



PENTATHLON NEWS

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UIPM EXECUTIVE BOARD



Photo: UIPM Executive Board members and staff at the Steigenberger Hotel, Frankfurt

The newly elected UIPM Executive Board met for the first time in January following the Congress in November. Further information [page 4](#).

INTERNATIONAL SPORT

- 14-15 January, IOC President, Jacques Rogge visits Innsbruck (Austria) which will host first Winter Youth Olympic Games
- The Organising Committee of the 1st Summer Youth Olympic Games in Singapore launched its official emblem

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COMPETITION REVIEW

OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS

24-26 January, Melbourne

Sixteen competitors from New Zealand and four states in Australia contested the event over the weekend. The competition commenced with a very competitive fencing event. It soon became evident that the New Zealand team had become most competitive as a result of them having put a lot of effort into their training program over the last twelve months. Outstanding fencers were Felix Mann from New Zealand and Angie Darby from Australia. The swim was held at an indoor 50 m pool and won by two youth athletes, Felix Mann and Australian Dee Whitehead.

We are fortunate to have an excellent relationship with the Melbourne International Shooting club who installed the shooting targets on their main indoor range. This allowed us to run the event with a 20 meter run in through one door and to exit via a second door at the conclusion of the shooting phase. A 1km grass and gravel run course was set in the grounds of the shooting range which also provided many vantage points for spectators to watch the event. Two heats were held and both were strongly contested with the minor places not settled till the final run lap was completed.

The ride event was held on the Sunday at an indoor venue on the outskirts of the city. The Seniors jumped a technical course set at 1.10m, Juniors 1.00 and a novice group 80 cm. At all Australian pentathlon riding events provision is made for novice riders to ride at heights commensurate with their ability. It is this way that they develop their competitive skills while at the same time developing an appreciation of the effort they need to make to reach the required standard. Safety is our major priority and each competitor needs certification as to their riding competency before they are allowed to ride.

The final results at the end of the individual competition saw the emergence of a star for the future – Felix Mann from New Zealand. He was an outstanding competitor in the fence, swim and run shoot and equipped himself well in the novice riding competition. Scott Peterson and Angie Darby won the senior competitions.

On the Monday an 8 team 4 event relay was conducted with 4 teams representing Australia and 4 from New Zealand. Results showed the evenness of many of the teams with two dead heating and 3 within seconds of each other in the swim. Fencing was also close with teams competing for the minor placing only separated by 3 hits. The combined event proved to be most exciting with the minor places not determined till the last 20 meters of the run. The winners on the day were the Australia One team of Scott Petersen and Angie Darby. A great event and many people commented on how exciting they felt it was and an ideal format to attract audiences both live and via the electronic media.

Overall It was a great weekend of competition participated by all with much support for all competitors regardless of their country of origin. New Zealand and Australia are truly a pentathlon family within the Oceania region.

By Kate Thompson – Competition Manager & Technical Observer.

MASTERS WINTER PENTATHLON

16-18 January, Finland

Competitors enjoyed the fun-spirited winter version of pentathlon, where the five events include shooting, giant slalom, 5.4 km cross country ski, fencing and riding. Swedish pentathletes, Erik Johansson and Michael Brandt excelled in this winter adaptation of their professional sport, finishing first and second respectively. Bernhard Ziganki from Austria completed the podium in third position. In the women's competition, Heidi Walli took gold on home soil, while Ute Shifmann from Germany finished second.

Photo: Front right – Bernhard Ziganki (AUT), followed by Heidi Walli (FIN) and Jouko Pakarinen (FIN) at the start of the 5.4km cross country ski



PALM SPRINGS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH OPEN

3 January, Palm Springs

Palm Springs, USA was the first competition to host the combined shoot/run since the decision to change the format in November 2008. Athletes from Canada, England, Panama and USA all took part including USA Olympic team member, Sam Sacksen. Spectators and athletes alike were very supportive of the combined event, with a lot of excited cheering! Palm Spring is a perfect place to organize this event, because of the ideal weather conditions year-round. Youth athletes also competed in the riding, but it was not considered official as only 50% competed. The organisers considered the combined events relatively easy to organize.

By Janusz Peciak, UIPM Technical Committee



Photo: Athletes competing in the International Youth Open

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



LONDON, ENGLAND

13-18 August, Crystal Palace

Modern Pentathlon Great Britain this month launched the website for the World Championships - www.pentathlongb.org/mpwc

Be sure to check out the website over the coming months in the lead up to the competition for information on registration, accommodation, location and check out the blog by Pent-ster to keep up with all the gossip behind the scenes at the LOC.

