Let’s look forward to some Great Athletics

After the phenomenal success of the 9th IAAF World Championships in Paris last summer, the inspirational solo Golden League Jackpot win for Maria Mutola, and the innovative spectacle of the inaugural World Athletics Final, Athletics can look forward with confidence to a great 2004.

In the months to come, the Olympic Games in Athens, and the IAAF’s own top competitions, will bring athletics into the news for all the right reasons.

As I write these words, the indoor season is well and truly underway and track and field fans, all over the world, are looking forward with great anticipation to the latest edition of the IAAF World Indoor Championships in Budapest on 5-7 March. Although an Olympic year always makes special demands on athletes, I am confident that we will have many great stars at this exciting event, and that it will be organised with great efficiency by our Hungarian friends, who have been amongst the most active members of the IAAF and were one of the Association’s founder members in 1912.

But the World Indoor Championships are the first major step in a journey that will take us not only to the Athens Olympic Games but other important milestones as well.

We can look forward to the World Cross Country Championships, the World Race Walking Cup, the World Junior Championships, the World Athletics Final, and the World Half Marathon Championships which will bring the season to an end in October.

I am more than pleased to welcome the return of the IAAF World Cross Country Championships to Belgium for the fourth time in the event’s history. Of course, the country has a love affair with this running discipline which extends further back than the beginnings in 1973 of this the oldest of the IAAF’s World Athletics Series. As long ago as 1923, Belgium first participated in, and then three years later in Brussels hosted the ‘International Championships’ which were the forerunner of the IAAF World Cross Country.

In this Olympic year we can look forward to new star names emerging across all the range of disciplines, and to the second IAAF World Athletics Final which will be celebrated in Monaco (and Szombathely for the Hammer Throw) just weeks after the conclusion of those competitions in Athens.

2004 will be the second year in which the IAAF World Rankings act as the qualification mechanism for the World Athletics Final and there is no doubt that the individual Event and Overall IAAF World Rankings have enhanced the profile of each athlete and the sport as a whole.

The “Road to Athens” will pass through the IAAF Golden League with the first of the six meetings being Bergen in June. As usual, you must win at all meetings to gain a share of the $1 million Jackpot that was won so memorably last year by Maria Mutola.

The Golden League heads a four tier structure of one day meetings, along with the Super Grand Prix, Grand Prix and Grand Prix II providing a base to the pyramid of IAAF Permit meetings.

And let’s not forget our sport’s younger athletes. It seems remarkable that two years have passed since those fantastic World Junior Championships in Kingston, Jamaica where Carolina Klüft retained her title, emerging as world star in a broader sense.

On 13-18 July, the 10th edition of the championships will be celebrated in Grosseto, Italy and, as ever, we can expect six days of intense competition, from which as past editions have shown, we will be able to adjudge the future stars and trends of our sport.

Finally, we can also look forward to memorable editions of the two “World Road Championships” in the IAAF calendar, namely the World Race Walking Championships which takes place in Naumburg, Germany, on 1-2 May, and the World Half Marathon Championships, which will take place for the first time in Asia on 3 October, in the exotic city of New Delhi.

Let’s all look forward to a great year and work together to ensure that competition becomes the focus of news about athletics.

Lamine Diack
IAAF President
The beginning of the new year has been a busy one at the IAAF HQ.

The first of the year’s IAAF Committee and Commission meetings, the IAAF Medical and Anti-Doping Commission, took place at the end of January, and in mid-February a delegation from Helsinki 2005 also paid a most useful visit. Preparations are now being finalised for the IAAF Council meeting which takes place in Athens, 24-30 March, which will be followed in the Greek capital by the IAAF World TV Seminar.

In terms of competition we are less than two weeks away from the start of the 10th IAAF World Indoor Championships, Budapest, Hungary (5-7 March). The stadium has been sold out since Christmas, and it will be the biggest ever championships for competing nations, as 144 had declared to take part close of the preliminary entries. Following immediately on its heels we will then celebrate the 32nd IAAF World Cross Country Championships in Brussels, Belgium (20/21 March).

Steering Board would consist of the following individuals: Lamine Diack, Amaeoro Francis, Dapeng Lou, Helmut Diégel, Jean Poczubut, Hansjörg Wirz, Istvan Gyulai, Pierre Weiss and Cheikh Thiaire. This group held its first meeting in Monaco on 14 February, and also received a detailed appraisal of the WAP from Staff Managers representing all IAAF departments.

