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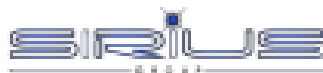


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73RD UIPM CONGRESS: SPECIAL EDITION



The newly-elected UIPM President, Rob Stull, is congratulated by outgoing UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann (left) and outgoing 1st Vice President Juan Antonio Samaranch after a dramatic election on the first day of the 73rd UIPM Congress in Riyadh (KSA) on November 16.





Incoming and outgoing members of the UIPM Executive Board gather after the elections at the 73rd UIPM Congress in Riyadh (KSA). Left to right: Barry Tompkins, Leila Gyenesei, Jorge Salas OLY, Ana Irene Delgado, Kitty Chiller OLY, Martin Dawe, Helio Meirelles, Shiny Fang, outgoing UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann (now UIPM Honorary President), new UIPM President Rob Stull OLY, John Helmick, Andrea Dell'Amore, Sylvestre Zare, Viacheslav Malishev, Christian Roudaut, Yasser Hefny OLY, Janusz Peciak OLY, Jawid Khawar, Dongkook Chung

73rd UIPM Congress: Robert Stull OLY (USA) elected UIPM President for four-year term until 2028

Robert Stull OLY of United States has been elected to serve as President of the Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne (UIPM).

Mr Stull took over from Dr Klaus Schormann on November 18 and he will serve for four years until 2028, a tenure that will include the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games taking place in his home country.

Known universally as 'Rob', the new President's election came after an extraordinarily dramatic first day of the 73rd UIPM Congress. And the second day in Riyadh (KSA) also proved to be highly

significant. A new-look Executive Board will accompany President Stull into a new era for Modern Pentathlon after another day of intensive discussion and decision-making saw four new Vice Presidents elected.

Nothing could compare, however, with the drama of the election of a Presidential successor to Dr Schormann.

In the first round, Sharif El Erian OLY of Egypt won 42 votes, Stull (USA) won 38 and Joel Bouzou OLY of France was eliminated after winning 22 votes.

In the second round, El Erian (EGY) again scored the highest with 51 votes, one more than the 50 votes of Stull (USA), with one abstention. This caused loud celebrations and congratulations

from supporters of the UIPM Vice President, but according to Article 10.2 of the UIPM Election Rules, where the rule of absolute majority applies:

"Absolute majority" requires the successful candidate to receive at least one more than half of the total number of votes cast. In assessing the total number of votes cast in relation to a requirement for an absolute majority, odd numbers are to be rounded up.

A third round of voting was organised, and this time Stull (USA) won 53 votes against 48 for El Erian (EGY), with one abstention.

President Stull enjoys the distinction of being a two-sport Olympian, having competed for the United States in

both Fencing and Modern Pentathlon across four Olympics. Having been President of the NORCECA (North America, Central America & Caribbean) Confederation since 2016, the 64-year-old became the unofficial 'voice of the sport' in recent years by working as a competition announcer all around the world.

Following his successful election, President Stull said: "First and foremost, I want to thank the other candidates. They are class acts and their life stories are incredible, so I think the voters couldn't go wrong.

"It was a great race and it was like a sporting event. It's the capstone of my career, for sure. I started in Modern Pentathlon when I was 17

and here I am. The shoes that I have to fill are impossible to fill, and I'm grateful to President Klaus Schormann for everything he has done for our movement.

"It hasn't sunk in yet. The rules are the rules and, at the end of the day, that's the way it went. There was a five-vote margin at the end, which is still very close.

"We have to get right to work, because Paris 2024 was phenomenal for Modern Pentathlon. The bar has been raised, and we have to meet that bar. We will get straight to work.

"It's exciting with the new fifth discipline, and it's here now. There are more opportunities for Modern Pentathlon

now. Every sport has to innovate, but we have done that innovation and now it's time to reap the rewards. I will man the helm and we will work with a great team and go from there."

The outgoing President, Dr Klaus Schormann, added: "Today at the end of the first day of our Congress in Riyadh, we saw a very fair contest between three candidates for UIPM President. They competed with each other as athletes and in this election they said, 'OK, now we have another competition'.

