



PENTATHLON NEWS

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JUBILATION IN JULY!

Youth & Junior Pentathletes show their talent!

Smiles were abound in Cairo this month as the Youth A pentathletes competed in the World Championships. For some of these athletes this was a debut international performance, while others used the experience in preparation for the 1st Youth Olympic Games in Singapore 2010. The Hungarian team enjoyed great success taking home four gold medals and one bronze medal to have the highest medal tally. Korea showed the strength of their youngsters with two gold, one silver and one bronze displaying great potential for the future.

Kaoshiung, Chinese Taipei hosted the Junior World Championships earlier in the month with impressive performances from the junior level, where Korea took home four gold medals after impressive performances from their junior men squad. [Further information page 2.](#)

Photo: The Hungarian girls celebrate after winning the Team Relay competition at the Youth A World Championships

ONE WEEK TO GO! – SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

London, 13-17 August

INTERNATIONAL SPORT

- To mark the three year countdown to the Olympic Games in London 2012, the Organising Committee (LOCOG) and its partners organised a number of special events
- The IOC will no longer suspend the Kuwaiti NOC from 1 August 2009 following an agreement between the IOC and Kuwaiti Authorities.
- The 13th General Assembly of ANOCA took place on 6 and 7 July in Abuja, Nigeria

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COMPETITION REVIEW

YOUTH A WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Egypt hosted a successful World Youth A Championships, the result of lots of preparations, hopes and accomplishments. All the events were held at Nasr City Club within walking distance of each other. A total of 112 athletes participated in the championship, 62 boys and 50 girls, from 24 countries including Great Britain, Germany, France, Hungary, China, Korea, Belarus, Russia, Poland, Mexico, America, and Egypt.

For these youth, the championship were a good preparation for the upcoming Youth Olympic Games in 2010 and junior level, giving them the push, the experience and the courage to keep going for something better and achieving the best they can.

Despite the overarching global issues including the economical crisis, the championships were not affected; on the contrary everything went really well with effective organisation. Another thing that was one of the biggest fears facing the championship organizers, was the swine flue disease, that is almost everywhere now, and unfortunately pushing a lot of people to re-consider not going out in crowds where almost most of the sports events happen. But the appropriate organizations were all done carefully providing for all the fans and the teams the most possible healthy atmosphere.

At the end of a lot of sweat, insistence, dreams, strength and intelligence, every thing was almost perfect watching those young peoples' dreams coming true, with a big smile on their face, joy in their hearts, and flags held high in their hands.

Boy's Individual Final

Gergely Demeter (HUN) who will celebrate his 17th birthday in August, won his first individual international career medal. In the fencing Demeter reached 972 points to placed him at 5th position in this event, also he came 5th at the swimming to increase to 3rd place overall after two events. This gave him a 29 second handicap behind the first place, James Cooke (GBR) who was the fastest at the swimming pool; while Marc Fornes (FRA) scored the highest score at the fencing, 1056 points, in the second place with 21 second handicap. For the first time in the Youth A World Championships the athletes competed with the new combined event. Demeter found it easy to catch the top two in the first lap. Holding his lead for the second and third series, as he approached the finish looking around he didn't find any one behind him, to put his hands in the air across the finish line, happy to have won the gold. In second was Woo Jin Lee (KOR) who was 16th before the combined event and evidently the



best performance in the shooting range to record the fastest time in the combined event of 11:01.28. His team mate Soengjin Kim (KOR) who was 4th at the beginning of the event, finished 3rd. The second best time in the combined event was Allay El Dien (EGY), who moved from 31st to 5th, and Cooke finished 9th unable to repeat what Nicolas Woodbridge did for Great Britain in 2004, when Nicolas won the gold at Youth A World Championships in Bulgaria 2004. In the team event, Korea was the clear winner given the success of the athletes in the individual totalling 14392 points. Russia team took the bronze, while the silver went to Belarus. And unfortunately on home soil the Egyptians came fourth after an impressive effort.

