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PARIS 2024 OLYMPIC GAMES MODERN PENTATHLON



The new Olympic champions in Modern Pentathlon, Michelle Gulyas (HUN) and Ahmed Elgendy (EGY), celebrate with their gold medals in Versailles (FRA).



Paris 2024 Olympic Games



In the stunning surrounds of the Palace of Versailles, Modern Pentathlon competition ran for three days in front of packed Olympic Games crowds

Paris 2024 Olympic Games Modern Pentathlon hailed as 'groundbreaking success' as spectators and Olympic Family thrilled in Versailles

The Paris 2024 Olympic Games Modern Pentathlon has been hailed as a "groundbreaking success" after the world's most versatile athletes thrilled more than 63,000 spectators and millions on TV and online.

Among the spectators at a truly exhilarating Women's Final on August 11 – won by world record-breaker Michelle Gulyas of Hungary with Elodie Clouvel delivering silver for host nation France and 21-year-old world champion Seungmin Seong of Korea claiming bronze – were International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Dr Thomas Bach, IOC Vice President Juan Antonio Samaranch Jr and

IOC Member HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco.

IOC Member Daina Gudzinaviciute, Sydney 2000 Olympic trap shooting champion and President of the Lithuania National Olympic Committee, presented the medals to the Women's Final medallists.

"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 the gold medal?"

One day earlier on August 10, newly-elected IOC Member Aya Medany OLY

attended the Men's Final and presented medals during the ceremony when new champion Ahmed Elgendy of Egypt was honoured with his gold medal alongside silver medallist Taishu Sato of Japan and Giorgio Malan of Italy, who claimed bronze.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann accompanied both IOC Members during the Modern Pentathlon ceremonies and presented the medallists with gifts.

"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



IOC and UIPM dignitaries lead out the three medalists after a scintillating Women's Final at the 2024 Olympic Games at the Palace of Versailles, Paris.

bronze earlier, and one silver today in weightlifting. I'm so proud to get this medal for Egypt."

The IOC dignitaries were joined by National Olympic Committee leaders and Government officials in attending a hugely successful four days of competition at the Palace of Versailles and North Paris Arena, with almost all 15,000 seats occupied across the three days in Versailles and thousands more watching the Fencing Ranking Round in Villepinte.

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 Clouel (FRA), who would become a two-time Olympic medallist in her home city only one hour afterwards.

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 with the high level of performance and also perfect sportsmanship in front of a huge global audience watching on TV and online."



The ecstasy of gold, silver and bronze is clear as Elodie Clouvel (FRA), Michelle Gulyas (HUN) and Seungmin Seong (KOR) celebrate their Olympic medals

Golden Gulyas (HUN) adds name to history books as Clouvel (FRA) takes home silver in Women's Final

Michelle Gulyas has entered the pantheon of Olympic champions from Hungary, the most prolific nation in the history of Modern Pentathlon at the Games.

As an eight-time Pentathlon World Cup and two-time Pentathlon World Championships medallist, Gulyas (HUN) was destined to claim the top prizes in the sport one day. Aged only 23, she already stands at the pinnacle having won Olympic gold in the Women's Final at Paris 2024 – with a new overall world record in her name.

Gulyas finished comfortably in the end, easing up to win by 9sec for a total of 1,461 points. Hungary had not won an Olympic title since Zsuzsanna Voros at

Athens 2004, but now it has 10 gold medals, one more than the pioneering Sweden.

Nine seconds after the champion broke the tape with that unforgettable moment of joy, there was an almighty noise that must have shaken the window panes of the 17th-century Palace facing the stadium.

It happened because Elodie Clouvel of France crossed the line to consummate her career-defining goal of a medal at a home Olympics. The 35-year-old now has two Olympic silvers having already achieved the feat at Rio 2016 – and 16,000 people in the tribunes did not try to contain their delight.

The new generation is coming through strongly. Two months ago she became world champion, and now Seungmin Seong of Korea is an Olympic bronze

medallist. The Olympic debutante is only 21 and has the world at her feet after a consistently excellent performance across the five disciplines.

Nobody was catching these three athletes today, but it was painful for Elena Micheli of Italy that she could not, as her shooting let her down for a final position of 5th. World silver medallist Blanka Guzi (HUN) ran a typically electric Laser Run to finish 4th and the prolific Ilke Ozyuksel of Türkiye completed the top six.

Determination to finish as high as possible was evident among the next finishers too. Gintare Venckauskaite of Lithuania and Sunwoo Kim (KOR) came next, followed by Kerenza Bryson of Great Britain and Lucie Hlavackova of Czechia.

At the back end of the field, other

heroes were roared across the line: 40-year-old Laura Asadauskaite (LTU) completing her fifth Olympic adventure and finally Marie Oteiza (FRA), who was cruelly eliminated after a fall in Riding.

Medallists' reaction

Gold medallist Gulyas (HUN) said: "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 [in Hungary]'.

"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?"

"I got my Olympic quota last year at the European Games and since then, for my physical disciplines, it was all about the Olympics. So, we were trying to put the best form until the Olympics.

"It was tough to feel so bad in the competitions, because I was always a little bit tired. I never really had that rest before the competition. So, this is the first competition where I came and I was very fit, I was relaxed, and I could do the competition.

"I had a very, very good horse. So, I can thank him a lot for making me 300 points today. It was my last riding, so it was really emotional. It was nice finishing my horse-riding career with 300 points. So, I enjoyed it.

"During shooting, I was trying to focus only on myself. I was like '15,000 people, who cares?'. But of course, I cared about it because during running, it was helping me a lot. And because of the crowd, I always knew where Elodie was, because depending on which side she was running on, the crowd was so, so loud there, so I didn't even have to look back.

"I hope more little kids [in Hungary] will try Modern Pentathlon. Kids who are training at home, they see me struggling all year and now winning a gold medal it will give them a little hope that even if they have tough times, they can still make very nice things at the end."

Silver medallist Clouvel (FRA) said: "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.

Athlete verdict from Versailles

Blanka Guzi (HUN), 4th in the Women's Final: "I imagined how fourth place can't be happy in such a big competition as the Olympic Games but now I can imagine how in fourth you can also be happy. Because okay I won't get a medal but it's a huge achievement that I have. I am really thankful and grateful to be here and that my parents could be here is also a big thing."



Elena Micheli (ITA), 5th in the Women's Final: "I'm in one way happy but in another not satisfied at all obviously because of the 5th place and because of my shooting overall. In the last two years my shooting was really solid. But I will think about it and work on it. It has been three tough years, I made many difficult choices and many people with me have done it. We trained alone, lonely for three years and that was difficult. I've been angry for three years. For many reasons that are difficult to explain now. I need to be thankful for the people who are by my side. I will definitely try for the next cycle for LA 2028."

Ilke Ozyuksel (TUR), 6th in the Women's Final: "I'm so happy with 6th place. All the time I'm in 6th place, competing for medals. I believe one day I will take this medal and until that I don't want to stop. I will continue because I am so focused for an Olympic medal, and I saw today I can do everything. They deserve it as well. I'm so happy for Michelle, Elodie, and Seong."



Elodie Clouvel (FRA) aboard Fly, rounding off the last competitive ride in Olympic Pentathlon history.

Athlete verdict from Versailles

Kerenza Bryson (GBR), 9th in the Women's Final: "It's mixed emotions. I'm really happy to be in the Olympics, to be able to call myself an Olympian. Top 10 really isn't too bad but obviously I wanted to come away with a medal. Feeling a bit disappointed about how it all went, I couldn't put it together on the day and I had a few slip ups through the whole day really in the ride and a bit in the fencing as well.

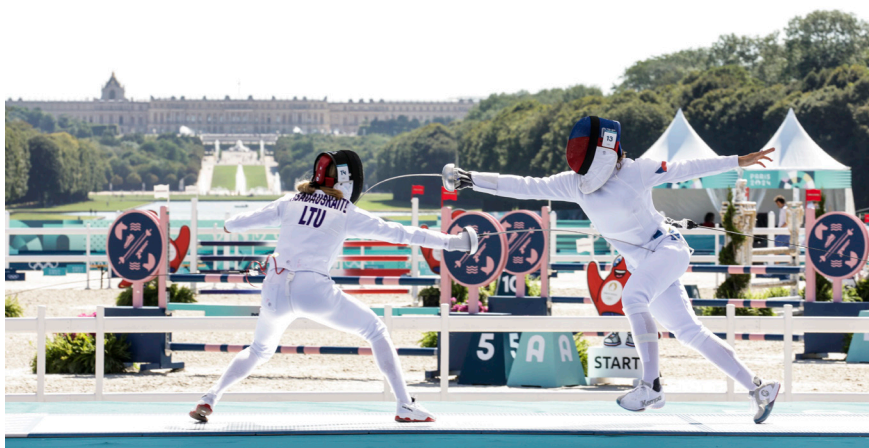
"Obviously Team GB wanted to come out here and get some medals. Joe [Choong] and Kate [French] are the reigning Olympic champions. And they are amazing athletes but the difficulty with Pentathlon is there's five things and you need to pull them all together on the day. I'm going to take some time off and decompress and then think about [the future]."

Malak Ismail (EGY), 12th in the Women's Final: "I'm very proud, very happy and very excited for the next four years to Los Angeles really.



"I hope I can be like the younger athletes now in Obstacle. They are more experienced now because they had been training Obstacle for I think more than two years. I hope I can join them in the training. The Obstacle training is very exciting, so I hope I can do as they're doing now."

