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UIPM CONGRESS 2014 - Fencing Bonus Round continues evolution of Modern Pentathlon
The evolution of Modern Pentathlon continued at the 2014 UIPM Congress with the establishment of a new and exciting Fencing format. The Fencing Bonus Round will be established in the 2015 season after winning the approval of a huge majority of delegates who attended Congress in Sofia, Bulgaria, from November 29-30.

“Again UIPM takes a important step forward for our sport and for the Olympic movement with the approval of this Fencing Bonus Round,” stated Dr. Klaus Schormann, President of the Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne, after the 2014 Congress.

The Bonus Round, which will take place at the end of the popular Round Robin stage, is the latest in a series of innovations by UIPM designed to enhance the spectacle of 21st-century Modern Pentathlon for broadcasters and spectators.

The revolutionary concept, which has the finalists fencing in a one-on-one format on a single piste after the traditional Round Robin, was vigorously tested this year at numerous events, including the prestigious World Cup Final in Sarasota, USA and the World Championships in Warsaw, Poland.

The format was extremely well received and offers all athletes the chance to win bonus points to top up their score, while focusing the action on a single piste, creating a more exciting experience for athletes, spectators and broadcasters.

The Bonus Round was tabled and gained support at the first-ever joint-meeting of UIPM’s Technical Committee and Coaches Committee in Warsaw, Poland on September 8.

The two committees, after being briefed by UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and Secretary General Shiny Fang, decided on the rules of the proposed new round to be approved by the Executive Board at its meeting in Sofia on November 26-27, and finally ratified by UIPM Congress.
That process was completed on November 30, as delegates from around the world gathered in the Bulgarian capital of Sofia to ratify this and other important resolutions.

**Five new NFs welcomed into the UIPM family**

Congress approved the nomination by the UIPM Executive Board of five new National Federations: Burkina Faso, Gambia, Ghana (Africa) and Pakistan, Thailand (Asia). All five nations made clear progress in developing the sport this year under the watchful guidance of the African and Asian confederations respectively.

**Medical and Doping rule changes**

UIPM Medical and Doping Rules for 2015 (based on and complying with the World Anti-Doping Agency regulations) were approved.

**NFs strengthened by eligibility rule change**

An amendment to eligibility rules in accordance with updates to the International Olympic Committee Charter was approved. The change will strengthen the independence of Modern Pentathlon’s National Federations.

**2017 World Championships to be held in Cairo, Egypt**

Cairo was one of many host cities to be awarded the privilege of staging future UIPM competitions by Congress 2014. Here is the full list of hosts appointed:

- **2015 Biathle/Triathle World Tour:**
  - Dubai, UAE (February);
  - Cascina, Italy (June);
  - Setubal, Portugal (July);
  - Weymouth, Great Britain (September);
  - Goa, India (October)

- **2017 Senior World Championships:** Cairo, Egypt
- **2017 World Cup Final:** Lithuania
- **2017 World Cup #1:** USA
- **2017 World Cup #4:** Kecskemét, Hungary
- **2017 Youth A World Championships:** Prague, Czech Republic

**Round-up UIPM**

Congress 2014 featured a progress report by UIPM as well as a presentation of events coming up in 2015. Delegates also heard an updated report from the Rio 2016 Olympic Games Organising Committee from Helio Meirelles Cardoso, President of the Brazilian Modern Pentathlon Confederation (CBPF).

Lt. Col. Nilton Rolim, CISM Modern Pentathlon President, presented a development plan and outlined the organisation of the 2015 World Military Games, which will take place in Korea, and future annual World Championships in Poland, Germany and China.

The successful Congress took place two days after an equally constructive UIPM Executive Board Meeting in Sofia, which included a discussion about new development projects including possible new combinations of the formats that make up Modern Pentathlon and its non-Olympic sub-sports.

Finally it was announced that Chinese Taipei will organise the next UIPM Congress from November 13-15, 2015.

At the conclusion of Congress, President Dr Schormann paid tribute to the host city of Sofia and said: “This was a Congress of unity and harmony.”
Central American and Caribbean Games
Veracruz, Mexico 2014

For the fourth time in the long history of the CAC Games, the oldest regional championship in the world which dates back to 1926, Modern Pentathlon featured on the programme and after three successful days of competition, Mexico and Cuba shared top spot on the medal table.

The two most prominent nations each won two gold, two silver and two bronze medals, with Guatemala (one gold, one silver) and Venezuela also enjoying podium success in the 22nd edition of the Games, which took place in Xalapa in the State of Veracruz, Mexico.