Girl's Individual Final

The two time European Youth B champion Zsofia Foldhazi(HUN) became the Youth A world champion for 2009. The sixteen years old started the day finishing 28th in the fencing with 808 points, but in her favorite event, swimming, she showed her natural talent winning the event with 2:06.91 placing her in the 3rd overall after two events. This gave her a 2 second handicap behind her team mate Sarolta Kovacs (HUN) and 46 second behind Sevetlana Lebedeva (RUS) who was the clear winner of the fencing event with 1096 points.

In the combined event, the first series in the shooting, the athletes were still fresh and most of them made good shooting, but it's hard to keep the hand steady after the hard running. After the second 5 shots, Lebedeva started her 2nd running lap in first place followed by Kovacs and Foldhazi who left the range together and Jihan el Midany (EGY) just behind them. On the run, El Midany catches the two Hungarians while Lebedeva still kept the lead. The final 5 shots were difficult; Foldhazi, Lebedeva and Gulnaz Gubaydullina (RUS) were the first three out of the shooting range, then el Midany was trying very hard and the crowd were screaming for her, after 350m el Midany took the lead, in the final 300m, Gubaydullina failed to catch el Midany, but Foldhazi passed her in the last 5 meters to cross the finish line one leg before her to get the 2nd gold for Hungary in as many days. El Midany was the fastest time in the combined, 12:24.70, to take the silver after a hard day on home soil, and the bronze went to Gubaydullina.

In the team event, China won the bronze, Russia the silver and gold went to Hungary (*photo, right*), while Egypt in the fourth place for the second time.



Boy's Team Relay

In fencing, Egypt and Russia won the event with 958 points for each. In the swimming France won the event in a time of 2:52.58. Home team Egypt who was sixth in the swimming accumulated enough points to sit in second placing overall after two events and Poland was in third. At the combined event, Russia is out first with Egypt close behind with only a 14 second handicap. Poland follows another 13 seconds later. It is tough out on the field as Korea who showed their strength in the individual competitions start to make a stance. In the first series of five shots Ukraine was eliminated after a mistake. At the end it is the Korean team (Soengijn, Seul Gi and Woo Jin) who were in the 8th place before the combined to finish the fastest in a time of 21:02.48 and happily taking their second gold of the competition. Russia won the silver, and Hungary, who was 5th prior to combined, finished third for the bronze. The Egyptians finished 5th behind Poland.

Mixed Team Relay

14 teams competed in this newly introduced relay, where one person from each gender competes together. In the swimming, Kate and James of Great Britain won the first event with time 1:59.11, while Oktawia and Karol of Poland won the fencing with 964 points, Jing Guo and Tong of Jin China, who were 7th before the combined, had an amazing finish screaming in the finish line "wooooooh" to take the gold and become the first time winners of World Youth A Championship – Mixed Relay, Anna Olesinski and Nathan Schrimsher of USA won the silver, and the bronze went to Oktawia Nowacka and Karol Dziudziek of Poland, while a valiant attempt from Allay and Jihan from Egypt tried to join medals places but finished 4th.



Girl's Team Relay

In the swimming, the Hungarian girls, Kovacs and Foldhazi were in the lead with the fastest in the event with a great time of 3:06.77, and the Russians behind them with time of 3:12.73. Kazakhstan was the best in the fencing with 916 points, while the Hungarians did not do so good slipping down to third place after China and Germany in first. But showing the class act of their superiors, the young Hungarian girls fought back in the combined to take gold - the 4th gold for the Hungarian team at this competition and best time in the combined of 24:45.70. China won the silver, and Germany won the bronze. The biggest move in the combined event was the Mexican girls who jumped from 12th to finish 6th.

Mr. Sameh Guemeih President of the African Confederation of Modern Pentathlon and UIPM Executive Board member attended the competition in Cairo.