Alice Sotero (ITA), 13th in the Women's Final: "Today was a beautiful day. The public is so great. This Olympics has been so different from Tokyo and I'm so glad to be here with my family and my boyfriend. It's a very beautiful day. I don't know what is in my future. I just want to rest with my family and have time to decide."



A most picturesque piste as Fencing Bonus Round action heats up in the Women's Final at Paris 2024

"Finishing in 2nd place, winning silver, it's my place today. Congratulations to Michelle Gulyas for the amazing shooting today.

"It's amazing. You know what I have been through this season. When I told you we would write a beautiful story in Paris, now it's true. And it's the story I wanted to tell, a story of resilience, courage, and that we should never give up even when we hit the bottom.

"One year ago I wanted to quit, today I am an Olympic medallist with two incredible athletes at the top level, with Michelle Gulyas and Seungmin Seong who is reigning world champion. It was really high level. I knew it was coming back behind me but I didn't let it go in the Laser Run, I was flying and it lifted me and the whole crowd lifted me. It was crazy.

"In the first shoot, my old demons came back. I was quite alone at the stand, I was slow to get into it, there was a bit of wind it distracted me, I was on emotions. Afterwards I stopped thinking and just ran. I thought about Ahmed Elgendy [men's gold medallist], I watched his Laser Run again, and I thought go now, do the same, go in the front. But Michelle was exceptional today, I want to congratulate her. I'm already super happy.

"It's crazy. I was with my horse on the last jump, I literally flew with him through the whole course, he was

amazing. I thank him, his name is Fly. He's a horse from Garde Républicaine. I thank him because today he was with him, he handled the pressure and there was a lot of pressure because I was going last. It was completely silent.

"Marie fell before so I was in emotion, we got scared. Then I reconnected to my horse and when we entered the arena, it was amazing. I didn't even feel I knocked a bar off, I was so much in the moment, with my horse. It was my last course, it was magic. I will never forget that horse.

"I cannot compare Olympic medals from Rio and Paris, but this one definitely has a special feel. It is the medal of resilience, perseverance, showing that you shouldn't give up. Today I felt like a queen in the Versailles Palace, cheered by the audience, I didn't get the French anthem but there were many flags around, the public cheering us.

"This is silver. But it's much more than a medal.

"I would have wanted the Olympic gold of course. I started for that, going first. Ahmed Elgendy started first too. But in the shooting he was excellent.

"For me it was already incredible what I did in shooting today. I am so grateful for the road I walked, with little confidence in that discipline and all I



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 Women's Final.

went through this year. But I managed. And the girls didn't come back behind.

"I didn't say no, I will continue. I want to try the new Obstacle discipline, it is important to me. I will probably take a pause right now. I would like to build a family, have a baby. So expected. And we will have four years to prepare for next Olympics in 2028.

"This time it was only three, so it makes a big difference. But yes, I didn't say stop. I feel good in my body and in my mind. As I said, the old Elodie is back, and I still want more. So what's coming will be beautiful."

Bronze medallist Seong (KOR) said: "It was my first time at the Olympics. It feels really great to have this bronze medal, but I still want to get the gold so I am looking forward to the next Games.

"I am very excited. I thought that I would cry but I am not sad at all, I am really happy now. It was my first time competing in a Games in such a big venue with a large crowd. I am glad that I enjoyed it and was able to finish it with this first medal.

"Obviously I am the bronze medallist and first medallist for Korea for women.

But I am looking to the future to get the gold medal. That's my plan!

"All my friends and family cheered for me before coming to Paris. I promised them to get a medal so I am really glad to have achieved it. I will go home and buy them as much food as they want!"

Women's Final — Riding

It was poetic that the last-ever horse ride in the Olympic Modern Pentathlon should be undertaken by one of the sport's enduring champions in her home city in front of 16,000 people.

And Clouvel (FRA) managed the



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

situation in the most composed and dignified way, steering Fly De Resquerie around the course and only striking one barrier at fence eight, before clearing the last two and raising her hand to the sky.

The joy of the crowd was unmissable but it was mixed with relief, because they had already witnessed the cruelty of elimination. When Marie Oteiza (FRA) entered the arena, her mount started to jerk nervously and even though the rider managed to get to the first fence, there was no attempt to jump and the rider was ejected painfully on top of the barrier.

Oteiza (FRA) managed to walk out of the arena, devastated having seen numerous athletes go clear with perfectly uneventful rides. The first to do so was Alive Sotero (ITA), followed immediately by Guzi (HUN) and Venckauskaite (LTU) and later by Anna Jurt of Switzerland.

Following the elimination of Laura Heredia of Spain after three refusals, the tension increased but it was calmed by

an immaculate career-ending ride by Annika Zillekens of Germany, who only arrived at the competition venue 20 minutes before the start having been informed that Tokyo 2020 Olympic champion Kate French (GBR) had withdrawn due to sickness.

At the business end of the leaderboard, there were 300 scores for Mingyu Zhang of China and Seong (KOR), and then it came down to a test of nerve for Gulyas (HUN) and Clouvel (FRA). They combined to end the 112-year chapter of horse riding in Modern Pentathlon in the most beautiful way, Gulyas (HUN) going clear and Clouvel (FRA) scoring a 293 that kept her firmly in control of the competition.

Fencing

The Fencing Bonus Round belonged to the Italians. First Sotero (ITA) made some amends for her below-par performance in the Ranking Round by winning the first three bouts, before Hlavackova (CZE) claimed two scalps. But the undoubted star of the round was Micheli (ITA), who went on the march in pursuit of an Olympic medal

that seemed very much within her grasp.

Six wins later, having taken the scalp of her friend and rival Gulyas (HUN), the two-time world champion had a 12-point boost to her score. The only athlete she failed to defeat was Clouvel (FRA), who stood her ground and added four points to the glee of the crowd.

Swimming

Sotero (ITA) has a habit of coming strongly from behind on big Finals days, and she duly won the Swimming event by a clear margin in 2:09.93. Seong (KOR) proved her all-round ability by surprising the European superstars with the next fastest time of 2:11.47, with Clouvel (FRA) edging one further point ahead of Gulyas (HUN).

It meant that the home favourite started the final discipline with a 13sec lead over Gulyas (HUN), whose Laser Run reputation made her an obvious gold-medal favourite.

Laser Run

The ordeal of Clouvel (FRA) with her



Michelle Gulyas crosses the line to celebrate her moment of Olympic glory at the Paris Olympic Games.

challenges in shooting was vividly documented in the docuseries 'A Passion For Paris' this season.

Somehow she had to compose herself for a second time in consecutive days to get the 20 green lights that threatened to deny her this dream career finale.

It did not bode well at the first visit to the range, where Clouvel (FRA) took 35sec to register her five shots, enabling the more accurate Gulyas (HUN) to surge into the lead.

It was a masterclass from the brilliant Hungarian, a quintessential all-round athlete who burst on to the scene during the pandemic and now reaps

the rewards of many years training and winning without full acclaim.

Back to the race, Seong (KOR) also moved past Clouvel (FRA) in this visit, but the taller home favourite refused to be overcome and she ran past the world champion on the second 600m circuit. And that was the way it stayed, as Clouvel (FRA) retrieved control of her nerves and improved her shooting on each visit, as she did in the Semi-final.

In the end there was no drama on the finish line, only the internal drama within Elodie Clouvel herself. An extraordinary redemption story was told in Versailles.

Athlete verdict from Versailles

Annika Zillekens (GER), 15th in the Women's Final: "At 9.20am, I got the call that I am able to compete because unfortunately the British girl is sick. I was on the way to see my family, didn't even have breakfast. So we jumped in the car here and I think at 10.49am I was on the horse.

"This was a much better way to finish my career. My big goal was to show better horse riding and of course I am not satisfied with the result overall,

I'm not sure when was the last time that I lost so many places in the Laser Run, but I'm happy with this finish because of the Riding. This is the best thing that could happen. It was a really nice horse and it was a really fun ride."



Laura Asadauskaite (LTU), 16th in the Women's Final: "I'm really proud that I got to these Olympic Games. It's all I dreamed about to be in my fifth Olympic Games. The crowd was quite amazing even though most of the crowd was cheering for the French girls. The atmosphere was kind of like the London Games when I was champion. I think after these Olympic Games I will continue. These could be my last Games, but I will continue."

Marie Oteiza (FRA), 18th in the Women's Final: "It was complicated after the fall to get back into it. I still tried to finish and enjoy it. This incredible French crowd helped me to hang on until the end. I also saw Elodie was going for it so I was trying to support her as much as possible when we were seeing each other during the race. It consoled my broken heart a little bit."



Athlete verdict from Versailles

Emiliano Hernandez (MEX), 4th in the Men's Final: "I feel sad. It was a tough competition at the end. This Pentathlon, this is five sports. My first sport today was not so accurate. My team, my coaches asked me to do the competition of my life, and I made that. I was so close to the podium, but we will come back stronger. "I don't know what my next dream, my next goal will be. I will ask my coaches, my family, everyone who was supporting me, what they want me to do. So, I will be waiting for them."

Woongtae Jun (KOR), 6th in the Men's Final: "I didn't get the result that I wanted, so I'm a bit out of my mind right now. But now that the Games are over I feel a little bit better. I tried my best and I still had a good experience today."



Joseph Choong (GBR), 9th in the Men's Final: "I left it all out there. I said yesterday that I was lying in wait for slip-ups to happen. They didn't. There was nothing else I could do. At the end of the day I still have that gold medal [from Tokyo 2020] in my sock drawer at home. I've had a really intense last two months. I've not been happy. So I think now a nice couple of months' holiday to work out what I want head-wise. I think I will carry on for another year at least. I would have to [do Obstacle] because that was the last ride ever. I took a moment to have a look around and take in what was the most amazing atmosphere I've ever ridden in."