The first gold medallist was Leydi Laura Moya (CUB), who came out on top in the women’s individual with 1314 points. She was able to hold off three Mexican athletes by posting the fastest combined event with a time of 13.10, based on a near-perfect shooting series.

Tamara Vega (MEX) moved up from fifth place and with a time of 13.16 in the Combined Event climbed up all the way into the silver medal position. Thelma Martinez (MEX), had who begun the combined event in first place, held on for the bronze medal.

Yaniel Velazquez (MEX) passed compatriot Saul Rivera on the final lap to finish third on 1413.

Excitement reached fever pitch on the final day of the Modern Pentathlon competition with the Women’s, Men’s and Mixed Relay events bringing the event to a close.

The competition was held at the Universidad Veracruzana and Heriberto Jara Corona Stadium, where a crowd of almost 3,000 attended the Men’s Individual event and were rewarded with a Mexican victory.

In an exciting Combined Event, the top six competitors changed positions numerous times and it was Ismael Hernández (MEX) who pulled away from the field in the final two rounds, to the delight of the crowd.

Hernandez won the combined event with a time of 11.34 to help him reach 1443 points and consign the Pan-American champion, Jose Figueroa (CUB), to silver on 1420.
The women’s relay team of Ana Sofia Hernandez and Maria Ximena Dieguez (GUA) made a very strong start by winning the Fencing competition and maintained their dominance throughout the Swimming and Riding to hold a 19-second advantage in the Combined Event.

Tamara Vega and Elena Nogueda (MEX) kept breathing down their necks, however, and that made for an exhilarating climax.

At one point the crowd was convinced that gold was destined for Mexico but 17-year-old Hernandez (GUA) dug deep and in the final 200m sprint caught up with Nogueda (MEX) to capture the title.

Eliani Camara and Leydi Laura Moya, the women’s individual champion, took bronze for Cuba.

The men’s relay was competitive, but less of a dramatic spectacle with the Mexicans in control from start to finish. Ismael Hernandez, the individual champion, and Saul Rivera were second in the Fencing but took top spot in both the Swimming and Riding to give them an unassailable lead going into the Combined Event.

Yaniel Velazquez and Jose Figueroa (CUB) were second with Julio Luna and Eduardo Salas (VEN) passing Guatemala in the final 200m to secure bronze.

In the mixed relay, Cuba came out on top with the team of Leydi Laura Moya and Jose Figueroa dominating each of the disciplines to win by a considerable margin. Their score of 1435 points gave them a huge margin of victory over Isabel Brand and Charles Fernandez (GUA) in silver and Thelma Martinez and Manuel Padilla (MEX) in bronze.

Competition Director Juan Manzo and Technical Delegate Janusz Peciak, the UIPM Sport Director, were extremely pleased with the outcome of the competition and the enthusiastic response by the crowds in Xalapa.

Looking ahead to the 2018 Games in Barranquilla, the organisers said: “The challenge we face in four years is to assist Colombia so that our sport will once again be present in Barranquilla 2018.”
After several months of preparations, Modern Triathlon made a triumphant debut at the 4th edition of the Asian Beach Games in Phuket, Thailand.

Sixteen teams from 10 countries took part in what was a thrilling and popular event under the sun of Nai Yang, including four nations - Philippines, India, Mongolia and the host country Thailand - taking part in Beach Modern Triathlon (run-shoot-swim) for the first time. The success of this format at continental level now gives the sport a strong platform on which to develop ahead of the next Asian Beach Games in Nha Trang, Vietnam in 2016.

The opening day was delayed by 24 hours due to a huge tropical storm which swept across the venue at Nai Yang Beach, but for the Korean team it was worth waiting for as they enjoyed a triumphant start in the Men's Individual event. Jun Woongtae won a well-deserved gold medal with a 13-second advantage on his compatriot Lee Jihun, who took silver.

Li Shihuan of China picked up the bronze, 25 seconds behind. The event also featured a tremendous performance by Philippines athlete John Leerams Chicano, who was only previously registered as a beach triathlete but decided to experiment with Modern Triathlon with some success.

The Women's Individual event then took centre stage and China made up for the disappointment of being upstaged by the Korean men by securing the top two places on the podium. Huo Qi hit the finish line...
first, 22 seconds ahead of compatriot Bian Yufei, who won silver. Only eight seconds behind Bian, in a major surprise, came Valeriiia Uvarova of Kyrgyzstan who won a spectacular bronze medal for her country.