Medal Standings

| Rank | Country | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Total |
|------|--------------|------|--------|--------|-------|
| 1 | Hungary | 4(8) | | 1(3) | 5(11) |
| 2 | Korea | 2(6) | 1(1) | 1(1) | 4(8) |
| 3 | China | 1(2) | 1(3) | 1(3) | 3(8) |
| 4 | Russian Fed. | | 1(3) | 2(4) | 3(7) |
| 5 | Belarus | | 1(3) | | 1(3) |
| 5 | Poland | | 1(2) | | 1(2) |
| 5 | Egypt | | 1(1) | | 1(1) |
| 8 | Germany | | | 1(3) | 1(3) |
| 8 | USA | | | 1(2) | 1(2) |

Report by Ahmed Salama

JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Junior World Championships took place in Kaoshiung, Chinese Taipei from 6-12 July. Defending her title, Aya Medany (EGY) fought hard to take the gold again with an impressive 5664. She adds this to her two World Cup wins this season and will also be one to look out for in the Senior World Championships in August. Margaux Isaksen (USA) took the bronze, improving significantly from the previous year performance where she finished 13th. Silver went to Svetlana Lebedeva (RUS) who also took home a gold with here and her team mates winning the Team event. In the men's event, Korea took gold and silver with fantastic performances by Jihun Ahn and Junhwa Jung respectively. These placing also contributed to the overall score for the Korean team taking home the gold medal for the Team event. The Korean team also followed this one day later with gold in the team relay and mixed relay competitions. A truly impressive haul!!

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



It is just a matter days until the **2009 SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS** begin in London on 13 August. Athletes, coaches, delegations and the Local Organising Committee are all eager to get started!

The ticket sales have been highly successful with the five-event pass (all day) now sold out! Tickets are still available for the four-event (swim, ride, shoot/run) and three-event (ride, shoot/run) pass. Tickets will be available on the day at the gate or can be purchased in advance at Ticketmaster UK.

For the media, members of the GB team will be available to interview and photograph at a pre-World Championships press conference at the National Sports Centre, Crystal Palace at 1pm on Tuesday 11 August. It will be followed at 2pm by an opportunity for members of the media to try out the new combined run/shoot event that became the new climax of the modern pentathlon at the beginning of this year.



BIATHLE

BIATHLE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



The 2009 Biathlon World Championships will be hosted in the beautiful Principality of Monaco in the French Riviera on Sunday 20 September.

Preliminary registration closed on 31 July...but it's not too late to be part of the action! **Final registration is open until 31 August.**

All categories from Youth A to Master C will compete in this one day of action with nations including Great Britain and South Africa fielding strong teams, but also new comers from Russia will join the fun! The full day of competition will also be web cast live on www.pentathlon.org

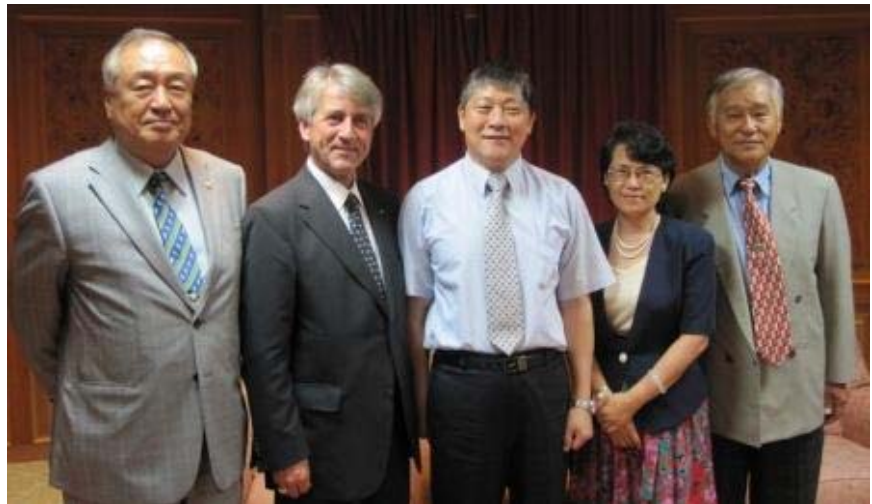
To register or for further information contact: events@sirius.mc

INSIDE UIPM

UIPM PRESIDENT

1 July: President Dr h.c. Klaus Schormann took part at the **40th Anniversary of the Sport Council of the German Government** in the House of Parliament. The Minister of the Interior, who is also has responsible for Sport, Dr. Wolfgang Schäuble gave the main speech about Sport and Politics in Modern Society.

