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2018 UIPM UNDER 19 TETRATHLON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



Alice Rinaudo (ITA) and Ahmed Elgendy (EGY) celebrate their success in the individual finals at the UIPM 2018 Under 19 Tetrathlon World Championships in Caldas da Rainha (POR)



2018 UIPM U19 Tetrathlon World Championships

Biggest and best gathering of tetrathlon talent

The biggest-ever gathering of teenage pentathletes assembled for the 2018 UIPM Under 19 Tetrathlon World Championships in Caldas da Rainha (POR), with more than 220 athletes taking part across seven days of competition.

The competition, formerly known as the Youth A World Championships, was a huge success and 12 individual qualifiers were confirmed for the Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games thanks to their performances.

Both Egypt and Italy managed to secure three gold medals, with Egypt enjoying a rare clean sweep of gold, silver and bronze in the Men's Individual Final.

In total, Egypt won a remarkable eight medals, four more than nearest rivals

Italy and China. France won two and there was a single medal for Hungary, Korea and Russia.

Viacheslav Malishev, UIPM Executive Board Member for Development, said: "I would like to underline that we have seen great organization here in Portugal, which is a great pentathlon country and competitions are always organized to a high level."

Joao Paulo Rebelo, Portugal's Secretary of State for Sport and Youth, who attended the Women's Relay, said: "There are good conditions for practising sports here in Portugal and we organise these events very well. We are proud of Manuel Barosso, President of the Portuguese Modern Pentathlon Federation, and I congratulate them and UIPM for staging this excellent event in Caldas da Rainha."

Manuel Barosso added: "I'm very proud as the Local Organising Committee

President to have a competition of this dimension.

"We have made a big effort to host a big competition and I believe it's the biggest ever in this category, and as a qualifying competition for the Youth Olympic Games I think we made it, with a big help from my team.

"It's only because of partnerships that we build these kind of projects, so my mission is to guarantee that we have a future for UIPM Sports in Portugal."

Women's Individual: Rinaudo (ITA) rules

Alice Rinaudo of Italy had two reasons to smile after being crowned as world U19 champion and new U19 world record-holder in Fencing.

Rinaudo (ITA) dominated the Women's Individual Final after an incredible



Two female fencers are dwarfed by the huge Bonus Round stage set up in Caldas da Rainha (POR)

performance in the Fencing Ranking Round, with large crowds clamouring to see the action. She won 33 of her bouts with only 2 defeats, enabling her to embark on the Laser-Run with a massive 45sec lead.

With six coveted places at the Youth Olympic Games at stake, it was a real statement of intent from the Italian teenager with Buenos Aires 2018 just six months away.

The real story of the Laser-Run was the battle for silver, ultimately won by Rinaudo's team-mate Maria Lea Lopez (ITA) with Gu Yewen of China picking up bronze.



Alice Rinaudo (ITA) takes aim during the Laser-Run on her way to Women's Individual gold

Egypt claimed 4th and 6th places thanks to Salma Abdelmaksoud and Amira Kandil respectively, with Argentina starlet Martina Armanazqui of Argentina finishing 5th. Italy won team gold ahead of Egypt (silver) and China (bronze).

"It was a fantastic day, the whole day," said new champion Rinaudo (ITA). "I'm so satisfied and this was my last opportunity because it's my last year at U19 level. It's such a fantastic result.

"I had a problem with my second shoot, which was not really good, and I said in my mind to remain concentrating and this was the result.



A swimmer cuts a dramatic pose from underwater during the Women's Individual Final



Alice Rinaudo (ITA) celebrates her victory at the finish line as the crowd cheers her on



"I want to go to the Youth Olympic Games. It is my dream."

FENCING

Rinaudo (ITA) was by a distance the best performer in the Ranking Round, with an astonishing score of 33V/2D.

Nobody could stay in touch with the leader but Armanazqui (ARG) created some space ahead of the pack with 26V/9D, with Lopez (ITA) and Gu (CHN) two victories behind on 24V/11D.

In the Bonus Round, Rinaudo (ITA) and Gu (CHN) each added two points to their scores.

SWIMMING

Quickest in the pool was Michelle Gulyas of Hungary with a time of 2:08.92, ahead of Abigail Edison of Canada (2:10.02 and Yuan Xin (CHN, 2:10.93).

LASER-RUN

Rinaudo (ITA) showed no sign of nerves

as she emerged from the first visit to the shooting range with no alarm. Meanwhile Abdelmaksoud (EGY) moved from 6th to 3rd.

On the second run/shoot, the leading Africans started to put some serious pressure on the leader with Marian Amer (EGY) moving up to 2nd with Abdelmaksoud (EGY) in 3rd. Rinaudo (ITA) seemed to feel some tension, losing 20sec while on the covered range.

Again the equation changed on the 3rd lap, with Armanazqui (ARG) returning to her starting position of 2nd and Gu (CHN) moving up to 4th.

The 4th and final shoot created another twist, as Lopez (ITA) leapfrogged the chasing pack with a terrific shoot to move into the silver-medal position. And she followed her compatriot home for an Italian 1-2, with Gu (CHN) holding off the Egyptian challenge to join them on the podium.

"We witnessed a great competition today, and the two days before as well with some great semi-finals," said Viacheslav Malishev, UIPM Executive Board Member for Development.

