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2008 SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

29 May – 3 June



With just over two months to go until the Olympic Games kick off in Beijing, the best of the world's modern pentathletes gathered in Budapest for the 2008 World Championships. With Olympic Games qualification berths on the line the two main attractions were Saturday's women's final and Sunday's men's final. The women's event saw 70 pentathletes compete across the five disciplines in Thursday's semi-finals for a place in Saturday's final. Likewise, the men's semi-final (over 100 competitors) took place on Friday, ahead of Sunday's final, before the women's and men's relay events on Monday and Tuesday respectively.

With the first three men's and women's finishers qualifying for Olympic berths, pentathletes from across the globe fought it out to book themselves a ticket to Beijing. Competitors were also able to improve their Pentathlon World Ranking.

For the 48 pentathletes (23 men and 25 women) who have already qualified for the Games this competition was their final world-class opportunity to gauge where they stand, and how their training is progressing. They will be eager to see how their opponent's preparations are advancing and will watch in anticipation as the start lists for the Games approach completion.

INTERNATIONAL SPORT

- IOC issues anti-doping rules for Beijing 2008 Olympic Games
- The 3rd IOC Coordination Commission for the Games of the XXX Olympiad in London 2012 was held 20-22 May
- The Executive Committee and Foundation Board of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) met on Saturday, May 10, and Sunday, May 11, 2008 (respectively), in Montreal, Canada, for the first time this year.

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COMPETITION REVIEWS

WOMEN'S FINAL: 31 MAY



Amelie Cazé crosses the finish line (Photo: EAP images)

France's **AMELIE CAZE** has thrown down the gauntlet as the number one women's modern pentathlete, by retaining her World Championship crown in Budapest today. With less than two months to go until the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games Cazé put in a tremendous display, across all five disciplines, and will head to the Olympics as gold medal favourite. She finished the day with 5616 points, just 20 points ahead of silver medalist **AYA MEDANY (EGY)** and bronze medalist **KATY LIVINGSTON (GBR)**. Cazé was presented with her gold medal by the UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and H.S.H Prince Albert II of Monaco. UIPM Vice President Mr John Helmick and UIPM Member for Sport Mr Mauro Tiirinnanzi presented the minor placings.

It was a solid performance from Cazé today after starting the day with a 179 (1084 points) in the shooting to be ranked 14th. Twenty-six wins from 35 bouts in the fencing helped her rise to the top of the leader-board, where she stayed for the rest of the day. Medany and Livingston both recovered from slow starts in the shooting, to put in top performances throughout the day and put themselves in a good position to run away with the silver and bronze medals. Great Britain's **HEATHER FELL** finished strongly, with 5560 points, for fourth position.

An early start to the day saw steady hands and cool heads at the shooting hall. **ANNA ARKHIPENKA (BLR)** shot her way to the top of the leader board with a new pentathlon record of 194 for 1264 points. Canada's **MONICA PINETTE** and China's **XIU XIU** both put in solid performances to pick up 1144 a piece before heading into the fencing competition Cazé was the standout fencer. Livingston was next best in the fencing hall. Her 25 wins earned her an important 1000 points to take her to fifth overall. She was just one win ahead of **LUCIE GROLICOVA (CZE)** whose 976 points, for a total of 2060 points, helped her to second on the leader-board heading in to the swim. With accumulated totals of 2024 points, the earlier leaders, Arkhipenka and Pinette, were next most consistent.

Outdoors at Statue Parc, Cazé continued her fine form, clocking a 2:09.59, to be the third fastest in the pool for 1368 points. She was only bettered by the 1376 points scored by Russia's **POLINA STRUCHTKOVA** (2:08.67) and Hungary's **LEILA GYENESEI** (2:08.75). But Cazé's efforts were enough to give her a small break on the rest of the field heading into the riding discipline. With 3476 points, she led out Struchtкова (3340 points) and Grolichova (3332 points).