**Aldama Can Represent Sudan**

Yamile Aldama, ranked number 2 in the 2003 IAAF World Ranking for Triple Jump, is now eligible to compete for Sudan in all international competitions. Aldama last represented her country of birth, Cuba, at the Sydney Olympic Games on 24 September 2000, finishing fourth in the Triple Jump final with 14.30m.

Therefore, according to IAAF Rule 5.2.c, her eligibility for Sudan can be enforced with immediate effect.

Following approval of the Israeli Athletic Association regarding the eligibility of Attila Farkas, he is now eligible to represent Hungary at all international competitions with immediate effect (IAAF Rule 5.2.d).

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**IAAF World TV Seminar**

The IAAF World Television Seminar, will take place at the Hotel Athenaem Intercontinental (89-93 Syngrou Avenue, Athens) on 29/30 March, starting a day after the end of the IAAF Council meeting. The Seminar aims to:

1. Introduce up-to-date, dynamic television coverage of Athletics to a new generation of TV producers so as to improve the status of the sport amongst viewers - - Harmonise the coverage of Track and Field Athletics worldwide - - Seek new ways to better inform the spectators in the stadium without harming the TV product - - Redefine Guidelines for Track and Field Athletics coverage and operations.

The Seminar is being organised by the IAAF Television Commission, headed by IOC Member Alex Gilady (ISR) and amongst the delegates will be Television producers and directors including representatives from Athens Olympic Broadcasting (AOB), IAAF Marketing Partner Dentsu as well as Timing and Data companies involved in the organisation of Athletics competitions.

The deadline for receipt of letters of intent from Member Federations interested in hosting the 2009 edition of the IAAF World Championships was 31 January, with the following cities as candidates, representing four different IAAF Continental Areas:

- Berlin, GER; Brisbane, AUS; Brussels, BEL; Casablanca, MAR; Daegu, KOR; Delhi, IND; Split, CRO; Valencia, ESP

In these days, detailed documentation regarding the bidding and evaluation procedure will be provided to candidates, while the final decision as to who will host the 12th edition of the World Championships will be taken at the autumn meeting of IAAF Council.

**Candidates for 2009 World Championships**

Following a recent meeting of the IAAF Advisory Board, it was agreed that the IAAF World Athletics Plan needed a Steering Board to ensure its implementation over the coming years. To this end, it was agreed that the World Athletics Plan Steering Board is formed

Helsinki 2005 Delegation visit IAAF

A 17 person delegation representing the LOC of the IAAF World Championships in Helsinki 2005 visited the IAAF HQ between 10 -12 February to discuss details of organisation with various IAAF specialists. Group photo - Helsinki 2005 and IAAF staff, outside Monaco’s Stade Louis II.

This ‘fact finding’ discussion was followed by what has become a traditional meeting between the LOC and a number of stakeholders including the IAAF Technical Delegates, who in the case of Helsinki 2005 are Dapeng Lou, Jean Poczubut and Cesar Moreno Bravo, EBU, and other major broadcasters as well as Dentsu, and relevant IAAF staff.
news from IAAF Headquarters

IAAF Committee and Commission Meetings in 2004

The new Medical and Anti-doping Commission met on 23 and 24 January in Monte-Carlo.

Among the order of business was a significant decision to change the emphasis of the IAAF’s Anti-doping efforts and make the “police” role, whereby the IAAF is responsible mainly for sanctioning athletes that commit doping offences, part of a much wider system whose emphasis is education and information.

IAAF web - Anti-Doping section

To this end, the new Commission plans to co-operate more directly with the IAAF Communications Department which has created a special section of the IAAF website devoted to anti-doping education, and also with the new IAAF Coaches’ Commission, since it was agreed that, as well as athletes, coaches, doctors, physios and other support staff must be involved in any educational initiatives.

It was also agreed that a new, more realistic approach to the issue of nutrition and food supplements should be considered, with more research conducted and advice made available to athletes.

The new Medical and Anti-doping Commission

Back row - left to right: Dr. Fumihiro Yamasawa (JPN), Dr. Frédéric Depiesse (FRA), Dr. Giuseppe Fischetto (ITA), Dr. Harmon Brown (USA), Dr. Brahim Baba (ALG), Dr. Karoly Piko (HUN), Dr. Herbert Elliott (JAM), Dr. Birgit Gudjonsson (ISL).

Front (seated) - left to right: Prof. Eduardo Henrique De Rose (BRA) was unable to attend.