This competition will be the first World Championships of an Olympic sport to be held in London since 1986 and will be the first of a number of such events expected in the lead up to the 2012 Olympic Games.

UPCOMING COMPETITIONS

Modern Pentathlon New Zealand will host the first ever New Zealand Open Championships from 27-29 March in Auckland.

Polish Modern Pentathlon Association would like to inform that this year we will organize following international competitions:

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| 1) 16 - 17 May | International Junior Competitions | Drzonkow |
| 2) 06 - 07 June | Open Senior Championships of Poland | Drzonków |
| 3) 20 - 21 June | Open Junior Championships of Poland | Szczecinek |
| 4) 08 - 09 August | Open Championships of Poland for Youth A | Drzonków |

All competition invitations will be available for download on www.pentathlon.org (downloads) when they are received from local organising committees.

OTHER NEWS



World Cup #1 in Mexico City has been postponed until 24-29 March. Competition invitations are available on the UIPM website www.pentathlon.org (downloads)

World Cup #2 in Palm Springs, USA has been cancelled and has been removed from the UIPM



calendar. The UIPM Executive Board decided not to postpone or replace this competition, therefore there will only be 4 World Cups followed by the World Cup Final in 2009.

All the **new UIPM Competition Rules are now available** on the UIPM website www.pentathlon.org for download and printed booklets will be distributed soon to National Federations.

INSIDE UIPM

UIPM PRESIDENT

10-13 January: UIPM President, Mr Klaus Schormann chaired the first Executive Board meeting in Frankfurt (further information below)

14-16 January: President Schormann attended the Technical Committee meeting on the morning of 14 January, where he gave a report about the sport political activities in 2009 and looking ahead to 2012 and welcomed new members, wishing them all success in their activities of technical delegates: He again joined the Technical Committee on the morning of 16 January where he was briefed about their discussions and proposals.

17-18 January: President Schormann took part together with IOC Vice President and DOSB President Dr. Thomas Bach and Minister of the Interior and Sport of Germany Dr. Wolfgang Schäuble (who both delivered speeches) at the opening ceremony of the Computer Sport exhibition (18 January-5 July 2009) in Paderborn organised by the Heinz Nixdorf Museum Forum and the Nixdorf Foundation. The German ZDF-Sportstudio was included in the whole ceremony. Lena Schöneborn, Olympic Champion gave an interview about technology and training of Modern Pentathlon. President Schormann met at that occasion with Martin Nixdorf, son of the founder Heinz Nixdorf to discuss future partnerships for youth and health projects in Modern Pentathlon. With the Director of the Ahorn Sport Park, created in 1984 by Heinz Nixdorf, Willi Lenz, President Schormann discussed possibilities for future competitions in Paderborn.

19 January: President Schormann took part at the New Year celebrations of the DOSB in Frankfurt in the historical city hall, Römer. IOC Vice President and DOSB President Dr. Thomas Bach and Mayor Petra Roth welcomed the representation of German Sport, Business and Politic. They started the campaign "The Year of Women in Sport".

20 January: President Schormann took part in a panel "Beijing 2008 and after on the way to Olympic Games 2012 in London" together with Ulrich Feldhoff, Honorary President of the International Canoe Federation (ICF), Manfred Germer (former 200m record holder and European Champion) and Olympic Champion in weightlifting, Rolf Milser in Duisburg by the Deutsche Olympic Gesellschaft (DOG).

24-25 January: President Schormann, who is also President of the German Modern Pentathlon Federation (DVMF), chaired the Executive Board meeting in Darmstadt. Two of the main discussions were the new combined shoot/run format and the European Championships in Leipzig (23-30 June 2009).

26 January: President Schormann took part at the award "Großer Stern des Sports" in gold 2008 in Berlin. The German State President Dr. Horst Köhler and IOC Vice President and President DOSB Dr. Thomas Bach presented the awards.

27-28 January: President Schormann met with the President of the Berlins Sports Federations Mr Peter Hanisch and President of the Berlin Modern Pentathlon Federation Heike Petruschinski to discuss projects for Modern Pentathlon in the Berlin Olympic Sport Park.

29-30 January: In Frankfurt, President Schormann, as Executive Board member took part in the Executive Board meeting of the German Olympic Academy, where they discussed also the Forum "Citius, Altius, Fortius: The Sport – A Bastion of Power" (8 May 2009)

Ms Shiny Fang is UIPM President's Liaison for International Relations and Affairs.

UIPM EXECUTIVE BOARD

12-13 January, Frankfurt

UIPM President, Dr h.c. Klaus Schormann welcomed the new UIPM Executive Board in Frankfurt at the Steigenburger Airport Hotel, for the first meeting following the elections at the UIPM Congress in November 2008.

