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Jung Jinhwa (KOR) and Chloe Esposito (AUS) celebrate their success at the UIPM Pentathlon World Cup Final in Astana (KAZ)



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## UIPM 2018 Pentathlon World Cup Final

### Glory for Australia, Korea and Italy in Astana showpiece

The Kazakhstan capital of Astana staged a thrilling Pentathlon World Cup Final as the star performers of the season demonstrated their class.

Chloe Esposito of Australia built on her victory in Kecskemet (HUN) to win Women's Individual gold.

Korea men topped the Men's Individual podium for the third time this season when Jung Jinhwa enjoyed a dominant victory, followed by silver medallist compatriot Jun Woongtae.

Italy also picked up gold for the third time in 2018 in the Mixed Relay, where Riccardo de Luca and Alice Sotero topped the podium.

The Pentathlon World Cup Final was broadcast live in a record 19 countries, and UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "This kind of media coverage enables us to transmit the high performances of our athletes around the world, year after year, and raise the profile of our sport and raise interest.

"It's very positive for the future, and for the observers from Tokyo 2020 who were here this week and who can see what we are doing. Tokyo will be the next organiser of the Pentathlon World Cup Final in 2019, as a test event for the Olympic Games, and we have been working very closely with the Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee.

"We may have finished the Pentathlon World Cup season but some major

competitions are in front of our athletes, and they will be preparing for our Pentathlon World Championships in Mexico City, which will also be a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Olympic Games in Mexico City."

### Women's Individual: Esposito (AUS) proves her class

Rio 2016 Olympic champion Chloe Esposito of Australia won Women's Individual gold at the UIPM Pentathlon World Cup Final for the first time after a typically determined fightback.

Sarolta Kovacs of Hungary had started the Laser-Run with a lead of 13 seconds but Esposito (AUS) gradually reduced the deficit and then overtook her rival on the final visit to the shooting range. Kovacs, the 2016 world champion,



UIPM Vice-President Berik Imashev (far left) and UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann (second left) take part in the opening ceremony



summoned the strength to hang on for silver and there was a shock bronze medal for Gintare Venckauskaite of Lithuania, who had embarked on the Laser-Run in 24th place but surged through the field to reach the podium ahead of 4th-placed Natalya Coyle of Ireland.

Behind them, Uliana Batashova of Russia claimed 5th place and Shino Yamanaka of Japan finished 6th in a major boost to the pentathlon team from the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games host nation.

The results demonstrated the importance of momentum and form during the Pentathlon World Cup season – Esposito (AUS), Coyle (IRL) and Batashova (RUS) all won individual medals during the recent European competitions in May, where Kovacs (HUN) won a Mixed Relay gold.

Behind the top six, the ever-consistent Anastasiya Prokopenko of Belarus finished 7th and 2017 world champion Gulnaz Gubaydullina (RUS) crossed the line 8th.

Esposito's victory came on the back of her comeback success at Pentathlon World Cup Kecskemet in May, and the 26-year-old was thrilled with a performance that promoted her to No.2 in the world rankings behind Gubaydullina (RUS).

"My fencing performance was the best I've ever had in my life so I was really happy with that, and then I equalled my personal best in swimming," said Esposito (AUS), who took the entire year off in 2017.

"In the riding I was so happy to have a clear round and then I went into Laser-Run in 2nd place, which is strange for me because I usually start further back. I was a little worried I wouldn't handle the shooting pressure but everything went well.

"When I'm in competition I only focus on myself and not the people around



Women's Individual podium



Sarolta Kovacs (HUN) aims to protect her lead during the Laser-Run



Action from the Riding discipline in Astana (KAZ)

me, and that's what I did in Rio. Sarolta is a good friend and a very good competitor so I knew it was going to be tough today. But if someone is in front of me, I just try to chase them down."

Kovacs (HUN) said: "It was a hard competition but the key for me was fencing. Swimming is my favourite event and I had a good result, and in the riding I only had one knockdown."

"I started Laser-Run in first position and I knew Chloe was there, but I felt in good shape for the first three laps. At the fourth shoot I gave away a lot of time, but I'm so happy with my second place."

Venckauskaite (LTU) added: "My Fencing was very bad, but I said I would do my best and in the end it was a very good day for me."

#### Swimming

Gubaydullina (RUS) was quickest in the pool with a time of 2:09.05, ahead of Kovacs (HUN) in 2:10.79 and Elodie Clouvel of France in 2:11.68. Esposito (AUS) was not far behind (2:11.69) while Bian Yufei of China timed 2:12.77.

#### Fencing

The outstanding performer in Fencing

was Ekaterina Khuraskina (RUS), who scored an excellent 27V/7D while Iryna Prasiantsova (BLR) managed 24V/10D and Kovacs (HUN) moved into a strong position with 23V/11D.

Esposito (AUS), Coyle (IRL) and Yamanaka (JPN) all managed top-10 finishes in the Ranking Round which counted in their favour in the final reckoning.

Volha Silkina (BLR) managed three victories in the Bonus Round before losing to her compatriot Prasiantsova (BLR), who was the last woman standing and added two points to her overall score.

#### Riding

There were an incredible eight maximum scores of 300 in the Riding arena, with Esposito (AUS) and Khuraskina (RUS) among the athletes celebrating the relief of an unblemished round.

