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GOLDEN DAYS IN MAY

World Cup #3 – Hungary & World Cup #4 – Italy

Contagious smiles adorned the faces of Laura Asadauskaite (LTU), Aya Medany (EGY), Denis Cerkovskis (LAT) and Ilia Frolov (RUS) as they stepped up to the podiums to take their hard-earned gold medals in the two world cup competitions this month.

In Hungary the action was split over two weekends as the genders divided for separate competitions in Budapest (men) and Szekesfehervar (women). With a motivational boost, Denis Cerkovskis took to the day's competition more confident that a podium finish was within reach. Having maintained a consistent performance throughout the day he went into the final event – combined shoot/run, in fourth position. Impressive shooting saw him overtake the lead in the final shoot and there was no looking back! Laura Asadauskaite made it a back to back gold performance, having recently won the second World Cup event in Cairo. Her speed on the track combined with her efficient shooting are obviously a good combination– it is no wonder she likes this new format!

One week later in Rome, it was Aya Medany who took home her second gold medal of the season (after gold in Mexico). Having started in fifth position after three events, Medany showed her talent for the combined shoot/run out doing her competitors in the final shoots to lead till the end. In the men's event, the finish could not have been more enthralling as Ilia Frolov caught the leader Adam Marosi (HUN) in the final 100m for both to sprint to the end with Frolov having that little bit more at the end to cross for gold.

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INTERNATIONAL SPORT

- The Coordination Commission for the 1st Summer Youth Olympic Games in 2010 conducted its second visit to Singapore on 20 May
- The Coordination Commission for the Olympic Winter Games in 2014 in Sochi was in the Russian host city on 13 and 14 May for its second plenary visit
- The International Forum on Sport, Peace and Development, was held for the first time on 7 and 8 May at the Olympic Museum in Lausanne
- The 30th Seminar of the European Olympic Committees (EOC) took place in Dubrovnik (Croatia) on 15 and 16 May

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COMPETITION REVIEW

WORLD CUP #3 – HUNGARY



MEN'S FINAL – Budapest

Latvian, Denis Cerkovskis could not have been happier with his result in Budapest. The idea that a podium finish may not have crept into his mind before he started the day but it definitely became a real possibility as the competition progressed. Having not had a World Cup podium finish before, there was no point settling for anything but gold! Entering the combined event in fourth, his ideal shoot and run performance clicked and finishing the final 5 shoots in clear succession he left the range with an untouchable lead. Home crowd favourite, Adam Marosi having lead until this stage happily settled for silver, while Edvinas Krungolcas (LTU) again made the podium in the series this time with bronze.

The day started at the fencing hall, where Peter Tibolya (HUN) delighted the crowd with his early lead, unwavering until the two thirds through the bouts. After having struggled to find his rhythm in the early rounds, Omar El Geziry (EGY) bounced back in the last 8 rounds to ultimately finish equal second with Tibolya and Cerkovskis. But the strongest fencer on the day was Lee Choon-Huan (KOR) who displayed finesse and skill in an impressive string of victories in the last half of the event, streaking from

the bottom third of the table to the top spot, where finish with 952 points.

Excitement mounted poolside in anticipation of some superior times to be had. In the semi-final 10 athletes swam 2 minutes and under, so expectation was high as they took the starting blocks. The athletes did not disappoint! In one of the closest swim heats in recent competitions, Pierpaolo Petroni (ITA) clocked a quick 1:57.40 for first, but right on his shoulder was Marosi with a time of 1:57.64, then Andrejus Zadneprovskis (LTU) at 1:58.87. The brilliant performances did not stop there in this competitive field, with 17th placed Pavel Sekretev (RUS) touching for 2:03.77 finished in 17th position while Yasser Hefny (EGY) had an outstanding 2:05.72 in 24th position. For some of these athletes it is the best times they have clocked this season, if not some personal bests.

After two events, Omar El Geziry (EGY) sat in a very familiar first place. Sam Weale (GBR) having had some strong fencing, followed by 7th place in the swimming (1:59.91) found himself in second and only four points behind was local favourite Tibolya.

The riding, viewed by some as the turning point in the competition, left the 1000 strong audience enthralled as each athlete took to the technically challenging course. But the athletes displayed their horsemanship with Tadas Zemaitis (LTU) having the best ride to earn 1180 points. Exciting the crowd, the Hungarian' Marosi and Tibolya were also strong with Marosi the second best ride of the day (1160 points) and Tibolya (1100 points). Cerkovskis also rode well receiving 1152 points for third in the event. At the end of the discipline, Marosi had taken the overall lead, with a 5 second (20 points) advantage at the beginning of the combined over second placed El Geziry. Weale dropped down one place to third, while Tibolya added to the excitement of the local crowd in fourth position and Cerkovskis rounded out the top five.