"It's the biggest U19 World Championship in UIPM history and you can see the great preparation by athletes from 35 countries from around the globe, and we saw a very interesting Laser-Run with lots of supporters following their teams. It's wonderful to see three countries from three different continents on the podium in the team event.

"The message is clear: Modern Pentathlon is a global sport around the world, both genders are represented very strongly and I cannot recall when there were more girls than boys at a competition. It's a great step in Modern Pentathlon development and a great message to the Olympic society."



The Women's Individual podium in Caldas da Rainha (POR)

Men's Individual: Elgendy (EGY) leads clean sweep

Ahmed Elgendy of Egypt was crowned Men's Individual champion on Day 4 of the championships - and he was surrounded by familiar faces on the podium.

In an extraordinary clean sweep, Egypt won all three medals as Shaban Mohanad and Alyeldin Sewilam claimed silver and bronze respectively.

The result demonstrated that Egypt's production line of pentathlon talent is as strong as ever. All three medallists finished in the top six of both Fencing and Laser-Run.

The contest for gold was not especially close, as Elgendy (EGY) crossed the line with a winning margin of 27sec. Mohanad (EGY) beat Sewilam (EGY) by 5sec and the man in 4th place, Ugo Fleurot of France, was a further 5sec behind.

Jozsef Tamas of Hungary (HUN) came home in 5th and Uladzislau Astrouski of Belarus was one place further back.

"It was hard, but I'm so happy and I can't believe I've done it," said new champion Elgendy (EGY), who has competed in three senior World Cups. "Last year I got silver at the U19 World Championships and now I have gold, so it's a huge day for me.

"I think my Fencing has been improving very well and it gave me self-confidence. I'm so excited to be going to the Youth Olympic Games. My team deserved this success because they trained very well and very hard."

Inevitably, Egypt won team gold ahead of silver medallists Hungary, with France completing the podium.

"Today is really the greatest day of my life," said Samy Awad (EGY), one of the sport's most experienced coaches. "I've been in pentathlon for 37 years



Ahmed Elgendy (EGY) savours the moment of victory as the crowd applaud him across the line



Swimmers dive into the pool during the Men's Individual Final



A line of Laser-Run competitors take aim at the shooting range

and I've joined my team at so many different competitions, and today was the biggest moment we ever had.

"For the first time, the Egypt team has finished one, two and three in a competition and it was an amazing performance – really it was our day today."

FENCING

There was no repeat of the previous day's extraordinary world-record performance by Alice Rinaudo (ITA) during a Ranking Round that was fiercely contested by the 36 male athletes.

Toby Price (GBR) topped the standings with his standout score of 25V/11D, but he was separated by only one victory from Egor Gromadskii of Russia and Elgendy (EGY), who immediately put himself in contention.

Two fencers stood out during the Bonus Round, each gathering four points to add to their score: Sewilam (EGY) and Kang Seonghyeon of Korea.

SWIMMING

Fastest in the pool was Lee Minseo (KOR) with a time of 1:58.70, but once again Elgendy (EGY) stayed close the pace with 1:59.24, with Csaba Bohm (HUN) coming in 3rd in 2:00.01.

LASER-RUN

Elgendy (EGY) started with a lead of



Two fencers compete in the Ranking Round as the judge and crowd look on

8sec from Gromadskii (RUS) with Kang (KOR) and Tamas (HUN) very close behind. Tamas (HUN) moved up to 2nd with Price (GBR) joining him in the medal hunt, and they were soon joined by Gromadskii (RUS).

Soon it became apparent that Egypt could win more than one medal, as Shaban (EGY) moved up to 3rd after the second shooting range and then up to 2nd before the final lap.

The final lap was a procession for Elgendy (EGY), who had never given any of his rivals any serious hope of catching him, and Shaban (EGY)

maintained his small lead – but the fight for bronze looked like being a battle between Fleurot (FRA) and Tamas (HUN).

That all changed when Sewilam (EGY) summoned the stamina to burst past the two Europeans and claim the final place on a very special, red-coloured podium.

"Another exciting day, another exciting final and we saw the Egyptians smash the podium. It was a great result and I congratulate all the athletes who qualified for the Youth Olympic Games," said Viacheslav Malishev, UIPM Executive Board Member for Development.



The Men's Individual podium with the three medallists from Egypt on top



Women’s Relay: Italy make it three in a row

Alice Rinaudo celebrated her third gold medal of the championships as she teamed up with Maria Lea Lopez to win the Women’s Relay for Italy for the third year in succession.

Two days earlier, Rinaudo (ITA) had won the Women’s Individual Final and Lopez (ITA) followed her home to claim the silver medal. This time the duo were on top of the podium together wearing gold medals and huge smiles.



Italy run towards another victory as Alice Rinaudo hands over to Maria Lea Lopez in the Women’s Relay

Gu Yewen, the individual bronze medallist, also returned to the podium after winning silver for China alongside Yuan Xin.

China were promoted to 2nd position after Egypt (Mariam Amer & Amira Kandil) were relegated to 3rd for the violation of a clothing rule. They had to accept bronze after being given a 10secs penalty when the Jury of Appeal ruled that they had worn non-conforming/matching clothing.

