Modern Pentathlon makes its presence felt at Sochi 2014 Winter Games

From left to right: Vice-President Juan Antonio Samaranch, President Dr Klaus Schormann, Patron His Majesty King Constantine, Honorary President HRH Albert II of Monaco, Vice-President Joel Bouzou & Secretary General Shiny Fang
Three-time World Champion Amélie Cazé announces retirement

France’s triple World Modern Pentathlon Champion Amélie Cazé (pictured, right) has decided to bring the curtain down on her glittering career this month.

The 29-year-old, who also claimed two European titles and appeared at three Olympic Games, had been one of the sport’s leading lights ever since she burst onto the scene as a precocious talent to win silver medals at both the Junior World and Junior European Championships in 2003.

Although she started training again last year, following an extended break after London 2012, and came back to win the first event of the French National Circuit last month, she hangs up her epee, goggles, whip, pistol and running shoes to embark on the next chapter in her life.

“Now that I have made my decision, it feels like a weight has been lifted off my shoulders”, she said. “It became harder and harder to stay motivated and to continue training day in day out. I was missing that spark. So I think this is the right time to retire. It is an emotional moment and I have some wonderful memories. Even though Modern Pentathlon is a small sport, we are big family”, she added. “I will miss it.”

When asked about the best moments of her career, she explained, “Collecting my first World Championships medal in 2007 gave me such a wonderful feeling but claiming gold in 2009 must be the stand-out moment after it was the objective I had set myself after the disappointment of finishing ninth at the 2008 Beijing Olympics”.

2010 was also an exceptional year for Cazé as she did the double, scooping both the World and European titles along with a whole host of wins at various international competitions. She explained, “I changed my approach and methods to my training that year and really reaped the rewards”. “I have to thank my coaches and the support they showed me throughout my career. I have a debt of gratitude to them”, she continued. Although, an Olympic medal eluded her on three occasions, she said, “I have no regrets”.

Amélie Cazé now gives way to the next generation of French athletes coming through the ranks, a team she feels “has really developed over the last couple of seasons, especially the men. They have realized they have great potential, and as a group they are challenging each other to get better and better. Recent results have shown that.”

“The women are in the process of re-building but I am convinced their new coach (recently retired Jean Maxcencce Berrou) will get the best out of them”.

With World Cup #1 getting under way next week and ushering in the 2014 Modern Pentathlon season, Cazé, who won the competition exactly nine years ago, remembered the feeling and the nerves she had before claiming the winner’s trophy. “The first competition gives you a great opportunity to see all your friends again and get your bearings for the new season. Winter training can be long and hard so getting back into the groove is vital. Doing well in the first major event of the year is a great way to put down a marker.”
She then went onto to encourage more young people to take up the sport, “Modern Pentathlon is like a family and the sport itself tests you to your very limit. It forges your character and I would tell anyone aspiring to get into it to not hesitate for one second.” When quizzed if she would ever consider a coaching role, she said, “It has never really crossed my mind, but you should never say never!”

Now though, all she is focused on is enjoying a well-deserved break away from the sport and the pressure of training. “I am looking forward to relaxing and not thinking about too much. I am sure there will be opportunities for me.”

UIPM President Dr h. c. Klaus Schormann wished Cazé the very best for the future, stating, “She was an outstanding athlete with great spirit and a real will to win. She is a great example for others to follow and will always be a true champion.”

One thing is for sure, her spirit, competitiveness and true grit will sorely be missed and she will be go down in history as one of the great pentathletes of the modern era.

She will become both a UIPM ambassador and will be an athlete role model at the 2014 Nanjing Youth Olympic Games this summer.

Modern Pentathlon debuts in style at South American Games

One of the most important events on South American soil took place this month in the Chilean capital Santiago where 14 different NOCs and 30 sports were represented at the ODESUR Games. It was the first time that modern pentathlon was included in the Games in a historical moment for the sport in this region. Pentathletes from eight different countries took part in the X South American Games in Santiago, Chile from the 8th to 10th of March. While most of the medals were won by Brazil and the host country it was great to see athletes from Argentina, Ecuador, Panama, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela also take part in the two individual events as well as the mixed relay.

The Brazilian squad showed they are making huge strides in their preparations for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games as they claimed gold in both the men and women’s draws in two terrific world class competitions.

Yane Marques (pictured, left), the London 2012 bronze medalist, easily ran away with the gold medal in the women’s event, which was held in the beautiful Bernardo O’Higgins Military Academy in Santiago.

