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An Olympic Sport
from 1912

Heritage and
Innovation

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President's Foreword

Report of UIPM President
Dr. Klaus Schormann



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“Their dreams will come true in Los Angeles 2028, Brisbane 2032 and in many Olympic Games to follow.”

Dear Delegates, Dear Members of UIPM,

Change is in our DNA. If you are not evolving, you are standing still, and the world moves past you. To be part of the future you must embrace the need for transformation, and sometimes it must be radical.

This has been the philosophy of UIPM throughout my 31 years as President of this noble society, and it was especially important to be guided by this philosophy during the three-year Olympic cycle from Tokyo 2020 (postponed to 2021) to Paris 2024.

Now that we have so many exciting developments to reflect on, it is worth looking back to where this open attitude to change within Modern Pentathlon started – and it began in the mind of the great reformer Baron Pierre de Coubertin himself.

When Coubertin invented Modern Pentathlon as the only sport created especially for the Olympic Games, and introduced it to the world at Stockholm 1912, he took the name ‘Pentathlon’ from the ancient Olympic Games where the first pentathlete to be crowned ‘Victor Ludorum’ was Lampis of Sparta in 708 BCE.

It took the Baron a long time to convince the modern Olympic society that it was a good idea to revive the multisport, a sport that would, in his words, test the “moral qualities as much as the physical resources” of an athlete. Do you think that was an easy process? No, it took him 10 years to persuade his colleagues that Pentathlon belonged on the programme. And running was the only discipline retained from the old Pentathlon.

When we look to the future, we look to the past for guidance and having been immersed in the writings of Coubertin for many years, I have not a single doubt that he would have approved of the progress we made in preserving his legacy between 2021 and 2024.

Even before the introduction of Obstacle, the change you could see in our Modern Pentathlon format during this Olympic cycle was compelling. In the new format, athletes performed all five disciplines in 90 minutes of action. All of the action could be observed from any of the 16,000 seats within the wonderful Pentathlon Arena created in Versailles. This evolution was designed to improve the viewing experience and it was proved to be a spectacular success in Paris, not only for the 63,000 people who bought tickets to spectate but for the millions watching on television and online around the world.

So why, you might ask, do we need to change again? If Paris was such a success, why go further? The key word is inclusion. The reality is that this glorious experience was unattainable for a huge number of countries. For all the efforts we have made to grow our movement, too many of our 132 member federations could still only dream of sending athletes to compete in the Olympic Modern Pentathlon.

That is why we needed to go further, to keep reforming our sport until it could be accessible to any athlete in any corner of the world. To no longer be exclusive, but inclusive. The introduction of Obstacle in place of Riding unlocks unlimited possibilities.

With greater accessibility comes the potential for commercial growth, which in turn will support global development. More faces from more places makes our sport more attractive to broadcasters and sponsors who find a means of connection with people in their own markets through our sport. I know from hundreds of conversations with business people over the years, they could see the potential of our sport but there were simply too many barriers to reaching a bigger audience.

Now, as well as adding more athletes to our sport, we will exponentially increase our audience share and bring a new audience to the Olympic Games with the addition of a sport that is highly popular with young people.

For me, the defining moment of this cycle was not the spectacular scenes we witnessed in Versailles. It was during the Obstacle test event in Lignano Sabbiadoro, Italy, in 2022 where teenage athletes had their first opportunity to compete on the Obstacle course. They may have been nervous beforehand, but as soon as they reached the end of that course the athletes started asking if they could do it again, and again and again.

It was a powerful reminder of why it is so important to embrace change. We do this to preserve our heritage, of course, but what is the point of heritage if we have no future? Our future is the next generations of athlete who will come from every corner of the world with a real, attainable goal of becoming Olympic pentathletes. Their dreams will come true in Los Angeles 2028, Brisbane 2032 and in many Olympic Games to follow.

UIPM President

Dr. h.c. Klaus Schormann



Reflecting UIPM's "0" to "1"



- The sport started high
- Constant innovations were needed and "forced"
- An upgraded base and a raised bar
- What could be pictured as our "1"?
- How do we continue the journey to reach "1", before aiming on "N"?

The sport started high

I guess when Pierre Coubertin founded the sport of Modern Pentathlon to create the most complete athlete, he hadn't further planned how the sport could be later developed and spread in all other countries around the world, and I believe at that special historical moment, presenting those complete athletes inside the modern Olympic Games meant everything for the sport and for its profound history going back to 708 BCE.

Our sport started high, born inside the Olympic Games itself, at a time when its base was mainly military rather than civilian. Was this, to use a contemporary word, sustainable? Obviously not, and the sport has been struggling since the faster times, real modern times, or specifically since the beginning of digital times ...

Constant innovations were needed and "forced"

We see things always from different sides or angles, one side when we herald the innovative steps that UIPM has taken, the other side merely underlining the challenges the sport has faced since decades, where we had to modify, innovate and to adapt for the new needs.

In the same way, we could understand the complaints of the community based on all the changes made year after year, meanwhile, inside the organisation, we saw the need to change or be changed, and somehow "forced" to make ourselves fit for the new era...

However, the change and the innovation is not just about rules and format, it is more about how to freshly present the sport, and how to service the NFs and all stakeholders better and more widely.

An upgraded base and a raised bar

After two years of implementing experiences with the new Obstacle discipline, we witnessed its feasibility and accessibility for kids from 5 or 6 years old to adults, especially attracting youth and juniors who are embracing the challenges for their body balance, agility, strength and special skills, and most importantly, those skills could be coached and practised in different places, not necessarily on the real competition course.

Missing participants have been our eternal pain, and we were not able to solve it with Riding due to its higher requirements in a lot of other areas, not just athlete ability. But now, that pain is gone... and the base of participants is absolutely renewed and upgraded, and this will show the power of our sport's attractiveness along with our development at all levels and corners.

More than that, the excitement and upgraded sports presentation, especially a more professional organisation of UIPM events, have improved dramatically, comparing with when we just started the combined event that would become Laser Run in Singapore 2010 Youth Olympic Games, and then in London 2012 Olympic Games, where our laser shooting hadn't been stable, and we still had faced some fundamental technical issues.

But now, look at Paris, what an unforgettable Olympic Pentathlon competition in 2024 with the debut of our 90-minute format, which amazed the most spectators and biggest TV/online audience that our sport has ever enjoyed.

What could be pictured as our "1"?

Yes, we have moved from a road to an expressway, hard to stop, and hard to hesitate.

Here is what I would picture our "1":

- Pentathletes in every single one of our National Federations and in all continents, besides athletes in the existing UIPM Tetrathlon, Triathlon, Biathlon, etc
- Those are the athletes who have been attracted by the enjoyment of the new Pentathlon, and the sport can provide them big opportunities - fun, competitive edge and much higher commercial value
- Our majority of NFs can survive with sustainable resources by hosting events, generating more registered participants and members, and with more partnership and sponsorship
- UIPM is strong enough to distribute needed funds to our stakeholders and taking care of the NFs whenever and wherever help is required.

How do we continue the journey to reach "1", before aiming on "N"?

- We see better the direction now, so let's go straight
- We overcame the most difficult moments, then don't hesitate any more
- We have lost some trust within the community, we gained it back, and now we need to carry it beyond
- We have been protected by the current leadership, don't take anything for granted in future
- There is no shortcut, but hard work and united efforts among each member of the UIPM Family.

I see the most crucial four-year cycle in front of us up to 2028, can we grab all possibilities well?

And can we drive the organisation inside this high-speed train travelling through an unpredictable era?

With each of you, athletes and coaches, NFs, Committee/Commission members, and officials ...

And our unbeatable staff,
yes we can!

To be continued in 2028

Shiny Fang
UIPM Secretary General

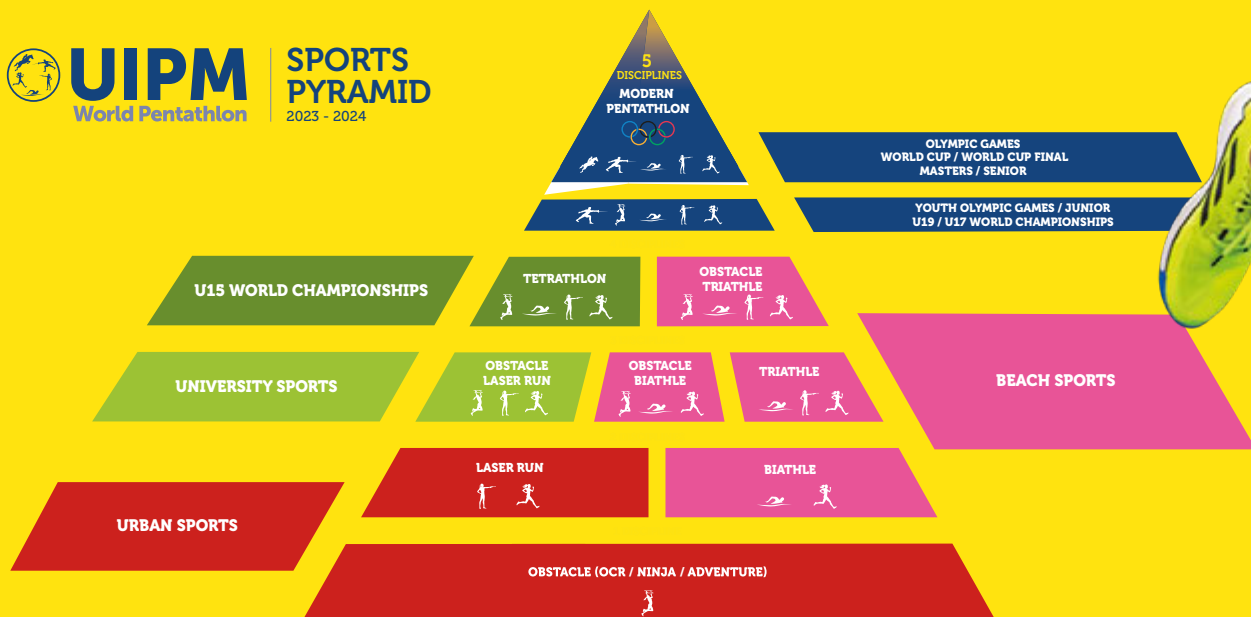


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Innovation Pathway

1912



Stockholm (SWE) — First time in the Olympic Games.

1948



London (GBR) — UIPM is born.

1989



Men's Relay is introduced.

1991



Handicap start for running.

1991



Women's Relay is introduced.

1993



Darmstadt (GER) — One-day format is introduced at UIPM World Championships

1994



Air pistols are introduced to replace .22 calibre.

1996



Atlanta (USA) — All 5 disciplines in one day for the 1st time at Olympic Games.

1999



Monaco (MON) — First Biathlon (run/swim) World Championships.

2000



Sydney (AUS) — Women compete in Modern Pentathlon for the 1st time at Olympic Games

2010



First appearance of the Mixed Relay at the 1st Youth Olympic Games in Singapore; 1st UIPM World Championships with laser shooting.

2011



Mixed Relay in all major UIPM competitions.

2012



London (GBR) — First time combined shooting and running at the Olympic Games.

2013



Distribution of Laser shooting equipment to 65+ countries to develop the sport; 1st combined UIPM Biathlon/Triathlon World Championships

2014



Implementation of the Fencing Bonus Round making the sport more attractive to spectators and broadcasters.

2015



Perpignan (FRA) — 1st Laser Run World Championships: a major step in giving more athletes an entry point to Modern Pentathlon.

2016



Rio de Janeiro (BRA) — Fencing Bonus Round introduced at Olympic Games.

2018



UIPM launches new visual identity, educational platform for coaches and judges and 1st World Championships takes place in a Pentathlon Arena.

2019



New Youth Olympic Games format tested.

2020



New Modern Pentathlon Format for Paris 2024 Olympic Games test — five disciplines in 90 minutes.

2021



Pentathlon Arena concept introduced to Olympic Games, launch of eSports Laser Run.

2022



First season with the New Modern Pentathlon 90-minute format.

2022



UIPM 2022 Congress approves integration of Obstacle as a new discipline after four successful test events

2023



Modern Pentathlon secured on LA28 Olympic Games programme after Obstacle discipline is integrated at Junior, U19 and U17 levels.

A selection of key athletes and milestones in the UIPM's history

1912



Gösta Lilliehöök (SWE), first Olympic Winner

1948



Founding congress of the UIPM in Sandhurst (GBR)

1949



Aladar Kovacs (SWE) during cross country riding

1981



Women and Men starting competing together during the World Championships

1994



Air pistol shooting is introduced

2000



Stephanie Cook (GBR) wins as women compete for the first time during the Olympics

2008



Lena Schöneborn (GER) running towards gold in a full stadium during Beijing 2008

2011



Mixed Relay is during the 2011 World Championships in Moscow (RUS)

2013



Biathle and Triathle are combined into one World Championships

2014



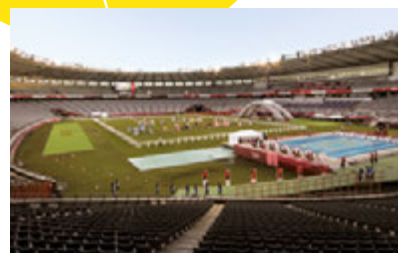
Bonus round during the Nanjing Youth Olympic Games

2015

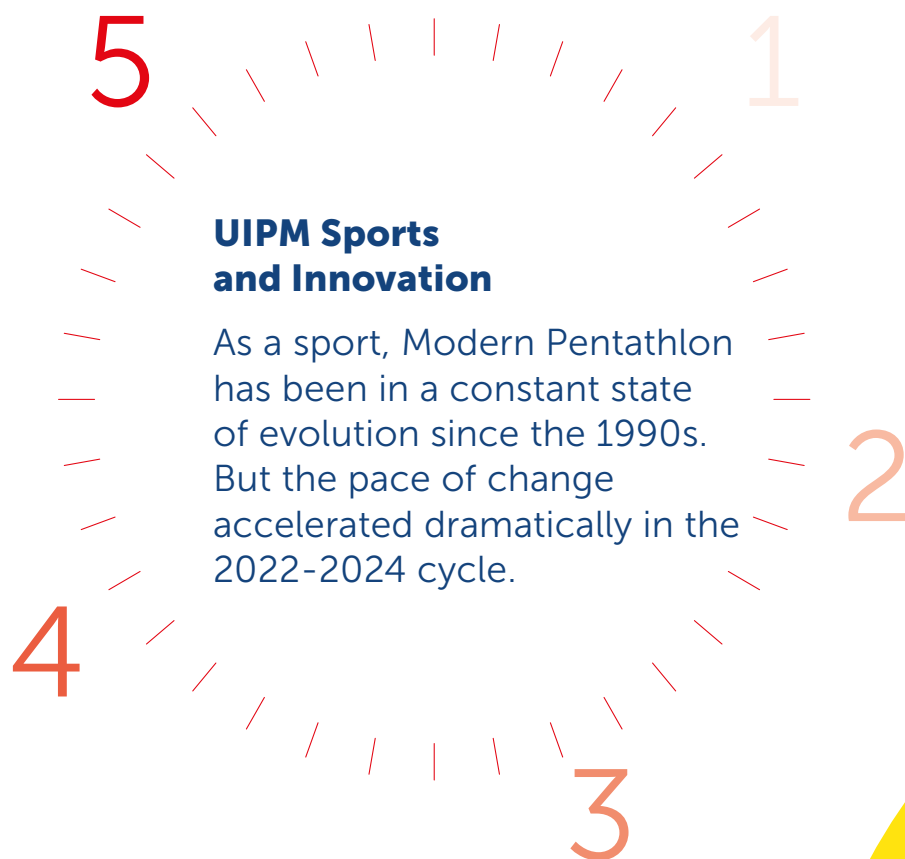


The first UIPM Laser Run World Championships in Perpignan (FRA)

2021



Pentathlon Stadium in Tokyo (JPN)



UIPM Sports and Innovation

As a sport, Modern Pentathlon has been in a constant state of evolution since the 1990s. But the pace of change accelerated dramatically in the 2022-2024 cycle.

1. The 90-minute format

Having been tested three times before the rescheduled Tokyo 2020 Olympics finally took place, a faster and more compact Modern Pentathlon was unleashed at the start of the 2022 season – with a view to giving spectators at Paris 2024 a show they would never forget.

Five disciplines
in 90 minutes of action.

Riding, Fencing, Swimming and Laser Run in a rapid sequence with very short breaks allowing just enough time for athletes to change and recondition themselves physically and mentally, and for facilities to be rearranged.

A new system of elimination meaning that only 18 athletes would reach the Final of any competition, resulting in a far more meaningful race with intriguing stories to be told across the field.

It was a bold move, but it paid off almost immediately thanks to the adaptability of the highly professional pentathletes operating at the highest level, their coaches and performance support teams.

Feedback from the test events had enabled UIPM to refine the new format so that it proved an instant hit with athletes who appreciated the new intensity of the challenge and the way it made Pentathlon more audience-friendly across TV, digital and in-person.

Gone were the long transitions between disciplines, the transportation from venue to venue and the commitment of viewers to staying online for half a day to keep tabs on the competition (bearing in mind that this was already a far cry from the 20th-century era when Pentathlon used to take place over five days).

Designed for Paris 2024 and approved by the IOC Programme Commission following a rigorous UIPM internal process, the 5-in-90 would have been a major undertaking in any Olympic cycle. But in this particular cycle, it was only one layer of the transformation.

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Obstacle

2. The dawn of Obstacle

It started with a two-day meeting of the UIPM Innovation Commission at Headquarters in Monaco.

There is no “end” in the pipeline, but a glamorous destination lies in sight with the Los Angeles Olympic Games in 2028 promising to unveil a true sporting renaissance to the world.

Obstacle is the key that has unlocked the future of Modern Pentathlon – a 112-year-old Olympic sport that needed to rediscover itself remain relevant in fast-moving sports industry.

So what is it?

In the context of Modern Pentathlon, Obstacle is a head-to-head race on a sprint course measuring 60-70m in length. The courses consist of eight obstacles like Big Wheel, Monkey Bars and Tilting Ladders, ending with the challenging Finish Wall – where racers scramble to the top and hit a buzzer to stop the clock.

If this reminds you of a TV show, that is no coincidence – the discipline is designed to make the perennial Olympic sport more appealing for viewers on TV and on-line, as well as on-site, upgrading the spectator experience still higher after the resounding success of Paris 2024.



Beyond that, the integration of Obstacle gives UIPM a new opportunity to accelerate its growth as a global community, attracting more athletes from more countries that were previously impeded by the constraints of equestrianism.

Obstacle was formally integrated into Modern Pentathlon by the 72nd UIPM Congress in November 2022, having been selected by the New 5th Discipline Working Group as the most suitable replacement for Riding after the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. This followed successful test events for various age groups of athletes in Türkiye, Philippines, Italy and Poland.

The sport was the overwhelming favourite of more than 60 proposed to propel Modern Pentathlon into a new era and make it one of the most exciting, accessible and popular sports in the Olympic movement.

The exciting new discipline was embedded in all under-age Modern Pentathlon World Championships in 2023 and 2024, and the conclusion of Paris 2024 marked the moment Riding was consigned to history to be replaced by the popular, mass-participation urban sport.

Even before it was adopted at senior level, the Obstacle effect could be witnessed. Compared to the 2023 competition, the UIPM 2024 Junior World Championships saw an uplift in competing nations and athletes – and a clear improvement in racing dexterity and speed on the Obstacle course, with several world records broken in the new-look Pentathlon.

To borrow from an iconic advertising slogan...

The future is bright.

The future is Obstacle.

Obstacle



3. Future sport formats

Obstacle does not only enter the UIPM Sports pyramid at the apex, as a discipline of the Olympic sport of Modern Pentathlon and the new Tetrathlon that is now in place at U15 level.

It also stands at ground level as a single-sport entity, with various possibilities contained within Ninja, OCR and Adventure Racing to name but three of the Obstacle racing categories.

In addition, it enables new combinations, such as Obstacle Laser Run (OLR), which has already spawned the OLR World Tour and helped to reinvigorate the student pentathlon scene as the format of the 2nd FISO University World Championship Modern Pentathlon in Kaunas (LTU).

Obstacle Biathlon and Obstacle Triathlon are also in the pipeline for introduction, giving aspiring athletes a whole new set of choices within the UIPM multisport panorama.

Thanks to the popularity of Obstacle, the accessibility of training opportunities and low equipment costs in terms of ongoing investment for competition organisers, the UIPM Sports Pyramid now has much more fluidity and flexibility. Like the iconic pyramids in the new pentathlon hotbed of Egypt, this is a structure built to last several centuries into the future.



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Pentathlon World Cup Medal Table

Nation				Total
 Egypt	7	5	11	23
 Hungary	5	8	2	15
 Korea	5	6	2	13
 Great Britain	5	3	4	12
 Mexico	3	4	3	10
 France	3	2	2	7
 Lithuania	3	0	1	4
 Italy	1	2	3	6
 Czechia	1	1	2	4
 Kazakhstan	1	1	0	2
 Türkiye	1	0	3	4
 Individual Neutral Athletes	1	0	0	1
 Germany	0	2	2	4
 China	0	1	0	1
 Japan	0	1	0	1
 Poland	0	0	1	1

Ankara, TÜRKİYE

WORLD CUP SERIES

The truncated three-year cycle did little to curtail the continued strong growth of the UIPM Pentathlon World Cup as the beating heart of the elite Modern Pentathlon season. It brought scintillating action to five different cities with a couple of new stops and one that became a familiar venue to the best pentathletes on the planet.

Albena in Bulgaria and Ankara in Türkiye made their debut on the World Cup circuit to kick off the new cycle in 2022 with the Turkish capital becoming a regular stop as it hosted a World Cup event and the World Cup Final every year from 2022-2024. Indeed, the capital cities of Cairo (EGY), Sofia (BUL), Budapest and Ankara (TUR) provided a strong, stable schedule in the two most recent seasons.

The first elite competition after the Tokyo 2020 Olympics took place in Cairo (EGY) where the 2022 season kicked off with an exciting new format. The Women's Final gave us a flavour of a friendly rivalry which would be one of the central storylines of the entire cycle as Michelle Gulyas (HUN) and Elena Micheli (ITA) put on a show with a gripping duel for gold, Micheli (ITA) coming out on top.

On the men's side, Christopher Patte (FRA) started the journey to Paris with a fittingly French feel as he took gold. As we next moved to Budapest (HUN), Gulyas (HUN) and Micheli (ITA) repeated their showdown with the home favourite getting revenge. Martin Vlach (CZE) provided fireworks of his own as he stormed from 13th to gold with a stunning Laser Run performance.

When the season moved to Albena (BUL) for its third instalment there was no catching of breath. Gold medallists Woongtae Jun (KOR) and Ieva Serapinaite (LTU) shared the spoils on a truly Super Saturday but May 14, 2022 went down in Modern Pentathlon history because of an exceptional performance by Jun (KOR). The Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games bronze medallist broke two world records, raising the bar in Fencing (284 points) before setting a new overall mark of 1,537 points.

In the fourth stop, the historic first visit to Ankara (TUR), the top step on the podium was owned by Great Britain with reigning Olympic champion Joseph Choong (GBR) winning men's gold and compatriot Jessica Varley (GBR) coming out on top in the women's race with three team-mates in the top 10.

Cairo (EGY) was again the location for season kick-off in 2023 and hindsight would tell us that it was a competition to which we should have paid more attention: the respective winners would end up being Olympic champions the following year. Ahmed Elgendy (EGY) warned his rivals that he was back to full fitness as he won men's gold on home soil while Gulyas (HUN) went one better than her silver from the previous year.

The strength of the Egyptian programme was underlined as Mohanad Shaban (EGY) swapped places with his teammate, topping the podium in Ankara (TUR) where Serapinaite (LTU) claimed another women's gold. Jun (KOR) would claim his own customary triumph on the third stop of the season in Budapest (HUN) where Blanka Guzi and Gulyas (HUN) gave the hosts a 1-2 in the Women's Final.

One of the more remarkably consistent performances of the season came from Mexico in the Mixed Relay where at all four stops on the season, they managed to take silver. The generation game that is Pentathlon was underlined on the fourth stop in Sofia (BUL) where Kerenza Bryson (GBR) won a breakthrough first gold medal (the same week she qualified as a doctor) while veteran Valentin Prades (FRA) proved his lasting class by taking men's gold. Perhaps their most memorable, for the wrong reasons, came in Budapest (HUN) when Manuel Padilla (MEX) had the misfortune to get his feet stuck in an equipment bag as he tried to race away from the shooting range to gold. Instead the Mexicans again settled for silver.

With precious Paris 2024 ranking points on offer, the Olympic season carried extra weight. Remarkably, Gulyas (HUN) and Elgendy (EGY) repeated their season-opening victories from the previous year, underlining Cairo's status as the training ground for Olympic form.

On the men's side the 2024 World Cup would be fertile ground for Egypt as they occupied eight of the 12 podium places across the season, Elgendy's younger brother Mohamed winning in Budapest (HUN) with Shaban (EGY) and Moutaz Mohamed (EGY) also enjoying fine showings.

In the second leg in Ankara (TUR) Changwan Seo broke up Egypt's dominance on a week when so much young talent shone, 20-year Seungmin Seong (KOR) and 19-year-old Malak Ismail (EGY) joining Bryson (GBR) on the women's podium.

Mariya Gnedtchik (AIN) continued the next-generation feel as she triumphed in Budapest (HUN) alongside Mohamed Elgendy (EGY), while at the fourth competition of the campaign Sofia (BUL) was a place for Laser Run specialists as Guzi (HUN) and the experienced Pierre Dejardin (FRA) both raced through their fields for victory.

The Pentathlon World Cup will continue to break new ground early in 2025 when Cairo (EGY) hosts the first senior event to feature the new Obstacle discipline as the road to LA28 begins.



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1. Martin Vlach (CZE savoured victory in the Men's Final in Budapest after a super Laser Run performance;
2. Woongtae Jun (KOR) and the Korean team celebrate at UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup Albena, where the Tokyo 2020 Olympic bronze medallist set two new world records in Fencing and Modern Pentathlon overall;
3. An underwater shot from the Swimming pool;
4. Jessica Varley (GBR) celebrates her first UIPM Pentathlon World Cup gold medal;
5. The Riding discipline provided lots of drama in the Women's Final in Albena;
6. Action from the Riding arena in Budapest (HUN).



WORLD CUP — 2022



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1. The standard of Riding in the Women's Final in Budapest was nothing short of exceptional;
2. Gintare Venckauskaite and Titas Purnas (LTU) celebrate Mixed Relay gold in Cairo;
3. The action stayed competitive in the pool during the Swimming discipline in Cairo;
4. The action was typically fast-paced on the piste in the Fencing Bonus Round in Ankara;
5. Good performances in the pool were vital in an ultra-competitive Women's Final in Budapest;
6. (top right) Action from the shooting range in Sofia;
7. (bottom right) Woongtae Jun (KOR) was among a host of record-breakers on a scorching Saturday in Budapest.







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1. (top left) Egypt taste yet another gold medal of the 2024 season as Mohanad Shaban runs towards teammate Haydy Morsy during a sprint finish in the Laser Run;
2. (bottom left) The race to — and from — the shooting range was frenetic as the prizes were decided in the Laser Run during the Women's Final;
3. Gold medallists Mexico topped the Mixed Relay podium at UIPM 2024 Pentathlon World Cup Budapest, France taking silver and bronze going to Hungary;
4. Pierre Dejardin of France power to the finish line to claim the Men's title in Sofia (BUL);
5. Ilyashenko and Potapenko savour golden glory for Kazakhstan in the Mixed Relay in Ankara (TUR);
6. Kerensa Bryson (GBR) celebrates victory in the second stop on the UIPM 2024 Pentathlon World Cup season in Ankara (TUR);
7. Teamwork is the order of the day in Ankara for the home team in Swimming;
8. There was congestion in the pack during an all-action Fencing Cup round during the Women's Final at UIPM 2024 Pentathlon World Cup Cairo.



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WORLD CUP FINALS

As the first major decider of any season, the World Cup Final is always a key target. Holding the special honour of being the first in a new cycle fell to Ankara, when the Turkish capital hosted the 2022 edition where the present and the future of the sport came into focus.

There was a rejigged format in the Modern Pentathlon, but this event also featured a two-day Test Event to weigh up the suitability of Obstacle as a potential new 5th Discipline. This proved to be a crucial moment for the sport.

The main honours in Ankara went to a pair of Pentathlon superstars who had found this prize surprisingly elusive until now. Elodie Clouvel (FRA) had never previously won the Pentathlon World Cup Final while Tokyo 2020 bronze medallist Woongtae Jun (KOR) last won it in 2014 when he was only 18.

On Super Saturday they excelled, with Clouvel (FRA) pushing Jessica Varley (GBR) into 2nd and Michelle Gulyas (HUN) claiming bronze. "I'm very happy," said Clouvel (FRA). "Thank you to my new team and my coach said to take it step by step, because it's a new format, and finally in the World Cup Final I had the perfect day."

Jun (KOR) completed a masterclass to top the podium ahead of his compatriot, first-time World Cup medallist Changwan Seo (KOR) who took home silver with bronze going to Csaba Bohm (HUN). Hungary had plenty of consolation the following day when Gulyas teamed up with the blistering Balazs Szep (HUN) for Mixed Relay honours.

The following year we returned to Ankara (TUR) for probably the most dramatic (and chaotic) finish of the entire cycle as the UIPM 2023 Pentathlon World Cup Final served up thrills and spills.

With torrential rains delaying the Men's Final, conditions were incredibly taxing but the cream of the sport rose to the top in fading light. Coming towards the line, Joseph Choong (GBR) and Mohanad Shaban (EGY) were neck and neck, but the British star dramatically slipped and fell with the finish line at his mercy, leaving Shaban (EGY) to triumph and in the process claim the first direct quota qualification place for Paris 2024.

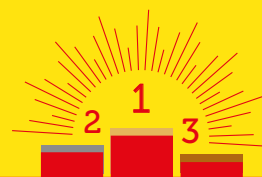
That same prize had come the way of Elena Micheli (ITA) earlier in the day in the Women's Final, in thankfully less wild conditions. There was still plenty of drama in a thrilling Women's Final after the Italian, who shook off an injury inflicted upon her days earlier when she had tripped over her beloved dog, held off the challenge of local favourite Ilke Ozyuksel of Türkiye, who delighted the home crowd with silver, and bronze medallist Marie Oteiza (FRA). "It's funny because something always seems to happen before the competition," reflected Micheli (ITA). "But if the conclusion is like this today, OK, I can live with it."

In May 2024, the precious penultimate opportunity to add crucial ranking points for Olympic qualification added even more weight to another memorable

week in Ankara (HUN). In the end it was an eastern European double-act who held their nerve as World record-breaker Csaba Bohm of Hungary and Gintare Venckauskaite of Lithuania demonstrated their big-match quality by winning individual gold.