Kovacs (HUN) only dropped seven penalty points, with the result that she would start the Laser-Run in 1st place with a 13sec lead over Esposito (AUS) and 17sec over Khuraskina (RUS).

The other athletes who enjoyed a

clean round were Yang Soojin of Korea, Marie Oteiza (FRA), Sive Brassil (IRL), Batashova (RUS), Venckauskaite (LTU) and, to the delight of the home crowd, Ardak Akhidullayeva of Kazakhstan.

Ilke Ozyuksel of Turkey was the only athlete who suffered elimination, demonstrating the high standard of Riding.

#### Laser-Run

Kovacs (HUN) showed the composure of a world champion for the majority of the Laser-Run, but ultimately she was up against one of the world's best Laser-Runners and needed a greater advantage if she were to prevail.

The lead did not change until the final shoot, however, as Esposito (AUS) took 23sec over her second shoot and even lost ground to the chasing pack briefly. Coyle (IRL) looked like the strongest contender in that pack, but she was finally undone by an extraordinary performance from a woman who started 20 places behind her in 24th.

Venckauskaite (LTU) was 4th in the 2016 World Cup Final in Sarasota (USA) and also missed out on the podium by just one place in the 2016 EMPC European Championships. Again she was 4th in 2018 Pentathlon World Cup Cairo, so



Alessandra Frezza (ITA) takes a hit during the Fencing



it was an incredibly sweet moment for her to secure a podium place after a truly exceptional Laser-Run on the demanding sandy ground.

With a time of 12:14.40 she was more than 30sec quicker than any of her rivals on the day.

Ahead of her, it was once again the Esposito show as the Olympic champion built on her comeback success at Pentathlon World Cup Kecskemet and ground her high-class opponent down. Kovacs (HUN) finally relented with a 19sec shoot on the final visit to the range, while Esposito (AUS) was in and out in 10sec and never looked back.

### **Men's Individual: Jung (KOR) leads remarkable one-two**

First the world, now the World Cup is in the hands of Jung Jinhwa of Korea after he won Men's Individual gold at the Pentathlon World Cup Final.

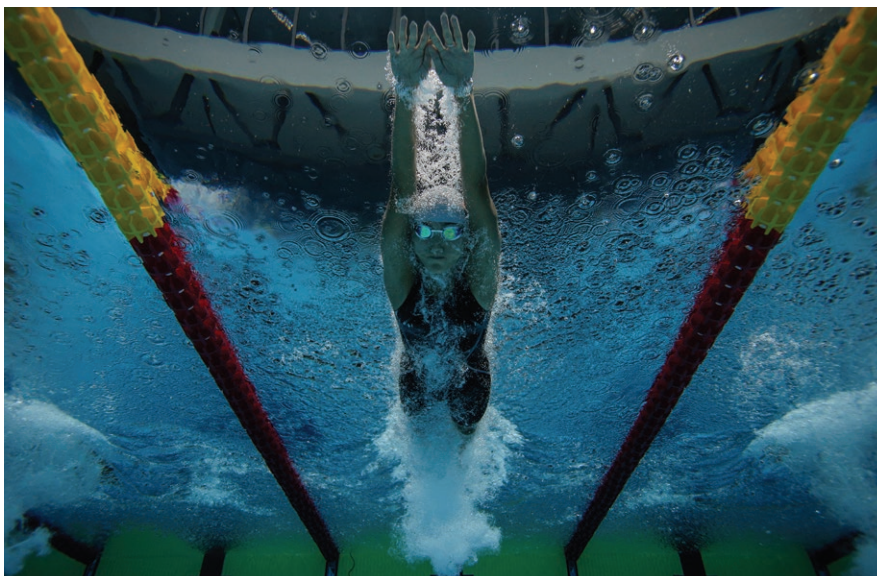
The good news continued for Korea when Jun Woongtae followed his team-mate across the line to win silver after a stunning Laser-Run.

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

Jung (KOR), 29, enjoyed a career highlight in 2017 when he won gold at the Pentathlon World Championships in Cairo (EGY). Now he is in possession of two of the three biggest prizes in the sport – as well as the world No.1 ranking – with the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo only two years away.

Jung started the Laser-Run in 1st place with a 24sec lead after a strong performance throughout the final.

His success continued the remarkable rise of Korea as the most powerful team in men's pentathlon. Jun (KOR) and Lee Jihun (KOR) had previously



Action from the Swimming discipline in Astana (KAZ)



Chloe Esposito (AUS) focuses on her running



Men's Individual podium

claimed two of the four gold medals on offer during the 2018 Pentathlon World Cup.

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

"Today was very, very difficult but it was a fantastic race. There were many people in the group behind me but I didn't think about them. My focus was on first place.

"I'm ready now to focus again on the World Championships."

Jun (KOR) added: "Today I am the silver medallist and I am very happy, and my team-mate is gold medallist so there is even more happiness in the team.

#### *Fencing*

Reigning world champion Jung (KOR) was the outstanding performer on the piste with 25V/9D and two points added during the Bonus Round.

Yuriy Fedechko of Ukraine was next best with 23V/11D while Alexander Lifanov of Russia and Giuseppe Parisi of Italy scored 22V/12D.



Lee Jihun (KOR) reaches for a hit during the Fencing Bonus Round

Lanigan-O'Keeffe (IRL) kept in touch with the leaders with 20V/14D, same as the Olympic champion Alexander Lesun (RUS), but Jun (KOR) faced an uphill task after scoring 18V/16D.

