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## IOC PRESIDENT MEETING



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and IOC President Dr Thomas Bach meet in Lausanne (SUI) - read more on Page 35. Credit: IOC/Christophe Moratal





## UIPM 2024 U19 Pentathlon World Championships



The phenomenal Farida Khalil (EGY) rounds off a stunning season by winning women's gold at the UIPM 2024 U19 Pentathlon World Championships

### Khalil's fantastic four helps to take brilliant Egypt to new heights in Druskininkai (LTU)

The astonishing Farida Khalil redefined what it means to be a Modern Pentathlon phenomenon as Egypt enjoyed dominated the podium at yet another global competition.

Six days of action at the UIPM 2024 Pentathlon U19 World Championships saw the North African powerhouse claim six gold medals – four of them thanks largely to an athlete who may just be the most exciting talent the sport has seen.

At the age of just 13, two-time

U17 world champion Khalil (EGY) converted her potential to claim the U19 Women's Individual crown but that was only a quarter of the medal yield as she also won gold in the Women's Relay, Women's Team and Mixed Relay categories for a perfect clean sweep.

The Egyptians also took home the Men's Relay and Men's Team titles for an incredible six golds – and they also managed to fit in an individual silver and bronze. The gold rush was only broken in the Men's Individual event where Taegyung Lim of Korea stormed to the title with an overall world record.

There were Team medals for Korea, Italy, Hungary and France, while

Czechia, Germany, Great Britain and Kazakhstan also enjoyed some podium time in the Relays.

In the spa town of Druskininkai, the Lithuanian Modern Pentathlon Federation showed its commitment to environmental sustainability with a tree-planting ceremony at the venue that will be followed by the planting of 1,500 trees next week in an area named 'Modern Pentathlon Forest'.

Local organisers estimated a saving of 19 tons of CO2 from this event and the UIPM Pentathlon Junior World Championships held in the same venue last year, with electric cars and reusable bottles among the initiatives.



All week long in the Lithuanian spa town of Druskininkai, performances over the Obstacle course reached record-breaking levels.

### Medallists' reaction

Women's Individual gold medallist Khalil (EGY) said: "I trained a lot to get myself into this position. I worked hard all year, to get the bronze medal at the Junior, then to get the gold medal at U17 and after that this was the last one, so to get this gold medal is to reach the targets."

"God gave me these gifts and I will do my best to get into this position to win prizes in higher categories. I am looking forward to the Seniors next year. I am proud of what I did and now look forward to a gold medal in Seniors and a gold medal at the LA28 Olympics."

Silver medallist Enayet (EGY) added: "This is so special to me. I wasn't expecting a medal in the U19 because this was my last year at U17 and I took 6th place overall there."

"I am so proud of myself and all my hard work all season. All of my team too have worked hard. This was most one of the most difficult Laser Runs that I have run. I didn't have time to warm up and my legs were hurting but I am grateful that I got this result."

Men's Individual silver medallist Agavriiloaie (ITA) said: "It was a very difficult race, especially after my Fencing where I got 27th place. It was not very good. Then with the Obstacle and the Swimming I got 6th place and from there it was just all in, all I could do."

"It was very hard to maintain the pace of the run and to shoot well. I got 2nd place. It was very hard to maintain patience especially before the range, you have to concentrate a lot and stay focused. I am very grateful that my parents came here from Italy, this was incredible."

Bronze medallist Hassan (EGY) added: "I am good. That race was so hard. I gave it all that I had. The shooting wasn't good but I gave it all in the running."

"I started in 1st but my first shooting series wasn't good. Today wasn't my day in shooting and so I had to give a whole lot in running."

### Women's Relay

Jana Attia (EGY), 17, teamed up with Khalil (EGY) to claim the first gold medal of the competition having come from behind in Laser Run to consign Cansu Kurt and Nadja Farmand of Germany to silver, with bronze going to Hungary duo Dora Krall and Reka Nyerges.

### Men's Relay

In another hotly-contested category – more than 30 teams competed on the first day in Druskininkai (LTU) – Mohamed Hassan (EGY) and Osama







Action from the piste as rivals face off during the Fencing discipline at the UIPM 2024 Pentathlon U19 World Championships

Zaki (EGY) held off the Czechia duo of Matej Kornel and Tobias Raska to triumph in the Men's Relay with Danil Bogdanov and Lev Chuvashov of Kazakhstan taking the third place on the podium.

**Women's Final**

The coronation of Khalil (EGY) as U19 as well as U17 world champion proved to be a procession, but behind her the fight for medals was fierce with compatriot Alia Enayet (EGY) adding a silver having held off a strong finish by Coline Flavin (FRA) with team-mates Linda Haraszin (HUN) and European champion Zora Zeman (HUN) not far behind.

Khalil (EGY) had started as she meant to continue by topping the leaderboard in

the Fencing Ranking Round, scoring 25 victories from her 35 bouts with Flavin (FRA), Enayet (EGY) and Anastasija Kancyte of Lithuania in close pursuit. Khalil (EGY) then won the final bout in the Bonus Round to stretch her lead.

As is becoming a trend, athletes from Germany shone brightest in Obstacle. Kurt (GER) was fastest over the course in 27.88sec, followed by compatriot Charlotte Keister (GER). Khalil (EGY) finished 9th-fastest to maintain the overall lead.

Wakana Uchiyama of Japan had set a new U19 world record in Swimming during qualification and was just 0.08 slower in the Final with a time of 2min 09.09sec. Martina Rutkauska (LTU) stoked the home fans with a 2:13 but

the consistency of Khalil (EGY) saw her finish 4th-fastest and take a 32sec lead into Laser Run.

With progressive shooting times of 16-12-9.3-7.3, Khalil (EGY) warmed to the task of protecting her advantage and she finally sealed gold by a margin of 22sec. Behind her, the fight for silver and bronze took its time to develop but turned into a gripping battle on the final lap as Enayet (EGY) managed to hold off Flavin (FRA) and Haraszin (HUN), who jumped from 10th to 4th. Fastest across the course was Agathe Chastagner (FRA), who scorched to a 11:31.72 to finish 7th.

**Men's Final**

Could all-conquering Egypt execute a clean sweep of the gold medals?



Everything that goes up must come down as judges keep a watchful eye during the Obstacle discipline of the Men's individual competition

Hassan (EGY) suggested that such a feat might be within reach as he led in Laser Run, only to be reeled in by the sharp shooting of Lim (KOR), who proved to be the only athlete who could stand in the way of the dominant team. Denis Agavriiloaie (ITA) shook off a slow start to storm to silver ahead of an exhausted Hassan (EGY).

Jack Murray of Great Britain joined Hassan (EGY) and Osama Zaki (EGY) at the apex of a very competitive Fencing Ranking Round, scoring 23V/12D

before taking four bonus points. Jhon De Lima Xavier of Brazil was the star of the Bonus Round with a superb run of eight victories.

In Obstacle, German prowess was again evident as Platon Iefremenko (GER) led the way with a new U19 world record of 22.15. Agavriiloaie (ITA) was another to take advantage, 3rd-fastest in 23.98 with Hassan (EGY) in close pursuit on 24.06.