Ahmed Elgendy (EGY savours his moment of glory after charging to Olympic gold in the Men's Final

Exceptional Elgendy (EGY) lights up Versailles as he wins dominant gold in Men's Final

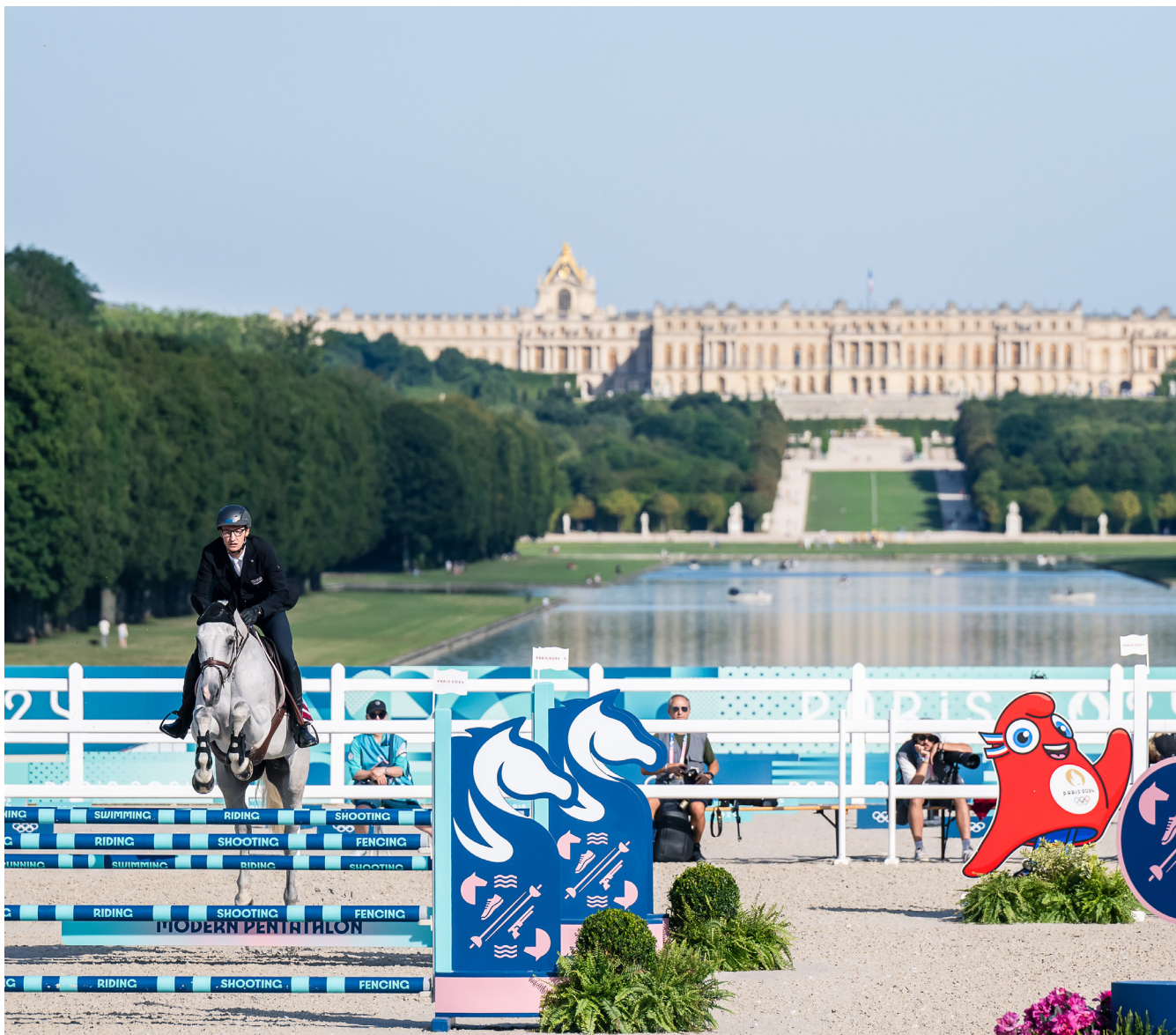
Ahmed Elgendy of Egypt is the new Olympic champion, becoming the first athlete from Africa to win the ultimate prize in Modern Pentathlon.

The 24-year-old delivered a supreme performance to claim the gold medal 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.

It looked likely that there would be an Asian double as Woongtae Jun of Korea was prominent in pursuit of Elgendy (EGY) throughout the competition. But Giorgio Malan struck back for Italy and Europe, overtaking Jun (KOR) with a brilliant Laser Run to claim his country's first Olympic medal since Barcelona 1992.

There was an even better Laser Run from Emiliano Hernandez of Mexico, who broke the world record for the discipline to finish 4th, one position behind his brother Ismael who won bronze at Rio 2016.





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

The Italians had double reason to celebrate as Matteo Cicinelli (ITA) finished an excellent 5th, pushing Jun (KOR) back to 6th as Changwan Seo (KOR) and Marvin Dogue of Germany completed the top eight and Joseph Choong of Great Britain pipped Balazs Szep of Hungary in a dash for 9th.

For France, it was a case of what might have been. Both of their athletes reached the Final and enjoyed incredible vocal support, but Jean-Baptiste Mourcia and Valentin Prades could only finish 11th and 16th respectively.

However, in a scene that encapsulated

the spirit of respect and fair play that has been a theme of this competition, the French duo joined Elgendy (EGY) on his lap of honour and posed for pictures with the champion and the Egyptian flag as the crowd roared with delight.

Medallists’ reaction

Gold medallist Elgendy (EGY) said: “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 in 2024, with the last horse riding.

“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.

“Did I have doubts? Before the Riding, maybe. Because yesterday the Riding was maybe not the best. But today we planned for better Riding and correcting the mistakes and here we are. I felt bad for [Mohanad] Shaban because he got eliminated on the last fence.

“Let me say I always shoot [well] when I am under pressure. My best shooting ever was in Tokyo. Yesterday in the





The definition of crossed swords as the world's leading male pentathletes do battle in the Fencing Bonus Round at the Paris 2024 Olympics

Semi-final it was very good. But today it wasn't amazing in the first shooting. I had to run very fast so I could compensate but finally I made it to the gold medal.

"I was running for a world record and an Olympic record, of course, but after the average shooting I was in doubt of breaking the world record. But after I finished I found out I broke it anyway.

"I'm feeling great and thankful for the Egyptian people and my family. For my brother Mohamed Elgendy, my whole family and my coaches, all the Egyptian people. It was amazing support from them the last two days. I saw the support and I just want to tell them I love them so much and I appreciate the support.

"Maybe I'm a little bit more famous in Egypt now. But I'm still humble and still appreciating what people made for me in the last three years after Tokyo.

"There were a lot of struggles but the struggles made me better, made me stronger and made me here."

Silver medallist Sato (JPN) said: "I came to get a medal, so I am happy. My Laser Run was the best but the Riding was very good today as well.

"I will celebrate first of all with family. It will be a great change in my life because it is the first time in Japanese history that we have won a Modern Pentathlon medal.

"I was 19 when I started Modern Pentathlon. I wanted to be in the Tokyo

Olympics in Modern Pentathlon but I couldn't make it.

"I was aiming for the gold medal. Still, I am happy because this is my first Olympic medal. I'm very excited to see the people's reaction when I get home to Japan."

Asked if he could win gold one day, Sato (JPN) added: "I will do my very best. I will keep training and keep trying. Then we will see."

Bronze medallist Malan (ITA) said: "It's amazing. It's a dream to be here. This year I dreamed about so many things, but this is amazing.

"It was a very hard race, but I enjoyed it so much, and I'm super happy. I got a lot of energy today from friends and





Action from the Swimming discipline during the Men's Final in the Pentathlon Stadium in Paris (FRA)

family. I had them all with me in the race.

"The Laser Run was very hard. All athletes were very good, and I had to try to reach my highest limits. The last shooting, I did well. I gave it all the last lap, and it was enough for bronze.

"I imagined this day a lot of times this year. This final, I enjoyed every moment, and this was my goal. I enjoyed it all, amazing.

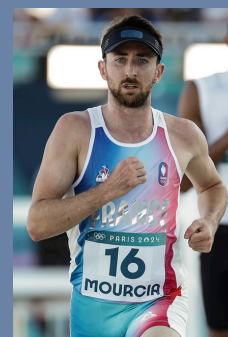
"I'm from Italy, it's near to here. All my friends, all my family, were here and then gave me a lot of energy. I have to thank my family, my group of supporters, the Azzurri, my team, my coaches, and all of the staff."

Men's Final — Riding

Knowing that this was their last-ever ride in Modern Pentathlon, the world's leading male pentathletes showed excellent horsemanship with the vast majority completing the course without undue alarm.

Athlete verdict from Versailles

Balazs Szep (HUN), 10th in the Men's Final: "I'm really sad because the Laser Run is usually my strongest event. Today, I was a little bit tired because this year was long. So, I'm really sad. It was a very good atmosphere. I think there were 15,000 people and this feeling and this noise from the French people was very good. Now, I will have two months' rest and then I will continue."



Jean-Baptiste Mourcia (FRA), 11th in the Men's Final: "I have tasted what it is like to be in an Olympic competition. So I am definitely going to continue

and try to win a medal next time. Now with Riding being taken I will see how it is with the new Obstacle discipline. We will see. There are a lot of emotions. One and a half years ago I was very far away from even qualifying for the French team. I was in 9th place. It's amazing, all that I have done to get to the Olympics, so it's only positive for the future."