Behind the medallists, Korea (Lee Hwayoung & Yoon Yangji) finished 4th



Fierce competition on the Fencing Bonus Round piste during the Women’s Relay



High fives in the Swimming pool for the Tetrathlon team-mates



among the 20 competing nations ahead of Russia (Yana Solovyeva & Viktoria Novikova) in 5th and France (Clemence Reboisson & Elise Coste) in 6th.

Rinaudo (ITA) said: "It feels fantastic to win this gold medal. After the Fencing, we didn't believe this could happen because although we won the Fencing, we didn't have such a big score.

"But we remained positive and even after Maria's first shoot, we kept hoping, and here we are, world champions for the second time."

Lopez (ITA), who won gold in Prague (CZE) in 2017 alongside Beatrice Mercuri, added: "There isn't much difference because a World Championships gold medal always feels the same. I'm really happy to share this medal with Alice."

FENCING

Italy (Rinaudo/Lopez) were the best performers on the piste as they emerged from the Ranking Round with 29V/9D and two extra points in the Bonus Round. Egypt (Amer/Kandil) and China (Gu/Yuan) each managed 27D/11D.

SWIMMING

The fastest swimmers were Egypt



Maria Lea Lopez (ITA) crossed the line to secure another gold medal

(Amer/Kandil) with a time of 2:04.06, but China (Gu/Yuan) were not far behind on 2:04.85 and Spain (Andrea Medina Gonzalez & Laura Heredia) timed 3rd with 2:05.35.

LASER-RUN

The results of the first two disciplines were reflected in the line-up for the decisive Laser-Run. Italy (Rinaudo/Lopez) set off with a slender 6sec advantage over Egypt (Amer/Kandil) and 7sec over China (Gu/Yuan).

Gu (CHN) took the lead from Rinaudo (ITA) after the 2nd shoot and then Amer (EGY) claimed the initiative after a perfect 3rd shoot. A truly gripping contest continued on the 3rd running lap with Lopez (ITA) and Amer (EGY) leaving the range together for the final circuit.

That was where Lopez (ITA) finally made the decisive break from Amer (EGY), who managed to hold off the challenge of Yuan (CHN), finishing 2nd by only 1sec before those two places were reversed by competition officials.



The Women's Relay podium in Caldas da Rainha (POR)

Men's Relay: Korea keep China at bay

Korea demonstrated the strength of their talent pipeline yet again as Lee Minseo and Moon Juseong won gold in the Men's Relay.

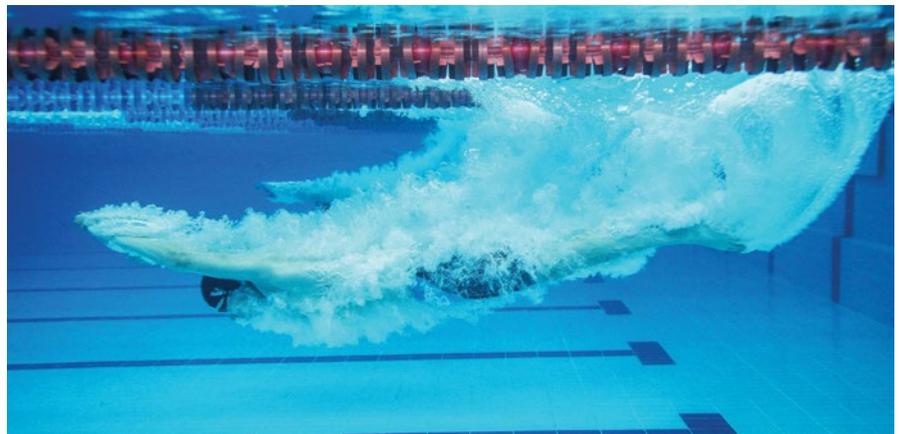
Lee & Moon (KOR) topped the standings in Fencing and held on to their advantage under pressure from China (Liu Xinglong & Wang Haoyang), who won a comfortable silver and came within 9sec of gold after an excellent Laser-Run.

The bronze medal went to 2017 champions Egypt (Alyeldin Sewilam & Mohanad Shaban), who showed great determination to deny Hungary (Csaba Bohm & Balint Katona) a prize for their efforts.

The result of that battle for bronze confirmed the occurrence of a rare phenomenon: a UIPM competition podium with no European representation. Russia (Vladimir Zabolotskikh & Egor Gromadskii) finished 5th and Italy (Giorgio Micheli & Stefano Frezza) 6th.



China's Liu Xinglong exchanges a high five with Men's Relay partner Wang Haoyang



A swimmer surges underwater during the Men's Relay



Men's Relay competitors look to make up some places in the Laser-Run



"We are really tired but this day has been so successful and we can't believe it," said gold medallists Lee & Moon (KOR), speaking through an interpreter.

"Fencing was our best performance. "Because of our age, this was our last chance to win the U19 World Championships. Our next goal is to go to the Tokyo Olympics."

FENCING

With 26V/10D it was Korea (Lee/Moon) who took the initiative in the Ranking Round, with a 13-point cushion over Egypt (Sewilam/Shaban) who scored 24V/12D.

A strong performance on the piste is especially important in Tetrathlon, with no Riding discipline, and the next-best performers with 21V/15D were Argentina (Nereo Polanco & Franco Serrano) and China (Liu/Wang).

Korea (Lee/Moon) added two points in the Bonus Round and there were four additional points for France (Kylian Perrier & Alexandre Touil).