Bence Demeter of Hungary added six points to a disappointing Ranking Round score during the Bonus Round.

#### *Swimming*

World Under 19 champion Ahmed Elgendy of Egypt was quickest in the pool with his time of 2:00.34, although

Lanigan-O'Keeffe (IRL), Jun (KOR) and Jung (KOR) were not far behind him on 2:01.91, 2:02 and 2:02.75 respectively.

#### *Riding*

Another day, another high-class display of horsemanship in Astana with nine athletes enjoying clear rounds, including Jung (KOR), whose composure ensured he would have a massive Laser-Run lead of 24sec.

Lanigan-O'Keeffe (IRL) also went round clear to give himself a shot at



Leader Jung Jinhwa (KOR) is a picture of composure during the Laser-Run



the podium, while Lesun (RUS) and Lee (KOR) joined them with a top score of 300.

The other riders to enjoy an unblemished round were Ilya Palazkov of Belarus, Patrick Dogue of Germany, Shohei Iwamoto of Japan, Christopher Patte of France and Gergely Regos (HUN).

Jun (KOR) dropped seven points for a Laser-Run starting position of 9th, while Fedechko (UKR) also conceded just one penalty to protect his overall position of 2nd.

#### Laser-Run

Jung (KOR) enjoyed an uneventful procession to victory, protecting his 24sec lead with all the professionalism of a world champion. Behind him, battle raged on Astana's sands.

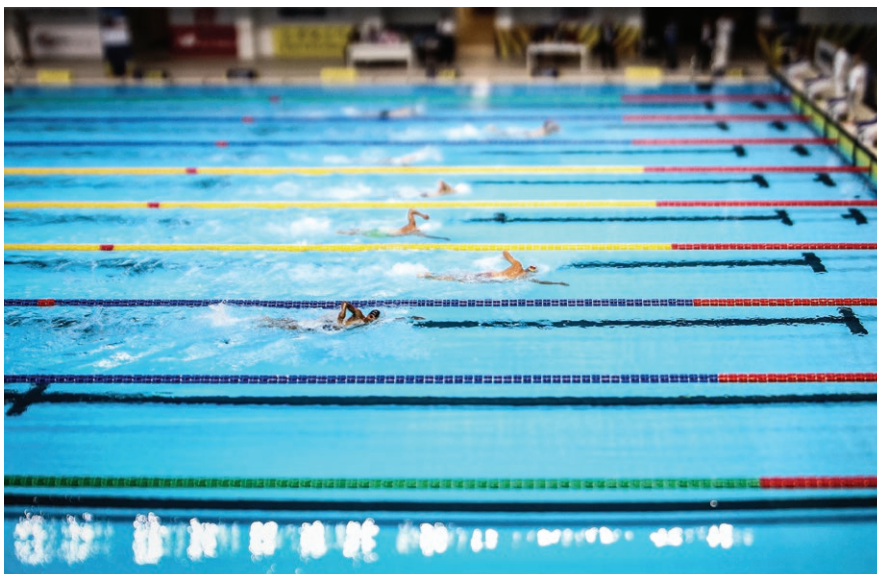
Fedechko (UKR) quickly dropped out of the race for the medals, with Lanigan-O'Keeffe (IRL) and Lifanov (RUS) taking the initiative – but it wasn't long before they realised they had company.

Jun (KOR), who has already won three Pentathlon World Cup gold medals at the age of 22, moved rapidly through the field from his starting position of 9th, and before the halfway mark of the race he had staked a strong claim for silver.

Jun (KOR) ended up with the fastest Laser-Run of the day (11:28.75) and in the end he crossed the line only 5secs behind his compatriot Jung (KOR), who took it easy at the end.

Lanigan-O'Keeffe (IRL) stalled at the final visit to the shooting range, and Lifanov (RUS) took advantage by moving into the bronze medal position, with Palazkov (BLR) also entering the medal equation in 5th.

But the champion of Pentathlon World Cup Sofia was not done, and Lanigan-O'Keeffe (IRL) muscled his way back into the podium places by marching past Lifanov (RUS); he even



Action from the Swimming discipline in Astana (KAZ)



Action from the Riding discipline in Astana (KAZ)

put pressure on Jun (KOR) in the final stages of a gripping Laser-Run.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "We have not had the opportunity to organise such high-level pentathlon competitions in Kazakhstan in the past 20 years and I am quite happy with the presentation of this Pentathlon World Cup Final in the capital, Astana.

"I must compliment the horses and I must compliment the athletes, who have produced a very good performance, increasing the level and showing their abilities to the world via internet and television.

"There was some excellent group racing and the athletes gave everything today to try and achieve a good ranking at the end of the season. The facility is nicely set up and the atmosphere is so friendly between the athletes."

Leonid Zimarev, Secretary General of the Modern Pentathlon Federation of Kazakhstan, said: "The competition has gone perfectly, the winners and medallists earned their reward, the race was amazing, the competition was held at a high level including the technical side of it, and all teams put 100 per cent effort into their performance.



### Mixed Relay: Italy master mixed format again

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

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

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

Italy's success in Astana built on the foundations of a victory by De Luca and Alessandra Frezza at Pentathlon World Cup Los Angeles in April. That followed a season-opening gold medal for Gloria Tocchi and Gianluca Micozzi at Pentathlon World Cup Cairo in March. De Luca (ITA) said: "We feel really good; both of us did our job without stress or fear."