"After three rounds we had the winner, Rob Stull. I think all three had a lot of qualities but it's very fitting that we have the Olympic Games in Los Angeles, in 2028, and this can help the Union in





Votes are cast during the election of the UIPM Executive Board Member for Sport during the 73rd UIPM Congress, which took place in Riyadh (KSA).

the way that we are working with the Organising Committee and the US Olympic & Paralympic Committee.

"Rob has a lot of experience based on having been at almost all competitions in recent years, so he knows the grassroots, he knows the leaders, he knows all about the changes in our sport and it's important that the leader has this deep knowledge. He is a well-connected, friendly person and that's what you need to be a President.

"I really mean it, Rob is a very open-minded person and we know that all the nations that supported him will give him big support. At the same time, all those who voted for Sharif will also be respectful and working closely with Rob.

"I wish him good luck, and I offer to him that in whatever position I will fulfil in future, I will always be available to help. I will continue in that way, I spent my whole life on that, and will not disappear."

A day later, once everyone had caught their breath, fresh ideas, energy and optimism flowed around in the

Future events and competition venues

UIPM Congress confirmed the award of competitions and events to the following host venues:

UIPM 2025 Biathlon-Triathlon World Championships
Mossel Bay (RSA)

UIPM 2026 Biathlon-Triathlon and Laser Run World Championships
Funchal, Madeira (POR)

UIPM 2026 Obstacle Laser Run World Championships
Soma Bay (EGY)

UIPM 2026 Pentathlon Junior and U17 World Championships
Druskininkai (LTU)

UIPM 2026 Congress
Budapest (HUN)

Congress Room as office-bearers were elected to serve for four years that will cover the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games, where the new Modern Pentathlon with Obstacle discipline will make its debut.

Only one of the incumbent Vice

Presidents, Sharif El Erian (EGY), was able to win the support of Congress as he secured the highest number of votes (74) following his slender defeat in the Presidential election.

Kitty Chiller OLY of Australia was next with 67 votes, marking an elevation to Vice President from her role as Oceania Confederation President. Dr Viacheslav Malishev of Georgia (66 votes) also gained a VP role as he moves up from Executive Board Member for Development.

Two new Vice Presidents were elected, ensuring that five continents would be represented at this level of the hierarchy: Dongkook Chung of Korea and Ana Irene Delgado of Panama secured 58 and 56 votes respectively, leaving the other seven candidates disappointed.

As the Executive Board elections continued, Congress continued to put its faith in new blood, starting with the election of Helio Meirelles of Brazil as Treasurer. Andrea Dell'Amore of Italy was elected as Member for Sport; Barry Tompkins of Canada as Member for Marketing; Leila Gyenesei of Hungary



UIPM President Robert Stull OLY (USA) addresses the gathered delegates at UIPM Congress.

as Member for Media and Jawid Khawar of Afghanistan as Member for Development.

The outgoing UIPM President, Dr Klaus Schormann, was elected by acclamation to serve as UIPM Honorary President, following his receipt of a Lifetime Achievement Award for Outstanding Leadership the previous night at the climax of the UIPM 2024 Annual Awards Gala.

The UIPM 2024 Congress approved the creation of a new Obstacle Commission to ensure that Obstacle sport is adequately developed and commercially exploited. UIPM Statutes were also rewritten in respect of Obstacle, namely article 2.3:

'UIPM Sports' encompass Modern Pentathlon and every combination of its disciplines outlined in article 2.2, as

well as obstacle sport. This includes Tetrathlon (and four disciplines), Triathlon (swimming, laser run or any three disciplines), Obstacle Laser Run, Biathlon (continuous run/swim), Laser Run (a combined event of running and laser shooting), and standalone disciplines of Obstacle sport.

Congress also approved the membership of Cook Islands as a new National Federation and decided on a range of motions relating to:

- UIPM Statutes
- UIPM Rules of Internal Organisation
- UIPM Election Rules
- UIPM Medical Rules
- Para Sport Regulations
- Biathlon/Triathlon Competition Rules and Laser Run Guidelines
- Modern Pentathlon Competition Rules

73rd UIPM Congress Election Results

UIPM President
Robert Stull (United States)

UIPM Vice Presidents

- Kitty Chiller (Australia)
- Dongkook Chung (Korea)
- Ana Irene Delgado (Panama)
- Sharif El Erian (Egypt)
- Viacheslav Malishev (Georgia)

UIPM Treasurer
Helio Meirelles (Brazil)