The City Government of Frankfurt, represented by Prof. Dr. Daniela Birkenfeld, Director for Sport ad Social Affairs, in the name of Mayor Petra Roth, welcomed the Executive Board members for dinner on the evening of 12 January.

The Board met to develop and confirm plans for the 2009-2012 period based on presentations and proposals made by each of the members. In addition to the longstanding Executive Board members, newly elected



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members (changed from previous Board) in attendance included Member for Marketing, Mr Janis Leipins (LAT), Member for Development, Mr Bin Zhang (CHN), Confederation President for South America, Mr Jorge Salas (ARG), Medical Committee Chair, Mr Fabio Pigozzi (ITA) and Athletes Committee Chair, Miss Georgina Harland (GBR).

The Board members elected the UIPM Vice Presidents as follows:

- 1st Vice President – Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch Jnr (ESP)
- 2nd Vice President – Mr. Kui-Sung Choi (KOR)
- 3rd Vice President – Mr. Ivar Sisniega (MEX)
- Vice President for Business Affairs – Mr. John Helmick (USA)

UIPM Secretary General, Mr Joël Bouzou was also re-confirmed as Secretary General for the period 2009 – 2012.

The next UIPM Executive Board meeting will be in Copenhagen, Denmark ahead of the UIPM Congress from 10-11 October.

UIPM COMMITTEES

TECHNICAL

The UIPM Technical Committee (TC) met from 14 to 16 January in the Sportshule Hessen in Frankfurt, Germany to prepare for the 2009 season and the new combined shoot/run competition. All TC members, with the exception of Walid Sayed, were present. Athletes Committee Chair, Georgina Harland and former member Hiltrud Reder attended as guests.

UIPM President Mr. Klaus Schormann opened the meeting giving thanks the Chair, Mauro Tirinnanzi and all the TC members for their work, the preparations of the new rules and emphasised the importance of the work that is done by the TC Committee which is the “heart” of the UIPM. He stressed that it was not an easy task of the TC especially at the beginning of a new competition season when the new Pentathlon rules will be applied for the first time. He updated the TC members on the international sport situation and in particularly on the Youth Olympic Games.



Photo: Members of Technical Committee accompanied by UIPM President, Mr Klaus Schormann, Athlete Committee Chair, Georgina Harland, and UIPM Competition Manager, Iris Vlahoutsikou
Photo by: Ralf Wächter

Mr Popov was selected as TC Secretary with specific task on: World Ranking List, (feed back on the web ranking); Athletes licences (supervising issue); and the calendar for the B/C categories Competition Mr. José Paula Santos was appointed to prepare the new Judges licences

The Agenda included the review of the new rules, which covered the biggest part of the meeting and especially the new rules for the combined event. The Sport Director had prepared a 200 slide power point presentation. All main rules for all disciplines were discussed and in detailed explained for their best and homogeneous application.

A detailed presentation on the new electronic targets was made by SimPower representative, Sebastian Floure to clarify their operation and the new rules and guidelines for the organisers.

The international Calendar was discussed and the schedule was determined also announcing the EB decision on having 4 Continental Qualification Competitions (ages 16-17) in 2009 for the Youth Olympic Games.

The Sport Director presented an idea of starting an E-learning program for Judges through the UIPM website.

It was also discussed to strongly recommend to each competition organiser to fit in their schedule just before the competition a Judges Seminar for the existing judges and then they will be tested in the competition and get the renewed licence.

Several working groups were created among the TC members to further review elements of discussion:

- Create the material for the E-learning program for the judges.
- Study a laser pistol system
- Create guideline for the competition organizers
- Deeply analyse the idea and the possible application of the of ladder tournament in fencing

The Para pentathlon was discussed (The idea is from the former Olympic Champion Daniele Masala) and all members are very supportive since it is a significant project that should be proposed for the Paralympics Games. Work on the procedure on formatting the Sport and adjusting it to Paralympics rules will start immediately.

Mr. Schormann closed the meeting by thanking all the TC members for their hard work and emphasized the importance of media coverage of the sport as well as the value of the Para pentathlon. He wished to all a good season with success of the "new rules"

UIPM OFFICE

Competition Manager, Ms Karen Myers will finish working at UIPM from 6 February. Ms Myers has been appointed as the Competition Manager for Modern Pentathlon at the Youth Olympic Games in Singapore 2010 beginning early March. She has been a valuable asset to UIPM throughout her 8 years with the organisation. Ms Iris Vlahoutsikou will be replacing Ms Myers. Ms Vlahoutsikou previously worked for the Athens Olympic Games Organising Committee and the Island Games Organising Committee. She has extensive experience in competition management. We welcome her to the UIPM team.