"We both found the horses to be a bit tricky [in the individual events] but today it was much better so there were no surprises."

"We won, which was what we deserved I think. We've had a great week here in Astana and to win was the perfect end to the competition."

Sotero (ITA) added: "I started behind the Korean girl and I tried to get closer to her. My first shooting series was very good but the second one not so good." The silver medal won by Kim and Lee meant that four Korea athletes would return home from the competition with medals after Jung Jinhwa and Jun Woongtae won men's individual gold and silver respectively.



Mixed Relay podium



Action from the Swimming discipline in Astana (KAZ)



Kim (KOR) said: "I focused on my shooting because I knew there were many athletes who are very good runners. I'm very happy."

Lee (KOR) added: "My partner did very well in shooting and running to give me the No.2 position at the touch, and I never gave up. De Luca is a good runner and I tried to keep up with him. The silver medal is good, I'm so happy."

As for Ukraine, it was a relief for Tymoshchenko, the 2015 individual world champion and Rio 2016 Olympic silver medallist, to end the Pentathlon World Cup season with a prize – and it was a hard-earned bronze as he raced Palazkov (BLR) neck and neck to the line.

Tymoshchenko (UKR) said: "It was hard here, a very tough course, especially after a season which has not been the best for me."

"I hope I will be ready for the European Championships and World

Championships. I've got some things in all disciplines that I need to fix, but I hope the next competition will be better."

His partner Permykina (UKR) added: "I'm very happy today and I want to thank my team and my coach."

#### *Swimming*

Russia (Gulnaz Gubaydullina & Alexander Lifanov) were quickest in the pool with a time of 1:58.05, closely followed by Belarus (Silkina/Palazkov) in 1:58.62 and Egypt (Salma Abdelmaksoud & Ahmed Elgendy) in 1:59.07.

#### *Fencing*

Korea (Kim/Lee) scored highest on the piste with 28V/16D ahead of Argentina (Iryna Khokhlova & Sergio Villamayor) with 27V/17D.

Ukraine (Permykina/Tymoshchenko) and Belarus (Silkina/Palazkov) fared well with 25D/19D while Italy (Sotero/De Luca) stayed in touch as they scored 23V/21D.

#### *Riding*

There were two clear rounds in the Riding arena, as Belarus (Silkina/Palazkov) claimed the overall lead and Italy (Sotero/De Luca) got themselves into a position where victory would be achievable.

Four teams conceded just seven penalty points: Ukraine (Permykina/Tymoshchenko), host nation Kazakhstan (Ardak Akhiddullayeva & Pavel Ilyashenko), China (Bian Yufei & Zhang Linbin) and Japan (Shino Yamanaka & Tomoyuki Ono).

#### *Laser-Run*

Italy (Sotero/De Luca) started 15sec behind leaders Belarus (Silkina/Palazkov) and 14sec behind Korea (Kim/Lee), with Ukraine (Permykina/Tymoshchenko) starting 1sec behind them.

Kim (KOR) took the early initiative, but Sotero (ITA) kept her under pressure throughout the two circuits after an excellent opening shoot. Behind them,



Silver medallists Lee Jihun and Kim Sunwoo (KOR) exchange a high five



Silkina (BLR) froze at the opening shoot but refused to let the podium and stayed close to Permykina (UKR) as Julie Belhamri (FRA) moved through the field.

De Luca (ITA) became engaged in a very close battle with Lee (KOR), and nothing could separate them until the second half of the final 800m lap when the more experienced of the two athletes, De Luca (ITA), pulled away to win by a margin of 4secs.

There was even greater drama in the battle for bronze, as Tymoshchenko (UKR) secured bronze via a photo finish after an intense race against Palazkov (BLR).

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "I congratulate all of our athletes who performed once again at a high level in today's Mixed Relay.

"I must thank the Government of Kazakhstan, especially the Sport Department, thanks to the Olympic Committee of Kazakhstan and special thanks to Berik Imashev, the Vice-President of our Union, that we have been able to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the city of Astana with such an important competition."

The UIPM 2018 Pentathlon World Championships take place in Mexico City, Mexico from September 6-15.



*Riccardo de Luca and Alice Sotero (ITA) embrace in the moment of victory*



*Action from the Riding discipline in Astana (KAZ)*



## Youth Olympic Games

### Qualifying road comes to an end in Tbilisi (GEO)

The final qualifying list for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games will be known in a few weeks' time and hundreds of teenage athletes across the continents are still dreaming of competing in Buenos Aires in October.

With ranking points still at stake, the final opportunity for athletes to improve their qualification prospects took place in Tbilisi, Georgia during the 2018 European Cup Georgia Open.

Sixty-six athletes from 19 countries across four continents (Asia, Africa, South America and Europe) travelled to Tbilisi along with more than 100 delegates, and the event was held in the Digomi Olympic Village.

As with all Under-19 competitions, the Tetrathlon format was used and athletes from three continents featured on the podium.

Viktoriia Novikova of Russia won the Women's Under-19 category ahead of Ekaterina Tareva of Kyrgyzstan and Iuliia Sergeeva (RUS). The Men's title went to local athlete Gaga Khijakadze of Georgia, with Eduardo Oliveira of Portugal winning silver and Yevhen Ziborov of Ukraine taking bronze.

There was also an Under-17 category, where Alexandria Kloppen of South Africa and Alexander Barbashov (RUS) took the honours.