IAAF Staff Changes

A farewell party was organised in Monaco on 26 January to mark the departure of two Directors, Bjorn Wangemann and Roberto Outeiriño, who finished their work as Member Services Director and Corporate Services Director respectively, at the end of January. Bjorn had held this position, which was formerly Development Director, since 1987; Roberto joined us as Director of Finances in 1993. The President took the opportunity to praise both men for their years of service, and awarded them each with a Commemorative Plaque and a special IAAF watch.

In other staff matters, it was confirmed that Charline Hering would replace Charline Hering as IAAF Communications Director, while Bjorn’s replacement is the former IAAF Co-director of Development Elio Locatelli, who is returning to the IAAF from his position in the Turin LOC of the 2006 Winter Olympics, and starts work on 1 March 2004.

In other staff changes, Sandro Giovannelli continues working as IAAF Competitions Director but he is expected to focus more on the various circuits/one-day events where, with his immense experience, he is expected to enhance the ‘universalisation’ of Athletics. Carlo De Angelis has been appointed Senior Manager and, following a transition period when he will be “mentored” by Sandro, will be in charge of competition matters in all World Athletics Series events after the Olympic Games.

The reappointment of Nick Davies as IAAF Communications Director was also confirmed following the expiry of his original two year contract in this position; the new title of Gabriel Dollé is IAAF Anti-Doping Administrator as from 1 February 2004. Ernest Obeng has been appointed Director of Broadcasting as from 1 February.

World Athletics Day


World Rankings

The IAAF World Rankings will very shortly benefit from Event additions and an innovation to the service. Firstly, Road Running and Race Walking will be included in the Rankings as from 23 March 2004. Secondly, as from the World Indoor Championships in Budapest a ‘Click-on-Service’ will be available in the Rankings List. By clicking on the name of any athlete listed in an Event Top-20 or in the Overall Top-100 in the Rankings lists, their six best qualifying results will be viewed.

World Indoor Records

Finally, in 2004 we have already seen impressive competition this indoor season, with marvellous World records from Berhane Adere ETH (women’s 5000m), Svetlana Feofanova & Yelenia Isinbayeva RUS (women’s Pole Vault), and Kenenisa Bekele ETH (5000m).

Istvan Gyulai
General Secretary
Fanny Blankers-Koen

2004 began on a sad note with the deaths of some of Athletics finest names...

Obituaries

Mel Watman (Athletics International) pays tribute to Fanny Blankers-Koen (NED)

Imagine a woman who could sprint and long jump like Marion Jones, hurdle like Gail Devers and high jump like Hestrie Cloete? Impossible? And yet Fanny Blankers-Koen, who died in Amsterdam on January 25 aged 85, measured up in all those departments, and as an all-rounder was the Eunice Barber or Carolina Klüft of her day. Of course she didn’t run as fast or jump as high or far as today’s stars but during the 1940s she set World records for all those events and became the only woman to win four gold medals at a single Olympics. No wonder, even though the ever modest “Flying Dutchwoman” herself was astonished, that she was honoured at the IAF’s World Athletics Gala in 1999 as the foremost female athlete of the 20th century. Her funeral took place on Thursday 29 January 2004 in Hoofddorp 20 km from Amsterdam, where the IAAF was represented by President Lamine Diack and General Secretary Istvan Gyulai.

Born Francina Elsie Koen in Baarn on April 26 1918, she started out as an 800m runner, setting her first Dutch record with 2:29.0 in 1935 at age 17. The following year she finished equal sixth in the High Jump and fifth in the sprint relay at the Berlin Olympics, but it was in 1938 that she first made waves as a sprinter by equalising the world 100 yards record of 11.0. Who knows what she might have achieved during the early and mid 1940s had the world not been at war. As it was, despite the privations of living under Nazi occupation and the absence of meaningful competition, Fanny established further World records and best performances in a bewildering variety of events.

Having married her coach, Olympic triple jumper Jan Blankers (1904-77), in 1940, Fanny Blankers-Koen kicked off with an 80m Hurdles record of 11.3 in 1942, while the following year – by then the mother of son Jantje – she high jumped 1.71m and long jumped 6.25m for records that would survive into the next decade. She was also timed at 11.5 for 100m in a race against men. In 1944 she clocked 10.8 for 100 yards. Daughter Fanneke was born in 1945, the year before Fanny won her first international title, the European 80m Hurdles championship.

Fanny was in fearsome form as the 1948 Olympics approached, running 11.5 again for 100m but this time for an officially approved new World record and 11.0 for 80m Hurdles. But it was an ill-judged comment by British Olympic team manager Jack Crump that really got her competitive juices flowing. He came to the absurd conclusion that she was too old to win at the Olympics! “It was just the thing to rouse me, to make me go out there and prove to them that, even if I was 30 years old and the mother of two children, I could still be a champion.” How ironic that in all three individual events she won the runners-up were much younger British women.

