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UIPM 2015 - Major Competitions

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UIPM Competitions
2014 Review

World Cup #1 - Cairo, Egypt (2-6 April 2014)

Men's Individual:
1 – Riccardo de Luca (Italy)
2 – Christopher Patte (France)
3 – Jan Cuf (Czech Republic)

Women's Individual:
1 – Laura Asadauskaite (Lithuania)
2 – Oktawia Nowacka (Poland)
3 – Qian Chen (China)

Mix-Relay:
1 – Donata Rimsaite and Dmitry Suslov (Russia)
2 – Barbora Kodedova and Jan Kuf (Czech Republic)
3 – Gloria Tocchi and Riccardo de Luca (Italy)

World Cup #2 - Chengdu, China (16–21 April 2014)

Men's Individual:
1 – Ilia Frolov (Russia)
2 – Robert Kasza (Hungary)
3 – Jianli Guo (China)

Women's Individual:
1 – Qian Chen (China)
2 – Oktawia Nowacka (Poland)
3 – Wanxia Liang (China)

Mix-Relay:
1 – Woojin Hwang, Soo Jin Yang (South Korea)
2 – Stanislau Zhurauliou, Tatsiana Yelizarova (Belarus)
3 – Haihang Su, Xiaonan Zhang (China)
World Cup #3 - Kecskemét, Hungary (30 April-5 May 2014)

Men's Individual:
1 – Adam Marosi (Hungary)
2 – Aleksander Lesun (Russia)
3 – Robert Kasza (Hungary)

Women's Individual:
1 – Oktawia Nowacka (Poland)
2 – Xiaonan Zhang (China)
3 – Lena Schoneborn (Germany)

Mix-Relay:
1 – Zhaohong Cai and Yufei Bian (China)
2 – Ondrej Polivka and Lucie Grolichova (Czech Republic)
3 – Justinas Kinderis and Lina Batuleviciute (Lithuania)

World Cup Final - Sarasota, United States (5–9 June 2014)

Men's Individual:
1 – Aleksander Lesun (Russia)
2 – Pavlo Tymoshchenko (Ukraine)
3 – Ilia Frolov (Russia)

Women's Individual:
1 – Oktawia Nowacka (Poland)
2 – Laura Asadauskaite (Lithuania)
3 – Qian Chen (China)

Mix-Relay:
1 – Aleksander Lesun and Ekaterina Khuraskina (Russia)
2 – Qian Chen and Jianli Guo (China)
3 – Justinas Kinderis and Laura Asadauskaite (Lithuania)
Senior World Championship - Warsaw, Poland (1–9 September 2014)

Men’s Individual:
1 – Aleksander Lesun (Russia)
2 – Amro El Geziry (Egypt)
3 – Jan Kuf (Czech Republic)

Women’s Individual:
1 – Samantha Murray (Great Britain)
2 – Qian Chen (China)
3 – Wanxia Liang (China)

Men’s Relay:
1 – Valentim Belaud and Valentim Prades (France)
2 – Stanislau Zhurauliou and Raman Pinchuk (Belarus)
3 – Woojin Hwang and Woo Jin Lee (China)

Women’s Relay:
1 – Qian Chen and Wanxia Liang (China)
2 – Camilla Lontano and Lavinia Bonessio (Italy)
3 – Annika Schleu and Lena Schoneborn (Germany)

Mix-Relay:
1 – Justinas Kinderis and Laura Asadauskaite (Lithuania)
2 – Joseph Evans and Kate French (Great Britain)
3 – Szymon Staskiewicz and Oktawia Nowacka (Poland)
The UIPM Executive Board has the pleasure to announce that the 1st UIPM Laser-Run World Championships, which will take place in 2015, has been awarded to France.

The Laser-Run is the latest original creation and individual competition of UIPM, coming from its’ Combined Event discipline which was launched in 2010. The Combined is a continuous run-shoot event, composed of series of laser pistol shooting and running, the distances and number of series depending on the age of the athlete.

Now with the UIPM Laser-Run event, athletes of all ages, from 8 to 80, can participate and the competition can be staged on beaches, in cities and in the countryside.

The 1st UIPM Laser-Run World Championships will be open to everybody - if you are an elite athlete wanting to test this brand new event or a spectator wanting to discover laser shooting you are completely welcome to compete against each other.

This festival will be exciting for everybody, athletes, spectators, sponsors! It’s the best way to discover Laser Shooting.