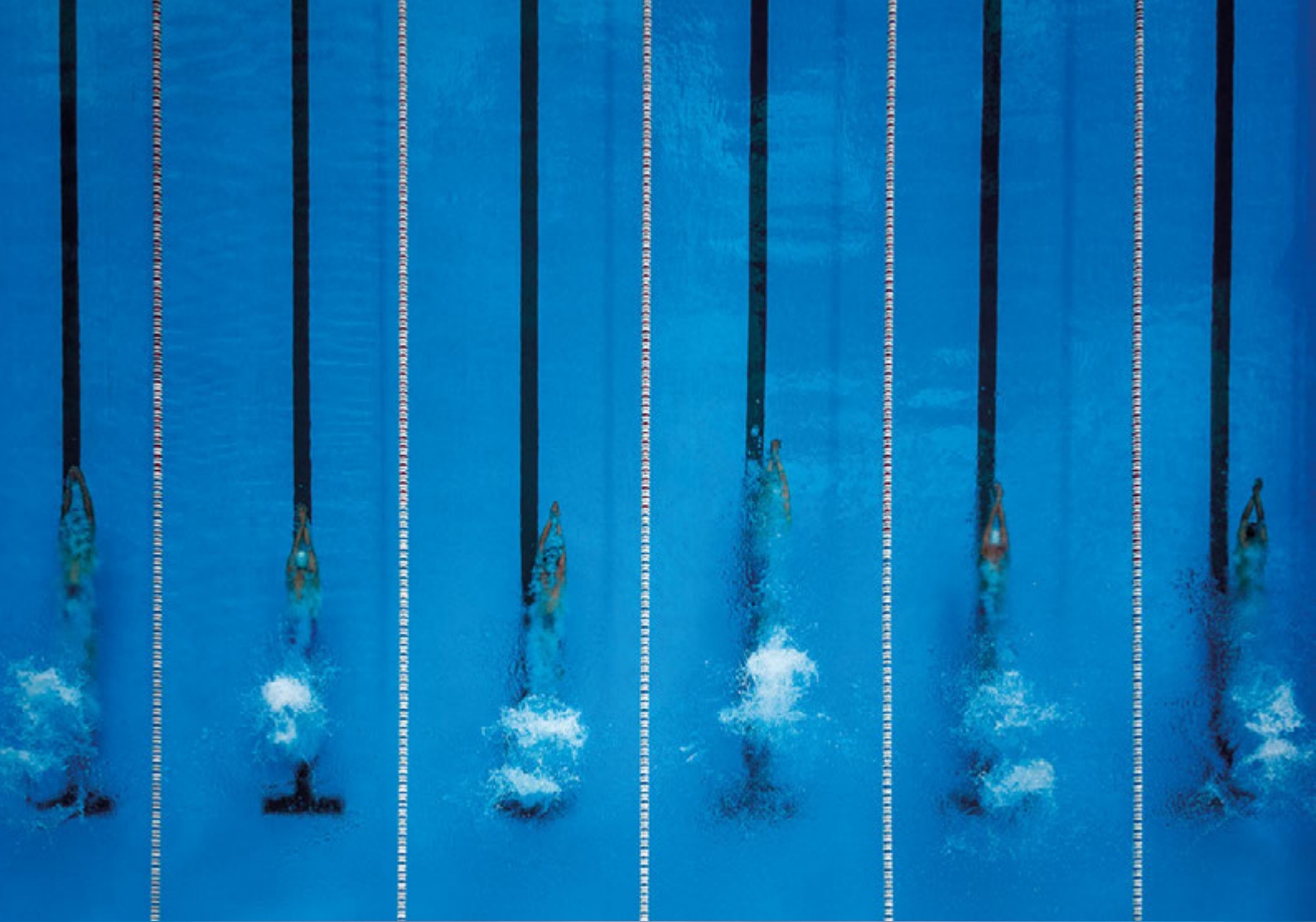
Bohm (HUN) broke the overall world record by a single point, scoring 1,535 as he overhauled a lead held by Valentin Prades of France in a gripping Men's Final, with Ahmed Elgendy (EGY) giving a signal of the form to come later in the summer as he took bronze. "It was a rollercoaster this week. I really had to change my mentality because I was full of fears, I was full of emotions, and I had to close them out," said Bohm (HUN). "I think it was the key to beating not just myself, but beating others, and finding the trust I lost. It's amazing."

Further along the age and experience scale Venckauskaite (LTU) savoured a gold medal which was the highlight of a long career for a 31-year-old two-time Olympian who previously won bronze in the UIPM 2021 Pentathlon World Cup Final in Astana (KAZ). There was a hard-earned silver for 2024 breakthrough athlete Mariya Gnedtchik (AIN), while Ozyuksel (TUR) sent the home crowd into ecstasy with a late sprint for bronze.



Pentathlon World Cup Final Medal table

Nation				Total
 Hungary	3	0	3	6
 Korea	2	1	1	4
 France	1	2	1	4
 Egypt	1	1	1	3
 Italy	1	0	0	1
 Lithuania	1	0	0	1
 Türkiye	0	1	1	2
 Mexico	0	0	1	1
 Poland	0	0	1	1
 Great Britain	0	2	0	2
 Individual Neutral Athletes	0	1	0	1
 Japan	0	1	0	1





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1. (top left) Swimming action in Ankara (TUR);
2. (bottom left) All smiles on the podium;
3. Woongtae Jun (KOR) celebrates after winning a duel with Csaba Bohm (HUN);
4. In such a star-studded field, action was unsurprisingly fast and frenetic on the piste in the Fencing round in Ankara;
5. Michelle Gulyas clears another obstacle during the Riding discipline;
6. Woongtae Jun (KOR) after his victory at the UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup Final.

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1. While the Swimming discipline may have offered some contenders a chance to catch up, the leaders maintained their advantage;
2. The competition was fast and fierce on the piste in the Fencing Bonus Round of the Women's Final at the UIPM Pentathlon World Cup Final;
3. Elena Micheli (ITA) on her way to winning the individual title at the UIPM 2023 Pentathlon World Cup Final in Ankara (TUR);
4. (top right) Outstanding Pentathlon stadium in Ankara to host the UIPM 2023 Pentathlon World Cup Final;
5. (bottom right) Women's Final podium.







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1. (left) The Women's Final was an energy-sapping affair in Ankara (TUR) as Laser Run provided crowds with an exciting spectacle;
2. Athletes celebrate on the extended podium after the UIPM Pentathlon World Cup Final Women's Final;
3. The action didn't let up during the changeover in the Swimming discipline;
4. Gintare Venckauskaite (LTU) is running her individual victory in the UIPM 2024 Pentathlon World Cup Final in Ankara (TUR);
5. Eventual winner Gintare Venckauskaite (LTU) during the Riding discipline of the Women's Final;
6. Athletes from France and Germany do battle on the piste during the Men's Fencing Bonus Round.



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WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

One of the first things highlighted in every Modern Pentathlon fan's diary each year, the three UIPM Pentathlon World Championships which took place during this cycle emphatically proved why — they are always must-watch.

The shortened Paris 2024 Olympic cycle may have contracted things a little but that didn't lessen the global appeal and impact of the most important event in the UIPM calendar, which visited three different continents in this cycle.

It started in Alexandria (EGY) where the UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Championship thrust forward two first-time winners in the shape of Elena Micheli (ITA) and Joseph Choong (GBR), whose presence atop the global podium would turn out to be a familiar sight.

Choong (GBR) completed a glittering personal collection of major prizes as he added a first World Championship title to his Olympic gold from Tokyo 2020 and the World Cup Final crown he claimed in 2019. However, the Briton was chased all the way by a stirring Laser Run performance from Mohamed Elgendy, who claimed silver for Egypt to the delight of the home fans. "Ever since I was a kid, I always wanted to say I was the best in the world at something," said Choong. "World champion literally means you are number one in the world. I've got the set now!"

Micheli (ITA) crowned a stunning season by going one better than her breakthrough silver medal at the 2019 World Championships as she held off a gripping attack from Michelle Gulyas (HUN) with Ilke Ozyuksel of Türkiye producing a stunning Laser Run performance to jump all the way from 12th to bronze. Mixed Relay glory went to Korea.

Twelve months later, the location was different as the best in the world gathered in Bath (GBR), but the individual golds went to the same place as the respective champions retained their crowns with Micheli (ITA) and Choong (GBR) going back to back on Super Saturday.

Alice Sotero (ITA) made it an Italian 1-2 in the Women's Final with Kerenza Bryson (GBR) storming to bronze and snaring a Paris 2024 quota place, but the dominance of Micheli, who had also won the UIPM 2023 Pentathlon World Cup Final, was daunting. "It's not so simple to confirm yourself in another World Championships. One way or another, last year it happened and it happened again right now," she said.

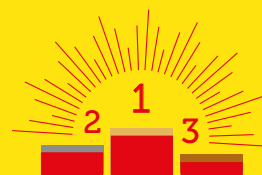
In the Men's Final, Choong (GBR) was forced to battle all the way by Emiliano Hernandez (MEX), who settled for silver and a quota place in Paris while Mohamad Shaban (EGY) took bronze plus a team gold for Egypt. The following day Shaban teamed up with Salma Abdelmaksoud to help Egypt to Mixed Relay gold.

A cycle which started with first-time world champions finished on the same note in the UIPM 2024 Pentathlon World Championships in Zhengzhou (CHN). Two new global giants were crowned in 21-year-old Seungmin Seong (KOR) and 23-year-old Csaba Bohm (HUN), a clear sign of the emergence of a new generation of Modern Pentathlon superstars.






The young duo stood on top of the world with less than two months to go until the Olympic Games, with final qualification places on offer only adding to the tension.

Seong (KOR) would fulfil that promise with bronze in Paris, but in China she had to hold off a fierce push from silver medallist Blanka Guzi (HUN) with Rita Erdos (HUN) taking bronze on a wonderful day for Hungary. In becoming her country's first individual female world champion, Seong (KOR) enabled Korea to continue their dominance of the competition after a double success in the Women's and Men's Relays.

Bohm (HUN) continued to take men's pentathlon to a new level, breaking the overall world record for the second successive competition, extending his previous mark of 1,535 points to 1,551. He finished a full 27sec clear of teammate Balazs Szep (HUN). Woongtae Jun (KOR) battled to bronze and the following day Korea rounded off a wonderful week for the sport in Asia as Sunwoo Kim and Changwan Seo combined for Mixed Relay glory.



Pentathlon World Championships Medal Table

Nation				Total
 Korea	6	2	3	11
 Egypt	4	4	1	9
 Great Britain	3	1	1	5
 Italy	2	2	0	4
 Hungary	1	5	3	9
 France	1	0	1	2
 Mexico	0	2	1	3
 Ukraine	0	1	0	1
 Czechia	0	0	2	2
 Türkiye	0	0	2	2
 Guatemala	0	0	1	1
 Lithuania	0	0	1	1
 Germany	0	0	1	1





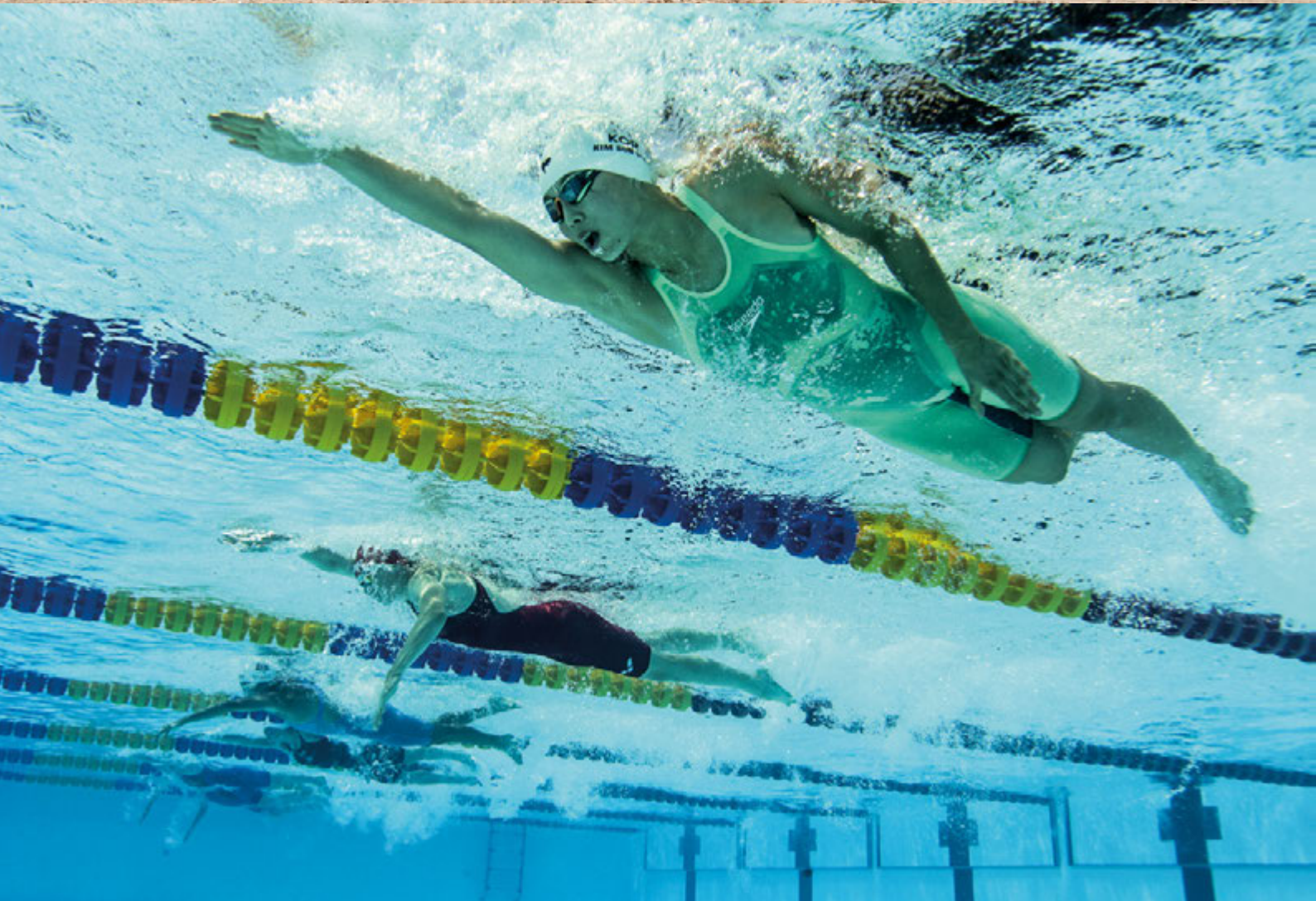
1. (top left) Action from the Riding stage of the Men's Final in Alexandria (EGY);
2. (bottom left) Action from the Swimming pool as the men battle for supremacy in the UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Championships;
3. Women's Final podium;
4. Haydy Morsy (EGY) celebrates with her fellow gold medallist Amira Kandil (EGY);
5. Sunwoo Kim and Woongtae Jun savour their moment of triumph after winning the Mixed Relay for Korea at the UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Championships.





1. Joseph Choong of Great Britain cemented his place in history by winning second consecutive world titles in the Men's Final respectively at the UIPM 2023 Pentathlon and Laser Run World Championships in Bath (GBR);
2. Elena Micheli (ITA) at the shooting range;
3. The Fencing Bonus Round offered a chance for competitors to move up the leaderboard on Super Sunday in Bath (GBR);
4. Egypt (Abdelmaksoud/Shaban) celebrate a comfortable win in the Mixed Relay to round off the week;
5. Focus is the name of the game at the shooting range in the Men's Final;
6. The three medallists in the Women's Individual Final at the UIPM 2023 Pentathlon World Championships savour their moment of glory;
7. (right) Super Sunday witnessed some incredible Riding performances across Women's and Men's Finals.







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1. (top left) Csaba Bohm (HUN) controls his horse during the Men's Final on Super Saturday in Zhengzhou (CHN);
2. (bottom left) Action from the Women's Final in Zhengzhou (CHN) in Swimming;
3. Seungmin Seong of Korea become the 2024 individual world champions in Zhengzhou (CHN);
4. Tamara Vega (MEX) takes a hit on the back during a fierce encounter in the Fencing Bonus Round of the Women's Final at the World Championships;
5. The local crowd is enjoying the show;
6. The Women's Final gets underway with a competitive Riding discipline;
7. Men's Final podium.



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Women's Final

Rank	Name	Nation	Points
1	GULYAS Michelle		1461
2	CLOUVEL Elodie		1452
3	SEONG Seungmin		1441
4	GUZI Blanka		1433
5	MICHELI Elena		1424
6	OZYUKSEL Ilke		1420
7	VENCKAUSKAITE Gintare		1419
8	KIM Sunwoo		1410
9	BRYSON Kerenza		1404
10	HLAVACKOVA Lucie		1403
11	JURT Anna		1403
12	ISMAIL Malak		1395
13	SOTERO Alice		1389
14	ZHANG Mingyu		1386
15	ZILLEKENS Annika		1376
16	ASADAUSKAITE Laura		1369
17	HEREDIA Laura		1124
18	OTEIZA Marie		1077

PARIS 2024 OLYMPIC GAMES

The Palace of Versailles has seen many golden moments in its history. But the two coronations that took place in early August 2024 will live long in the memory.


















With 63,000 spectators entranced in the stands and millions more watching worldwide, four days of Modern Pentathlon competitions at the Paris 2024 Summer Olympic Games were hailed as “a groundbreaking success”.

Of course, two people were particularly successful — Michelle Gulyas of Hungary and Ahmed Elgendy of Egypt, each of whom was crowned as a new Olympic champion, taking home a little piece of the Eiffel Tower in their gold medals.

World records tumbled early and often throughout the competition but it was Gulyas (HUN) and Elgendy (EGY) whose names will jump out from the record books as both secured victories that were rich in significance.

For Gulyas (HUN), she delivered on so much of the promise she has shown in the 2021-2024 Olympic cycle with an emphatic triumph but also delivered a long-awaited glory for Hungary, the most prolific nation in the history of Modern Pentathlon at the Games. This was the country’s first gold in 20 years since Athens 2004.

Men's Final

Rank	Name	Nation	Points
1	ELGENDY Ahmed		1555
2	SATO Taishu		1542
3	MALAN Giorgio		1536
4	HERNANDEZ Emiliano		1532
5	CICINELLI Matteo		1527
6	JUN Woongtae		1526
7	SEO Changwan		1520
8	DOGUE Marvin Faly		1520
9	CHOONG Joseph		1519
10	SZEP Balazs		1519
11	MOURCIA Jean-baptiste		1512
12	LIEBIG Fabian		1507
13	BOHM Csaba		1505
14	DALLENBACH Alexandre		1500
15	GUTKOWSKI Lukasz		1492
16	PRADES Valentin		1470
17	SVECOVS Pavels		1452
18	SHABAN Mohanad		1181

There was nothing leisurely about a Saturday afternoon swim under a hot sun in Versailles as the leading contenders took to the pool in the Men’s Final

“I cannot even describe how happy I am about this medal. Starting into the competition, I felt very strong, but I didn’t even think about winning, and I thought, ‘Okay, I will have a good competition,’ Gulyas said. “This year wasn’t so strong for me, so I will do my best from all the disciplines, and then who knows what will be enough for pentathlon gold medal?”

Behind her Elodie Clouvel (FRA) sent a raucous home crowd into raptures as she claimed the second Olympic medal of her glittering career, her silver medal greeted perhaps even more loudly than the gold. “It’s incredible, amazing, all my family is here, so many French people in the crowd. It’s engraved in my heart for life. I will forever remember this moment,” said Clouvel, who also won silver at Rio 2016.

The new generation of Pentathlon came through strongly as just two months after becoming world champion, Seungmin Seong of Korea took bronze medallist at the age of 21.

Gulyas finished with a new world record of 1,461 points, smashing a mark which had been reset already that week by Kerenza Bryson in the Women’s semi-final. Anna Jurt (SUI) also set an Olympic record for Laser Run timing in the Semi-finals.

In the men’s competition, Elgendy (EGY) followed up his spectacular silver from Tokyo with the first Modern Pentathlon Olympic gold for an African nation as he roared to victory with a new world record of 1,555 points, winning by 13sec from another pioneering silver medallist, Taishu Sato becoming the first pentathlete from Japan to achieve an Olympic podium. Giorgio Malan (ITA) struck back for Europe, overtaking Jun (KOR) with a brilliant Laser Run to claim his country’s first Olympic medal since Barcelona 1992. Emiliano Hernandez (MEX) set a new world record for Laser Run as he finished 4th.

“It means a lot because the last three years that I’ve been competing, I’ve had a lot of struggles and many physical and mental problems with injuries and pain. I’m happy that it didn’t stop me. I’m happy to win at these Games, with the last horse riding,” Elgendy said. “It’s the only gold medal [for Egypt] in this Olympic Games. We had one bronze earlier, and one silver today in weightlifting. I’m so proud to get this medal for Egypt.”

The event marked the end of an era for Olympic Modern Pentathlon with Riding featuring for the last time, to be replaced by Obstacle. It was fitting that the last-ever horse ride was successfully negotiated by Clouvel (FRA), en route to become a double Olympic medallist in her home city.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: “This four-day Olympic competition was a groundbreaking success for Modern Pentathlon, and I am overjoyed that so many spectators, so many families with children, and so many dignitaries from the IOC and other important stakeholders could join us for special days in Paris. Our athletes are always great ambassadors for Modern Pentathlon but they took this to a new level.”





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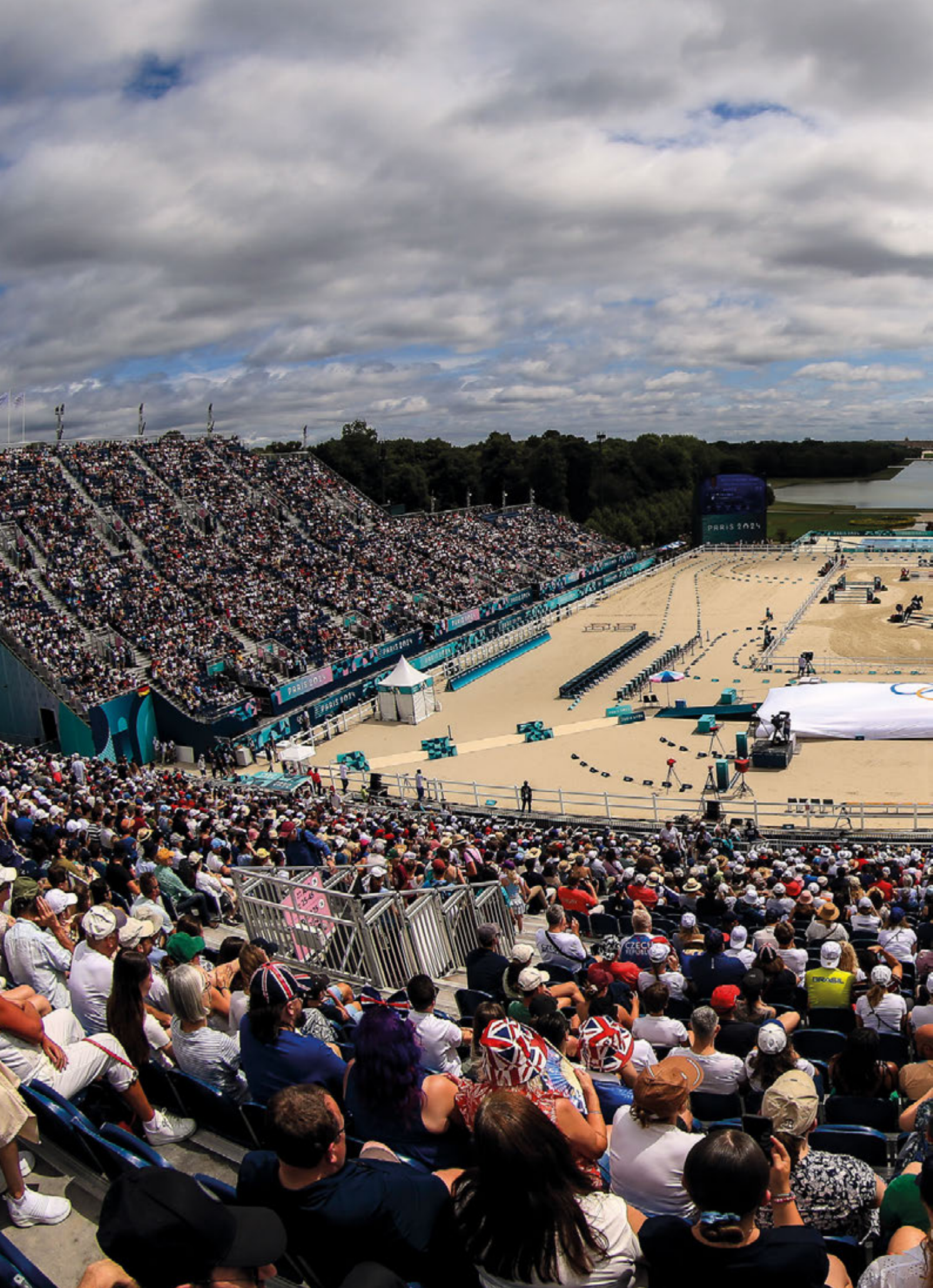


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1. (top left) Entrance of the athletes for the swimming event;
2. (bottom left) Michelle Gulyas crosses the line to celebrate her moment of Olympic glory at the Paris Olympic Games;
3. In spite of all of the noise and mayhem around them, there was some stunning shooting on display, Blanka Guzi (HUN) among the impressive performers;
4. Elodie Clouvel (FRA) aboard Fly, rounding off the last competitive ride in Olympic Pentathlon history;
5. Elodie Clouvel of France celebrates a victory during the fencing ranking round;
6. The ecstasy of gold, silver and bronze is clear as Elodie Clouvel (FRA), Michelle Gulyas (HUN) and Seungmin Seong (KOR) celebrate their Olympic medals;
7. (next page) In the stunning surrounds of the Palace of Versailles, Modern Pentathlon competition ran for three days in front of packed Olympic Games crowds.





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1. The sprawling beauty of the Palace of Versailles provided a stunning backdrop to all three days as the Riding discipline opened the Men's Final on Saturday;
2. Actions from the shooting range and the fencing bonus round;
3. Ahmed Elgendy of Egypt dominated the fencing ranking round;
4. With the sun pouring down, athletes prepare for the defining Laser Run of their Olympic careers;
5. (right) Ahmed Elgendy (EGY savours his moment of glory after charging to Olympic gold in the Men's Final.



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CHALLENGERS

Rebranded to add prestige and relevance to all competitions carrying rankings points on the road to the Olympic Games, four UIPM Pentathlon Challenger events added spice to the 2023 and 2024 seasons. The four events took place in Kyrgyzstan, Spain, Poland and Egypt.

Türkiye, with no direct qualification quota places gained in the bigger showpiece competitions, enjoyed a triumphant finish to 2023 when Ilke Ozyuksel (TUR) and Bugra Unal (TUR) won the Women's and Men's Finals respectively at UIPM 2023 Pentathlon Challenger Kyrgyzstan.

This followed individual success for Anna Maliszewska of Poland and Ahmed Elgendy of Egypt at UIPM 2023 Pentathlon Challenger Spain, and for Salma Abdelmaksoud (EGY) and Jean-Baptiste Mourcia of France at UIPM 2023 Pentathlon Challenger Poland.

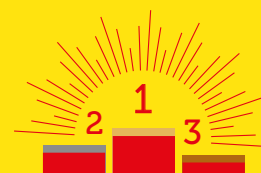
Hungary claimed four of the 18 medals on offer in 2023, while there was also podium joy for Czechia (2), Bulgaria, Ecuador, Estonia, Italy, Mexico and Spain.

Points gained in the Pentathlon Challengers were added to those accumulated in other qualification competitions such as Continental Games, giving a pathway to many athletes who may not otherwise attain their Olympic dream to forge their own qualification pathway.

















Unal (TUR) ended 2023 top of the UIPM Olympic World Ranking List, ranked 3rd among men behind Pan American Games medallists and quota qualifiers Andres Torres (ECU) and Emiliano Hernandez (MEX). Mourcia (FRA) occupied 4th place with Lukasz Gutkowski (POL) in 7th.

On the women's side, Maliszewska (POL) and Mariana Arceo (MEX) were in the strongest position among non-quota recipients, sitting 2nd and 3rd respectively behind Pan American Games winner Mayan Oliver (MEX). Lea Egloff of Switzerland and Anais Eudes of Belgium completed the top five.

The final event of the series was UIPM 2024 Pentathlon Challenger Egypt, which was especially sweet for Ozyuksel (TUR) and home-town hero Mohamed Elgendy (EGY), who won the gold medals with stunning performances. There were also medals for Czech and German athletes in Cairo (EGY).



UIPM Challengers Medal Table

Nation				Total
 Egypt	3	0	1	4
 Türkiye	3	0	0	3
 France	1	0	0	1
 Poland	1	0	0	1
 Hungary	0	3	2	5
 Czechia	0	1	2	3
 Bulgaria	0	1	0	1
 Ecuador	0	1	0	1
 Estonia	0	1	0	1
 Mexico	0	1	0	1
 Spain	0	0	1	1
 Germany	0	0	1	1
 Italy	0	0	1	1



FISU WORLD UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Modern Penathlon's University World Championships is back with a bang!

Six years after the inaugural edition, the competition took place in Kaunas, Lithuania and two of the sport's most exciting talents rose to the challenge.

There was glory for the host nation as Elzbieta Adomaityte (LTU) claimed the women's gold medal with a comfortable lead over Poland team-mates Maja Biernacka and Malgorzata Karbownik, who won silver and bronze respectively.

Moutaz Mohamed of Egypt had to fend off competition from within his own team to claim gold, forcing Moustafa Abouamer (EGY) to accept silver in the men's competition with Emanuele Tromboni of Italy securing bronze.

Having already becoming Women's Individual Laser Run world champion and Mixed Relay bronze medallist in Bath (GBR) in 2023, Adomaityte (LTU) proved that she can also handle herself on an Obstacle course.

With the Obstacle Laser Run format introduced at university level for the first time, the fastest Obstacle time of 32.20sec was set by Karbownik (POL). Starting 17sec behind, Adomaityte (LTU) made light of the deficit to dominate the Laser Run with a time of 11:32.50.

Senior world No.6 Mohamed (EGY) overcame a 16sec starting deficit to Abouamer (EGY) only to see his rival rapidly advancing on the last lap, to set up a dramatic sprint finish. Abouamer (EGY) was the star of the course with another epic time of 22.06.

Women's gold medallist Adomaityte (LTU) said: "It was my first time doing Obstacle this year, and we had four weeks of training so I'm really proud of myself. I'm just happy to be in Kaunas, in my city and my country."

Men's gold medallist Mohamed (EGY) said: "It feels great that I am the world university champion. It's not the first time I tried Obstacle, but I think it's great. I also think it's going to be great for the younger athletes. They like it and find it exciting to watch."




Women's Final

Rank	Name	Nation	Points
1	ADOMAITYTE Elzbieta		907
2	BIERNACKA Maja		884
3	KARBOWNIK Malgorzata		874
4	AMER Zeina		863
5	MERCURI Beatrice		861
6	AXMANN Lisa Sophie		855
7	KANCYTE Anastasija		848
8	KAPALA Adrianna		840
9	ESZES Noemi		835
10	MONTECCHIA Ludovica		829




Men's Final

Rank	Name	Nation	Points
1	MOHAMED Moutaz		1024
2	ABOUAMER Moustafa		1024
3	TROMBONI Emanuele		1000
4	TARKANYI Zsombor		995
5	PURONAS Titas		991
6	CORREIA ACIOLY Joao Victor		980
7	ELGENDY Mohamed		978
8	JEVENSAPER Danielius		976
9	VAGNORIUS Paulius		970
10	KLIMEK Maciej		967

Mixed Relay

Rank	Name	Nation	Points
1	AMER Zeina ABOUAMER Moustafa		831
2	KARBOWNIK Malgorzata KLIMEK Maciej		816
3	ESZES Noemi TARKANYI Zsombor		811

Team

Rank	Name	Nation	Points
1	AMER Zeina MOHAMED Moutaz		1014
2	KANCYTE Anastasija PURONAS Titas		1005
3	ISMAIL Sally ABOUAMER Moustafa		989

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1. Elzbieta Adomaityte (LTU) did her nation proud as she claimed the gold medal in the Women's Final (above), with silver and bronze going to Poland teammates Maja Biernacka and Malgorzata Karbownik;
2. Laser Run action during the Men's Final;
3. Mixed Relay podium;
4. Elzbieta Adomaityte (LTU) celebrates her victory;
5. Spectacular finish during the Laser Run;
6. Focus at the shooting range with the prizes still to be decided in another gripping Laser Run;
7. (top & bottom right) Actions for the obstacles course.





JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Poland's southeastern city of Zielona Gora is celebrated for its vintage wines but in 2022 it provided a taste of the future with the first UIPM Pentathlon Junior World Championships of the cycle. With a host of emerging hopefuls among the field, bursting towards Paris was the dream. There would also be a vision of LA2028 with athletes having an opportunity to try Obstacle as a New Pentathlon Discipline Test Event at the venue.