The combined event has already proven to be a sensational climax in a one-day story that changes moment-to moment. Only one minute separated the top 20 positions at the beginning of the combined mounting tension between athletes and spectators alike. With the strong vocal crowd behind him, Marosi lead the event from the gun to the last round in the shooting range, but the same could not be said for positions 2 to 15 which were a constant sea of change both at the range



and out on the run course. Having started in second, El Geziry's performance came undone in the first round of shooting where he struggled to make the five shots while competitors further along breezed by. Weale and Cerkovskis held steady making the 5 clear shots and exiting the range in second and third respectively. Sebastian Dietz (GER) had a spectacular second round, and for a short time found himself in a medal position just a few strides behind Tiboyla as they blasted out of the shooting range. Edvinas Krungolcas (LTU) did what we have seen him do in the previous competitions and systematically worked his way up the field from his 7th position start.

In the final round of shooting, Marosi was patient and deliberate, while right behind him Cerkovskis risked all loading and shooting in half the time of most anyone else. Marosi missed his fifth shot, while Cerkovskis hit all 5 in a row and taking the advantage sprinted out of the range while Marosi hit his final green light to chase Cerkovskis and try and reign back in the gold medal. Meanwhile, the battle for third position was where all the action was happening Krungolcas was now solidly in contention with Weale, Tiboyla, Zadneprovskis and Mustafa Nofal (EGY) who came up from 10th place.



Four hundred meters into the final lap on the run course, Cerkovskis had opened up a 10 metre gap over Marosi. Amid the deafening, and thunderous roar of the standing room only crowd, Denis Cerkovskis enjoyed the last twenty metres to the finish line waving to the crowd delighted with his first World Cup gold medal. **Photo: Left**

But the crowd erupted when Marosi entered the building, and lasted well after he crossed the finish line, happy with the silver medal on home soil. Long striding Krungolcas secured the bronze medal, but not by much as Weale made a last, all-out sprint to the line to finish in fourth place. Proving that starting the final event of the day outside the top 10 is not the end of the day, Zadneprovskis grinned ear-to-ear when he ran through the line to take 5th. And you would have thought the 6th place finisher had won the gold on home soil when Nofal danced through the finish line.

WOMEN'S FINAL – Szekesfehervar

Back to back gold for Laura Asadauskaite from two world cups, she is soon becoming the golden girl of pentathlon! Earlier in the year, Asadauskaite listed the combined event as her preferred discipline and it is certainly proving to be her strength. In every competition this year, she has managed to obtain a podium position, running down her competitors after starting further down the leader board. Hungary was no exception when she started in 14th position in the combined. Competition leader, Amelie Caze (FRA) again lost her top spot to settle for silver being out done by the speedy Asadauskaite in the last 1000 metres. In a race for bronze, Evdokia Gretchichnikova (RUS) kept Sylvia Czwojdzinska (POL) off the podium in the final metres.

Sorolta Kovacs (HUN) raced to an early lead in the fencing, keeping the position until the final five rounds when the competition intensified. Behind her in second spot, some of the best competitors in the series - Mhairi Spence (GBR), Monica Pinette (CAN), Margaux Isaksen (USA), Amelie Caze (FRA) and Edita Maloszyc (POL) all making their mark. Midway through the discipline things started to move in the leader board. Czwojdzinska joined the hard battling crowd at the top along with the intimidating Asadauskaite (LTU). But in the final rounds it was Caze who became invincible, winning bout after bout, where Pinette lost a little of her early momentum falling off the pace, and Kovacs struggled to hold inside the top 10. Gretchichnikova seemingly rose from nowhere to vault into second position with Czwojdzinska, remaining united here until the finish. But, by this point the fencing event clearly belonged to Caze who collected 1072 points to lead early in the day.

The starlet of the pool, Leila Gyenesei (HUN) dominated in the swim with a time of 2:09.42 which helped her progress up the table following a bad start to the day finishing 32 in the fencing. A few body lengths behind Gyenesei, the battle for second took place between Amelie Caze (FRA) and Sarolta Kovacs (HUN). At 100 metre Caze was close to a full body length back in 3rd (behind Kovacs), but by the time she turned at 150m Caze was alone in 2nd with Kovacs seemingly drained. However the action did not finish there. With 25 metre remaining Kovacs was still in third, but perhaps eager for the points or to prove she could do it with just 15m remaining she made a powerful sprint to catch Caze and just outreach her to touch for second at the wall.

The overall leader after two events was Caze who comfortably had 2280 points. Czwojdzinska held a slim second just four points ahead of Kovacs. Olympic Champion from Athens Zsuzsanna Voros (HUN) crept up to fourth to the delight of the home crowd, and a further four points behind right behind was Gretchichnikova. This top five are some of the best in the international level and the competition had seemingly only begun.

It is true the riding at this level is, and is expected to be, impressive. It is also true that in each discipline somebody is set apart from the rest. Caze in the fencing, then Gyenesei at the swimming pool, and then under the oak trees, blanketed by the warm spring breeze, the ladies from Great Britain showed their riding supremacy, demonstrating perfect class in pentathlon riding. Both Louise Helyer and Heather Fell produced perfect rides with the highest scores of 1200. They were among a group of six athletes who all achieved the perfect score, while compatriots Mhairi Spence and Katy Livingston had the second best rides of the day with 1180 points.