Fabian Liebzig (GER), 12th in the Men's Final: "That was a tough one today. The field was just amazing. All athletes and all who performed so well. For me, I cannot complain about my result overall. Usually with my running form I would improve in the placement. Unfortunately I finished 12th as I started but that shows that the field was just amazing. All of the guys are the best in the world and I competed with them so I cannot complain. Also with a broken wrist, four weeks no training and still close to my PB. So I'm very happy. I was happy to compete and make it to the Final so to come 12th is a bonus."



Athlete verdict from Versailles

Csaba Bohm (HUN), 13th in the Men's Final: "I feel disappointment and sadness. The mistakes I made yesterday meant that I couldn't compete. It was a nice performance especially in the physical events but overall, I'm a little disappointed. I need some rest now. Going to have a month to recover, to think over things. I don't know the future, but I will maybe train to build myself up."

Valentin Prades (FRA), 16th in the Men's Final: "I feel disappointed. [This] was not what I expected since Tokyo. I was expecting a podium finish and I'm frustrated. "Apart from the result, I'm very happy and proud to be French today. It is an incredible venue and it was an incredible crowd. It's incredible to have 15,000 people for Modern Pentathlon, that's definitely a first for me."



Mohanad Shaban (EGY), 18th in the Men's Final: "Really, I feel sad now. For me it was a very bad competition from the beginning, even in the Fencing in the Semi-final and the Final. Then in the end I fall down from the horse and get elimination. Maybe God sees that it's good for me, for the future to be better and stronger. One from Egypt has the podium and the gold medal and I'm very happy. I will see you in LA."



With the sun pouring down, athletes prepare for the defining Laser Run of their Olympic careers

However, the athletes at the bottom of the standings knew they needed to make serious gains. Choong (GBR) kept in touch with a 293 while world No.1 Csaba Bohm of Hungary and Hernandez (MEX) could only manage 286.

The dream of a medal in his home Games died for Prades (FRA), with four knockdowns leaving him too far adrift. Mohanad Shaban (EGY) was in a good position until the last fence when his horse refused and he was unable to stay on and prevent elimination.

The stars of the round whose 300-point scores remained intact were Malan (ITA), Sato (JPN), Mourcia (FRA), Szep (HUN) and Fabian Liebig (GER). Then it came to the last rider. If Elgendy (EGY) was feeling any nerves, he didn't show it, with an elegant ride leaving him in a formidable position at the top of the leaderboard.

Fencing

Choong (GBR) continued to hint at a comeback by winning the first two bouts of the Fencing Bonus Round, but that was nothing compared to the athlete who knocked him off. Hernandez (MEX) defeated a third of the athletes in the competition as he mounted a run of six victories, adding a very useful 12 points to his score.

After he was defeated by Shaban (EGY), athletes struggled to mount a run until Jun (KOR) proved his class on the showpiece inflatable piste. The Tokyo 2020 Olympic bronze medallist defeated Alexandre Dallenbach of Switzerland and Pavels Svecovs of Latvia before also accounting for the winner of the Ranking Round, Elgendy (EGY).

Swimming

Refusing to let his Olympic title fall into the hands of another without a fight,





A bite of history for all three medallists after the Men's Final with Ahmed Elgendy (EGY) taking gold, Taishu Sato (JPN) silver and Giorgio Malan (ITA) bronze

Choong (GBR) beat Bohm (HUN) in the fastest of the three Swimming heats, timing 1min 57.52sec to his rival's 1:58.94.

Dallenbach (SUI) also starred in the eight-lap event, taking place within sight of the 17th-century Palace. His time of 1:57.64 put him in the elevated position of joint 2nd overall, tied with Jun (KOR) – and only 17sec off the lead.

Laser Run

"Average shooting," is how Elgendy (EGY) described his laser shooting in his second Olympic Final. Many athletes would give anything for a sequence of 16sec, 12sec, 9sec and 10sec when leading a race – but the Olympic champion has the highest standards.

Elgendy (EGY) never looked troubled as

he defended his lead with unflappable class. It was a shock to see another medallist from Tokyo 2020 fail to summon those qualities, which usually come as second nature. An opening shoot of 26sec for Jun (KOR) clearly dented his confidence and allowed rivals to step up.

Cue the confirmation of Sato (JPN) as a major star of the sport. In his first Olympics he found peak performance with a series of nerveless shoots and hard running, moving quickly from 4th to 3rd and then into the silver slot which he never relinquished.

With Hernandez (MEX) moving through the pack, there was clear pressure on the leaders but the top two didn't show it, and in the closing stages it was only Jun (KOR) who became drawn into a

battle. He still held bronze after the final shoot, but halfway through the lap Malan (ITA) showed he had plenty left in the tank and confidently strode past the great champion, suggesting that he could be growing into one himself.

In the final analysis, Hernandez (MEX) could not have done more to join his brother in the Olympic pantheon. He was 4sec away from an Olympic medal after an exceptional 9:40.80 Laser Run, extending by 4sec the world record held for 14 months by Martin Vlach of Czechia. Mourcia (FRA) also went inside that time.

And, in case anyone was in doubt about the calibre of this men's field, a total of nine athletes completed the Laser Run course in under 10mins. Elgendy (EGY) is truly a champion among champions.



Anna Jurt (SUI), top right, moves up the field during her Women's Semi-final where she set a new Olympic Games Laser Run record of 11min 07.63sec. Right, Mariana Arceo (MEX) defeats Ilke Ozyuksel (TUR) in the Fencing Bonus Round

Olympic records tumble during riveting Semi-final action in both Men's and Women's competitions

Before we had even got to the dramatic Men's and Women's Finals at Paris 2024, the respective Semi-finals had served up lashings of Olympic history.

After a raucous atmosphere during Thursday's Fencing Ranking Round at the North Paris Arena, the Palace of Versailles saw plenty of drama from the first moment the following day.

Eventual champion Ahmed Elgendy of Egypt continued his impressive start by finishing 1st in Semi-final A.

Elgendy (EGY) set a new Olympic record of 1,516 points after overcoming the setback of a patchy Riding performance. He started 5th in the Laser Run but moved past his fellow leaders to cross the line first in front of almost 16,000 jubilant spectators.



Martin Vlach of Czechia set a new Olympic Laser Run record of 9min 47.46sec, almost breaking his own world record – although he did not manage to reach the Final after an intensively competitive Semi-final.

Riding began with a perfect score of 300 for one Olympic debutant, Georgiy Boroda-Dudochkin of Kazakhstan, and a brave act of survival by Phurit Yohuang, who became the first-ever Olympic pentathlete from Thailand.

At the end of Semi-final B, Taishu Sato of Japan invited Tokyo 2020 Olympic bronze medallist Woongtae Jun of

Korea to join him in crossing the finish line, as the Asian duo qualified comfortably followed by 2023 European champion Giorgio Malan of Italy.

It was also a day of comebacks, as world No.1, world champion and world record-holder Csaba Bohm of Hungary and Tokyo 2020 Olympic champion Joseph Choong of Great Britain overcame the setback of low scoring in the Fencing Ranking Round to reach the highly-anticipated Men's Final.

Records continued to tumble the following day when Kerenza Bryson of



Great Britain set a new Olympic record for overall Modern Pentathlon points as she crossed first to win Semi-final A at Paris 2024.

Bryson (GBR) scored 1,402 points at the vanguard of a pack finish as Italy duo Elena Micheli and Alice Sotero were joined in reaching the Women’s Final by world champion Seungmin Seong of Korea and Tokyo 2020 Olympic champion Kate French (GBR).

“I’m really happy, really pleased that I executed the races I wanted and progressing through,” Bryson said,

“It was amazing. I really loved it. The crowd were amazing for the French and for all the athletes, I thought, and I was really trying to use that energy to help me run faster.”

Michelle Gulyas of Hungary performed strongly to win Semi-final B, pausing to cross the line together with Elodie Clouvel of France and Laura Heredia of Spain.

“It’s in Paris, so many French people are here today, so I wanted to share this moment with Elodie,” Gulyas said of her gesture to slow down and wait for Clouvel. “It’s her crowd. So, I really wanted her to enjoy it.”



Male athletes look laser-focused on the shooting range as the competition heats up in the Semi-finals

The other comfortable qualifiers were Blanka Guzi (HUN), Sunwoo Kim of Korea, Gintare Venckauskaite of Lithuania, Ilke Ozyusel of Türkiye and Mingyu Zhang of China.

As so often, there was an epic battle for 9th and it was finally won by Olympic debutante Anna Jurt of Switzerland, who broke the Olympic Games record

for Laser Run set earlier in the day by veteran Olympic performer Laura Asadauskaite (LTU) with a stunning new mark of 11min 07.63sec.

“Someone just told me I broke the Olympic Laser Run record,” Jurt said afterwards. “It’s unbelievable. I have to just realise it. It’s...wow!”



Charles Brown (GBR) catches team-mate Joseph Choong (GBR) for a precious victory during the Men’s Semi-final Fencing Bonus Round



News from around the world



All six episodes of *A Passion For Paris* are available on the UIPM YouTube channel and chart the journeys of elite athletes en route to the Olympic Games

A Passion For Paris: the inside story of Olympic year in Modern Pentathlon

On the day Paris 2024 was officially launched with a spectacular Opening Ceremony on the River Seine, a new series was taking viewers behind the scenes of one of the Olympic Games' signature sports.