She began by sweeping the fencing, swimming events and riding events, all of which gave her a comfortable lead going into the final event where she performed as expected and became the first ever modern pentathlon champion in the South American Games.
She was followed closely by the Chilean youngster, Javiera Rosas, who at only 18 years of age performed brilliantly before her home crowd. Javiera tied the Olympic bronze medalist for first in the fencing event, swam her personal best and then also had a clean round in the riding event with only a one second time fault. She was well ahead of Priscilla Oliveira of Brazil, who overtook Pamela Zapata from Argentina and held off the attack of Pamela’s sister, Nayelen in the combined event to take the bronze medal. Nayelen Zapata of Argentina won the combined event.

Carlos Nuzman, President of the South American Sports Organization, UIPM President Klaus Schormann and the President of the Brazilian Modern Pentathlon Federation, Helio Meirelles, awarded the medals (pictured, above, right).

When a slight technical glitch prevented the organizers from playing the Brazilian national anthem, President Nuzman and Helio Meirelles, together with their two athletes sang it with great emotion, to the delight of the crowd. The men’s event proved to be very exciting from start to finish. Local favorite Esteban Bustos, had a great first three events winning the fence and riding a perfect round, all of which gave him a comfortable lead going into the combined event. Some problems in the shooting allowed relative newcomer, Felipe Nascimento of Brazil, to surge ahead. The Brazilian’s strong performance in the combined event, which he won, allowed him to win the overall event, beating out his countryman, Danilo Fagundes, by only one second. Esteban Bustos managed to hold on to third place, ten seconds behind the winner. Leandro Silva of Argentina won the swim, while six athletes all had perfect 300 scores in the riding event.

Chile has perfect day in the mixed relay

After near misses in the individual events, the final day of the Championships, once again put Chile against Brazil to fight for the gold, in a field of 7 relays. The Chilean team made up of Javiera Rosas and Esteban Bustos (pictured, right) had a great day and won four out of five events to win the gold with 1502 points.

They only lost the swimming event to the Brazilian team of Priscilla Oliveira and Felipe Nascimento who took the silver with 1428 points. The bronze went to the Argentine sister brother team of Nayelen and Emanuel Zapata. Ecuador, Venezuela, Panama and Peru took the remaining places in that order.

Ivar Sisniega, UIPM First Vice President, Jorge Salas, President of the South American Modern Pentathlon Confederation the President of the Chilean Olympic Committee, Neven Ilic, and Aldo Massardo, President of the Chilean Modern Pentathlon were all there to witness the outstanding success of the event.
World Cup #1 Cancelled

After conferring with the athletes and with conditions in Acapulco unfavourable to the health of the horses, the decision has been taken to cancel the remainder of World Cup #1. There will now be no Men’s Final or Mixed Relay.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann stated, “With the well-being and health of horses the highest priority for both the Union and athletes, we must prematurely end the competition. After much discussion, the consensus has been that we could not and should not continue. I would like to thank the athletes for their respect and sportsmanship, it would not have been fair to go ahead. We are a sport that strongly promotes animal welfare and the conditions were less than ideal for the horses”, he added.

Acapulco Open provides opportunity for developing nations to compete with international stars

Manuel Padilla was victorious in the Men’s draw with the Mexican taking third place in the swim and with the fastest time in the combined, he had the perfect platform with which to go on and triumph following a solid ride.

Following his victory, the lightening fast Mexican told us, “I am really happy to get a results here, to perform at home gives me a lot of confidence. My friends and my Federation worked hard to get this competition today and we give people a good show.

On his ambition for the rest of the season, Padilla added, “You never know in Pentathlon but my aim is to get in Top 15 at World Championships. I will work hard to make it happen but I believe that I can do it”.

When quizzed about his blistering speed around the combined event, he said, “The combined is my best because I am fast, but I can go event faster. Fencing I can still work on and my swimming is getting better but today it was all about taking the opportunities and I am happy that I win this title.”

Oktawia Nowacka (pictured, left) from Poland, who confirmed her solid end of season last year, was unstoppable in Women’s competition as a perfect ride, 2nd places in both the swim and the combined, and 3rd in fence ensured she won the competition in style. She was delighted with her win, declaring, “It is very good for me. I swam good and I did not panic in combined, riding was fine so am happy.”
Francesca Gandolfo crowned Italian Champion

At the Italian Open Modern Pentathlon Championships in Rome last month, young Francesca Gandolfo (pictured, right) excelled as she took an impressive gold in the senior women’s draw. Nicolas Benedetti took the men’s title.