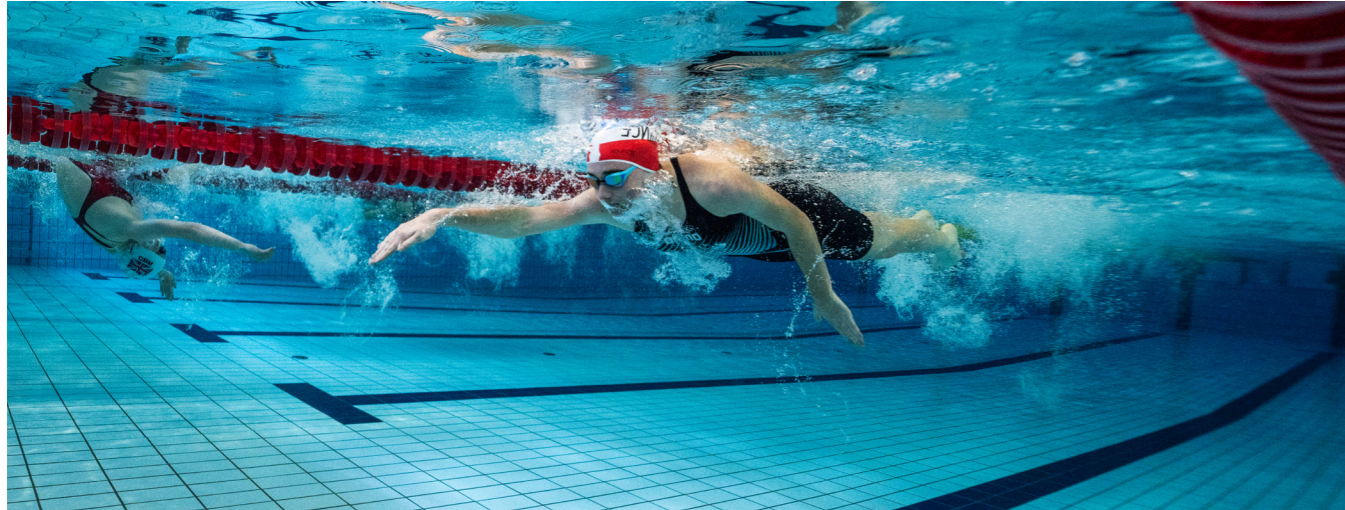
Making up for what looked to be a

debilitating performance in Fencing, when he was 27th overall, Agavriiloaie (ITA) powered through the pool in the day's fastest time of 2:01.05 to bring himself back into contention. The Korean contingent crept further up too with Lim (KOR) 13th-fastest in 2:06.38, split second behind teammate Minjin Heo (KOR).

Hassan (EGY) started 9sec clear of Murray (GBR) but with 30sec separating the top 13 starters, Laser Run was destined to be tight. Lim (KOR) and







Striving for every advantage above and below the water's surface as female competitors face off during the Swimming discipline.

Heo (KOR) made their move at the second shoot, only for Hassan (EGY) to retain his lead on the third 600m run. A 6.86sec shoot at the third visit to the range proved decisive for Lim (KOR) and he finally prevailed by 6sec from Agavrioloaie (ITA).

Hassan (EGY) held off compatriot Sief Soliman (EGY) and a quite stunning performance from Oleg Rybak of Ukraine, who set a new U19 World record in a breathtaking time of

9:48.40 to jump 29 places to 5th, to seal a hard-earned bronze.

**Mixed Relay**

The blindingly bright future of Egypt's next generation of pentathletes was again all too clear as Khalil (EGY) and Hassan (EGY) combined to deliver yet a sixth gold medal for their team on the final day.

The second step on the podium was taken by Flavin (FRA) and Karl Furderer

(FRA), who fought hard to reel in the unstoppable champions. Behind them, Chloe Johnson (GBR) and Sebastian Forrest (GBR) earned their team a first medal of the week.

**World record progression**

This was the second year U19 athletes have taken part in a full Pentathlon, thanks to the introduction of Obstacle alongside Fencing, Swimming and Laser Run. The following eight world records were broken during the



Taegyung Lim (KOR) broke up the Egyptian domination of the top spot on the podium as he roared to gold at UIPM 2024 U19 World Championships

competition in Druskininkai (LTU):

**Women's Overall**

- 1,395 points – Farida Khalil (EGY), Qualification
- 1,427 points – Farida Khalil (EGY), Final

**Women's Obstacle**

- 27.62sec – Alexandra Fernandes (CZE), Qualification

**Women's Swimming**

- 2min 09.01sec – Wakana Uchiyama (JPN), Qualification

**Men's Overall**

- 1,521 points – Taegyung Lim (KOR), Final

**Men's Obstacle**

- 23.23sec – Lukas Lagunavicius (LTU), Qualification
- 22.15sec – Platon Iefremenko (GER), Final

**Men's Laser Run**

- 9min 48.40sec – Oleg Rybak (UKR), Final

**UIPM reaction**

UIPM Executive Board Member for Media, Andrejus Zadneprovskis, said: "I am delighted with the success of the UIPM Pentathlon U19 World Championships in beautiful Druskininkai, where we witnessed many memorable performances.

"Congratulations to the prolific Egypt team, as well as the athletes from Korea and Kazakhstan and several European countries that showed how well they have adapted to the new format of Fencing, Obstacle, Swimming and Laser Run in two seasons.

"The competition was held in a friendly spirit as we look ahead to a sustainable future for Modern Pentathlon – a point underlined by the hosting National Federation in its commitment to environmental sustainability. We congratulate all athletes, coaches, judges and volunteers who combined to make this a very special week in Lithuania."



Farida Khalil (EGY) leads the medallists during the ceremony for the Women's Final.



Taegyung Lim (KOR) stands proudly atop the podium after the Men's Final in Druskininkai (LTU).



Egypt toast yet another gold medal after the Mixed Relay.





# UIPM 2024 Biathlon/Triathlon World Championships



Athletes of all ages went toe to toe across the golden sands of Port Said (EGY) at the UIPM 2024 Biathlon/Triathlon World Championships

## African nations dominate proceedings on the hot golden sands of Port Said (EGY)

Spectacular Mediterranean sunshine, gripping competition and friendship were a constant feature of the UIPM 2024 Biathlon/Triathlon World Championships on the hot sands of Port Fouad City.

Six hundred athletes from 28 countries made their way to the Egyptian resort, competing in Mixed Relay and Individual categories from Under 9 to Masters 70+ at the Arab Academy for Science, Technology & Maritime Transport.

Competitors showed tenacity to

overcome the soft, hot sand of the running course while mastering the sea swim and laser shooting elements.

Host nation Egypt, continental rivals South Africa and Japan enjoyed considerable success in the youth categories, while South Africa also led the way alongside Spain and Germany in Masters, while Kazakhstan and Mexico enjoyed notable successes at senior level.

The competition in Port Said (EGY) also incorporated a combined UIPM Para Sports World Championships, with more than 40 athletes competing in Para Laser Run, Para Biathlon and Para Triathlon.

## Biathlon Mixed Relay

On day one there was a familiar look to the medal rush as South Africa dominated proceedings in the Biathlon Mixed Relay.

Across all age grades from U11 up to Masters 60+, the South African flag was raised early and often. However, the first gold medal of the day went to the host nation when the youngest competitors of all went toe to toe and Asia Abdo (EGY) Ammar Fawzy (EGY) teamed up to top the podium.

In the Senior competition there were heart-warming scenes on the finishing line as siblings Tauset and Marco Lopez (MEX) combined to secure a gold medal that became an instant family treasure.



Old friends and new reconnected with friendly competition the order of the day all the way up to the Masters 70+ competition.

There was a major upset in the U15 race where the hottest young talent in Modern Pentathlon, Farida Khalil (EGY), was carrying home hopes. However, the reigning U17 and U19 individual world champion had to settle for bronze as the Japanese stunned both of the African powers with Wakana Uchiyama (JPN) and Rian Suzuki (JPN) sprinting to a dramatic gold in the finishing straight.