Viacheslav Malishev, UIPM Executive Board Member for Development, said: "I'm very happy to see record numbers of participants among young pentathletes, coaches, and parents in the Youth Olympic Games qualification competitions and U17 international

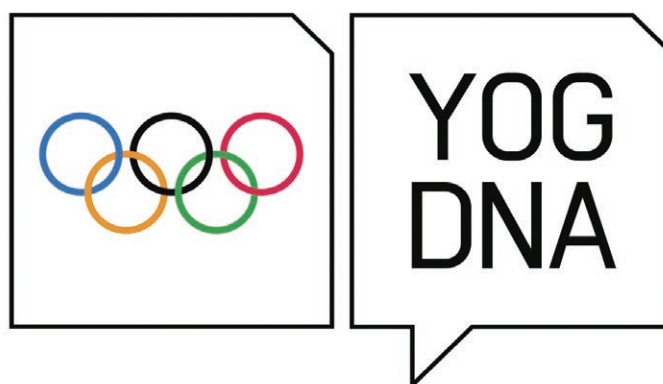
events in 2017 and 2018.

"As Chairman of the Local Organising Committee for this competition I am proud to have welcomed more than 100 delegates from 19 countries from four continents to Tbilisi, and we now look forward to a great event in Buenos Aires in October."

The 3rd Youth Olympic Games runs from October 6-18 in Buenos Aires (ARG) with three Modern Pentathlon competitions

(Men's Individual, Women's Individual and Mixed Relay) taking place on October 12-14 and 16.

Three senior Olympians from the pentathlon world will be involved. Women's Olympic champion Chloe Esposito (AUS) will play the role of Young Change Maker in the Australian team, while Yane Marques (BRA) and Charles Fernandez (GUA) have been appointed by the ICC as Athlete Role Models.



## Global Laser-Run City Tour 2018

### Star names provide support in Budapest (HUN)

Two of the world's leading pentathletes played a supportive role as Hungary staged its first Global Laser-Run City Tour on June 2, 2018.

The event took place in the heart of Budapest on Margaret Island, a beautiful green space in the centre of the River Danube. The venue was the Margitsziget Athletic Centre, which hosted the 1999 UIPM Pentathlon World Championships.

Robert Kasza, currently world No.1 in the senior men's pentathlon rankings, was joined by women's No.3 Tamara Alekszejev in adding star quality to this latest edition of the UIPM's fastest-growing development event.

Qualification for the 2018 UIPM Laser-Run World Championships in Dublin (IRL) was at stake for those who took part.

Although this was the first major Laser-Run competition in Hungary, there will soon be opportunities to build on the momentum created in Budapest on June 2.

A Laser-Run event is to be held during the 2018 European Modern Pentathlon Championships in Székesfehérvár and then in 2019 the UIPM Laser-Run World Championships will run alongside the UIPM Pentathlon World Championships in Budapest.

Gyula Karácsony, head shooting coach of the Hungarian Modern Pentathlon Association, said: "All Laser-Run competitions are useful and this Global Laser-Run City Tour was a good experience for youth and a great training opportunity for the seniors."



World No.1 pentathlete Tamara Alekszejev (HUN) helps to promote the Global Laser-Run City Tour

"One huge positive was that the open category was fulfilled. Another great thing was that many children were able to compete together with our top competitors."

### La Paz (BOL) hits the heights

The Laser-Run craze has already spread right across the latitude and longitude of the planet... and now it is making territorial gains at altitude.



Action from the start line in Budapest (HUN)



The highest Global Laser-Run City Tour to date took place in La Paz, Bolivia, at 4200 metres above sea level, with 280 participants of various ages and socio-economic backgrounds.

Jorge Salas, President of the South America Modern Pentathlon Confederation, said: "There is great enthusiasm in Bolivia for our sport and it has increased with the extensive TV coverage of Modern Pentathlon in the 2018 ODESUR Games."

The multi-sport ODESUR Games took place in Cochabamba, Bolivia, from May 26 until June 8, with Modern Pentathlon on the programme.

### **'Sport' of the future takes over Chelyabinsk (RUS)**

Chelyabinsk, a huge industrial city in the south of the Urals, has been one of the cornerstones of Modern Pentathlon development in Russia and now the public have embraced Laser-Run too.

More than 300 people, aged from seven to 74, took part in the Global Laser-Run City Tour on June 9. The entry list included local pentathletes who



Medallists with their certificates are joined by cheerleaders in Chelyabinsk (RUS)

are already members of the Russian national team and participants from Chelyabinsk, Samara, Ekaterinburg and Novosibirsk, as well as neighbouring countries Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

The city of Novosibirsk will host its own Global Laser-Run City Tour in September.

A spokesperson for the Local Organising Committee in Chelyabinsk said: "It was wonderful to see so many people of all ages from across the country taking part in this special festival of sport and friendship."

"Our beautifully dressed venue at the central stadium in Chelyabinsk attracted a lot of spectators and coverage by a local TV station, which called Laser-Run 'the sport of the future'."

### **Germany embraces movement in Darmstadt**

Laser-Run was created to make the UIPM Sports movement more accessible to people from communities across the world, increasing participation numbers and giving more aspiring athletes a pathway to Modern Pentathlon.



Junior Laser-Run competitors take off at pace in Chelyabinsk (RUS) / Darmstadt (GER)



Every time an established Modern Pentathlon country embraces Laser-Run for the first time, it proves the effectiveness of this integrated approach and, on June 10, the Global Laser-Run City Tour arrived in Germany.