In the fencing, an impressive haul of 23 victories on the pistes put her in command of the provisional standings with 274 points.

Tactically astute and great with her defences, her skills with the epee were undeniable.

In the 200m freestyle swim, a time of 2:15.60 added another 294 points to her total score as she held on to her lead in the standings. By now she was brimming with confidence and a third place overall in the equestrian event ensured she began the combined in pole position.

The conditions were difficult in the final event with heavy rain making the run/shoot course tricky for the competitors. Francesca Gandolfo however made no mistake as she finished first to claim her long awaited national title. The President of her Pentathlon Club in Asti, Louis Giardullo, was full of admiration for her, "It’s been a fantastic event! I’m very happy for Francesca, who had a troublesome year in 2013 with a knee injury and a slow rehabilitation. Her mental strength and her talent have allowed her to return to these levels in such a short time”.

Silver went to Lavinia Bonessio whilst Alice Sotero took bronze. London 2012 stars Samantha Murray of Great Britain (pictured, right) and Chloe Esposito of Australia with the former victorious in the open competition.

In the men’s event, Nicolas Benedetti produced a master class in the combined event to win it ahead of defending champion Riccardo De Luca and Pier Paolo Petroni. Benedetti’s time of 11:05:30 saw him beat De Lucca to the title. In the Juniors, Gloria Tocchi was victorious in the women’s draw with Giuseppe Mattia Parisi the best in the men.

Robert Kasza and Sarolta Kovacs delight home crowd with Budapest Indoor titles

The first international meeting of the year saw several of the world’s top pentathletes converge on the Hungarian capital to take part in the annual Budapest Indoors, and the action did not disappoint.

It was great test for the competitors to find out where they were both physically and mentally as the start of the 2014 season.

With 60 men and 60 women from 14 different nations all hungry for success and eager to make their mark early on, it was a thrilling couple of days which saw the hosts emerge victorious in both draws. As tradition, the women took to the fencing pistes first with the men heading to the 8 lane 50m pool before switching. It was a fencing ultramarathon with a total 3540 one-touch bouts across both genders taking place on 10 pistes over the course of 5 hours. A test of skill, endurance and mental toughness for all participants.
Victory in the women’s fence went two Belarusians with Tatsiana Yelizarova and 21-year-old Katsiaryna Arol, the reigning Junior European Champion and one the deadliest athletes around with the epee, each battling to 45 victories and claiming 266 points. The new 2014 scoring system was implemented for this competition. Melanie McCann of Canada was third.

The quickest swimmer in the men’s event was Italy’s Fabio Poddighe after he clocked a time of 2:02.48 in the pool as the Hungarian pair of Robert Kazsa (pictured, right) and Adam Marosi came second and third respectively. After that, Raman Pinchuk’s 46 victories on the pistes saw him win the fencing event as Kazsa moved up to top the charts before the ride. Having looked in stunning form with his epee with 43 victories, Kasza was oozing confidence and looked pumped in front of his home crowd. Marosi, who had won the Hungarian National epee fencing championships in late 2013, was surprisingly below-par and came 22nd in the fence.

The two fastest women in the water were Great Britain’s 2012 Olympic silver medallist Samantha Murray and her compatriot Alice Fitton, with the former setting a time of 2:11.52 and moving up to first place after two disciplines. Third place in the pool went to Hungary’s Sarolta Kovacs.

The riding, which took place indoors, at one of the oldest clubs in Hungary, had a time limit of 1m05s and had 10 obstacles with one double and no triple. Emerging victorious from the equestrian event in the women’s draw was Youth A World Champion Ieva Serapinaite from Lithuania with the 18-year-old looking assured around the course and making no mistake. 10 other riders had perfect scores with the organisers providing top quality horses. With just the combined to go, it was European Champion Zsofia Foldhazi who went into the lead and the Hungarian star would start the run/shoot event 1 second ahead of Ieva Serapinaite with Arol in third and McCann in fourth.

With Kazsa and Pinchuk both flawless in the men’s riding, they would begin the final event three seconds apart with the Hungarian first of the two. Kasza made no mistake with his pistol, calm and confident, he was steady at the range and comfortably went on to win the title, setting the third fastest time around the course in the process. This bodes well for his season after a shoulder injury derailed his campaign last time around.

