.

In the evening the UIPM President was invited to a special dinner by the International Judo Confederation of



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



President Dr Schormann plants a tree at the school in Jakarta (INA) to maintain the UIPM tradition

















of the International Judo Federation (IJF).

The itinerary for the next day included the opening ceremony of the Modern Pentathlon facility at the Adria Pratama Mulya School.

President Dr Schormann gave a special speech and planted a symbolic tree in accordance with one of the traditions of UIPM.

On August 30, also in Jakarta, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and Secretary General Mrs Shiny Fang had a very important meeting with Gou Zhongwen, Sport Minister of China and President of the Chinese Olympic Committee.

They had a fruitful discussion about the UIPM 2020 Pentathlon World Championships in Xiamen, the UIPM 2020 Congress in China and the close cooperation of Modern Pentathlon with other sporting federations in the country.

They discussed the arrangement of a workshop in Beijing in the UIPM academy in the near future. Mr Gou is also hoping to get UIPM involved in more multi-sport programmes across China and work with various sports



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



Dr Schormann meets with RIcky Vargas, President of the Philippine Olympic Committee, and Richard Gomez, President of the Philippine Modern Pentathlon Association



Dr Schormann and Shiny Fang with delegates at the opening of the 2018 Asian Confederation Congress









together to help on youth sports education.

After the meeting with China's Sport Minister, Dr Schormann had a meeting with the President of the Philippine Olympic Committee, Ricky Vargas, as well as the President of the Philippine Modern Pentathlon Association, Richard Gomez.

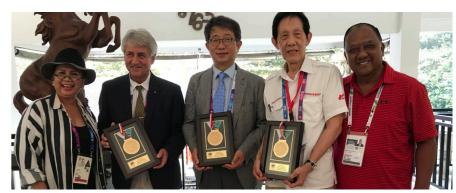
The main topics were the development of UIPM Sports in the Philippines based on Laser Run, Biathle and Triathle competitions and Beach Games. They also discussed the visit of President Schormann in Manila.

President Dr Schormann also attended the Asian Modern Pentathlon Confederation (AMPC) Assembly on August 30 and gave a briefing of UIPM activities throughout 2018.

The UIPM President was accompanied at various meetings and receptions by Namdev Shirgaonkar, Deputy Secretary General of the Indian Olympic Association and Secretary General of the AMPC.

They attended receptions hosted by from the Olympic Committees of Japan, Qatar, Korea and Saudi Arabia as well as a reception of Rita Subowo in honour of International Olympic Committee President Dr Thomas Bach and Olympic Council of Asia President Sheikh Al-Sabah.

The 18th Asian Games in Jakarta (INA) was very successful for



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Triwatty Marciano, Dr Klaus Schormann, Sangwoo Park, Anthony Charles Sunarjo and General Marcian



President Schormann with students of the Adria Pratama Mulya School

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Thumbs-up at a reception held in honour of the IOC President, Dr Thomas Bach, and OCA President, Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah



The UIPM President and Namdev Shirgaonkar (far right) attend a reception at Korea House with IOC Athlete Commission Members









All five disciplines were arranged in this school complex and it was the first international competition organized by Modern Pentathlon Indonesia. President Anthony Charles Sunarjo and his team presented the best conditions for all disciplines.

The founder and owner of the private school, Triwatty Marciano and her husband, arranged first-class horses and built a 25m pool especially for the Asian Games.









Men's Individual podium



The Asian Games 2018 competition venues at the

Adria Pratama Mulya School

A #High5 at the 2018 Asian Games







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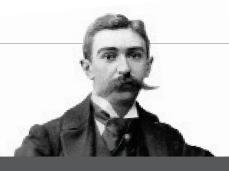












Baron Pierre de Coubertin

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