5-13 July: President Schormann visited the **Junior World Championships in Kaoshiung, Taipei** together with UIPM Vice President Kui Sung Choi. During his stay he met the Sport Affairs Council with Deputy Minister Hsien-Chung Chen to discuss with him financial support for the Chinese Taipei Modern Pentathlon and Biathlon Association (TMP&BA). They also spoke about the possibility to host future international competitions including the Senior World Championships. On 10 July, following his meeting with the Sport Affairs Council, President Schormann visited the Chinese Taipei Olympic Committee, where he met with Vice President Szu Chuen Tsai and Secretary General Kevin Kuo-I Chen to speak about the Asian Games 2010 in Guangzhou and the support of the NOC for TMP&BA and the Youth Olympic Games 2010 Singapore linked to the Asian Qualification in December (11-13) in Singapore. At all these meetings, President Schormann was accompanied by Vice President Choi. On 11 July President Schormann spoke with the Vice Minister for Sport Kuo Tong Lin, who visited the Junior Championships



final for Women, about the financial and political support of the Government to Modern Pentathlon. The Government will concentrate significantly in youth development in the coming years.

At the competition farewell party, President Schormann awarded the former President of the TMP&BA, Lt Gen Larine Corps former Commander of the Marines, Mr Kno-Nan Cheng with the Modern Pentathlon Cup for his excellent support for the development of Modern Pentathlon in Chinese Taipei (Photo, left)

14-16 July: President Schormann visited the **UIPM Headquarters in Monaco** during the



annual audit undertaken by the Honorary Auditors, Alexander Peirits and Helio Meirelles together with UIPM Treasurer, Mr Gyula Bretz. During this time he held meetings with Secretary General, Joël Bouzou and Mr Bretz to prepare the future financial management.

President Schormann together with the Secretary General of South Africa Modern Pentathlon Association (SAMPA), Mr Anthony Bradford and Mrs Vanessa Kahandjando (UIPM President's Assistance for African Affairs) in cooperation with the Deutsche Höhere Privatschule (DHPS) in Windhoek are organising the **1st Open Nambian Biathle on 29 August in Windhoek.**

UIPM SECRETARY GENERAL

UIPM Secretary General, Joël Bouzou met with UIPM President, Dr h.c.Klaus Schormann and UIPM Treasurer, Mr Gyula Bretz during their visit in Monaco to establish and implement new financial strategy. On 28 July he met with representatives of Tokyo 2016 Candidate City during their visit in Monaco and later that evening represented UIPM at the Athletics Hercules competition. This month, in his role as Advisor to H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco, Mr Bouzou attended the opening of Tour de France in Monaco on 4 July and also the finish in Paris on 26 July.

UIPM HONORARY AUDITORS



The UIPM Honorary Auditors, Mr Alexander Peirits and Mr Helio Meirelles together with UIPM Treasurer Mr Gyula Bretz were at the UIPM Headquarters in Monaco from 13-16 July to perform the annual financial audit for the previous year. They will present their report to the Congress in October.

Photo: UIPM Auditors, Helio Meirelles (Left) and Alexander Peirits (right) with UIPM staff members, Iris Vlahoutsikou (centre, left) Raelene Butler (centre) and Coralie Kreidel (centre, right)

OTHER NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS! PhD student, Sandra Heck who has been researching the history of Modern Pentathlon was awarded the "Junior Award" at the International Society of the History of Physical Education and Sport (ISHPES) conference in July for her article titled "When Workmen Shoot, Fence and Ride – Modern Pentathlon and the Promise of Social Integration at the Beginning of the 20th Century".