SWIMMING

First to touch the wall in the pool were Argentina (Polanco/Serrano) in a



Lee Minseo and Moon Juseong celebrate with the gold medals they won for Korea

time of 1:51.33, with China (Liu/Wang) not far behind on 1:51.63 and Russia (Zabolotskikh/Gromadskii) also scoring highly with 1:52.02.

LASER-RUN

Korea (Lee/Moon) started with a big advantage of 29sec over Argentina (Polanco/Serrano) and 30sec over China (Liu/Wang), with Egypt (Sewilam/Shaban) only 2sec further behind.

The battle for gold was uneventful although China (Liu/Wang) did manage to reduce the deficit to 7sec at the 4th shoot. Hungary (Bohm/Katona) were the other notable performers in the Laser-Run and they very nearly denied Egypt (Sewilam/Shaban) that coveted final podium place. But this was destined to be a day of celebration for the Asian and African contingents.



Korea, China and Egypt ensured there was no European nationa on the Men's Relay podium



Mixed Relay: Third title for Egypt

Egypt secured their third gold medal of the championships as Salma Abdelmaksoud and Ahmed Elgendy claimed victory in the Mixed Relay.

The silver medal went to France (Emma Riff & Ugo Fleurot) while Russia (Iuliia Sergeeva & Oleg Kupriyanov) claimed bronze in the concluding final of the championships, which was contested by 20 nations.

For Elgendy (EGY) it sealed a fantastic championships as he added a third title to his Men’s Individual crown and team gold, and made sure his country matched the achievement of Italy in winning triple gold.

The confident Mixed Relay performance reflected the strong form the Egyptians had shown all week.

FENCING

Egypt (Abdelmaksoud/Elgendy) had a lot of catching up to do after Fencing, which was dominated by Poland (Daria Niedzialkowska & Kamil Kasperczak) – they emerged from the Ranking Round with an impressive score of 28V/10D and added two points in the Bonus Round.

Behind them, three nations – Egypt (Abdelmaksoud/Elgendy), Argentina (Martina Armanazqui & Franco Serrano) and France (Riff/Fleurot) – were tied on 24V/14D.

SWIMMING

Italy (Beatrice Mercuri & Giorgio Malan) were quickest in the pool by a slim margin. Their time of 1:55.12 allowed them to narrowly edge ahead of Belarus (Katsiaryna Etsina & Alexei Khurs) and Egypt (Abdelmaksoud/Elgendy).

The outcome of the first two disciplines was that Poland (Niedzialkowska/Kasperczak) started the Laser-Run with a 15sec lead over Egypt (Abdelmaksoud/Elgendy) with France (Riff/Fleurot) and Argentina (Armanazqui/Serrano) a further 4sec/6sec behind.



Egypt’s Salma Abdelmaksoud and Ahmed Elgendy celebrate a victory during the Mixed Relay Fencing



It’s handover time in the Mixed Relay Laser-Run



Emma Riff (FRA) takes aim at the shooting range



LASER-RUN

Abdelmaksoud (EGY) immediately sensed an opportunity to take the initiative when Niedzialkowska (POL) struggled at the first visit to the shooting range.

After the second shoot, Riff (FRA) also overtook Niedzialkowska (POL) and the most interesting issue became the battle for bronze as Elgendy (EGY) and Fleurot (FRA) took over from their partners and protected their positions.

The 3rd visit to the range proved productive for Russia as Kupriyanov moved them into the bronze medal position, and there was a 10sec gap between each of the top three. With a perfect final shoot, Elgendy (EGY) made himself impossible to catch while Fleurot (FRA) held off a strong challenge from Kupriyanov (RUS).

Behind the top three, Italy (Mercuri/ Malan) finished just outside the medals ahead of Argentina (Armanazqui/ Serrano) in 5th and Korea (Lee Hwayoung & Moon Juseong) in 6th.

Abdelmaksoud (EGY) said after receiving her gold medal: "I am so happy with this medal, and thank you to Ahmed. It was a great competition and thank you to the coaches. I have worked hard to be at this level now."



A high five in the Swimming pool for Czech Republic in Caldas da Rainha (POR)

Elgendy (EGY) added: "I think the best performance was our Laser-Run. I ran hard and we increased the gap from second place because of our running, and we are so happy about that."

"It's a very interesting event, I like to play the Mixed Relay and it increased my medals in this competition."

Rosa Mota, Portugal's 1988 Olympic champion, was a VIP guest at the Mixed Relay and she paid tribute afterwards to the participants and the local organisers, led by Manuel Barroso, President of the Portuguese Modern Pentathlon Federation.

"It's an honour for me to be here at the World Championships in Caldas da Rainha. I was watching the Portuguese athletes closely and I was very interested to see which of the athletes would qualify for the Youth Olympic Games, where I wish them all well."

"Sport is one of the most beautiful things we can do in our lives, and if we train hard we can achieve many things and realise how good it is to be good in sport, because you can make a lot of friends."

The next competition on the calendar is UIPM Pentathlon World Cup Kecskemet in Hungary from May 3-7.



The Mixed Relay podium after the final event of the championships



Youth Olympic Games: Twelve athletes secure places in Buenos Aires

With five months to go until the Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games, the line-up for the Modern Pentathlon (Tetrathlon) competition is taking shape.