Athletes from 23 nations took part in the Under 22 competition with all six continental confederations represented. Rebecca Caustadi of France shone brightest in the Women's Final as she took gold while in the Men's competition Mihaly Koleszar of Hungary narrowly pipped Mohamed Elgendy of Egypt to gold. The nine relay medals on offer were spread liberally with eight nations finding their way to the podium.

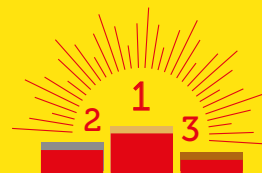
In September 2023, the world's best U22 pentathletes got their first chance to savour the new challenge of Modern Pentathlon with the integrated Obstacle discipline. The UIPM 2023 Pentathlon Junior World Championships took place in Druskininkai (LTU) with the host nation boasting a team of 10 athletes – and Lithuanian fans would be well rewarded as the country managed to win three medals.

Paulius Vagnorius (LTU) was responsible for one of those when he claimed silver in the Men's Final, albeit he couldn't catch the impressive Mathis Rochat of France. Earlier, with fans around the world watching live coverage of Modern Pentathlon with Obstacle for the first time, Josefine Unterberger of Germany found a kick in the last 300m to take a historic gold medal in the Women's Final, overtaking Katarzyna Debska of Poland, forcing her to accept silver ahead of bronze medallist Louison Cazaly (FRA). Egypt made up for individual disappointments as it took two of the three relay medals on offer as well as a Women's Team gold.

Alexandria (EGY) got in on the act in the final summer of the cycle as it hosted the UIPM 2024 Pentathlon Junior World Championships. Having enjoyed so much success at youth not to mention senior level in recent times, the chance to cast the eye over the Egyptian pipeline of talent was another valuable one. Coming into the week with the senior men's world No.5 (Moutaz Mohamed) and women's world No.11 (Malak Ismail) gave Egypt a daunting arsenal. But Pentathlon's global appeal stretches up and down the age grades and things rarely go as predicted.

So it proved as two starlets competing as Individual Neutral Athletes went on to dominate the Women's Final, Viktoriia Sazonova (INA) claiming gold and teammate Elizaveta Skudnyakova silver. Behind them was Egypt phenomenon Farida Khalil (EGY). Super Saturday had got off to a spectacular start as both Sazonova (AIN) and 13-year-old Khalil (EGY) smashed a pair of world records, the Junior Fencing and Obstacle marks respectively.

On the men's side Mohamed (EGY) had to break a world record to land gold with a new overall mark of 1,544 points. His teammates Mazen Shaban and Moustafa Abouamer (EGY) both broke the Obstacle world record which had been lowered earlier in the week by Kian O'Boyle of United States.



Junior World Championships Medal Table

Nation				Total
 France	5	3	3	11
 Egypt	5	3	2	10
 Hungary	3	4	1	8
 Germany	1	2	0	3
 Individual Neutral Athletes	1	1	0	2
 Czechia	1	0	0	1
 Great Britain	1	0	0	1
 Poland	0	2	0	2
 Lithuania	0	1	5	6
 Ukraine	0	1	2	3
 Italy	0	0	2	2
 China	0	0	1	1
 Guatemala	0	0	1	1



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1. Action from the fencing piste;
2. High five during the Mixed Relay;
3. Fantastic riding performances during the week in Drzonkow;
4. Mixed Relay was the last day of competition;
5. Rebecca Castaudi (FRA), who will be aiming to defend her individual junior world title later in the week, teamed up with Jessye Gomme (FRA) to secure the gold medal with a 10sec cushion;
6. (top right) Rebecca Castaudi (FRA) leaving the shooting range;
7. (bottom right) Mihaly Koleszar (HUN) crossing the finish line.







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JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. (top left) Pool action on the opening day of the 2023 UIPM Pentathlon Junior World Championships;
2. (bottom left) Connor Chow (CAN) about to finish his obstacle course;
3. The Obstacle discipline was the scene of some exhilarating athleticism in Druskininkai (LTU);
4. Mathis Rochat of France broke new ground as the first junior champion in the new-look Modern Pentathlon after an exciting Super Saturday at the UIPM 2023 Pentathlon Junior World Championships which took place in Druskininkai (LTU);
5. Action from the Fencing Bonus Round piste;
6. An exciting Laser Run set the tone for a week of high drama in Druskininkai (LTU);
7. Women's Final podium.



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1. The Obstacle discipline saw some rapid times put up by competitors all week in Alexandria (EGY);
2. Action from the Swimming discipline during the Mixed Relay;
3. All eyes are focused on the prize and on the targets during a packed visit to the range as the Laser Run served up a fitting finale to the Women's Fina;
4. (top right) Setting off to chase down the leaders as the Laser Run decides the prizes in the Men's Final;
5. (bottom right) To the victors go the spoils as France celebrate glory in the Mixed Relay in Alexandria (EGY).



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U19 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The reputation of the UIPM Pentathlon U19 World Championships as one of the best proving grounds for emerging global talent continues to grow, even more so as it became a standalone competition during the Paris 2024 cycle.

The year 2022 saw the final edition of the combined U17/U19 global gathering as Lignano Sabbiadoro in Italy hosted the best and brightest of the next generation. Sumin Shin of Korea and Moutaz Mohamed (EGY) were crowned as the new Under 19 world champions after outstanding performances at the UIPM 2022 Youth World Championships.

For 16-year-old Shin (KOR), the achievement completed a remarkable double as she had already become U17 world champion earlier in the week. The individual gold medal for Mohamed (EGY) and men's team gold extended a prolific week for Egypt but in a week that drew 260 athletes from 34 countries there was plenty of room among the medals with Ukraine, Great Britain, France, Hungary, Poland, Turkey and Mexico also bringing home prizes.

The atmosphere in the Italian beach resort was electric, not least because of the presence of an Obstacle course. A New Pentathlon Discipline Test Event was held alongside the World Championships, providing the next generation of athletes with a chance to test their Obstacle racing abilities – many for the first time.

The 2023 U19 World Championships in Istanbul (TUR) was a milestone moment for the sport as, following the 2022 test events, Obstacle was officially integrated into Modern Pentathlon at youth levels, giving competitors the chance to pursue world titles in the new sequence of Fencing/Obstacle/Swimming/Laser Run.

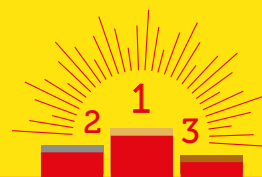
Egypt, Hungary and France proved that their early groundwork in the new discipline and format was reaping benefits as the three nations dominated the podiums. Malak Ismail (EGY) claimed Women's individual gold, being chased all the way by defending champion Shin (KOR). On the men's side Etienne Clergeau (FRA) left a Hungarian tandem in his wake. There was a wonderful storyline in the Relay events when teenage twins Florina and Katharina Jurt from Switzerland, sisters of senior star Anna, combined to deliver Women's Relay gold.

If the future of Egyptian pentathlon is very bright, for one athlete in particular, it seems to be blinding. Farida Khalil (EGY) took her one-woman wonder show to a whole new level at the 2024 U19 World Championships.

Aged just 13, Khalil (EGY) followed up her brilliant performances at the U17 global World Championships by completing a clean sweep of all four gold medals on offer to her in the serene spa town of Druskininkai (LTU).

Her exploits were in keeping with a week when the African powerhouse emphatically topped the medal table with six golds. Khalil (EGY) took individual Women's gold in a race that became a victory procession having already opened the week with a Women's Relay triumph, Team gold also going Egypt's way.

For a time it looked as though Mohamed Hassan (EGY) would make it a clean sweep of prizes but Korea's ability to produce youth champions remains impressive too. The sharp eye of Taegyung Lim (KOR) swung things his way in the Men's Final as he became the latest in a string of record breakers during the week, his mark of 1,521 points smashing the previous U19 world best. In total, eight new U19 world records were set, with more sure to arrive in the next cycle.



U19 World Championships Medal Table

Nation				Total
 Egypt	10	3	3	16
 Korea	4	3	3	10
 France	2	2	4	8
 Lithuania	1	0	0	1
 Mexico	1	0	0	1
 Switzerland	1	0	0	1
 Hungary	0	3	4	7
 Italy	0	3	1	4
 Great Britain	0	1	2	3
 Poland	0	1	0	1
 Ukraine	0	1	0	1
 Czechia	0	1	0	1
 Germany	0	1	0	1
 Türkiye	0	0	1	1
 Kazakhstan	0	0	1	1

U19 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



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1. Team Egypt secured many successes during the week in Italy;
2. Sumin Shin of Korea is the new Under 19 world champions after outstanding performances;
3. Action from the pool;
4. Golden moment for Lithuania;
5. At the end of an exceptionally prolific week, it was no surprise to see Egypt on top of the podium once again, thanks to a powerful Women's Relay performance;
6. (top right) An underwater shot;
7. (bottom right) Action for the fencing bonus round piste.



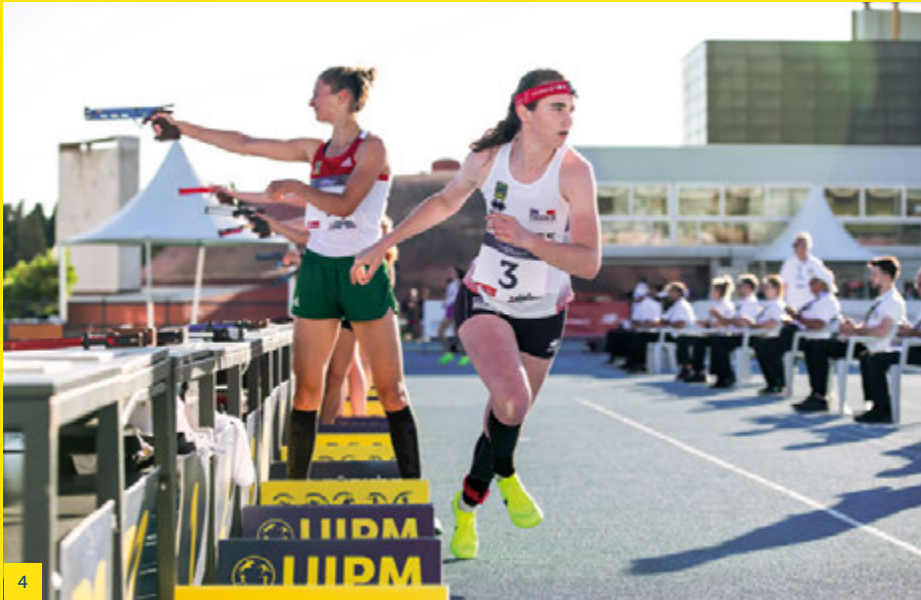




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1. (top & bottom left) The inclusion of Obstacle in Modern Pentathlon has already led to some fascinating moments of drama with Istanbul no different;
2. Malak Ismail (EGY) lived up to her world ranking by claiming gold in Istanbul (TUR);
3. The Obstacle discipline served up some scintillating battles in the Women's Final at the UIPM 2023 U19 World Championships;
4. The Laser Run provided plenty of late action as the first medals of Super Saturday were decided in the sun of Istanbul (TUR);
5. Twins Florina and Katarina Jurt helped deliver gold for Switzerland in the Women's Relay at the UIPM U19 World Championships;
6. Action at the shooting range;
7. Men's finalists power through the pool in Istanbul (TUR).



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U19 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. With Friday's Fencing Ranking Round having given us a signal of what was to come with a packed leaderboard, the Bonus Round offered a chance for crucial points;
2. Action from the thrilling Laser Run during the Women's Final;
3. Athletes are performing very well in Swimming event;
4. A truly Super Saturday at the UIPM 2024 Pentathlon U19 World Championships delivered two champions who defied expectations and broke records on their way to individual gold medal glory as the phenomenal Farida Khalil of Egypt triumphed in the Women's Final before Taegyung Lim of Korea smashed through in the Men's Final;
5. The second step on the podium was taken by Coline Flavin and Karl Furderer of France who fought hard to reel in the unstoppable champions;
6. (top right) Changeover during the Mixed Relay;
7. (bottom right) As action moved to the pool, it was understandable that eyes shifted briefly away from Khalil (EGY) to Wakana Uchiyama of Japan who had set a new U19 world record in Swimming during qualification.





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U17 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The UIPM 2022 U17 World Championships may have been the first of the new cycle but it was also the last of its kind. The Adriatic coastal town of Lignano Sabbiadoro (ITA) played host to the final combined gathering of the best youth pentathletes with the U17 and U19 competitions grouped together. It also staged a highly successful New Pentathlon Discipline Test Event.

So it was that Sumin Shin of Korea and Marwan Allam of Egypt were the last U17 champions of the joint championships after a pair of exceptional performances secured them the women's and men's titles. Shin's victory provided Asia's own powerhouse with a timely riposte to the dominance of Egypt and Hungary, who filled all six of the next seven places at the top end of the Women's Final. Allam (EGY) had Hungarian opposition in the form of Adam Peter (HUN), who took silver in the Men's Final with bronze going to Krystian Trepczyk of Poland. Germany, Italy, France and Mexico all got in on the medal rush in Team and Relay events.

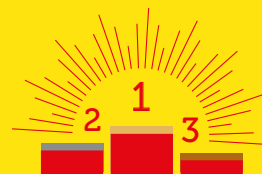
The following year, the U17s no longer had to share the stage with their U19 counterparts and there was more historical significance too, as athletes from 26 nations took part in the first global youth competition to feature a five-discipline Pentathlon. Next-generation athletes had the chance to pursue world titles in the new sequence of Fencing/Obstacle/Swimming/Laser Run that would be adopted at all levels of Modern Pentathlon after the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

Fittingly, Farida Khalil (EGY), a name which we will surely hear again and again in the coming years, was the first to triumph under the new system as she claimed women's gold, with Nadja Farmand of Germany and Annachiara Allara of Italy claiming silver and bronze respectively. An incredibly dramatic Men's Final followed at the Arab Academy for Science, Technology & Maritime Transport, where Mathis Issaka Idelarge (FRA) won a four-way sprint to the finish line, prevailing by only 1sec from silver medallist Bartosz Szmytko of Poland, who in turn finished 1sec ahead of Tarek Sadek (EGY). Poland, Germany, Italy, Hungary and Ukraine also left with medals.




Four weeks after Paris 2024, there were more staggering teenage kicks as the UIPM 2024 Pentathlon U17 World Championships provided a stunning glimpse of tomorrow's world as two pentathletes aged 13 and 15 won the gold medals by staggering margins. Held in Caldas da Rainha (POR), it was another Egyptian masterclass as the country left with five gold medals and a silver.

Aged 13 years and seven months, Farida Khalil (EGY) became a two-time U17 world champion, building on her victory of the previous year when she was only 12. This time she won the Women's Final by a distance, finishing 20sec ahead of silver medallist Diana Rajncsak of Hungary as Charlotte Keister of Germany took bronze. None of the top four athletes had yet turned 16.

The Men's Final was similarly dominated by Akim Gnedtchik (AIN), another 15-year-old who seems to have the world at his feet, turning 16 in late September but 19 points too good for the competition in Portugal. Omar Abdelkader (EGY) added a second individual medal for the North African powerhouse as he held on to the silver medal under pressure from bronze medalist Maksym Kovalchuk of Ukraine.



U17 World Championships Medal Table

Nation				Total
 Egypt	12	5	1	18
 France	2	1	0	3
 Germany	1	3	3	7
 Italy	1	0	4	5
 Great Britain	1	0	1	2
 Individual Neutral Athletes	1	0	0	1
 Korea	1	0	0	1
 Hungary	0	5	4	9
 Poland	0	3	3	6
 Ukraine	0	1	1	2
 Türkiye	0	1	0	1
 Lithuania	0	0	1	1
 Mexico	0	0	1	1

Hanna Jakubowska and Dobosz (POL) came close to pipping their Egyptian counterparts in the Laser Run having completed the circuit nearly 40 seconds faster, but it was not enough to close the demonstrable gap and they finished the week with silver in Caldas da Rainha (POR)



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1. The new generation is performing well in Lignano (ITA);
2. Actions from the Laser Run events;
3. Men's Team podium;
4. Shin (KOR) claims double gold;
5. In the end, new world champion Marwan Allam (EGY) was just too good as he held off the challenge of Adam Peter (HUN) and Krystian Trepczyk (POL);
6. (right) Marwan Allam (EGY) on his way to win the Mixed Relay.







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1. (left) Women's world champion Khalil (EGY) said: "It's a great feeling and I thank God for this great achievement. I've been working hard for about two years to achieve this;
2. Chloe Johnson and Sebastian Forrest of Great Britain celebrate Mixed Relay honours after an exciting Laser Run;
3. Action from the Swimming discipline at the Mixed Relay in Alexandria (EGY).



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1. (top left) Action from the piste during the Fencing competition as a frenetic UIPM U17 World Championships showed off some of the best young talent;
2. (bottom left) It is changeover time during the Mixed Relay;
3. Action from the Obstacle course at the UIPM 2024 Pentathlon U17 World Championships in Caldas da Rainha (POR);
4. Laser Run action has the crowds in Caldas da Rainha (POR) feeling the excitement with drama aplenty at the UIPM 2024 U17 World Championships;
5. Focus at the shooting range with the prizes still to be decided in another gripping Laser Run;
6. Getting those teenage kicks in the pool proved to be helpful during the Swimming discipline;
7. Mixed Relay and Men's podiums.



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U17 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Amid fierce rivalries, lifelong friendships were born and renewed, and new world champions were crowned across three days of sporting excellence at the UIPM 2024 Pentathlon & Tetrathlon Masters World Championships.

Athletes who had previously specialised in Laser Run, Biathle and Triathlon as well as Modern Pentathlon rose to the challenge in Gyomro (HUN), showing the diversity of the modern UIPM Sports movement as one of its most popular events returned after a six-year absence.

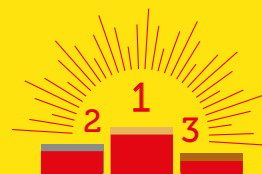
Sixteen individual and 13 team medals were awarded, along with nine relay titles, as 100 athletes from around the world competed in Pentathlon and Tetrathlon categories 30+ to 70+.

Interestingly, three athletes with origins in Laser Run, Biathle or Triathlon won individual golds, **Hungary** duo **Tamas Gajdos** and **Krisztina Gerhardt** and **Emanuel Gambini** of **Italy** demonstrating the value of the UIPM Sports pathway in offering opportunities for lifelong competition.

It was fitting that a mother-and-daughter combination brought a weekend of family-friendly competition to an end on 16 September, as **Dr Barbara Oettinger** and her daughter **Vera Oettinger** (GER) succeeded in winning the Tetrathlon 30+ Relay title. In the Pentathlon 30+ category, **Greece** siblings **Katalin** and **Peter Partics** became mixed relay champions.

Janusz Peciak OLY, UIPM Executive Board Member for Sport and Montreal 1976 Olympic champion, said: "I'm very pleased with this Masters World Championship. We had around 100 athletes participating from 20 countries across Africa, North America, South America, Europe, and Asia, and the level of competition was very good.

"I'm very pleased that the older generation, who I remember when I competed in the 60s, 70s and 80s, still participate and continue this beautiful journey and participate in Modern Pentathlon. I see many athletes who have never done Pentathlon before and now participate and just start this sport, so it's never too late."



Masters World Championships Medal Table

Nation				Total
 Hungary	9	2	2	13
 France	5	2	5	12
 Great Britain	3	5	3	11
 Germany	3	1	3	7
 Italy	2	1	1	4
 South Africa	1	2	1	4
 Egypt	1	2	1	4
 Greece	1	2	1	4
 Finland	1	1	3	5
 Ukraine	1	1	2	4
 Czechia	1	0	1	2
 Latvia	1	0	0	1
 Individual Neutral Athletes	1	0	0	1
 United States	0	3	2	5
 Spain	0	3	0	3
 Switzerland	0	1	0	1

(top) Athletes savour revival of lifelong movement in Gyomro (HUN) after a six-year absence;
(bottom) It is all about focus during the shooting.



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Dark riding jacket

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Logo of the event

1. (left) While Riding is no longer part of Modern Pentathlon at elite levels, the Masters competition retains the discipline with strong performances in Gyomro (HUN);
2. The UIPM 2024 Pentathlon & Tetrathlon Masters World Championships was about community and connection as much as competition;
3. Action from the shooting range during the Laser Run at UIPM 2024 Pentathlon & Tetrathlon Masters World Championships in Gyomro (HUN);
4. Group picture including participants at the pool.



MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



BIATHLE-TRIATHLE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Always one of the most beloved, community-driven and camaraderie-centric dates in any UIPM calendar, the Biathle-Triathle Laser Run World Championships continued to go from strength to strength during this cycle.

In 2022 it brought a global gathering of athletes to Portugal's 'Atlantic Pearl' – the island of Madeira. The coastal city of Machico (POR) was the scene for a wonderful week of competition with a record number of almost 650 athletes representing 31 countries from every age grade from Under 11 to Masters 70+ racing across four days.

Biathle and Triathle have been development cornerstones for UIPM Sports and a gripping battle to top the medal table was dominated by African rivals, South Africa eventually beating Egypt with 26 golds to 22. Great Britain were not too far behind as they took 16 golds. In total, 13 of the 31 competing countries went home with gold in their luggage.

There were hugely positive signs for global development as Thailand claimed a medal and Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Iran were all represented for the first time. There was no shortage of star power and top-10-ranked pentathlete Ieva Serapinaite of Lithuania lived up to her status with gold in the Senior Women's Triathle category. Lea Fernandez of France took Senior Women's gold in Biathle.

The following year, UIPM's continued growth in Asia was clearly evident when athletes from all six continents joined in a global celebration of beach multi-sport as blissful Bali (INA) hosted the UIPM 2023 Biathle-Triathle World Championships.

In hot and humid conditions, the competition served up a highly demanding test of athleticism but was also a joyous sporting experience for the many families who competed across age categories stretching from Under 9 to Masters 70+.

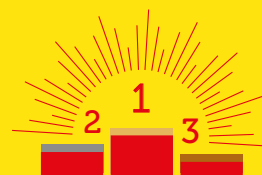
In total, 450 athletes from 34 nations flocked to one of Indonesia's prime beauty spots.

Two-time Olympian Gintare Venckauskaite (LTU) proved her versatility by becoming senior world champion across Triathle and Biathle. Titas Purnas (LTU) won the Senior Men's Triathle before Meirlan Iskakov of Kazakhstan clinched Senior Men's Biathle gold.

Across the age categories, there was no doubting the dominant force as South Africa claimed an incredible haul of almost 50 gold medals. Thailand led the Asian challenge with seven golds, with three staying in host nation Indonesia. World titles were also claimed by Egypt, Germany, Hungary, Japan, Korea and Portugal.

"We have great possibilities in Asia for more grass-roots development and later to see more young athletes training for Fencing and being able to compete in a full Pentathlon thanks to the integration of Obstacle," UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said.

In a testament to the popularity of the UIPM Biathle-Triathle Championships, the 2024 edition will see a third continent play host in the three-year cycle. At the time of going to print, Port Said in Egypt was poised to stage the event with another huge entry list expected.



Biathle-Triathle World Championships Medal Table

Nation				Total
 South Africa	75	43	27	145
 Egypt	34	17	16	67
 Great Britain	22	35	38	95
 Germany	13	9	7	29
 Lithuania	12	13	11	36
 Kazakhstan	11	9	5	25
 Czechia	9	12	6	27
 Thailand	5	8	3	16
 Portugal	4	14	12	30
 France	3	4	8	15
 Individual Neutral Athletes	3	3	7	13
 Austria	3	0	0	3
 Japan	2	5	7	14
 Philippines	2	2	1	5
 Spain	1	7	8	16
 Hungary	1	2	5	8
 Greece	1	1	0	2
 Korea	1	0	1	2
 Latvia	1	0	1	2
 Italy	1	0	0	1
 Hong Kong	0	2	0	2
 Switzerland	0	2	0	2
 Guatemala	0	1	2	3
 Australia	0	0	2	2
 Mexico	0	0	2	2
 Kuwait	0	0	1	1
 New Zealand	0	0	1	1





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BIATHLE-TRIATHLE NATIONAL TOUR

Each passing year continues to see new athletes joining Biathle and Triathle, not only on a national level but also at World Championships and continental competitions such as Asian and European Biathle-Triathle Champions. On the one hand, athletes who start their sporting career with Biathle and Triathle then turn to Pentathlon at Youth, Junior, Senior and Masters levels. On the other, there is a trend that more and more active pentathletes are coming to sharpen their skills in Biathle and Triathle competitions.

The year 2022 saw the biggest activation of the UIPM Biathle-Triathle National Tour to date, with 23 cities in 16 countries having an exclusive chance to organise the run-swim-shoot competition.

Traditionally, most Biathle and Triathle events were hosted by Georgia, Egypt, Portugal and South Africa. Moldova, Greece, Thailand, Croatia, and Argentina – countries that already hosted successful Global Laser Run City Tours in 2021 – joined the competition circuit in UIPM sub-sports, which sit on the next level of the UIPM Sports Pyramid above Laser Run.

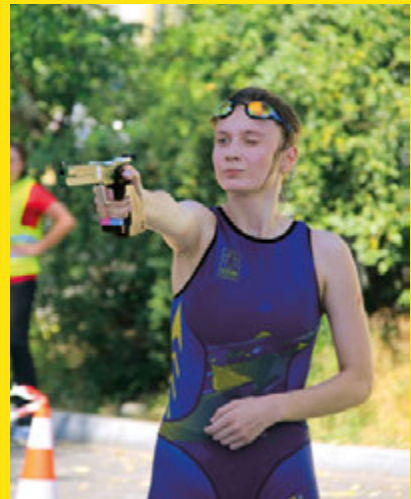
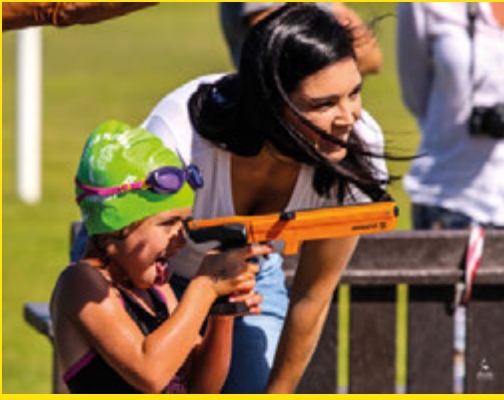
Seventeen Biathle-Triathle National Tours took place in 2023, encompassing nine countries across Europe, Asia and Africa.

Together with Continental (Europe, Asia, and Africa) and regional competitions (Mediterranean Beach Games, West Africa zones A and B, Southeast Asia Championships), the total reached 24 competitions in 14 countries. Spain, Lithuania, and Moldova joined BTNT for the first time after successful GLRCT in previous years.

In addition to Laser Shooting or Fencing equipment, and Pentasuits, an Obstacle kit was added to the options of support for all tours organised across BTNT and GLRCT.

By September 2024 there had already been more than a dozen BTNT events across the world with countries such as Burkina Faso, Peru, India and Spain getting in on the act.

BIATHLE-TRIATHLE NATIONAL TOUR





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LASER RUN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

From Portugal to Great Britain and then China, the UIPM Laser Run World Championships enjoyed another riveting run of success in UIPM's most popular development sport.

Records were shattered in Lisbon (POR) when the biggest-ever field took part in the UIPM 2022 Laser Run World Championships. More than 700 athletes from 26 countries, spanning all generations, gathered in the Portuguese capital to compete for glory across 12 age categories in Laser Run and Para Laser Run. In a carnival-like atmosphere at the picturesque Parque das Nacoes, athletes mingled and shared tips and skills and a love for the fastest-growing sport in the UIPM pyramid.

Host nation Portugal enjoyed a prolific weekend, winning 11 gold medals with only Great Britain able to better that tally as they claimed 15 golds. Tokyo 2020 Olympian Lukasz Gutkowski of Poland took the senior men's title while Pinelopi Nika of Greece became the new women's world champion.

Egypt's prowess was, unsurprisingly, a feature as the African powerhouse claimed six golds among 10 medals in total, while South Africa took 18 medals home too.

Twelve months later, the eighth running of the UIPM Laser Run World Championships – held alongside the UIPM 2023 Pentathlon World Championships – was hailed as a resounding success.

Racers of all ages and abilities competed in 37 categories at the University of Bath (GBR), including three Para Laser Run categories.

The event reunited athletes of all generations as they competed for world titles in age grades from Under 9 to Masters 70+. With more than 560 athletes representing 33 countries, it was another global showcase of Laser Run.

The final morning of the competition provided a special highlight for spectators and UIPM TV viewers as Para athletes from Egypt, France and Great Britain competed in the first UIPM Para Laser Run World Championships to be live-streamed.

Elzbieta Adomaityte (LTU) claimed the coveted title of senior world champion in the Women's Final before Pau Salomo (ESP) upstaged two high-profile pentathletes with a clinical victory, holding off the challenge of Alexandre Dallenbach (SUI), who in turn forced Shuai Luo (CHN) to accept bronze. On the final day Dallenbach (SUI) teamed up with Katharina Jurt (SUI) to secure Mixed Relay gold. Egypt proved to be the most prolific nation with 12 golds overall but host nation Great Britain racked up multiple titles too.

Ten months later, a three-day festival of Laser Run – the development beacon of the UIPM Sports movement – lit the spark for an unforgettable UIPM 2024 Pentathlon and Laser Run World Championships.































In all, there were more than 550 athletes representing 24 countries, all generations coming together at the spectacular Zhengzhou Olympic Sports Centre to provide a Laser Run showcase in the ninth instalment of this World Championships.

As host nation, China grasped the opportunity with an unprecedented entry of mostly youth athletes that underlined the development potential of UIPM Sports

in a nation of 1.4 billion people. The home team was rewarded with an array of world titles including the three most prized gold medals, as Xiyao Wu teamed up with Zhenfeng Liu to win a thrilling senior Mixed Relay gold, following the individual success of Wu (CHN) and Olympic pentathlete Shuai Luo (CHN).

Philippines was another Asian nation that prospered with medals across the three days, providing tough competition for athletes from Egypt, habitually dominant in the youth categories, and South Africa.

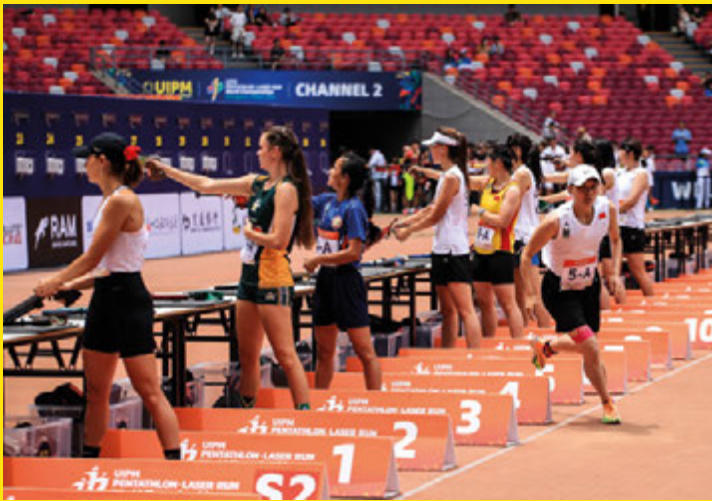
Laser Run World Championships Medal Table

Nation				Total
 Egypt	34	12	10	56
 China	30	15	20	65
 Great Britain	28	32	19	79
 South Africa	14	28	12	54
 France	11	10	16	37
 Portugal	11	9	19	39
 Germany	8	3	3	14
 Hungary	6	7	7	20
 Lithuania	4	2	2	8
 Latvia	3	1	0	4
 Spain	2	3	1	6
 Switzerland	2	3	1	6
 Australia	2	1	3	6
 Monaco	2	1	2	5
 Individual Neutral Athletes	2	1	0	3
 Poland	2	0	1	3
 Philippines	1	2	1	4
 Greece	1	1	3	5
 Austria	1	0	2	3
 Hong Kong	0	3	0	3
 Mexico	0	3	0	3
 India	0	2	0	2
 Canada	0	1	0	1
 Czechia	0	1	0	1
 Estonia	0	1	0	1
 Guatemala	0	1	0	1
 Kuwait	0	0	2	2
 Georgia	0	0	1	1





LASER RUN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS







LASER RUN CITY TOUR

A development beacon of the UIPM Sports movement, Laser Run continues to attract new and younger audiences across the globe at a consistently impressive rate.