## Triathlon Mixed Relay

The Egyptians were typically dominant in the youngest age groups, winning comfortably at U9 and U11, but there was a fierce race at U13 where Keyla Douglas (RSA) and Wanru Hassbroek (RSA) prevailed by 4sec over Hagar Mohamed (EGY) and Malek Ibrahim (EGY), with the Türkiye duo of Melis Tusem Erim and Ugur Ucar not far back in bronze.

On to U15 and for the second consecutive day, Japan (Uchiyama/Suzuki) demonstrated their prowess, with Uchiyama (JPN) particularly strong in her Swimming and Suzuki (JPN) showing all-round ability as they clinched another mixed gold.

Egypt added another crown in the U17 race but Kazakhstan proved very dominant at U19, where Alexandra Sharayeva and Nikita Dubinskiy left their rivals trailing. The host nation took revenge with the Junior crown thanks to Habiba Ramadan (EGY) and Youssef Amer (EGY), only for the Central Asian powerhouse to strike back, claiming senior gold with a brilliant victory for Anel Issabayeva (KAZ) and Ayan Beisenbayev (KAZ) holding off Team Lopez (MEX).

For the second day in a row, Spain secured success in the oldest age

category (Masters 60+) thanks to the evergreen Eva Granda and Francisco Carnero Alonso.

## Triathlon Individual

Tara Schwulst (RSA) and Beisenbayev (KAZ) became senior Triathlon world champions at the climax of a gripping third day as the athletes strained every sinew for individual recognition.

Schwulst (RSA) fought off the challenge of Issabayeva (KAZ) and Julia Dale of Monaco to win the women's title, before Beisenbayev (KAZ) proved too good for team-mate Temirlan Temirov (KAZ) and Marco Lopez (MEX).

One of the highlights of day three was a captivating U15 race between Megan Kleynhans (RSA), Zoe Morgado (RSA) and the home favourite, 13-year-old Khalil (EGY).







While the Mediterranean offered a little respite from the heat the competition hardly cooled down as the race for medals continued to the very end.

Khalil (EGY) was impeded by an Egyptian athlete who strayed off course in the second swim, effectively ending her title chances, but she hung on to bronze as Kleynhans (RSA) used her long legs to good effect on the sand to fend off the challenge of Morgado (RSA).

At U9, U11, U13 and U17, Egypt won seven of the eight titles on offer, while Berker Deveci (TUR) and Linda Haraszin of Hungary broke the African

dominance at U15 and U19 level respectively.

Corne Lotz (RSA) led a South African 1-2-3 at Masters 50+ while the joy of lifelong participation was beautifully expressed by the elders of the field, Masters 70+ winners Emily Lean See Freund (GER) and Johan Windt (RSA). The Spanish team enjoyed more success at Masters 60+ thanks to Granda (ESP) and Carnero Alonso (ESP).

**Biathlon Individual**

On day four, the female U15 conquest came down to the same three protagonists and it went almost the same way, with Kleynhans (RSA) claiming another gold and this time Khalil (EGY) taking silver ahead of Morgado (RSA).

There was another intriguing race at U19 as Loghan Alexandra Gray (RSA) held off a strong challenge from silver medallist Petrova (KAZ) and bronze



Action from the shooting range as Triathlon captures the attention at the UIPM 2024 Biathlon/Triathlon World Championships.



The combinations of Swimming, Running and Shooting brought out the best in all ages of competitor.

medallist Haraszin (HUN). And the South Africans totally dominated the senior event with Bianca Strydom (RSA) defeating Annika Strydom (RSA) by just 3sec with Schwulst (RSA) picking up bronze and Melissa Meyer (RSA)

finishing 4th. There was success for Japan and Mexico in the male under-age categories, as well as Egypt and South Africa, but the senior men's Biathlon was controlled by Kazakhstan as Beisenbayev (KAZ) led a 1-2-3 ahead

of Temirov (KAZ) and Meirlan Iskakov (KAZ).

This confirmed Beisenbayev (KAZ) as a double individual world champion for the second time, two years after he claimed both titles in Machico (POR). He also won Biathlon gold and Triathlon silver in 2021 in Weiden (GER) and now can be considered one of the all-time Biathlon/Triathlon greats with five individual gold medals.

**Para World Championships**

Port Said (EGY) provided a stunning backdrop for the second UIPM Para Biathlon/Triathlon World Championships. This year, the host country also introduced the UIPM Para Laser Run World Championships, adding to the excitement.

Egypt showcased a strong and diverse para team with more than 40 athletes competing against participants from France and South Africa.

In conjunction with the World







There were thrills and spills with the will to win of all competitors on display early and often in the picturesque surrounds of Port Said (EGY).

Championships, the UIPM Para Pentathlon Commission hosted a comprehensive para classification training session led by Dr Roberto Nahon. Several classifiers from various countries, including Egypt, Türkiye and South Africa, became UIPM International Classifiers.

**Champions' reaction:**

Loghan Alexandra Gray (RSA) said after the Biathlon U19 Mixed Relay: "I think before the race, mentally, running on the sand was not feeling good in my head. During the race the sand was so tough but then I got to the front and mentally I was so much better."

Teammate WJ Kruger (RSA) added: "Especially when I saw how big of a lead she had gotten me, I knew that



Pride and prizes on show as Egypt, South Africa and Hungary toast medal success.

I could not let her down. If I let her down, it's basically throwing away all of her hard work."

Tauset Lopez (MEX) said after the

Biathlon Senior Mixed Relay: "I am very happy for this result and for competing with my brother."

Teammate Marco Lopez (MEX) added:



The performance of the host nation kept local energy high as Egyptian competitors continued what has been a stellar season across UIPM competitions.

"It feels really good to compete with my sister. I want to thank our family and everyone who has helped us."

Ghazi Mahmoud (EGY) said after the Triathlon U13 Individual: "I had a lot of obstacles throughout the season and I'm very proud that I overcame them. I want to thank God and I'm really blessed, I want to thank my family and friends and all my coaches who were really committed throughout the

season. I proved myself to everyone who was doubting me."

Oday Teailab (EGY) said after the Triathlon Individual U13: "I want to thank God for everything. Last year I had an injury the whole season. I want to thank my mother, my coaches and my friends, and I am thankful that I finished first."

Megan Kleynhans (RSA) said after the

Triathlon Individual U15: "The sand here is quite hard to run on, and in this heat, but it's the same for everyone – everyone is in the same boat. It's about who has the strongest mindset out here. I want to get into the Modern Pentathlon circuit, it looks fun and joyful."

Linda Haraszin (HUN) said after the Triathlon Individual U19: "It was a pleasure being here and I enjoyed it







A competitor from Japan looks to keep her eyes locked on the task at hand at the shooting range during Triathlon competition.

so much. Everyone has been great and I'm so happy. I think my shooting was good because in the warm-up it wasn't the same. We are so proud of Michelle being an Olympic gold medalist, and it's really motivating being a Hungarian pentathlete right now."

Ayan Beisenbayev (KAZ) said after the Biathlon Individual Senior: "It's an amazing feeling to become a triple winner, so I'm very, very happy. Today our team won gold, silver and bronze – we trained so long for this event and our coach said before we started: we can win if we work together like a team. So we did it. Thank you for this event – I'm very happy to be part of it."

Corne Lotz (RSA) said after the Triathlon Individual Masters 50+: "I'm really happy because it's my first individual gold in Triathlon. I was a bit worried about my legs this morning, and the nerves, and also the fresh athletes I participated against, but I prayed to the Lord to give me fresh legs and He



At the finish line, the community aspect of this special competition is all too clear.



Port Said (EGY) provided a stunning backdrop to every day of competition with all entrants fighting to the very end.

pulled me through. It feels great. I try to keep the body young, which is why we get the niggles. We're in it to try to win it. I'm glad that we are still able to do it."