After three events Caze retained her top spot with a 24 second advantage over Kovacs. The gap narrows significantly with Czwojdzinska just a few seconds behind in 3rd, and then Voros immediately out in 4th, then Helyer and Spence in 5th and 6th respectively.

From the first touch in fencing two days previously in the qualification round, to the last rider in the arena in the event preceding, all the hours have lead to this moment; the combined event – the 15 minute finale where anything can happen! Out first Caze held her lead through the first two rounds of shooting. Out on the run course she was the target with her lead seemingly diminished with every stride, but as the champion she is she fought hard until the end. Until the third and final shoot, the race seemed to be for silver and bronze; Czwojdzinska, Kovacs and Gretchichnikova traded back and forth through out the first two rounds while Paulina Boenisz (POL) worked her way up to the lead pack.

Isaksen starting in 8th place put in a fantastic effort on the second leg of the run returning to the range in second place, right in the thick of the lead pack. As she did in Mexico, then in Cairo, Asadauskaite (LTU) screamed up from an outside post (this time 14th place) to also join the elite few in the shooting range for the last round. All the hard running came at a cost to Isaksen who missed several shots and fell back off the pace. Caze keeping her lead, exited the shooting range, back in first and right on her heels were Gretchichnikova and Czwojdzinska. From first shot to last, Asadauskaite spent less than 19 second on her shooting position before sprinting out on to the run course for the last time.

That remarkable round of shooting put Asadauskaite well within striking range of the gold medal with Caze in her sight. Over the next 1000 meters she reigned in Caze to take first place and continued to extend her lead right through till the finish line and a second consecutive gold medal. Caze, having dropped for a brief time out of the medals having also been overtaken by a further two athletes, fought back for her podium position making a point of keeping the point of keeping the silver secure in her final few hundred meters. Gretchichnikova and Czwojdzinska jostled for third, but the former was too strong and happily finished with the bronze medal.

WORLD CUP #4 – ROME, ITALY

MEN'S FINAL

Russian, Ilya Frolov took line honours as he crossed in a sprint finish with Adam Marosi of Hungary (**photo, right**). World Champion 2008, Frolov had yet to showcase his skills in the new combined format but proved he is more than capable. Christopher Patte, the 19 year old Frenchman had the competition of his young career when he crossed in third having risen from an 18th starting position, demonstrating his strong potential in the future of the sport.

On the pistes for the start to the day, Mihail Prokopenko (BLR) took the lead early after three rounds. Two rounds later and it was Italian Luigi Quatro who came through with the Kirpulyanskyy brothers – Pavlo and Dmytro following close. Halfway through however it was Riccardo De Luca (ITA) who had equalled the lead with Prokopenko. De Luca continued to dominate through the remaining half of the fencing to lead at the end of the event with 1024 points (26V/9D). Meanwhile Prokopenko dropped to third (904 points) while Adam Marosi (HUN) rounded out the top three in second (928 points).



Photo: Michele D'Annibale

Taking a refreshing dip in the pool, the competition is between the two hottest swimmers in the sport – Amro El Geziry (EGY) and Nicolas Woodbridge. It is El Geziry, the stronger of the two who takes out the event in 1:58.29, with Woodbridge following in 1:59.18. Marosi, keeping his consistent form is third in 2:01.63 enough to push him to the lead overall after two events with 2272 points. El Geziry moved up into second while De Lucca moved back to third position.

In an unfortunate turn of events at the equestrian, De Lucca failed to ride resulting in 0 points and dropping down the field to final position. However, for Marosi the ride was golden with a perfect score of 1200 points cementing his position at the top of the table after three events. Three other athletes – Nicolas Woodbridge (GBR), Dong-soo Park (KOR) and Shinichi Tomii (JPN) also achieved 1200 points with perfect rounds.



Photo: Podium finish – the top six competitors

best performance in the field in a time of 10:34.00

With 8 Italian athletes competing on home soil the competition was definitely in favour of a successful result for the host country. Unfortunately a podium position did not eventuate but two athletes in the top six is impressive! Fifth place went to Luigi Quatro (5960) and sixth place was Federico Giancamilli (5928).

WOMEN'S FINAL

After taking home two medals in her previous 3 out of 4 participations (one gold and one silver), Aya Medany of Egypt had her golden moment again, crossing the line with the Egyptian flag draped on her shoulders. Silver medal went to Leila Gyenesei of Hungary who had consistently good performances through out the day and lead at the beginning of the combined event. Evdokia Gretchichnikova (RUS) rose from eleventh position at the start of the combined event to cross for the bronze.

In the first event of the day, fencing, Elena Rublevska (LAT) made her mark with 26 victories (9 defeats) to lead the field with 1024 points. She was closely followed by a group of three athletes – Adrienn Toth (HUN), Polina Struchtkova (RUS) and Anfisa Kasyanova (BLR), all with 976 points (24V/11D).

At the pool, Gyenesei had an impressive swim in 2:09.71 to finish first in the field and giving her 1244 points placing her second overall after two events. Pre-competition favourite, Medany also had a good swim winning her heat receiving 1164 points and moving up the rank to sixth after two events. But it was Struchtkova with the second fastest swim of the day, who took the top spot in the field after two events with a combined score of 2168 points heading to the equestrian.