UIPM's docuseries 'A Passion For Paris' is now fully available to view and it charts the key moments of the 2024 competition season across three continents in the ever-eventful world of Modern Pentathlon.

Merging profile interviews with competition coverage, the six-part series follows some of the world's most versatile athletes through the extreme highs and lows of their experience in qualifying and preparing for this summer's Olympic Games.

One of the stars of the series is Rio 2016 silver medallist and Paris 2024 home athlete Elodie Clouvel of France, whose psychological struggle with shooting was a dominant narrative of the 2024 season.

In a series of moving interviews that reach a dramatic climax in Episode 4, Clouvel (FRA) bares her soul and reveals the sources of motivation propelling her to a fourth Games appearance in her home city.

Another host-nation athlete who features heavily is three-time UIPM Pentathlon World Cup Final winner Valentin Prades (FRA). At the other end of the experience scale, we meet first-time Olympian Sophia Hernandez of Guatemala, while the show profiles another six of the sport's more established stars.

Medals are won and lost, and morale rises and falls, as two-time world

champion Elena Micheli of Italy, Mohanad Shaban of Egypt, KerENZA Bryson of Great Britain, Changwan Seo of Korea, Emiliano Hernandez of Mexico and Ilke Ozyuksel of Türkiye reveal what it takes to be a pentathlete.

Yasser Hefny OLY, UIPM Athletes Committee Chair, said: "The documentary series, 'A Passion For Paris', creates a new dimension for our sport as a TV product. For the first time we see a global view of Modern Pentathlon through the eyes of the athletes.

"I am grateful to all the pentathletes who took part in this show, because they have made a collective effort to raise the profile of the sport by revealing their motivations, the challenges they face and the joy of experiencing success. Thank you to everyone who was involved in the production of this groundbreaking show. And I wish everyone a successful and memorable Olympic Games in Paris."



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

A Passion For Paris: Episodes 1-6 have been released to TV networks worldwide and are available to watch free on UIPM’s YouTube channel.

- Episode 1: Cairo (EGY)
- Episode 2: Ankara (TUR)
- Episode 3: Budapest (HUN)
- Episode 4: Sofia (BUL)
- Episode 5: World Cup Final – Ankara (TUR)
- Episode 6: World Championships – Zhengzhou (CHN)

Continental crowns for Bryson (GBR) and Tovkai (UKR) in European Championships

Three gold medals for Italy and individual success for Kerenza Bryson of Great Britain and Oleksandr Tovkai of Ukraine provided the highlights of the 2024 European Senior Championships in Budapest (HUN) from 8-14 July.

Bryson (GBR) continued a prolific run of medals in the past 12 months by dominating the Women’s Final with a phenomenal 29 victories in the Fencing

Ranking Round, enabling her to win by 18sec.

Anna Jurt of Switzerland enjoyed a breakthrough silver medal only days after discovering she had qualified for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, and bronze went to Bryson’s team-mate Emma Whitaker (GBR) with Mariya Gnedtchik (AIN) only 1sec behind.

Two-time world champion Elena Micheli (ITA) continued a steady recovery from injury with a 7th place, helping her country to win team gold with Francesca Tognetti and Alice Rinaudo also featuring in the Final.

Tovkai (UKR) built on the silver medal he won in the Men’s Relay at the recent UIPM 2024 Pentathlon World Championships with a surprise victory in the Men’s Final.

Like Bryson (GBR), he was the top fencer but this time by only a slim margin with his 24 victories equalled by Marvin Dogue of Germany (Tovkai won the additional four points in the Bonus Round). After a perfect score of

300 in Riding he finally won gold with a 10sec cushion over 2023 champion Giorgio Malan (ITA), who registered the fastest Laser Run of the Final to consign Dogue (GER) to bronze.

Italy again won the team gold thanks to Malan, 5th-placed Matteo Cicinelli and 8th-placed Federico Alessandro.

The week had already begun well for the Azzurri with Malan (ITA) and Cicinelli (ITA) enjoying success in the Men’s Relay, after Whitaker (GBR) had teamed up Alexandra Bousfield (GBR) to win the Women’s Relay.

The final day of the competition saw success for host nation Hungary as 2024 world bronze medallist Rita Erdos teamed up with Mihaly Koleszar to claim the Mixed Relay title.

Tatiana Ardabieva, President of the European Modern Pentathlon Confederation, said: “For years the Hungarian Federation has been among the most reliable partners of ECMP, providing a high-level European Championships. We all remember





The workshops in Alexandria (EGY) fostered motivation and self-awareness among the young athletes participating in activities

outstanding Senior European Championships in Szekesfehervar in 2014, 2018 and 2023.

“Since 2024 was a special edition – in the year of the Olympic Games and the last season Modern Pentathlon includes Riding – the capital city of Budapest was chosen to host the competition. As usual the preparation and the execution of the event was impeccable. A special show with a farewell to Riding as part of the programme.

“All participants acknowledged the high competition level of the championships. On behalf of ECMP I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Hungarian Federation for their professionalism and unprecedented dedication and love for Modern Pentathlon.”

Athlete365 workshops in Alexandria (EGY) described as ‘eye-opener’ with 30 participants involved

From June 23-30, the Egyptian Modern Pentathlon Federation hosted the UIPM 2024 Pentathlon Junior World Championships and 2024 African Championships at the Arab Academy for Science, Technology & Maritime Transport in Alexandria (EGY).

Alongside the competitions, 30 participants attended Self-Discovery workshops, and 10 took part in CV/Resume writing sessions, led by Anfisa Kasyanova, a certified Athlete365 Career+ educator and UIPM Education and Project Manager.

The Athlete365 Career+ Self-Discovery workshop is designed to help participants grow and develop self-awareness while exploring future

career options. The CV/Resume writing workshops emphasise the importance of a well-prepared CV/Resume for job applications, university admissions, scholarships, grants, and various educational, career, and leadership programs.

Conducted in small groups of 3-10, the workshops allowed for dedicated attention to each athlete during exercises and activities. The sessions included icebreakers, tests and quizzes, completing the Me Map, CV reviews with recommendations, and informal discussions.

These sessions generated positive feedback, with one athlete describing them as an “eye-opener”. Participants also expressed interest in future topics such as effective social media use, career building in sports, and English language learning.





The eight Masters athletes named as eligible for the UIPM Masters Committee elections represent various countries and three continents

Each participant received an IOC Certificate of Participation and UIPM Paris 2024 pins. Three prizes from the UIPM Shop were awarded through a draw among participants.

“Our team is delighted to experience the Athlete 360 workshop. It completely speaks for itself as it touches all aspects and opportunities of being an athlete,” remarked Rex de la Cruz, Philippine Modern Pentathlon National Coach.

“It really shows that in UIPM we are not only focusing on the competitive spirit of the sport but also the welfare and future of our athletes outside the field of play. Keep it up!”

Emilija Nedzveckaitė from Lithuania, who finished 3rd last year in the Women’s Relay at the U17 European Championships and this year placed 3rd individually in Biathle and Laser Run at the European Championships, added: “This is not my first workshop, but this one was really interesting. I liked and enjoyed it.

“I learned a lot about myself, I found out my good and bad sides, and it will definitely help me in the future. Therefore, I am very happy and grateful for this seminar.”

Tatiana Thomatos of South Africa, a promising athlete who competed in

both the Junior World Championships and the African Championships, where she finished first in the U17 category, mentioned that this was her second year participating in UIPM educational activities.

She said: “I still remember a lot of information and life hacks from last year. When I have free time, I go through the interesting facts we learned. That’s why I was sure to attend this year’s workshops because the topics were different.

“I don’t think it will affect my competition performance because otherwise, I would spend time on my phone or thinking about races. Switching to a learning process is always cool.”

UIPM began delivering Athlete365 workshops for athletes during competitions in Alexandria in 2021 during the U19 and U17 Youth World Championships, which were a success.

Last year, at the same venue, UIPM organised an Athletes Forum for youth athletes with Tokyo 2020 Olympic bronze medalist Sarolta Kovacs (HUN) as one of the distinguished panelists.

These initiatives are part of the UIPM ACP (Athletes Centred Programme), combining in-person and online

activities and resources available on the UIPM Educational Platform, actively supported by UIPM Athletes Committee members.

The workshops fostered motivation and self-awareness among participants while providing valuable resources for their future careers. The process emphasised the importance of athlete welfare beyond competition, resonating well with participants and coaches alike.

Eight athletes named as eligible candidates for UIPM Masters Committee election

Eight Masters athletes from different countries across three continents have been named as eligible candidates for this year’s UIPM Masters Committee election.

The next Masters Committee will serve from 2025-2028, encompassing the historic transition of Modern Pentathlon to incorporate a new Obstacle discipline, which has already been embraced by the Masters community in numerous competitions.

The Committee will be elected during the UIPM 2024 Masters World Championships in Gyomro (HUN) from September 13-15 (athletes can click here to register for the competition),

and three female and five male applicants have been approved by the UIPM Electoral Committee to stand for election.

From Asia, Muhammad Hairul Nazwa bin Dol of Singapore is one of the candidates, along with African contenders Sherif Salah of Egypt and George Harrop-Allin of South Africa.

All three female candidates – Krisztina Gerhardt of Hungary, Nathalie Denoyes of France and Andra Novicka of Latvia – are European, along with male counterparts Emanuele Gambini of Italy, Antonio Sanchez Paraja of Spain.

All candidates were checked against a strict criteria to ensure their eligibility.

Morsy (EGY), Prades (FRA), Janse van Rensburg (AUS) and Fagundes (BRA) elected to UIPM Athletes Committee

Four continental representatives have been elected to the UIPM Athletes Committee, which now stands as a five-strong body for the next Olympic cycle with only two positions remaining unfilled.