Pinchuk had enough about him to defend his second place as he took silver whilst World No. 1 Justinas Kinderis from Lithuania made his way up from 7th on the starting grid to record an impressive time of 10:48.62 and claim the final podium place.

Marosi was fourth overall with Poddighe coming fifth.

A blistering time in the women’s final event saw Hungary’s Sarolta Kovacs (pictured, above) leapfrog the front of the pack, after both Foldhazi and Serapinaite struggled in the first round of shooting at the range, and she held on to her lead on her way to recording the third fastest time overall and clinching top spot just ahead of Spain Marta Garcia-Miguel in second and Great Britain’s Kate French in third.

Arol ended her campaign in fourth and Foldhazi fifth.
Spas and Mordasov triumph at Ukraine Winter Nationals

This month saw the Ukraine Winter Modern Pentathlon Championships take place in the capital Kiev with five days of top quality competition as the best athletes from around the country turned up to battle it out for supremacy on their home turf. The first three days were dedicated to the Senior athletes with the last two determining who were the best in the Youth A, B and C categories.

Another tour de force by 20-year-old Anastasia Spas (pictured, right), currently ranked No.29 in the world, showed once again that she is one of the rising stars of Modern Pentathlon.

The 2013 Junior World Championships silver medallist was not only the best fencer amongst the women with 250 points but was also the fastest in the pool, with a time of 2:10.89.

From there, she had enough about her to move clear of her pursuers in the combined to take the National title ahead Catherine Shuplyakova and Valeria Permykina in 2nd and 3rd places respectively.

In the men’s, it was Oleksander Mordasov who claimed the title after having shone early with only three defeats on the fencing pistes as he collected 290 points to begin his campaign in the best possible way.

Ruslan Nakonechny’s sensational time of 1:58:08 in the water gave him the perfect platform to go on and clinch silver with 2013 World Cup #3 gold medallist Pavlo Timoshchenko taking bronze.

In the Youth draws, there was some fledgling talent on show with Anton Kuznetsov and Jana Polishchuk impressing on route to the Youth A titles.

Kirim Shekhmametiev was the best male in the Youth B draw whilst the women’s gold went to Elena Zubchevskaia. The winner amongst the Youth C men was Ruslan Maseykin as Alexandra Yudina showed her mettle to triumph in the women’s Youth C competition.

Ekaterina Khuraskina shines at All-Winter Russian tournament

Russian World No. 9 Ekaterina Khuraskina twice stood at the top of the podium at the All-Winter Russian tournament in Moscow as she recorded victories in both the individual and relay events this month.

The 23-year-old was in fine form in her home city, showing her prowess in each discipline to dominate right from the onset. Proving her skills in the individual event, she then teamed up with Olga Karmanchikova and Anna Savchenko to win the relay.

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COMPETITION INVITATIONS:

**World Cup Series:**
- 2014 WORLD CUP #2 Cairo Egypt Invitation letter - Cairo (EGY) – 02-06 April
- 2014 WORLD CUP #3 Chengdu China Invitation letter - Chengdu (CHN) – 16-21 April
- 2014 World Cup #4 Kecskemet Hungary Invitation letter - Kecskemet (HUN) – 30 April-05 May

**International Competitions:**
- International Budapest Championships for Peridot Cup - Budapest (HUN) – 4-7 April
- 17th Swiss Women International Competition Invitation - Bern (SUI) – 22 March
- Polish International Trophy - Drzonkow (POL) – 25-27 April

**Youth:**
- USA Open YOG Ranking International - Colorado Springs (USA) – 10-14 April
- Portuguese International Trophy - Pataias (POR) – 11-13 April
- 20th Trofeu Internacional ‘Vila de Sant Boi’ - Sant Boi, Barcelona (ESP) – 25-27 April
- Hristo Chochev Memorial - Pazardjik (BUL) – 26-27 April (Youth A, Youth B, Youth C)
- Youth A World Championships - Budapest (HUN) – 14-19 May
- Czech Open Youth “A” (Under19) Championships - Prague (CZE) – 27 June-01 July
- 2nd Trophée Ulysse Open Youth Mediterranean Cup - Perpignan (FRA) – 28-29 June (program)