More information regarding to the 1st UIPM Laser-Run World Championships will be released in the following weeks. Various French cities have bid to host the 1st UIPM Laser Run World Championships.
Qatar will host the next three editions of Champion of Champions

The Qatar Olympic Committee (QOC) and Qatar Modern Pentathlon Federation (QMPF) have signed an agreement with the International Federation of Modern Pentathlon (UIPM) to host the 2015, 2016 and 2017 editions of the Champion of Champions event.

The agreement was signed by H.E. Sheikh Saoud Bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, Secretary General of the QOC, Mr. Fahad Saad Al Qahtani, President of the QMPF and Dr. Klaus Schormann, President of the UIPM.

Champion of Champions brings together the top 36 UIPM ranked athletes from around the globe for a one day event to crown the best male and female Modern Pentathletes in the world. First hosted by Doha in 2013, the QOC and QMPF are showing their commitment to the development of Modern Pentathlon by signing an agreement to host the next three editions, which will be held annually in November. Speaking at the signing of the agreement, H.E. Sheikh Saoud Bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, said:

“We are delighted to have signed this agreement to host the 2015, 2016 and 2017 editions of the Champion of Champions series in Qatar. The 2013 event was the first Modern Pentathlon event ever to be hosted in Doha and it was a huge success. We are excited that we now have a fantastic opportunity to build on this success and it will be an honour to work closely with the International Federation of Modern Pentathlon to showcase this Olympic sport in Qatar and across the whole of the Middle East, and assist with its global development.

“Doha has become a true global sports hub thanks to its hosting of a multitude of world-class sports events, which include the 2014 FINA World Swimming Championships, 2015 World Championships in Handball, Boxing and IPC Athletics, as well as the 2018 World Artistic Gymnastics Championships and 2019 IAAF World Championships in Athletics. It is an honour to add Modern Pentathlon to this list of prestigious events and we are so pleased that more federations and elite athletes are recognising the opportunities that Qatar offers, together with its proven abilities as a host nation.”

Modern Pentathlon, one of the oldest Olympic sports in history, will get a fresh face-lift through the hosting of the Champion of Champions series in Doha. It is still a relatively new sport in the Middle East and hosting this world-class series in Doha will enable the sport to develop in a new part of the world.

Speaking at the signing of the agreement, President of the UIPM, Dr. Klaus Schormann, said:

“We are delighted that our Champion of Champions event will be hosted in Qatar for the next three years. We were extremely impressed by Qatar’s hosting of the event in 2013 and our athletes excelled in Qatar’s outstanding facilities. Qatar is a fantastic destination for sports events and we are very proud that this event will inspire the development of a new generation of Modern Pentathletes in the region and to the growth of our sport across the Middle East. Modern Pentathlon was created by the founder of the Olympic movement, Baron Pierre de Coubertin, and promotes education through sport. There is no better sport to develop the youth of today and we look forward to working closely with the Qatar Olympic Committee and Qatar Modern Pentathlon Federation to create an exciting future for our sport.”

President of the QMPF, Mr. Fahad Al Qahtani, said:

“Modern Pentathlon is still a relatively young sport in Qatar but it is already very popular. Hosting the Champion of Champions event in Qatar will have a catalytic effect on the growth of the sport in our country and we cannot wait to get started. We are very excited to partner with the International Federation of Modern Pentathlon and raise the bar for the future hosting of Modern Pentathlon events.”
The UIPM President, IOC Commission member of Culture and Olympic Education Commission- Dr. Klaus Schormann, the UIPM Secretary General Ms. Shiny Fang, and the SportAccord Officials Mr. Nicolas and Mr. Christopher visited Taishan Sports Industry Group for the work of inspection and guidance on December 15th and 16th, 2014. Mr. Zhiliang Bian, the Chairman of Taishan Group welcomed and accompanied the tour.

Dr. Schormann and other officials visited several destinations and learned the production process and technic, such as the sport museum, Taishan Pardus Composited Materials Co., Ltd., Flexi-Roll Sports Co., Ltd., Taishan Jinrun Plastic Products Co., Ltd., the equipment factories and companies, the lawn company, the technology center and so on. They made a high recognition and appreciation on Taishan Group’s contributions for promoting the sport development and movement.

Dr. Schormann also showed great interest in the Cloud Service platform for the scientific fitness and the related products. Since the Cloud Service is combined the fashionable IT concept and the high technology, so it is going to provide the most economical private fitness service in the world. In addition, with using the gym and series of products, it has the great significance for developing the sport industry and national fitness.