The riding and running disciplines are paramount to a competitor's success at an important event like the World Championships. The riding is often the most challenging discipline, but some quality horses ensured a high-scoring round for almost all riders. Struchtкова and Great Britain's **GEORGINA HARLAND** made no mistakes in the riding and headed into the run ranked second and 33rd respectively. Amazingly there were no perfect rounds, with time penalties costing the top riders. With a 24-second start, Cazé was first off the blocks into the run as the highest scorer (4632 points) and she never looked back, striding away to win in 11:24.31. She was chased by Struchtкова, Grolichova and Medany, with 4536, 4428 and 4424 points respectively. But it was Fell who was to prove the danger, after starting in fifth-place. She quickly ran her way into third-place and along with Medany put some distance on the rest of the pack. **VICTORIA TERESHUK (UKR)** was the fastest runner in the final, with a time of 10:05.50, ahead of **LAURA ASADAUKAITE (LTU)** and **ANASTASIA SAMUSEVICH (BLR)**.

On the local front, Hungarian competitors, seventh-placed Gyensei (5504 points), 12th-placed **ADRIENN TOTH** (5416 points), 17th-placed **ZSUZSANNA VOROS** (5368 points) and 25th-placed **VIVIEN MATHE** (5268 points), gave the local crowd plenty to cheer about during the day. But it was team **POLAND** who ran away with the team title, amassing 16168 points between them to outscore **GREAT BRITAIN** (16060 points) and **HUNGARY** (16052 points). The UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco again presented the team gold medal. UIPM Treasurer Mr Gyula Bretz presented the silver and the President of the European Modern Pentathlon Confederation, Mr Dimitry Svatkovsky, presented the bronze.

Cazé, and her fellow-pentathletes, will now begin their final training sessions for the Olympic Games in Beijing in August. When asked her thoughts ahead of Beijing, the newly crowned World Champions said: "I have two golds now ... I need a third. All the girls that go there wish this ... but I hope ... I wish very hard." But before they return to their home countries, they will watch on with interest tomorrow as the top-36 men take part in their final. The locals are expected to be out in full force with four Hungarians again taking the field.

MEN'S FINAL: 1 JUNE

With just two months to go until the Olympic Games, men's pentathlon star **ILIA FROLOV** has shown the world that he means business by taking out the gold medal in the World Championships in Budapest. In one of the most eventful World Championship finals, the Russian was in a class of his own, taking out the event with a score of 5796 points. Frolov was presented with his gold medal by UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and the President of the Hungarian Republic, Mr László Sólyom.



Ilia Frolov awarded gold
(Photo :EAP Images)

Frolov started the day in fourth position, after recording a score of 186 for 1168 points in the shooting. He scored a further 952 points from his 23 wins in the fencing and this took him to second-place on the competition ladder with 2120 points. From there he never looked back, and seemed to move from strength to strength, before comfortably and confidently running away with the win: "I reached a season best result today. I always say ok for a 186 target-points result in the shooting. After it my fencing also went well. To be honest, after the riding, I calmed down totally and was sure about the gold medal."

Two men who will also have increased their confidence heading into the Olympic Games are **DAVID SVOBODA (CZE)** and **YAHOR LAPO (BLR)**. The pair ran away with the silver and bronze medals, respectively, and Lapo's performance has earned him an Olympic Games qualification position. France's **JEAN MAXENCE BERROU** put in a strong performance during the day but finished outside of the medals in fourth place. He tried valiantly to run down Lapo for the bronze medal, but was 50 meters shy of being among the medals. The silver and bronze medals were presented by UIPM Secretary General Mr Joel Bouzou and the outgoing UIPM Chairman of the Athlete's Committee, Mr Stefano Giommoni.

The day started with some tight competition at the shooting hall. Hungary's **SANDOR FULEP** shot a 190, for 1216 points, to be narrowly ahead of Svoboda on 1204 points. In the fencing it was Ukraine's **DMYTRO KIRPULYANSKY** who scored the most wins, 26 from 35 bouts, for 1024 points. His form took him to the top of the leader-board, with 2168 points. Italy's **ANDREA VALENTINI** was second best with 25 wins and, along with **YAHOR LAPO (BLR)**, he sat in third-place after two disciplines, with 2048 points apiece.