FACEBOOK – UIPM has joined the world's largest social network, Facebook. Join UIPM as a "friend" to keep up to date with the latest news and competition photos.

INTERNATIONAL SPORT

IOC

- On 15 July in Lausanne, an IOC delegation led by President Jacques Rogge met a Kuwaiti government delegation. An agreement was reached on amending the current nation sports law in Kuwait resulting in the IOC not taking action to suspend the NOC from 1 August 2009.
- 27 July marked the three-year countdown to the Olympic Games in London in 2012. To celebrate this important date, the Organising Committee for these Games (LOCOG) and its partners organised a number of events, enabling the athletes from the British team to visit the Olympic Park and travel on the new Javelin fast train, which will transport up to 25,000 spectators per hour to the Olympic Park during the Games.

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

ASSOCIATION OF NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES OF AFRICA (ANOCA)

- On 6 and 7 July the 13th General Assembly of Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA) met in Abuja (Nigeria). The meeting was led by ANOCA President and IOC Member Lassana Palenfo. During the General Assembly, Mr Palenfo was re-elected as President for a term of four years. This is his second term in office.

PENTATHLON WORLD RANKING

New Balance Pentathlon World Ranking

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

PWR as at 31 July 2009:

Women

| | | | |
|----|-----|-------------------------|------------|
| 1 | GBR | Fell Heather | 205 |
| 2 | LTU | Asadauskaite Laura | 183 |
| 3 | EGY | Medany Aya | 176 |
| 4 | GER | Schoneborn Lena | 173 |
| 5 | LTU | Rimsaite Donata | 172 |
| 6 | FRA | Caze Amelie | 169 |
| 7 | BLR | Samusevich Anastasia | 164 |
| 8 | GBR | Livingston Katherine | 162 |
| 9 | POL | Boenisz Paulina | 162 |
| 10 | RUS | Gretchichnikova Evdokia | 153 |
| 11 | LAT | Rublevska Elen | 149 |
| 12 | POL | Czwojdzinska Sylwia | 148 |
| 13 | GBR | Spence Mhairi | 142 |
| 14 | CHN | Chen Qian | 138 |
| 15 | HUN | Toth Adrienn | 132 |
| 16 | HUN | Gyenesei Leila | 129 |
| 17 | USA | Isaksen Margaux | 129 |
| 18 | CZE | Grolichova Lucie | 126 |
| 19 | CZE | Dianova Natalie | 119 |
| 20 | GBR | Prentise Freyja | 117 |

Men

| | | | |
|----|-----|------------------------|------------|
| 1 | CZE | Polivka Ondrej | 195 |
| 2 | LTU | Krungolcas Edvinas | 181 |
| 3 | HUN | Marosi Adam | 173 |
| 4 | RUS | Frolov Ilia | 163 |
| 5 | LAT | Cherkovskis Denis | 162 |
| 6 | MEX | Soto Oscar | 157 |
| 7 | POL | Horbacz Marcin | 154 |
| 8 | LTU | Zadneprovskis Andrejus | 153 |
| 9 | UKR | Kirpulyanskyy Dmytro | 149 |
| 10 | GER | Walther Eric | 148 |
| 11 | CZE | Michalik Michal | 137 |
| 12 | GBR | Weale Samuel | 136 |
| 13 | BLR | Meliakh Dzmitry | 135 |
| 14 | LTU | Kinderis Justinas | 132 |
| 15 | ITA | Benedetti Nicola | 128 |
| 16 | POL | Majewski Bartosz | 125 |

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|----|-----|--------------------|------------|
| 17 | UKR | Tymoshchenko Pavlo | 124 |
| 18 | BLR | Lapo Yahor | 121 |
| 19 | USA | Bremer Eli | 117 |
| 20 | EGY | Hefny Jasser | 117 |

