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UIPM 2018
Masters World Championships

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann (second right) and 2008 Olympic champion Lena Schoeneborn (GER, second left) join the women’s team podium at the Masters World Championships in Halle (GER)
Action in Halle (GER) proves pentathlon is a ‘sport for life’

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

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

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

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

Peter Engerisser, Chair of the UIPM Masters Committee, said: “It was an amazing competition, both in terms of the quality of competition and the quality of competitors.

“We had over 130 competitors and 26 nation and everybody was feeling fine across the four days, which were very competitive on one side and very challenging and fun on the other side.

“Masters is extremely important to the future image of our sporting movement, including sports such as Biathle, Triathle and Laser-Run. We need to get a broad variety of the population involved in all of our sports, not only a small elite.”
UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann added: "Halle is a historic place for German pentathlon – during East German times it was the main centre for training and competitions until 1968.

"Now the UIPM 2018 Masters World Championships has taken place here, in great facilities, with high performances at different age groups, excellent horses and with an atmosphere of friendship.

"For me it was very impressive to see and underlined how important it is that we support the Masters movement more and more.

"It was also good to see that we had athletes from America, South America and Africa, and I hope in future we will have athletes from Asia too.

"This World Championships underlines that Modern Pentathlon is a sport for life: you can start when you are seven years old and you can finish in your old age, like 80-year-old Erwin Stadler from Switzerland who told us here in Halle that this would be his last competition.

"I thank everybody who is involved in the Masters movement and wish all of them continued success in the years to come."

**Erwin Stadler (SUI) bids farewell**

He celebrated his 80th birthday in May 2018, but Erwin Stadler of Switzerland did not see the passing of this landmark as a reason to urgently change his lifestyle.

Part of Erwin’s lifestyle is Masters Pentathlon, so it followed that there was no reason for him not to travel to Halle in Germany to compete in the UIPM Masters World Championships, and he duly joined more than 130 athletes from 26 nations in this celebration of 'sport for life'.

Sixty years have passed since he first took up Modern Pentathlon as a sports-mad youngster serving his military
service. Over the decades he has played the role of athlete, competition organiser, national administrator and UIPM judge.

So where did it all start? As Erwin explained in an interview with World Pentathlon in Halle, his journey began with a fascination and insatiable appetite for sport in all its many forms.

"It started with athletics, the 1500 metres, I was a goalkeeper in handball and I played football at left wing. In athletics I also ran cross-country and later I was engaged in water polo," said Erwin.

"Of course, early in my life I learned to ski, downhill and cross-country, and I entered the military at 18 and I was boxing and then I became involved in a special Winter Games for Army people."

"One of the Corporals in my unit said to me, 'If you can do the winter pentathlon, you can do the summer pentathlon', and I said OK. This was 1958.

"I like diverse sporting activities – I also did orienteering – and Modern Pentathlon is good for me because I am also a rider. I have experience with horses so I had a certain affinity with pentathlon. I like all of the sports.

"The benefit of sport is that you have good physical activity as well as social competence in society. It's a vital part of your life."

The growing Masters movement plays a major role in the UIPM Sports movement, completing a competition pathway that enables participants to stay involved throughout their lifetime. It is all thanks to pioneering individuals like Erwin who have the vision and dedication to help people get more out of their own sporting journeys.

"I started as a co-founder of the Old Boys club in Switzerland, to have friendly competitions for older athletes. We called it Old Boys but it was very open, with no age groups. The movement grew bigger and bigger, there were Austrians and Hungarians who were active, and we got together in Germany in the 1980s as 25 people who founded Masters Pentathlon," he said.

"The movement continued to grow and grow, and then we started the European and World Championships. We always competed on a very friendly basis, and we had this idea that we would lead the Masters closer to the National Federations and the International Federation – that was the only way we could grow.

"I have been an athlete, an organiser and a judge, and so I think I have the right to say what I think is a good way to run the sport and what leads, in my opinion, a little bit the wrong way.