The Global Laser Run City Tour remains the most effective way of introducing UIPM Sports to new urban communities around the world and providing people from all environmental and socio-economic backgrounds with an entry point to the Olympic sport of Modern Pentathlon.

First created in 2017, the 2022 edition of the Tour traversed the globe from Venezuela to New Zealand, reaching even more people in more communities.

Lifted travel restrictions after the COVID-19 pandemic facilitated the participation of Laser Run athletes in Tours outside their city and country.

Participants of all ages from seven to 70 have joined Laser Run because it is dynamic and fun and offers an entry point to the UIPM Sports Pyramid. In 2022, the GLRCT reached around 20,000 participants across 77 cities from 31 countries. There was a significant increase of new cities hosting City Tours such as Estonia, Lithuania and Croatia in Europe, Iraq, Chinese Taipei, Bangladesh, Nepal, Hong Kong and China in Asia, and Chad in Africa.

There was also an important action from the Ukrainian Modern Pentathlon Federation, which managed to organize two GLRCT editions during the military occupation by Russia, supported by Belarus. The events took place in Kyiv and Lviv and gathered around 300 participants from Youth to Masters.

The GLRCT project provides NFs with instruments to detect and recruit talented high-performance athletes and to promote both Laser Run and Modern Pentathlon. Also, every year more organisers use the opportunity to generate extra revenue by hosting Tours.

This most vibrant global development tool continued to flourish in 2023 with 78 cities from 22 countries across four continents hosting editions of the UIPM Global Laser Run City Tour.

Mass participation was reported especially in Egypt, Georgia, Pakistan, Venezuela and Lithuania. China returned to hosting GLRCT after the end of COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, while the Gulf region gained momentum in UIPM Sports with Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates hosting two Tours each.

In the Olympic year of 2024, things stayed busy with Afghanistan, Moldova, Kuwait and Burkina Faso among the countries that have only recently come to Laser Run but now see themselves hosting multiple events, as the Global Laser Run City Tour goes from strength to strength.



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The delayed Asian Games of Hangzhou 2022 may have arrived a year later than originally scheduled but they proved to be more than worth the wait as the Chinese city saw a special slice of déjà vu.

Mingyu Zhang of China and Woongtae Jun of Korea retained their titles as Asian Games champions on a day when 10 pentathletes won direct qualification quota places at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

Zhang (CHN) and Jun (KOR) both repeated their gold medals from the 18th edition of the multi-sport Games in Jakarta (INA) in 2018. And six of the 11 nations taking part in Modern Pentathlon left with quota places for Paris 2024, with Japan, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan joining the Chinese and Koreans on the list and Thailand attaining an historic first Olympic qualification thanks to Phurit Yohuang.

Zhang (CHN) came from behind in the Women's Final, overtaking Sunwoo Kim (KOR) and team-mate Bian Yufei (CHN) to consign them to silver and bronze respectively. The comeback in the Men's Final was perhaps even more dramatic as Tokyo 2020 Olympic bronze medallist Jun (KOR) overcame a 32sec head start to finish 16sec clear of team-mate Jihun Lee (KOR), who held on to win silver ahead of bronze medallist Shuhuan Li (CHN).



Women's Individual podium



Men's Individual podium

Women's Final

Rank	Name	Nation	Points
1	ZHANG Mingyu		1406
2	KIM Sunwoo		1386
3	BIAN Yufei		1374
4	UCHIDA Misaki		1354
5	POTAPENKO Elena		1340
6	UMEMURA Kanae		1336

Men's Final

Rank	Name	Nation	Points
1	JUN Woongtae		1508
2	LEE Jihun		1492
3	LI Shuhuan		1484
4	JUNG Jinhwa		1477
5	ZHANG Linbin		1473
6	SATO Taishu		1457

European Games

While the stunning Polish city of Krakow was the venue, the 2023 European Games was very much an Italian affair as Alice Sotero and Giorgio Malan claimed top honours. In doing so, both punched their Paris 2024 places as a total of 16 Olympic qualification slots were filled.

Sotero (ITA) set a new overall Modern Pentathlon world record of 1,443 points, while behind her Laura Heredia (ESP) took silver and ensured she would become the first Spanish woman to compete in an Olympic Modern Pentathlon. Olivia Green (GBR) took bronze after Blanka Guzi (HUN) had set a new world Laser Run record in the Women's Semi-finals with an exceptional time of 10min 48.90sec. The iconic Laura Asadauskaite (LTU) secured a place in her fifth Olympic Games.

Malan (ITA) was the shock winner of the Men's Final after destroying a packed field to achieve an eventually comfortable victory over Tokyo 2020 Olympic champion Joseph Choong (GBR), who won silver as Csaba Bohm (HUN) picked up bronze. Malan (ITA) even tied the world record of 1,534 points set by Woongtae Jun of Korea earlier in 2023. He would go on to make more history at Paris 2024 a year later.



Women's Individual podium



Men's Individual podium

MULTISPORT GAMES

Women's Final

Rank	Name	Nation	Points
1	SOTERO Alice		1443
2	HEREDIA Laura		1429
3	GREEN Olivia		1428
4	ASADAUSKAITE Laura		1420
5	OTEIZA Marie		1419
6	BRYSON Kerenza		1417

Men's Final

Rank	Name	Nation	Points
1	MALAN Giorgio		1534
2	CHOONG Joseph		1531
3	BOHM Csaba		1530
4	PILLAGE Myles		1524
5	PRADES Valentin		1516
6	DOGUE Marvin Faly		1515

Pan American Games

The Chilean capital of Santiago welcomed the best pentathletes from across the Americas in October 2023 with 10 Olympic qualification quota places on the line. Unsurprisingly, it was the pedigree of powerhouse Mexico that rose to the top.

Mayan Oliver and Emiliano Hernandez became Pan American Games champions as Oliver (MEX) led a family one-two in the Women's Final, joined on the podium by her silver medalist sister Catherine Mayran Oliver (MEX) and by bronze medalist Sophia Hernandez, representing the International Athletes Team (EAI).

With a maximum of one Paris 2024 quota place

per nation per gender, there was also joy for athletes from United States, Brazil and Ecuador.

The Men's Final also finished with gold and silver for the Americas' most prolific nation, as Mexico celebrated victory for UIPM 2023 Pentathlon World Championships silver medalist Hernandez (MEX) – who tied the overall world record of 1,534 points on the way to the title – and a strong silver for Paris 2024 quota recipient Duilio Carrillo (MEX).

They were joined on the podium by Andres Torres (ECU), while Cuba, Argentina and EAI athletes also achieved the Olympic dream.



Sisters Mayan Oliver and Catherine Mayran Oliver of Mexico celebrate a one-two in Santiago (CHI)



Bronze medalist Andres Torres (ECU) with compatriots Emiliano Hernandez and Duilio Carrillo of Mexico toast their podium finishes at the Pan-Am Games.

Women's Final

Rank	Name	Nation	Points
1	OLIVER Mayan		1423
2	OLIVER Catherine Mayran		1407
3	HERNANDEZ Sophia		1385
4	DAVIS Jessica		1370
5	VEGA Tamara		1356
6	ARCEO Mariana		1343

Men's Final

Rank	Name	Nation	Points
1	HERNANDEZ Emiliano		1534
2	CARRILLO Duilio		1513
3	TORRES Andres		1487
4	ROJAS JIMENEZ Marcos Antonio		1481
5	SERRANO Franco		1479
6	FERNANDEZ Andres		1472

Central American and Caribbean (CAC) Games

Mexico's leading pentathletes showed their prowess as they emphatically dominated the 2023 Central American and Caribbean Games in Santo Domingo (DOM), winning all five gold medals.

With the majority of sports taking place in the El Salvador capital of San Salvador, the Modern Pentathlon competition was held in the Dominican Republic and Mayan Oliver (MEX) and Emiliano Hernandez

(MEX) came out on top in the individual finals. Mariana Arceo (MEX) and Duilio Carrillo (MEX) took the silver medals while bronze went to Lester Ders of Cuba and Sophia Hernandez, competing under the Centro Caribe Sport flag.

"Competing with my sister and winning will be something I will never forget," said Catherine Mayran Oliver, women's relay gold medalist.



Dominant Mexico complete a clean sweep of gold at 2023 Central American and Caribbean Games

MULTISPORT GAMES

Women's Final

Rank	Name	Nation	Points
1	OLIVER Mayan		1391
2	ARCEO Mariana		1365
3	OLIVER Catherine Mayran		1357
4	HERNANDEZ Sophia		1346
5	CABRERA Sofia		1313
6	VALENCIA FRANCO Paula Sophia		1282

Men's Final

Rank	Name	Nation	Points
1	HERNANDEZ Emiliano		1503
2	CARRILLO Duilio		1493
3	DERS DEL ROSARIO Lester		1467
4	PADILLA Manuel		1429
5	ROJAS JIMENEZ Marcos Antonio		1384
6	VELAZQUEZ GARCIA Juan Pablo		1367

Mediterranean Beach Games

The historic Greek island of Crete provided a fitting backdrop as UIPM Sports made its debut in the Mediterranean Beach Games on Pierre de Coubertin Pentathlon Day, 9 September 2023.

With its exciting mix of Swimming, Running and Laser Shooting, Triathlon is a perfect fit for oceanside multi-sport events and it proved to be an instant match with the Mediterranean as two Individual finals and a Mixed Relay entertained spectators.

Clemence Reboisson of France and Emanuele Tromboni of Italy were crowned individual champions, with Egypt, Greece and Portugal also earning medals across the two days of competition. Tromboni (ITA) said: "I like the vibe and the location here. My first medal in an international competition. I couldn't ask for more."



Mediterranean Beach Games

Women's Triathlon

Rank	Name	Nation	Time
1	Clémence REBOISSON		19:46.10
2	Alice RINAUDO		20:04.20
3	Léa FERNANDEZ		20:13.80

Men's Triathlon

Rank	Name	Nation	Time
1	Emanuele TROMBONI		17:16.60
2	Duarte TALEIGO		17:31.60
3	Nikolaos PAPANIMITRIOU		17:36.20

Mixed Relay

Rank	Name	Nation	Points
1	Léa FERNANDEZ Ugo FLEUROT		19:25.00
2	Alice RINAUDO Emanuele TROMBONI		19:53.00
3	Habiba RAMADAN Youssef AMER		20:17.60

1. The Men's and Women's Finals at the 3rd Mediterranean Beach Games in Heraklion took place, fittingly, on Pierre de Coubertin Pentathlon Day;
2. Clemence Reboisson of France and Emanuele Tromboni of Italy put in performances that the founder of the modern Olympic Games would have admired as they were crowned Women's and Men's champions, respectively, claiming the first two gold medals of Mediterranean Beach Games Heraklion 2023 in the process;
3. (top & bottom right) Heraklion's Ammoudara Beach was the site where upwards of 30 competitors from eight different nations competed at the 3rd Mediterranean Beach Games.





UIPM CONGRESSES AND ANNUAL AWARDS



Two groundbreaking UIPM Congresses were held online in 2021 and 2022.

In November 2021, delegates voted 81% in favour of ratifying the UIPM Executive Board's historic decision to open a '5th Discipline' consultation process to propose to the IOC a format for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games with a new 5th Discipline. This in effect confirmed that Modern Pentathlon would identify a replacement discipline for Riding after the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

Dr Klaus Schormann was re-elected to serve an eighth term as UIPM President, receiving the backing of 85.71% of the electorate in an unopposed Presidential election.

UIPM 1st Vice President Juan Antonio Samaranch Jr also retained his post with more than 90% of delegates voting in favour of his re-election.

The electoral Congress was held virtually for the first time with an electronic voting system managed by Lumi Global from UIPM Headquarters in Monaco.

In November 2022, another online Congress managed by Lumi was arranged in Nice (FRA).

This time 83.3% voted in favour of adding Obstacle Discipline to UIPM Statutes, providing UIPM with a mandate to propose a new Modern Pentathlon format to the International Olympic Committee in respect of LA28.

Congress also voted to amend the Competition Rules & Regulations so that Obstacle could be introduced in the Junior (Under 22), U19 and U17 World Championships as well as continental championships starting in 2023.

It also voted to introduce new term limits for UIPM office-bearers – setting a maximum of 12 years for Executive Board Members, and a separate limit of 12 years for the UIPM President – from January 1, 2025. And President won a vote of no confidence in his leadership with 76% of delegates expressing their support for his leadership.

The 2021 and 2022 Congresses also featured voting on National Federation membership, competition awards and the UIPM's Code of Ethics, Competition Rules, Election Rules, Medical Rules, and Rules of International Organisation, as well as horse welfare and gender equality.

The global UIPM Sports community has voted to secure the future of Modern Pentathlon in the Olympic Games with the formal adoption of Obstacle Discipline.

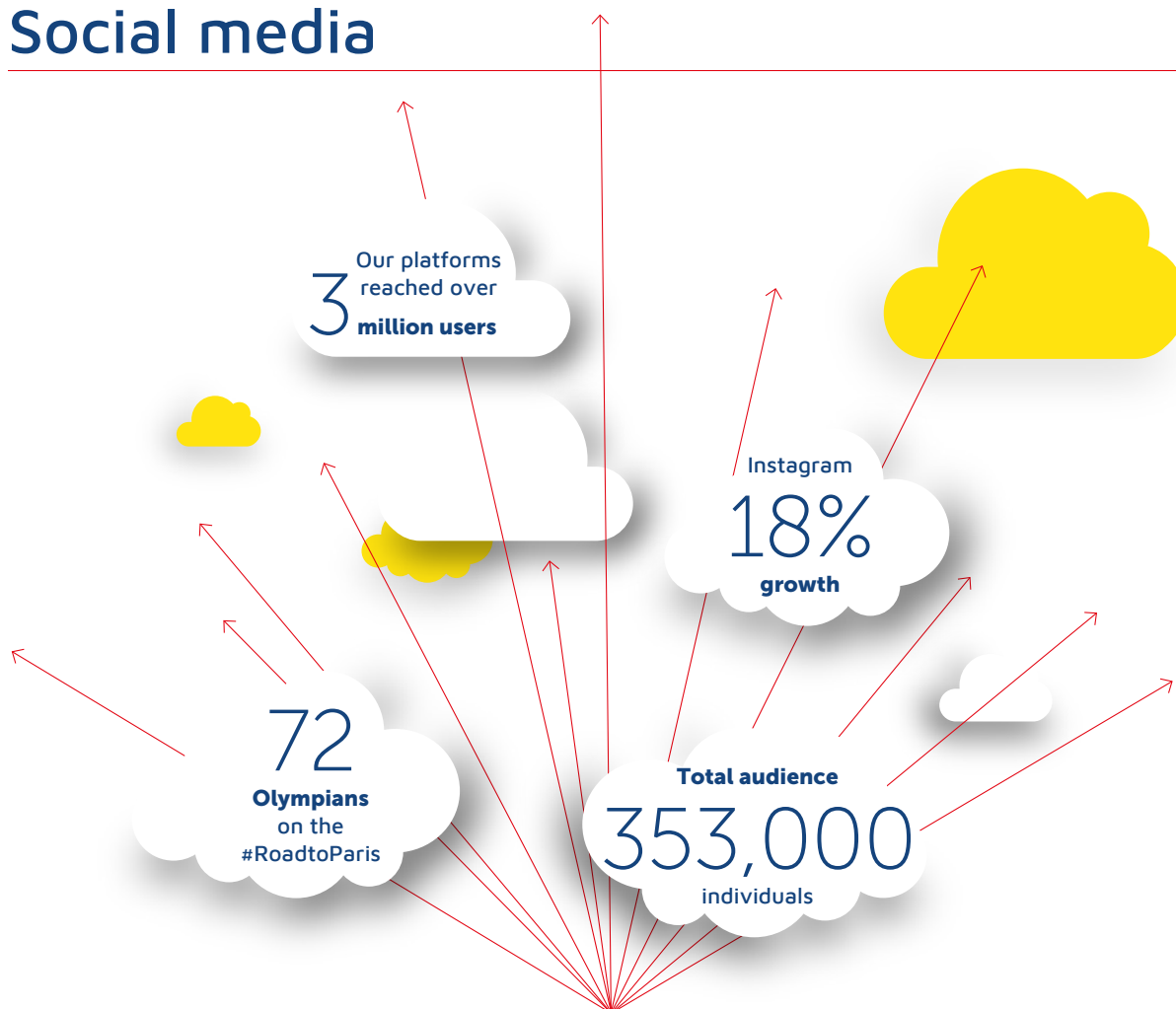
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Social media



The Paris 2024 Olympic cycle saw a **two-fold increase** in the size of **our social media community**, our total audience now reaching **353,000 individuals**. With **30% growth** across all digital platforms in the three-year period, **Instagram** continued to play a vital role, contributing **18% growth** in 2024 alone.

The Paris Olympic Games stimulated strong engagement across platforms, fueling an extraordinary **13% increase in followers** during this historic event. Our platforms reached over **3 million users**, reinforcing the growing importance of social media in the Olympic ecosystem.

UIPM platforms saw an extraordinary content output during Games time, particularly on Instagram where **700 pieces of content** were published, contributing to several thousand pieces on our platforms. With above **8% growth and 5 million impressions** on the Meta platform, these efforts helped build momentum and increase fan engagement during the Games. Other platforms such as TikTok, Twitter/X, and YouTube all saw sustained engagement.

Meanwhile, we were delighted to collaborate with all our **72 Olympians** on the **#RoadtoParis** and so many stakeholders including OGOC, IOC, NOCs, national medias, each working towards one goal: showcasing the best sporting experience ever.

From innovative projects such as **A Passion for Paris** (YouTube) where we followed Olympians through-

out a rollercoaster season, including potential medalists, to a raucous crowd that gave us chills in the most unbelievable setting in Versailles in August, these moments were lived, shared with our community and resonated around the world.

We are grateful that we got to share these moments with all of you and create **indelible memories**.

Standing at the start line of a new era, we are now eager to reach further to a non-following audience as our community keeps expanding. While a significant **99% of users** reached during Games time were non-followers, we commit to increase engagement from that audience heading to the future.

We are resolved to overcome new territories, particularly on Chinese social platforms. **Weibo**, for instance, saw a **3.7% growth rate** during Paris 2024 Olympic Games, achieving a higher output than ever before with 200 posts and a stupendous **2.6 million total read**. On **Xiaohong Shu**, dozens of thousands of users visited our page.

The last cycle brought its share of unexpected moments – and growth opportunities. We experienced transitions that tested our resilience, sparked innovation, and pushed us to adapt in ways we could not have anticipated.

In this new era, social media will be a major **driver of engagement** for UIPM to interact and connect with our global community.





The 2022-2024 cycle is coming to an end and what a cycle it was!

In early 2022, the newly-created UIPM TV Commission chaired by Juan Antonio Samaranch met online and discussed the plan for the upcoming season as well as analysing viewership figures from UIPM events as well as the Olympic Games.

Experts in the fields of television, marketing and media were appointed as part of the New 5th Discipline Working Group. The expertise of external media experts is critical to make sure that we are going in the right direction.

Obstacle will serve as the catalyst to transform Modern Pentathlon into a broadcast-friendly, adventure-style multi-sport with proven appeal to younger fans and commercial partners around the world.

For the first time, a television production of the new Modern Pentathlon format featuring Obstacle instead of Riding was delivered during the UIPM 2023 Pentathlon Junior World Championships in Druskininkai (LTU).

Aside from the New 5th Discipline process, UIPM had to dedicate energy and resources to another major challenge: the new 90-minute Modern Pentathlon Format which was developed in co-operation with the UIPM Sports Department as well as the IOC and OBS, and which made a stunning Olympic debut at Paris 2024.

This 90-minute format was tailored to maximise the media impact of the sport, making it possible for viewers to watch a full Modern Pentathlon in a short duration similar to the length of a football match, compared to the previous five-hour show which featured long breaks.

The Spanish-based International Sports Broadcasting Company S.L. and Serbian-operated Pentagraph were appointed after a thorough tender process for eight UIPM major events including all senior Pentathlon World Cups, World Cup Final and World Championships as well as the Laser Run and Biathlon-Triathlon World Championships.

UIPM upgraded its TV graphics catalogue and introduced new visual ways for viewers to understand the sport, putting the athletes at the centre of the story. A core team of professionals worked on all major events to ensure consistency.

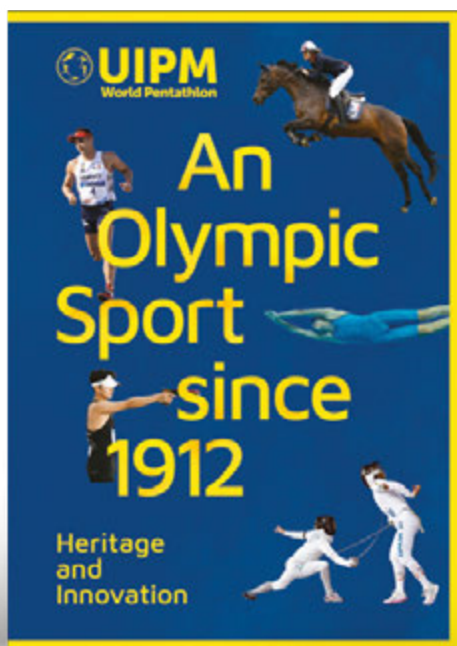
In this cycle, UIPM worked closer than ever with event organisers to showcase exciting competitions, tailoring the competition field of play to the needs of broadcast production.

Make sure to tune in to UIPM.TV or to our trusted national broadcast partners. If you have any suggestions on how to improve the coverage, please send an email to media@pentathlon.org.

Television



Traditional media



Modern Pentathlon's profile gets an unprecedented boost every time it features in the Olympic Games – and the UIPM Communications Team works hard along with its PR agency to capitalise on this moment of huge exposure.

At Paris 2024, the outcomes of this work were hugely successful. A press conference in central Paris the day before the start of competition attracted more than 20 journalists from leading agencies and news titles around the world.

Featuring Ahmed Elgendy (EGY), Anna Jurt (SUI) alongside the UIPM President, Secretary General and Athletes Committee, the event spawned 146 pieces of coverage with 5.21m estimated views – the titles that provided coverage have a combined audience of 1.99bn.

As for the Olympic competition itself, the addition of Semi-finals and a fourth day helped Modern Pentathlon to get more exposure – not to mention the implementation of a new 90-minute format and curiosity around the sport's fundamental transformation.

News reports were despatched from Versailles to a potential audience of 4.59bn, with an estimated 12.3m views.

Making an effort to maximise the speed and scale of coverage, UIPM's media team worked intensively in the mixed zone after each round, sharing instant athlete reaction with journalists via WhatsApp.

This proactive work in Paris followed three years of continuous engagement with global media representatives aimed at improving and rebuilding the image of Modern Pentathlon and UIPM after the challenging outcomes from Tokyo 2020 and the subsequent decision to replace Riding with Obstacle.

Numerous online opportunities have been provided alongside those delivered in person to journalists attending competitions. All media enquiries have been promptly addressed and online 'round tables' have enabled journalists to ask questions throughout this transformative cycle.

The Communications Team is grateful to the UIPM President and Secretary General, Executive Board Members, Athletes Committee Members, external advisors and especially the athletes and coaches who not only agreed to support this important media relations service, but did so with eloquence and enthusiasm.

UIPM App

In 2023 UIPM launched a new and improved version of the UIPM Central app. The update was the first since 2017 and the improved functionality reflects the continuing evolution of Modern Pentathlon with the integration of Obstacle as a new discipline.

The objectives of UIPM were to get closer to the community and the wider world of athletes and sports fans, accelerate information transfer and provide more services than ever before.

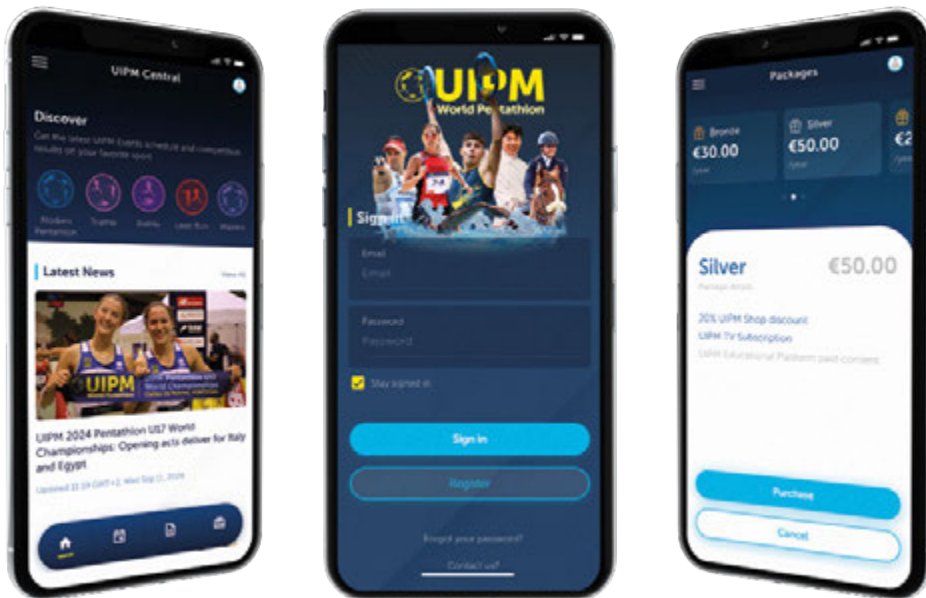
The update included the following new and improved features:

- A new presentation of competition results and schedules available on the home screen of the mobile app, divided by the various UIPM sports. Users have instant access to live and archive results and technical data, which is updated in real-time right after each technical meeting.

- News, photo galleries and world rankings. The latest UIPM news is featured on the front page to ensure users stay informed, while the photo gallery allows athletes, media and fans to view competition photos on their phones. World rankings are available in a user-friendly interface for easy access.
- Exclusive packages and deals on UIPM content. For the first time users can buy packages that include exclusive deals on UIPM TV, UIPM Shop and UIPM open-division competition registrations.
- Online registration for UIPM events allows users to register for UIPM events anywhere via the app.

User registration is mandatory with the new app, which comes as the latest technological advance to strengthen UIPM's digital ecosystem. The UIPM Central app now has more than 5,000 users.

UIPM Central App is available in Google and Apple app stores.



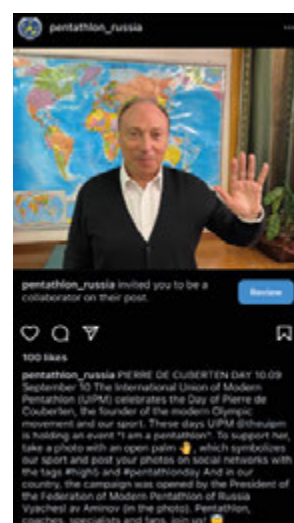
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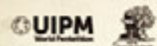
From 2022 to 2024, UIPM Pierre de Coubertin Pentathlon Day continued to honour Pierre de Coubertin's legacy and the core values of Modern Pentathlon through global celebrations and digital campaigns. The #High5 social media initiative has been a centrepiece, encouraging participation from athletes and fans alike, promoting unity and sportsmanship.

In 2022, the celebration included global engagement on social media, connecting with UIPM's wider Olympic audience. President Klaus Schormann reiterated the importance of this day in reinforcing Coubertin's values and principles, emphasising education, sport and culture as foundational elements of Modern Pentathlon.

By 2023 and 2024, the event expanded further, with UIPM promoting the sport's evolution. President Dr Schormann expressed excitement for future generations, particularly highlighting the U17 World Championships, which showcased young talent and the dynamic future of the sport. These activities reflected UIPM's continued dedication to global outreach, athlete development and upholding the Olympic spirit.



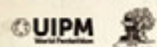
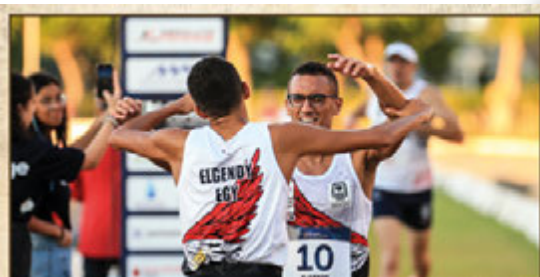
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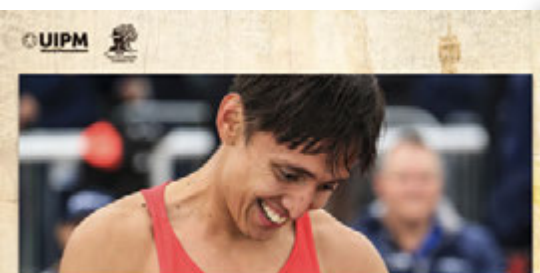
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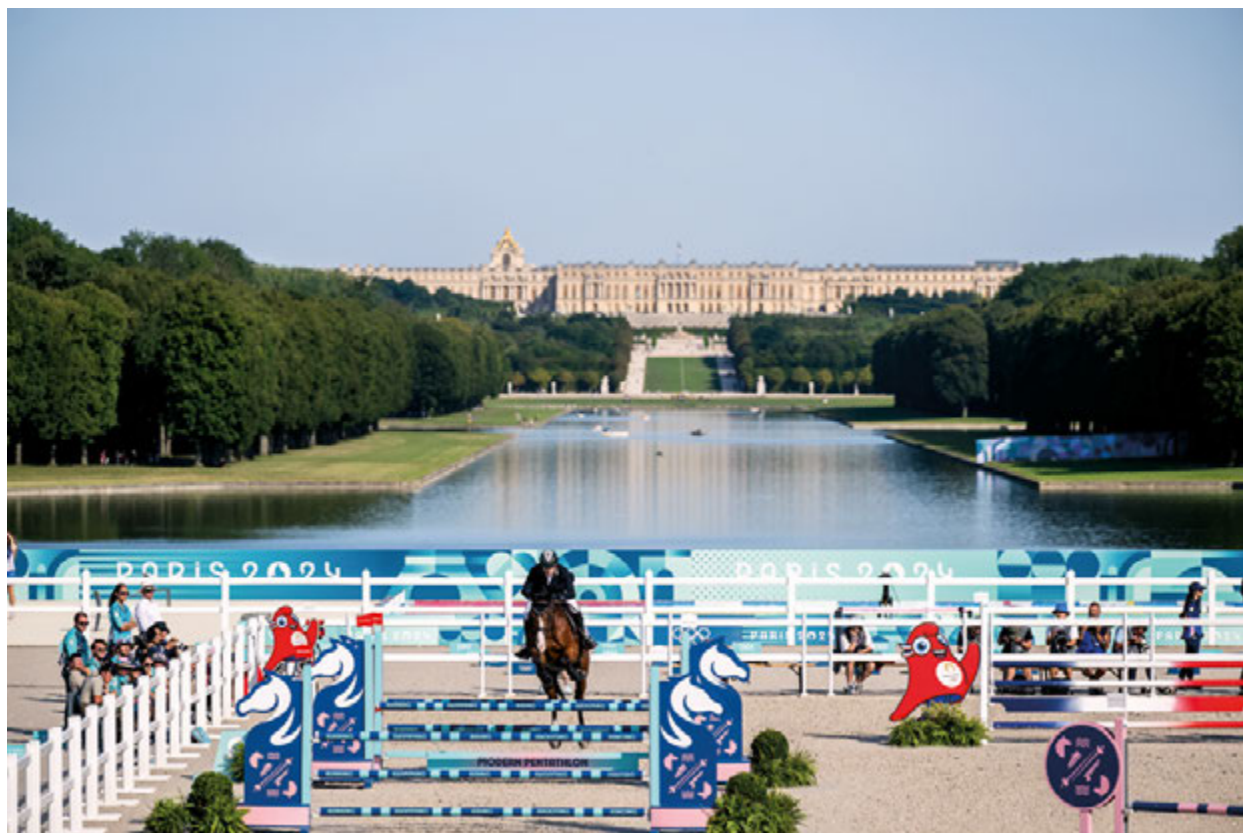
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Branding & venue dressing





During this cycle, the main branding innovation has been the introduction of the Obstacle discipline to our publications, TV, media, website and events. This has created a cohesive, professional image that has been well received. Currently we have selected a powerful red colour to highlight this discipline in Pentathlon venues. Moreover, UIPM is now managing Obstacle branding packages in addition to its event portfolio. It includes new opportunities and new stakeholders. The audience is huge and our role is to break through the market to bring more Obstacle athletes to Modern Pentathlon in pursuit of their Olympic dream.