**Junior:**
- Milan Kladic Memorial Czech Junior Open Championships - Prague (CZE) – 12-13 April (timetable)
- Junior World Championships - Drzonków (POL) – 20-26 May

**Masters:**
- International Nordrhein Westfälische Classic Masters - Neuss (GER) – 9-11 May 2014
- German Int. Masters - Minden (GER) – 4-5 June 2014 Invitation (EN, DE) Entry form (EN, DE)

CAMP INVITATIONS

Training camps:
- Colorado Springs International Training Camp - Colorado Springs (USA) – 1-22 March 2014
- World Cup #2 Cairo Training Camp - Cairo (EGY) – 16-31 March 2014
- Joint-Development Camp UIPM-EMPA – Cairo (EGY) – 31 March-7 April
- Development Training Coaching Camp #2 - Pataias, Distrito de Leiria (POR) – 4-11 April
- Development Training Coaching Camp #3 - tbc (ARG) – 28 April-8 May
- Development Training Coaching Camp #4 - Laem Mae Phim, Rayong Province (THA) – 11-18 May
- Development Training Coaching Camp #5 - Irish Sport HQ, Dublin (IRE) – 30 June-7 July
- Development Training Coaching Camp #6 - Guelph, Ontario (CAN) – 1-11 July
- Development Training Coaching Camp #7 - tbc (MAS) – 22-30 September
- Development Training Coaching Camp #8 - tbc (RSA) – 1-9 October
- Development Training Coaching Camp #9 - tbc (UAE) – 4-13 December
News from around the Modern Pentathlon World

2008 Olympic Champion Lena Schöneborn looking to the future

After finishing her studies and started her traineeship at Deutsche Post DHL, German Lena Schöneborn (pictured, left) looks forward to another challenge along with her athletic career.

The 2008 Beijing Olympic gold medallist will join the advisory board of the Deutsche Sportlotterie ("German sports lottery") in a project initiated at the end of last year by discus gold medalist Robert Harting and entrepreneur Gerald Wagener which aims to develop new funding models for athletes in Germany.

"My job as a board member will be to contribute to a fair and athlete-oriented use of funds together with the other members," said the 27-year-old Schöneborn.

Keeping her sporting goals for this upcoming season, Schöneborn intends to compete and make an impact in the 2014 World Cup Series as she plans trips to Mexico, Egypt and Budapest with the focus on qualifying for the World Cup Final before turning her attention to one of the season’s main highlight, the World Championships in the Polish capital Warsaw in September.

Australia hold ‘Ultimate Fencing / Modern Pentathlon Camp’ in Melbourne

Over sixty (60) participants plus coaches from all Australian states as well as New Zealand travelled to Melbourne for a three weapon (25 epeeists) intensive camp for elite and sub elite athletes, a junior development camp plus specialist Laser shooting training using the equipment gifted by the UPM and Eko-Aims.

All participants enjoyed the variety offered by pentathlon and it was amazing how quickly many adapted to the shooting element. The New Zealand athletes returned home with a renewed enthusiasm and ideas as to how to create a shooting range at their fencing clubs. A very successful camp that will be come an annual event on the Victorian calendar.

Modern Pentathlon Federation of India seeks Sports Ministry recognition

Modern Pentathlon Federation of India, among the new national sports bodies recognised by the Indian Olympic Association, has sought recognition from the union sports ministry. “We have written to the Sports Ministry for recognition and we are hopeful it would be granted soon,” said Namdev Shiggaonkar, Founder Secretary of the Federation and an executive council member of IOA, at a media conference.
“There are various types of recognition granted by the ministry, including at no cost to the government,” he explained.

The Kabaddi player turned sports administrator, who has also dabbled in other games like basketball, softball and fencing, said India can win medals in pentathlon at the upcoming Incheon Asian Games.

“We can win medals at the Asian Games,” said Shirgaonkar confidently, though in the last Asian Championship held in September-October 2013 at Astana in Kazakhstan, India’s Angad Sahlot finished a distant 30 out of 33 competitors.

Though pentathlon also involves a costly discipline like horse riding, along with shooting, swimming, cross country running and the largely-unknown fencing, Shirgaonkar is confident Indian youth can take up to this gruelling event. MPFI, headed by Sunil Purnapatre, is also a member of world governing body UIPM and the continental body AMPC.

**Medical and Anti-Doping corner**

WADA Athlete Outreach educates, inspires and creates awareness

WADA’s Athlete Outreach team was in full swing at Sochi 2014 with its team of six anti-doping proponents spreading the message of clean sport to athletes and their entourages at the XXII Olympic Winter Games in Russia.