Another 12 places were confirmed during the UIPM Under 19 Tetrathlon World Championships, bringing the total to 30.

Qualification works on an athlete by name basis – with a maximum quota of one male and one female athlete per country. This means that athletes who secure places earn the chance to compete – but the National Olympic Committee (NOC) of each country then has the right to select any athlete who has earned a qualifying place to participate in the Games.

The 12 athletes who secured a qualifying berth at the championships in Caldas da Rainha (POR) were Ahmed Elgendy and Salma Abdelmaksoud (EGY), Hugo Fleurot and Emma Riff (FRA), Martina Armanazqui (ITA), Anna Jurt (SUI), Alice Rinaudo (ITA), Gu Yewen (CHN), Jozsef Tamas (HUN), Uladziaslau Astrouski (BLR), Toby Price (GBR) and Moon Juseong (KOR).

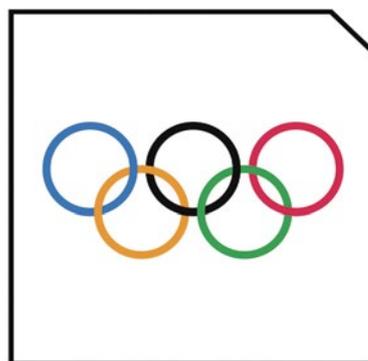
There are 12 qualifying places still to be confirmed, and these will be distributed based on the Olympic Youth Pentathlon World Ranking list on July 1, 2018. The two places reserved for the host nation, Argentina, and four universality places will then bring the line-up to 48.

The 3rd Youth Olympic Games runs from October 6-18 with three Modern Pentathlon competitions (Men's Individual, Women's Individual and Mixed Relay) taking place on October 12-14 and 16.

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



YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES



Global Laser-Run City Tour

Past and future come together in Perpignan (FRA)

Powered by the values of Olympism in a historic setting, a glimpse of the future was brought to Perpignan as the city took its turn in hosting the 2018 UIPM Global Laser-Run City Tour.

On April 6, 360 pupils from 13 schools tried their hand at Laser-Run for the first time before the GLRCT competition took place on April 7.

With age groups spanning from Under 11 to Masters, all competing at a high level, 230 athletes from the areas of southern Catalonia, Toulouse and Palmiers ran and shot in the majestic setting of the Palace of the Kings of Mallorca.

A number of qualifying places were secured at the 2018 French Laser-Run Championships, which will also take place in Perpignan in June under the stewardship of the Perpignan la Catalane Modern Pentathlon Club (PMPM), which organised the GLRCT.

Christian Roudaut, Technical Director of the French Modern Pentathlon Federation (FFPM), said: "The supporting event on April 6 was a reminder of the values of Olympism, that sport is not limited to podiums and records but instead builds bridges between cultures."

"On April 7, the logistics of the Global Laser-Run City Tour competition were expertly supervised by the PMPC and the masterful hand of the club coach, Emmanuel Clergeau.

"I want to say a big thank you to the local government in Pyrenees Orientales and its President, Hermeline Malherbe, as well as the staff of the Palace of the Kings of Mallorca whose



Four junior male athletes pose for a special Laser-Run City Tour photograph



The young athletes try their hand at laser shooting in Perpignan (FRA)

friendly and efficient management enabled a remarkable competition to take place."

The weekend was marked by a #WhiteCard demonstration as

participants joined in celebrating International Day of Sport for Development and Peace, which is part of the Peace And Sport movement founded by the FFPM President and UIPM Vice-President, Joel Bouzou.



New dawn in Guatemala and Venezuela

The rise of the Global Laser-Run City Tour continued with the first instalment in Guatemala, one of the most progressive nations in the UIPM movement in Central America.

The GLRCT visited Guatemala City on April 7, enabling the Guatemala Pentathlon Association to introduce Laser-Run to the city’s sporting community for the first time.

More than 250 athletes took part in races at the Sagrado Corazon de Jesus School and the event was supported by local commercial sponsors and by the CDAG, the Guatemala Sports Authority.

Ana Ruth Orellana, Secretary General of the Guatemalan Federation, said: “With these events the Guatemala Pentathlon Association looks to generate a buzz around modern pentathlon and find new talent.

“We look forward to the two next dates of the Laser-Run circuit of Guatemala City to be held on July 7 at the Swiss School and in November by the National Association.

“These competitions, together with the school Biathle and Triathle competitions, help our Association to identify new talent and cultivate support for the future.”

Following the success of this first Global LRCT, the Guatemala Pentathlon Association is expecting a surge of interest for the other two events in 2018, forecasting 400 athletes participating in July and more than 600 in November.

In South America, seven days after the Global LRCT, 268 youth athletes took part in a local Laser-Run awareness event in Anzoategui, Venezuela.

Cesar Rondon, Secretary General of the Venezuelan Federation, said: “Our first UIPM Laser-Run event took place in Anzoategui on April 14 and it was



Female athletes lead their male counterparts from the start line



Volunteers come together for a photograph by the water in Guatemala City (GUA)



Junior athletes rush to get to the Laser-Run shooting range

very well received by the hundreds of young athletes who took part and also the general public.

“We are hopeful that we can use the success of this event as a springboard for more Laser-Run development both locally and internationally.”