The London Olympics produced many memorable champions, but Fanny was the undisputed star of the Games. First she won the 100m by the gaping margin of almost three metres. Next came the hurdles. Off to a dreadful start, she succeeded in drawing level with Maureen Gardner approaching the fifth hurdle, only to hit the barrier and lose her balance. “What happened after that is just a blurred memory. It was a grim struggle, in which my hurdling style went to pieces. I staggered like a drunkard.” Fanny prevailed by inches as both she and her British rival were timed at 11.2.

The inaugural Olympic women’s 200m was next, although she had pleaded to go home as she was feeling so exhausted and was missing her children. Husband Jan persuaded her to continue … and the outcome was that she won by an almost indecent six metre margin. Finally, she produced a spectacular anchor leg in the relay, moving from fourth to first. Four gold medals – and it might have been six had she been able to fit in the High Jump (won at 1.68m) and Long Jump (a very modest 5.69m) as well!

Fanny went on to set further official World records at 220 yards and Pentathlon, brought her total of European titles to five and was shaping up nicely for the 1952 Olympics until a series of misfortunes restricted her to just the hurdles, where she failed to finish in the final. That wasn’t quite the end, as she captured her 58th individual Dutch title in 1955, aged 37, and has remained an icon in athletics history ever since.

Charley Dumas (USA) - 1956 Olympic High Jump champion died of cancer on 5 January 2004 in California, USA, aged 66. Charles E. (Charley) Dumas (DOB: Feb. 12, 1937) at 19 years of age became the first man to clear 7 feet in the High Jump when he set the World record of 2.15m on 29 June 1956 at the US Olympic Trials in Los Angeles. A straddle jumper, Dumas’ mark improved the 2.12m record of compatriot Walt Davis which had stood since 1953. He won the 1956 Olympic title in an Olympic record of 2.12m.

Lennart Strand (SWE) - 1948 Olympic 1500m silver medallist passed away on Friday 23 January 2004, aged 82, having been seriously injured back in November 2003 in a motor car accident. Strand who competed in the ‘golden age’ of Swedish running became the 1946 European 1500m champion, and in the following year in Malmö (15 July 1947) equalled compatriot Gunder Hägg’s World record (3:43.0 / 7 July 1944) for the distance.

Sunday Emmanuel (NGR) - a Nigerian Olympian in 2000 had an accident on his way to Kaduna, Nigeria on 15 January 2004. Emmanuel, 25, left Lagos and was in a public bus that had an accident in Niger State and he was rushed to a hospital in Kaduna, the city where his family resides. Second at 1998 African Championships’ 200m. Father of a new baby, born in December 2003.

Shirley Strickland de la Hunty (AUS) - 1952 and 1956 Olympic women’s 80m Hurdles champion has died at her Perth home aged 78, the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) announced on 16 February. With a total of seven Olympic podium finishes in her career she is the most medalled Australian track and field athlete in Olympic history. As well as her two Hurdles crowns, she was a member of the quartet which won the 4 x 100 metres relay gold at the 1956 Melbourne Games, took a silver (relay) and two bronze (Hurdles and 100m) in 1948, and a bronze at the 1952 Helsinki 100m.

It was in the 1952 Olympics where Strickland blazed her brightest in individual World record terms, first equalling Fanny Blankers-Koen’s mark for the 60m Hurdles (11.0) in the heats, and then improving the time to 10.9 seconds when winning the final the following day. In 1955, Strickland broke fellow Australian Majorie Jackson’s World record for the flat 100m sprint (11.4, 1952) with a 11.3 clocking which was to stand for three years. As a member of the Australian Olympic sprint relay teams of 1952 and 1956, she also played her part in three World records at 4x100m.

Strickland de la Hunty was later an Australian Olympic team official at the 1968 and 1976 Games, and in 2002 was awarded the Olympic Order by the IOC, and was part of the “Magnificent Seven” torch relay at the opening of the Sydney 2000 Games. A former maths teacher and university lecturer in physics, Strickland de la Hunty is survived by four children and 15 grandchildren.