It was a case of extremes at the equestrian, when seven athletes achieved the perfect score of 1200 and five athletes failed to complete the course all receiving 0 points. In what was a unique occurrence, the five athletes all received DNF

Photo: Michele D'Annibale



(did not finish) for a range of reasons from making a jump in the wrong direction to not completing the ride in the obligatory time. On the other hand, the seven with perfect scores were relieved to have the additional points elevate them on the overall ranks, but only one athlete Sabrina Crognale (ITA) had enough points overall to push her into the top ten in ninth position. Gyenesei improved her overall position after three events to lead the field with a five second advantage at the start of the combined event.



Photo: Out on the run course Medany makes her move on Struchtikova
Michele D'Annibale

Long gone has predicting the podium finish in modern pentathlon with the new combined event format. Gyenesei held her lead through the first two rounds, but Medany who started in fifth gradually made up ground in the first two runs to come into the final round of shooting only 10 seconds behind Gyenesei. Medany shot five from five while Gyenesei struggled with two misses to slow her down. As a result Medany led from the shoot to the final 1000m with a 15 second lead. Gyenesei exited the range second, followed a further 13 seconds later by Gretchichnikova in third. Medany ran with all her strength to ensure her lead and secure in the knowledge she was first, took the Egyptian flag from her supporters in the final 200 metres of the course. Crossing the line Medany was ecstatic that she finally had gold again after silver medal in Cairo and gold in Mexico. She also had the fastest time in the field completing the event in an impressive 12:12.04. Gyenesei and Gretchichnikova maintained their positions on the course to finish second and third respectively.

Medany now shares the lead with Laura Asadauskaite in the World Cup Standings with 175 points. The World Cup standings set out the qualified athletes for the World Cup Final which will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in September.

Of the six Italian athletes in the final, Alessia Pieretti relying on her long international experience was the most successful coming in at sixteenth with 5160 points.

Photo: The podium: Gyenesei – Silver (left), Medany – Gold (centre) & Gretchichnikova – Bronze (right)
Michele D'Annibale



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



Tickets on sale as London prepares to host 2009 Modern Pentathlon World Championships

Tickets have gone on sale for the 2009 Modern Pentathlon World Championships, which take place at the Crystal Palace National Sports Centre in London from 13-17 August.

The competition - the highpoint of the 2009 modern pentathlon calendar - is the first World Championships held in an Olympic sport in London since 1986.

It will also be the first time the Modern Pentathlon World Championships have been held in the UK since 2001 and the first World Championships to feature the sport's new combined run/shoot format.

Tickets for the championships can be bought in advance online through Ticketmaster (at a discounted rate before 15th June) and will also be available on the gate. For further information about buying tickets please go to World Championships website at <http://www.pentathlongb.org/mpwc> and click on 'Spectator Info'.

Peter Hart, Chief Executive of Pentathlon GB, said: "The World Championships are the biggest event on the modern pentathlon calendar in 2009 and it's particularly exciting to host them in London just three years before the London 2012 Olympics Games." Britain has a terrific track record in modern pentathlon and hopefully



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competing on home soil will give our athletes an extra boost. It will be great to see some British athletes on the podium at Crystal Palace."

The World Championships are being supported by UK Sport's Major Events Team and also provide an opportunity to train and qualify some of the officials that will be involved in the modern pentathlon at the London 2012 Olympics.

"We've had terrific support from UK Sport's Major Events Team in the build-up to the World Championships and would like to publicly thank them for that support," said Hart.

Lucy Crickmore, UK Sport Events Consultant, said: "UK Sport is delighted to be supporting Pentathlon GB in staging the 2009 World Modern Pentathlon Championships, which will be the first World Championships to be hosted by London within the 2012 Olympiad, via our National Lottery funded World Class Events Programme. "To bring this world class event onto home soil will not only aid the preparation of our athletes, but also event managers, officials and volunteers in the build up to the London Olympic Games."

Each nation can enter up to four athletes of each gender for the championships. The competition for places in the women's GB team will be particularly intense.

Katy Livingston, who came seventh for Great Britain at the Beijing 2008 Olympics and won individual bronze at last year's World Championships, said: "It's great to have the World Championships in London. It will be good to have our family and friends there and to have home support getting behind us."

Sam Weale, who finished 10th at Beijing 2008, said: "I've never competed at a World Championships in my home country and I'm really looking forward to it, particularly as a warm-up for London 2012. You don't get that opportunity too often."



The championships provide an opportunity to see the world's top pentathletes battling it out in a sport that is one of the most challenging and fascinating there is. Athletes have to master five very different disciplines - fencing, swimming and equestrian challenges, followed by the new climax to the event, the combined run/shoot.

Photo: British pentathletes, Katy Livingston (left) and Sam Weale launch the ticket sales for the World Championship 2009

The World Championships run from Thursday 13th August through to Monday 17th August. There is a wide range of ticket packages for the finals days - for full details go to <http://www.pentathlongb.org/mpwc> and click on 'Spectator Info'. Tickets are only required for Saturday 15th August and Sunday 16th August - admission is free for the Thursday, Friday and Monday.