The Chairman Mr. Bian introduced how Tianshan Group services and corporates with kinds of sport events and competitions. He emphasized that “in the Incheon Asian Games recently, Taishan provided all of the competition equipment to Cycling, Athletics, Judo and Wushu. This year, we have already provided more than fifty thousand pieces of sport equipment for seven international competitions”. Mr. Bian believes that, with the opportunity of this visit, Taishan Group will fully support all kinds of international competitions of Modern Pentathlon, service more outstanding Pentathletes and develop the Modern Pentathlon’s global growth in the future.

Modern Pentathlon is a unique multi-discipline sport created by the Olympic founder, Baron Pierre de Coubertin that combines fencing, swimming, riding, shooting and running, which would test a man’s moral qualities as much as his physical resources and skills, producing thereby the most ideal and complete athlete.
IOC President Thomas Bach brings inspiration to pentathletes on the way to UIPM World Cup #1

During a visit to the US Olympic Training Center, IOC President Thomas Bach, together with IOC Members Ms Anita Defrantz and Mrs Angela Ruggiero, had the opportunity to meet with pentathletes from more than 10 nations who were attending a training camp at the Centre in preparation for the UIPM World Cup #1 that will be held in Sarasota-Bradenton, FL, USA from 18-22 January.

During the visit, President Bach had the opportunity to meet with UIPM EB Member and former Pentathlete Jasnusz Peciak with whom shared several memories of the 1976 Olympic Games where both competed. The Pentathletes were happy to discuss with President Bach about their sport and training, and were motivated by this visit of the IOC President just 2 weeks before the first UIPM World Cup of the 2015 season.

Pakistan Modern Pentathlon Federation held its first National Women’s Championships

Fresh from its affiliation to UIPM, granted at the 2014 UIPM Congress in Sofia, the Pakistan Modern Pentathlon Federation (PMPF) held its first National Women’s Championships at the Punjab Stadium on January 20-21 in conjunction with the Punjab Sports Board.

The PMPF also announced that Multan would host the first National Inter-Division Women Championships in April.

UIPM delegation to attend organizers’ seminars of the World Cup #3 and #4

Between 26 and 29 March, a UIPM HQ Delegation visited Rome for World Cup #3 and Budapest/Kecskemet for World Cup #4 preparations.

In Rome, the meetings were held with Carlo Passiatore, Filippo De Liguori, Raffaella Lazzari, Catia Carramignoli, Claudio Costi, Giuseppe Longo, Federico Pasquali and Andrea Felici. Site visits were made to the Marble Stadium in the Foro Italico Sports Complex and to the Hippodrome Military Tor di Quinto, the latter the venue of the 2012 Modern Pentathlon Senior World Championships. The UIPM delegation met also with the representatives of each venue and discussed their respective facilities and availability.
In Hungary, they met with Dr. Géza Réczei, Beáta Simóka, Sándor Kármán, Anita Király and Zsófi Császári from HMPA before travelling to Kecskemét to meet with Mártom Szenes and Péter Zámbori from the Hiros-Sport company. The competition venue is the same as last year’s World Cup event so all athletes can be assured of high quality facilities. UIPM is happy to confirm continued excellent cooperation also from the Kecskemét authorities and all event participants can look forward to more cultural activities in the event programme outside of those at the competition venue itself.

**Gambia organises a five-nation sub-regional Pentathlon Championship**

Gambia was one of three African nations granted affiliation to UIPM at its 2014 Congress last November and the country wasted no time in hosting a five-nation sub-regional pentathlon championship at Poco Loco Beach in Banjul.

Senegal, Benin, Ivory Coast and Mali joined their hosts in taking part in the two-day event and Senegal was crowned champion. Participants took part in all pentathlon events except horse riding.

**The Road to Rio starts here . . . in Australia and Great Britain**

With the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro now beginning to loom on the horizon, the great sporting city of Melbourne got the 2015 competitive season underway and it was swiftly followed by high-class competitions in Great Britain.

The Australian Team Selection Trial #2 was the second selection round for Australian pentathletes to go to the Oceania/Asia Olympic qualifying event, to be held in Beijing on 1-6 June this year. Brisbane had already held the first selection round in December 2013.

In total, 34 pentathletes competed in all categories and three achieved the criteria. Chloe Esposito, Ed Fernon and Max Esposito will compete in Beijing for the right to represent Australia in Rio next year. Chloe Esposito and Ed Fernon satisfied the criteria at the Brisbane event while Max Esposito had already achieved it during the 2014 World Cup season.

The selection process was based on the official Olympic nomination criteria and all selections were endorsed by the Australian Olympic Committee.

As well as high-performance outcomes, these two competitions also served as an opportunity for junior and youth athletes to compete for the first time in a full pentathlon event. While pentathlon has a strong tradition in Victoria and New South Wales, interest has grown in two other states, Queensland and Western Australia.