"I hope everybody goes home from Halle with a good feeling from a really beautiful competition, and I hope the development of the Masters movement will continue with a little bit more support from UIPM."
There were historic gold medals to savour for France, Italy, Poland and Egypt at the first-ever FISU World University Modern Pentathlon Championship in Budapest, Hungary, where Egypt won a medal in all four events.

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

In the Men’s Individual event on July 4, Brice Loubet of France emerged triumphant from a thrilling battle with silver medallist Ahmed Elgendy of Egypt and Lukas Svechota of the Czech Republic.

The Women’s Individual competition was held on July 5 and Elena Micheli of Italy became world champion after a dominant performance. Anna Maliszewska of Poland claimed silver and Sondos Aboubakr of Egypt joined them on the podium with bronze.

On July 7, Marta Gobecka and Lukasz Gutkowski of Poland won the Mixed Relay after a tough duel with silver medallists Ksenia Fraltsova and Nikolai Matveev of Russia. There was a second bronze medal for Aboubakr as she teamed up with Sherif Nazeir to give Egypt their third medal of the championship.

On the final day, July 8, a newly-created Team Pentathlon took place with four athletes (male and female) from each nation taking part in one discipline each.
Egypt (Sherif Rashad, Sherif Nazeir, Haydy Morsy & Ahmed Elgendy) were the winners, with Italy (Riccardo Agazotti, Alessandro Colasanti, Emma Rinaudo & Roberto Micheli) picking up silver and Poland (Maciej Dukieslki, Daniel Lawrynowicz, Marta Kobecka & Lukasz Gutkowski) claiming bronze.

The Tetrathlon format (Swimming, Fencing and Laser-Run) was adopted in the individual events, while Riding was added to the programme for the Mixed Relay and Team Pentathlon.

Men’s champion Loubet (FRA) said: “It was special because on a normal day in the Modern Pentathlon we do five disciplines but this time it was kind of special all day to think about just four activities.

“I felt good about myself in Swimming in the morning. During the Fencing I had good and bad moments, and then in the Laser-Run I felt very good. I started with a large handicap, 43 seconds against the leader. But before the race in my mind I said ‘everything is okay, I can do it’. And finally I was able to do it.”

Women’s champion Micheli (ITA) added: “It was an amazing race. I had a very good Laser-Run, a not so good Fencing but in the end that wasn’t a problem.

“My running and my shooting was very good. I thought all the time I should be serious and focus on what I needed to do.”

After history was made in Budapest, a glowing testimonial to the championships was paid by Eilidh Prise of Ireland, who finished 6th in the Women’s Individual and 4th alongside Michael Healy in the Mixed Relay.

In an interview with Pentathlon Ireland, Prise (IRL) said: “It was a fantastic experience to compete against our fellow students. In the senior ranks you’re always comparing yourself to full-time athletes but here you’re on a par with other student athletes and our studies are incredibly important to us, so that was really nice.

“It was a fantastic venue with a brand new facility and just a really great competition, and I hope in future the competition can attract even more athletes. It’s really good promotion for our sport.”

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: “The partnership between UIPM and FISU, established in 2014, is very important for our sport because it engages student pentathletes from across the world and brings them together.

“As we saw in Budapest, the 1st FISU World University Modern Pentathlon Championships was a great success with many excellent young pentathletes from five continents competing at a high level.

“My thanks go to FISU, to the Hungarian University Sports Federation and the Hungarian Modern Pentathlon Association for organising this very special competition, and to our hosts at the National University of Public Service and all the local volunteers.”

The 2nd FISU World University Modern Pentathlon Championship will take place in Vila Real (POR) in 2020.
A record 31 nations will be represented in the Modern Pentathlon at the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

The 48 competing athletes have qualified through continental qualifying events, a global rankings system and the UIPM 2018 Under 19 Tetrathlon World Championships.

A truly diverse range of nations, representing all of UIPM’s continental confederations, will send athletes to Buenos Aires in October, with the likes of Moldova, Venezuela, Chinese Taipei and Kyrgyzstan competing with established pentathlon strongholds such as Egypt, France, Russia and China.