The four who won the support of their continental peers are Haydy Morsy of Egypt (Africa), Valentin Prades of France (Europe), Genevieve Janse van Rensburg of Australia (Oceania) and Daniel Fagundes (South America).

The quartet will represent the athlete community across the UIPM Sports spectrum between 2025 and 2028 alongside Samuel Curry of Great Britain, who won the first spot as global representative elected during the UIPM 2024 Pentathlon and Laser Run World Championships, and representatives from Asia and NORCECA to be confirmed in due course.

The current Athletes Committee, chaired by Yasser Hefny (EGY), finishes its remit at the end of 2024. The new AC will elect its Chair once it is fully composed.



Australia's Genevieve Janse van Rensburg is among those elected to the UIPM Athletes Committee

Pioneering former pentathlete Aya Medany OLY elected as IOC Member

Three-time Olympian and former UIPM Athletes Committee Chair Aya Medany OLY celebrated a new milestone in her trail-blazing journey as she was elected as an IOC Member at the 142nd IOC Session in Paris (FRA).

The youngest of a cohort of eight new IOC Members, Medany, a Member of

the Egyptian Parliament, was thrust into immediate ceremonial duties. One of her first tasks in an official IOC capacity was to present compatriot Ahmed Elgendy (EGY) with his historic gold medal after the Paris 2024 Olympic Games Men's Final in Versailles.

A UIPM World Championship silver medalist in 2008, Medany has been a vocal campaigner and representative in her efforts to give voice to young



In the Timor Leste capital city of Dili participants in the UIPM Coaches Certification Course got to grips with pistols for some Laser shooting training

Egyptian and Africans as well as female Muslim athletes everywhere.

UIPM Coaches Certification Programme: Southeast Asian development continues in Kuala Lumpur (MAS) and Dili (TLS)

The boom times for UIPM sports in Southeast Asia continue. Fresh off the back of two hugely successful major events in the region over the past year, UIPM continues to invest in development with two Coaches Certification Programme courses being run concurrently in separate capital cities.

In both Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and in the Timor Leste capital of Dili the two CCP courses combined to see almost 50 coaches from six different nations across Southeast Asia take their first steps on the coaching journey.

In Dili (TLS), 21 coaches took part in the week-long course from June 18-22 under the expert eye of UIPM CCP Level 3 Coach Danilo Fagundes (BRA). At an idyllic beach-side location hugging the blue waters of the Savu Sea, the group

which included 11 women and 10 men all successfully achieved their Level 1 coaching certifications. The course was supported by Olympic Solidarity funding.

In 2023, the region played host to the Southeast Asian Games in Pattaya, Thailand, and later in the year the UIPM 2023 Biathlon-Triathlon World Championships which were held in Bali, Indonesia, with both competitions seeing a new generation of young athletes from across Southeast Asia taking part. As many as 12 Asian countries hosted Global Laser Run City Tour events in 2023 and Singapore recently held another.

With all of this growth in mind, the second of the recent CCP courses is likely to have a wide impact too. With former World Champion and Olympian Yasser Hefny OLY (EGY) the UIPM CCP Level 3 Coach overseeing the course in Kuala Lumpur (MAS), 25 participants had a golden opportunity to learn from a Pentathlon legend.

The group included coaches from Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam,

Indonesia and Thailand and the course, which ran from June 19-23, saw the six women and 19 men all successful in securing their Level 1 certification as they continue their coaching careers.

UIPM Coaches Committee Chairman Christian Roudaut said: "I am so pleased to see not one but two successful CCP course take place in recent weeks across Southeast Asia.

"We have all witnessed the great energy and excitement for UIPM Sports in that region and supporting that is a focus for us.

"Seeing so many women taking part is also very positive. Promoting coaching opportunities for women is a crucial part of continuing to grow our sports in South Asia and beyond. I congratulate all those who took part and thank the organizers and instructors for all of their efforts."

UIPM CCP Level 3 Coach Danilo Fagundes (BRA) said: "What a week! It was a privilege to oversee such a friendly but focused group of students in Dili (TLS). To see a majority of women



The competition in Madeira (POR) was the first ever to provide three-race options for Para athletes at European Championship level

participants in this course gave me great joy too. I want to thank all of our new Level 1 coaches for their efforts and also thank the Olympic Solidarity fund for its support.”

UIPM CCP Level 3 Coach Yasser Hefny (EGY) said: “I was very glad to take part as an instructor in this course in Kuala Lumpur. Especially because of the part it plays in continuing to develop not just Malaysia but the entire Southeast Asian region. We had coaches from different nations come together with great enthusiasm to help the current and new generations of athletes in the countries, which is always inspiring to see.”

UIPM Para Sports Spotlight: Compelling fights for gold across Biathlon, Triathlon and Laser Run in Madeira (POR)

The idyllic island surrounds of Madeira (POR) played host to a

little piece of history as the first ever competition to provide a three-race option for Para athletes at European Championship level saw some exhilarating battles for gold.

Run in conjunction with the European Biathlon-Triathlon-Laser Run Championships, the event for athletes with impairments including physical, visual and intellectual saw Para Biathlon, Para Triathlon and Para Laser Run races take place across a range of classifications.

Taking place in Funchal, the capital city of the archipelago, the competition ran over three days from July 5-7.

In Para Biathlon, which encompassed a 400m run/push, 100m swim and another 400m run/push, gold in the PMP1 classification went to Hassiba Bouyoucef of France in the women’s race, with Rachel Massey of Great Britain taking silver, and Omar

Bouyoucef (FRA) in the men’s race. Much to the joy of locals, the host nation dominated both the PMP2 and PMP6 classifications with Jose Mendonca and Rodolfo Alves, respectively, claiming gold for Portugal.

Para Laser Run, which took place on July 6, saw an impressive field of 22 athletes taking part across five separate classifications. There was a hugely impressive performance from Massey (GBR) who clocked the second-fastest time of the year for female or male PMP1 athletes as she took gold ahead of Hassiba Bouyoucef (FRA) and Olivia Regnaud (FRA) who claimed bronze. Newcomer Rene Hesse of Germany took men’s gold with silver going to Omar Bouyoucef (silver) and bronze to Neil Dewar (GBR).

In a weekend of captivating action, arguably the most compelling race was had for gold in PMP2 with compatriots Rio Boothe (GBR) and





With great support from the Portuguese federation and local organisers in Madeira (POR), the three-day Para-pentathlon event was a huge success

Matthew Dimbylow (GBR) playing cat and mouse before Dimbylow was victorious. Bronze went to Mendonca (POR). Alessandro Ragni took gold for Italy in the men’s PMP6 classification with Harriet Dunn (GBR) narrowly ahead of Anna Maria Mencoboni (ITA) in the women’s race. In PMP7, Owen Lee (GBR) celebrated his first victory as he edged Daniel Marques (POR) out for gold.

The competition closed with Para Triathlon, a 100m swim followed by three laps of 300m run/push plus shooting. With a gold apiece already, Massey (GBR) and Hassiba Bouyoucef (FRA) fought for a decisive second victory with Massey (GBR) winning

by an impressive 37 seconds. Omar Bouyoucef (FRA) took the gold in the men’s PMP1, closely filled by Hesse (GER) then Dewar (GBR). In the PMP2 classification Dimbylow (GBR) claimed gold with Great Britain also on top in PMP5 thanks to Ben Wilson (GBR). Ragni (ITA) took PMP6 honours while Lee (GBR) added a second gold in PMP7.

PMP5 world leading time was posted by GBR Jamie Gane with silver also going to GBR with Ben Wilson. PMP7 para laser run champion went Daniel Marques POR followed by GBR Owen Lee.

With great support from the Portuguese

federation and local organising committee, the competition builds on a successful summer for the Para Pentathlon movement. The northern Spanish city of Oviedo recently held a ground-breaking new initiative for European para-athletes with the inaugural European Invitational Para Laser Run, a classification, training and time-trial event.

Andrew Collings, UIPM Para Pentathlon Commission Chair, said: “What a wonderful weekend we witnessed in Madeira where our Para athletes had such a valuable opportunity to compete across three different events. This was yet another clear demonstration of the inclusivity possibilities across the sport





The new Memorandum of Understanding signed on the day of the Women's Final in Versailles continues the alignment between UIPM and CISM

of Modern Pentathlon.

“Our sincere thanks go to the Portuguese federation as well as local organisers who were steadfast in their support of the Para movement.”

Military sport partnership is renewed in historic surrounds of Versailles during Olympic Final

With plenty of drama taking place in the Pentathlon Stadium outside there was still time for progress and development during the Women's Final at the Olympic Games in Paris on August 11.

In the historic surrounds of Versailles, UIPM President Dr Schormann signed a new Memorandum of Understanding with Col Nilton Rolim, President of the International Military Sports Council (CISM), formalising a renewal of the

historic alignment between Modern Pentathlon and military sport.

President Dr Schormann said: “UIPM is rightfully proud of its historic military association, which goes right back to the original vision of Baron Pierre de Coubertin to create an Olympic multisport based on the skills required of a cavalry soldier. For many years, athletes who competed in the Olympic Modern Pentathlon held the rank of military officer.

“To this day, many of our National Federations are closely linked to their national militaries, enabling athletes to combine their sporting careers with military service. And so we are delighted to have renewed our long and important relationship with CISM, which is a global champion of the ideals of friendship through sport, fostering peace, and building bridges between

nations through athletic competition.”