WADA has three separate Outreach booths stationed in the Coastal, Mountain and Endurance Cluster Athlete Villages, where its team of dedicated doping-free sport representatives had been interacting with athletes and their support personnel on a one-on-one basis, providing them with useful information on anti-doping. Athletes have also been taking part in a unique Play True Quiz, an interactive game that has been showcased at major sporting events across the world. You can play the quiz [HERE](#)

**Study suggests coaches are crucial to anti-doping attitudes amongst athletes**

A study examining Scottish coaches’ perspectives on anti-doping has highlighted the influence a coach can have on an athlete’s views.

The WADA-commissioned study – which was carried out by the University of Stirling and included interviews by coaching and anti-doping experts at Scotland’s University for Sporting Excellence with Scottish performance sport coaches – found that the country’s anti-doping record is heavily linked to coaches’ anti-doping attitudes, but also suggested that the coach’s role is not being maximized as it should.

“We found there was a strong stance from Scottish coaches towards anti-doping and their ethos is based on athletes achieving success through hard work and not through taking any shortcuts,” explained Dr Justine Allen, Lecturer in Sports Coaching and lead author of the study. “In that respect, the foundations are there, but many coaches said they lacked knowledge around anti-doping and for some it was a low priority due to the established anti-doping culture in the UK and few incidents in their sport.

“There are very good examples of anti-doping best practice and integrated programmes in some governing bodies, but this tends to be in sports with a history of doping issues internationally when it should be across the board. There is a need to establish clear roles and responsibilities within each governing body of sport in relation to anti-doping.

“It might be the responsibility of the coach, an anti-doping officer or the physio; it’s up to the governing body to determine the best fit for them, but the crucial thing is that they define the responsibilities clearly as it should be an around the clock role – not just at a tournament or doctor’s appointment.
“If it is clear where the responsibility lies, it becomes a priority for them and they are more likely to ask themselves if they know enough and seek out available education,” added Dr Allen.

WADA President Sir Craig Reedie said: “This study has been insightful in highlighting the importance of anti-doping policies, and the role coaches and the athlete entourage may play in influencing athletes.

“Whilst the study offers just a snapshot from one country, it certainly validates the view that WADA has towards athlete support personnel and the fact that those who surround the athlete, including coaches, can strongly influence an athlete’s decision-making. This influence is an area that has been reflected by WADA in the revised World Anti-Doping Code, which will take effect from January 1, 2015.

“The results of this study show that education of athletes and their support personnel is a crucial part of any anti-doping program. At WADA, we provide many resources aimed at providing anti-doping information to athletes, coaches and other stakeholders such as teachers and physicians so that those involved can make the right decisions.”

The study recommended developing further case study examples on how and when to engage athletes and coaches in anti-doping conversations and experiences, and integrating anti-doping information into wider topics such as optimising performance preparation and recovery where discussion might include nutrition and supplement use as well as anti-doping.

The findings, however, also discovered the coaches’ limitations. Dr Allen said: “I don’t think the coaches can be absolved of responsibility towards anti-doping, and all of the coaches we interviewed agreed with that, but while the public might think it should be the coaches’ responsibility, the coaches we spoke to were clear they don’t have full control over what the athletes do.

“In Scotland most athletes are not full-time professional athletes, nor are the coaches necessarily, so they don’t see one another all the time and there is a lot of trust and responsibility put on the athlete for instance if they go to their GP, it’s up to them to intimate they are a competing athlete so they don’t receive medication which contains a banned substance,” she added.

**Modern Pentathlon Anti-Doping officers and Medical Delegates hard at work in the Americas**

Dr Marco Michelucci was in Acapulco where extensive testing was carried out at both the World Cup #2 competition and the Acapulco Open before the Brazilian Medical Delegate travelled to the Chilean capital to attend the South American Games.

There Dr Michelucci and Professor Eduardo Henrique De Rose, the Chairman of the Medical Commission of PASO, exchanged several ideas on observations made in their various reports around doping control. The two posed for pictures with UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and Brazilian Modern Pentathlon Federation President Helio Mereilles (pictured, above).
For the 2014 Olympic Winter Games, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann travelled to Russia with Secretary General Shiny Fang to attend the 126th IOC Session where they spoke with IOC Members to brief them about the new steps in the Modern Pentathlon Movement linked to the new development system for new UIPM federations and the projects from the new UIPM ‘Sport for All Commission’.