Sport Director, Mauro Tirinnanzi was present at the UIPM Office on 22 January to attend a meeting with Namik Djumsic from ORIS to discuss the preparations for the Youth Olympic Games in Singapore and the new rules pertaining to combined event and mixed relay.

NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

GREAT BRITAIN

British pentathletes, Katy Livingston, Samuel Weale and Nicholas Woodbridge are promoting the latest range of active wear for Marks and Spencer, sponsor of Pentathlon GB sponsor who will support the team in the run up to the London 2012 Olympic Games. For more information go to:

<http://www.marksandspencer.com/gp/node/n/181762031/278-4248126-6728246>

LITHUANIA

Lithuanian Modern Pentathlon Federation held an Election Congress in January where the following Executive Board was elected:

President	Mr. Viktoras Majauskas
Vice-president	Mr. Kestutis Ruzgys
Vice-president	Mr. Vytautas Polujanskas
Secretary General	Mr. Viaceslavas Kalininas
EB member	Mr. Jurijus Moskviciovas
EB member	Mr. Valentinas Mizgaitis
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PALESTINE

It is with deep sadness that UIPM learnt of the death of the President of the Palestinian Pentathlon Federation, Mr. Khalil Hassan and his wife Shadia, who passed away on January 14th 2009 during the recent Israeli attack on Gaza. His presence will be missed, as he tried earnestly to develop the sport in difficult circumstances.

INTERNATIONAL SPORT

IOC

- On 14 and 15 January, IOC President Jacques Rogge went to Innsbruck (Austria), which will host the first Winter Youth Olympic Games. On this occasion, the Host City Contract was signed.
- The Organising Committee of the 1st Summer Youth Olympic Games in Singapore launched its official emblem, which, according to IO C President Rogge "...embodies the spirit of the Youth Olympic Games and represents the blending of the IOC's and Singapore Organising Committee's vision to bring the youth of the world together". Singapore 2010 also launched two new programmes aimed at developing education and cultural awareness – the Olympic Education Program (OEP) and Friends@YOG
- IOC Member and UIPM Honorary President, H.S.H Prince Albert II of Monaco crossed from the west to east of Antarctica to evaluate the impact of global warming on this continent. Leaving on 5 January, he arrived at the South Pole on 14 January and planted the Olympic flag, just as he did at the North Pole. He left Antarctica on 21 January after visiting 22 scientific stations.

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

PENTATHLON WORLD RANKING

New Balance Pentathlon World Ranking

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

PWR as at 31 January 2009:

Women

1	GBR	FELL	Heather	216
2	GER	SCHONEBORN	Lena	198
3	GBR	LIVINGSTON	Katy	196
4	EGY	MEDANY	Aya	191
5	UKR	TERESHUK	Victoria	185
6	FRA	CAZE	Amelie	182
7	BLR	SAMUSEVICH	Anastasia	178
8	LTU	RIMSAITE	Donata	177
9	POL	BOENISZ	Paulina	172
10	LTU	ASADAUSKAITE	Laura	160
11	LAT	RUBLEVSKA	Elena	154
12	GBR	SPENCE	Mhairi	152
13	POL	CZWOJDZINSKA	Sylvia	150
14	RUS	GRETCHICHNIKOVA	Evdokia	149
15	POL	DZIADURA	Marta	146
16	BLR	ARKHIPENKA	Hanna	142
17	HUN	GYENESEI	Leila	138
18	POL	MALOSZYC	Edita	137
19	HUN	TOTH	Adrienn	135
20	CZE	GROLICHOVA	Lucie	134

Men

1	RUS	MOISEEV	Andrei	203
2	FRA	BERROU	Jean maxence	186
3	LTU	ZADNEPROVSKIS	Andrejus	185
4	RUS	FROLOV	Ilia	183
5	LTU	KRUNGOLCAS	Edvinas	172
6	UKR	KIRPULYANSKY	Dmytro	167
7	CZE	POLIVKA	Ondrej	167
8	HUN	KASZA	Robert	167
9	USA	BREMER	Eli	164
10	CZE	SVOBODA	David	164
11	GER	GEBHARDT	Steffen	158
12	GER	WALTHER	Eric	156
13	MEX	SOTO	Oscar	154
14	UKR	TYMOSHCHENKO	Pavlo	153
15	LAT	CHERKOVSKIS	Denis	150
16	CZE	MICHALIK	Michal	148
17	BLR	MELIAKH	Dzmitry	146
18	POL	HORBACZ	Marcin	146
19	POL	MAJEWSKI	Bartosz	145
20	USA	BOWSHER	Dennis	145

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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