**UIPM reaction**

UIPM Executive Board Member and Athletes Committee Chair, Yasser Hefny OLY, said: "The UIPM 2024 Biathlon/Triathlon World Championships started with a press conference attended by the Minister of Youth and Sports, Dr Ashraf Sobhy, and the Governor of Port Said, Mr Adel El Ghaban, followed by a grand opening ceremony featuring

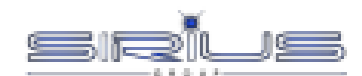
folkloric shows and a flag parade.

"The event included exciting competitions for different age groups, characterised by fearless and fair competition. The exceptionally high level of racing and the participation of nations from around the world showcased the bright future of UIPM Sports.

"It was a remarkable and spirited event, and I am immensely proud of all the participants. Let's continue to strive for excellence, and we look forward

to further advancement and growth in the Biathlon, Triathlon and Para Sport categories, as these are the grassroots for our future pentathletes."

UIPM Para Pentathlon Commission Chair, Andrew Collings, said: "This was the largest competitor start line of any Para World Championship in UIPM's history. The host country and event organisers should be proud of a successful event that marks a significant step towards the future growth of the para movement in World Pentathlon."





# PARA SPORTS SPOTLIGHT



UIPM Head of Classification Dr. Roberto Nahon and Para Pentathlon Advisor Dr. Nic Robinson at IPC headquarters in Bonn (GER)

## 'Valuable experience' gained during annual IPC Classification meeting in Bonn (GER)

UIPM representatives were among a record number of attendees at the International Paralympic Committee Annual Classification meeting at IPC headquarters this month.

Over 140 representatives from Paralympic Sports International Federations, Recognised Paralympic Sports International Federations, National Paralympic Committee, IPC classification research teams and personnel attended the three-day meeting in Bonn, Germany. Representing the UIPM Para Commission was Head of Classification Dr Roberto Nahon and Para Pentathlon Advisor Dr Nic Robinson.

The meeting covered information on compliance of the new IPC Classification Codes which comes into effect in January 2025 as well as discussions on the implementation of the Code, classification education, and athlete support. There was also opportunities to share evidence-based research data and best practices.

UIPM Para Pentathlon Advisor Dr Nic Robinson said: "Being able to engage and network with the International Paralympic Committee Classification personnel across the world has been such a valuable experience.

"This allows for our continued progression in Para Pentathlon to align closely with the Paralympic movement. Important connections have also been established for the future projects

to create a valid, fair and inclusive Classification System within Modern Pentathlon."

## Landmark UIPM Para Classifier Education Course in Cairo (EGY)

The magical Mediterranean backdrop of Port Said (EGY) not only helped illuminate the action at the UIPM 2024 Biathlon/Triathlon World Championships. The blissful sunshine also added light to a special week for the Para Pentathlon community too.

This year, the host country also incorporated the UIPM Para Laser Run World Championships, adding to the excitement with significant growth and progress away from the competition too. UIPM, in collaboration with the Egyptian Modern Pentathlon



The comprehensive three-day course aimed to enhance understanding and implementation of new classification rules among classifiers.

Federation, successfully held the inaugural UIPM Para Classifier Education Course in Cairo (EGY) prior to both championships in Port Said and it proved a milestone gathering on multiple fronts.

This three-day course aimed to enhance understanding around new classification rules among classifiers, reflecting UIPM's ongoing commitment to the development of para sports.

The course attracted classifiers from various countries, including Afghanistan, Iran, Türkiye, South Africa as well as the host nation, Egypt. Participants engaged in both theoretical and practical sessions, culminating in the awarding of Trainee Classifier Certification and International Classifier Level 1 Certification.

Over two days of practical training, more than 40 athletes with diverse disabilities underwent classification and re-classification, embodying the course's goal of fostering inclusion in Modern Pentathlon.

Dr. Roberto Nahon, UIPM Head of

Classification, led the educational efforts, providing classifiers with essential knowledge and skills necessary for para classification. The program's design aligns with UIPM's broader vision to promote equitable participation in sports, ensuring all athletes have access to fair opportunities within the competitive framework.

The UIPM Para Commission plays a pivotal role in integrating para-athletes into the pentathlon community, fostering growth and inclusion in preparation for future Paralympic events. Its mission is to build awareness, improve classification procedures, and ultimately secure a meaningful representation of para-Modern Pentathlon within the Paralympic Games.

Jawid Khawar, a participant from Afghanistan, said: "This classification course helped me, and my fellow classifiers gain a deeper understanding of para classification. It is crucial for promoting para-athlete participation and enhancing the visibility of Pentathlon in the Paralympic Games.

Sport is a fundamental human right, and everyone should have the opportunity to participate without barriers."

Khaled Hamdy, a distinguished Para Laser Run and Biathlon/Triathlon World Champion, said: "I am encouraged by the improvements in UIPM para classification standards. This specificity helps me compete against athletes with comparable disabilities, making the competition more equitable. My initial classification took place in Bath prior to the UIPM 2023 Para Laser Run World Championships, and with the updated UIPM rules, I experienced a reclassification that better reflects these specific needs."

Dr. Roberto Nahon, UIPM Head of Classification said: "This course marks a significant stride toward inclusivity in Modern Pentathlon, reinforcing the commitment to empowering para athletes worldwide. With continued efforts and collaboration, UIPM aims to secure a prominent role for para Modern Pentathlon in future Paralympic events. My sincere thanks to all who helped make this event happen and to all who took part."





# DEVELOPMENT SPOTLIGHT



Tom Toolis, Pentathlon GB coach and camp instructor, puts participants through their paces during the UIPM 2024 Asia Development Camp.

## First ever UIPM Asia Development Camp a huge hit with athletes from 10 different nations

Athletes from ten Asian nations – Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Nepal, Mongolia, Kyrgyzstan and the Philippines – gathered in Ormoc City (PHI) for the UIPM 2024 Asia Development Camp, a first-of-its-kind high-level training camp organised by the global federation.

Aiming to expand Modern Pentathlon’s reach in a continent which has seen hugely successful and sustained growth, the initiative aimed to build on development across Asia and empower future athletes and coaches.

The camp, which focused on skills-building, youth engagement, and regional collaboration, fostering cross-

cultural exchange and mutual learning, was organized through the IOC Youth Athlete Development Program, with participating countries prioritized based on the IOC criteria list.

The camp’s primary goal was to enhance athletes’ abilities across modern pentathlon disciplines, including the new Obstacle event. It also aimed to inspire athletes to pursue pentathlon professionally, set career goals, and bring home valuable training methodologies and knowledge.

The camp’s objectives align closely with UIPM’s 5E Strategy for global development: Education, Equality, Equipment, Empowerment and Expansion. Athletes gained insights from coaches and instructors, while organizers and coaches learned from the athletes. Beyond the training sessions, Anfisa Kasyanova, UIPM

Education and Project Manager and certified Athlete365 Educator, led self-discovery workshops for the athletes and integrated Olympic Values Education Programme (OVEP) activities into both training and outside.

Over five days, athletes completed 16 focused training sessions led by UIPM Level 3 coach, Tom Toolis, also a coach for Pentathlon GB. Toolis’s expertise ensured that athletes at various skill levels received effective, individualised guidance, overcoming challenges in each pentathlon discipline.

Following the camp, athletes participated in the SEA/Asian Laser Run Championships, applying newly acquired skills, testing themselves in the competitive environment and fresh goals for improvement in running and shooting.



Athletes who had taken part in the UIPM 2024 Asia Development Camp immediately put their practice to work at the Asian Laser Run Championships.