While the fencing was taking place there was a secondary hive of activity outdoors by the temporary pool. A leak had occurred overnight and left the pool empty. The local organizers, and a host of volunteers, frantically tried to reverse the problem. In order to buy more time, the riding discipline was moved up on the agenda, and took place at the conclusion of the fencing. Considered by many to be one of the most challenging disciplines the riding event did its job of testing and separating the field. The course set by the organizers tested the athletes and horses, and no one was able to score a perfect score. Berrou and Hungary's **GABOR BALOGH** came closest, recording 1172 points each. To the delight of the crowd, local favorite **VICTOR HORVATH** climbed to second-place on the ladder. His 1168 points in the ride helping him to a total of 3180. Frolov's 1144 points were enough to take him to the top of the leader-board, with a total of 3264 points heading into the swim.

When the swimming finally came about it proved to be well worth the wait, with less than 10 seconds separating the results of the 36 swimmers. Russia's **ANDREI MOISEEV** was the fastest in the pool with 1:58.19, for 1384 points. Hungary's **ADAM MAROSI** and Berrou were both also under the two-minute mark. But at the conclusion of the swimming, Frolov was out in front with 4620 points, and a handy 27 second start for the run. With the running event determining the final placings of the 2007 Modern Pentathlon World Championships, the competitors left nothing to chance. Horvath, in second place with 4512 points, had a two-second advantage over Svoboda, and then just seven more competitors set off before the minute mark. But tragedy struck Horvath and, injured, he withdrew from the run. The newly crowned World Champion, Frolov, never looked back in the run as he charged home in the third fastest time (9:16.92) to win. But it was Italy's **NICOLA BENEDETTI** (in the fastest time -9:10.25) who showed that, with better earlier results, he could be a real challenger in the future.

Local Hungarian competitors, Fulep (5512 points), Marosi (5404 points), Balogh (5344 points) and Horvath (4512 points) impressed supporters. But it was team **RUSSIA** who ran away with the team title, amassing 16596 points between them to outscore **UKRAINE** (16100 points) and **BELARUS** (15340 points). The injury to Horvath cost Hungary dearly and they finished in fourth place, with 15260 points. UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and the President of the Hungarian Republic, Mr László Sólyom again presented the team gold medal. UIPM Member for Sport Mr Mauro Tirinnanzi presented the silver and the President of NORCECA, Mr John Holland, presented the bronze.

RELAY COMPETITION: 2 -3 JUNE

Fittingly it was the home-team, **HUNGARY**, who ran away with the Women's Relay title, much to the delight of the patriotic crowd. Hungary started the day in seventh position, after recording a score of 263 for 1060 points in the shooting. They scored a further 808 points, for their 60 wins from 108 bouts, in the fencing and this took them to third-place on the competition ladder with 1868 points. But it was their swimming leg where they started their run for the Title in earnest, a 2:59.51 scoring them 1368 points to take the lead, and they never looked back.

But Hungary were not the only winners on the day and both **GREAT BRITAIN** and **POLAND** should be pleased with their silver and bronze medals respectively. The team from **GERMANY** put in a solid performance during the day but finished outside of the medals in fourth place.

After five days of fantastic competition, the men's relay final on day six was a fitting and exciting end to the 2008 World Championships in Budapest. **BELARUS** were the most consistent team on the day, and they capped off a great Championships with a win. But Belarus was not the only winner, and both **LITHUANIA** and, to the delight of the crowd, **HUNGARY** should be pleased with their silver and bronze medals respectively.

World Championships report by Lisa Herbertson

The internet TV broadcast of the MVM Modern Pentathlon World Championships was an impressive success, using 6 cameras from which the viewer could choose and was broadcast in English and Hungarian. The World Championships website (www.pentathlonwch.com) was ranked the 17th highest in Hungary for the duration of the championships with a daily average hit-rate of over 70,000.