By Steve Ballinger

The programme for the Senior World Championships in London is:

	Date	Event	Medals
Day 1	13 August 2009	Men's Qualification	
Day 2	14 August 2009	Women's Qualification	
Day 3	15 August 2009	Men's Final + Team Competition	3 Individual Medals 3 Team Medals
Day 4	16 August 2009	Women's Final + Team Competition	3 Individual Medals 3 Team Medals
Day 5	17 August 2009	2 Person relay for Men 2 Person Relay for Women <i>Both Relays will have 16 Teams</i>	3 Relay Medals 3 Relay Medals

UPCOMING COMPETITIONS

Across the globe, pentathletes will be showing their ability at the Continental championships this month. These are important events for athletes to hone their skills ahead of the World Championships in August.

ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Korean Modern Pentathlon Federation will host the Asian Championships at the Korea Armed Forces Athletic Corps (Sangmu) in Seoul from 7 - 13 June. The Korean athletes have proven themselves serious international contenders in the World Cup season to date, so they will undoubtedly be looking to take this one step further with the home town advantage and crown one of their rising stars continental champion in 2009!

NORCECA CHAMPIONSHIPS

The idyllic Palm Springs, California will host the NORCECA Championships from 4-7 June, in which the best in the region – Eli Bremmer, Sam Saksen, Joshua Riker-Fox, Denis Bowsher and Margaux Isaksen will be seeking the title champion. The competition will be coupled with the USA National Championships.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The European Championships will take place in Leipzig, Germany from 25-30 June. Competition will be high as athletes seek the title of European Champion ahead of the World Championships in August. The Championships will be a star-studded affair with Olympic Champions, Lena Schöneborn on home soil and Andrei Moiseev (RUS) and reigning World Champions Ilija Frolov (RUS) and Amelie Cazé (FRA) all taking part. For further information visit www.DKB-EM.de



OTHER NEWS

MODERN PENTATHLON RESEARCH

Besides the efforts of athletes and representatives, Modern Pentathlon's value and unique position has to be spread also through scientific circles. Since February 2008 Sandra Heck from Germany has been doing her PhD on the history of Modern Pentathlon – a unique research into a unique sport!

Ms. Heck has submitted an article about Modern Pentathlon to the famous publisher Armand Colin in Paris which will be printed in the new "Dictionnaire culturel du sport" in 2010. Also, this year the first results of her research work are going to be presented at a number of international conferences. All UIPM members and interested friends/relatives are invited to participate and find out more about the origins of our fascinating sport.

Forthcoming conferences where the topic will be presented by Sandra Heck:

- Conference organized by the International Journal of the History of Sport (IJHS) and the Centre for Research and Innovation (CRIS) at the University of Lyon/France, topic: Militarism, Sport, Masculinity: Martial Manliness and Armageddon, Lyon/France, 30th of May 2009
Heck S., "Modern Pentathlon and World War I – When Athletes and Soldiers Meet to Practise Martial Manliness"
http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/pdf/conferences/FHSP_Lyon_09.pdf
- 11th ISHPES Conference on Sport in History: Promises and Problems
University of Stirling/Scotland, UK, 14th -18th of July 2009
Heck S., "When Workmen Shoot, Fence, and Ride – Modern Pentathlon and the Promise of Social Integration at the Beginning of the 20th Century" <http://www.ishpes.info/>



Photo: Sandra Heck (left), Prof. Shin-pyo Kang (middle) and UIPM President Schormann at the Symposium Internationalism at the University of Mainz on 22 May

INSIDE UIPM

UIPM PRESIDENT

8-10 May: President Dr h.c. Schormann visited the Men's event of **World Cup #4 in Budapest**. During his stay he met with UIPM Treasurer Gyula Bretz with whom he discussed the global financial crisis and the effect on the National Federations. On 9th May they met with the new President of the Hungarian Modern Pentathlon Association (HMPA), Mr Géza Egyed, to speak about the new format of modern pentathlon and the development in Hungary under the difficult financial conditions. President Egyed underlined the full support of his Executive Board for the combined format and offered strong partnership to UIPM. On 10th May he met with members of the UIPM Business Affairs Committee (BAC), Tamas Varga (HUN), Malishev Viacheslav (GEO) and Erik Lakomaa (SWE) to discuss promotion and marketing issues for the year 2009 based on the BAC meeting in February in Frankfurt. Sport Director, Mauro Tirinnanzi informed President Schormann of the present situation after two world cups in regards to how the technology of the new targets has improved and that the athletes and trainers are supporting the new system. They discussed also the preparations for the World Championships London 2009, which will be the strongest test of the season.

11 May: The Local Organising Committee of the **European Senior Championships in Leipzig** held a press conference attended by President Schormann and Olympic Champion Lena Schöneborn.