The camp’s potential impact on Modern Pentathlon in Asia is already apparent given it has developed new talent pipelines, raised coaching standards and fostered a connected, enthusiastic community for future events. Participants remain active in communication channels, and UIPM plans to hold online follow-up sessions to support their progress and engagement.

Athletes who took part were effusive in their praise for the course. Rahul Darshan from Nepal said: “The camp helps us know, build relations with various nations and people. It also challenges us to improve ourselves, having camps like these builds up a person to become more confident and happy.”

Marites Nocyao from the Philippines added: “The camp offered a perfect blend of skill development and fun. The coaches were knowledgeable and supportive, helping athletes of all levels improve in their disciplines. The lectures on Olympic values were truly inspiring. I especially appreciated the opportunity to make new friends and

learn from diverse backgrounds. I can’t wait to apply what I’ve learned!”

Tom Toolis, Pentathlon GB coach and training camp instructor said: “The recent camp was an incredible opportunity to upskill and educate a broad range of Asian nations that have aspirations to compete at the highest level in Modern Pentathlon.”

Anfisa Kasyanova, UIPM Education and Project Manager, training camp coordinator and educator, said: “The UIPM 2024 Asia Development Camp marked a significant milestone in advancing Modern Pentathlon across Asia. Athletes gained invaluable insights from UIPM Coach Instructor Tom Toolis, as well as from each other, fostering a true sense of community.”

## 2024 Asian Laser Run Championships: Filipino power comes to the fore in Ormoc City (PHI)

The 2024 Asian Laser Run Championships took place in Ormoc City, Philippines, from October 26 to 28. The event was held at the “Oval,” a popular venue within Ormoc

City Central School that serves as the primary training ground for Filipino pentathletes in the Laser Run discipline.

The championships followed the UIPM 2024 Asian Development Camp, with participants hailing from the nations represented at the camp: Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Nepal, Mongolia, Kyrgyzstan, and the Philippines and allowed them to immediately apply new skills in a competitive setting

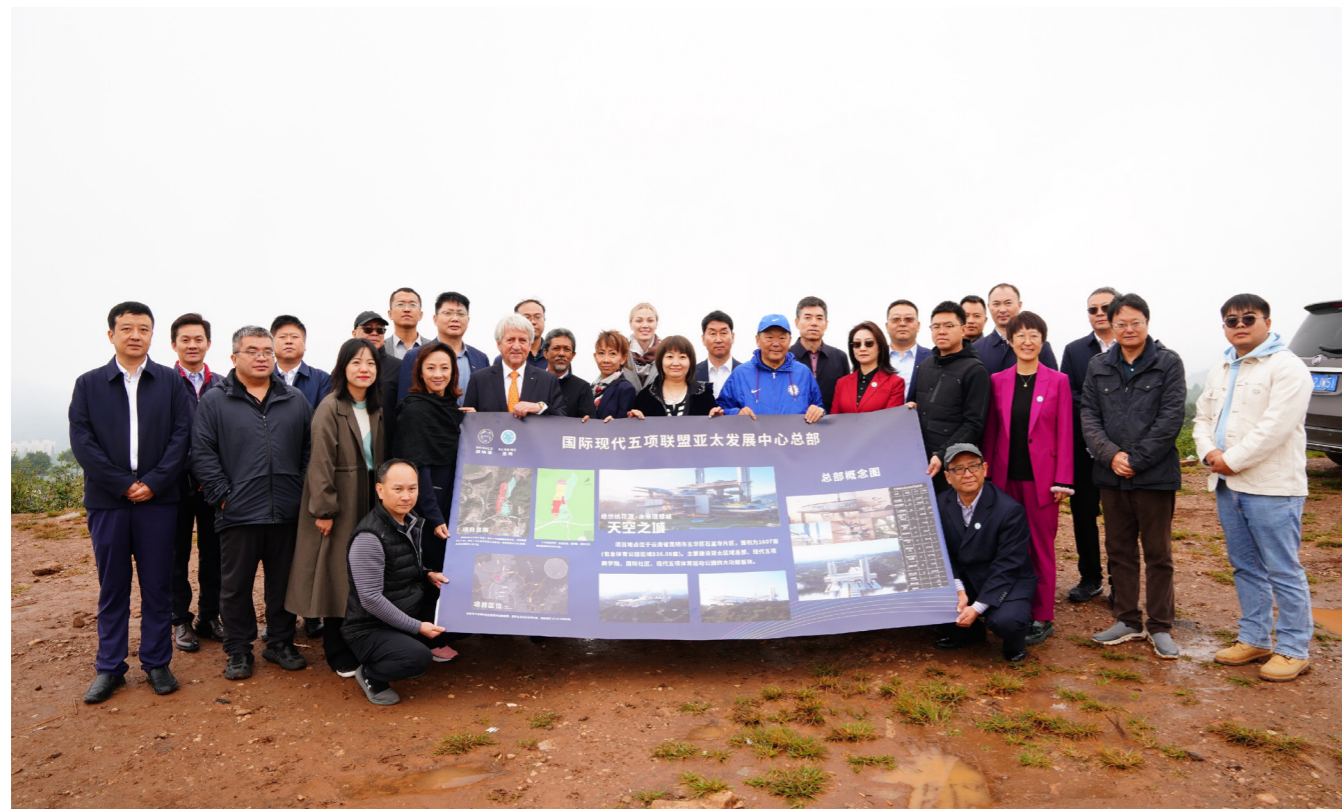
The competition program featured Laser Run races in various age categories – Senior (Open), Under 17, and Under 13 – for women, men, and Mixed Relay teams.

The championships featured strong Filipino athletes who recently represented the Philippines at the UIPM 2024 Laser Run World Championships in Zhengzhou (CHN). Sacay Melvin (PHI) won Men’s Senior gold with Sevilla Juliana Shane (PHI) taking Women’s honours. Competitors from Kyrgyzstan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Singapore all found their way on to the podium.





## News from around the world



The APDC, incorporating the UIPM Altitude Training Base and the UIPM Asia-Pacific International Event Centre, is seen as a transformative venture.

### Kunming (CHN) hosts ceremony to launch construction of UIPM Asia-Pacific Development Centre

An international ceremony has been held to mark the official launch of the UIPM Asia-Pacific Development Centre (APDC) construction project.

The APDC, incorporating the UIPM Altitude Training Base and UIPM Asia-Pacific International Event Centre, is seen as a transformative base for the UIPM Sports movement in China, the wider Asian continent and for the global athlete community.

Hosted by officials from Yunnan region provincial authorities, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and Secretary General Shiny Fang were joined at the ceremony and site visit by Asian Modern Pentathlon Confederation (AMPC) Vice President Cassandro Choh (also

President of the Singapore Modern Pentathlon Association) and AMPC Secretary General Sangkeong Yeo, as well as National Federation Presidents Otgonbaatar Chultem (Mongolia) and Nishanthe Piyasena (Sri Lanka).

The AMPC signed an MOU of intent for cooperation with the APDC, bringing strong and long-term support for the project, which was conceived in 2022 with a site selected in 2023. Construction will start in late 2024.

The UIPM Asia-Pacific Development Centre HQ will be in the Kunming Shipen Temple Area of Wuhua district, covering an area of 1,607 acres. It will include the UIPM APDC HQ office, Modern Pentathlon business school, international community and Modern Pentathlon sports park.

The Altitude Training Base and

International Event Centre are planned to be located in Yunnan Central New District, covering an area of 2,517 acres. The main construction includes the training facilities and event centre complex, Europe Industrial Park, Modern Pentathlon sports college, athletes village and other supporting facilities.

The state-of-the-art facilities will not only help UIPM in the goal of growing the sport in a key region of focus, they will also provide a key Asian base capable of hosting top-class global, continental and national competitions and events.