UIPM Executive Board Member for Sport
Andrea Dell'Amore (Italy)

UIPM Executive Board Member for Development
Jawid Khawar (Afghanistan)

UIPM Executive Board Member for Marketing
Barry Tompkins (Canada)

UIPM Executive Board Member for Media
Leila Gyenesei (Hungary)

Technical Committee

- Changsik An (Korea)
- Ali Assem (Egypt)
- Agnes Kulcsar (Hungary)
- Rui Lucena (Portugal)
- Ana Ruth Orellana (Guatemala)
- Leonid Zimarev (Kazakhstan)

Medical Committee

- Dr Dapeng Bao (China)
- Dr Bassel Jamil (Syria)
- Dr Marco Michelucci (Brazil)
- Dr Douglass Stull (United States)
- Dr Moussa Tadros (Egypt)

Business Affairs Committee

- Emir Basar (Türkiye)
- Andris Feldmanis (Latvia)
- Theodora Palli (Greece)
- Peter Vizkeleti (Hungary)



UIPM 2024 Annual Awards



Paris 2024 Olympic champion Ahmed Elgendy (EGY) collects his award after being named as 2024 Senior Male Pentathlete of the Year

Gulyas (HUN), Seong (KOR) and Elgendy (EGY) among the winners at UIPM Annual Awards

On a historic weekend for the future of UIPM, the recent past was also the focus as Modern Pentathlon's brightest and best were honoured for a remarkable 2024 season of action.

At the annual Awards Gala held in Riyadh (KSA) to coincide with the 73rd UIPM Congress, Paris 2024 Olympic champions Ahmed Elgendy (EGY) and Michelle Gulyas (HUN), as well as bronze medalist Seungmin Seong (KOR) were among those honoured.

Seong (KOR) was on hand to collect

the 2024 Senior Female Pentathlete of the Year award, which she shared with rival Gulyas (HUN). The Hungarian was irrepresible in a brilliant performance in the Women's Final at the Paris 2024 Games.

However Seong (KOR) took a historic Olympic bronze in Versailles and ends 2024 atop the UIPM World Rankings after winning gold at the UIPM 2024 Pentathlon World Championships as well as twice finding the podium during UIPM 2024 Pentathlon World Cups.

On the men's side there was less room for debate. Elgendy (EGY) started and finished the season as a gold medalist, winning the year's opening World

Cup on home soil in Cairo (EGY) and then storming to glory in Paris (FRA) to become the first African athlete to be crowned Olympic champion in Pentathlon. He too ends the year atop the UIPM World Rankings. The full list of award winners was:

UIPM Pierre de Coubertin Medal
Alain Lunzenfichter (FRA)

UIPM Medal of Honour
• Ivar Sisniega OLY
• Vladimir Miller

UIPM Hall of Fame
Juan Antonio Samaranch Jr

2024 Best Emerging Organiser



World No.1 Seungmin Seong (KOR) collects her prize after she shared the honour of 2024 Senior Female Pentathlete of the Year with Michelle Gulyas (HUN)

Lithuania: UIPM 2024 Pentathlon U19 World Championships

2024 Best Promoted Competition
Egypt: UIPM 2024 Pentathlon Junior World Championships

2024 Best Overall Competition
China: UIPM 2024 Pentathlon and Laser Run World Championships

2024 Coach of the Year
Balazs Geleta (HUN)

UIPM 2024 Fair Play Award
• Rex de la Cruz (PHI)
• Seungmin Seong (KOR)

2024 Modern Pentathlon Team of the Year
Egypt

2024 Junior Male Pentathlete of the Year
Moutaz Mohamed (EGY)

2024 Junior Female Pentathlete of the Year

Seungmin Seong (KOR)

2024 Senior Female Pentathletes of the Year

- Michelle Gulyas (HUN)
- Seungmin Seong (KOR)

2024 Senior Male Pentathlete of the Year
Ahmed Elgendy (EGY)

Lifetime Achievement Award for Outstanding Leadership
Dr Klaus Schormann





At the UIPM 2024 Annual Awards in the Saudi Arabian capital of Riyadh, outgoing UIPM 1st Vice President Juan Antonio Samaranch (ESP) presents outgoing UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann with a Lifetime Achievement Award for Outstanding Leadership.

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