Martina Armanazqui and Franco Santiago Serrano, who are currently competing at the UIPM Junior World Championships in Kladno (CZE), will have the honour of flying the flag for the home nation, Argentina.

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.

Viacheslav Malishev, UIPM Executive Board Member for Development, said: “It is a wonderful moment to see the final list of 48 athletes who will compete at the Olympic Games and they are all aiming to qualify for Tokyo 2020.

UIPM’s global development programme has grown rapidly in recent years and one of the results of this is a higher standard of youth athletes, which we have seen during the qualification period for Buenos Aires 2018.

“My congratulations go to all 48 athletes who have qualified and I wish them and their support teams the very best of luck.”
Global Laser-Run City Tour 2018

Joy for beginners in Koupela (BUR)

Burkina Faso joined the Global Laser-Run City Tour circuit with a successful competition held in the city of Koupela on June 30.

The event took place alongside the 4th edition of the National Laser-Run Championships, with more than 200 people taking part in the mass-participation City Tour and more than 130 vying for national titles.

The City Tour enabled people of all ages to try Laser-Run for the first time, with a number of beginners surprising and delighting themselves with perfect shoots.

Organisers defeated challenging weather conditions to stage the two competitions and spread the Laser-Run gospel to new urban communities from across western Africa.

On the eve of the Global Laser-Run City Tour, June 29, a memorandum of understanding was signed between delegations from Mali, Niger, Togo and Ivory Coast to organise future Laser-Run competitions on a rotational “fraternity” basis.

Portugal builds on momentum in Alenquer and Braga

Portugal’s committed approach to the Global Laser-Run City Tour continued in July 2018 with two events taking place in the cities of Alenquer and Braga.

Portugal’s first Global LRCT in 2018 took place in Abrantes in June and there is a fourth event scheduled for Amadora on September 23, enabling the country to build on the momentum of hosting the UIPM Laser-Run World Championships in Lisbon in 2016.
The event in Alenquer, 60km north of the capital Lisbon, on July 1 drew competitors from 12 clubs with more than half of participants (121) competing in the youth categories from Under-11 to Under-17.

Racing took place at the Urban Park of Romeira and sparked the interest of the local population who had the chance to witness Laser-Run for the first time.

The city of Braga has the honour of being a European City of Sport throughout 2018 so it was fitting that one of the world’s most progressive sporting circuits, the Global Laser-Run City Tour, paid a visit on July 15.

Almost 100 people took part in nine age categories ranging from under-11 to over-50, racing around the historic city centre and testing their running and laser-shooting abilities.

A spokesperson for the local organizing committee said: “It was wonderful that our event could be included in the programme of Braga European City of Sport 2018, and the Global Laser-Run City Tour was held with great enthusiasm and great competitiveness.”

‘Memorable occasion’ in Lagos (NIG)

The Nigerian capital city of Lagos is one of Africa’s fastest-growing cities with a huge population of more than 16 million and a dynamic economy to match.

It was, then, a perfect host for the Global Laser-Run City Tour, which seeks to bring UIPM Sports to new urban communities across the planet.

The Lagos event was hosted by the Nigeria Modern Pentathlon Federation (NMPF) at the Surulere National Stadium on July 7.

With more than 200 participants entering in the youth categories alone, drawn from 12 schools, clubs and academies in the region, it was a genuine mass-participation experience and wet weather conditions failed to dampen spirits.

The NMPF President, Chief Dr Jonathan Nnaji, said in a keynote address: “We are today witnessing a memorable occasion in the history and development of the sport of Modern Pentathlon in Nigeria.

“We have diverse participants here ranging from registered athletes over 50 in the open categories and about 200 school-aged participants from nearby public and private schools, administrators from the five disciplines of Modern Pentathlon sports, organised private sector, the international community including the diplomatic corps and the very vibrant Nigerian media.

“In conclusion, today champions will rise, may the best man and woman win.”