The regional Hessian Association for Modern Pentathlon (HVMF) was the organiser of the German "premiere", welcoming more athletes from five European countries to the stadium of the Technical University in Darmstadt.

Participants took part in ten age groups from Under-11 to Masters 60+ and the athletes came from Russia, Switzerland, Italy and France as well as the host nation. The most successful team was the SSF Bonn, followed by Switzerland's female squad.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann (also President of the HVMF) and Mayor Rafael Reisser both praised the success of the event and stated a willingness that it should be repeated in Darmstadt in future.

### Circuit heads south to Chennai (IND)

After three events in the north of the country in 2017, the Global Laser-Run City Tour has now been launched in southern India after a successful edition in Chennai on June 22.

The Chennai Institute of Technology hosted 231 athletes spanning all age groups from Under-11 to Masters 50+, most of them sampling Laser-Run for the first time.

The event was organised by the Tamilnadu Modern Pentathlon Association under the aegis of the Modern Pentathlon Federation of India, with guidance from Namdev Shirgaonkar, Secretary General of the Asian Modern Pentathlon Confederation.

The VIP guest was Parthasarathy Sriram, Chairman of the Chennai Institute of Technology, who congratulated all the participants and urged local



Junior competitors take aim at the shooting range in Chennai (IND)



A group photograph in Zhitomir (UKR)

organisations to support and develop the Laser-Run movement within the region.

### Rain can't dampen spirits in Zhitomir (UKR)

Two of the first three Global Laser-Run City Tours in Ukraine have been marked by a number of common features. Hundreds of people participating in a parkland venue, entrants drawn from all

over the country, strong organization ... and heavy rain.

After wet weather greeted participants in Kiev in 2017, and the latest City Tour in Zhitomir on June 23 was also affected by high rainfall – but it did not deter anyone involved from enjoying a spectacular day of Laser-Run.

More than 300 participants aged from nine to 60 came from different regions



– Kiev, Donetsk, Kharkiv and elsewhere – to test their Laser-Run skills in Baron de Shoduare Park, demonstrating a major appetite for the UIPM's fastest-growing sport in Ukraine.

"It is not an easy sport, because it combines incompatible skills and requires accuracy, dynamic, speed and body activation at the same time," said Valerii Kirilovich, President of the regional Modern Pentathlon federation in Zhitomir.

"This is the first time our city has organized such a high-level competition. I would like to thank the President of the Ukrainian Modern Pentathlon

Federation, Igor Panin, for his help to introduce our city to the UIPM Global Laser-Run City Tour together with such big cities in Ukraine like Kiev, Kharkiv and Dnipro."

President Panin added: "To organize such a competition is a very interesting and very difficult task at the same time. "It is a very big responsibility, because of the image of our federation, we must provide the Laser-Run competition at the highest standard, approved by UIPM.

"For the second year in the row we are organizing Laser-Run City Tours in Ukraine. The competition in Zhitomir

looked like the first competition in Kiev because of the location (city park) and very difficult weather conditions (heavy rain). But I would like to say that the Zhitomir Modern Pentathlon Federation passed this test and provided a very high-level competition."

The UIPM Sports community in Ukraine will be hoping for more of the same – and perhaps a little less rain – when the GLRCT circuit moves on to Dnipro on 8 September and Kharkiv on 23 September for two more events.



Senior male medallists pose in front of the podium in Zhitomir (UKR)



## News from around the world

### Africa Confederation President Fakun (MRI) appointed to new role

The President of the Africa Modern Pentathlon Confederation, Nundkishor Fakun, has been appointed Administrative Secretary of the Mauritius Olympic Committee.

Mr Fakun, 66, was one of the founding members of the MOC in 1972 and he assumes the new role after four years' service as Private Secretary to the President.

Mr Fakun was elected as President of the African confederation in 2016.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "Nundkishor Fakun has been a great servant of Olympic sport and Modern Pentathlon for many years in Mauritius and in the wider African continent.

"On behalf of the UIPM and our global community I congratulate him on his appointment to a new role within the Mauritius Olympic Committee."

### Argentina and Chile pentathletes dominate ODESUR Games in Bolivia

Athletes from Argentina, Chile and Brazil played starring roles in the Modern Pentathlon competition at the 11th ODESUR Games in Cochabamba, Bolivia.

The South American multi-sports event returned to the country of its origin for the first time since it was created in 1978 and continued a succession of major sports events in South America, following the Rio 2016 Olympic Games and with the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires (ARG) on

the horizon as well as the 2019 Pan American Games in Lima (PER).

Pentathlon featured strongly in Cochabamba with Men's and Women's Individual events and a Mixed Relay captivating the large crowds who attended the fencing centre, aquatic park and country club that hosted the five disciplines.

Rio 2016 Olympian Iryna Khokhlova (ARG) won the women's gold medal ahead of silver medallist Ayelen Zapata (ARG) and Pamela Zapata (ARG). The rules dictate that each participating country can only have two results, so the bronze medal went to Ieda Guimarães (BRA).

The men's gold medal went to Esteban Bustos (CHI), who was joined on the



Jorge Salas, President of the South American Modern Pentathlon Confederation, with the Women's Individual medallists

podium by his compatriot Benjamin Ortiz (CHI) with Sergio Villamayor (ARG) claiming bronze.