World Records - recently ratified
Originally announced on 21 January 2004 on www.iaaf.org

Summary of all outdoor World Records set in 2003

World Road Records - Running and Race Walking as of 1 January 2004

Senior Record – Men
Marathon 2:04.55 Paul Tergat KEN Berlin 28 Sep 03
30km 1:28.36 Takayuki Matsumiya JPN Kumamoto, 16 Feb 03
20km Race Walk 1:17:21 Jefferson Perez ECU Paris-Saint-Denis, 23 Aug 03
50km Race Walk 3:36:03 Robert Korzeniowski POL Paris-Saint-Denis, 27 Aug 03

Junior Record – Men
100m 10.01 (0.0) Darrel Brown (84, TRI) Paris-Saint-Denis, 24 Aug 2003
200m 20.13 (0.0) Usain Bolt (86, JAM) Bridgetown 20 Jul 2003
Mile 3:50.25 Alex Kipchirchir (84, KEN), Rieti, 7 Sept 2003

Junior Record – Women
5000m 14:39.94 Tirunesh Dibaba (85, ETH), Oslo 27 Jun 03
10,000m 30:31.55 Huina Xing (84, CHN), Paris 23 Aug 03
Javelin 62.93 Xue Juan CHN Changsha, 27 Oct 03
Mexico to host 2004 CAC Juniors - The coastal city of Coatzacoalcos in the beautiful state of Vera Cruz, Mexico will be the site of the 2004 CAC Juniors on June 25-27, 2004. Coatzacoalcos just inaugurated a brand new Mondo track and has all the facilities to make this CAC Juniors a memorable event. Mexico is the CACAC’s permanent alternate site and after El Salvador not being able to confirm the repairing of their track to obtain a Class I IAAF Certification, the CACAC decided to move the championship to Mexico.

CACAC news

Mondo and CACAC renew four year agreement - MONDO/USA and the CACAC renewed a new four-year partnership after their original contract ended in December 2003. Nicolo Bagni, Mondo’s representative for Latin America and the Caribbean, informed the CACAC of the renewal at the beginning of the 2004. Mondo agreed on underwriting the awards for the CAC Hall of Fame.

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Luxembourg Federation celebrates 75th Anniversary

On 8 December 2003, in the photograph (left), Luxembourg Federation President Mr. Alex Bodry is seen addressing the invited guests on the occasion of the Luxembourg Athletic Federation’s 75th anniversary. Among those in attendance were General Secretary Georges Klepper, EAA General Secretary Till Luft, Mr. Marc Theisen, the President of the National Olympic Committee, Mrs Anne Brasseur, the Minister of Education and Sports, Mr. Alex Bodry, President of the FLA, and Mr. Theo Rous Vice-President of DLV.

USA Hall of Fame opens

The eight million dollar National Track and Field Hall of Fame at New York's famous 168th Street Armory which houses one of the most famous indoor tracks in the world, was officially opened on 24 January 2004.

"Finally, the National Track and Field Hall of Fame has a home in the United States that's worthy of the name,” said quadruple Olympic Discus champion Al Oerter, looking around at the exhibits and historic artifacts that cover three floors of the indoor venue. Oerter, a 67-year-old native New Yorker living in Florida, struck Olympic gold in 1956, 1960, 1964 and 1968, and all four medals are on permanent display at the Hall of Fame, along with the wood and metal discus he threw for his fourth victory in Mexico City.

Mildred "Babe" Didriksen’s 1932 leather spikes share a cabinet with Michael Johnson’s gold four-ounce Nikes. They sit alongside Wilma Rudolph’s singlet and Jim Thorpe’s javelin. Great prominence is given to the marathon, with a hall named in honour of one of the driving forces behind the city’s race, Fred Lebow. The names of all 197 inductees are etched into a vast glass wall that stands at one end of the track. Photo: Al Oerter

African Athletic Confederation announce track circuit

Africa will pay host to a new track meeting circuit this year, the President of the African Athletics Confederation (AAC – CAA) Ahmed Malboum Kalkaba announced on 9 January.

The eleven meeting series will commence on 3 April 2004 in Dakar, Senegal, and will end with a meeting in the Tunisian capital of Tunis on 27 June. “It is crucial to create a circuit of meetings in Africa otherwise Europe will get the exclusivity of organising all athletics meetings,” said Ahmed Malboum Kalkaba (CMR) who succeeded IAAF President Lamine Diack, as the head of the CAA in April 2003, in Cairo.

The full programme of meetings is as follows - Dakar 3 April; Bamako 6 April, Nairobi 14 April, Maurice 18 April, Johannesburg (date tbc), Yaoundé 8 May, Ndjaména 12 May, Brazzaville 16 May, Casablanca 19 June, Alger 24 June, and Tunis 27 June.
“Joyous but dignified” opening to HPTC - Oceania

Over 100 guests attended the Official Opening ceremony of the HPTC-Oceania on 3 December 2003.