Again there was a noticeable performance from a Philippines athlete who normally specialises in triathlon. Marion Kim Mangrobang finished fifth, only four seconds behind fourth-placed Kim Sehee of Korea.

The following day the event came to a terrifically exciting climax as Korea had the last laugh over China with a narrow victory in the Mixed Relay.

China, represented by Women’s Individual champion Huo Qi and male compatriot Zhang Linbin, had led the entire race until the last five metres where they were amazingly overtaken by Korean duo Kim Sehee and Jun Woongtae, the Individual Men’s champion. The crowd roared the two teams home and bronze went to Kazakhstan, represented by Olga Boiko and Vladislav Sukharev, who had finished fifth in the Men’s Individual event.
Aya Medany honoured in IOC Women And Sport Awards

One of Modern Pentathlon’s most inspirational figures, Aya Mahmoud Medany of Egypt, was recognised in the 2014 International Olympic Committee’s Women And Sport Awards as winner of the regional award for Africa. The recognition of Aya Medany, the 26-year-old who competed at three Olympic Games, is a tremendous boost to the sport and particularly to budding female pentathletes in Africa. She wore a hijab while competing, sending out a powerful message to other Muslim women that they need not compromise their faith to participate in sport.

Aya Medany won the African women’s individual title four times and took home a silver medal from the World Championships in Budapest in 2008. Last year, after a long and decorated career, she retired from the sport. The IOC described Aya Medany as “a true role model” in a lavish tribute on its website.

The tribute read: “A modern pentathlete and three-time Olympian, Aya Mahmoud Medany first competed in the Olympic Games at the age of 15 and won many world championship medals. “Away from competing, she has contributed to the introduction of school biathlon in Egypt and also helped the Egyptian Modern Pentathlon Federation raise money for equipment aimed at promoting women’s and girls’ participation in the sport. She has also taken part in many charity events and tournaments in different sports to promote and encourage broader participation by women and girls in sport.

“A true role model and mentor for many women and girls in her country, Aya has used her celebrity to engage with the media and senior government officials responsible for sport and physical education about the importance of promoting equal opportunities for women.”

Winners of the IOC Women and Sport Awards are picked out for having made remarkable contributions to the development, encouragement and reinforcement of women’s participation in sport, in coaching or in the administrative area.

Six women from different sports received trophies at the ceremony, held during the 127th IOC Session in Monaco. The World Trophy went to Meriem Cherni Mizouni of Tunisia while the other continental winners were Nancy Hogshead-Makar (USA/Americas), Cheikha Naïma Al-Sabah (Kuwait/Asia), Anastasia Davydova (Russia/Europe) and Siân Mulholland (Australia/Oceania).

Pentathlon GB plans ‘most compact European Championships ever’ and creates two new academies

Pentathlon GB officials have declared that the 2015 European Championships will take place in the most compact venue the sport has ever seen. As the event’s official website www.pentathlongb.org/europeanchamps was launched, Pentathlon GB’s Olympic Team Leader, Dominic Mahony, said: “In my memory there has never been a more compact venue than the one we are offering in Bath in August of next year.”

The University of Bath, which is home to Pentathlon GB’s National Training Centre, will play host to the Championships from 17-23 August. The athletes will swim, fence, ride, run and shoot all within 400m of each other in spectator-friendly arenas. Athlete ac-
accommodation and stable facilities are also on site.

Eight quota places for the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio are on offer for men and women at the event and Samantha Murray, the London 2012 Olympic silver medallist and 2014 World Champion, said she was excited by the prospect of competing in an Olympic qualifier at her home training base.

“It will be a fantastic opportunity for our sport to harness the interest generated by the 2012 Olympics and by the performance of the British men and women there,” she said.

The British federation has also unveiled a series of Academies across the country where they hope to nurture the stars of the future. The Pentathlon GB Academies will build on existing initiatives in schools and clubs.

Jan Bartu, Performance Director of Pentathlon GB, said: “The Academies signal our resolve to build a strong and dynamic future for our sport and to create a pipeline of talent at all levels.”

Prince Albert II of Monaco named 2014 International Sports Figure

Prince Albert II of Monaco, UIPM’s Honorary President, celebrated the birth of twins recently and the addition of little Jacques Honoré Rainier and Gabriella Thérèse Marie to the Royal Family was not the only good news he received.

The five-time Olympic pentathlete was also named “2014 International Sports Figure” by the Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Creative Sports Award for his contribution to developing sporting practice worldwide and to peace through sport.

Prince Albert has been the Patron of Peace and Sport since 2007, and supports the development of structured sport and its values as a vector for education and social stability and reconciliation.