CISM President Col Nilton Rolim added: “This partnership with UIPM represents a new chapter in our efforts to promote military sports and strengthen our presence in international competitions. By working together, we aim to create opportunities for athletes to excel and to further the development of sports within our respective communities.”

The signing of the new MoU is expected to pave the way for joint initiatives, including the organisation of events and training programs and an exchange of opportunities for athletes and officials from both organisations. It is designed to bring the two communities more closely together in the interest of providing more opportunities to more athletes from more countries in the exciting future of UIPM Sports.”



Inside UIPM

Secretary General Shiny Fang's message

A gold medal for sport ... and for sporting gestures

The Paris 2024 Olympic Games created many unforgettable moments, across all sports, for thousands of athletes and officials as well as spectators and audiences.

I'm not talking here about the incredible moments of athletic endeavour, which were well documented by all media. I'm talking about the magical sporting gestures that reminded us all about the values that make the Olympic movement special.

In the Modern Pentathlon competitions, there were touching and encouraging moments right from the start of preparations and throughout the events, even extending to the first and last-placed athletes crossing the finishing line.

We saw one athlete pausing to allow her French rival to cross the finish line first in their Semi-final, sharing the moment of acclaim from a crowd of 15,000. Anyone lucky enough to be part of this crowd would have appreciated the way they waited for the last finisher in each Laser Run and gave them a special round of applause.

I was impressed by one social media post that our communication team shared afterwards, which tells everything...



The success of the Modern Pentathlon competition in Paris with its excitement and continuous drama didn't come by accident. It was a result of years of innovation and implementation, and years of hard training by the athletes,



This moment of unity, treasured by the crowd, summed up the Olympic spirit evident at Paris 2024

especially in their willingness to adapt to the new 90-minute format in the past three seasons.

The competition was extremely tough and fierce, and there could only be one champion, as in all other Olympic events. But this never came at a cost of sportsmanship. Instead, sending compliments and congratulations was something pentathletes demonstrated to both competitors and spectators, typified by the memory of two French athletes encouraging fans to cheer for the Egyptian gold medallist after the Men's Final on August 10.

The Olympic spirit was visible outside of the field of play, too. We were all touched by the story of the shooting gold medallist from Guatemala, Adriana Ruano, who chose to work at the Modern Pentathlon as one of Paris 2024's 45,000 volunteers.

Our sport was created by the modern Olympics' founder, who wanted to identify the complete athlete. He achieved that, not only in those old times but also into the current century, but it's important to reflect that the

term 'complete' applies to much more than physical or athletic aspects.

In 2014, we created one UIPM slogan, "More than A Sport", with the exact intention to express pentathlon's all-round skills and spirit as well as its inclusiveness. Ten years later, with the inclusion of Obstacle disciplines and sports, the message is further enhanced for all our existing participants and audiences.

Moreover, we embrace more and more youths from all corners of the world, regardless of their culture, religion and economic conditions. This is all a result of increased sports accessibility and attractiveness based on non-stop improvements and innovations that have been adopted by the whole pentathlon community!

So after unforgettable moments and respectful acts on and off the field of play in Paris, can we retain this inclusiveness and generosity in future editions of the Games, as well as UIPM competitions, events and the forthcoming election Congress? I certainly hope and believe so...



Inside UIPM

President Dr Klaus Schormann's activities



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann presents Anna Jurt (SUI) with her silver medal at the 2024 European Championships in Budapest (HUN)

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.

President Dr Schormann met with HMPA Secretary General, Peter Vizkeleti, who expressed his strong commitment to supporting the Modern Pentathlon community,

especially as it transitions toward the inclusion of Obstacle discipline for Los Angeles 2028. Additionally, Dr Schormann held discussions with Kameliya Aleksandrova, Vice President of the European Modern Pentathlon Confederation, focusing on the future of the sport in Europe.

The UIPM President presented medals to the athletes during the victory ceremony as they finished their last competition before the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

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



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

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.

Joint Meeting ASOIF + IOC

On July 25, a joint meeting between the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF) and the IOC was held. The IOC

provided a comprehensive briefing to all International Summer Sports Federations, covering the progress of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games and the current state of preparations.

IF representatives had the opportunity to ask questions regarding the upcoming days of competition and address any sport-specific concerns.

This meeting ensured open communication and reinforced collaboration between the IOC and the IFs to ensure a smooth and successful Olympic experience for all participants.



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

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.

Following the event, President Dr Schormann had a personal conversation with President Guttsait, reaffirming his support for all Ukrainian athletes. He also discussed the efforts UIPM has made to ensure their safety and continued training, including financial support from UIPM and the Asian Modern Pentathlon Confederation that has allowed them



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann visits the first ever India House in an Olympic Games

to train in other countries.

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 Ilıc (also an IOC Member).





The IOC Culture and Olympic Heritage Commission organised a cultural tour that began with a visit to the Olympic sculpture at Champs-Elysees Gardens

Art & culture tour

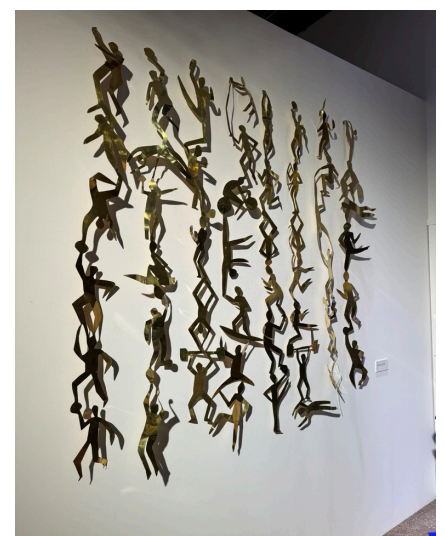
During the Paris Games, the IOC Culture and Olympic Heritage Commission organised under the leadership of Khunying Patama Leeswadtrakul (IOC Member) a cultural tour that began with a visit to the Olympic sculpture by renowned artist Alison Saar, located in the picturesque Champs-Elysées Gardens. This impressive piece, open to the public, celebrates the spirit of the Olympics through art.

Following the sculpture visit, the group proceeded to Clubhouse 24, where they explored the rich history, evolution and artistic impact of the Olympic Games. The exhibition was further enriched by Olympic athletes who not only competed in multiple Olympic Games but have also transitioned into accomplished artists, sharing their unique perspectives on the intersection of sport and art.

Global Sports Alliance Convention

President Dr Schormann attended the Global Sports Alliance (GSA) Convention held at OLY House, the Games-time home of the World Olympians Association.

The convention brought together key stakeholders from sport and business to explore innovative ways



Some artworks from an exhibition on the evolution and artistic impact of the Olympic Games





The Global Sports Alliance Convention during the Paris 2024 Summer Olympic Games provided a welcome platform for exchanging ideas and best practice

of integrating these two vital sectors. The GSA, known for its commitment to fostering collaboration between sports organisations, athletes and the business community, provided a platform for exchanging ideas and best practices.

Discussions focused on leveraging business strategies to enhance the global impact of sports, creating sustainable partnerships, and promoting the growth of sports worldwide. Dr Schormann's participation highlighted UIPM's dedication to embracing new opportunities that bridge the gap between sport and business, ensuring the continued development and success of Modern Pentathlon on a global scale.

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



President Dr Klaus Schormann with Tayyab Ikram, President of the International Hockey Federation

Schormann's unwavering support and valuable advice over the years, which have contributed to the development and success of hockey on the international stage.

The event highlighted the strong ties between the two federations and their shared commitment to advancing the world of sports.





UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann with Alexandra de Navacelle de Coubertin at a special reception held in appreciation of Dr Schormann's service

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).

Speakers who paid tribute to President Dr Schormann during the event included Yasser Hefny OLY (Chair of the UIPM Athletes Committee) and Alexandra de Navacelle de Coubertin (President of the Association Familiale Pierre de Coubertin). President Dr Schormann presented Ms Navacelle de Coubertin with an oak tree cup in recognition of her direct relative's unparalleled contribution to the Olympic Games.

A welcome was given by Joel Bouzou OLY (WOA President and UIPM Vice President), while Rob Stull OLY (President of the NORCECA Modern Pentathlon Confederation) played the role of Master of Ceremonies.

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."

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "I was very happy to see how many people from the Olympic Family came together for a reception linked to my service of 31 years as UIPM President and four years as Vice President for both sports, Modern Pentathlon and Biathlon.

"For me the purpose was not to say bye bye, it was to take the opportunity during the Olympic Games as an active IF President to say thank you to my colleagues and express what it means to have served so long, and to have been transparent and communicative and never forgetting the people who have escorted and helped me.

"It was wonderful that we could have this evening, and I am looking forward after the Congress to hopefully continue to serve the Union in some capacity. We send out the message that sport can help create a better, more peaceful world."



Clockwise from top left: Olympic leaders, close friends and colleagues of UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann gather for a special reception in his honour presented by NORCECA Confederation President Rob Stull; President Dr Schormann is embraced by IOC Vice President Ugur Erdener; he cuts a special cake with his wife Karin; ASOIF President Francesco Ricci Bitti pays tribute; the UIPM President shares a toast with IBU President Olle Dahlin





Clockwise from top left: UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann presents a gift to Alexandra de Navacelle de Coubertin; speaking with UIPM Athletes Committee representatives James Cooke and Yasser Hefny; listening to the speeches with his wife Karin; (l to r) Executive Assistant Lena Nussbaumer, Absolute Fencing CEO Gary Lu, Pan American Fencing Confederation President Vitaly Logvin, Dr Klaus and Karin Schormann, Marina Kirchenberg; sharing a moment with former UIPM 1st Vice President Ivar Sisneiga and Alicia Masoni de Morea (NOC Argentina 1st Vice President)





UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann receives a lifetime honorary membership of the German Olympic Committee (DOSB) from its President, Thomas Weikert

German NOC reception

On August 4, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann was honored by the German National Olympic Committee (DOSB) at Germany House during an official function attended by a distinguished group of international friends and partners, IOC Members and NOC Presidents, including IOC President Dr Thomas Bach, IOC Member Britta Heidemann and new IOC Member Michael Mronz.