The UIPM Global Laser-Run City Tour was created in 2017 to deliver an

exciting, dynamic and fun competition to participants of all ages and offer them an entry point to UIPM Sports.

The Global LRCT took place in parks, stadiums and iconic urban venues in 80 cities around the world in 2017, with more than 15,000 participants. There are about 100 events scheduled in 2018.



News from around the world

Farewell to Lena Schöneborn (GER)

The global pentathlon community said farewell to one of its most prolific competitors as Lena Schöneborn of Germany announced her retirement from the sport.

On the eve of her 32nd birthday, the 2008 Olympic champion decided to move on to a new career in marketing after more than a decade at the top of the sport.

When Schöneborn secured the ultimate prize of individual gold in Beijing, she was the first German to win an Olympic medal since Gotthardt Handrick in Berlin in 1936.

"The modern pentathlon has shaped me for a long time," she said. "I am infinitely grateful for the great experiences, encounters and successes that sport has given me.

"Nevertheless, after a long period of reflection, I decided that the time for the next stage of life has now come. Now I am looking forward to new challenges outside of competitive sports."

Few athletes achieve greatness with such consistency as Schöneborn did throughout her elite career, when the top of the podium became her natural habitat.

The German won individual gold at six World Cups and three World Cup Finals. Five times she stood on the individual podium at the Senior World Championships, culminating in her crowning glory of gold in Berlin in 2015.

She was a great team player, too – there were seven world titles and six European titles in total – and some of the victories demonstrated the strongest character and resolve as well as the skill, nerve and stamina that are the basic essentials for pentathlon.

When the 2017 season began, rather than dwell on her failure to control her horse that led to her elimination from Riding at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, she restored order with a dominant victory at Pentathlon World Cup Los Angeles.

Many people – including her husband, the German pentathlete Alexander Nobis – have played roles in the Schöneborn story but none more influential than the contribution made by Kim Raisner, her coach of 12 years.

"I am happy and proud to have been a sporting companion to Lena since 2006," said Kim, head coach of the German Modern Pentathlon

Federation (DVMF). "She is an outstanding athlete who has always been incredibly focused in training and competition. A perfectionist in the most positive sense."

In an ambassadorial sense, Lena also played an important role in growing the popularity of pentathlon in Germany.

"Lena Schöneborn has been the face of our sport for many years and we owe her a great deal," said Michael Scharf, President of the DVMF. "Lena was and is a role model, far beyond the Modern Pentathlon."

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "Lena is already a role model and delivered a high level of performance over many years at elite competitions. She was and will be a wonderful ambassador.

"Her skills for Modern Pentathlon combined with her discipline, energy, strong willpower and desire led her to become one of the best athletes in our Modern Pentathlon movement and she crowned her successful career with the Olympic victory in 2008 in Beijing.

"As former President of the German federation and as UIPM President, I wish her a successful life in family and business and she will be always a part of the UIPM legacy."

Coaching course in Colombo (SRI) hailed as 'huge step forward'

Sri Lanka held its first Level 1 Coaching Course at the Ministry of Sports in the capital city of Colombo from April 20-24, with 21 coaches earning their certification.

The course was attended by national



Lena Schoeneborn, Olympic champion in 2008, was one of the best pentathletes of the 21st century so far

coaches, elite athletes, ministry sports officers and university students studying sports science.

Sri Lanka's Army, Navy and Air Force were also represented in a group that brought together coaches from swimming, fencing and athletics, hailing from various regions of the country from Galle in the south to Jaffna in the north.

Director General of Sports, Buwaneka Herath, presented the successful coaches with their certificates after a course organised by the Modern Pentathlon Federation of Sri Lanka (MPFSL), facilitated by UIPM with the support of the Ministry of Sports.

Dmytro Kirpulianskyy (UKR), member of the UIPM Instructor Group and former Olympian, supervised the course and the coaches were trained in theoretical classroom sessions, practical sessions and outdoor sessions for pentathlon disciplines. They then went through a written and oral interview examination before being certified.

Nishante Piyasena, President of MPFSL, said: "This is a huge step forward for the sport of Modern Pentathlon in Sri Lanka as it is in the early stages of development in the country.

"This will no doubt take the sport to the rural regions of the country and provide athletes with valuable resources to get properly coached in the sport."



UIPM Instructor Dmytro Kirpulianskyy (right) presents an award



It's celebration time for the full cohort of Level 1 coaches in Colombo (SRI)

World Cup Final judges gain certification in Almaty (KAZ)

A group of 57 judges gathered in Almaty (KAZ) from April 17-22 to gain the qualifications they need to officiate at the 2018 UIPM Pentathlon World Cup Final and other major competitions.

The World Cup Final takes place in Astana

(KAZ) from June 21-24 and many of the judges (six UIPM International Judges, 27 UIPM Judges and 24 UIPM Assistant Judges) will be involved now that they have their UIPM Judges Certification Programme (JCP) credentials.

The group was instructed by Dmitry Menshikov (RUS) and the judges had the chance to officiate during a national competition on April 21 and 22.

Leonid Zimarev, Secretary General of the Modern Pentathlon Federation of Kazakhstan, said: "It is very important to have well-prepared human resources as one of the key elements for a successful event.

"Kazakhstan is proud to host the Pentathlon World Cup Final and proud to have an UIPM event in the country after so many years."



