Looking forward to who will be World Athlete of the Year

The beginning of October will mark the opening of the voting process for the 2014 World Athletes of the Year ahead of the International Athletics Foundation World Athletics Gala on Friday 21 November 2014.

A list of 10 male and 10 female candidates will firstly be selected by an international panel of athletics experts and announced by the IAAF. The panel includes representatives from all six continental areas of the IAAF. An email poll involving the World Athletics Family will then commence, closing on Thursday 16 October, midnight CET. At the conclusion of the voting process, three male and three female finalists will be selected and announced by the IAAF.

The Council of the International Athletics Foundation will then select the male and female World Athletes of the Year from the finalists with the announcement of the winners taking place live on stage during a special ceremony in Monaco during the 2014 World Athletics Gala.

OTHER NEWS

• A decade after retirement, El Guerrouj still has Midas touch in inspiring future generation
• AIMS-IAAF Course Measurement Seminar held in Athens
• A look back on the 2014 Diamond Race and ahead to the 2015 calendar – IAAF Diamond League
• Amended 2014 WADA prohibited list in force from 1 September, 2014
• Athletics for a Better World seminar held in Helsinki
• Dmytrenko and Liu confirmed as winners of 2014 IAAF Race Walking Challenge
• Polish throwing stars impressed by youth in Warsaw
• Wlodarczyk and Pars end 2014 season at the top of the IAAF Hammer Throw Challenge

IAAF AND DENTSU EXTEND AND ENHANCE PARTNERSHIP TO 2029

The IAAF and Dentsu Inc. are proud to announce the extension and enhancement of their long standing commercial partnership until the end of 2029. This agreement constitutes a new milestone in the ongoing partnership between the IAAF and Dentsu. It brings continued financial stability to the IAAF, allowing it to move ahead with its development and promotion of athletics globally while at the same time providing a long-term platform for Dentsu to continue its successful commercialisation of the IAAF’s leading events. READ MORE.
FEATURED NEWS

**Athletics for a Better World makes an impact in Morocco**
Before embarking on a visit to a remote Moroccan mountain village early last Sunday for an IAAF / Nestlé Healthy Kids’ Athletics event, most of the guests – including several current and former champion athletes from Morocco and elsewhere – didn’t know exactly what to expect. [READ MORE]

**Asia and Oceania area association presidents pledge even closer cooperation**
During a welcome for the Asia-Pacific team competing at the IAAF Continental Cup, Marrakech 2014, Asia area association president Dahlan Jumaan Al Hamad and Oceania area association president Geoff Gardner reiterated their desire to continue to work closely together. [READ MORE]

**'Athletics royalty' grace spectacular opening ceremony to recognise millionth finish milestone**
It was, as the triple jump world record-holder Jonathan Edwards said in his role as presenter: “A gathering of athletics royalty.” [READ MORE]

**Americas awarded the 2010 IAAF Continental Cup in Marrakech**
The Americas team were presented with the 2010 IAAF Continental Cup at the spectacular welcome dinner for this year’s event in Marrakech, Morocco. [READ MORE]

PUBLICATIONS

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**TRANSFERS OF ALLEGIANCE**
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WORLD RECORDS RATIFIED

WOMEN, JUNIOR – 10,000m race walk
42:47.25 Anezka Drahotova (95) CZE, Eugene, USA, 23 Jul 14
previous: 42:59.48 Elena Lashmanova (92) RUS, Tallinn, EST 21 Jul 11

MEN, JUNIOR – 110m hurdles (0.991m)
12.99 (0.5m/s) Wilhem Belocian (95) FRA, Eugene, USA, 24 Jul 14
previous: 13.12 (1.6m/s) Xiang Liu (83) CHN, Lausanne, SUI 2 Jul 02
Note: Liu’s mark was set with the senior height hurdles (1.607m).

OBITUARIES

- Former steeplechase world record-holder Sandor Rozsnyoi
- 1964 Olympic flame torchbearer Yoshinori Sakai
- 2010 Youth Olympic steeplechase champion Peter Mutuku

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