The presentation of our sport is crucial, and in today's very competitive sports environment a compe-

tion is not enough; events must be spectacular. UIPM is investing in sport presentation in close collaboration with organising committees to attract a local audience, for instance by creating live shows with performers, local artists, contests etc.

UIPM oversaw the branding of the Paris 2024 Olympic Modern Pentathlon, involved centrally in the Riding event where we had the opportunity to design some obstacles that created a strong tribute to horses. Thanks to the fantastic venue in Versailles and a powerful Pentathlon Stadium, we were able to attract a worldwide audience by showing the best of Modern Pentathlon and fulfilling our goal to offer the best of our sport from one seat with the 90-minute format.

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Educational initiatives

Educational Platform

The newly enhanced UIPM Educational Platform continues to serve as a key resource for learning, growth and knowledge-sharing within the Pentathlon community. Launched in 2018 and revamped in 2022, the platform offers an extensive range of content tailored for athletes, coaches, judges and other stakeholders.

In 2024, the platform underwent a significant redesign, featuring a vibrant, user-friendly interface that enhances accessibility and engagement. The updated design prioritises clarity and ease of use, with newly introduced banners that categorise content specifically for athletes, coaches and judges, improving navigation across the platform.

Additionally, interactive courses have been implemented to present content more effectively, while testimonials showcase diverse experiences, reflecting the platform's impact and reach. The UIPM Educational Platform remains a vital tool for accessing official coach and judge courses, webinars, documents and exclusive Pentathlon resources.

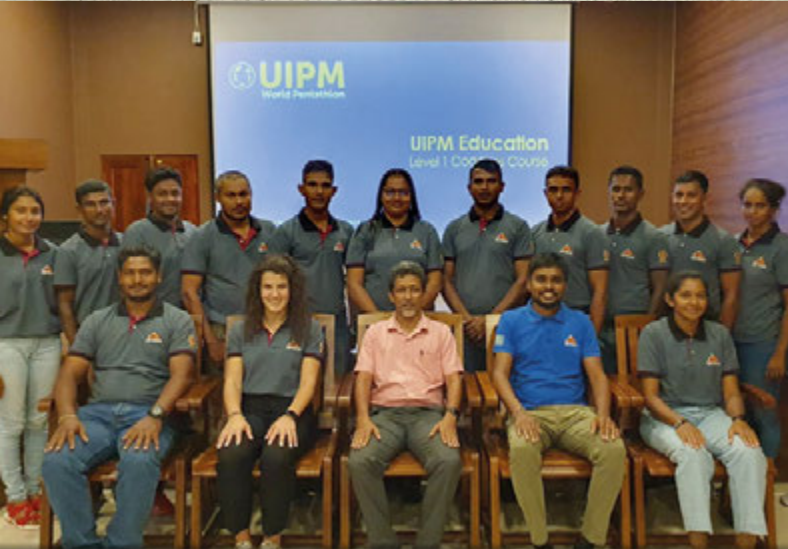
Coaches and Judges Courses

In this cycle, the education of coaches and judges reached remarkable new heights, driven by the UIPM Educational Platform's vital role in advancing global knowledge sharing. UIPM led the way with more than 20 impactful courses under the Judges Certification Programme (JCP), including dynamic e-learning refreshers for certified judges and pioneering new courses for Obstacle discipline, empowering more than 800 international judges from 35 nations.

The Coaches Certification Programme (CCP) continues its impressive growth, certifying professionals from over 40 countries through 31 expertly designed courses. These programmes not only focus on preparing coaches to elevate athlete performance but also champion gender equality and enforce critical modules on safeguarding and anti-doping. Moreover, two specialised guides were developed in collaboration with Obstacle experts, offering invaluable insights for coaches on how to effectively start training youth athletes embracing this exciting new discipline.

This cycle stands as a testament to UIPM's commitment to excellence in education, setting new standards in the preparation and development of coaches and judges worldwide.





Athletes Centred Programme

The UIPM Athletes Centred Programme (ACP) enhances support for athletes by offering a comprehensive range of online resources, educational programmes, activities and essential services. This initiative focuses on helping athletes develop, both personally and professionally.



ACP Highlights:



UIPM maintains a close collaboration with **IOC Athlete 365 Career+ initiatives**. Two notable pentathletes, Paolo Singh from France and Mary Zoldak from the USA, have participated in the **IOC Athlete365 Mentoring Programme**. In addition, several pentathletes engaged in other activities, such as the **2024 Athletes Forum** and the **Business Bootcamp**. Furthermore, **two athletes** attended the **European Youth and Sports Platform**, and **four Youth Ambassadors** proudly represented UIPM at the **United Through Sport Youth Festivals**.

Over the past three years, UIPM has developed a robust **educational pathway** designed to support athletes of all ages, from Youth to Masters. The organisation remains fully committed to **listening to athlete feedback** and continuously improving its offerings to better support the needs of pentathletes worldwide.

Development initiatives

From 2022 to 2024, the development of GLRCT and BTNT reflects a shift towards more sustainable events, with organizers beginning to generate revenue and attract sponsors. While the number of tours declined compared to 2017-2021, the quality of organization improved significantly, enhancing the overall experience. Moreover, the average number of participants per tour grew, indicating stronger engagement and increased interest in the events.

UIPM & Expansion

The integration of Obstacle Racing as UIPM replacement discipline for Horse Riding is giving whole new possibilities to all the nations around the world.

Territories where UIPM is not implanted yet can join UIPM and already start with 4 or 5 disciplines, developing nations can hope to fill the gap with the most advanced nations and finally the developed nations can recruit new talents.

The future stars of Pentathlon will have a great variety of profiles and backgrounds that can all fit our beloved sport.

Therefore, we have already seen a lot of interest coming from territories where UIPM doesn't have a National Federation, and this is very likely that Congress 2026 will see the organization grow and non-traditional countries compete more and more in all UIPM events and formats.



Development initiatives

UIPM & Empowerment

UIPM has developed a panel of resources adaptable to different situations that empower Nations & National Federations.

The first one is the UIPM application kit aimed at providing as much information as possible to Nations that are not yet UIPM member federations, from the presentation of our sports to what documents you need to provide.

Then, the UIPM NF Development Kit provides UIPM member federations a lot of information on the equipment needed, how to run your federation and other administrative aspects.

UIPM & Education

As written in the pages before, UIPM has extended its educational programmes to fit the needs of all the stakeholders from athletes to coaches & judges, onsite or online.

UIPM & Equipment

The UIPM support programme is still at the centre of the development programme through equipment distribution & support to attend competitions for all nations but mainly addressed to nations lacking the funding to do so. No nations should be kept aside of the big UIPM family for financial reasons and that will never change.



Para-sport activities



Under a new Para Pentathlon Commission, the Para movement grew exponentially between 2022 and 2024. It was exciting to see Para athlete numbers grow close to 100, and to see many new National Federations coming on board.

The 2022 season started with the first Para Laser Run World Championship held in Portugal, with four countries competing across five classifications. This was a starting point and a stepping stone to future growth. UIPM has implemented system of Para Athlete licences on its National Federations portal.

In 2023, two para events were held: the World Para Laser Run Championships in Bath (GBR) and the World Para Biathlon-Triathlon Championships in Bali (INA). Both engaged multiple countries and again reinforced the legitimacy of the sport and the movement. To support registration and classification process of movement, the first classifiers were trained in June 2023 in Bath.

Finally 2024 was a year of firsts for Para Pentathlon. The Para Pentathlon Commission has focused on:

- growing Para athlete numbers
- developing a new Para athlete classification system
- connecting with Adaptive OCR
- connecting with other disability sport organisations Internationally.

The Commission feels privileged to have Dr Roberto Nahon, who successfully helped develop a classification system for Para Triathlon, appointed as Head of Classification.

In 2024, notables events included a classifier training and athlete classification opportunity event arranged by Dr Nicola Robinson in Spain, where athletes had an opportunity to compete in time trial and competed together with younger age categories. Both athletes and parents of competing kids saw the weekend event as beneficial for future personal development. A Para event was included in the European Championships, where 18 athletes across all classifications competed in Laser Run and Biathlon-Triathlon.

In 2024 we built on the work of the last quad where Para Laser Run and Biathlon-Triathlon guidelines were developed and several successful Laser Run and Biathlon/Triathlon events held.

The Para Commission is looking forward to a bright future with hopes of inclusion in the Brisbane 2032 Paralympics. A key stepping stone towards this goal is the successful inclusion of Laser Run in the 2027 Invictus Games in Birmingham (GBR).

While the Paralympics is the end goal, the team understands the importance of grassroots Para development, and that every National Federation is at a different stage on the journey, and aims to support and work with any NF looking to embrace Para and get started.





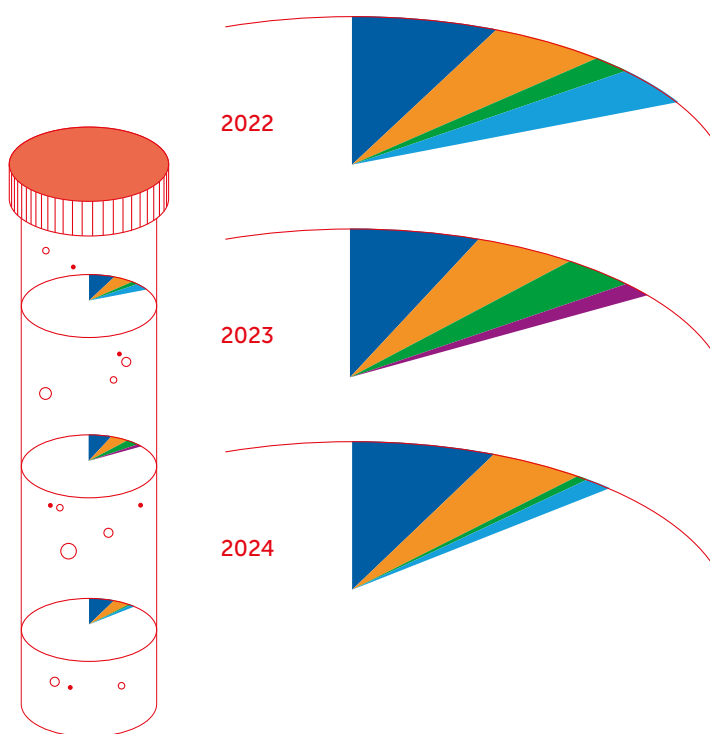
Anti-doping activities

The UIPM Medical Committee has implemented testing strategies in accordance with the 2021 World Anti-Doping Code and focused its efforts on education, awareness raising and target testing in cooperation with external APMU associated to WADA-accredited laboratory. In 2022-2023 UIPM successfully passed the WADA Compliance review process.

As in previous years the biggest share of samples were urine samples, completed by full blood analysis. Athlete biological passport samples were collected as complementary to urine samples. The total number of collected samples in every season reflects the competitiveschedule, APMU recommendation and testing opportunities available to contracted doping control officers' teams.

The share of samplespecific analysis on the total number of collected samples remained constant throughout the entire cycle.

- ESAs
- GHRF
- GnRH
- IRMS
- other
- Urine



Sample specific analysis 2022-2024

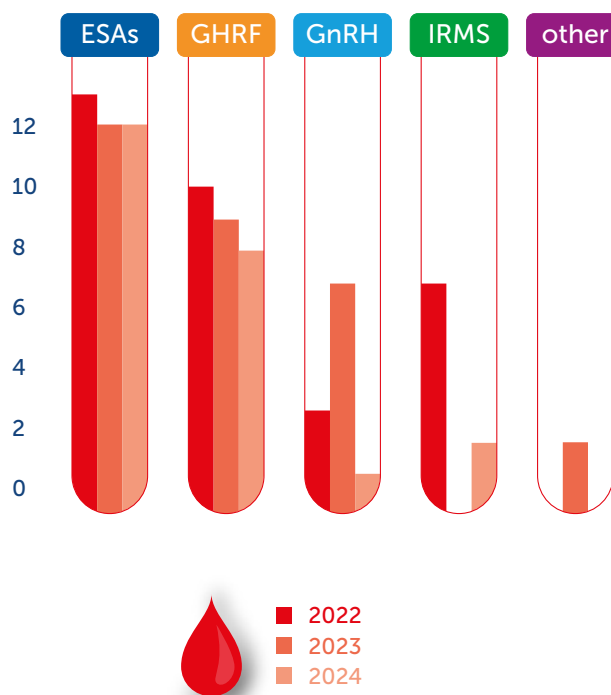
UIPM collected approximately 45 ABP samples and 15 Full blood samples. Most of the full blood samples (9) were collected in Olympic season 2024 with the number of sample-specific analysis overpassing the total number of samples. Transport of blood samples to WADA-accredited laboratories remains challenging and the UIPM Medical Committee is looking towards implementation of a new dry blood spot method of blood testing.

Share of sample specific analysis on urine samples *

* All data valid as per September 2024

UIPM recommended to all international level athletes registered under UIPM to complete WADA ADEL education for international level athletes. As per September 2024, 636 athletes had registered and started the course, 393 of which had successfully completed all courses and obtained the certificate.

As education is considered the most important tool in fight against doping, UIPM constantly looks for new and more attractive tools which resulted in the conception of a UIPM Anti-Doping podcast, in cooperation with experts from SADA (Slovak Anti-Doping Agency).





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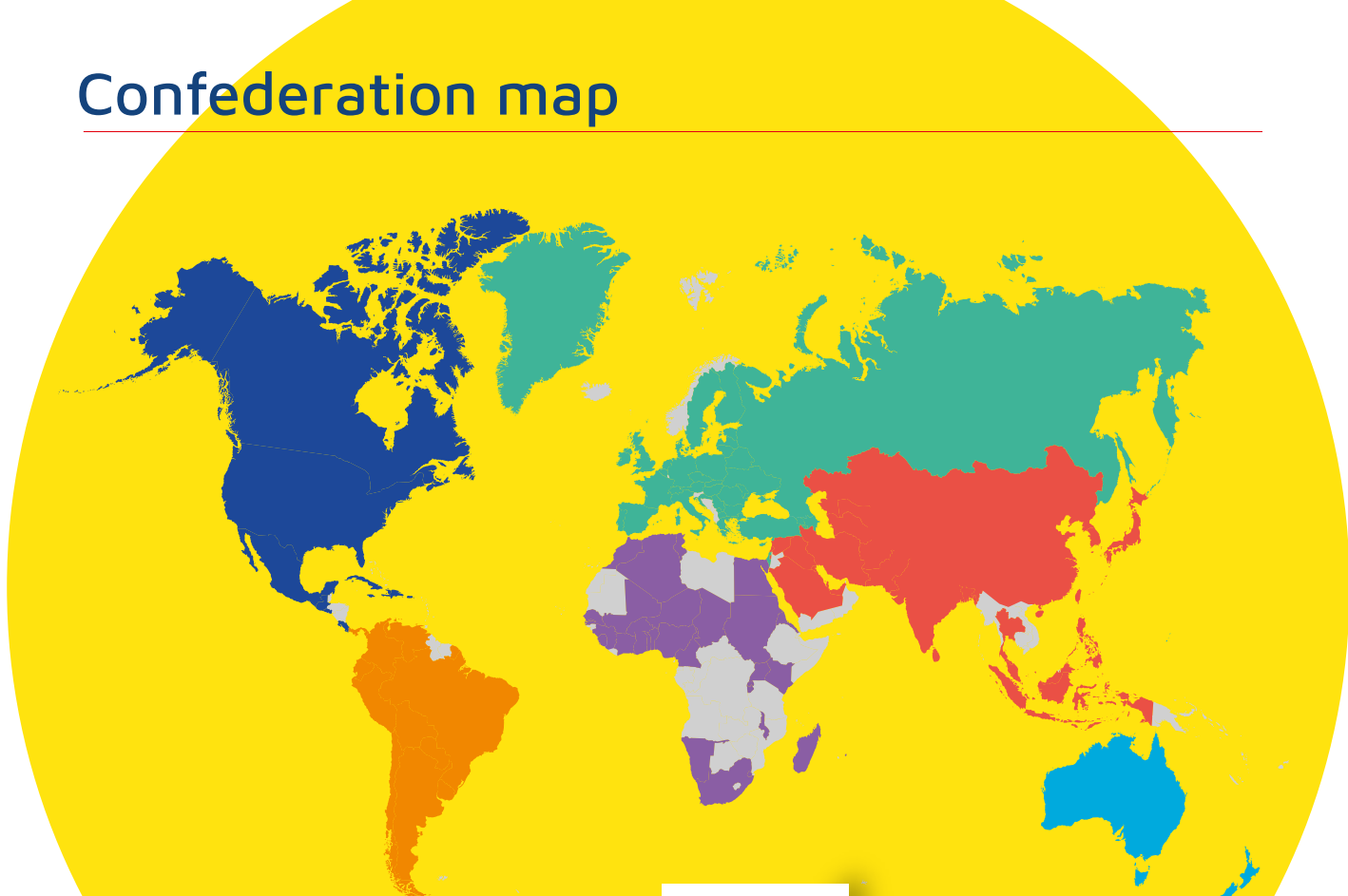


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UIPM Governance



Confederation map



NORCECA

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- Canada
- Costa Rica
- Cuba
- Dominican Republic
- El Salvador
- Guatemala
- Haiti
- Jamaica
- Mexico
- Puerto Rico
- United States of America

South America

- Argentina
- Bolivia
- Brazil
- Chile
- Colombia
- Ecuador
- French Guiana
- Panama
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Uruguay
- Venezuela

AFRICA

- Algeria
- Benin
- Burkina Faso
- Burundi
- Cameroon
- Chad
- Egypt
- Eritrea
- Eswatini
- Gambia
- Ghana
- Guinea-Bissau
- Ivory Coast
- Kenya
- Madagascar
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- Pakistan
- Palestine
- Philippines
- Qatar
- Saudi Arabia
- Singapore
- Sri Lanka
- Syria
- Tajikistan
- Thailand
- Timor-Leste
- Turkmenistan
- United Arab Emirates
- Uzbekistan

Oceania

- Australia
- Cook Islands
- Guam
- New Zealand

Executive Board

President




**Dr. h. c.
Klaus Schormann**
UIPM President

First Vice-President




**Juan Antonio
Samaranch Jr.**
1st Vice President

"With the introduction of the exciting new format and the addition of the obstacle discipline, which has made our sport more accessible, I believe we are better equipped than ever to face future challenges and threats.

We must continue to innovate and find our unique path, remaining true to the heritage of Pierre de Coubertin while also staying relevant and appealing to the younger generation."

Secretary General




Shiny Fang
Secretary General

Treasurer




John Helmick
Treasurer

"UIPM has positioned itself for rapid growth. With the changes implemented over this past Olympic cycle, UIPM is positioned to expand dramatically the number of athletes, the number of competitions, the hours of television coverage, the number of spectators, and the economy of the Union. I expect to see revenue growth over the next Olympic cycle, not measured in percentage increase, but in multiples of the current revenues."

Vice-Presidents




Joël Bouzou OLY
Vice President

"Paris 2024 have been great Olympic Games and the French Federation of Modern Pentathlon has been proud to be part of this exceptional success. Our heart was shrinking when Elodie Clouvel rode the Riding Olympic course for the last time in history.

But having also seen how our Junior pentathletes love the new Obstacle discipline and how much the public is cheering when they compete, gives us an incredible hope for success and development for the future. Let's win in Los Angeles 2028!"




Viacheslav Aminov
Vice President
for Business Affairs

"Many people walk in and out of your life but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart."




Sharif Elerian OLY
Vice President

"As we journey through this transformative era in the realm of Modern Pentathlon, the Olympic year has emerged as a defining moment for our sport. The challenges we have encountered have not only required us to make tough decisions, but they have also strengthened our commitment to advocacy and support for every member of our community. Together, we continue to champion the essence of Modern Pentathlon, fostering unity and resilience as we look forward to a brighter future."




Juan Manzo Orañegui
Vice President

"More than 100 years of Modern Pentathlon and it continues to be the most complete, competitive and innovative sport, always seeking the development of the maximum skills and physical capabilities of the Pentathletes.

LONG LIVE THE MODERN PENTATHLON"

Members




Janusz Peciak OLY
Member for Sport

"I am one of the lucky people who experienced the most exciting and interesting period of 2024 Olympic cycle since Olympic Games in Tokyo. Paris 2024 reflected this in every aspect from athletes and coaches' support, excitement of the spectators and also the reaction of the media, which showed that when we are together Modern Pentathlon is indestructible. The Paris 2024 Olympic Games was like a summary of this whole period of how our sport is growing all over the world; in the Men's Final the top four athletes were all from four different continents."




Martin Dawe
Member for Marketing

"The Paris 2024 Olympic Games demonstrated how amazing our sport is. We continue to be included in the Olympic Games and are on the programme for the LA28 Games. This with the adoption of obstacle racing as our new discipline puts us in a very strong position going forward. Our sport is now more accessible to more nations and more athletes, which in turn will be attractive to our partners. There are now over 70 UIPM sanctioned events each year across our family of sports, which creates the awareness we need. All this makes the marketing potential incredibly exciting."




**Andrejus
Zadneprovskis OLY**
Member for Media

"UIPM's media ecosystem has largely improved between 2022 to 2024. The television product has gained in quality and consistency, securing sustainable partnerships with outlets on linear and digital. The future is bright with the Obstacle integration allowing larger audiences to follow UIPM Sports!"




**Dr Viacheslav
Malishev**
Member for
Development

"In my opinion, for many reasons 2022-2024 was quite turbulent and challenging for our Union and therefore I prefer to address the future.

Executive Board

'Built' – in our case has more than one meaning, among them: now we are building new obstacle courses around the world, we are building new concept/format of our sport, new political leadership etc.

'Powerful' – the same as above concerning the meanings: pentathlon becomes more powerful in many meanings including riding change to powerful discipline "obstacles", I hope to see our sport more powerful in commercial meaning as well.

'Together' – a trendy word in the Olympic movement also I hope to see UIPM more united."

Committee Chairs



Christian Roudaut
Coaches Committee
Chair

"The 2021-2024 Olympic cycle has closed with fantastic Olympic Games in Paris 2024. This cycle also allowed a positive transition for coaches and young generation athletes with the introduction of the obstacle discipline, which already demonstrated accessibility and fairness for all. Incredible start!

Under UIPM leadership, the transition will accelerate for all major competitions.

With the support of their federation, coaches around the world will continue to invent, build and support their athletes in all disciplines for the next Modern Pentathlon adventures that await us until LA 2028."



Yasser Hefny OLY
Athletes Committee
Chair

"Chairing the UIPM Athletes Committee during the Paris 2024 cycle was a profound experience. Testing, challenging, thought-provoking and finally rewarding, as we left the sport a little stronger than we found it. The athletes we worked hard to represent now have an exciting future with many possibilities. It has been an honour to serve on the Executive Board, making sure the athlete voice was loud and influential during a period of major transformation."



Dr Natalja Ofitserova
Medical Committee
Chair

"On the eve of the new era of modern pentathlon, I would like to wish athletes and coaches, International Federations, our entire sports community not to rest on their laurels, to develop knowledge and skills based on

scientific data and best practices, to adapt in a timely manner to the changes of modern world and overcome all challenges together, striving for new achievements and success."

Confederation Presidents



Sylvestre Zaré
African
Confederation
President

"Words have the power to heal, when they are generous they can change the world. Ego is our enemy.

He who knows does not speak. He who speaks does not know."



Hyunjun Kim
Asian Confederation
President

"We, Asia, will make more efforts and innovations to further develop the new era of modern pentathlon with obstacles."



Tatiana Ardabieva
European
Confederation
President

"We all have many moments in life that are unforgettable. These moments always keep us heart-warming. We all keep on collecting these beautiful and unforgettable moments throughout our life so that these can be treasured forever in our hearts."



Rob Stull OLY
NORCECA
Confederation
President

"The 2022-24 cycle was one of the greatest in our history. It saw the birth of Obstacle and the final Olympic ride in the magnificent Games of Paris at Versailles."



Kitty Chiller OLY
Oceania Confederation
President

"The last couple of years has seen a period of great evolution and consolidation for

our sport, in many respects – technical and governance. This has laid strong foundations for the upcoming quad. The culmination of this period at the Paris Olympic Games was a magnificent display of our sport in an incredible venue, including a fitting farewell at Versailles to the riding discipline. In Oceania it was exciting to welcome a new member Federation in the Cook Islands and we look forward to further growth in the upcoming quad."



Jorge Salas OLY
South American
Confederation
President

"Following Coubertin's ideal of achieving the most complete athlete, based on a legacy of glorious athletes and leaders, today we begin a new stage with a future that promises to take our sport to the highest levels of the Olympic world."

Confederations activities

African Modern Pentathlon Confederation (CAPM)



Spatial organisation and governance can only be a reality if they are backed up by solid, consensual texts such as the CAPM's Statutes and internal regulations. So, drawing inspiration from the texts of other African confederations, taking into account the contribution of all the member federations and drawing on the rich experience of the UIPM, the CAPM has reviewed its basic texts.

In terms of competitions, efforts continued with the organisation of the African Modern Pentathlon Championships, the African Biathlon-Triathlon Championships and the Laser Run Championships scheduled. This is also a good opportunity to highlight the exceptional performances of Egypt and South Africa, who have for many years represented Africa brilliantly at major world competitions.

In terms of coaching development, the organisation's financial expenses of organising extraordinary General Assemblies to review our texts, organising competitions and organising the Congress leaves limited funds for training coaches or acquiring equipment.

The CAPM Executive Bureau has worked to ensure the cohesion of all the African federations as a guarantee for the development of Modern Pentathlon in Africa.

The development plan for Modern Pentathlon in Africa for the period 2022-2024 focused on 4 areas: improving the organisation of the CAPM (revitalising under-active federations, creating new ones, etc); providing training for coaches and executive members; organising local competitions and competitions at African level; improving the conditions for promoting Modern Pentathlon (acquisition of material, equipment, etc).



Stage niveau 2 Ouagadougou 2024

Asian Modern Pentathlon Confederation (AMPC)



The Asian Modern Pentathlon Confederation (AMPC) is the governing body of the Olympic Sport Modern Pentathlon in Asia, officially recognised by the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA).

Having celebrated the first Asian female Olympic medallist at Paris 2024, we always stand by the UIPM to promote and support Modern Pentathlon together with our member federations in Asia, who are the pillar of our sport.

Since Obstacle was introduced as a new Modern Pentathlon discipline in 2022, the AMPC organised the first Asian championships including the new discipline in 2024, and hard work is ongoing to help member federations acquire the necessary equipment in the near future.

AMPC will continue to communicate with our member federations to achieve further development together in the next Olympic cycle.

With regard to the 2026 Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games and the 2028 LA Olympic Games where Obstacle discipline will make its debut within Modern Pentathlon, we are looking forward to making a new history of Modern Pentathlon - more dynamic and more appealing to young generations around the world.



New AMPC President

European Modern Pentathlon Confederation (EMPC)



In 2023 for the first time Modern Pentathlon was part of the European Games, held in Krakow-Malopolska (POL). It was such a long-awaited event for the European Confederation that all organisational difficulties were tackled in a positive spirit and this enabled a smooth arrangement with the European Olympic Committees (EOC) and local organisers, which met all our requirements.

Modern Pentathlon competitions at the 3rd European Games were held from June 25 to July 1 at the Academy of Sport Centre (AWF) of Krakow, and it was one of the greatest organisational and sporting challenges of the European Games. There were 118 athletes from 25 countries fighting for medals as well as for the titles of European champions and most importantly for direct quota qualification to the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. These qualifications were achieved by eight women and eight men.

To our great satisfaction, a Mixed Relay was included in the European Games as part of Modern Pentathlon. Competitors, guests and spectators were impressed with high-level facilities, especially the beautiful equestrian centre constructed for the competitions and the ease of moving between facilities. The venue looked excellent. We did our best to order at ECMP expense the special clothing for all the judges and in the organizers' opinion they were the most elegant group among all sports present at EG2023.

"This place is great, the facilities here are great- so it was a really nice experience for me," said one of the Mixed Relay winners.

There is no doubt that the success of Modern Pentathlon in Krakow 2023 was an important step for ECMP, unlocking further possibilities.



Mixed Relay European Games 2023
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Confederations activities

NORCECA Modern Pentathlon Confederation



The UIPM NORCECA Confederation, comprising 13 member federations, actively promotes Modern Pentathlon across North America, Central America, and the Caribbean. Notably, four nations—Cuba, Guatemala, Mexico, and the USA—have qualified athletes for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, highlighting the growth of the sport in the region. Special commendation is due to leaders such as Frank Martinez (Cuba), Maria Magdalena (Guatemala), and Juan Manzo (Mexico) for their contributions.

Our athletes achieved significant success at both the Central American & Caribbean Games in Cali and the 2023 Pan American Games in Santiago, resulting in Olympic qualifications. Mexico, under Juan Manzo's leadership, distinguished itself with impressive podium finishes, including a fourth-place Olympic finish by Emiliano Hernandez.

In December 2023, the NORCECA Championships held in Guatemala were highly successful. The UIPM Global Laser Run City Tours expanded throughout the region, and Cuba resumed event organisation with a well-received Obstacle Triathlon and Obstacle Laser Run at Varadero Beach. Additionally, Costa Rica hosted a successful OCR World Championships in August.

Development initiatives include efforts by Freddy Nunez, President of the Dominican Republic NF, to establish a training centre for Modern Pentathlon. Canada, under the leadership of Josh Riker-Fox and Rod Staveley, is revitalising its federation, while other nations such as Bermuda, Jamaica, and Puerto Rico are planning Laser Runs for 2025. Izelle Dubuisson of Haiti deserves recognition for her resilience in promoting the sport despite numerous challenges.

As we approach the Junior Pan American Games in Paraguay, led by Jorge Salas, our focus is also shifting towards LA2028. The confederation remains committed to supporting member nations in their development and success in UIPM sports, fostering a spirit of fraternity and cooperation.



Cuba hosted the first ever Obstacle Laser Run Tour

Oceania Modern Pentathlon Confederation



Oceania has had a period of growth and subsequent consolidation over the last two years with the Confederation strengthened by the addition of a new member, Cook Islands.

Cook Islands continues to develop interest in the sport with regular training and festivals being delivered, utilising improvised equipment (see photo). There is a strong focus on inclusion with participation open to any age, ability and experience including those with special needs. The National Federation is also training athletes alongside their other sports to encourage them to compete internationally in UIPM events.

New Zealand continued its growth domestically and internationally, with able-bodied and para athletes training and competing in sub-sports and full Modern Pentathlon events. Highlights include a team at the UIPM 2023 Biathlon-Triathlon World Championships in Bali, and representation at the Oceania Championships which doubled as a qualification event for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. New Zealand is a significant contributor to broader Oceania activities, especially the identification and development of new member federations in the region.

The recent highlight for Australia was representation at Paris 2024 by female athlete Genevieve Janse van Rensburg (see photo). Australia has had strong representation in international junior and senior events during the past two seasons. Domestically the federation continues to grow, including integration with the Obstacle community with exciting times ahead for the growth of the sport in the run-up to Brisbane 2032.



Cook Islands

South America Confederation



During the period 2022 to 2024 we carried out an intense task.