Photo: President Schormann makes official speech at the building ceremony for the MP competition venue in Chengdu



Photo: President Schormann presents Pentathlon statue to IOC Member and President of the NOC Hong Kong, Mr Timothy Fok

14-20 May: President Schormann travelled to China, where he visited the site of the 2010 Modern Pentathlon World Championships, the Organising Committee of the Asian Games and the Hong Kong Olympic Committee President, Mr Fok. Mr Schormann arrived first in Beijing where he met MR Jiadong, President of the Chinese Modern Pentathlon Association (CMPA); Mr Jiang Guofeng, Secretary General of CMPA, UIPM Member for Development, Mr Bin Zhang and UIPM President's Liaison for International Affairs Mrs Shiny Fang. They discussed the preparations for the World Championships 2010 in Chengdu and the Asian Games in Guangzhou. On 15 May President Schormann visited the UIPM Training Academy and met with athletes from four different provinces at training sessions in riding, fencing and shooting. On 16 May he travelled to Chengdu, the host city of the 2010 Modern Pentathlon World Championships, together with Mr Zhang Mr Guofeng and Mrs Fang. They inspected the competition venue site and took part in the official ceremony "The Foundation Laying Ceremony of China Modern Pentathlon Match Centre – Chengdu" for the building of the venue centre. Hundreds of people gathered for this momentous occasion which was attended by the Governors of the Sichun Province. The venue centre will host all five disciplines in one place together with a hotel. While in Chengdu, he chaired together with Mr Wenlin Qin, the Chairman of the Local Organising Committee (LOC) (and President of the All-Chengdu Sport Federation) the first meeting of the LOC together with CMPA and UIPM. Two days later, Mr Schormann, together with Mrs Fang, went to Hong Kong where he held a meeting with IOC Member and President of the Hong Kong Olympic Committee, Mr Timothy Fok. They discussed the proposed development of a Modern Pentathlon Association and the possibility to host future meetings of the UIPM bodies (Executive Board, Committees) in Hong Kong. They also spoke about the Olympic Movement in close link to Olympic Education. In the morning of

19 May, Mr Schormann took part in one session of the East Asian Games Association Council meeting in Hong Kong with Mr Fok who was the Chairman. On 20 May he had a meeting in the headquarters of the Asian Games 2010 in Guangzhou, where Deputy Secretary General and Director of Sports Development, Mr Tian Xinde and colleagues from the Sport Department, Mr. Maosheng Kong and Ianxi Pan briefed Mr Schormann and his delegation about the preparations for the Asian Games and in particular, Modern Pentathlon. They also had the opportunity to visit the modern pentathlon competition venue for the 2010 Asian Games. UIPM Vice President, Mr Kui-sung Choi joined them in the afternoon. As Technical Delegate for the Asian Games 2010, he gave a technical briefing to the Organising Committee on 21 and 22 May.

22 May: The **Symposium “Internationalism in the Olympic Movement – Idea and Reality between States, Cultures and People”** took part in Mainz, where President Schormann made a presentation on sport and culture at the Youth Olympic Games.

23-24 May: President Schormann visited the **International German Championships (Junior & Senior)** in Bonn, where athletes from seven nations took part.

28 May – 3 June: On 28-29 May, President Schormann visited **Gaborone, Botswana** where he met with NOC President Negroes Malealea Kgosietsile and members of the Executive Board to discuss the creation of a Modern Pentathlon association of Botswana in the near future. They spoke deeply about the importance of sport as a main pillar for education of young people in developing countries. On 29 May President Schormann, together with his assistant for African Affairs, Miss Vanessa Kahandjandjo, delivered a presentation on Modern Pentathlon in Africa and explained the future steps of UIPM in Botswana on the national TV station. In **Cape Town, South Africa** on 30 May, Mr Schormann and Miss Kahandjandjo met with Mr Anthony Bradford, Secretary General of the South African Modern Pentathlon Association (SAMPA) to discuss the situation of modern pentathlon in South Africa. Mr Bradford briefed them on the different projects in the year 2009 and the steps for further development of Biathle. They agreed to focus together on the development of modern pentathlon in neighbouring countries like Namibia, Botswana and Angola. SAMPA will start a project at the end of August (29-30) in Windhoek “First Biathle Open of Namibia” in assistance to the Namibian Modern Pentathlon Federation which will be established in the next weeks. In the evening they met with the proprietors of Pick & Pay, Raymond and Wendy Acherman, to discuss potential sport and business co-operation, where Mr Schormann also briefed them about the movement of modern pentathlon world wide and in particular in Africa. From 1-2 June, President Schormann was in **Windhoek, Namibia**, where he met, together with Miss Kahandjandjo, with people from the sport and business society who are supporting the new national federation. Mr Charles V.Kauraisa (former President of the National Soccer Federation and former NOC Vice President) will play an important role in the set up of the first Executive Board. On 2 June Mr Schormann gave a TV presentation on the channel One Africa about the movement of Modern Pentathlon since 1912 and present day including the non Olympic sport Biathle. For all five modern pentathlon disciplines, the training facilities in Windhoek are now fixed with partnerships from clubs and schools.