Dr Schormann has a long history of service with the DOSB, having acted as

an advisor and a member of the German Olympic Academy; he also served for 30 years as President of the German Modern Pentathlon Federation.

In recognition of his significant contributions, DOSB President Thomas Weikert presented Dr Schormann with a special gift, making him the first-ever Honorary Member of Team Germany.

This accolade reflects Dr Schormann's dedication and enduring impact on both the German and international sports communities.



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann visits the Pierre de Coubertin Exhibition and meets its curator, Jingshi Feng



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.





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

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.

UIPM global press conference

On the morning of August 7, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann



A UIPM panel meets global media ahead of Modern Pentathlon competition at Paris 2024.

sat on the panel of a global press conference at the Paris 2024 Main Press Centre, accompanied by Secretary General Shiny Fang, Olympic athletes Ahmed Elgendy (EGY) and Anna Jurt (SUI) and coach James Cooke (SUI), also a Member of the UIPM Athletes Committee.

The panel answered questions from journalists from global news agencies as well as renowned press titles from Egypt, Germany, Japan, the UK and USA among others. The event kickstarted a week of media coverage of Modern Pentathlon within the context of Paris 2024 and the historic transition taking place ahead of Los Angeles 2028.





UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang in conversation during the Executive Board meeting in Versailles (FRA)

UIPM Executive Board meeting

President Dr Schormann chaired a meeting of the UIPM Executive Board in Versailles on the afternoon of August 7. Topics on the agenda included proposed rule changes and related points to be discussed before work begins on EB motions for the

UIPM 2024 Congress in Riyadh (KSA).

UIPM Family Reception

On August 8, after the Modern Pentathlon competition began with a highly successful Fencing Ranking Round in North Paris Arena, UIPM hosted an internal reception

in Versailles, welcoming all board members, Technical Officials and International Judges, NF Presidents and Secretaries General, along with personal partners, for an enjoyable evening together.

In a surprise gesture, Dragomir Cioroslan, Director of International



The UIPM Executive Board gathered for a meeting during the Paris Olympics on the afternoon of August 7





UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann is presented with a special honour on behalf of USOPC Chairman Gene Zykes and LA28 organisers.

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.





Dr Klaus Schormann visits Korea House during the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris (FRA) where Korea celebrated another Olympic medal in Pentathlon

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 Schormann expressed his enthusiasm at Korea’s commitment to further developing Modern Pentathlon and extending support to other Asian countries. He commended Korea’s ongoing efforts in providing training camps, equipment and financial support to Asian National Federations, and looked forward to the continued growth and collaboration within the sport.



President Dr Schormann handed over

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schorman presenting limited-edition pin sets of Modern Pentathlon to IOC Member and NOC President of Korea Kee-heung Lee and AMPC and Korean National Federation President Hanjoon Lee





UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and IOC Member Aya Medany OLY prepare to present the Men's Olympic medallists with their prizes in Paris (FRA).

limited-edition Modern Pentathlon pin sets to President Hanjoon Lee and Keeheung Lee, IOC Member and NOC President of Korea.

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.

Leaders of the IOC Sports and Corporate Communications Department were also present, underscoring the significance of the event and highlighting the importance of Modern Pentathlon within the Olympic movement.





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

The occasion provided a platform for engaging with key IOC representatives, fostering further dialogue on the sport's future and its ongoing evolution within the Olympic program.

IOC Member Daina Gudzinaviciute, Sydney 2000 Olympic trap shooting champion and President of the Lithuania National Olympic Committee, presented the medals to the Women's Final medallists.

One day earlier on August 10, newly-elected IOC Member Aya Medany OLY attended the Men's Final and presented medals during the ceremony.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann accompanied both IOC Members



The stands were packed for all four sessions of Modern Pentathlon in Versailles, with spectators gripped by the 90-minute showcase format



UIPM 1st Vice President and IOC Vice President Juan Antonio Samaranch sits together with UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang with the Fencing Bonus Round stage in the background

during the Modern Pentathlon ceremonies and presented the medallists with gifts.

The IOC dignitaries were joined by National Olympic Committee leaders and Government officials in attending a hugely successful four days of competition at the Palace of Versailles and North Paris Arena.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "This four-day Olympic competition was a groundbreaking success for Modern Pentathlon.

"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.

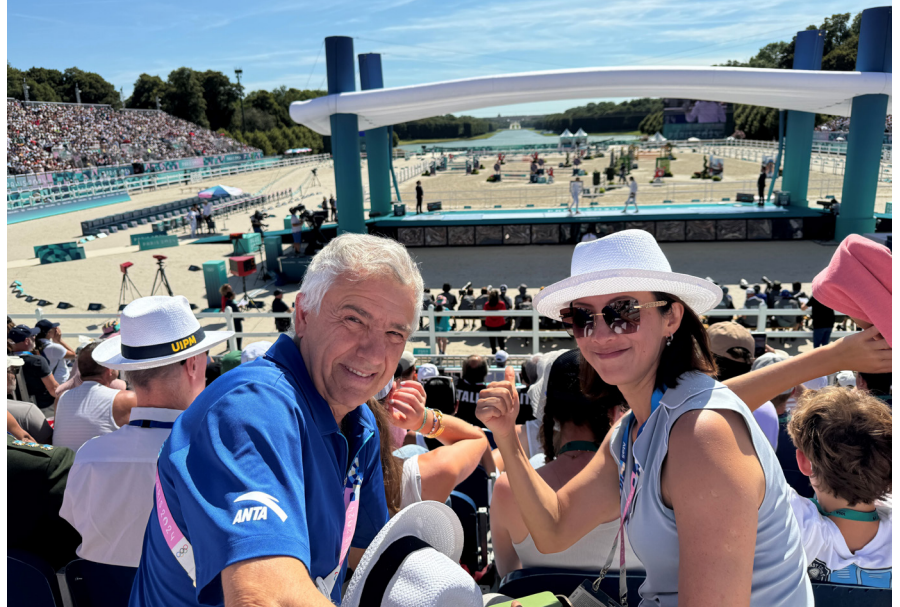
"Our athletes are always great ambassadors for Modern Pentathlon but they took this to a new level with the high level of performance and also perfect sportsmanship in front of a huge global audience watching on TV and online.

"Paris 2024 was a very special moment for the multisport created by Baron Pierre de Coubertin, in his home city. And we will do everything to deliver an event that raises the bar again in Los Angeles in four years' time.

"Riding may be in our past now, Obstacle is in our present. One thing is permanent: that the Modern Pentathlon seeks to identify the ultimate athlete competing in the Olympic Games.

"Our pentathletes certainly lived up to that reputation along with the many incredible athletes in other sports who made Paris 2024 a stunning success."

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann is joined at the Palace of Versailles by HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco, IOC Member and UIPM Honorary President



Pentathlon World Rankings

The PWR is updated live at www.pentathlon.org after each competition. PWR as at August 14, 2024

MEN			
RANK	NATION	NAME	POINTS
1	EGY	Ahmed ELGENDY	210
2	HUN	Csaba BOHM	206
3	KOR	Woongtae JUN	193
4	MEX	Emiliano HERNANDEZ	192
5	HUN	Balazs SZEP	188
6	EGY	Moutaz MOHAMED	181
7	KOR	Changwan SEO	174
8	JPN	Taishu SATO	173
9	ITA	Giorgio MALAN	173
10	ITA	Matteo CICINELLI	162
11	GER	Marvin DOGUE	159
12	EGY	Mohamed ELGENDY	157
13	FRA	Valentin PRADES	155
14	FRA	Jean-Baptiste MOURCIA	154
15	POL	Kamil KASPERCZAK	153
16	EGY	Mohanad SHABAN	144
17	CHN	Shuai LUO	144
18	GER	Fabian LIEBIG	135
19	CZE	Martin VLACH	135
20	POL	Lukasz GUTKOWSKI	133

WOMEN			
RANK	NATION	NAME	POINTS
1	KOR	Seungmin SEONG	216
2	HUN	Blanka GUZI	201
3	TUR	Ilke OZYUKSEL	190
4	LTU	Gintare VENCKAUSKAITE	188
5	HUN	Michelle GULYAS	184
6	AIN	Mariya GNEDTCHIK	183
7	GBR	Kerenza BRYSON	174
8	FRA	Elodie CLOUVEL	173
9	EGY	Salma ABDELMAKSOU	170
10	KOR	Sunwoo KIM	167
11	HUN	Rita ERDOS	160
12	ITA	Elena MICHELI	156
13	ITA	Alice SOTERO	155
14	SUI	Anna JURT	153
15	EGY	Malak ISMAIL	150
16	CZE	Lucie HLAVACKOVA	142
17	GBR	Emma WHITAKER	135
18	HUN	Blanka BAUER	133
19	FRA	Marie OTEIZA	132
20	GBR	Kate FRENCH	131

The latest UIPM World Rankings, World Cup Rankings and Olympic Games Rankings are all available at www.pentathlon.org



Baron Pierre de Coubertin

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

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