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> to stay up to date with all tournament news.

COMPETITION INVITATIONS

UIPM Pentathlon World Cup III

Kecskemét, HUN

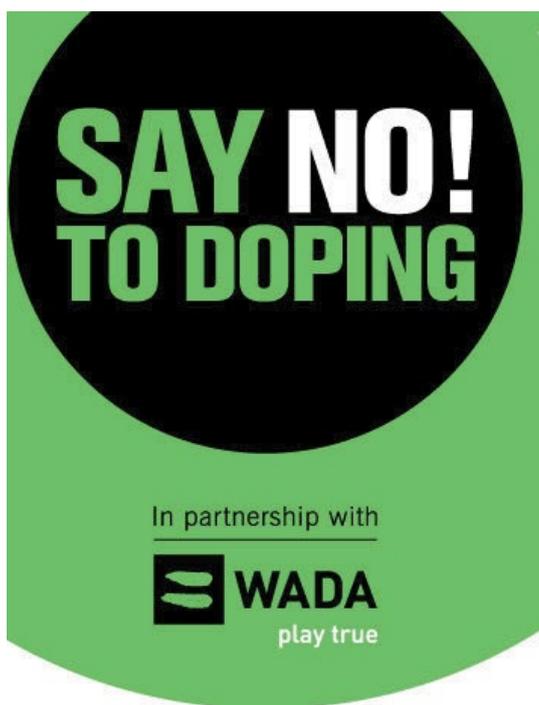
03-07 MAY

UIPM Pentathlon World Cup IV

Sofia, BUL

23-27 MAY

Medical and Anti-Doping Corner



WADA PUBLISHES 2018 LIST OF PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has published its 2018 List of Prohibited Substances and Methods, an important resource for anyone involved in the UIPM Sports and the wider international sporting movement.

The list, which comes into force on January 1, 2018, is accompanied by the 2018 Summary of Major Modifications and Explanatory Notes, which serves to help athletes, coaches and other support personnel to understand the latest changes.

"WADA is pleased to publish the 2018 Prohibited List," said WADA President, Sir Craig Reedie. "Updated annually, the List is released three months ahead of taking effect so that all stakeholders - in particular athletes and their entourage - have sufficient time to familiarize themselves with the document and its modifications.

"It is vital that all athletes and entourage take the necessary time to consult the List; and that, they contact their respective anti-doping organizations (ADOs) if they have any doubts as to the status of a substance or method."

WADA Director General, Olivier Niggli, added: "Annually, the Prohibited List review involves a very extensive stakeholder consultation process over the course of nine months. "In reviewing the List, experts examine such sources as scientific and medical research, trends, and intelligence gathered from law enforcement and pharmaceutical companies in order to stay ahead of those that endeavour to cheat the system."

The [2018 Prohibited List](#), the [Summary of Modifications](#), and the [2018 Monitoring Program](#) are available for download on WADA's website in English and French. Spanish will follow shortly and if anybody would like to receive these documents in another language, please contact UIPM at projects@pentathlon.org

Inside UIPM: Monthly activities of President Dr Schormann

07.04.-08.04.2018 CALDAS DA RAINHA, POR

During his visit to the UIPM Under 19 Tetrathlon World Championships, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann met with Manuel Barroso, President of the Portuguese Modern Pentathlon Federation (FPPM), and Mayor Fernando Tinta Ferreira, to discuss the close partnership created over more than 10 years between the City Government and Modern Pentathlon. The 2018 championships delivered a new record for youth participation.

Dr Viacheslav Malishev, UIPM Member for Development, joined the discussion and represented UIPM throughout the championships. President Dr Schormann underlined in his welcome speech that the FPPM is one of the strong pillars of UIPM, organizing numerous international competitions for UIPM year after year.

14.04.-19.04.2018 BANGKOK, THA

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, Secretary General Shiny Fang and Executive Assistant to the President Pagona Sonndag took part in SportAccord, GAISF and ASOIF meetings in Bangkok, where they met with UIPM 1st Vice-President and IOC Vice-President Juan Antonio Samaranch, among other stakeholders in the international sport and business society.

UIPM Vice-President Joel Bouzou was present in his position as President of the World Olympians Association.

On April 14, President Schormann and Pagona Sonndag met with Admiral Sutheepong Kaewtab, Mrs Natthiya Kaewtab, Rear Admiral Pinyo Tolieng and were briefed on activities of the Thai Federation for the rest of 2018 and 2019. They are



Left to right: Manuel Barroso, Mayor Fernando Tinta Ferreira, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and Executive Board Member for Development, Viacheslav Malishev



President Dr Schormann with (from left to right): Vice Admiral Prayoot Putian, Admiral Sutheepong Kaewtab, Rear Admiral Pinyo Tolieng and Mrs Natthiya Kaewtab



Left to right: Pagona Sonndag, Shiny Fang, Joel Bouzou, Dr Klaus Schormann, Aurélie Merte, Jean-Philippe Gatien and Anthony Piqueras

focusing on close cooperation with neighbouring countries such as Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia. Future instalments of the Asian Games and Asian Beach Games are also on their agenda.