Joël Bouzou, President and Founder of Peace and Sport, said: “This award is above all a highly deserved recognition for an exceptional man who, while exercising his many responsibilities, has dedicated his role as athlete first, and as ruler and leader second, to the advancement of sport throughout the world.

“Through this prestigious award given to HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco, the entire peace through sport movement is rewarded for its work. It also demonstrates that peace through sport is growing worldwide. Recognizing our movement in Dubai, at the heart of a rapidly changing Middle East, further drives and inspires our actions.”

Ankara training camp

Edvinas Krungolcas (Lithuania), silver medallist at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, managed on behalf of UIPM a successful training camp for 20 pentathlon coaches in Ankara, Turkey from November 11-14.

The four-day camp comprised practical instruction on how to train athletes for all five of the Modern Pentathlon disciplines. As instructor, Edvinas also spoke to the budding coaches about his own experiences in elite Modern Pentathlon, about motivating athletes and how to create goals in what he referred to as “this lovely sport of mine”.

“I think this camp was very useful not only for local coaches as a source of information and knowledge, but for me as well,” he said. “I learned a lot about the Turkish pentathlon structure, about sports facilities, about possibilities for athletes in the country and about the potential of the Turkish federation to reach their objectives.”

The Turkish camp followed a similarly ground-breaking camp held in Pakistan in advance of the country’s inaugural National Championships.

Overseen by Michael Janca (Czech Republic), the success of that camp and the subsequent championships kick-started the development of pentathlon in Pakistan which culminated in the country’s National Federation being accepted as a member of UIPM at Congress.

Former Pentathlete is the new UCI Head of Marketing

Cyrille Jacobsen is a former pentathlete who competed for France between the ages of 15 and 25 in the 1990s. His passion for sport, allied to the business studies he undertook at the ESCP Europe, gave him the ambition to become a sports marketing expert. Over the past 15 years he has fulfilled marketing, strategy and business development roles at Adidas, then Eurosport International, followed by A.S.O. and Lagardère Unlimited.

These experiences with key sports industry stakeholders across the whole chain of sport and business convinced the new management of the international cycling federation, UCI, under Brian Cookson’s leadership, to give him the key role of Head of Marketing. Cyrille took up his new position in November and he will be in charge of the commercialisation of all World Championships and World Cup events (approximately 50 events per year) liaising with broadcasters and sponsors worldwide and host cities.

We wish him the best of luck in this new role.
**Medical and Anti-Doping Corner**

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).

**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.

You can also directly follow the links, which are underlined, in the tournaments below:

**Competition Invitations**

**World Cup #1**
Sarasota, USA
16-22 February 2015

**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

**World Cup #1**
Sarasota, USA
16-22 February 2015
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5-9 NOV 2014 - BANGKOK, THAILAND

During his visit President Schormann also briefed the Secretary General of the ANOC of Africa, Tomas Amos Ganda Sithole, on new Modern Pentathlon projects linked to seminars in South Africa, Burkina Faso and Egypt. They discussed the possibility of including Triathlon and Tetrathlon in the African Games and the integration of new countries like Botswana, Zimbabwe, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia and Liberia.

President Dr. Klaus Schormann took part along with Secretary General Shiny Fang and 1st Vice President Ivar Sisniega in the General Assembly of the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC). During this visit Dr Schormann met with many NOC Presidents and Secretary Generals, whom he briefed on new development projects pertaining to Beach Games and Urban Games, as well as new relations in the student sport society linked to UIPM’s full membership of FISU.

In Bangkok the UIPM President also met with Kosovo NOC President Mr Besim Hasani, who is also founder of Kosovo Modern Pentathlon and presented an action plan for Modern Pentathlon in Kosovo and the Baltic region. NOC Kosovo is now a full Member of the ANOC and, as of December at the IOC Session in Monte Carlo, a recognised member of the IOC.

14-21 NOV 2014 - PHUKET, THAILAND

While visiting Phuket to witness the Asian Beach Games, President Schormann was able to meet with members of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) and had a special meeting with the Director General, Mr Hussain Al-Musallam, to discuss the World Beach Games and the development of Modern Pentathlon in the Middle East.

DR SCHORMANN WITH SEMINAR MEMBERS AT THE ASIAN BEACH GAMES IN PHUKET

DR SCHORMANN AND TOMAS AMOS GANDA SITHOLE, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ANOCA, ATTEND A BEACH VOLLEYBALL GAME IN PHUKET.