Proceedings were organised by Mr. Steve Hollings, HPTC Director-Oceania. Amongst the guests were IAAF Honorary Life Personal Member, Mr Arthur Eustace, Oceania Athletic Association President, Mrs Anne Tierney, IAAF Athletes’ Commission Member, Ms Beatrice Faumuina, IAAF HPTC Senior Manager, Mr Abdelmalek El Hebil, officials from the local community and national sporting organisations, Oceania AA Council Members, HPTC-Oceania Board members, and athletes from 12 countries in the Oceania Area.

Bill Bailey, an IAAF Council Member and Oceania Area Representative officially opened the centre on behalf of the IAAF, along with Mr. Graeme Avery, the Chairman of the Millennium Institute of Sport & Health (photo left). Mr. Bailey described the ceremony as being “conducted in a joyous but dignified manner…a wonderful spirit of eager anticipation and co-operation was evident which will, I am sure, carry over to the operation of the High Performance Training Centre when it takes in its first scholarship holders.”

POSITIVE CASES IN ATHLETICS, SANCTIONED DEFINITELY, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE IAAF AS OF 16 February 2004

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This list represents the athletes who have been sanctioned for a doping offence by their Federation since the last issue of the IAAF News. A Public Warning also entails disqualification from the competition in which the positive sample was provided. Dates correspond to the positive doping control test and not the beginning of the ineligibility period.

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"We must make our sport more universal"

“I would like to take the opportunity of this Council Meeting in Athens to reaffirm my desire to consolidate a definite project for the future, based on an effective realisation of IAAF objectives and a regular evaluation of the impact of activities on the development and image of our sport.

This desire for pragmatism has already led us to take, on an administrative level, a series of changes, characterised by the nomination of numerous members of staff to different positions of responsibility.

This process should be considered as on-going and will, if necessary, lead us to consider modifications to the IAAF structure, aimed at securing a more modern management of our association.

The Athletics World Plan, which was adopted at the last IAAF Congress in Paris, has now entered the phase of implementation. There have been meetings since our last Council in Berlin in November 2003, and these have identified the priority actions to be carried out as well as the relevant executives. Clear lines of communication have been drawn up to ensure that information circulates without unnecessary expenditure.

You will agree with me that because there are now numerous areas where essential “Work is in Progress” for the future of our sport, we must ensure that we unite to ensure the proper organisation of what are new demands on our resources.

We must make our sport more universal, and particularly, encourage the creation of a new and more widespread circuit of One-day Meetings, both of which tasks will be part of the mandate of the IAAF Director of Competitions and his team.

For similar reasons, we are engaged on a path to increase the dynamism of the Golden League, which from 2004 has gained an important title sponsor in our long-term partner TDK. Our efforts should focus on ensuring effective promotion, a satisfying level of coverage and also evaluating the Golden League’s impact on the general public.

We are also working closely with our television partner EBU, with the aim of finalising a contract which will permit us not only to bolster our resources but will ensure the widest possible television coverage and subsequent publicity.

By also ensuring a healthy environment for the development of the sport, we will continue to offer our Member Federations means of assistance, with the understanding that they must also meet the obligations of their membership of the IAAF.

In a general manner, our Council should now focus on the best way to achieve the following goals:

- Improving the administrative capabilities of our Member Federations
- Ensuring that each MF has at least one Level 1 Coaches’ Education Lecturer
- Kick-starting the development of the IAAF Level III Coaches’ Education
- Confirm scholarships for at least 50 athletes who can reach the Olympic B standard for Athens
- Intensify the activities of the IAAF Regional Development Centres to benefit relevant MFs
- Find ways to make athletics a thriving sport in schools
- Organise seminars for anti-doping education and nutrition in athletics

All these plans will need our close attention and a coherent strategy to raise the visibility of our sport in the media, particularly on television, as well as efforts to improve our PR image.

If we want to maintain athletics in its privileged position as the Number 1 Olympic sport then we need to work hard at ensuring that the structure of our competitions is suited to modern television needs, without damaging the essential values that have given our sport prestige.

I do not doubt for a moment that every Council member here shares my view that with a spirit of common endeavour and a coherent vision, we will be able to integrate all the elements necessary to keep Athletics in its leading position in world sport.”