At Millfield School in GBR, Kate French, the 2014 World Championships Mixed Relay silver medallist, topped the table once more at the second of three Pentathlon GB national ranking events.
In a tight contest, French took the honours 10 seconds ahead of Freyja Prentice with World champion and Olympic silver medallist Samantha Murray in third. Mhairi Spence, a 2011 World Champion, made her return to competitive action after a post-season break and produced a top ten finish. Eilidh Prise, from Aberdeen, was the surprise package of the competition. The 19 year old who has already won medals at Youth International level, was fourth just 16 points behind Murray.

French said: “It’s a good start to the year so I’m really pleased. There’s still room for improvement and I know what I’ve got to work on for next time. I really liked the ride, I had a lovely horse which made it enjoyable. I’m looking forward to the season and I’m focused on selection for the World Cup Final.”

The men’s event also produced a close finish with only four seconds separating the winner Jamie Cooke from Joe Evans and Joseph Choong in second and third respectively. Cooke’s victory reversed the outcome of the equivalent December event in which Evans came out on top. Jan Bartu, GB national performance director, said: “This is the first time ever that we’ve simultaneously run the Youth A and the Junior/Senior ranking competitions over in one day – the competition started at 08.00 and by 18.00 everything was packed and we were on our way back home. Thanks to all involved and especially those who voluntarily gave us a hand on the day.” The third and final ranking event will be at Millfield School once more on February 7.

Open Winter Championships develops on the right pace in Kazakhstan

From January 24 to 28, the city of Almaty in Kazakhstan held the Men’s Outdoor Winter Championship of Modern Pentathlon. At the meantime, triathle and biathle competitions happened with the participation of 136 athletes of all group of ages.

All results may be found @ www.pentathlon.org

Tributes to Zhenliang He

Zhenliang He, IOC Honorary Member in the People’s Republic of China, aged 85, died last January. He was a very dear friend and a strong supporter of our Sport.

Zhenliang was a hugely respected figure across the world who will always be fondly remembered for his wonderful efforts in ensuring China’s return to the Olympic Movement in addition to his exemplary service on the many Olympic Committees and Commissions throughout the years.

He was a man of great humanity who had passion, high tolerance levels, clear principles, strong discipline, fairness and respect.
WADA has completed its amendment to Section S2.1 of the 2014 List of Prohibited Substances and Methods valid from the 1st September 2014.

Hypoxia-Inducible Factor (HIF) activators Xenon and Argon have been added to the 2014 Prohibited List, following the required three-month notice period and UNESCO’s communication to all States Parties.

The recommendation to revise the List was made and approved by WADA’s Executive Committee during its May meeting.

The new List can be found in the Medical Corner of the UIPM website (pentathlon.org).

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**Tournament & Training Camp Invitations**

This is an important notice for all Athletes and Competitions organisers to continuously check pentathlon.org for all information related to invitations and visa letters. Navigate to the National Federations Portal or to http://www.pentathlon.org/competitions/invitations to stay up to date with all tournament news.

**Competition Invitations**

**World Cup #2**
Cairo, EGY
19-23 March 2015

**World Cup #2 Cairo Training Camp**
Cairo, Egypt
16-31 March 2015

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**Tournament and Training Camps**

**Winter Pentathlon/Tetrathlon**
Helsinki, Finland
6-8 February 2015

**Turkey Training Camp**
Mersin, Turkey
24 January - 15 February 2015

**Colorado Springs International Training Camp**
Colorado Springs, USA
1-22 March 2015

**World Cup #2 Cairo Training Camp**
Cairo, Egypt
16-31 March 2015
Inside UIPM: Monthly activities of President Dr Schormann

7 JAN 2015 - MEXICO CITY, MEXICO

On January 7, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and the UIPM Business Affairs Committee Member Horacio de la Vega discussed with Joe Aboumrad, General Director of Claro Sports, the possibility of future cooperation between Claro Sports and UIPM linked to the promotion of Modern Pentathlon through the special Olympic Programme of TV Claro Sports for Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

7 JAN 2015 - PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO

Dr Schormann took part in the LII PASO General Assembly, where he met Juan Manzo Oranegui, President of FMPM and NORCECA, to discuss preparations for the 2015 World Junior Championships in Mexico City (5-11 August). He also met Gary Lu, President of Absolute Fencing Gear, and Vitaly Logvin, Chair of the FIE Foundation to discuss new technology in fencing and development plans linked to the agreement signed with UIPM last year.
16 JAN 2015 - DARMSTADT, GERMANY

On January 16, Dr Schormann received in the Darmstadt UIPM Office Professor Dr Holger Preuß, professor from Johannes Gutenberg University and expert on marketing and media, and Laurens Form, responsible for ZDF/German TV’s sport program and media department assistant at Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz. Also present at the meeting were UIPM Marketing and Media Manager, Roque Teixeira, and Dr Schormann’s assistant Pagona Chronopoulos. Several strategies relating to Media and ways of attracting new audiences to Modern Pentathlon events were discussed.