On April 17, Doug Arndt, Sports Operations Manager for Los Angeles 2028, met President Schormann and Shiny Fang during SportAccord to discuss the future preparation of Modern Pentathlon for the 2028 Olympic Summer Games in Los Angeles and international competitions in the coming years after 2024. All discussions were based on the Modern Pentathlon Arena, the UIPM concept that brings all five disciplines together in one venue, which starts at the UIPM 2018 Pentathlon World Championships in Mexico City (MEX).

On April 18, during SportAccord, President Dr Schormann and Shiny Fang met with the Sport Department of Paris 2024 to discuss the next steps in preparation for the Modern Pentathlon competitions at the 2024 Olympic Summer Games in Paris, based on the new format of five disciplines in one field of play, which will be introduced to the Olympic Games at Tokyo 2020 in the Tokyo Stadium.

UIPM Vice President Joel Bouzou joined the meeting in his position as President of the French Modern Pentathlon Federation (FPPM).

The UIPM President visited many stands of agencies, cities and International Federations to promote the Modern Pentathlon movement. UIPM has also close relations to team sport federations like the Federation of International Basketball Associations (FIBA).

The UIPM President and Secretary General met the Secretary General of the Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Creative Sports Award, Moaza Saeed Al Marri, to discuss the participation of UIPM in this very special ceremony.

One of the jury members, Dr Hassan Moustafa, President of the International



President Dr Schormann with the treasurer of the International Federation of Basketball Associations (FIBA), Ingo Weiss.



Dr Schormann and Shiny Fang with IHF President Hassan Mustafa and the Secretary General of the Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Creative Sports Award, Moaza Saeed Al Marri



Dr Schormann, Shiny Fang, Pagona Sonndag, Marketing Director Mr Sunthorn and Anirut Posakrisna, Vice-President of the Modern Pentathlon Association of Thailand

Handball Federation (IHF), was present during the meeting. Later on, they also discussed the creation of a national federation of Modern Pentathlon in Dubai (UAE).

On April 19, Dr Schormann and Mrs Fang met with Anirut Posakrisna, Vice-President of the Modern Pentathlon Association of Thailand (MPAT) to discuss development projects for Modern Pentathlon in Thailand in the coming years. In May 2018 the MPAT will organise an open youth competition for Asia linked to the 2018 Youth Olympic

Games in Buenos Aires (ARG).

On April 19, President Dr Schormann and Secretary General Shiny Fang met with Ivar Sisniega (Chairman of UIPM Innovation Commission and PASO Secretary General) to discuss the competition programme for the 2019 Pan American Games in Lima (PER) and they exchanged some ideas about the construction of UIPM youth competitions after the Youth Olympic Summer Games 2018 in Buenos Aires, relating to the IOC's decision to take the 2022 YOG to Africa.

New Balance

World Rankings

The PWR is updated live on www.pentathlon.org after each competition. PWR as at 27 April 2018:

MEN			
RANK	NATION	NAME	POINTS
1	HUN	Robert KASZA	185
2	UKR	Pavlo TYMOSHCHENKO	180
3	KOR	Woongtae JUN	178
4	KOR	Jinhwa JUNG	178
5	FRA	Valentin PRADES	175
6	FRA	Valentin BELAUD	169
7	RUS	Aleksander LESUN	158
8	HUN	Bence DEMETER	158
9	KOR	Jihun LEE	157
10	LTU	Justinas KINDERIS	156
11	HUN	Adam MAROSI	152
12	POL	Jaroslav SWIDERSKI	149
13	CZE	Jan KUF	146
14	EGY	Eslam HAMAD	145
15	GER	Marvin Faly DOGUE	133
16	BLR	Ilya PALAZKOV	131
17	RUS	Kirill BELYAKOV	129
18	EGY	Yasser HEFNY	127
19	GER	Patrick DOGUE	126
20	KAZ	Pavel ILYASHENKO	122

WOMEN			
RANK	NATION	NAME	POINTS
1	RUS	Gulnaz GUBAYDULLINA	210
2	BLR	Anastasiya PROKOPENKO	196
3	HUN	Tamara ALEKSZEJEV	193
4	LTU	Laura ASADAUSKAITE	190
5	HUN	Sarolta KOVACS	169
6	GER	Annika SCHLEU	163
7	ITA	Alice SOTERO	161
8	TUR	Ilke OZYUKSEL	154
9	GBR	Kate FRENCH	146
10	ITA	Francesca TOGNETTI	143
11	ITA	Gloria TOCCHI	138
12	FRA	Elodie CLOUVEL	134
13	RUS	Ekaterina KHURASKINA	132
14	KOR	Sunwoo KIM	131
15	KAZ	Elena POTAPENKO	127
16	RUS	Uliana BATASHOVA	127
17	ITA	Alessandra FREZZA	126
18	ARG	IRYNA KHOKHLOVA	122
19	BLR	Volha SILKINA	122
20	FRA	Julie BELHAMRI	120

 The Full New Balance World Ranking is available on www.pentathlon.org

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04 Mar Cairo, EGY

27-31 World Cup II
Mar Los Angeles, USA

03-07 World Cup III
May Kecskemét, HUN

23-27 World Cup IV
May Sofia, BUL

21-24 World Cup Final
Jun Astana, KAZ

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

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Baron Pierre de Coubertin

“The Modern Pentathlon event would test a man’s moral qualities as much as his physical resources and skills, producing thereby the ideal, complete athlete.”

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