The Mixed Relay was won by Brazil (Ieda Guimarães & Victor Aguiar) ahead of silver medallists Argentina (Pamela & Emanuel Zapata) and third-placed Ecuador (Nelson Torres & Marcela Cuaspu).

Athletes from host nation Bolivia, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela and Panama also took part in the competition.

Jorge Salas, President of the South American Modern Pentathlon Confederation, played a role in the medal ceremonies alongside other leading Olympic sports administrators from the region. Several members of the pentathlon community in the Americas played a role in the organisation of the competition.

#### **UIPM coaching course delivered entirely in Russian in Minsk (BLR)**

A UIPM Coaches Certification Programme course has been delivered entirely in the Russian language for the first time.

Fourteen students from Belarus and Ukraine attended the Level 2 course in Minsk (BLR), where the materials were all translated from English into Russian. Mikhail Prokopenko, two-time world champion, Level 3 coach and President of the Belarus Modern Pentathlon Federation, joined the other students throughout the syllabus and completed the exam.

The course instructor also provided instruction in the native tongue, with a mixture of theoretical and practical challenges helping the group with their ongoing coaching development.

#### **UIPM statement on Qian Chen (CHN)**

The UIPM Court of Arbitration has reviewed the decision taken by the UIPM Doping Review Panel in the case of Qian Chen (China) after the athlete



*Men's Individual medallists at the ODESUR Games in Cochabamba (BOL)*

registered a complaint through her national anti-doping body (CHINADA).

Qian Chen was originally suspended for four years by the UIPM Doping Review Panel following her disqualification from the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, where she had finished 4th in the Women's Individual event. The athlete was found to have committed a doping violation during the Rio Games after testing positive for the banned substance Hydrochlorothiazide (HCTZ), a diuretics or masking agent.

The suspension imposed on Qian Chen (China) has now been reduced from four years to two years after detailed analysis of the situation.

Qian Chen will be permitted to compete from the end of her period of ineligibility on August 21, 2018.

UIPM is fully committed to the fight against doping, the promotion of clean sport and protection of clean athletes.



*Coaches with their certificates at the end of the Level 2 course in Minsk (BLR)*



### Mexico dominate Under 19 Pan American Championship in San Antonio (USA)

Teenage athletes from six countries took part in a successful Under 19 Pan American Championship in San Antonio (USA) from June 17-19.

This is a momentous year for teenage pentathletes right across the world and especially in the Americas, with the 2018 Youth Olympic Games taking place in Buenos Aires (ARG) in October. Argentina were one of the nations who enjoyed podium success, with one silver and two bronze medals, along with Guatemala and the host nation USA. But Mexico were the outstanding team, winning all five gold medals thanks to their exceptional Laser-Run speed.

Canada and the Dominican Republic also contributed to a strong competition.

Janusz Peciak (POL), 1976 Olympic champion and UIPM Executive Board Member for Sport, said: "The standard of competition was high throughout the Under 19 Pan American Championship and I congratulate all the teams who competed, especially Mexico who performed very strongly in the Laser-Run across all categories.

"The Mixed Relay was a major highlight of this competition, with 23 teams participating. The popularity of the format among pentathletes was evident, and you could see how much joy they took from working in partnership."

The individual champions from Mexico were Catherine Mayran Oliver and Alexis Vazquez, with Melissa Mireles and Lorenzo Macias picking up the silver medals behind their compatriots. Martina Armanazqui (ARG) claimed women's individual bronze while the equivalent men's prize went to Franco Serrano (ARG).

Argentina claimed silver in the Mixed Relay ahead of bronze medallists Guatemala, who took silver in both the

men's and women's team categories. Hosts USA managed to take bronze in both team categories.



Men's Individual podium at the Under 19 Pan-American Championship



Women's Individual podium in San Antonio

## Tournament & Training

### Camp Invitations

**T**his is an important notice for all Athletes and Competitions organisers to continuously check [pentathlon.org](http://pentathlon.org) for all information related to invitations and visa letters.

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#### UIPM Masters World Championships

Halle, GER  
**10 - 15 JULY**

#### UIPM Junior World Championships

Kladno, CZE  
**30 JULY - 06 AUGUST**

#### UIPM Senior World Championships

Mexico-City, MEX  
**06 - 13 SEPTEMBER**

## Medical and Anti-Doping

### Corner



#### WADA PUBLISHES 2018 LIST OF PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

**T**he 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](mailto:projects@pentathlon.org)



## Inside UIPM: Monthly activities of President Dr Schormann

### 08.-10.06.2018 Darmstadt (GER)

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann welcomed more than 100 athletes and guests at the first official Laser-Run competition in Germany, the Global Laser-Run City Tour in Darmstadt. Guests included the Mayor, Rafael Reisser, who was Patron of the successful competition in the historic university stadium.

### 11.06.2018 Darmstadt (GER)

Together with Florent Boas, UIPM Media Manager, Dr Schormann worked in the UIPM President's office on a historical document that is being prepared for the 70th anniversary of UIPM, which will be celebrated at the UIPM Congress in November 2018 in Limassol (CYP).



Action from the Global Laser-Run City Tour in Darmstadt (GER)

### 14.06.2018 Hanau (GER)

The UIPM President was elected as a new member of the Board during the Assembly of the Sport Foundation of Hesse, which is creating sponsorships for young Olympic athletes and

promoting young talents in various sports linked to the Olympic Games.