Kampala (UGA) shows true colours

In bright blue and orange T-shirts, groups of schoolchildren made history as the first people in Uganda to compete in Laser-Run during the Global Laser-Run City Tour in Kampala on July 7.

The colourful scene was testament to the progress of the Uganda Modern Pentathlon Federation, which was created only recently in April 2018.

Not only did schoolchildren take part in the GLRCT at St John Baptist Primary School Kabalagala, showing great determination to master the shooting format and complete their laps of the course, there were also senior races for the men and women in attendance.

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 here and view the invitation to National Federations here.

Have you liked the UIPM Laser-Run Facebook page yet?
UIPM 2018 World Coaches Conference: Register now

One of the highlights of the year for pentathlon coaches is the annual trip to Manchester (GBR) for the UIPM World Coaches Conference.

The 2018 conference will take place for the sixth time in the northern English city on the weekend of November 16-18, and participants can register online now.

The conference is a unique event that brings together coaches, practitioners and managers from all corners of the modern pentathlon community around the world, enabling them to develop their knowledge and share their experiences of the sport.

A wide range of topics will be presented at the Manchester Conference Centre in November, with outstanding and inspirational talks to be delivered by British and foreign keynote speakers.

Participants should register online and transfer their fees preferentially up to August 5. Registrations made after that until October 10 will be accepted but there will be no guarantee of hotel availability.

Register now at the UIPM website and keep an eye out for news updates about the 2018 UIPM World Coaches Conference.

UIPM takes stand against harassment and abuse

UIPM has published its first Athletes Safeguarding Policy (ASP), fully compliant with International Olympic Committee standards.

The policy document is aligned to the UIPM Code of Ethics, which has been updated to cover the areas of harassment and abuse highlighted in the ASP.

UIPM President Klaus Schormann said: “UIPM is determined to ensure that anyone who participates in UIPM Sports can do so in a safe environment. ‘The UIPM Athletes Safeguarding Policy is an important manual for anyone involved in our movement who may be subject to abuse or harassment at any level.”

New generation of UIPM judges certified in Cairo (EGY)

More than 40 students have become qualified judges under the UIPM Judges Certification Programme (JCP) after a week-long course in Cairo, Egypt.

The group attended a series of classes at the Cairo Stadium from July 15-20 after passing the e-learning phase of the programme earlier in the month.

The students also had the opportunity to test their skills during competition practice sessions with Egyptian athletes at senior, junior and youth level.

The newly-certified judges will join
others from Egypt who renewed their licences on the panel of officials for the UIPM 2018 Biathle-Triathle World Championships in Hurghada (EGY) in October.

The JCP was restructured in late 2017 to give students a chance to attend dynamic courses with sessions based on a balance between theory and practice. Since then, more than 300 judges have been certified or had their lessons renewed via e-learning and on-site courses delivered all over the world.

The next course is scheduled to take place in Mexico in August 2018, built around preparations for the UIPM Pentathlon World Championships in September 2018.

Visit the UIPM educational platform to find a range of resources for athletes, coaches and judges including the JCP courses calendar.

ECMP 2018 European Championships: France’s five-star tour de force

French sport is riding on the crest of a wave this summer and their pentathletes completely dominated the 2018 European Championships in Székesfehérvár, Hungary, winning five of the seven gold medals on offer. The individual titles went to Marie Oteiza and Valentin Prades, who was joined on the top of the podium by Christopher Patte and Valentin Belaud as the trio were crowned men’s team champions.

The French national anthem, Les Marseillaises, was heard on two other occasions during the championships. Two other male athletes, Simon Casse and Brice Loubet, teamed up to win the Men’s Relay, and on the final day the individual king and queen of Europe, Oteiza and Prades, joined forces to earn another crown in the Mixed Relay.

It was an extraordinary tour de force by a team supervised by Christian Roudaut, head coach of France and chair of the UIPM Coaches Commission, as they showed their strength in depth in the absence of the Rio 2016 Olympic silver medallist, Elodie Clouvel.