Based on the growth in participation in the Modern Pentathlon sub-sports, including World School Biathlon, Biathle and Triathle, it was important that UIPM have a strong presence at the Session.

The Session itself concentrated on the Agenda up until 2020 where IOC President Dr Thomas Bach called on members of the Olympic Movement to contribute directly to the debate on ‘Olympic Agenda 2020’.

The debates centred around three overarching themes of sustainability, credibility and youth, and were structured into five themes: Uniqueness of the Olympic Games, athletes at the heart of the Olympic Movement, Olympism in action: keeping Olympism alive 365 days a year, the IOC’s role: unity in diversity, and the IOC structure and organisation.

Working Groups were set up to bring together the contributions. The process will culminate in Monaco on 6 and 7 December 2014 when proposals for Olympic Agenda 2020 will be presented for approval to an IOC Extraordinary Session.

“We have had lively and constructive discussions,” said President Bach. “But the dialogue is far from over and it is important that we receive as many contributions as possible. I would particularly like to hear the individual views of members of our key stakeholders: the National Olympic Committees and the International Federations. But of course we would welcome the views of members of the public who are interested in having a say in the future of the Olympic Movement. Every contribution is welcome.”

The IOC Session also presented the new IOC Executive Board members and new IOC members with the election of the Chairperson of the IOC Athletes Commission.

During the Olympic Winter Games, Dr Schormann visited many Olympic competitions and met during these days with different NOC’s to promote Modern Pentathlon. He prepared with them some steps to create new national federations for UIPM.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann also met UIPM Vice President for Business Affairs Viacheslav Aminov and UIPM Vice President Joel Bouzou to discuss sport and educational matters (pictured, right).
President Dr Klaus Schormann took part in the AIPS award ceremony for long-term serving journalists at Olympic Winter Games in the Austria Tirol House.

During this ceremony Dr Schormann discussed together with IOC EB Member Professor Dr Ugur Erdener (also NOC President of Turkey and President of World Archery Federation) and Prof. Dr. Hans Michael Ockenfels future projects in the field of medicine for the health of athletes (pictured, left).

Dr Klaus Schormann also represented and promoted at receptions of various NOC's UIPM and it sub-sports.

He took part in the reception of the European Olympic Committees where EOC President Patrick Hickey and the Government of Azerbaijan, represented by Sport Minister and CEO European Games in Baku 2015 Mr Azad Rahimov were all present.

On 11 February, Dr Schormann took part in the ASOIF meeting in Sochi, where IOC Director for Sport Christophe Dubi (new Executive Director for the Olympic Games Department) briefed the IF Presidents and Secretary Generals about the situation and preparations of the Olympic Summer Games 2016 in Rio de Janeiro.

ASOIF President Francesco Ricci Bitti discussed with the IF's the report including the information given by different IF's based on their experience in present time.

UIPM President Dr Schormann then met with Legal Adviser Professor Michael Geistlinger on the 15 February at the IOC Club to discuss the new UIPM rules and the administration management and the medical rules linked to the new WADA code 2015.

The CEO of the Olympic Broadcasting Services (OBS) Yiannis Exarchos invited UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann on the 17 February to the MPC to discuss the Olympic Summer Games 2016 linked to Olympic Broadcasting of Olympic Sports.

Maxim Sitsky and Dimitry Chukovsky joined UIPM President in this TV meeting (picture d, left).

Olympic Broadcasting Services (OBS) was created by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in 2001 in order to serve as the Host Broadcaster organisation for all Olympic Games, Olympic Winter.

OBS is responsible for developing a consistent approach across Olympic operations while at the same time optimising resources to continually improve the efficiency of the Host Broadcast operation.

OBS does so to ensure that all IOC contractual obligations are fulfilled and the Games’ Rights Holding Broadcasters (RHBs) are satisfied with the overall television production of the Olympic Games.
On 18 February, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, UIPM Vice President Joel Bouzou in his position as President of the World Olympians Association (WOA), and UIPM Honorary Member and IOC Member Dr Pal Schmitt attended the International Committee for Fair Play Awards, where Dr Jenő Kamuti rewarded athletes and the Russian NOC for their fair play with regards to the Olympic Winter Games in Sochi.