At continental level, we managed to successfully develop our largest continental event, the Santiago 2023 Pan American Games and the Pan American Confederation Assembly, where our sport presented massive scenarios and spectators.

From there, 10 athletes were selected to represent our region at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, and three more were later added in other qualifying stages.

It was also important to insert our commissions of athletes, coaches and judges into all continental organizations.

We secured the inclusion of Pentathlon into the next ODESUR Games in Argentina, the 2027 Pan American Games in Lima (PER) and the Central American & Caribbean Games in the Dominican Republic.

At global level, our effort was focused on achieving the maximum development and integration of the new Obstacle discipline.

I believe that a summary of all the work and effort of the Pentathlon family was reflected in the success of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

We are now restarting a new stage towards Los Angeles 2028 with a united Confederation and with a leadership that is already on the way to successfully crowning this new challenge.

We send special and affectionate greetings to our UIPM President, Dr Klaus Schormann.



Pan American Confederation Assembly

Committees activities



Technical Committee

The period 2022-2024 was even busier than usual for the members of the UIPM Technical Committee. In 2022, the new 90-minute competition format was introduced, which required even greater preparedness from the Technical Committee members assigned to the competitions.

In the same year, the UIPM Congress approved the introduction of the new Obstacle discipline, replacing Riding for Junior and Youth age groups starting in 2023. This meant that the members of the Technical Committee also had to learn the new rules associated with it.

At the initiative of the Chair of the Technical Committee, Janusz Peciak, online meetings were introduced after every World Cup and World Championships. These meetings provided an opportunity for all Technical Committee members to learn about and discuss incidents that occurred at various competitions.

Along with the TD reports from the competitions, this greatly contributed to ensuring that the rule change proposals were prepared at the highest level and in a timely manner for the UIPM 2024 Congress.

The success of the Modern Pentathlon events at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games was largely due to the well-prepared and experienced Technical Committee members and UIPM International Judges, which was significantly aided by the fact that the officials had the opportunity to work together during the UIPM Pentathlon and Laser Run World Championships in Zhengzhou (CHN) earlier in the year.

Coaches Committee Activities

Over the past three years, the Coaches Committee has intensified its collaboration with UIPM HQ, focusing on enhancing education initiatives for coaches, organising clinics and seminars, and developing proposals related to training programmes and broader coaching interests within UIPM.

Key activities led by the committee included robust support for the Coaches Certification Programme (CCP) across Levels 1 to 4, aimed at expanding educational opportunities and upskilling coaches worldwide. The committee also played a crucial role in supporting the implementation of Riding reforms, providing essential information and education to coaches, and facilitating the smooth adoption of the new competition format.

Additionally, the CC extended its support to the Technical Committee, contributed to the New 5th Discipline study and its various tests, and assisted in the preparation of new rules related to Obstacle discipline and reforms in Fencing. Through these efforts, the Coaches Committee has solidified its role as a cornerstone in the advancement of coaching standards and practices within UIPM, driving forward innovative educational strategies and improvements that benefit the global Pentathlon community.

Athletes Committee

As our term comes to an end, we look back with pride. We would never have expected the events that unfolded in these three years but there was an opportunity amid the changing landscape to bring the athlete voice to the very centre of the sport.

Building on past Athlete Committees, we made communication our priority. The introduction of athlete focus groups with representation across all continents, balancing gender and age groups, as well as athlete forums and representation at all senior and junior competitions, were highlights.

Representation of the athlete voice is integral, and we worked alongside UIPM leadership to get record numbers of athletes involved in Committees, Boards and Working Groups focused on Riding, the New 5th Discipline and Fencing, putting athlete representatives at the heart of the discussion. We thank Klaus, Shiny and our respected board for their support.

Our main role is to support athletes, and we are proud to have strengthened relationships with UIPM sponsors and partners, providing podium prizes and increasing prize money in positions 7th-10th.

We can look with great excitement to the new era of Modern Pentathlon with the introduction of Obstacle discipline. Having watched junior athletes adapt to Obstacle and thrive, I believe the future is safe with new superstars coming onto the global stage.

Finally, we congratulate the seven newly elected AC members and wish them success in their upcoming terms. We are confident they will excel in their roles.

Committees activities



Medical Committee

The new 5th discipline was proposed and implemented successfully on all competition levels except Senior in 2023 and 2024. The Medical Committee worked actively alongside other committees to prepare successful implementation and evaluated the current medical rules applicability and safety on the field of play. This led to the modification of nutrition guidelines increasing the recommended nutritional intake and the improvement of current medical rules.

In 2024 the UIPM Medical Committee also implemented the new UIPM Concussion Policy to standardise decision-making processes in cases where athletes are put in risk of suspected concussion, defining the removal strategy and return to competition required process to avoid additional harm to athlete health.

To ease visual recognition of medical teams across UIPM venues, new recognition bibs were implemented.

The UIPM Medical Committee also continued to collect data about injuries during the season and starting from 2024 adopted the improvement in form of QR code distribution to medical teams to offer flexible, modern and paperless form of data collection.

Business Affairs Committee

During this cycle, members met online several times to discuss UIPM's future marketing guidelines. Several of them met with experts in Frankfurt (GER) in February 2024 for a meeting on the theme of UIPM rebranding.

One of the main achievements has been the design of a branding package linked to the new Obstacle discipline, while a dedicated pictogram and adjustment of the UIPM Sports Pyramid were designed. The integration of UIPM branding in co-sanctioned World Obstacle events with a message linked to the Olympic dream was created, targeting new audiences, along with a new series of logos for the new UIPM Pentathlon Challenger series.

Newsbridge, a new platform that uses artificial intelligence to recognize athletes in pictures and videos, was discussed and later adopted. UIPM's E-Laser Run was successfully represented during the Olympic Esports Week in Singapore in 2023. The UIPM Central app now includes more events with more competition details, from jumping test results to final results, as well as the latest news. Awareness of Modern Pentathlon has grown significantly with the introduction of Obstacle and confirmation of inclusion in the LA28 Olympic Games, increasing the commercial value which will attract new partners.

Masters Committee

From 2022 to 2024, the Masters Working Group (MWG) temporarily replaced the Masters Committee after the cancellation of the UIPM 2022 Masters World Championships made elections impossible. Despite these challenges, the MWG had a productive term, advancing several key initiatives.

One of the most significant achievements was the revival of Masters competitions after the pandemic. Traditional events like Winter Davos, and tetrathlon and pentathlon tournaments in Chisinau (MDA) and Halle (GER) returned to the Masters calendar. Additionally, promising new competitions were introduced in Argelers (FRA).

The highlight of 2023 was the successful organisation of the Masters European Championships in Chisinau (MDA). In 2024, MWG played a critical role in preparing for the UIPM 2024 Pentathlon & Tetrathlon Masters World Championships in Gyomro (HUN), marking its return after six years, alongside planning and conducting elections for a new Masters Committee that will serve from 2025-2028.

MWG members, active Masters athletes, also worked on updating the Masters rules to align with wider Modern Pentathlon standards, integrating the Obstacle discipline at national levels (France, Germany). Through MWG member Nathalie Denoyes (FRA), there has been ongoing exploration of Obstacle courses for Masters, with positive initial feedback from competitions in France.

MWG is committed to increasing membership, encouraging athletes from Laser Run, Biathlon, and Triathlon to join Masters Pentathlon. Communication, sport integrity, and community engagement remain top priorities.



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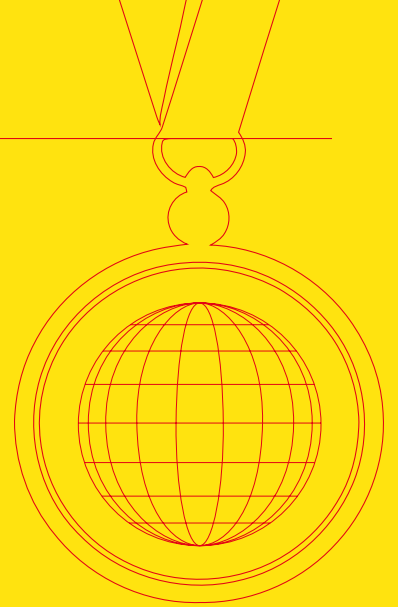
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JANUARY / FEBRUARY

UIPM congratulates 1st Vice President Juan Antonio Samaranch on election as IOC VP

The Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne (UIPM) warmly congratulated UIPM 1st Vice President Juan Antonio Samaranch (ESP) on his election as Vice President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) at the IOC Session in Beijing on February 19. Mr Samaranch is one of the most passionate and devoted volunteers to the Modern Pentathlon movement. For over 30 years his dedication and expertise has helped to drive multi-discipline sports forward. He first joined the UIPM Executive Board at the Congress in London in July 1993.



Tributes paid to Prof Dr Norbert Mueller, Olympic scholar

The global UIPM family was in deep mourning after the untimely passing of one of the most admired experts and passionate thinkers and advocates for the Olympic movement, Professor Dr Norbert Mueller, who died on February 16 at the age of 75. Prof Dr Mueller was one of the foremost global scholars of Pierre de Coubertin stretching all the way back to the 1970s when he wrote his dissertation on Baron de Coubertin, the father of the Modern Olympic Games and creator of Modern Pentathlon.



22.-23.02.2022: Rome, ITA

On February 22 the UIPM President met with the Italian Modern Pentathlon Federation (FIPM) to discuss the UIPM 2022 Youth World Championships in Lignano (ITA) in September and future opportunities to host additional UIPM competitions in Italy.

Furthermore, Dr Schormann raised the topic of development areas (Biathlon/Triathlon and Laser Run) in Italy and discussed ways to increase the number of young athletes participating in the coming years. The visit to Rome (ITA) also included a meeting with Italian NOC (CONI) President, Dr Giovanni Malagò.



UIPM Executive Assistant Lena Nussbaumer, CONI President Dr Giovanni Malagò, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, Fabrizio Bittner (FIPM President), Filippo De Liguori Carino (FIPM Secretary General) and Simona Salsano (FIPM International Relations)

MARCH / APRIL

16.03.2022: Munich, GER

Dr Schormann arranged a meeting with the German Patron of Modern Pentathlon, HRH Prince Leopold of Bavaria, to discuss the 50th anniversary of women in Modern Pentathlon scheduled for August 2022 in Munich (GER).

During the Olympic Summer Games Munich 1972, the General Assembly of the Union International de Pentathlon Moderne et Biathlon (UIPMB) approved a motion of the German Federation to include women. The motion was created by the former President of the German Federation, Prof Dr Peter Wilhelm Henze, who was a UIPMB Council Member.

HRH Prince Leopold of Bavaria was happy to hear about UIPM's plans for a celebration for this movement and accepted to take over the patronage of this important celebration.



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann with HRH Prince Leopold of Bavaria, second left, and former German Modern Pentathlon Federation office-bearers Walter Vogel, left, and Olaf Kleidon, right

21.03. – 27.03.2022: Cairo, EGY

On March 22, President Dr Schormann appeared at a press conference promoting the season-opening UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup Cairo, together with Egypt's Minister of Sport & Youth, Dr Ashraf Sobhy.

UIPM has a good relationship with the Egyptian Government and Egyptian Modern Pentathlon Federation (EMPF), led by President Sharif Elerian who was elected UIPM Vice President at UIPM 2021 Congress.



Mixed Relay medalists and best-placed teams atop the podium with UIPM and Egyptian officials in Cairo (EGY)

This was the first World Cup to feature the new Modern Pentathlon format with a 90-minute showcase of all five disciplines, and UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "This, for all of us, was a special moment. For the athletes, this new format saw the athletes perform to the highest level. We know it's not easy to do something new but they have been so impressive. Everything went great in a wonderful environment here.

"We have seen winners from different continents but it's also important that the athletes have enjoyed this format. This is a new era. I am always happy to see new faces and new names on the podium. It shows our sport is alive.

"We know that we will change Riding after 2024 and make our multisport more accessible around the world. These young athletes compete in the traditional way but they are also the generation for Los Angeles 2028 and that motivates us to do more for them."

UIPM and the global Modern Pentathlon community continued its support of Ukraine and Ukrainian pentathletes, some of whom competed in Cairo (EGY).

As the war in Ukraine continued, UIPM reiterated its steadfast support to all of those affected, including Ukrainian members of the Modern Pentathlon family, and expressed renewed hope for an end to the conflict.



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and Executive Board Member for Development Dr Viacheslav Malishev with Ukrainian team members in Cairo (EGY)

On March 25, UIPM Vice President Sharif Elerian arranged a group meeting attended by the Vice President of the African Confederation (CAPM), Jennifer O'Hanlon (President, South African Modern Pentathlon Association), Francois Akonde (President, Ivory Coast Modern Pentathlon Federation) and two CAPM Executive Board Members, Saikou Jarju (President, Gambia Modern Pentathlon Association) and Simon Peter Komakech (President, Uganda Modern Pentathlon Federation).

The meeting was essential for the African nations to gain a better overview of their mutual opportunities and challenges. Dr Schormann and Dr Malishev decided to travel to Africa later in 2022 to meet with the whole CAPM Board and as many nations as possible.



President Dr Schormann and Dr Malishev meet with numerous African National Federation representatives who travelled to Cairo (EGY)

25.04. – 02.05.2022: Budapest, HUN

The UIPM Executive Board announced plans to test two varieties of Obstacle discipline with a view to its inclusion alongside Fencing, Swimming and Laser Run in Modern Pentathlon. Testing would begin immediately after the UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup Final in Ankara (TUR) with a final decision to be taken by the UIPM Congress.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said after a working group meeting in Budapest (HUN): "The New 5th Discipline Working Group has conducted its work with clear direction and a commitment to expertise, resulting in thought-provoking discussions and strong conclusions.

"The guidance provided by the IOC around the selection of an alternative discipline for Modern Pentathlon has been closely followed, with athletes playing a central role in this process.

"I would like to thank all stakeholders and especially the outside experts, Michael Payne, Terrence Burns, David Hill, Ursula Romero and Peter Hutton for their exceptional contribution."



In the evening UIPM hosted a big joint dinner with all EB Members and Working Group Members as well as officials from the Hungarian Olympic Committee and Government.

IOC Member Pal Schmitt and UIPM President Schormann gave speeches about solidarity and understanding for the future of Modern Pentathlon in the Olympic Movement, based on tradition and heritage and with great innovation for new generations to come.



A joint dinner brings together members of the UIPM Executive Board, the New 5th Discipline Working Group and Hungarian officials and VIPs

MAY

05.05. – 07.05.2022: Lima, PER

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, accompanied by Executive Assistant Lena Nussbaumer, attended the CISM Congress. Dr Schormann spoke at the General Assembly about the long pathway shared by CISM and UIPM as well as the future and changes in the pipeline.

During their time in Peru, President Dr Schormann and Ms Nussbaumer had discussions with delegations from Brazil, Saudi Arabia, Germany, Spain, Italy, India, Nigeria, Denmark, Romania, Sweden and Poland among other nations.

Furthermore, they had a long and important meeting with the President of the Peruvian Modern Pentathlon Federation, Bernardino Leyva Meneses.



Dr Schormann and Lena Nussbaumer with NF President Bernardino Leyva Meneses and Col Nilton Rolim of CISM

10.05.-16.05.2022: Albena, BUL

The global nature of international Modern Pentathlon provides development opportunities besides giving athletes the chance to compete.

One such opportunity came up when the UIPM Pentathlon World Cup circuit returned to Bulgaria in May 2022, with the first of three competitions in consecutive years that have been awarded to the city of Albena.

Two courses under the UIPM Judges Certification Programme (JCP) were delivered to two Judges at Level 2 and 22 Assistant Judges at Level 1, enabling 24 judges in total to adapt to the new format.

Coordinated by Andrea Dell'Amore (ITA), UIPM JCP Educator and Technical Committee Member, the courses concluded during UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup Albena.



JUNE

07.06.2022: Lausanne, SUI

UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann and Secretary General Shiny Fang met together with International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Dr Thomas Bach and Sport Director Kit McConnell in Olympic House, the IOC Headquarters.

The meeting was mainly about the new discipline that would replace Riding after the Olympic Games Paris 2024.

Furthermore, they discussed how Modern Pentathlon could become more interesting to achieve the criteria agreed with IOC guidance at the start of the consultation. UIPM needed to embrace change and the new discipline was a good start.



UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, IOC President Dr Thomas Bach and IOC Sport Director Kit McConnell

15.06.2022: Darmstadt, GER

The Treasurer of the City Government Darmstadt, Andre Schellenberg, visited the President's Office in Darmstadt and discussed with Dr Schormann the long traditional partnership between the City Government and Modern Pentathlon, which started as far back as 1963.

On June 15, Dr Schormann also met with two UIPM sponsors, Dr Wolfgang Dietz (owner of Dietz AG) and Armin Kohler (owner of Rechner Sensors). Dietz AG is involved in real estate assets and development, property management and planning projects across Europe, and Rechner Sensors is an international measurement technology company. They discussed the ongoing partnership and the future presentation of Modern Pentathlon after 2024 Olympic Games Paris and the possibilities UIPM has to offer sponsors in the future.



Dr Schormann with Darmstadt City Government Treasurer Andre Schellenberg



Dr Schormann with sponsor representatives Armin Kohler and Dr Wolfgang Dietz

23.06. – 28.06.2022: Ankara, TUR

The first New Pentathlon Discipline Test Event was a resounding success.

At the end of the event, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann thanked Ian Adamson, President of World Obstacle (FISO), for the great teamwork and support from his team that enabled the successful Test Event to become a special moment in Modern Pentathlon history.

The President also thanked the whole UIPM team, Executive Board, Technical Delegates and International Judges for their efforts not only on the UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup Final and Test Event but also all previous World Cups.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "Today we had the historic first Test Event for the integration of a New 5th Discipline in Modern Pentathlon – a new dawn for our sport.

"The course set-up was dynamic and challenging, and it tested the unique versatility and skills of pentathletes.

"The athletes really enjoyed the competition – you could see and feel the excitement in their faces and in their interviews afterwards. It was a great first step towards a youthful, urban and highly accessible future for our sport.

"It's not just a simple replacement of one discipline for another. Obstacle Discipline will transform Modern Pentathlon into a TV-friendly multi-sport with proven appeal to younger fans and commercial partners around the world.

"The UIPM Athletes Committee have been central to the process and several members led by example on the Obstacle course over the past two days.

"We are grateful to everyone involved – the judges, the observers, the members of the New 5th Discipline Working Group and the Turkish Modern Pentathlon Federation for all their assistance – not only this week but during UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup Ankara and the World Cup Final."



On June 28, President Schormann planted an oak tree in the company of Prof Dr Veli Ozan Cakir, TMPF President, joined by athletes including members of the UIPM Athletes Committee, as well as UIPM Executive Board colleagues.

President Dr Schormann said: "The oak tree symbolises the special environment that Modern Pentathlon is creating. It is a symbol of Modern Pentathlon and grows with deep roots to stand firm in the face of storms."



JULY

01.07. – 03.07.2022: Munich, GER

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann attended three days of celebrations and memorials marking 50 years since the Olympic Games Munich 1972.

On July 2 Dr Thomas Bach, International Olympic Committee (IOC) President, gave a very special speech including a solemn reminder of the terrible attack perpetrated on Israeli athletes and team members by Palestinian terrorists during the Games.

President Dr Bach unveiled the Olympic Rings in the Olympic Park during a ceremony also attended by representatives of the German national, Bavarian regional and Munich city governments. President Dr Schormann worked as Deputy Competition Manager of Modern Pentathlon during the Olympic Games in Munich 1972. He had the opportunity to be reunited with former colleagues and to meet with current Olympic dignitaries such as Spyros Capralos, European Olympic Committees (EOC) President, IOC Member and Hellenic Olympic Committee President.



On the 50th anniversary of Munich 1972, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann meets with Spyros Capralos above (EOC President; IOC Member) and Pal Schmitt below (IOC Honorary Member)



06.07.2022: Berlin, GER

The UIPM President attended a reception at the Government of Hesse for members of the political, business, sport and culture societies. The event was hosted by Boris Rhein, the newly-elected Minister-President of the Hesse region.



The UIPM President with the new Hesse Minister-President Boris Rhein, above, and German Paralympic Committee President Friedhelm Julius Beucher at a reception in Berlin (GER)

24.07. – 31.07.2022: Alexandria, EGY

On July 29, President Dr Schormann hosted a meeting of UIPM Executive Board (EB) Members present in Alexandria (EGY) to discuss topical matters of Modern Pentathlon in preparation for the Olympic Games Paris 2024 and actions linked to the New Pentathlon Discipline, proposed to replace Riding after the 2024 season.

They also discussed the ongoing series of test events in Ankara (TUR), Manila (PHI) and Lignano Sabbiadoro (ITA), with a fourth test event to be announced.



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann chairs a meeting of UIPM Executive Board members present in Alexandria (EGY)

AUGUST

05.08. - 08.08.2022: Manila, PHI

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann began a trip to South-East Asia by meeting Philippine Olympic Committee President Abraham Tolentino, together with Philippine Modern Pentathlon Association President Richard Gomez (also a politician and movie star) and his Vice President, Matt Torres.

The quartet discussed the sporting programme of the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games, the 19th Asian Games in 2023 in Hangzhou (CHN) and Asian Beach Games, as well as the upcoming General Assembly of the Asian Olympic Council (AOC) and Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC).



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann makes a presentation to Philippine Olympic Committee President Abraham Tolentino, flanked by Philippine Modern Pentathlon Association President Richard Gomez (left) and Vice President Matt Torres



The UIPM and PMPA Presidents pose for pictures with athletes, coaches and observers who attended New Pentathlon Discipline Test Event II in Manila (PHI)

UIPM President Dr Schormann stressed the importance of reducing the cost and complexity of Modern Pentathlon within the Olympic Games and the need to follow the IOC's philosophy of accessibility and popularity for the benefit of future generations.

UIPM President Dr Schormann and IOC Vice President Ng also talked about topical matters within the Olympic movement including virtual sports / esports and gender equality.

Also during his trip to Singapore, President Dr Schormann had a fruitful meeting with Singapore Modern Pentathlon Association President Cassandra Choh, Secretary General Desmond Chan and 13-year-old Kyra Seow, Singapore pentathlete and award-winning UTS Virtual Youth Festival Ambassador.



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and IOC Vice President Ser Miang Ng with Singapore Modern Pentathlon Association President Cassandra Choh (right) and Secretary General Desmond Chan (left)

28.08. – 01.09.2022: Santiago, CHI

President Dr Schormann attended the Pan American Sports Organization (PASO) General Assembly where he met a lot of National Olympic Committee (NOC) Presidents in the company of PASO Secretary General Ivar Sisniega OLY (UIPM Innovation Commission Chair and former 1st Vice President), as well as PASO President Neven Ilic.

UIPM President Dr Schormann was also accompanied by Jorge Salas OLY, President of the South American Modern Pentathlon Confederation (CSPM).



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and South American Confederation President Jorge Salas OLY (far left) with PASO President Neven Ilic and Secretary General Ivar Sisniega OLY (far right)

01.09.2022: Meeting with US NOC

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann ended his trip to Chile with a very successful meeting with Susanne Lyons, Chair of the Board of Directors of the US Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC). Also in attendance were USOPC CEO Sarah Hirshland – a Member of the IOC Programme Commission – and Chair-elect Gene Sykes, who would succeed Susanne Lyons as Chair on December 31.

During the meeting, UIPM President Dr Schormann learned that the USOPC – which will be the host NOC of the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games – was following all developments of the New Pentathlon Discipline process and strongly supporting the move to find an alternative discipline to Riding. In these discussions, UIPM President Dr Schormann focused passionately on the younger generations who can hope to have an opportunity to compete in a new-look Modern Pentathlon at LA28.



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann in Santiago (CHI) with (left to right) US Olympic & Paralympic Committee CEO Sarah Hirshland, Chair of the Board of Directors Susanne Lyons and Gene Sykes, who would take over as Chair at the end of 2022

SEPTEMBER

U17/U19 Youth World Championships, Lignano (ITA)



13.09. – 20.09.2022: Almaty, KAZ

The UIPM President attended the 2022 Asian Modern Pentathlon Championships and was pleased to find nine different nations taking part. One of them was Mongolia, which, after many years of development, can now send athletes to competitions.

Nevertheless, the development field in Asian countries is still very expandable and the differences among the nations is large. Therefore, it was very important for President Dr Schormann to talk to the individual nations to gain insights.



Representatives from the nine competing nations in the Asian Championships. In the front row, left to right: Leonid Zimarev (Kazakhstan NF SG), Kseniya Gulyamova (Uzbekistan NF SG), Hyunjun Kim (AMPC President), Dr Klaus Schormann (UIPM President), Viktor Maltsev (Kyrgyzstan NF SG), Bin Zhang (AMPC VP); Ping-Hung Lin (Chinese Taipei NF VP)

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann with Bin Zhang (AMPC VP), Hyunjun Kim (AMPC President), Leonid Zimarev (Kazakhstan NF SG) and two ladies in traditional Kazakh ceremonial dress



29.09. - 30.09.2022: Vatican City

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann joined fellow leaders of international sport at the Sport For All Summit in the Vatican City on September 29/30.

UIPM President Dr Schormann attended along with IOC President Dr Bach, International Paralympic Committee (IPC) President Andrew Parsons and numerous leaders of IFs and National Olympic and Paralympic Committees. The programme featured high-level reports, speeches and discussions on inclusion and accessibility in sport. The Holy Father, Pope Francis, addressed the attendees before the signing of a Declaration on Sport.

President Dr Schormann met Prof Konstantino Georgiadis (Dean of the International Olympic Academy) and Wolfgang Baumann (President of the International Association for Sport for All) and had very constructive meetings with both about inclusion and accessibility.



Left to right: Lena Nussbaumer, Marco Ienna, Riccardo Fraccari (IF Baseball Softball COO & President), Francesco Ricci Bitti (ASOIF President), Dr Giovanni Malago (CONI President), Dr Klaus Schormann (UIPM President), Marco Maria Scolaris (IF Sport Climbing President), Sabatino Aracu (World Skate President), Ivo Ferriani (IF Bobsleigh Skeleton President), Angelo Cito (World Taekwondo Council Member), Tom Dielen (World Archery SG), David Carrigy (World Rugby Chief International Relations and Participation Officer), Sophie Roduit (Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation Manager)



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and Lena Nussbaumer with Prof Konstantino Georgiadis (International Olympic Academy Dean) and Wolfgang Baumann (President of International Association of Sport for All)

OCTOBER

05.10. - 09.10.2022: Zielona Gora, POL

Since 1976 the Polish Modern Pentathlon Association (PMPA) has organised international competitions in Drzonkow / Zielona Gora.

During his visit to the UIPM 2022 Junior World Championships, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann met with Modern Pentathlon leaders from around the world to discuss the New 5th Discipline process ahead of UIPM 2022 Congress.

During Test Event IV on October 7-8, President Dr Schormann spoke with many participating athletes and coaches to get their feedback and share reflections on their experience after they finished the course.

Andrzej Krasnicki, President of the Polish Olympic Committee, was in attendance and he met with UIPM President Dr Schormann to discuss the 2023 European Games in Krakow as well as matters of international sport politics, relating to the invasion of Ukraine and how the PMPA and the wider Polish Olympic community has helped Ukrainian athletes.



Left to right: Dr Klaus Schormann (UIPM President), Andrzej Krasnicki (Polish NOC President), Anna Bajan (Polish NOC Vice President)



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann with officials and volunteers on the podium at the UIPM 2022 Pentathlon Junior World Championships

18.10. - 21.10.2022: Seoul, KOR

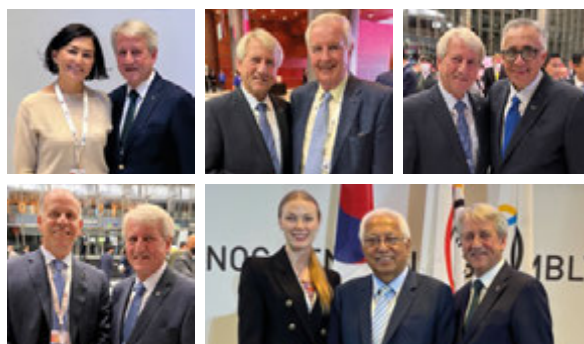
UIPM signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA) designed to stimulate the development of UIPM Sports across Africa. The agreement was signed by UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and his ANOCA counterpart, Mustapha Berraf, in front of Secretary General Ahmed Abu Elgasim and 54 ANOCA member nations during its General Assembly in Seoul (KOR). Through the MoU, ANOCA agrees to provide knowledge of UIPM Sports including Modern Pentathlon, equipment, technical support and training possibilities to all African countries. The ANOCA General Assembly was attended by Dr Thomas Bach, President of the International Olympic Committee.



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, accompanied by Executive Assistant Lena Nussbaumer, also took part in the General Assembly of the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC)



Left to right: Seung Min Ryu (IOC Member and Olympic Programme Commission Member); Dr Thomas Bach (IOC President); Dr Klaus Schormann (UIPM President); Lena Nussbaumer (UIPM Executive Assistant); Dongkook Chung (KSOC EB and UIPM Technical Committee Member)



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann joins various leaders of international sport in Seoul (KOR), clockwise from top left: Cristina Vasilianov (NOC SG of Moldova); Luis Mejia Oviedo (NOC President Dominican Republic, IOC Member); HRH Prince Feisal Al Hussein (NOC President of Jordan, IOC EB Member); Robin Mitchell (ANOC President); Sir Craig Reedie (Honorary Member IOC, ANOC 'Contribution to Olympic Movement' winner, former WADA President)

UIPM meets AMPC

On October 21, UIPM President Dr Schormann had also a meeting with AMPC President Hyunjun Kim and EB Members from the Korean Modern Pentathlon Federation. The meeting was also attended by UIPM Honorary Member Kuisung Choi. The main topics were sports development in Asia, with special focus on the 2023 Asian Games in Hangzhou.



Left to right: UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, Kuisung Choi (UIPM Honorary Member), Hyunjun Kim (AMPC President)

26.10. - 30.10.2022: Machico, POR

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann attended the UIPM 2022 Biathle-Triathlon World Championships on the island of Madeira and had important meetings with the National Federations of Saudi Arabia, Iran and Kuwait.



Left to right: LOC official; Dr Joao Pereira de Almeida (President NF Portugal); Ricardo Franco (Mayor of Machico); Dr Klaus Schormann (UIPM President); Dr Viacheslav Malishev (UIPM EB Member); Razan Alayed (EB Member of Saudia Arabia NF); Gary Lu (CEO of UIPM sponsor Absolute Fencing)

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER



UIPM Congress on screen behind (l to r) UIPM 1st Vice President Juan Antonio Samaranch, President Dr Klaus Schormann and Secretary General Shiny Fang

08.11. - 13.11.2022: Nice, FRA

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann chaired a two-day UIPM Executive Board meeting that included deep discussion and preparation of documents for the 72nd UIPM Congress, which took place online and marked a historical turning point for the Modern Pentathlon movement. When the General Assembly voted with 83% of the eligible votes in favour of adding Obstacle discipline to the UIPM Statutes and Competition Rules, it created new possibilities for nations that until now have struggled to enable athletes to compete in all five disciplines. Obstacle gives Modern Pentathlon an opportunity not only to survive but to become one of the most dynamic, popular and accessible sports in the Olympic Games, reducing the cost and complexity of the sport and attracting a new audience.



The UIPM President with Executive Board Members, staff and members of working groups who gathered in Nice (FRA) for the 72nd UIPM Congress

17.11. - 20.11.2022: Paris / Normandy, FRA

The Coubertin family welcomed UIPM President and Commission Members to Normandy and Paris (FRA). The UIPM President, Dr Klaus Schormann, attended two days of meetings designed to strengthen heritage and educational links with the family of the founder of Modern Pentathlon, Baron Pierre de Coubertin.

They visited the Coubertin Castle near Paris, the Chateau de Mirville – his summer home in Normandy – and finally La Sorbonne university. This was where Coubertin arranged the first Olympic Congress in 1894, an event that led both to the rebirth of the Olympic Games two years later in Athens, and the formation of the International Olympic Committee.