After the completion of this project, the venue will be qualified to host major UIPM international events such as Pentathlon World Championships, Pentathlon World Cups and other related competitions.



UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann and UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang were joined by officials from across the Asian confederation.

According to the facility's construction timeline, in conjunction with Yunnan Wuxiang Sports Industry Development Co Ltd, the stadium and surrounding facilities will be completed within five years.

The development centre has received strong support from the Yunnan provincial government and the Kunming city government, and their faith in the project was further augmented during deep discussions last week with UIPM President Dr Schormann, where both sides reinforced their determination to realise the full potential of the scheme. The general office of Yunnan's provincial government stated in a letter to UIPM that "they are attaching great importance to this project".

The governors of Yunnan Dianzhong Area Management Committee and Wuhua District Committee have helped to organise the project and arranged the relevant functional departments to support its progress.

President Dr Schormann highly affirmed

the construction project and expressed his full support, saying: "I am delighted at the outcome of last week's meetings with the provincial and city governors in Kunming. Modern Pentathlon has a wide influence in the world and we have already seen exciting growth across the Asian continent, resulting in a big increase in athlete participation and Olympic medals for China (2012), Korea (2021 and 2024) and Japan (2024).

"The construction of the Asia-Pacific Development Centre will inject new vitality into sport development across the region, giving National Federations a base where athletes can train, where competitions can be held and where audiences from across China and the world can be thrilled by a wonderful sport that has an exciting future."

### UIPM makes further strides towards gender equality across coaching and judging

Although the sport itself has been entirely gender neutral since

female athletes were admitted to the Olympic Modern Pentathlon at Sydney 2000, progression towards equality has been harder to achieve in the fields of coaching and judging.

The UIPM Women's Commission was created in 2022 with the aim of addressing such inequalities, and recent developments appear to provide encouraging signs that the male dominance in these areas may be receding.

Two coaches graduated recently from the Women in Sport High-Performance (WISH) Pathway Programme, developed by IOC Olympic Solidarity and the University of Hertfordshire in Great Britain.

Maria Elena Panetti (ITA) and Rosario Gajardo (CAN) participated in the second cohort of the programme, which started in August 2022 and ended with their graduation in May 2024.

The programme consisted of







Maria Elena Panetti (ITA) took part in the second cohort of the Women in Sport High-Performance Pathway Programme

combination of a residential week in the UK in October 2022 and online sessions until the end of the programme.

Three months after the completion of her studies, Maria Elena Panetti had another reason to celebrate when her athlete Giorgio Malan (ITA) won bronze at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

UIPM assisted the coaches in their successful completion of the Coaches Certification Programme (CCP) Level 2 course in Spain in November/December 2023.

Additionally, UIPM Coaches Committee Chair and CCP Educator Christian Roudaut (FRA) and Level 4 coach Pedro Pérez (ESP) fulfilled their roles as sport-specific mentors, running four mentoring sessions for the coaches and providing sport-specific advice and networking.

Rosario Gajardo (CAN) said: "The WISH Pathway Programme was a transformative experience that significantly broadened my perspective on leadership in sports. Engaging with diverse coaches from around the world was incredibly empowering.

"The mentorship sessions provided invaluable guidance and personalized support, enhancing both my professional and personal growth. I am grateful for the opportunity and highly recommend this programme to aspiring leaders in sports."

The WISH Programme has been developed collaboratively between the IOC, the Associations of Summer and Winter Olympic International Federations (ASOIF and AIOWF respectively) and several International Federations already engaged in projects to increase opportunities and pathways for female high-performance coaches.

The programme runs over 21 months and allows women who are involved, or have the potential to be involved, in elite coaching, to access leadership training and mentoring. The University of Hertfordshire published an Impact Report & Future Delivery Framework that contains feedback from the two pentathlon coaches, along with further information about the programme.

On the other side of the world, under the auspices of Cassandra Choh (UIPM Women's Commission Chair), female

officials and time-keepers made up 60% of the judges at two UIPM Sports events in Singapore.

One was an Obstacle Laser Run competition (part of Singapore Urban Sports & Fitness Festivals 2024) on August 24, and the other was a UIPM Global Laser Run City Tour 2024 at the Arena Park, National Stadium, Singapore on 14 July.

Ms Choh, also Vice President of the Asian Modern Pentathlon Confederation and President of the Singapore Modern Pentathlon Association, said: "The participation of women in events as technical officials is empowering, helping to break down barriers, promote equality, and inspire more women to take on leadership roles."

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann added: "In the year that the Olympic Games became fully gender-neutral for the first time, at Paris 2024, it was very pleasing to hear examples of the strong progression of women as coaches and technical officials in the UIPM Sports movement, where athletes have enjoyed full parity since 2000.



Korea introduced Obstacle at the 105th National Sports Festival, the country's most prestigious national competition and its largest sporting event.

"I commend Ms Panetti and Ms Gajardo on their successful completion of the WISH Pathway Programme, and for their ongoing success as Modern Pentathlon coaches, and I congratulate all the women who contributed to the success of the two competitions in Singapore as officials and time-keepers."

**Korea paves the way for new era with introduction of Obstacle at National Sports Festival**

Korea has taken a pioneering step in Modern Pentathlon by introducing the Obstacle discipline for the first time at the 105th National Sports Festival, held from October 11-16. This innovative change aligns with the UIPM's global reform efforts and firmly positions Korea as a leader in shaping

the future of the sport.

With Riding now officially replaced by Obstacle at all levels of Modern Pentathlon following its swansong at the Paris Olympics, the new discipline is gaining significant international attention as its successor.

In line with this global shift, Korea introduced the Obstacle discipline at its most prestigious national competition, the 105th National Sports Festival, the largest and most important sports event in Korea. This move not only enhances the dynamism and spectator appeal of Modern Pentathlon but also reflects Korea's commitment to embracing global innovation and adapting to the evolving landscape of the sport.

Several elite athletes from Korea

took part. Jinhwa Jung, the 2017 world champion who retired after the competition having won a gold medal, offered valuable advice on the new discipline, noting: "The key to success in Obstacle discipline is staying calm and focused. Even a small mistake can lead to penalties, so maintaining composure is crucial in both training and competition."

Seungmin Seong, the 2024 world champion who won a bronze medal at the Paris 2024 Olympics, is adapting to the new event and shared her thoughts: "Since I've never competed in the Obstacle discipline before, my main goal is to become more familiar with it. I'm confident that with hard work, I'll be ready for success at the Aichi-Nagoya 2026 Asian Games and the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics."





**Obstacle proves a huge hit at New Zealand's Modern Pentathlon Festival 2024**

The sixth annual Modern Pentathlon Festival organised by Modern Pentathlon New Zealand (MPNZ) brought athletes from across the Pentathlon and Obstacle communities together for a hugely successful development gathering.

Taking place on the last weekend of September the event provided an opportunity for both able-bodied and para athletes to get to grips with a specially designed Obstacle course. Over 80 per cent of those taking part were new to the sport with athletes coming from a wide range of sporting backgrounds, including Modern Pentathlon, Fencing, OCR, Achilles.

As well as New Zealand athletes, the newly added Oceania National Federation of Cook Islands attended the competition for the second year in a row. Representatives were able to learn aspects of running and scoring a competition.

The event included two unique components: running of a purpose-built obstacle course based on the key obstacles of UIPM as MPNZ seeks local funding for a permanent course; and the opportunity to compete in teams with combined scores.

Overall the event was a success, and proved a great introduction to the multi discipline sport of Modern Pentathlon to new OCR athletes, many of who have just returned from recent world championships.