WORLD CUP #5 Kladno, CZE

8-11 May



FORTUNA CZECH OPEN 2008
UIPM Modern Pentathlon World Cup
Kladno, Czech Republic

WOMEN'S FINAL: 10 MAY 2008

The women's 2008 World Cup #5 was a scoring bonanza. With the top six all amassing 5600 +, it was an exciting and action-packed day in Kladno. Egypt's Aya Medany stole the show with 5808 points, ahead of Russia's Evdokia Gretchichnikova (5748) and Great Britain's Heather Fell (5688). Claudia Corsini (ITA) and Barbora Kodedova (CZE) lead the way in the shooting, both securing 1168 valuable points. But Medany and Russia's Polina Struchtкова pegged their way back into the competition with some solid results in the fencing. USA's Sheila Taormina (2:05.99) was outstanding in the swim, as always, but in 2:09.12, Fell was also impressive. Seven perfect scores in the riding ensured a tight competition heading into the run, where Great Britain's Georgina Harland, Lithuania's Yuliya Kolegova and the USA's Michelle Kelly all sported sub-10 minute results. But it was last year's World Cup Final Champion, Medany, who took the day's top honours. She extended her 12 second lead, to 27 seconds, to run away with the gold medal.

MEN'S FINAL: 11 MAY 2008

GOLD TO FRANCE! Jean Maxence BERROU of France finished victorious, taking his first World Cup victory. In second position, Pavlo TYMOSHCHENKO (UKR) who had his first podium finish followed with a close sprint to the line for third by David SVOBODA (CZE) in front of a home crowd.

Michal MICHALIK (CZE) had been the favourite for gold having started the day with the best shoot (1204 pentathlon points, 179 score) and continued his dominance at the finish of the fence, extending his overall lead to



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	Technical meeting
19 July	Women Team-relay Combined
	ECMP Congress
20 July	Men Team-relay Combined
	Closing Dinner
21 July	Departure of Delegations

EUROPEAN BIATHLE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 3rd European Biathle Championships will be hosted by the Modern Pentathlon Association of Great Britain at Salford Quays (adjacent to the Watersports Centre and Ontario Basin) on 3 August 2008. "Form A" registration required by 20 June 2008. Further details can be obtained by contacting the federation direct admin@mpagb.org.uk



2008 OLYMPIC GAMES

China marked 100 days to go until the Olympic Games on 30 April with a series of celebratory events and the commencement of the torch relay throughout China.

On 1 June, UIPM announced the achieved qualification positions for Beijing to the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) as follows:

AUS	MEN: PARYGIN Alex ; WOMEN: DARBY Angela
BLR	MEN: LAPO Yahor, PROKOPENKO Mihail, MELIAKH Dmitry;
BRA	WOMEN: SAMUSEVICH Anastasia, ARKHIPENKA Hanna
CAN	WOMEN: MARQUES Yane
CHI	MEN: RIKER-FOX Joshua ; WOMEN: PINETTE Monica, GRANT Kara
CHN	MEN: BUSTOS Christian
CHN	MEN: CAO Zhongrong, ZHENHUA Qian ; WOMEN: DONG Lean, XIU Xiu, LIU Zhou, CHEN Qian
CUB	MEN: VELAZQUEZ Yaniel
CZE	MEN: SVOBODA David, CAPALINI Libor, MICHALIK Michal; WOMEN: GROLICHOVA Lucie
EGY	MEN: EL GEZIRY Amro ; WOMEN: MEDANY Aya
ESP	MEN: LOPEZ Jaime
FRA	MEN: BERROU Jean Maxence; WOMEN: CAZE Amelie
GBR	WOMEN: FELL Heather, LIVINGSTON Katy, HARLAND Georgina, SPENCE Mhairi
GER	MEN: GEBHARDT Steffen, WALTHER Eric; WOMEN: SCHONEBORN Lena
GUA	WOMEN: SANZ AGERO Rita
HUN	MEN: HORVATH Viktor, TIBOLYA Peter , BALOGH Gabor, NEMETH Robert ; FULEP Sandor;
HUN	WOMEN: VOROS Zsuzsanna, GYENESEI Leila
ITA	MEN: BENEDETTI Nicola; WOMEN: BERTOLI Sara, CORSINI Claudia
JPN	MEN: MURAKAMI Yoshihiro
KAZ	WOMEN: JIENBALANOVA Lada, DOLGUSHINA Golina, KRYSSINA Yuliya, ABROSIMOVA Alena
KOR	MEN: LEE Choon Huan, NAM Dong Hun ; WOMEN: YUN Cho Rong
LAT	MEN: CHERKOVSKIS Denis; WOMEN: RUBLEVSKA Elen
LAT	MEN: KRUNGOLCAS Edvinas, ZEMAITIS Tadas, ZADNEPROVSKIS Andrejus;
LTU	WOMEN: ASADAUSKAITE Laura
MEX	MEN: SOTO Oscar
MEX	MEN: HORBACZ Marcin, MAJEWSKI Bartosz;
POL	WOMEN: CZWOJDZINSKA Sylwia, BOENISZ Paulina, DZIADURA Marta, MALOSZYC Edita
POL	MEN: MOISEEV Andrei, FROLOV Iliia, SABIRKHOUZINE Rustim ;
RUS	WOMEN: GRETCHICHNIKOVA Evdokia, MOURATOVA Tatiana
UKR	MEN: KIRPULYANSKY Dmytro; WOMEN: TERESCHUK Viktoriia
USA	MEN: BREMER Eli ; WOMEN: KELLY Michelle, TAORMINA Sheila, ISAKSEN Margaux

The maximum number of athletes that can be entered to the Games per NOC is 2 men and 2 women. NOCs with more than two qualified athletes per gender have the authority to decide which two athletes they will enter. They have until 15 June to confirm to UIPM the athletes they wish to enter in the qualification positions.



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Athletes achieved qualification positions through Continental Championships, and through the Global System, which is two World Championships, One World Cup Final and the Pentathlon World Ranking List.

EVENTS IN JUNE

- 1 June: Memorial Amangeldy Imanov Open Kazakhstan Championships
- 6-7 June: Nordic and Finnish Open Championships
- 13-15 June: International Competition for Youth A Lublin Cup
- 15 June: Biathle World Tour
- 28 June: Biathle World Tour 4
- 29 June: Open Junior Championships of Poland

INSIDE UIPM

UIPM PRESIDENT

On 1 May UIPM President met with Timor Dossyembetov, UIPM Executive Board member for Development and Secretary General NOC of Kazakhstan in Almati to discuss the activities to be implemented in Central Asia to build up a stronger movement through youth in Modern Pentathlon.

President Schormann took part in the ceremony of the German Olympic Sport Association, establishment of the "Hall of Fame" 5-6 May in Berlin, where Dr Horst Köhler, State President of Germany and Dr. Thomas Bach, IOC Vice President and President of DOSB were also present alongside many celebrated German Olympic Medallists. During the celebration, President Schormann met with the Chairman of the Executive Board of DKB-Bank, Mr Günther Troppmann and Mrs Bettina Stark (Communication/Marketing) to speak about the sponsorship of the DKB European Championships 2009 in Leipzig, based on the excellent experience at the World Championships 2007 in Berlin where they were the title sponsor.

The Director of Sport, Mr Klaus Pöhle of the Ministry of Interior in Bonn was fare-welled at a ceremony on 8 May in which President Schormann was in attendance. During this time he was able to meet briefly with Minister Dr. Wolfgang Schäuble, Dr Thomas Bach, IOC Vice President and Arne Ljungqvist, IOC Member and Chairman of the IOC Medical Commission whom he was able to speak about medical issues for the Youth Olympic Games 2010 in Singapore and the Olympic Games Beijing 2008.