26 February-03 March – Acapulco, Mexico

Having travelled to the Pacific resort of Acapulco, UIPM President Dr Schormann held several important regional meetings with members from the Pan-American region alongside UIPM First Vice President Ivar Sisniega and Secretary General Shiny Fang about the future steps and policies around the development of Modern Pentathlon and its sub-sports, all with the focus on the period leading up to the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

They met NORCECA President Juan Manzo Oranegui who briefed UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann about his activities in the different countries to develop Modern Pentathlon through Biathle and Triathle, and other initiatives such as the World School Biathlon and various Training and Development camps.

In Acapulco, Dr Schormann was also paid a visit by the former Secretary of the State of Florida and Congresswoman Kathrine Harris, who is the chairperson for the organising committee of the World Cup Final which will take place from 6-8 June at the Sarasota Polo Club at Lakewood Ranch in Sarasota-Bradenton, USA.

Mrs Harris, a long-term fan of Modern Pentathlon, was accompanied on her visit by USA Pentathlon President and UIPM Business Affairs Delegate, former pentathlete Rob Stull, as well as by USA Pentathlon Media Director John Amabile (pictured, below).

They discussed at length preparations for the event, which will feature some world class hospitality and will provide a real showcase for the sport. The new event logo was also presented to Dr Schormann, a logo created by seniors Mariana Silva and Greg Mako from the Ringling College of Art and Design.

UIPM Communications & Marketing Manager James Hamill-Reeves had the week prior to this meeting visited Sarasota to be present at the unveiling of the logo and to visit the facilities that will host the competition in June. He also met the representatives of Grapevine Communications, which is handling advertising, marketing and public relations for the World Cup Final, as well as talking to people from the local press before attending a fundraising event.
For this year’s edition of the South American Games, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann visited the Chilean capital Santiago to witness Modern Pentathlon making its very first appearance in the multi-sport event. He spent a lot of time with UIPM First President Ivar Sisniega, and Jorge Salas, President of the South American Confederation for Modern Pentathlon.

He joined the Congress of the South American NOC, which was chaired by Brazilian NOC President Carlos Nuzman, also an IOC Honorary Member, as they discussed the present Games and future activities in South America.

Recognition and thankfulness. That was the tone of the speech of the President of the South American Sports Organization – ODESUR, Carlos Arthur Nuzman at the opening of the ODESUR General Assembly, held on this Friday morning, March 7th, in Santiago.

When opening the meeting, Nuzman made a special thanks to the Chilean government, the Olympic Committee of Chile and the Organizing Committee for the X South American Games Santiago 2014 for the determination to hold this competition.
“The ODESUR recognizes the effort and commitment of Chile to make the South American Games after the earthquake in 2010, which unfortunately made so many victims”, said Nuzman. He also thanked the work of the 14 National Olympic Committees comprising the ODESUR for the development of the sport in South America. “The sport in our continent has grown greatly due to the hard work of every Olympic Committee in their countries.”

During his stay, President Dr Schormann met with different Sport Ministers from South America including Gabriel Ruiz Tagle Correa form Chile, where they discussed the importance of sport as factor for a more peaceful world, for the better integration of different societies as well as health and education through sport. They spent a lot of time with Sport Minister of Chile and Chile NOC President Neven Ilic Alvarez (pictured, above).

In most of the meetings with the various NOCs, UIPM President Dr Schormann was joint by First Vice President Ivar Sisniega and Jorge Salas, President of the South American Confederation for Modern Pentathlon. Together they could prepare for two new federations to join the Union: Bolivia and Colombia

A very special discussion was had with Chile NOC President Neven Ilic Alvarez concerning the future of Modern Pentathlon development and competitions in Chile.

The President of Chile National Federation Aldo Massardo took part in these meetings and got respect linked to the excellent organization of the competition with the support of the Chilean Army. They were often joined during the Games by Helio Meirelles, President of the Brazilian Modern Pentathlon Association as well as members of the Venezuelan delegation (pictured, above). The South American Games showed the success of Modern Pentathlon on the continent, with a real family atmosphere showing the passion of all involved. Pictured below are all the former pentathletes of Chile.
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The PWR is updated live on www.pentathlon.org after each competition. PWR as at 28 February 2014:

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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
2010 – Singapore: First ever Youth Olympic Games
2012 – London: 100 Years of Modern Pentathlon in the Olympic Games
2013 – First ever Biathlon Triathlon World Championships

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