The UIPM Pierre de Coubertin Commission and members of the Coubertin family

27.11. - 29.11.2022: Lausanne, SUI

In his capacity as a Member of the IOC Culture & Olympic Heritage Commission, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann attended a session on November 28 at the Olympic Museum. The Commission, chaired by IOC Member Khunying Patama Leeswadtrakul, discussed important steps and actions for the coming year.



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann with fellow members of the IOC Culture & Olympic Heritage Commission session at Olympic House in Lausanne (SUI)



Day one of the forum featured powerful keynotes on human rights and sustainability, which can help to strengthen the principles for good governance in sport. The UIPM delegation met Dr Harald Vervaecke, President of the Belgian Modern Pentathlon Federation and Secretary General of the International Lifesaving Federation



Left to right: Dr Harald Vervaecke (Belgian Modern Pentathlon Federation President), Dr Klaus Schormann (UIPM President) and Lena Nussbaumer (UIPM Executive Assistant)

03.12. - 10.12.2022: Cape Town, RSA

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann travelled to South Africa for meetings with the Executive Board of the African Confederation of Modern Pentathlon (CAPM).

After a briefing from President Dr Schormann and Dr Viacheslav Malishev, UIPM EB Member for Development, CAPM EB Members discussed the preparation of African teams for the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games, which will be the first Olympics to be held in the continent.



Left to right: Mark Wiley (former SAMPA President); Frans van Niekerk (SAMPA President); Saikou Jarju (CAPM EB Member); Jenny O'Hanlon (CAPM Vice President); Francois Akonde (CAPM Vice President); Ismaila Lingany (CAPM EB Member); Dr Klaus Schormann (UIPM President); Sylvestre Zare (CAPM President, UIPM EB Member); Chris Essilfie (CAPM EB Member); Dr Viacheslav Malishev (UIPM EB Member for Development); Lena Nussbaumer (UIPM Executive Assistant)

The UIPM President's visit included a meeting at the Stellenbosch University of Sport with participants in a UIPM coaching seminar, where Dr Schormann, Dr Malishev and SAMPA President Niekerk briefed the coaches on next steps for competitions including Obstacle as a replacement for Riding and preparatory steps for Paris 2024.

In recognition of SAMPA's 70th anniversary and the UIPM 1996 Pentathlon World Cup Final in Stellenbosch (RSA), UIPM President Dr Schormann planted a tree together with Dr Malishev, SAMPA EB Members and coaching seminar participants.



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann leads a tree planting in recognition of SAMPA's 70th anniversary and the UIPM 1996 Pentathlon World Cup Final in Stellenbosch (RSA)

Presidents Schormann and van Niekerk also met with regional political leaders Anroux Marais (Western Cape Provincial Minister for Sport and Culture), Hermann van der Westhuizen (Western Cape Head of Ministry of Cultural Affairs & Sport) and Alderman JP Smith (City of Cape Town Executive Committee Member with responsibility for Events, Safety and Security).



Left to right: Lena Nussbaumer (UIPM Executive Assistant), Frans van Niekerk (SAMPAs President), Mark Wiley (former Senator and Western Cape Interior Minister), Anroux Marais (Western Cape Provincial Minister for Sport and Culture); Dr Klaus Schormann (UIPM President) and Hermann van der Westhuizen (Western Cape Head of Ministry of Cultural Affairs & Sport)

2023

JANUARY / FEBRUARY

17.02. – 19.02.2023: IBU World Championships in Oberhof

UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann attended the Biathlon World Championships in Oberhof, Germany. Biathlon belonged to Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne (UIPM) from 1958-1998. Biathlon was included in the amalgamated UIPMB from 1968 until 1998, when it became completely independent as International Biathlon Union (IBU). Until today there exists a close relationship and cooperation between the two international Federations, IBU & UIPM. Both Presidents discussed the global economic & political situation based on the war in Ukraine. They also discussed the long partnership and historical documentation from both Olympic Sports, in anticipation of a joint meeting at the IBU headquarters in Salzburg, to continue researches about historical parts from both sports.



f.l.t.r.: Olle Dahlin (IBU President); Dr. Klaus Schormann (UIPM President); Franz Steinle (IBU EB Member & German Biathlon President)

24.02. – 26.02.2023: UIPM Joint Committee Meeting in Frankfurt

UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann again held the annual Joint Committee Meeting in Frankfurt. During these three days they discussed a lot of matters for the coming season, but also the future Youth & Junior competitions including Obstacle as a new discipline. President Dr Klaus Schormann chaired the joint meeting and briefed all participants about the global international sport movement and economic consequences. He also gave clear guidelines for all members of the Athletes, Technical & Coaches Committees. Besides the heads of the different committees, the UIPM EB was also represented by the Secretary General Shiny Fang, Treasurer John Helmick, and Member for Development Dr Viacheslav Malishev. Dr Atanas Andreev (BUL) represented the UIPM Medical Committee in the joint sessions, while Bernhard Petruschinski (GER) was invited as a Modern Pentathlon technical expert and Chair of the Equipment Commission.



Modern Pentathlon community mourns death of UIPM Patron HM King Constantine II

Tributes have been paid to His Majesty King Constantine II, Patron of the Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne (UIPM), after his death on January 10 at the age of 82.

An avid sportsman who won sailing gold for Greece at the Rome 1960 Olympic Games, HM King Constantine trained in all five Modern Pentathlon disciplines during his youth.

In 1994 His Majesty accepted an invitation to become Patron of UIPMB, which governed both Modern Pentathlon and Biathlon, and four years later he became Patron of UIPM. The last Monarch of Greece had already served the global Olympic movement with distinction having become a Member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in 1963 and an Honorary Member in 1974.

His Majesty was also Honorary President of the Hellenic Olympic Committee, the International Olympic Academy, the Royal Greek Yachting Association and World Sailing.

King Constantine was one of the inaugural inductees of the UIPM Hall of Fame in 2016, and he was a keen supporter of Modern Pentathlon who continued to attend UIPM competitions and events until his declining health prevented him from travelling.

His Majesty died in hospital in Athens on January 10, after a long illness. He was survived by his wife, HM Queen Anne-Marie, and five children, Alexia, Pavlos, Nikolaos, Theodora and Philippos.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann led the tributes, saying: "His Majesty King Constantine was a wonderful person. It was a privilege to have visited him and his wife, Her Majesty Queen Anne-Marie, in the summer of 2021 in their private home in Porto Helio.

"Over the years we shared so many great moments together, and His Majesty led many constructive discussions about sport and the Olympic movement. He had a sharp mind and clear perspective that made him an outstanding ambassador for sport.

"I and the entire Modern Pentathlon family mourn the loss of our Patron, who supported and stood by the side of Modern Pentathlon throughout the past 28 years.

"A great personality has left the world and we were honoured to have known him personally, and to have stood beside him in solidarity for a better and more peaceful world through sport. We wish Her Majesty and her family endless strength at this sad time."

MARCH



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann congratulates Ahmed Elgendy (EGY) on his gold medal in Cairo (EGY)

Meeting the UAE National Federation in Cairo, President Dr. Schormann discussed steps that can enable further UIPM Sports development in the Emirates. The meeting was joined by AMPC President Hyunjun Kim and AMPC Secretary General Sangkeong Yeo - the AMPC Confederation is the first instance for Asian Federations and can support developing countries to become established Modern Pentathlon nations. Dr. Klaus Schormann mentioned the importance of clear communication and what the new Obstacle discipline will bring to Modern Pentathlon and the nations. UAE are especially looking forward to the new 5th discipline to have a chance in the future as solid Modern Pentathlon Federation.



f.l.t.r.: Sangkeong Yeo (AMPC Secretary General); Shiny Fang (UIPM Secretary General); Hyunjun Kim (AMPC President); Dr. Huda Abdul Rahman Al Matrooshi (Chairwomen of MP Federation of UAE); Dr. Klaus Schormann (UIPM President); Nasser Sultan Almemari (First Vice-head of Technical Committee UAE); Sharif Elerian (President Egyptian MP Federation, UIPM Vice-President); Mostafa Hassan (Administration Secretary UAE MP Federation)

APRIL



Sunwoo Kim and Changwan Seo combined to superb effect to give Korea Mixed Relay gold as a dramatic Sunday brought the curtain down on an unforgettable UIPM 2023 Pentathlon World Cup Budapest

04.04. - 06.04.2023: Kunming, CHN

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann was joined by Secretary General Shiny Fang and Events Operations Director Dr Alexandre Franca for meetings relating to the construction of the UIPM Asia-Pacific Development Centre (APDC).

The APDC, which will become a central hub for Modern Pentathlon training and competition in the Asia-Pacific region, forms part of a \$6bn government expansion plan for the city of Kunming, and President Dr Schormann inspected large-scale artists' impressions of the urban development.



UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann surveys an artist's impression of the planned new UIPM Asia-Pacific Development Centre (APDC) in Kunming (CHN)



A group photo of meeting participants in Kunming (CHN) including (5th from left) Mrs Lirong He (APDC Deputy Secretary General); (7th from left) Mr Tao Liu, (APDC Secretary General); (9th from left) Mrs Xiaoyuan Chen (UIPM APDC Acting Chairman); (10th from left) Mr Tao Zhang (APDC Secretariat) (7th from right) Mr Di Zhu, (UIPM APDC Research and Development Officer); (4th from right) Mrs Lei Wang (APDC Deputy Secretary General)

Partner organizations poised to establish a ground-breaking Modern Pentathlon facility in China have received praise from UIPM leadership after an official visit to the site.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and Secretary General Shiny Fang paid the city of Kunming a follow-up visit seven months after the announcement of the UIPM Asia-Pacific Development Centre (APDC). The trip was scheduled immediately after China relaxed COVID-19 pandemic travel restrictions for international visitors.

The APDC, part of a government expansion plan with a total value of CHN ¥45bn (US \$6bn), promises to supercharge UIPM Sports development in China and the wider Asian continent and support the global athlete community with a state-of-the-art and sustainable facility for training and competition.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "Our ambitious partners in China have created a vision for a very innovative and unique facility, and we were very pleased to have several in-depth meetings with them when we visited Kunming from April 4-6."

12.04. – 16.04.2023: Ankara, TUR



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann in discussion with Prof Dr Veli Ozan Cakir (Türkiye Modern Pentathlon Federation President) and Inanc Ozcakmak (Deputy General of International Organisations and Foreign Relations of Sports Ministry of Türkiye)

26.04. – 30.04.2023: WC Budapest

UIPM 2023 Pentathlon World Cup Budapest was attended by former Hungarian State President and IOC Member Pal Schmitt, Hungarian Olympic Committee President Zsolt Gyulay, Polish Modern Pentathlon Association Secretary General Stanislaw Pytel and UIPM Honorary Members Gyula Bretz and Dr Ferenc Torok.



Lena Nussbaumer (UIPM Executive Assistant), Gyula Bretz (UIPM Honorary Member), Dr Klaus Schormann (UIPM President), Dr Ferenc Torok (UIPM Honorary Member), Shiny Fang (UIPM Secretary General)

MAY

10.05. – 14.05.2023: Sofia, BUL

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann held a meeting with the State President of Bulgaria, Rumen Radev, during his attendance at UIPM 2023 Pentathlon World Cup Sofia. President Radev received the UIPM President and Secretary General Shiny Fang, along with Bulgaria Modern Pentathlon Federation (BMPF) President Kameliya Aleksandrova and former Sports Minister and BMPF President Andrey Kuzmanov, at his Presidential office in the capital city. They spoke about matters relating to the development of UIPM Sports in Bulgaria and the benefits of sport to wider society. President Radev wished success to all athletes participating in the Pentathlon World Cup and accepted a specially made plaque depicting the five Olympic circles, which is unique in its kind, from President Dr Schormann.



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, Secretary General Shiny Fang and Executive Assistant Lena Nussbaumer (far left), join Andrey Kuzmanov and Kameliya Aleksandrova in meetings with, above, Bulgaria Youth & Sport Minister Vesela Lecheva, and below, Bulgaria NOC President Stefka Kostadinova



Shortly afterwards, Bulgaria Sports Minister Vesela Lecheva hosted another meeting with the UIPM and BMPF delegations and wished them success in the ongoing development of Modern Pentathlon in Bulgaria and worldwide.

Minister Lecheva, who was given a special award by President Dr Schormann, spoke about the importance of volunteers in the staging of sporting competitions and said that Bulgaria was proud to be entrusted with the hosting of an event as important as UIPM 2023 Pentathlon World Cup Sofia, especially as part of the Paris 2024 Olympic qualification pathway.

The UIPM President and Secretary General also met with Stefka Kostadinova, President of the Bulgarian Olympic Committee, while in Sofia.

The BOC celebrated its 100th anniversary this month, with IOC President Dr Thomas Bach among the dignitaries who attended the celebrations. President Dr Schormann congratulated President Kostadinova and conveyed gratitude to the Bulgarian Olympic movement for its support of UIPM Sports over the years.

17.05. – 24.05.2023: Pattaya, THA

The UIPM 2023 Southeast Asia Championships proved to be the biggest ever competition organised by the Asian Confederation, and UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, who attended the event, said: "This has been a truly great week for our sport in Asia. We have seen what is indeed one of the best competitions that the confederation has held in terms of both the performance of the athletes from a record number of nations and the brilliant organisation by the Modern Pentathlon Association of Thailand (MPAT), led by President Admiral Srivardhana and his team.

"Everything from the equipment, the commentators and big screen on the beach for fans and viewers, the entertainments before the awards and well-decorated venue and a competition which was always kept on time by the minute, it was so impressive.

"I want to pay tribute to the AMPC for all of their work in making this Southeast Asian Championships such a success, also to the organisers, the judges and volunteers and of course the coaches and athletes too. The growth of UIPM sports in Asia has continued to be strong and this event is another sign of that."



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann presents medals to some of the winners during the 2023 UIPM Southeast Asia Championships after some exciting competitions on the beaches of Pattaya (THA)

During his visit to the UIPM Southeast Asia (SEA) Championships, President Dr Schormann had the chance to meet and greet 16 Asian countries and speak with them about the future of Modern Pentathlon and the transformative phase of the UIPM Sports movement.

The new Obstacle discipline enables UIPM to assure countries that have previously not been able to take part in World Cups that all countries will have better access to Modern Pentathlon. Countries like Thailand, Malaysia and Saudi Arabia spoke strongly in favour of the change and the way it enables them to train athletes for international competitions.



30.05. – 31.05.2023: Lausanne, SUI

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, Secretary General Shiny Fang and Executive Assistant Lena Nussbaumer attended the 47th General Assembly of the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF).

President Dr Schormann took the chance to speak to colleagues from other sports and also to understand their stance in regard to the issue of neutrality for athletes with Russia and Belarus passports in light of the ongoing military occupation of Ukraine and UIPM's decision to appoint a panel to assess applications from any such athletes in relation to UIPM Sports.

During the GA, a new revenue-sharing structure for all member IFs was discussed and new sports federations were accepted as full ASOIF members.



Left to right: Ingmar De Vos (FEI President & IOC Member), Emmanuel Katsiadakis (FIE Secretary General), Tayyab Ikram (FIH President), Dr Klaus Schormann (UIPM President) at the 40th anniversary of ASOIF in Lausanne (SUI)

31.05. – 04.06.2023: Ankara, TUR



President Dr Schormann visited the capital of Türkiye for one of the showpiece competitions of the season, the UIPM 2023 Pentathlon World Cup Final, where the first two athletes claimed direct quota qualification places for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games

During his time in the city, President Dr Schormann shared an evening meeting with Prof Dr Ugur Erdener, IOC Member and President of the National Olympic Committee of Türkiye. President Dr Erdener is a strong supporter of Modern Pentathlon and the two Presidents shared a stimulating discussion about various matters of sports politics and UIPM Sports development in Türkiye, accompanied by UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang.



Left to right: Turkish Modern Pentathlon Federation President Prof Veli Ozan Cakir, UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang, Turkish NOC President and IOC Member Prof Dr Ugur Erdener, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, UIPM Executive Assistant Lena Nussbaumer

JUNE

06.06. – 09.06.2023: Riyadh, KSA

Immediately after the UIPM 2023 Pentathlon World Cup Final in Ankara (TUR), UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann visited the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for a site visit and series of meetings with key stakeholders as UIPM Sports continues to develop in the Middle East Asia region.

President Dr Schormann had a productive meeting with Prince Fahd bin Jalawi bin Abdul Aziz, Vice-President of the Saudi Arabian Olympic Committee (SAOC).

They discussed the future of Modern Pentathlon in Saudi Arabia and explored avenues for collaboration between the SAOC and the Saudi Modern Pentathlon Federation (SMPF).



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann meets with Prince Fahd bin Jalawi bin Abdul Aziz, Vice-President of the Saudi Arabian Olympic Committee (SAOC)

"We hope that with the support of partners including the NOC Vice President, Prince Fahd bin Jalawi bin Abdul Aziz, the KSA Modern Pentathlon Team will become more and more motivated to continue achieving remarkable results in both regional and international competitions."

President Dr Schormann's visit included extensive meetings with SMPF officials, led by President Nasser Mohammed Aldughether and Secretary General Badr Balobaid.



President Dr Schormann with Arwa Alnajrani, a Saudi athlete who competed at the UIPM Southeast Asian Championships, and SMPF President Nasser Al Dughether

21.06. – 02.07.2023: Krakow, POL

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann visited the 3rd European Games in Krakow (POL) – a very successful multi-sports event organised by the City of Krakow and the Malopolska Region with support of the European Olympic Committees (EOC) and the Polish Olympic Committee.

With the new NOC President of Poland Radoslaw Piesiewicz and Janusz Peciak OLY (UIPM EB Member & Polish Modern Pentathlon Federation President), UIPM President Dr Schormann led a briefing about new strategies of sport development in Poland linked to Modern Pentathlon as well as general matters of the Olympic Movement and how niche sports can be supported in the future.



Left to right: Janusz Peciak OLY, Lena Nussbaumer (UIPM Executive Assistant); Radoslaw Piesiewicz (Poland NOC President); Dr Klaus Schormann (UIPM President)

All Members of the European Modern Pentathlon Confederation (EMPC) who attended the European Games joined UIPM President Dr Schormann to discuss their responsibilities around the potential neutral status of athletes with Russia or Belarus passports. Dr Schormann briefed the Board Members about the ongoing discussions between the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and International Federations (IFs).

All were very thankful to the EMPC under the leadership of President Tatiana Ardaieva and Vice President Anna Bajan, as well as Janusz Peciak, for their strong support to LOC President Marcin Nowak and his team of staff and volunteers.



UIPM President Schormann and EOC President Spyros Capralos (centre) with UIPM Executive Board Members and the European Modern Pentathlon Confederation (EMPC) Members who were present in Krakow (POL)

President Dr Schormann also had a meeting with Spanish NOC President Alejandro Blanco Bravo, Secretary General Victoria Cabezas and the Spanish Modern Pentathlon Federation President and Secretary General, Carlos Jimenez del Castillo and Jaime Gonzalez Almaraz.

In their meeting, they discussed the potential of Spanish youth projects and their strong partnership with UIPM based on the new format of Modern Pentathlon. During the Games, Laura Heredia became the first female pentathlete from Spain to qualify for an Olympic Games.



Left to right: Lena Nussbaumer (UIPM Executive Assistant); Victoria Cabezas (Spain NOC Secretary General); Dr Klaus Schormann (UIPM President); Alejandro Blanco Bravo (Spain NOC President); Jaime Gonzalez Almaraz (FEPM Secretary General); Carlos Jimenez del Castillo (FEPM President)

JULY



On the final day of the UIPM 2023 U19 World Championships, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann met with the Turkish Minister of Youth and Sports, Osman Askin Bak (centre), in his office in Istanbul (TUR). They discussed the sports movement in Türkiye as an important factor for education and health.

President Dr Schormann briefed the Minister about Modern Pentathlon and all combinations of five disciplines including the new challenge presented by the integration of Obstacle. A close cooperation between the Ministry of Sport of Türkiye, the Turkish Modern Pentathlon Federation and UIPM was underlined during this meeting.

President Dr Schormann also met Prof Dr Veli Ozan Cakir (left), President of the Turkish Modern Pentathlon Federation, in Istanbul (TUR) and they discussed the creation of new Modern Pentathlon centres in various Turkish cities and the decision of the EB of TMPF - with strong support from the Ministry for Sport and Youth - to organise numerous national and international competitions in recent years. Ankara (TUR) will host the UIPM 2024 Pentathlon World Cup Final.

UIPM President and Vice Presidents meet with HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco

The Palace of Monaco was the venue for a strategic meeting between HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and two of UIPM's most experienced Vice Presidents on July 18.

As Honorary President of UIPM, HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco has been an active ambassador for the Modern Pentathlon movement since 1997. His Highness has also been a Member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) since 1985.



Left to Right: UIPM Vice President Joel Bouzou OLY, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco (UIPM Honorary President) and UIPM 1st Vice President Juan Antonio Samaranch meet at the Palace of Monaco

AUGUST

19.-28.08.2023: Bath, GBR

On August 24, UIPM celebrated its 75th anniversary together with Pentathlon GB, which was celebrating its 100th anniversary. New members of the UIPM Hall of Fame were inducted: Emile Jarrot (received by Joel Bouzou); Jeremy Fox (received by his grandson, Benjamin); Kuisung Choi (received by Sangkeong Yeon); Gyula Bretz, Dorota Idzi, Kitty Chiller, Alain Lunzenfichter and James S Davis (received by Matthew Barnes).

President Dr Schormann also awarded the UIPM Pierre de Coubertin Medal to Major Terry Bunyard and Georgina Harland in the fantastic Pump Rooms in the Roman Baths.



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann with Pierre de Coubertin Medal winners and UIPM Hall of Fame inductees

UIPM and FISO sign Memorandum of Understanding to oversee global obstacle sport movement

The Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne (UIPM) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Federation Internationale de Sports d'Obstacles (FISO) with the shared aim of creating a sporting movement with more audience and active participants.

Following its incorporation of an Obstacle discipline into Modern Pentathlon, under the terms of the MoU, UIPM agreed to integrate FISO and oversee the wider Obstacle Sport movement.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "The signing of this Memorandum of Understanding is a big step for the future of our Union, based on the decision of UIPM 2022 Congress to vote 83.3% in favour of Obstacle becoming a part of our Olympic sport of Modern Pentathlon.



UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann and FISO President Ian Adamson mark the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the two bodies

President Dr Schormann welcomed HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco to the World Championships and thanked the UIPM Honorary President for his strong and ongoing support of all actions. They shared thoughts about international sports politics in this difficult time around the world.

Together with Francesco Ricci Bitti (President of the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations), President Dr Schormann discussed important matters of the Olympic movement, underlining the specific role of sport in modern society for health integration, education, respect, independence and peace.

They discussed how the Olympic Movement must stay as a strong pillar around the globe, bound by the word "together" which became more important during the past year and is reinforced by fair actions in solidarity day by day.

During these days, UIPM was also privileged Eng Gumel Ahmed (IOC Honorary Member) as an honoured guest, and President Dr Klaus Schormann welcomed sponsors and discussed possibilities around present and future partnerships, while briefing them about Modern Pentathlon and UIPM multi-sport development opportunities



UIPM Executive Board Members with Alexandra Navacelle de Coubertin (back row, third left), ASOIF President Francesco Ricci Bitti (front row, 7th from left), UIPM Honorary President HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco (front row, 7th from right) and IOC Honorary Member Eng Gumel Ahmed (front row, 2nd from right)

On August 28, UIPM had a Riding Working Group meeting to discuss the next steps based on the Riding performance for the upcoming events until Paris 2024. UIPM committed to ensuring that the safety of athletes and would be paramount with a good presentation at the Paris Olympic Games where Riding would be part of the Olympic Modern Pentathlon at the last time. As UIPM President, Dr Schormann opened the meeting.



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann chaired a meeting of the UIPM Riding Working Group on the last day of the 2023 World Championships

SEPTEMBER

08.09. – 13.09.2023: Heraklion, GRE

With a little piece of history made on the Greek island of Crete this month when UIPM Sports made its Mediterranean Beach Games debut, the future came into focus too. Twenty new students took their first steps on the judging journey as they took part in a successful week-long UIPM Judges Certification Programme course which coincided with the competition taking place in Heraklion (GRE).



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann was on hand to congratulate the students at the UIPM JCP course in Heraklion on the island of Crete (GRE)

UIPM President Dr Schormann thanked the President of the International Mediterranean Games Committee (CIJM), Davide Tizzano, for the inclusion of Tetrathlon in the 3rd Mediterranean Beach Games.

During the competition they discussed the future inclusion of Triathlon in the Mediterranean Beach Games and the possibility to expand the competition with the addition of Obstacle to create a new Tetrathlon. More than 10 National Olympic Committee (NOC) Presidents visited the competitions and gave their clear support for the future of Modern Pentathlon with Obstacle integrated.



Left to right: UIPM Vice President Sharif Elerian, Davide Tizzano (CIJM President), UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, Alain Lunzenfichter (Member of CIJM Media Commission and UIPM Pierre de Coubertin Commission)

20.09. – 28.09.2023: Hangzhou, CHN



Left to right: Binaya Bikram Shah (Honorary President of International Soft Tennis Federation); Raja Randhir Singh (Acting President of the Olympic Council of Asia) and his wife greet UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and Secretary General Shiny Fang at the Asian Games welcome reception



Above: UIPM and AMPC Presidents Dr Klaus Schormann and Hyunjun Kim meet again with the Korean Prime Minister, Ducksoo Han (4th from right), and Korean NOC President Keeheung Lee (3rd from left)

26.09. – 27.09.2023: Zhengzhou, CHN

UIPM President Dr Schormann, together with Secretary General Fang, took a break from commitments in Hangzhou (CHN) to visit the venue for the UIPM 2024 Pentathlon and Laser Run World Championships in the city of Zhengzhou.

UIPM's flagship event was finally heading to China four years after being postponed because of the COVID-19 pandemic, with the competition taking place in a state-of-the-art Pentathlon Stadium with all five disciplines accommodated in one field of play. President Dr Schormann and Mrs Fang took part in a press conference before unveiling a countdown plaque for the combined 2024 competition where Laser Run would take place from June 7-9 and Modern Pentathlon from June 10-16.



Above: UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, Secretary General Shiny Fang, Operations Director Alexandre Franca and Executive Assistant Lena Nussbaumer join officials and athletes at the press conference and unveiling of a countdown plaque for the UIPM 2024 Pentathlon and Laser Run World Championships in Zhengzhou (CHN)

OCTOBER

05.10. – 07.10.2023: Istanbul, TUR

Dr Klaus Schormann, the UIPM President, participated in the European Olympic Committees (EOC) General Assembly. His purpose was to engage with all the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) of Europe and explain the modifications to Modern Pentathlon with the integration of Obstacle and the advantages of the change.

President Dr Schormann was also able to have dialogue with International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Dr Thomas Bach and Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) President Dr Robin Mitchell.



Left to right: Dr Rosemary Mitchell, Dr Robin Mitchell (ANOC President), Dr Thomas Bach (IOC President), Prof Dr Ugur Erdener (Turkish NOC President), Dr Klaus Schormann

Highly productive conversations took place with EOC President Spyros Capralos, Türkiye NOC President Prof Dr Ugur Erdener (IOC Member), and Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF) President Francesco Ricci Bitti, focusing on international sporting politics and the upcoming Paris 2024 Olympic Games.



Left to right: Hasan Arat (VP NOC Türkiye); Spyros Capralos (EOC President), Dr Klaus Schormann (UIPM President), Francesco Ricci Bitti (ASOIF President), Lena Nussbaumer (UIPM Executive Assistant)

15.10. – 17.10.2023: Mumbai, IND

President Dr Schormann, accompanied by Secretary General Shiny Fang, represented UIPM at the 141st IOC Session in Mumbai. This was one of the most important, perhaps even the most significant, moment for the continued existence of Modern Pentathlon in the Olympic movement.

On October 16, the IOC Session voted unanimously in favour of Modern Pentathlon's inclusion in the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games sporting programme, thereby securing its status as an Olympic sport. This means that with the integration of the Obstacle discipline, Modern Pentathlon will be a part of the Olympic Games in LA28 and beyond.

The IOC issued a press release which stated: "The IOC Session endorsed the recommendation from the IOC Executive Board to include Modern Pentathlon on the LA28 sports programme, acknowledging the replacement of horse riding with obstacle racing and the optimisation work conducted by the International Modern Pentathlon Union (UIPM) to reduce costs and complexity."

President Dr Schormann and Mrs Fang marked this landmark moment for the sport in the company of UIPM Honorary President HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco (IOC Member) and UIPM 1st Vice President and IOC Vice President Juan Antonio Samaranch Jr.



Left to right: UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang, UIPM 1st Vice President and IOC Vice President Juan Antonio Samaranch, UIPM Honorary President HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco (IOC Member), and UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann in Mumbai (IND)

19.10. – 27.10.2023: Santiago, CHI

President Dr Schormann, alongside Pan Am Sports Organisation (PASO) President Neven Ilic, attended the opening ceremony of the Games. Mr Ilic, a long-time supporter of Modern Pentathlon, congratulated UIPM on its success of maintaining Modern Pentathlon's presence in the Olympics with the integration of Obstacle.

While in Chile for the Games, the UIPM President also conducted an online UIPM Executive Board meeting, attending by members who were physically present in Chile and others joining virtually, to discuss next steps after the IOC Session in preparation for Paris 2024 and LA28.



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann with PASO President Neven Ilic



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann meets with many friends of the Modern Pentathlon community within the Americas during the PanAm Games

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER

Ad-hoc Working Group agrees on five principles of integrating FISO into UIPM

The Ad-hoc Working Group charged with formalising the integration of the Federation Internationale de Sports d'Obstacles (FISO) into the Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne (UIPM) met for the first time.

Chaired by UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, the seven-strong group met on November 17 and 18 and agreed on an integrated vision and mission statement for the expanded International Federation. The meeting proved to be harmonious and established a productive and positive environment for the integration and future of the sports.

The group also agreed on five principles of the integration, based on the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding in Bath (GBR) in August, namely:

1. The world governing body of Obstacle sport will be UIPM
2. There will be only one National Federation per country recognised by the respective National Olympic Committee and under UIPM jurisdiction
3. FISO representatives will work with their current member National Federations on supporting the integration process
4. FISO will have representation within UIPM
5. The three current Obstacle sport categories – Ninja, Obstacle Course Racing (OCR) and Adventure Racing – will be incorporated into the UIPM Sports Pyramid.



The Working Group with representatives of Federation Internationale de Sports d'Obstacles (FISO) and Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne (UIPM)

02.11. – 06.11.2023: Bali, INA

During a visit to the UIPM 2023 Biathlon-Triathlon World Championships, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann had the opportunity to meet with the Indonesia Olympic Committee President, Raja Sapta Oktohari, who expressed strong support for the event in Bali.

Throughout the competition days, it became clear that UIPM's development sports have the potential for further growth and, when combined with obstacle events, could present a promising and innovative format for future Beach Games.



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann with Indonesia Olympic Committee President Raja Sapta Oktohari at the UIPM 2023 Biathlon/Triathlon World Championships

13.11. – 15.11.2023: Lausanne, SUI

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and Secretary General Shiny Fang held a meeting with IOC President Dr Thomas Bach one month after the historic outcome of the 141st IOC Session in Mumbai (IND), where Modern Pentathlon was confirmed in the programme for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss ongoing initiatives within UIPM and the commitment of the Union to ensuring the success of the Paris 2024 Games.

The UIPM leadership aims to enlarge television viewership, a priority shared by the IOC. Additionally, the focus is on preparing a spectacular sporting event beyond 2024, with the integration of Obstacle as a new discipline for Modern Pentathlon.



Left to right: UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, IOC President Dr Thomas Bach, IOC Sport Director Kit McConnell

After the IOC President meeting, President Dr Schormann led the UIPM leadership in discussions with LA28 Sports Director Niccolo Campriani and LA28 Senior Advisor of Sport Planning Katy Dunnet. Among the topics addressed were the potential modifications to Fencing, which will revert to a different format in LA28.