UIPM SECRETARY GENERAL

From **7-8 May**, Secretary General, Joël Bouzou attended the **IOC Forum on Sport for Peace and Development**, where he delivered a presentation “De la conscience collective aux actions politiques collectives” (“From collective conscience to efficient political actions”). During his stay in Lausanne, he had a meeting with IOC Sport Director, Mr Christophe Dubi. Mr Bouzou briefed him on the development of the combined event and the future presentation of modern pentathlon including the new compactness of the sport and better publicity for organisers including Olympic bidders and organisers. Mr Bouzou also addressed the UIPM request to include the relays within the existing quota.

Mr Bouzou travelled to **Burundi from 13-15 May** in his capacity as President of Peace & Sport. He met with the President of the Republic of Burundi, the Honourable Pierre Nkurunziza and the Minister for Sport Mr Jean Jacques Nyenimigabo and visited Peace & Sport projects underway in the country. He also held a meeting with the new President of

Photo: Mr Bouzou (*left*) with the President of Burundi, Honourable Pierre Nkurunziza (*centre left*), the Minister for Sport Mr Jean Jacques Nyenimigabo (*right*) and Mr Roman Nedelin (*centre right*) Advisor to ONEXIM Group Vice President.



the Modern Pentathlon Federation of Burundi, Mr Nahayo Darius and visited the sport centre 'OlympAfrica' which will be the primary centre for Biathle. The Director of the NOC, Mr Tharcisse Harerimana will support the Federation in its establishment and organisation in cooperation with support from Peace & Sport. "I am very happy and proud to be able to support Biathle in a post conflict zone. In fact I think this sport, belonging to UIPM, can really produce and contribute to peace in such places as it is easy to practice and not expensive to organise. I will do my best to support it in other areas" said Mr Bouzou.

On **23 – 24 May**, Mr Bouzou attended the final of the **World Cup #4 in Rome**, Italy. Whilst there he had meetings with UIPM Sport Director, Mauro Tirinnanzi and with Vice President of Federazione Italiana Pentathlon Moderno, Mr Angelo Maccaroni in preparation for the World Championships in 2012 to be hosted in Italy.

UIPM COMMITTEES

MEDICAL

Prof. Joe Cumiskey, member of the UIPM Medical Committee presented a short report to the coaches and officials about the Swine Flu during the World Cup competition in Budapest. He briefed them on the symptoms of the flu and recommendations for travelling. The UIPM Medical Committee also released a short paper on the swine flu for the general information of competitors and officials. For further information visit www.pentathlon.org (Medical)

NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

CHILE

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URUGUAY

The Uruguayan Federation of Modern Pentathlon announced the following members of the Executive Board:

President: Colonel German D. Gonzalez
 Vice President: Lieutenant Colonel Gonzalo Arregui
 Treasurer: Captain Carlos A. Alcoba
 Secretary: 2nd Lieutenant Victor A. Perez
 Pro-Secretary: 1st Lieutenant Guillermo A. Morales
 Member: Alf (Apy-E.F.) Maria V. Filardi
 Member: Alf (Apy-E.F.) Gonzalo Espondaburu

INTERNATIONAL SPORT

IOC

- The Coordination Commission for the 1st Summer Youth Olympic Games in 2010 conducted its second visit to Singapore on 20 May. Preparations by the Singapore Organising Committee (SYOGOC) have progressed well with fifteen months remaining before the Opening Ceremony on 14 August 2010. Good progress has been made with finalising the sports programme in collaboration with the IFs. The daily competition schedule is almost complete, and SYOGOC is moving forward well in sports presentation matters.
- The Coordination Commission for the Olympic Winter Games in 2014 in Sochi was in the Russian host city on 13 and 14 May for its second plenary visit. Chairman, Jean-Claude Killy lead the delegation who examined a number of issues concerning the Games preparations including sports, athlete services, construction, infrastructure, transport, marketing and technology.



Lufthansa



- The International Forum on Sport, Peace and Development, under the patronage of the International Relations Commission, whose chairman is Mario Pescante, and of the International Foundation for the Olympic Truce, was held for the first time on 7 and 8 May at the Olympic Museum in Lausanne. Around 250 representatives of the Olympic Movement, United Nations, non-governmental organisations and the university bodies came together to share knowledge, discuss best practices and find modern solutions “to use the enormous potential of sport, its power of communication, its scope, its effect on communities and in particular on young people and its influence”.

More information about the activities of the IOC can be found at www.olympic.org

EUROPEAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEES (EOC)

- The 30th Seminar of the European Olympic Committees (EOC) took place in Dubrovnik (Croatia) on 15 and 16 May. Chaired by EOC Secretary General Raffaele Pagnozzi, the 160 participants from 48 NOCs worked on the priority themes of preparation of their teams for the next Olympic Games in Vancouver, London and Sochi, the first Youth Olympic Games in Singapore 2010 and the future editions of the European Youth Olympic Festival and the Games of the Small States of Europe. The next EOC seminar will be held in Malta in 2010.

For further information visit www.eurolympic.org

PENTATHLON WORLD RANKING

New Balance Pentathlon World Ranking

The PWR is updated live on www.pentathlon.org after each competition.