Host nation Hungary managed to win one gold, in the women’s team event (Tamara Alekszejew, Sarolta Kovacs & Zsofia Foldhazi), while Belarus came out on top in the Women’s Relay thanks to Volha Silkina and Iryna Prasiantsova.

Elsewhere there were some interesting revelations – Ireland’s women emerged with two silver medals, while Latvia secured bronze in the Men’s Relay – and there was also some heart-stopping drama.

Kovacs (HUN) and Alekszejew (HUN) finished the Women’s Individual event in 3rd place with the exact same time, with the former awarded the bronze medal, while Belarus won the Women’s Relay with just one point to spare against Ireland and Russia.

Tatiana Ardaibieva, Secretary General of the European Confederation of Modern Pentathlon (ECMP), said: “Each time I come to a European Championships held by the Hungarian Federation I am preparing myself to be impressed. This championships was no exception.

“The technical level of the championships was very high as ever but there were other innovations that impressed a lot: first was the fusion of the Senior European Championships with Laser-Run competitions, in which not only local teenagers but also teenagers coming from Budapest and other regions participated.

“The second impressive point was a huge screen on the field of play (where Laser-Run was held) on which each shot, each result was immediately demonstrated and even newcomers could easily understand what was going during the race, and how the athletes were fighting for the place on the podium – thanks to the great work of Cardsys.

Walid Sayed (GUA) addresses the JCP course in Cairo (EGY)
“My last point is that the city of Székesfehérvár is very cozy and very sport-friendly. This place fits perfectly for Modern Pentathlon since many leading athletes of Hungary live and train there. Two permanent guests at the championships were the Mayor and Vice Mayor of Székesfehérvár, which demonstrated that the city cares.”

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann added: “The ECMP European Championships in Székesfehérvár has been a big success for the European Confederation. The Hungarian Modern Pentathlon Association organized excellent competitions in great facilities, with horses of a high quality.

“A big Laser-Run competition was arranged during the two individual finals, with more than 300 young athletes taking part, as a test for the Laser-Run World Championships in Budapest next year. The French athletes dominated all competitions but also the host country won different medals.”

**New Clinic and Focus-Best List**

Our consulting dermatologist, Prof. Dr. med. habil. Hans Michael Ockenfels and his team moved into a new building on the grounds of the Hanau Clinic on 01 July of this year. After 21 years, the outpatient clinic of the skin clinic had become much too small for doctors and patients. Every year, more than 16,000 patients are treated in the clinic of Prof. Dr. Ockenfels, many of them for the prevention of skin cancer and skin cancer precursors. In the new, completely renovated building of the skin clinic, which is an old Bauhaus building dating back to the 1930s, the outpatient area was tripled. A separate department “Preventive Medicine” with the very latest medical and diagnostic equipment has been established. In addition to the well-known laser microscope, with which any cell damage can be detected bloodlessly in the early stages without skin biopsy, the dermatological clinic now also has the world’s newest digital, fully electronic photo mapping system, which enables computer-controlled analysis of comparative photos over time. Prof. Dr. Ockenfels said at the inauguration “The new outpatient clinic, measuring over 1,000 m², is one of the most modern in Europe thanks to its modern diagnostics, lasers and therapy equipment. We are very proud to move into this new building”.

At the same time, and sometimes by chance, Ockenfels was included in the focus list of the best dermatologists in Germany this year. IPM congratulates.
This is an important notice for all Athletes and Competitions organisers to continuously check pentathlon.org for all information related to invitations and visa letters.

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

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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 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 stakeholder consultation process over 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 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

**01.07.2018, Darmstadt, GER**

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

**02.07.-05.07.2018, Xiamen, CHN**

On July 3, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and Secretary General Shiny Fang met with the Vice-President of the Chinese Modern Pentathlon Association, Bin Zhang, as well as representatives of the regional Xiamen authorities and a corporate sponsor. Members of the Xiamen Municipal Bureau of Sports and Haicang District People’s Government attended the meeting along with Xiao Hang, President of Fujian Ma Yun Valley Culture Development Co Ltd.