DR SCHORMANN, OTTFRIED SEUBERLING AND DVMF PRESIDENT OLAF KLEIDON
The outgoing Secretary General of GMPF/DVMF, Mr Seuberling also served for many years as treasurer and member for sport and organised World Championships, World Cups and World Cup Finals over the last 51 years.

24 NOV-01 DEC 2014 - SOFIA, BULGARIA

Dr. Schormann chaired the UIPM Executive Board meeting, at which it was decided that fundamental proposed changes to Modern Pentathlon should go before Congress [see Section 1 for details].

The UIPM President led the way as Modern Pentathlon’s world governing body threw its weight behind the World Olympians Association’s Target Ebola campaign, a humanitarian project which aims to raise awareness and funds to help stop the spread of ebola in West Africa.

After joining Secretary General Shiny Fang, WOA President and UIPM Vice-President Joel Bouzou and other EB members to pose for photographs and spread the message, Dr Schormann said in a statement: “Pentathletes are the children of Pierre de Coubertin. We were created not only to promote the complete athlete but also and more importantly to use sport at the service of society. This is much needed today. Therefore I am proud to back the #targetebola campaign and to support the WOA President, who is also a member of our family.”

While in Sofia for Congress [see Section 1], Dr Schormann met with the new Bulgarian Minister for Youth and Sports, Mr Krasen Kralev, and Andrey Kuzmanov, President of Bulgarian Modern Pentathlon, in the Minister’s office. They discussed educational and health benefits of sport and cooperations between sport and tourism, all of which are linked to UIPM’s sporting portfolio of Biathle, Schoolbiathle, Triathle, Run-Shoot, Te-trathlon and Modern Pentathlon. UIPM as a multi-sport federation gives a wide range of opportunities to enjoy sport and our sport will be supported by the Ministry as a base for better physical and mental health.
07-11 DEC 2014 - MONACO

President Schormann participated in the 127th IOC Session in Monte Carlo with Secretary General Shiny Fang and Vice President Joel Bouzou. The full membership of the IOC unanimously approved the 40 recommendations that make up Olympic Agenda 2020, a strategic roadmap for the future of the Olympic Movement.

The exciting and progressive Olympic Agenda 2020 initiative has been welcomed by all at UIPM as a positive step for the future of the Olympic Games. While in Monaco, President Dr. Schormann also met with a delegation of Tokyo 2020 to discuss the coming visit in January 2015 in Tokyo. Together they reviewed the schedule for the 2020 Olympic Games and the set-up of the facilities, where all five disciplines will be staged in one stadium.


Dr. Schormann and Shiny Fang visited the Taishan Sports Industry Group in Leling in Shansong Province in China. Afterwards they discussed future partnership opportunities with board chairman Mr Bian Zhi Liang and his son Will, a director, Jack Gao, director of the operation centre and Beijing office, and Harrison Liu, general manager of Taishan Import & Export Co. Ltd. They discussed the provision of new equipment for Modern Pentathlon disciplines and special development tools/boxes/packages for new countries in Modern Pentathlon.

17.-19.12.2014 - BEIJING, CHINA

Dr Schormann and Shiny Fang met CMPA President Wang Wei and Secretary General Jiang Guofeng to discuss the establishment of the UIPM Youth Training Centre in Hubai, China, which will be a major step
towards the goal of establishing worldwide centres for youth development. They also discussed the development of Triathle and Urban Pentathlon linked to close cooperation with tourism offices.

Also during his trip to Beijing, the UIPM President discussed future partnerships between sport and urban development with the Investment Service Bureau of Chengdu Tianfu New Area. The meeting involved the Second Division of Investment Promotion Chief Lin Ming, Senior Project Manager Margaret Huang and Project Manager Zou Bo.

They also discussed the potential for future competitions at the Pierre de Coubertin Modern Pentathlon Centre Chengdu, a venture strongly supported by CMPA President Wang Wei.

Finally, Dr Schormann visited the UIPM Training Academy in Beijing to watch the best Chinese women athletes training. The UIPM President talked to the athletes about the importance of next year in terms of qualification for the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. The Secretary General of CMPA, Jiang Guofeng, also took part in this meeting.
The PWR is updated live on www.pentathlon.org after each competition. PWR as at 15 December 2014:

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### MODERN PENTATHLON

**Key-Milestones**

**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: 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
"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.”

Baron Pierre de Coubertin, founder of the modern Olympic games

Calendar

International Competitions

**January**

*Open Winter Championships*
Almaty, Kazakhstan
20-24 January 2015

**February**

*Winter Pentathlon*
Helsinki, Finland
7-8 February 2015

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