PWR as at 30 May 2009:

Women

1	GBR	Fell Heather	216
2	GER	Schoneborn Lena	197
3	GBR	Livingston Katy	194
4	EGY	Medany Aya	191
5	FRA	Caze Amelie	189
6	LTU	Asadauskaite Laura	183
7	POL	Boenisz Paulina	172
8	LTU	Rimsaite Donata	170
9	BLR	Samusevich Anastasia	169
10	UKR	Tereschuk Viktoria	163
11	LAT	Rublevska Elena	154
12	POL	Czwojdzinska Sylwia	152
13	RUS	Gretchchnikova Evdokia	147
14	CHN	Chen Qian	141
15	HUN	Toth Adrienn	140
16	HUN	Gyenesei Leila	139
17	GBR	Spence Mhairi	137
18	BLR	Arkipenka Hanna	132
19	CZE	Grolichova Lucie	126
20	ITA	Corsini Claudia	122

Men

1	LTU	Krungolcas Edvinas	181
2	HUN	Marosi Adam	173
3	CZE	Polivka Ondrej	164
4	RUS	Frolov Ilia	163

5	LAT	Cherkovskis Denis	162
6	MEX	Soto Oscar	157
7	POL	Horbacz Marcin	154
8	HUN	Kasza Robert	153
9	UKR	Kirpulyanskyy Dmytro	149
10	GER	Walther Eric	148
11	LTU	Zadneprovskis Andrejus	144
12	RUS	Moiseev Andrei	141
13	BLR	Meliakh Dzmitry	140
14	LTU	Zemaitis Tadas	137
15	CZE	Michalik Michal	136
16	GBR	Weale Samuel	136
17	AUT	Daniel Thomas	132
18	POL	Majewski Bartosz	125
19	UKR	Tymoshchenko Pavlo	124
20	ITA	Benedetti Nicola	123

RESULTS

WORLD CUP #3

Budapest, Hungary

7-10 May

Men

1	CERKOVSKIS Denis	LAT	6000
2	MAROSI Adam	HUN	5,944
3	KRUNGOLCAS Edvinas	LTU	5,888

Szekesfehervar, Hungary

14-17 May

Women

1	ASADAUSKAITE Laura	LTU	5636
2	CAZE Amelie	FRA	5572
3	GRETCHICHNIKOVA Evdokia	RUS	5512

WORLD CUP #4

Rome, Italy

21-24 May

Men

1	FROLOV Iliia	RUS	6060
2	MAROSI Adam	HUN	6060
3	PATTE Christopher	FRA	6008

Women

1	MEDANY Aya	EGY	5656
2	GEYNESEI Leila	HUN	5596
3	GRETCHICHNIKOVA Evdokia	RUS	5544

EUROPEAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Albena, Bulgaria

28 April - 3 May

Men

1	KUZNETSOV Maxim	RUS	6020
2	BOGDAN Dzmitry	BLR	6004
3	MERLE Bruno	FRA	5996

Women

1	KOVACS Sarolta	HUN	5660
2	CSEH Krisztina	HUN	5624
3	RIMSAITE Donata	LTU	5576

Mix Relay

1	Czech Republic	6172
2	Poland	6136
3	Germany	6132

INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Drzonkow, Poland

16 May

Men

1	NOBIS Alexander	GER	5976
2	KLEKOT Lukasz	POL	5940
3	GRALEWSKY Mateusz	POL	5940

OPEN FRENCH YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Bordeaux, France

16-17 May

Men

1	PRADES Valentin	FRA	4708
2	HEREDIA VIVES Aleix	FRA	4688
3	FORNES Marc	FRA	4684

Women

1	REY Jessica	FRA	4116
2	GANDOLFO Francesca	FRA	4080
3	MALISZEWSKA Anna	FRA	3916

INTERNATIONAL GERMAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Bonn, Germany

23 May

Senior Women

1	SCHÔNEBORN Lena	GER	5608
2	KOHLMANN Janine	GER	5564
3	TRAUTMANN Eva	GER	5464

Junior Women

1	KOHLMANN Janine	GER	5564
2	SCHLEU Annika	GER	5268
3	BUDDE Tabea	GER	5192

Senior Men

1	WALTHER Eric	GER	5940
2	KÖLLER Stefan	GER	5800
3	JEFREMENKO Michails	LAT	5788

Junior Men

1	BOU Florian	FRA	5768
2	NOBIS Alexander	GER	5724
3	TROJAK Szymon	POL	5708

PENTATHLON IN THE ANCIENT GAMES

708 BC - Lampis of Sparta won the first ancient Pentathlon

MODERN PENTATHLON

1912 - Stockholm: First time in the Olympic Programme

1948 - London: UIPM was born

1996 – Atlanta: First time all 5 events competed in one day at Olympics

1998 – Budapest, Mexico, Monaco, Olympia and Lausanne:
UIPM 50 Years Anniversary

2000 – Sydney: First time for women in the Olympic Programme

2004 – Athens: Pentathlon home after 2712 years

2012 – London: 100 Years of Modern Pentathlon in the Olympic Games
2012 – Stockholm: Centenary Congress

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