On 15 May, President Schormann gave a lecture at the University of Augsburg with the theme, "Olympic Games in Beijing; Chances for the Young Generation of China – steps in a changing world". After this presentation a strong debate followed with the assistance of Professor Dr. Altenberger who is Vice President of the German Olympic Academy.

President Schormann met with Mr Stefan Lauer, Executive Board member Lufthansa in Frankfurt and with Mr Horst-Werner Poppe, Lufthansa Communication to speak about the continuation of the agreement between UIPM and Lufthansa which has been in place since 1989 when Mr Schormann was at that time UIPMB Vice President for Marketing/Public Relations.

On 20 May, the President of the World Choir Association, Mr Günther Titsch discussed with President Schormann the possibilities for cultural activities during highlight competitions in Modern Pentathlon and others like Youth Olympics Games.



From 25 May – 2 June President Schormann was present in Budapest, Hungary where he convened the UIPM Executive Board meeting 27-28 May. On 29 May the opening ceremony of the "Pentathlon History Exhibition" took place today at the SYMA Sport and Event Centre. During the ceremony, President Schormann awarded Mr Ferenc Benedek, former Olympic Medallist, the Pentathlon Tree in recognition of his work and commitment as creator of the historical exhibition since 30 years. During the competition, President Schormann also meet the President of the Republic of Hungary, Mr László Sólyom, whom he presented with a large Pentathlon tree (picture left), H.S.H. Prince Albert

II of Monaco, UIPM Honorary President and Hungarian NOC President, Dr. Pal Schmitt whom he also gave a pentathlon tree.

UIPM SECRETARY GENERAL

UIPM Secretary General, Joël Bouzou attended the opening ceremony of the Fédération Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) new headquarters, "Château Les Tourelles," heralding a new home and new beginning for Volleyball's world governing body in Lausanne on 9 May.

UIPM EXECUTIVE BOARD

The UIPM Executive Board met in Budapest 27-28 May. UIPM President Mr Klaus Schormann welcomed the members of the board and delivered a report of his activities in the first part of 2008. UIPM Secretary General also presented his report to the Board including an update on the combined event, the Youth Olympic Games 2010, competition bid decisions and motions to be presented at Congress. The members for Media, Pernille Svarre and Marketing, Martin Dawe presented the second edition of the Modern Pentathlon magazine which is now available and will be distributed to the Modern Pentathlon family, media and other stakeholders shortly. Sport Director, Mauro Tirinnanzi also reported on the progress of the combined format test events, the preparations of the Beijing Olympics and the work of the Technical Committee amongst other issues.



On May 30th Martin Dawe, UIPM Board Member for Marketing, in his role of N.O.C. Member for the British Olympic Association attended a Grand Reception and Dinner at Windsor Castle in the presence of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh and Her Royal Highness Princess Anne.

The function was held to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the 1908 London Olympic Games. Distinguished guests included Jacques Rogge President of the I.O.C., Lord Sebastian Coe, Dame Kelly Holmes, Prime Minister Gordon Brown, Lord Colin Moynihan, Craig Reedie and many others from the world of sport.

Duke of Edinburgh (left) and Martin Dawe (right)

UIPM COMMITTEES

ATHLETES

After a fantastic day of competition at the Women's final of the MVM Modern Pentathlon World Championships in Budapest the Athletes Committee held their election for the new Athlete's Committee 2009-2012.

The candidates were:

Women

Omania Fakhry Abd El Hafez (EGY)
Axelle Guiget (FRA)
Georgina Harland (GBR)

Men

Sebastian Dietz (GER)
Emad Abdelrahman Aly El Geziry (EGY)
Stefano Giommoni (ITA)
Erik Johansson (SWE)
Robert Nemeth (HUN)
Andrejus Zadneprovskis (LTU)

The successful candidates and new Athletes Committee commencing 1 January 2009 are:

Women

Omania Fakhry Abd El Hafez (EGY)
Georgina Harland (GBR)

Men

Sebastian Dietz (GER)
Andrejus Zadneprovskis (LTU)

The Athletes Committee is composed of four members of different nationality – two male and two female. One of them is chairperson elected by the Members of the Committee. To be eligible an athlete must be internationally ranked in the last two seasons before the elections.