**07.07.-09.07.2018, Budapest, HUN**

The UIPM President attended the 1st FISU World University Modern Pentathlon Championships, where he met with FISU Executive Committee Member Hilkka Pöyhönen and Dr Kallio Tapio (Vice-Chair Medical Committee and Summer Universiade Coordinator) to discuss UIPM’s future involvement with the FISU sport programme. Modern Pentathlon will be strongly supported worldwide through the university sports movement with a view to inclusion in the Summer Universiade in the near future.

During a gala evening hosted by the National University of Public Service...
in Budapest on July 7, Dr Schormann joined Hungarian Modern Pentathlon Association President Dr Gyula Bretz to share ideas for close cooperation with the Hungarian University Sport Federation and the NUPS with Dr Gabor Kovács (Police Brigadier General and NUPS Vice-Rector for Education), Dr Mozes Szekely (Secretary General of NUPS) and Dr György Borók (University Sport Director).


The track & field facility in Budapest where Fencing and Laser-Run can take place in the same venue

President Dr Schormann visited the UIPM Masters World Championships and met with the Chairman of the Masters Committee, Peter Engerisser, and Masters Committee Member Shereen Mohamed Hassan Saleh, to discuss the development of the UIPM Masters movement around the world. It is clear that for both genders more and more nations are encouraging athletes to participate in the movement, an important pillar of UIPM. All athletes in Halle were very satisfied with the facilities, horses and organization and the large number of participants.

19.07.-24.07.2018, Székesfehérvár, HUN

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann attended the ECMP 2018 European Championships and met with the Executive Board of the ECMP, briefing them on UIPM activities during the first part of 2018 and incoming them about matters of international sporting politics within the Olympic Movement.

With ECMP President Dmitry Svatkovsky and Secretary General Tatiana Ardabieva he discussed special development projects for Europe. More youth competitions are needed and Laser-Run competitions are receiving strong support from ECMP leaders.

During his stay the UIPM President met with Gabor Balogh, President of the
Hungarian Students Sport Association, and Istvan Gallai, Secretary General of the Hungary Modern Pentathlon Association. They briefed each other about preparations for the UIPM 2019 Pentathlon World Championships and Laser-Run World Championships in Budapest (HUN).

This will be the first time that the two World Championships have been combined and UIPM and HMPA are focusing on a great festival of UIPM Sports with more than 1,000 athletes from more than 50 countries. Mr Balogh underlined that the Hungarian Government is ready to be a strong partner for these events through their schools and universities. Together all stakeholders want to show how close the societies of sport, politics and business will work together with international and Hungarian media to present an unforgettable World Championships.

Dr Schormann also met with Andrey Kuzmanov, President of the Bulgaria Modern Pentathlon Federation and Vice-President of ECMP, the possibility of a World Cup in Sofia (BUL) in 2019 based on the excellent instalment in 2018 and the Under 17 and Under 19 World Championships scheduled for 2019 in Bulgaria.

Together with Alexander Peirits, Honorary Auditor for UIPM and EMPC, Dr Schormann reflected on budgetary matters and the needs of National Federations and Continental Confederations relating to the enlarged UIPM Sports programme.

Erwin Stalder (SUI) was the oldest athlete, aged 80, competing in Halle.

Left to right: ECMP Vice-President Andrey Kuzmanov, City Mayor Dr András Cser-Palkovics, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, ECMP Secretary General Tatiana Ardabieva, ECMP Vice-President Andris Feldmanis and Vice Mayor Attila Mezáros.

Andrey Kuzmanov and the UIPM President are joined by the Honorary Auditor of UIPM and ECMP, Alexander Peirits.

Dr Schormann with Istvan Gallai (left) and Gábor Balogh (right).
New Balance 
World Rankings

The PWR is updated live on www.pentathlon.org after each competition. PWR as at 06 August 2018:

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