### 18.-19.06.2018 Monaco (MON)

President Dr Schormann took part in the annual UIPM audit, where



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann joins the participants for a group picture



he discussed with Treasurer John Helmick and Secretary General Shiny Fang important financial actions for UIPM relating to the 2018 season and in preparation for the 2018 Congress.

#### **20.-24.06.2018 Astana (KAZ)**

During his visit to the Pentathlon World Cup Final the UIPM President met with UIPM Executive Board Members, with many of the conversations focusing on Modern Pentathlon development.

With Sangwoo Park, President of the Asian Confederation, he spoke about the Asian Games in August 2018 in Jakarta (THA) and future steps to more activities and Category A competitions in Asia. President Dr Schormann and UIPM Vice-President Berik Imashev (also President of the Kazakhstan Modern Pentathlon Federation) discussed issues of sporting politics in Central Asia and the future reinforcement of Modern Pentathlon development in the whole region.

Dr Schormann met also with the Minister for Sport and Culture, Arystanbek Mukhamediuly, the Deputy Mayor of Astana, Yermek Amanshayev, and other Members of Parliament and the National Olympic Committee of Kazakhstan. The Prime Minister, Bakytzhan Sagintayev, attended the Men's Final.

President Schormann and Secretary General Shiny Fang met with a Tokyo 2020 delegation to discuss main points



*Members of the UIPM Executive Board gather in Astana (KAZ)*



*UIPM meets with the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games Organising Committee*



for the 2020 Olympic Games Modern Pentathlon competition and also the test event, the 2019 UIPM Pentathlon World Cup Final in Tokyo. The competition schedule, accommodation, training and competition facilities, preparation of horses and temporary pool in the stadium were on the agenda.

### 26.-27.06.2018 Berlin (GER)

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann met with members of the German Parliament and took part in a round-table discussion with the German Olympic Committee and National Federation sports leaders. The group

shared ideas relating to political, financial and business aspects of the sporting landscape.



A cultural performance in Astana (KAZ)



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann speaks in front of the Mixed Relay podium

## New Balance World Rankings

The PWR is updated live on [www.pentathlon.org](http://www.pentathlon.org) after each competition. PWR as at 06 July 2018:

MEN			
RANK	NATION	NAME	POINTS
1	KOR	Jihnwa JUNG	195
2	KOR	Woongtae JUN	190
3	HUN	Robert KASZA	185
4	IRL	Arthur LANIGAN-O KEEFFE	180
5	BLR	Ilya PALAZKOV	161
6	FRA	Christopher PATTE	155
7	HUN	Bence DEMETER	154
8	HUN	Adam MAROSI	150
9	LTU	Justinas KINDERIS	156
10	RUS	Kirill BELYAKOV	150
11	UKR	Pavlo TYMOSHCHENKO	148
12	GER	Marvin Faly DOGUE	147
13	FRA	Valentin BELAUD	145
14	RUS	Alexandre LIFANOV	145
15	KOR	Jihun LEE	143
16	GBR	Joseph CHOONG	141
17	EGY	Eslam HAMAD	137
18	HUN	Gergely REGOS	133
19	GER	Patrick DOGUE	132
20	CZE	Jan KUF	148

WOMEN			
RANK	NATION	NAME	POINTS
1	RUS	Gulnaz GUBAYDULLINA	196
2	AUS	Chloe ESPOSITO	188
3	BLR	Anastasiya PROKOPENKO	198
4	HUN	Sarolta KOVACS	186
5	IRL	Natalya COYLE	165
6	HUN	Tamara ALEKSZEJEV	164
7	GBR	Kate FRENCH	162
8	RUS	Uliana BATASHOVA	160
9	TUR	Ilke OZYUKSEL	154
10	FRA	Elodie CLOUVEL	152
11	LTU	Gintare VENCKAUSKAITE	151
12	GER	Annika SCHLEU	151
13	HUN	Zsolia FOLDHAZI	143
14	ITA	Alice SOTERO	141
15	FRA	Julie BELHAMRI	136
16	JPN	Shino YAMANAKA	136
17	LTU	leava SERAPINAITE	134
18	CHN	Yufei BIAN	132
19	RUS	Ekaterina KHURASKINA	128
20	BLR	Volha SILKINA	127

❗ The Full New Balance World Ranking is available on [www.pentathlon.org](http://www.pentathlon.org)

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**28 Feb** World Cup I  
**04 Mar** Cairo, EGY

**27-31** World Cup II  
**Mar** Los Angeles, USA

**03-07** World Cup III  
**May** Kecskemét, HUN

**23-27** World Cup IV  
**May** Sofia, BUL

**21-24** World Cup Final  
**Jun** Astana, KAZ

**06-14** Senior World  
**Sept** Championships  
Mexico-City, MEX

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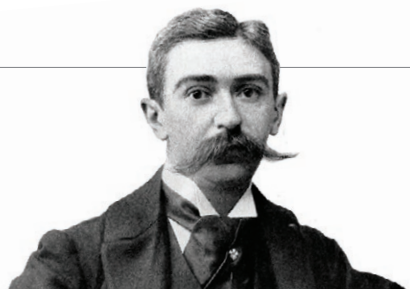
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**Sept** Championships  
Dublin, IRL

**25-28** Biathle/  
**Oct** Triathlon World  
Championships  
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