MPNZ President Kaewruethai Collings said: "As an event designed to encourage grassroots development, we focus on participation and enjoyment, and use the opportunity to test how disciplines work - especially with para athletes. This year we focused on 'vision impaired' fencing on a rope with able bodied athletes blind folded, and vision impaired and mobility impaired completing the obstacle course."



As well as New Zealand athletes, the 2024 edition of the Modern Pentathlon Festival attracted athletes from the Cook Islands, Oceania's newest federation



**Preparations continue for historic first UIPM U15 World Championships in Guatemala City (GUA)**

History will be made in Guatemala City (GUA) in December 2024 with the first instalment of the UIPM U15 Tetrathlon World Championships. A global gathering of teenage athletes, coaches and UIPM community members is anticipated at the Austrian-Guatemalan Institute from December 3-8.

The new Tetrathlon format of Obstacle,

Swimming and Laser Run will feature in the competition, promoted recently (above) by Paris 2024 Olympian and UIPM Athletes Committee Member Sophia Hernandez (GUA), in the company of Magdalena Quintanilla (Guatemala Modern Pentathlon President) and Rob Stull (NORCECA Confederation President).

Rob Stull said: "It is an honour to have this historic event in our region. These young athletes are dreaming of Brisbane and beyond, and represent the future of this great sport."

**LASER RUN**

# Obstacle Laser Run

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Designed for athletes and gaming enthusiasts alike, the Obstacle Laser Run mobile game offers an immersive experience where players can push their skills

**UIPM continues esports evolution with launch of new Obstacle Laser Run mobile game**

The Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne (UIPM) proudly announces the launch of its latest digital innovation: the NEW Obstacle Laser Run mobile game.

As an evolution from UIPM's previous E Laser Run releases, which focused on running and laser shooting, this latest version introduces a whole new level of excitement with dynamic obstacles, creating a comprehensive and challenging experience right at players' fingertips.

Building on the transformation of the Olympic sport of Modern Pentathlon, which now comprises Obstacle alongside Laser Run, Fencing and Swimming, the inclusion of obstacles in the updated mobile game tests players' agility, endurance and precision.

Designed for athletes and gaming enthusiasts alike, the Obstacle Laser Run mobile game offers an immersive

experience where players can push their skills further by navigating through challenging terrains while maintaining laser accuracy.

"We all know the importance of having a powerful electronic sports offering alongside our physical sport, and UIPM's new Obstacle Laser Run game marks a significant leap forward for our digital portfolio," said UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann.

"On behalf of the UIPM Executive Board I am proud to present this first instalment of Obstacle Laser Run, marking an evolution from our previous games and setting the stage for even more exciting developments. This launch represents our commitment to innovation and connecting new audiences with the sport."

Key features of the new Obstacle Laser Run game include:

- Elevating the original E Laser Run format with challenging obstacles that demand agility, timing, and precision.
- Available for download on App

Store / Google Play store, bringing high-stakes action directly to players' mobile devices.

- Leaderboards and scoring encourage players to continually improve their performance, compete with friends, and join a global community of players.
- This release is only the beginning; UIPM has committed to further enhancing the Obstacle Laser Run game in future versions, bringing even more interactive features and advancements.

With the release of the Obstacle Laser Run mobile game, UIPM continues to lead in engaging digital content, blending physical sports with accessible, innovative platforms. Obstacle Laser Run is available for download now, inviting players worldwide to experience the thrill and skill required for modern pentathlon in a brand-new format.

Download the Obstacle Laser Run mobile game today from the App Store/ Google Play store and experience the action for yourself!





## Inside UIPM

### Secretary General Shiny Fang's message

#### Reflections from the IF Forum ... time to up our game on AI integration

The past couple of weeks were very intense based on a series of international meetings, which were very information and useful. One of the important occasions was the SportAccord International Federation Forum in Lausanne on October 21-23.

A good proportion of the forum was talking about AI across all kinds of sports activities and organisations. Although we already started using AI in some working areas, it seems the evolution will continue to be fast and furious, so we need to keep digging and never be afraid to embrace this brave new world.

So what are the current possibilities? A quick check of Chat GDP revealed:

Using AI in international sports organizations can significantly enhance operations, improve governance, and foster engagement. Here are several key applications:

**1. Data Analytics for Decision-Making:** AI can process large volumes of data from various sources, providing insights for strategic decision-making. This includes performance metrics, fan engagement statistics, and financial data.

**2. Talent Identification and Development:** AI algorithms can analyze player data from youth leagues worldwide to identify potential talent. Organizations can use machine learning to track athlete progression and optimize training programs.

**3. Event Management:** AI can streamline the organization of international events by automating scheduling, ticketing, and logistics. Predictive analytics can optimize resource allocation, ensuring smooth operations.



**4. Fan Engagement and Personalization:** AI can analyze fan behavior to create personalized experiences, such as tailored content, targeted marketing, and enhanced communication. Virtual assistants can also improve customer service for fans.

**5. Social Media and Marketing:** AI tools can analyze social media trends and sentiment, helping organizations refine their marketing strategies and reach their target audiences more effectively.

**6. Governance and Compliance:** AI can assist in monitoring compliance with regulations and ethical standards, providing transparency and accountability in governance.

**7. Injury Prevention and Health Monitoring:** AI can analyze health and fitness data to predict injuries, enabling organizations to implement preventive measures for athletes across different sports.

**8. Crisis Management:** AI can help organizations respond to crises by analyzing data and predicting outcomes, allowing for timely and effective communication strategies.

**9. Sustainability Initiatives:** AI can optimize resource use and track the environmental impact of events, helping organizations implement sustainable practices.

**10. Training and Education:** AI-driven platforms can offer tailored educational resources for coaches, officials, and athletes, enhancing their skills and knowledge.

By integrating AI technologies into their operations, international sports organizations can improve efficiency, enhance athlete development, and foster stronger connections with fans and stakeholders.

Honestly, it is a little scary, because it seems:

- We may already be playing catch-up in the implementation of AI in sports organisation
- So many areas could be explored
- We should allocate more energy to check what is already existing and being developed, to be more effective and efficient.
- As a next step, our staff and operational team members might benefit from new workshops or training programmes to gain more knowledge of AI.

Frankly, with a small staff team and with our revenue dimension, as well as more events demands, we are working at capacity in our daily routines and in the constant pursuit of improvement. But by going against the instinct to say we don't have time to explore, the investment can be worthwhile for each of us, helping our organisation to keep up, discover new possibilities and reach another level of effectiveness.

Do you have any recommendations? Email us at [uipm@pentathlon.org](mailto:uipm@pentathlon.org) and share your opinions and suggestions!

## Inside UIPM

### President Dr Klaus Schormann's activities



UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann speaks at the 6th European Olympic Academies (EOA) Congress held in historic Olympia in September.



UIPM President Dr Schormann had given an impactful speech calling on the Olympic Movement to remain a powerful force for good.

#### 24.09. – 26.09.2024: Olympia, GRE

At the 6th European Olympic Academies (EOA) Congress held in historic Olympia, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann delivered an impactful speech on "The Olympic Program in the Context of Global Societal Transformation."

President Dr Schormann highlighted how modern sport must evolve alongside the fast-paced changes in today's world, particularly addressing the needs and preferences of younger generations, while respecting cultural traditions and diversity.

He also emphasised the growing importance of environmental

sustainability in sport, stressing the significant impact of climate change and the need for action within the sporting community. Dr Schormann noted that addressing environmental concerns goes hand in hand with tackling health issues, especially among the youth, who are increasingly disengaged from physical activity and more focused on digital entertainment like mobile phones and gaming consoles.