Lamine Diack
IAAF President

Extract of the speech by IAAF President Lamine Diack at the Council Meeting in Athens – March 27-28 2004.
IAAF Council Meeting Athens, Greece

The IAAF Council Meeting (27 – 28 March 2004) was opened on Saturday 27 March in the Greek capital, just under five months before the start of the Athletics programme of the XXVIII Olympiade.

President Lamine Diack personally thanked the Greek Council Member Minos Kyriakou, who had invited his colleagues to Athens for the meeting and expressed his confidence in the forthcoming Olympic Games.

President’s Report

Lamine Diack stressed in terms of the future development of the sport, the importance of having a more efficient management structure in order to push forward a full implementation of the World Athletics Plan, which was approved by the Congress in Paris. With the support of the Area associations and Member Federations, the aim is to render athletics a more universal sport, particularly by helping to create more new 1-day competitions around the world.

There were great hopes for the general development of the sport and also for educational initiatives, to combat the threat of doping, which are being devised by the new IAAF Medical and Anti-doping Commission.

With regard to the World Plan, it was now time to concentrate on the implementation. A number of priority issues have been identified and five Working Groups, led by Dapeng Lou, Helmut Digel, Hansjörg Wirz, Amadeo Francis and Adrian Metcalfe, will now start coordinating future work on this important project.

IAAF High Performance Training Centres - a new centre would be opened in early April in Brazil.

IAAF Coaches’ Academy - aims to provide educational opportunities beyond those currently available in the IAAF Coaches’ Education and Certification system, would shortly be operational. The first IAAF Academy course will be organised in July 2004 in co-operation with the University of Loughborough in England.

Super Grand Prix, Grand Prix and Grand Prix II meetings - must have the appropriate IAAF certification in order to receive the IAAF grant in 2004.

Macedonia - results of elections held on 14 February 2004 for a new athletics federation will be recognised.

Sierra Leone - a new body set up called Sierra Leone Athletics would not be recognised, but that the Africa Area Representative Leonard Chuene, assisted by Cheikh Thiare, would investigate the situation and, if need be, supervise new elections. In the meantime, the Sierra Leone AAA would be recognised, and the participation of Sierra Leone athletes in competitions will remain unaffected.

Vanuatu Athletic Federation - will be provisionally suspended by the IAAF, pending an enquiry led by the Oceania Area Representative William Bailey. Despite this, the participation of Vanuatu athletes will not be affected.

Transfers of Allegiance - The following changes since the last Council Meeting were acknowledged:

Name From/to Date
Attila Farkas ISR/HUN with immediate effect; Yamile Aldama CUB/SUD with immediate effect; Yared Shegumo ETH/PH Retroactively since 27/8/2003; Todd Matthews USA/SUD Retroactively since 27/8/2003; Nathalie Harvey AUS/SUD with immediate effect; Jolene Elizabeth Byrne USA/IRL with immediate effect.

• It was noted however, that Ms Byrne had competed at the European Cross Country Championships on 14 December 2003, when she was not yet an Irish citizen. For this reason, the European Athletics Association has been requested to strike this mark from the records and a letter of warning will be sent to the Irish Federation.

• Council also discussed the cases of two former Kenyan athletes, who have changed allegiance to Bahrain and are now known as Abel Yagoot Jawhar Salem (Abel Cheuiyot) and Mucheru Salem Jawar Salem (Leonard Mucheru). Mucheru last competed for Kenya on 16 March 2003 and although not eligible for Bahrain until 16 March 2006, competed for them on 7 February 2004 at the Asian Indoor Champs. Abel competed for Kenya at the World Cross on 24 March 2002 and is not eligible to represent Bahrain until 24 March 2005. However, he allegedly competed on 8 September 2003 at the Arab Championships. Council agreed that both athletes had competed for their new country before they were eligible to do so, the relevant results would be annulled and that a letter of warning would be sent to Bahrain.

Other Decisions -

• Applications for early reinstatement by the athletes Brahim Boulami (MAR) and Roman Zubek (CZE) were postponed to the next Council Meeting.

• World Indoor Championships in Moscow, Russia – the dates were agreed as 10/12 March 2006.

• Helsinki 2005 World Championships – the timetable was studied and approved.
Treasurer’s Report
Jean Poczobut presented the accounts of 2003 for information, although the final audited version will not be available until the next Council. The general situation is satisfactory, with income slightly higher than expected and expenditure slightly lower.

Technical Committee Report
Jorge Salcedo the committee chairman presented the report. It was agreed new and existing technology was required to standardise measuring devices in athletics and false start detection systems. It was also agreed to engage researchers to assist in producing a Calibration handbook with specifications for timing, electronic distance measurement and false start detection equipment.