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Prof Norbert Müller, Member of the UIPM Pierre de Coubertin Commission and President of the International Pierre de Coubertin Committee has been appointed by the Vatican as a member of the Commission for Sport.

MASTERS

It is with great sadness that UIPM learnt of the passing of Helene Burn-Schweizer (mother to Ernst Burn, Masters Committee Chairman) in early May. Helene was commonly referred to as the "mother of the Masters of Modern Pentathlon". Our sincere condolences to Ernst and his family.

OTHER NEWS

NEW BALANCE

UIPM Official Sponsor, New Balance again provided an abundance of sport equipment for distribution to pentathletes and coaches during the World Championships in Budapest 29 May-1 June. In partnership with UIPM, New Balance continues to offer the Top 50 ranked pentathletes New Balance shoes, clothing, a travel bag/back pack and a fencing bag. The equipment available exclusively to modern pentathlon includes the latest in New Balance footwear technology. New Balance also provides t-shirts for competition officials for UIPM sanctioned events.

COMBINED EVENT

A new PowerPoint presentation explaining technical aspects of the combined event is now available on the UIPM website www.pentathlon.org (home page). The new rules for the 2008 combined events are also available on the website (Download/UIPM Rules).

NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

SENEGAL

In the bay of Ngor Village, 150 athletes from clubs in Dakar competed in a Biathle competition on Saturday 17 May. This was the key event for athletes to demonstrate their run/swim prowess before the African Championships in South Africa.



COTE D'IVOIRE

Close to 300 athletes, from Youth E to Senior categories, lined up in Abidjan on Saturday 10 May to partake in the "Pentathlon des Armes". This competition is the first of its type in Côte d'Ivoire that brings together clubs from both civil and military backgrounds to compete. Of those who started, only 225 completed the competition either due to the difficulty experienced in one of the disciplines or lack of endurance to finish.

The military athletes present were particularly appreciative of the competition and manifestation throughout the day. It was a good occasion to come to know their brothers in other corps of the Army's present in the country and was also an opportunity to fraternise a little on a sporting platform.

The team "A" from Groupement des Sapeurs Pompiers Militaires was declared the winner of the competition. The main sponsor of the event was Côte d'Ivoire Télécom.

NEW FEDERATIONS

During the Executive Board meeting in Budapest 27-28 May, the Board members approved the provisional active membership of Qatar and Burundi as new Modern Pentathlon Federations. The Federations will become official members at the next UIPM General Assembly in November in accordance with the UIPM Statutes.



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INTERNATIONAL SPORT

IOC

- The Coordination Commission for the Games of the XXX Olympiad in London 2008, undertook its 3rd visit to London 20-22 May. Members of the Co-ordination Commission gave a positive endorsement of the work being carried out by the London Organising Committee (LOCOG) and its partners. Led by its Chairman Denis Oswald, the Commission spent three days visiting some of the 2012 venues and hearing updates from LOCOG, the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) and other organisations involved in preparing for the Games. Speaking at the end of the visit, Denis Oswald said, "The Commission has been greatly impressed by the quality and speed with which the LOCOG and its partners have been able to progress since our last visit. The most visible element is obviously venue construction, and the progress made on the Olympic Park, in particular, is truly astounding. In all areas of preparation, we have been able to see marked progress by the London 2012 team, and this puts LOCOG on track to deliver great Games in 2012 and a great legacy beyond."
- The IOC has issued the IOC Anti-Doping rules which will be applied during the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games. The anti-doping programme will be increase from 3,600 in Athens to 4,500 in Beijing and as a general rule all top five finishers plus a further two will be tested. The tests include pre-competition controls, which have proven to be decisive. Of the 4,500 tests, around 700-800 will apply to urine EPO detection and 900 will be blood tests. The testing period will be 27 July – 24 August (opening to closing of athlete's village).
- On 12 May, IOC President Jacques Rogge wrote to the Chinese President, Jianto Hu, after hearing the news of the earthquake which had just struck China. In the letter, President Rogge expressed the support of the IOC and the Olympic Movement to the President and the people of China. The following day the IOC promised a donation of seven million yuan (one million US dollars) to support emergency rescue and recovery efforts in the affected areas. The money will be channelled through BOCOG, which will distribute it to rescue organisations.