Reflecting on his leadership of UIPM, Dr Schormann shared insights on how Modern Pentathlon, a sport with a deep Olympic legacy since 1912, has evolved by incorporating new disciplines and sustainability efforts to resonate with younger audiences.





UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann planted an olive tree alongside EOC President Spyros Capralos and IOA President Isidoros Kouvelos.

He underlined the importance of continuously modernising the Olympic programme to mirror societal values, promote social inclusion, embrace technological advancements, and adapt to the changing interests of youth, as seen with the introduction of sports like surfing, skateboarding and 3x3 basketball.

In conclusion, Dr. Schormann called for the Olympic Movement to remain

a powerful force for good, addressing global challenges such as climate change and public health while ensuring that sport continues to unite and inspire future generations.

During the Congress, President Dr Schormann planted an olive tree alongside European Olympic Committees (EOC) President Spyros Capralos and International Olympic Academy President Isidoros Kouvelos.



UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann said the olive tree represented the enduring heritage of Modern Pentathlon and its deep connection to Olympia

Kouvelos as a symbol of the legacy of Modern Pentathlon and in memory of Baron Pierre de Coubertin, the founder of the modern Olympic movement

who introduced the sport to the Games of Stockholm in 1912. This tree had been planted many years

ago but was sadly destroyed by a forest fire in recent years. The replanting of the tree represents not only the enduring heritage of Modern Pentathlon but also



Representatives from across the Modern Pentathlon community in Asia as well as the Asian Modern Pentathlon Confederation attended the launch ceremony alongside local dignitaries and officials from sponsors and supporters of the new UIPM Asia-Pacific Development Centre.







During the visit to Beijing (CHN), UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann along with Executive Assistant Lena Nussbaumer and Secretary General Shiny Fang met with Gu Zhou (Vice President of Xinhua Hulian Electronic Commerce) as well as Guangyu He (Deputy Party Secretary and VP of Xinhua HQ, and Chairman of Xinhua Hulian Electronic Commerce Co Ltd) and Linyu Wang (Director of the Legal Department of Xinhua Hulian).

its deep historical connection to the Ancient Olympic Games, where in 708 BC, Lampis of Sparta became the first Olympic champion in Pentathlon.

**08.10. – 10.10.2024: Beijing / Kunming, CHN**

A three-day visit to China began with a meeting in Beijing with the Vice President of Xinhua Hulian Electronic Commerce, Gu Zhou,

with whom President Dr Schormann discussed future opportunities in sport and culture. They explored potential collaborations, including integrating competitions like Laser Run and Obstacle events into Xinhua Hulian Bookfairs.

During the visit, Mr Zhou gave President Dr Schormann, Secretary General Shiny Fang and Executive Assistant Lena Nussbaumer a tour of the Xinhua

Bookstore Headquarters, where they discovered significant historical Chinese manuscripts.

Dr Schormann, along with Mrs Fang and Ms Nussbaumer, also had a productive meeting with Guangyu He (Deputy Party Secretary and VP of Xinhua HQ, and Chairman of Xinhua Hulian Electronic Commerce Co Ltd) and Linyu Wang (Director of the Legal Department of Xinhua Hulian) to



In Kunming (CHN), the UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann surveyed the plans for the groundbreaking UIPM Asia-Pacific Development Centre.

further discuss cooperation between the organisations.

In Kunming, the UIPM President held deep discussions with the Yunnan provincial government and the

Kunming city government, after which the officials confirmed their absolute faith in the project to build a new UIPM Asia-Pacific Development Centre in the city. The general office of Yunnan's provincial government stated in a letter

to UIPM that "they are attaching great importance to this project".

Hosted by officials from Yunnan region provincial authorities, President Dr Schormann and Secretary General Mrs



UIPM President Klaus Schormann delivers remarks to assembled guests and dignitaries at a ceremony to make the launch of the UIPM APDC.







Left to right: During the annual International Federations (IF) Forum in Lausanne (SUI) are UIPM Executive Assistant Lena Nussbaumer, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang and UIPM Events Operations Director Alexandre Franca.

Fang were joined at a launch ceremony and site visit by Asian Modern Pentathlon Confederation (AMPC) Vice President Cassandra Choh (also President of the Singapore Modern Pentathlon Association) and AMPC Secretary General Sangkeong Yeo, as well as National Federation Presidents Otgonbaatar Chultem (Mongolia) and Nishanthe Piyasena (Sri Lanka).

**21.10. – 23.10.2024: Lausanne, SUI**

During the annual International Federations (IF) Forum, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, Secretary General Shiny Fang, Events Operations Director Alex França and Executive Assistant Lena Nussbaumer had the opportunity to participate in a series of insightful sessions under the

theme 'Ensuring Your IF is Match Fit and Future-Ready'.

The forum covered a wide range of important topics, including anti-doping measures, strategies for revenue growth, athlete mental health, and the growing influence of e-sports and artificial intelligence in transforming data into engaging content. These



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, flanked by Secretary General Shiny Fang (right) and Executive Assistant Lena Nussbaumer (left), attends the XXVII ANOC General Assembly in Cascais (POR)

discussions were led by international leaders and experts, fostering a rich exchange of ideas.

The event provided an excellent platform for sharing best practice and exploring innovative approaches to ensure the continued success and future readiness of IFs. President Dr Schormann and the team gained

valuable insights that will contribute to the ongoing development of sport and its global impact.

**28.10. – 01.11.2024: Cascais, POR**

A UIPM delegation, led by President Dr Klaus Schormann, attended the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) General Assembly.

This annual gathering brought together NOCs from around the world, providing a platform for fruitful discussions on the future of global sports.

Throughout the assembly, key topics such as the promotion of Olympic values, sustainability in sport and new opportunities for youth engagement were addressed. Dr Schormann and







Above (l to r): Timothy Tsun Ting Fok (NOC President of Hong Kong, China; IOC Honorary Member), Dr Klaus Schormann (UIPM President), Kevin Yeung (Secretary for Sports, Culture and Tourism, Hong Kong Government), Kenneth Fok (President of the Asian Electronic Sports Federation), Shiny Fang (UIPM Secretary General).

Right: UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann catches up with Olle Dahlin, President of the International Biathlon Union. Biathlon was created through the UIPM society at the request of former IOC President Avery Brundage, and from 1953-1998 the two sports were governed by the Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne et Biathlon (UIPMB).

Mrs Fang actively participated in the discussions, sharing insights on how Modern Pentathlon can contribute to the Olympic movement's goals, while also learning from the experiences of other NOCs.

The event was an excellent opportunity to strengthen relationships with international sports leaders, paving the way for future collaborations.



**07.11.2024: Lausanne, SUI**

In their last official engagement before UIPM 2024 Congress, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and Secretary General Shiny Fang travelled to Olympic House, Headquarters of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), to meet with IOC President Dr Thomas Bach.

President Dr Schormann and Mrs Fang presented the main steps for the future of UIPM focusing on the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games and beyond. They underlined the depth of support from National Federations in embracing the changes and presenting Modern Pentathlon with the new Obstacle discipline.

IOC President Dr Bach thanked UIPM President Dr Schormann for his long-time engagement and all of his passion for Modern Pentathlon that had secured the sport's future with numerous changes based on strong innovation. The atmosphere was excellent.



Above: UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and Secretary General Shiny Fang pose beside a statue of Modern Pentathlon founder Baron Pierre de Coubertin at Olympic House in Lausanne (SUI).

Below: The UIPM President and Secretary General meet with IOC President Dr Thomas Bach and Sport Director Kit McConnell





# Pentathlon World Rankings

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## 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	161
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	HUN	Blanka BAUER	133
18	FRA	Marie OTEIZA	132
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Baron Pierre de Coubertin

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

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