Left to right: Alexandre Franca (UIPM Events Operations Director); Shiny Fang (UIPM Secretary General); Dr Klaus Schormann (UIPM President); Niccolo Campriani (LA28 Sport Director); Katy Dunnet (LA28 Senior Advisor of Sport Planning); Lena Nussbaumer (UIPM Executive Assistant)

01.12.2023: Frankfurt-am-Main, GER

UIPM President Dr Schormann attended the General Assembly of the German Olympic Sports Confederation (DOSB) along with many close colleagues including Joerg Brokamp (German Shooting Federation Secretary General & World Archery 1st Vice President), Thomas Weikert (DOSB President) and Dr Michael Mronz (IOC Member).



President Dr Schormann with (l to r: Joerg Brokamp (Secretary General, German Shooting Federation & 1st VP, World Archery); Thomas Weikert (President, DOSB) and Dr Michael Mronz (IOC Member)

2024

JANUARY

14.01. – 15.01.2024: Riyadh, KSA

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, along with Secretary General Shiny Fang and Operations Director Alexandre Franca, paid a visit to the Saudi Modern Pentathlon Federation (SMPF) to discuss preparations for UIPM 2024 Congress, which will take place in Riyadh in November.



Left to right: Badr Balobaid (SMPF Secretary General); Shiny Fang (UIPM Secretary General); Dr Klaus Schormann (UIPM President); Zuhair Al Shammasi (SMPF Executive Director); Alexandre Franca (UIPM Events Operations Director), Marian Gheorghe (Head Coach SMPF); SMPF athlete

FEBRUARY

13.02.204: Monaco, MON

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann held a private meeting with UIPM's Honorary President, HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco (IOC Member), where they engaged in discussions covering matters pertinent to the Union and broader topics within the Olympic movement.

President Dr Schormann provided HSH Prince Albert with updates on the integration process of Obstacle/FISO and shared information about ongoing consultations within UIPM Committees and Commissions following the decision of the 141st IOC Session in Mumbai (IND) to maintain Modern Pentathlon's place in the Olympic programme.



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann with UIPM Honorary President HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco (centre) and UIPM Vice President Joel Bouzou OLY (left)

15.02. – 18.02.2024: Frankfurt-am-Main, GER

Prior to the Joint Committees Meeting, on February 15-16, a gathering of marketing experts and Obstacle insiders convened with UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and Secretary General Shiny Fang, alongside UIPM Branding & Marketing Manager Alexandre Mauran and long-standing agency partner OIKO, to explore avenues for the organisation's rebranding and future prospects.



UIPM held a special brand marketing meeting in Frankfurt (GER). Back row (l to r): UIPM Treasurer John Helmick, OIKO Design CEO Giancarlo Alfani, UIPM EB Member for Marketing Martin Dawe, UIPM Branding and Marketing Manager Alexandre Mauran, World Obstacle Media Director Travis Ford; UIPM Events Operations Manager Alexandre Franca; front row (l to r): UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang, OIKO Design Account Director Raffaella Capponi, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, World Obstacle President Ian Adamson, USMPA President Tom Shepard, UIPM advisor Michael Payne

20.02.2024: Frankfurt-am-Main, GER

The remarkable contribution and lifelong dedication to the German Olympic Academy Willi Daume eV (DOA) of Dr Klaus Schormann, who was one of the founders and a long-standing Board Member, were celebrated during a special ceremony. The UIPM President received a special certificate in recognition and appreciation of his long-standing work since the founding of the DOA on May 4, 2007.



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann receives a certificate in honour of his lifelong dedication to the German Olympic Academy

MARCH

06.03. – 10.03.2024: Cairo, EGY

UIPM President Dr Schormann attended the first major competition of the 2024 Olympic season, UIPM Pentathlon World Cup Cairo, while also taking part in sport-political functions.

President Dr Schormann attended the Sport Expo together with Egypt's Minister for Youth & Sport, Dr Ashraf Sobhy, Egyptian Modern Pentathlon Federation (EMPF) President Sharif Elerian OLY and World Olympians and French Modern Pentathlon Federation (FFPM) President Joel Bouzou OLY.

The Sport Expo allows all sectors to present commercial products and cutting-edge services that will serve the sports industry for years to come.



UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann attends the Sport Expo in Cairo (EGY) alongside Egyptian Minister for Youth & Sport Dr. Ashraf Sobhy and guests

For Uganda and Mali, UIPM Pentathlon World Cup Cairo provided an opportunity for athletes to compete in a Category A competition in their own continent of Africa. Forty-five nations were represented in Cairo (EGY), a mark of the increasing accessibility and diversity of Modern Pentathlon.

The newly-installed Kuwait Modern Pentathlon Federation also had athletes starting in the Mixed Relay at the last day of the competition. President Dr Schormann had the chance to speak to the Deputy Ambassador of Kuwait, who had attended the competition to cheer the Kuwaiti athletes.



President Dr. Klaus Schormann with Members of the UIPM Executive Board and representatives of Kuwait (President), Mali (President) + Lithuania (President) pictured during UIPM 2024 Pentathlon World Cup Cairo

11.03.2024: Dubai, UAE

Meetings with the United Arab Emirates National Olympic Committee, Ministry for Education, Sport Council and UAE Modern Pentathlon Federation started with the NOC Secretary General HE Faris Mohamed Al-Tawah. President Dr Schormann and the NOC SG spoke about the future possibilities for Modern Pentathlon within UAE as well as historic competitions organised some years ago.



Left to Right: Tamer Samy (UIPM Senior Technology Manager), Abdulaziz Ibrahim Hussein Ali al-Salman (UAE NOC Member), H.E. Faris Mohamed Al-Tawah (UAE NOC Secretary General); Dr. Klaus Schormann (UIPM President); Dr. Huda Almatrooshi (UAEMPF President); Lena Nussbaumer (UIPM Executive Assistant); Qais Abdulla Al Dhalai (UAE NOC Member)

In addition, the UIPM President also had a chance to meet with the Sharjah Sport Council, which manages all sports competitions in Dubai and supports the UAEMPF.



Left to right: Tamer Samy, Lena Nussbaumer, President Dr Klaus Schormann, HE Issa Hilal Al-Hazami (Chairman Sharjah Sports Council), President Dr Huda Almatrooshi and Mostafa Hassan (UAEMPF Director)

25.03. – 26.03.2024: Darmstadt, GER

UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann met with experienced former L'Equipe journalist Alain Lunzenfichter and Martin Dawe, UIPM Executive Board Member for Marketing, over a two-day period to discuss the progress and next steps for UIPM's historical book project.

The meeting's action plan outlined a timeline aiming for the completion of the book before UIPM Congress in November 2024, ensuring that it becomes a tangible piece of history accessible to all.



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann met with journalist Alain Lunzenfichter and UIPM EB Member Martin Dawe to discuss the historical book project

APRIL

04.04. - 06.04.2024: Birmingham, GBR

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann attended the SportAccord World Sport & Business Summit 2024 with Secretary General Shiny Fang, Operations Director Alexandre Franca and Executive Assistant Lena Nussbaumer.

During the trip they also attended the Joint Meeting of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF) and the ASOIF General Assembly, where Ingmar De Vos was elected as ASOIF President. The revival of SportAccord after five years enabled more than 1,700 participants from 87 countries to reconnect and interact in person.

UIPM President Dr Schormann had meetings with Col Nil-ton Rolim, President of the International Military Sports Council (CISM), and his Secretary General, Capt Roberto Recchia.

They discussed potential hosting solutions for future editions of the CISM Modern Pentathlon Military World Championships, which will be held in Spain in 2025 and in Hungary

in 2026. The UIPM/CISM Memorandum of Understanding from 2011 will be reviewed with a view to renewal during this year's World Championships.



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann with CISM Secretary General Capt Roberto Recchia (left) and CISM President Col Nilton Gomes (right)

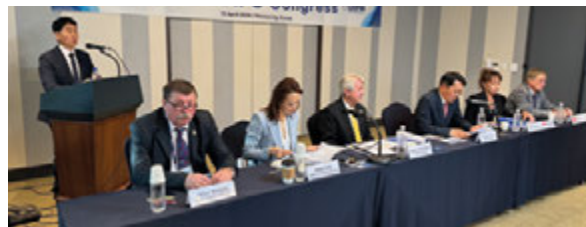
Another meeting took place with Jose Perurena, President of the International World Games Association (IWGA), to examine possibilities around UIPM Sports becoming part of the World Games from 2029. President Perurena, with IWGA CEO Joachim Gossow, explained the possibilities of an entrance through direct contact with the new host city after its election in May 2024, whereby the host city would have the capacity to decide some of the sports on the programme.



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann with Jose Perurena, IWGA President, at SportAccord 2024

12.04. - 15.04.2024: Hwaseong, KOR

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann was present at the 2024 Asian Modern Pentathlon Confederation (AMPC) Congress, which was extraordinary based on the number of nations represented and candidates to become AMPC Board Members.



AMPC Secretary General Sangkeong Yeo addresses the 2024 AMPC Congress as UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and Secretary General Shiny Fang are joined at the top table by (left to right) AMPC Technical Director Viktor Maltsev, outgoing AMPC President Hyunjun Kim and AMPC Vice Presidents Cassandra Choh and Valerii Novikov

The UIPM President gave a speech about the founding of AMPC in 1986 together with former UIPM Vice President Kuisung Choi, and the close cooperation that has existed since.

During an official reception, IOC Member and Korean Olympic Committee President Keeheung Lee made a personal speech to the Asian community and especially to the Korean Modern Pentathlon Federation, which he formerly served an Executive Board Member.



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, his wife Karin Schormann and UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang pose for a group photograph with AMPC officials at the 2024 AMPC Pentathlon Asian Championships in Hwaseong (KOR)

UIPM President joined UIPM and AMPC representatives in a visit to the National Training Center (NTC) of the Korean Sports & Olympic Committee, where UIPM Technical Committee Member Dongkook Chung acts as Vice Chief. The state-of-the-art outdoor and indoor multi-sports facility will become one of the world's biggest sports complexes, as it will cover 37 different events and be able to house up to 1,115 athletes. After the visit, the UIPM and AMPC delegates attended the Asian Championships to watch the Senior and U19 Finals.



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, Karin Schormann and UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang join UIPM Executive Board Members and staff and AMPC officials for a photograph outside the venue in Hwaseong (KOR)

17.04. - 21.04.2024: Ankara, TUR

As a regular competition host, the Turkish Modern Pentathlon Federation (TMPF) found itself in a transitional phase, with notable changes in its leadership structure. Following discussions with the President of Türkiye, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, and the Minister of Youth and Sports, Osman Askin Bak, Dr Veli Ozan Cakir was appointed as the General Director of Sports Services.



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann receives a special award from TMPF Honorary President Dr Veli Ozan Cakir as they are joined by executive officials from both federations beside the oak tree planted by Dr Schormann and Dr Cakir in 2022

The competition was also used for a pilot school project organised and supported by the Turkish Government, to introduce children to different sports in Turkey and enlarge their knowledge as well as to raise awareness about Modern Pentathlon. They prepared an Obstacle course and Laser Run track for the children to try. This pilot project was used to adapt to other regions in Türkiye as well.



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and TMPF Honorary President Dr Veli Ozan Cakir give a thumbs-up to the future of Modern Pentathlon with a group of schoolchildren who attended UIPM 2024 Pentathlon World Cup Ankara

25.04. - 28.04.2024: Budapest, HUN

A lot of former officials and pentathletes from Hungary attended UIPM 2024 Pentathlon World Cup Budapest to observe the modern, exciting, thrilling and innovative sport which has changed dramatically after their time of competing in Modern Pentathlon.

Among the group were Gyula Bretz (UIPM Honorary Member; former UIPM Treasurer and HMPA President), Attila Mizser (HMPA Secretary General, two-time Olympic medallist); Peter Kelemen (1970 world champion), Dr Ferenc Torok (Tokyo 1964 Olympic Champion, UIPM Honorary Member and former Vice President, HMPA President, UIPM Hall of Fame inductee), Gabor Balogh (HMPA President, Sydney 2000 Olympic silver medallist) and Janos Bodi (1956 Olympian).



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann with (left to right) Gyula Bretz, Attila Mizser, Peter Kelemen, Dr Ferenc Torok, State Secretary Dr Adam Schmidt, Gabor Balogh, Minister Gyula Dallos, Aron Szilagyi and Janos Bodi

During this gathering, discussions centred on the support and collaboration between the HOC and the Hungarian Modern Pentathlon Association (HMPA). The NOC expressed full support for the pending changes to Modern Pentathlon and offered assistance to the HMPA in areas such as Obstacle training and upcoming competitions within Modern Pentathlon like regular World Cups, but also the wish to host the UIPM 2027 Pentathlon World Championships.

The HOC's endorsement underscores the perceived benefits and positive impact on the sport's future development of hosting UIPM's flagship competitions.



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann with (left to right) Olympic champion athletes Daniel Gyurta and Aron Szilagyi, IOC Honorary Member Pal Schmitt, HOC President Zsolt Gyulay, HMPA Secretary General Attila Mizser, UIPM EB Member Rob Stull and UIPM Executive Assistant Lena Nussbaumer

MAY

08.05. – 13.05.2024: Sofia, BUL

UIPM 2024 Pentathlon World Cup Sofia featured a remarkable display of talent and determination. Athletes from around the globe competed fiercely, showcasing their skills and passion for the sport. The competition was intense and the performances were nothing short of inspiring.

During the event, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann had the opportunity to exchange topical ideas and innovations within the sport movement and the development of various UIPM disciplines and sports, like the new Obstacle discipline, with the Bulgarian Minister of Youth and Sports, Georgi Glushkov.



Left to right: Andrey Kuzmanov (BMPF President), Dr Klaus Schormann (UIPM President); Georgi Glushkov (Bulgarian Minister for Youth and Sports)



Dr Klaus Schormann congratulates the medalists after the Men's Final at UIPM 2024 Pentathlon World Cup Sofia

22.05. – 27.05.2024: Ankara, TUR

The UIPM 2024 Pentathlon World Cup Final in Ankara was the pinnacle of the season so far, with the top 36 women and 36 men vying for places in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann with (l to r) Murat Kocakaya (Assistant General Director of Sport Services); Prof Dr Veli Ozan Cakir (General Director of Sport Services Turkey, Honorary President of the Turkish Modern Pentathlon Federation); Mustafa Kalender (Vice President of the Turkish Fencing Federation); Ercan Taciroglu (Acting President, Turkish Modern Pentathlon Federation)

JUNE

07.06. – 16.06.2024: Zhengzhou, CHN

During the UIPM 2024 Pentathlon and Laser Run World Championships, the UIPM Executive Board held a pivotal meeting where President Dr Schormann and colleagues made crucial decisions for the future.

New milestones were set and hosts for the UIPM 2025 and 2026 Pentathlon World Cup seasons were appointed. Additionally, all World Championships for the U15, U17, U19, Juniors, Senior, and Laser Run categories in 2025 were allocated. UIPM is excited to welcome South Africa as another African host, organising the UIPM 2025 Pentathlon U17 World Championships. President Dr Schormann looks forward to having South Africa back as a strong partner in the Union's future endeavours.

A selection of images from the spectacular opening ceremony of the UIPM 2024 Pentathlon and Laser Run World Championships in Zhengzhou (CHN)





Members of the UIPM Executive Board pose for a group photograph at the start/finish line of the UIPM 2024 Pentathlon and Laser Run World Championships



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann congratulates the victorious Korea team on their gold medal in the Modern Pentathlon Women's Relay in Zhengzhou (CHN)

Continuing a long-standing tradition, Dr Schormann planted ginkgo trees to honour the Coubertin legacy and to remember the establishment of the Modern Pentathlon in 1911. The ginkgo tree, known for its resilience and longevity, symbolises not only historical continuity but also a commitment to preserving nature for future generations.

This initiative highlights the UIPM's dedication to fostering sustainable practices within the sporting community and beyond. By planting trees, Dr Schormann emphasises the importance of taking proactive steps today to ensure a healthier and more resilient planet tomorrow.

As President Dr Schormann remarked: "By planting these trees, we honour our heritage and remind ourselves of our responsibility to the environment. It is our collective duty to ensure that future generations inherit a world where nature thrives and sustainability is a guiding principle."



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann is joined by Yingqiang Geng (LOC Chairman) in planting ginkgo trees in Zhengzhou (CHN) to honour the Coubertin legacy

21.06. – 23.06.2024: Paris, FRA

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann was one of many distinguished guests in Paris (FRA) at a series of commemorative events celebrating the legacy of Baron Pierre de Coubertin on Olympic Day, 23 June 2024. President Dr Schormann was invited by the Coubertin family, along with fellow global sporting leaders such as IOC President Dr Thomas Bach, French Olympi-

pic Committee President David Lappartient and fellow IOC Members, and Paris 2024 Olympic Games Organising Committee President Tony Estanguet.



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann pictured with French Olympic Committee President David Lappartient during the Coubertin celebrations on Olympic Day in Paris (FRA)

27.06. – 30.06.2024: Alexandria, EGY

During the Junior World Championships in Alexandria, the Executive Board of the African Confederation met for an extraordinary hybrid Congress, including on-site representatives from present National Federations and others who joined online.

Discussions centred around new frameworks for the future of Modern Pentathlon in Africa. While the development of programs for the future and upcoming competitions in Africa were voted on, a consensus on Statutes was reached. Legal parameters must be reviewed before any final decisions can be made before UIPM Congress in November.



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann joins members of the Executive Board of the African Confederation on the day of their extraordinary hybrid Congress in Alexandria (EGY)

JULY

11.07. – 13.07.2024: Budapest, HUN

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann attended the 2024 European Championships, where the Hungarian Modern Pentathlon Association (HMPA) paid tribute to the final inclusion of riding in the European Championships with a special horse showcase.



Kerenza Bryson (GBR) continued a prolific run of personal medals in the past 12 months by claiming Women's gold at the 2024 European Championships



23.07. – 11.08.2024: Paris, FRA

During almost three weeks in Paris (FRA) as the city hosted the 2024 Olympic Games for the first time in 100 years, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann had constant and extensive contact with senior stakeholders in the Olympic movement.

In total, President Dr Schormann accepted invitations to attend events from 14 fellow International Federations, as well as 13 National Olympic Committees, as well as participating in various international functions, the first of which was the 142nd Session of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

142nd IOC Session

During the first two days of the IOC Session on July 23-24, it was announced that the 2030 Winter Olympic Games would be hosted in the French Alps, while the 2034 Games were awarded to Salt Lake City (USA). Additionally, Riyadh (KSA) was selected to host the inaugural Olympic Esports Games in 2025.

There was a moment of great significance for the Modern Pentathlon community as Aya Medany OLY was elected as an IOC Member. Ms Medany represented Egypt in three Olympic Games before becoming an athlete representative, serving as Chair of the UIPM Athletes Committee and as a Member of the IOC Athletes' Commission.



From left to right, at the IOC Session in Paris (FRA), UIPM Vice President Sharif Elerian, UIPM 1st Vice President and IOC Vice President Juan Antonio Samaranch, IOC Member Aya Medany, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, UIPM Honorary President and IOC Member HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco, UIPM Vice President Joel Bouzou and UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang

Ukraine House

UIPM President Dr Schormann attended the opening of Ukraine House, where the Sports Ministers of Ukraine and France delivered speeches highlighting the significance of Ukraine's delegation at the Paris Games.

Though this may have been the smallest team Ukraine has ever sent to the Games, it was one of the most important. NOC President Vadim Guttsait expressed deep gratitude to all involved in enabling Ukraine's participation in Paris.



NOC President of Ukraine Vadim Guttsait together with UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann at Ukraine House in Paris during the Olympic Games

India House

The UIPM President also visited the first ever India House in an Olympic Games, where he met Olympic Council of Asia Acting President Randhir Singh as well as newly elected IOC Vice President Nawal El Moutawakel, IOC Member Richard Carrion and Pan Am Sports President Neven Ilic (also an IOC Member).



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann visits the first ever India House in an Olympic Games

Art & culture tour

During the Paris Games, the IOC Culture and Olympic Heritage Commission organised under the leadership of Khunying Patama Leeswadtrakul (IOC Member) a cultural tour that began with a visit to the Olympic sculpture by renowned artist Alison Saar, located in the picturesque Champs-Élysées Gardens. This impressive piece, open to the public, celebrates the spirit of the Olympics through art.



The IOC Culture and Olympic Heritage Commission organised a cultural tour that began with a visit to the Olympic sculpture at Champs-Élysées Gardens

Sport visit: Hockey

On July 31, on one of his many visits to other Olympic sports, UIPM President Dr Schormann attended the hockey competitions, where he was honored with special recognition by Tayyab Ikram, President of the International Hockey Federation (FIH).

Dr Schormann was acknowledged for his 31 years as IF President, one of the longest tenures in history. FIH President Ikram expressed deep gratitude for Dr Schormann's unwavering support and valuable advice over the years, which have contributed to the development and success of hockey on the international stage.



President Dr Klaus Schormann with Tayyab Ikram, President of the International Hockey Federation

AUGUST

Appreciation of Leadership reception

Olympic leaders, close colleagues and friends attended a special reception held in appreciation of the leadership of Dr Klaus Schormann on August 3.

The UIPM President has served in his role since 1993, contributing exceptional service to Modern Pentathlon and the Olympic movement and building a unique legacy, and recently announced he would not stand for re-election at the 73rd UIPM Congress in November 2024.

The reception, hosted by the WOA at OLY House, attracted guests from across the Olympic family. Speakers included Francesco Ricci Bitti (President of the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations and Honorary Life President of the International Tennis Federation), Dr Uğur Erdener (Vice President of the International Olympic Committee, President of the Turkish Olympic Committee and World Archery) and Olle Dahlin (President of the International Biathlon Union).

Other dignitaries present on the evening of August 3 included Ingmar de Vos (President of the International Equestrian Federation who will succeed Mr Ricci Bitti as ASOIF President), Kee-Heung Lee (IOC Member and President of the Korean Olympic Committee), Dr Chungwon Choue and Jeongkang Seo (World Taekwondo President and Secretary General respectively).



ASOIF President Francesco Ricci Bitti said: "His legacy is unequal, in my opinion – forever. His service lasts more than 31 years; he started much earlier in Germany and in other capacities. On top of that I would say he has unique values, being open-minded to innovation. His sport was really under scrutiny for a long time in the Olympic programme discussion. It has now been protected and confirmed in Los Angeles 2028."

Pierre de Coubertin Exhibition

On August 5, Dr Klaus Schormann visited the Pierre de Coubertin Exhibition, curated by Jingshi Feng. The exhibition is a unique initiative, with Feng personally investing his own capital to bring together Chinese artists.

These artists have created works that interpret and represent Pierre de Coubertin and the values he championed when founding the Olympic Games, offering a distinct perspective on his legacy.

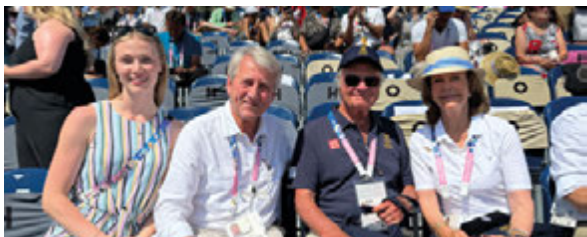


UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann visits the Pierre de Coubertin Exhibition and meets its curator, Jingshi Feng

Swedish royal family meeting

During the Games, President Dr Schormann had the distinct pleasure of reconnecting with HM King Carl XVI Gustaf and HM Queen Silvia of Sweden. Their longstanding friendship dates back to the 1972 Munich Olympics, where Dr Schormann served as Deputy Competition Manager for Modern Pentathlon.

In Paris, Dr. Schormann presented HM King Carl XVI Gustaf and HM Queen Silvia with a special UIPM Five Pin Set, a limited-edition release of only 300 pieces created specifically for the Games. This gesture symbolised the enduring bond between UIPM and the Swedish Royal Family.



Left to right: Executive Assistant/International Affairs Manager of the President's Office Lena Nussbaumer, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, HM King Carl XVI Gustaf and HM Queen Silvia of Sweden meet at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games

UIPM Family Reception

Dragomir Cioroslan, Director of International Strategies and Development at the US Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC), presented a special honour to Dr Schormann on behalf of USOPC Chairman Gene Sykes and LA28 Chairperson and President Casey Wasserman.

This prestigious award, recognising Dr Klaus Schormann's lifetime of service to the Olympic Movement, was presented three times during the Paris Games, with IOC President Dr Thomas Bach and World Athletics President Lord Sebastian Coe the only other recipients.



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann is presented with a special honour on behalf of USOPC Chairman Gene Zykes and LA28 organisers

Korea House

On August 9, UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann was warmly invited by Kee-heung Lee, NOC President of Korea and IOC Member, to Korea House. Their discussions centred on the future of Modern Pentathlon in Korea, including the potential to host competitions from 2026 and beyond.

The meeting was attended by key figures including Korean Modern Pentathlon Federation President Hanjoon Lee and the Asian Modern Pentathlon Confederation Secretary General, Sangkeong Yeo.



Dr Klaus Schormann visits Korea House during the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris (FRA) where Korea celebrated another Olympic medal in Pentathlon

Modern Pentathlon Finals

The Paris 2024 Olympic Games Modern Pentathlon competition was a groundbreaking success with more than 63,000 spectators attending and millions watching on TV and online.

Among the spectators at the Women's Final on August 11 were IOC President Dr Thomas Bach, IOC Vice President Juan Antonio Samaranch Jr and IOC Member HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco, UIPM Honorary President.



Left to right: UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, IOC President Dr Thomas Bach, IOC Member and UIPM Honorary President HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco, IOC Vice President and UIPM 1st Vice President Juan Antonio Samaranch

In the stunning surrounds of the Palace of Versailles, Modern Pentathlon competition ran for three days in front of packed Olympic Games crowds



IOC and UIPM dignitaries lead out the three medallists after a scintillating Women's Final at the 2024 Olympic Games at the Palace of Versailles, Paris.

SEPTEMBER – FROM HERE ON

12.09. – 16.09.2024: U17 World Championships Caldas da Rainha



President Dr Schormann with Portuguese Modern Pentathlon Federation President Dr Joao Almeida

President Dr Schormann presented Portuguese Modern Pentathlon Federation President Dr Joao Almeida with the UIPM Medal of Honour, recognising his outstanding contribution to Modern Pentathlon, including a long period of service from 1992 to 2008 as a member of the UIPM Medical Committee.

Dr Almeida was instrumental in advancing athlete health and safety, pioneering the introduction of blood control testing during the Olympic Games - a significant step in ensuring fair competition and athlete welfare. His work has had a lasting impact on the sport's medical standards and integrity.

24.09. – 26.09.2024: 6th European Olympic Academies Congress

At the 6th European Olympic Academies Congress held in Olympia, UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann delivered an impactful speech on "The Olympic Program in the Context of Global Societal Transformation." Dr. Schormann highlighted how modern sport must evolve alongside the fast-paced changes in today's world, particularly addressing the needs and preferences of younger generations, while respecting cultural traditions and diversity.

During the Congress in Olympia, Dr. Klaus Schormann planted an olive tree alongside EOC President Spyros Capralos and IOA President Isidoros Kouvelos as a symbol of the legacy of Modern Pentathlon and in memory of Baron Pierre de Coubertin, who introduced the sport to the Olympics in 1912. The original tree was destroyed by a forest fire in recent years and its replanting represents not only the enduring heritage of Modern Pentathlon but also its deep historical connection to the Ancient Olympic Games, where in 708 B.C., Lampis of Sparta became the first Olympic Champion in Pentathlon.



UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann Speaks at 6th European Olympic Academies Congress



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08.10. – 10.10.2024: Beijing + Kunming – China

08.10.2024 – Beijing:

A meeting with the Vice President of Xinhua Hulian Electronic Commerce, Mr. Gu Zhou, took place in Beijing, where President Dr. Klaus Schormann discussed future opportunities in sport and culture. They explored potential collaborations, including integrating competitions like Laser Run and Obstacle events into Xinhua Hulian Bookfairs.

During the visit, Mr. Zhou gave Dr. Schormann, Secretary General Shiny Fang, and Executive Assistant Lena Nussbaumer a tour of the Xinhua Bookstore Headquarters, where they discovered significant historical Chinese manuscripts.

Dr. Schormann, along with Shiny Fang and Lena Nussbaumer, also had a productive meeting with Mrs. Guangyu He (Deputy Party Secretary and VP of Xinhua HQ, and Chairman of Xinhua Hulian Electronic Commerce Co. Ltd.) and Mrs. Linyu Wang (Director of the Legal Department of Xinhua Hulian) to further discuss cooperation between the organisations.



During the visit to Beijing (CHN) UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann along with Executive Assistant Lena Nussbaumer and UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang met with Gu Zhou (Vice President of Xinhua Hulian Electronic Commerce) as well as Guangyu He (Deputy Party Secretary and VP of Xinhua HQ, and Chairman of Xinhua Hulian Electronic Commerce Co Ltd) and Linyu Wang (Director of the Legal Department of Xinhua Hulian)

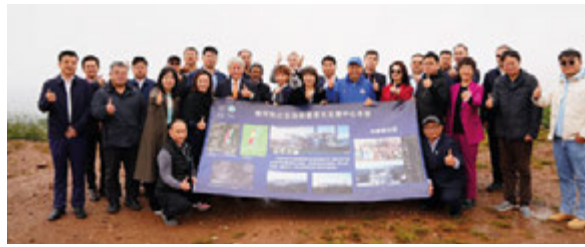
09.10. – 10.10.2024: Kunming: Asian Pacific Development Center

UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann held deep discussions with the Yunnan provincial government and the Kunming city government, after which the officials confirmed their absolute faith in the project to build a new UIPM Asia-Pacific Development Centre in the city. The general office of Yunnan’s provincial government stated in a letter to UIPM that “they are attaching great importance to this project”.

Hosted by officials from Yunnan region provincial authorities, President Dr Schormann and Secretary General Mrs Fang were joined at a launch ceremony and site visit by Asian Modern Pentathlon Confederation (AMPC) Vice President Cassandro Choh (also President of the Singapore Modern Pentathlon Association) and AMPC Secretary General Sangkeong Yeo, as well as National Federation Presidents Otgonbaatar Chultem (Mongolia) and Nishanthe Piyasena (Sri Lanka).



Representatives from across the Modern Pentathlon community in Asia as well as the Asian Modern Pentathlon Confederation attended the launch ceremony alongside local dignitaries and officials from sponsors and supporters of the new UIPM Asia-Pacific Development Centre



The APDC, incorporating the UIPM Altitude Training Base and the UIPM Asia-Pacific International Event Centre, is seen as a transformative venture



In Kunming (CHN), the UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann surveyed the plans for the groundbreaking UIPM Asia-Pacific Development Centre

21.10. – 23.10.2024: IF Forum – Lausanne

During the annual IF Forum in Lausanne, President Dr. Klaus Schormann, Secretary General Shiny Fang, Operations Director Alexandre França, and Executive Assistant Lena Nussbaumer had the opportunity to participate in a series of insightful sessions under the theme “Ensuring Your IF is Match Fit and Future-Ready.”

The forum covered a wide range of important topics, including anti-doping measures, strategies for revenue growth, athletes’ mental health, and the growing influence of esports and artificial intelligence in transforming data into engaging content. These discussions were led by international leaders and experts, fostering a rich exchange of ideas.

The event provided an excellent platform for sharing best practices and exploring innovative approaches to ensure the continued success and future readiness of International Federations. Dr. Schormann and his team gained valuable insights that will contribute to the ongoing development of sport and its global impact.



Left to right: During the annual International Federations (IF) Forum in Lausanne (SUI) are UIPM Executive Assistant Lena Nussbaumer, UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann, UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang and UIPM Events Operations Director Alexandre França

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