RESULTS

JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Kaoshiung, TPE

6-12 July

Men

| | | | |
|---|------------------|-----|------|
| 1 | AHN Jihun | KOR | 6140 |
| 2 | JUNG Jinhwa | KOR | 6120 |
| 3 | KARYAKIN Serguei | RUS | 6112 |

Women

| | | | |
|---|-------------------|-----|------|
| 1 | MEDANY Aya | EGY | 5664 |
| 2 | LEBEDEVA Svetlana | RUS | 5632 |
| 3 | ISAKSEN Margaux | USA | 5580 |

Men Team

| | | |
|---|--------|--------|
| 1 | Korea | 17,948 |
| 2 | Russia | 17,852 |
| 3 | Mexico | 17,388 |

Women Team

| | | |
|---|---------|--------|
| 1 | Russia | 16,484 |
| 2 | Germany | 15,884 |
| 3 | Poland | 15,844 |

Men Team Relay

| | | |
|---|---------|------|
| 1 | Korea | 7048 |
| 2 | Russia | 6940 |
| 3 | Hungary | 6860 |

Women Team Relay

| | | |
|---|---------|------|
| 1 | Germany | 5924 |
| 2 | Egypt | 5834 |
| 3 | Hungary | 5812 |

Mixed Relay

| | | |
|---|-----------|------|
| 1 | Korea | 6292 |
| 2 | Lithuania | 6206 |
| 3 | Ukraine | 6148 |

EUROPEAN YOUTH B CHAMPIONSHIPS

Abrantes, POR

1-5 July

Boys

| | | | |
|---|--------------------|-----|------|
| 1 | GRALEWSKI Micham | POL | 4892 |
| 2 | SWIDERSKI Jaroslaw | POL | 4844 |
| 3 | TASKER Luke | GBR | 4824 |

Girls

| | | | |
|---|-----------------|-----|------|
| 1 | FOLDHAZI Zsofia | HUN | 4584 |
| 2 | TOCCHI Gloria | ITA | 4492 |
| 3 | FITTON Alice | GBR | 4460 |

YOUTH A WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Cairo, EGY

22-27 July

Men

| | | | |
|---|-----------------|-----|------|
| 1 | DEMETER Gergely | HUN | 4940 |
| 2 | LEE Woo Jin | KOR | 4836 |
| 3 | KIM Soengjin | KOR | 4816 |

Women

| | | | |
|---|---------------------|-----|------|
| 1 | FOLDHAZI Zsofia | HUN | 4364 |
| 2 | EL MIDANY Jihan | EGY | 4364 |
| 3 | GUBAYDULLINA Gulnaz | RUS | 4340 |

Men Team

| | | |
|---|---------|-------|
| 1 | Korea | 14392 |
| 2 | Belarus | 13940 |
| 3 | Russia | 13932 |

Women Team

| | | |
|---|---------|-------|
| 1 | Hungary | 12600 |
|---|---------|-------|

| | | |
|---|--------|-------|
| 2 | Russia | 12484 |
| 3 | China | 12384 |

Men Team Relay

| | | |
|---|---------|------|
| 1 | Korea | 5680 |
| 2 | Russia | 5626 |
| 3 | Hungary | 5614 |

Women Team Relay

| | | |
|---|---------|------|
| 1 | Hungary | 4600 |
| 2 | China | 4454 |
| 3 | Germany | 4386 |

Mixed Relay

| | | |
|---|--------------------------|------|
| 1 | China | 4950 |
| 2 | Poland | 4916 |
| 3 | United States of America | 4884 |

CORRECTION

The results shown in the June newsletter were incorrect. The correct results are:

DUTCH OPEN COUBERTIN CUP

Doorn, NED

12-14 June

Men

| | | | |
|---|------------------|-----|------|
| 1 | HILGEHOLT Kelvin | NED | 6264 |
| 2 | VAN HOUT Bob | NED | 4560 |
| 3 | BLAKE Robert | RSA | 4556 |

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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