More information about the activities of the IOC can be found at www.olympic.org.

WADA

The Executive Committee and Foundation Board of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) met on Saturday, May 10, and Sunday, May 11, 2008 (respectively), in Montreal, Canada, for the first time this year. These Executive Committee and Foundation Board meetings were also the first to be held under the presidency of the Hon. John Fahey since the commencement of his term as WADA President on January 1, 2008.

The main outcome of the meetings was a range of advanced strategies to combat doping in sport, to increase the effectiveness of the fight against doping, including further increase of Governments being actively engaged in anti-doping.

The revised International Standards for Testing (IST) and for Therapeutic Use Exemptions (ISTUE), approved by the Executive Committee at its meeting on May 10, are available online. These revised International Standards will come into force on January 1, 2009, along with the revised World Anti-Doping Code and are mandatory for Code compliance.

For further details visit <http://www.wada-ama.org/en/>



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PENTATHLON WORLD RANKING

New Balance Pentathlon World Ranking

The PWR is updated live on www.pentathlon.org after each competition.

PWR as at 1 June 2008

Women

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COMPETITION RESULTS

26 April-1 May, Bishkek, KGZ

16th Asian Championships

Women Final

1	DOLGUSHINA	Galina	KAZ	5308
2	LU	Lijiu	CHN	5156
3	YANG	Soo jin	KOR	5136

Men Final

1	KUSMOLDANOV	Nurjan	KAZ	5708
2	TEBENKOV	Eugeny	KAZ	5688
3	LIU	Rui	CHN	5476

29 April-4 May, Drzonjow, POL

European Junior Championships

Women Final

1	KOVACS	Sarolta	HUN	5720
2	SCHLEU	Annika	GER	5628
3	KHURASKINA	Ekaterina	RUS	5616

Men Final

1	MITSYK	Mihail	BLR	5732
2	MERLE	Bruno	FRA	5728
3	GIANCAMILI	Federico	ITA	5680

8-11 May, Kladno, CZE

World Cup 5

Women Final

1	MEDANY	Aya	EGY	5808
2	GRETCHICHNIKOVA	Evdokia	RUS	5748
3	FELL	Heather	GBR	5688

Men Final

1	BERROU	Jean maxence	FRA	5684
2	TYMOSHCHENKO	Pavlo	UKR	5652
3	SVOBODA	David	CZE	5612

29 May – 3 June, Budapest, HUN

Senior World Championships

Women Final

1	CAZE	Amelie	FRA	5616
2	MEDANY	Aya	EGY	5596
3	LIVINGSTON	Katy	GBR	5588

Men Final

1	FROLOV	Ilia	RUS	5796
2	SVOBODA	David	CZE	5652
3	LAPO	Yahor	BLR	5612

Women Relay

1	Hungary	5504
2	Great Britain	5468
3	Poland	5332

Men Relay

1	Belarussia	5728
2	Lithuania	5708
3	Hungary	5638

PENTATHLON IN THE ANCIENT GAMES

708 BC - Lampis of Sparta won the first ancient Pentathlon

MODERN PENTATHLON

1912 - Stockholm: First time in the Olympic Programme

1948 - London: UIPM was born

1996 - Atlanta: First time all 5 events competed in one day at Olympics

1998 - Budapest, Mexico, Monaco, Olympia and Lausanne:
UIPM 50 Years Anniversary

2000 - Sydney: First time for women in the Olympic Programme

2004 - Athens: Pentathlon home after 2712 years

2012 - London: 100 Years of Modern Pentathlon in the Olympic Games

2012 - Stockholm: Centenary Congress

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