19 JAN 2015 - FRANKFURT, GERMANY

On January 19, at the historic City Hall Kaisersaal in Frankfurt, the DOSB President, Alfons Hörmann, awarded Dr Schormann with the Golden Pin and Diploma of the DOSB. The award is given in recognition of outstanding services to German sport and acknowledges Dr Schormann’s achievements in 42 years working for Modern Pentathlon, including 30 years as President of the German Modern Pentathlon Federation.

21 JAN 2015 - TOKYO, JAPAN

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and Secretary General Shiny Fang met with the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games Organising Committee to discuss preparations for the Modern Pentathlon competitions including a site visit to the Tokyo Stadium. This will be the Pentathlon competition venue where 50,000 spectators will have the opportunity to enjoy all five Modern Pentathlon disciplines from the same seat and with one single ticket.

22 JAN 2015 - TOKYO, JAPAN

On January 22, President Dr. Schormann visited IOC member and Japanese NOC President, Tsunekazu Takeda, and Aki Musarato Executive, Officer for Sports and Games Operations, at the Japanese National Olympic Committee Headquarters.
Topics of discussions included the growth of Modern Pentathlon in Japan and future competitions to be held there. The UIPM President wished the Organising Committee and the NOC great success for the 2020 Olympic Games and informed them that UIPM looked forward to close cooperation over the next five years.

15 JAN - 1 FEB 2015 - DOHA, QATAR

As honor guest of International Handball Federation, Dr. Schormann attended the 24th Men’s Handball World Championship in Doha, Qatar. During his visit to the competition, which took place from January 15 to February 1, the UIPM President conducted meetings with IHF President Dr. Hassan Moustafa, who is also an ASOIF Council Member. The presidents exchanged views on sporting and political issues linked to the future Olympic Sport programme, based on the IOC’s Agenda 2020.

During his stay in Doha, Dr Schormann discussed with Dr. Muhammad Al-Sayrafi, General Manager of Anti Doping Lab Qatar, future partnerships. The first cooperation will pertain to the Champion of Champions in November 2015. The Chairman of the UIPM Medical Committee, Prof Dr Fabio Pigozzi, will be in charge of the operation to reinforce UIPM's fight against doping. Dr Schormann is sure that Qatar will be a valuable partner in all of this endeavour. A Memorandum of Understanding is in construction.

On February 1, on the day of the handball final between Qatar and France, Dr Schormann had discussions about the international sports movement in Qatar with HH Sheikh Hamada Bin Khalifa Al-Thani. The Sheikh is a former Emir of Qatar and father of Emir HH Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani, President of the QOC and IOC Member.
The PWR is updated live on www.pentathlon.org after each competition. PWR as at 15 December 2014:

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Baron Pierre de Coubertin, founder of the modern olympic games and founder of modern pentathlon.
Calendar | UIPM Competitions

February

World Cup #1
Sarasota, USA
18-23 February 2015

Biathle-Triathle World Tour #1
Dubai, United Arab Emirates
14 February 2015

March

World Cup #2
Cairo, Egypt
19-23 March 2015

Other International Competitions

February

Winter Pentathlon
Helsinki, Finland
7-8 February 2015

March

Youth A & B International
Solihull, Great Britain
13-15 March 2015

Swiss Women International
Bern, Switzerland
21 March 2015

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Key-Milestones

PENTATHLON IN THE ANCIENT GAMES
708 BC - Lampis of Sparta won the first ancient Pentathlon

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1912 - Stockholm: First time in the Olympic Programme
1948 - London: the UIPM was established
1996 – Atlanta: First Olympic Games all 5 events took place in one day
1998 – Budapest, Mexico, Monaco, Olympia, Lausanne: UIPM celebrates 50th Anniversary
2000 – Sydney: First time women pentathletes competed in the Olympics
2004 – Athens: Pentathlon home after 2712 years
2010 – Singapore: Combined event (running and shooting) and laser pistol introduced into the Olympic programme
2012 – London: 100 Years of Modern Pentathlon in the Olympic Games
2014 – UIPM joins the International Paralympic Family and the University Sports Family
2016 – Rio de Janeiro: Fencing Bonus Round in the Olympic Games