It was agreed that Member Federations and manufacturers should be advised on how to comply with the new Rule 192 that came into effect on 1 January 2004. Based on experiences in recent seasons, it was also agreed that alternative designs for hammer cages could be accepted, and that all cages inspected before certification in-situ.

Cross Country and Road Running Committee Report
Otto Klappert, the committee chairman presented the report. It was proposed that the format of the World Cross Country Championships would be changed. It would continue as an annual competition, but would be reduced, ideally, to a single day format with the short races dropped from the programme, as of 2007, since the next two editions have already been awarded to organisers as a two day package.

The new format (pending discussions with Athletes’ Commission and Women’s Committee) will be:

- Senior Men 12km (9 runners per team, 6 to score)
- Senior Women 8 or 10 or 12km (9 or 6 runners per team, 6 or 4 to score)
- Junior Men 8km (6 runners per team, 4 to score)
- Junior Women 6km (6 runners per team, 4 to score)

The future of the World Half Marathon Championships was also discussed, and a number of possibilities were considered, including a new IAAF World Road Running Championships to be held over two days, possibly every second year, and possibly including 10k or other distances as well as Half Marathon. Another possibility would be to link the competition with existing mass participation races in an effort to increase public acceptance and media coverage.

It was agreed that the IAAF’s Marketing experts would study possibilities in the coming months in an effort to develop a new solution following the 2005 edition which had already been awarded to Edmonton under the old format.

World Record line-up!
At a dinner hosted by the Greek Minister of Culture and Sport, Mr. Giorgios Orfanos at the Hotel Astir Vouliamenis, Athens on the evening of Sunday 28 March, the Greek World record breakers Christos Papanikolaou (men’s Pole Vault 5.49m, 24.10.1970) and Sofia Sakorafa (women’s Javelin 74.20m, 26.09.1982) were presented IAAF Trophies. Joining them were fellow World record breakers Igor Ter-Ovanesyan, Alberto Juantorena, Sebastian Coe and Sergey Bubka. Photograph from left to right: IAAF General Secretary Istvan Gyulai, Ter-Ovanesyan, Juantorena, Papanikolaou, Coe, Sakorafa, IAAF President Lamine Diack, Bubka.

Masters’ Committee Report
This report was presented by Chairman Cesar Moreno-Bravo, who highlighted the success of the first ever WMA World Indoor Championships in Sindelfingen, Germany, on 15 March. It was agreed that the starting age for Men Master athletes could be changed to 35 instead of 40 years of age at the next Congress. This is a way of encouraging more older athletes to stay in the sport and to reinforce the idea that athletics can be a “sport for life”. Women Master athletes were already accepted from the age of 35.
Women’s Committee Report

Ilse Bechthold presented Council with the report of the Women’s Committee. Amongst the recommendations were that the IAAF should make provisions to ensure that at least 25% of women participate in all organized Courses, Seminars, Workshops etc. It was also proposed that:

- in Areas and Federations which lack women in key positions, basic courses be staged for women only. All IAAF curriculum should also include women’s specific health, psychological and physiological aspects, especially in coaches’ education.
- a small task force be created, consisting of Ilse Bechthold, Abby Hoffman, Nawal El Mouawakel and Alberto Juantorena, to ensure women’s issues were carefully considered in the implementation of the World Plan.

Competition Commission Report

The Commission report was presented by IAAF Vice President Dapeng Lou. As well as supporting the Cross Country and Road Running Committee’s proposals regarding the World Cross and Half Marathon competitions, the Commission argued that a number of format changes should be considered to the IAAF World Youth Championships including:

- Revising the relevant competition regulations to prevent young athletes being pushed too hard.

World Athletics City Award

It was agreed that a new World Athletics City Award would be introduced. This award, which will be a special diploma, will be presented to cities which have made a great contribution to the sport of athletics.

The choice of which cities should receive this award will be made by the IAAF Advisory Board.
Medical and Anti-doping Commission Report

Presented by Chairman Juan Manuel Alonso, the report summarized the new structure and philosophy of this new commission, which aimed to provide education not only to athletes but to all athletics support personnel. The Commission proposed new courses on Medical and Anti-doping subjects and creating a Medical area on the IAAF website, which could include official statements on supplements, youth athletics and other subjects. It was agreed that a working group of medical specialists should be established to consider Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) requests from athletes, notably for the use of glucocorticosteroids and beta-2-agonists.

Less than 1 per cent of 2003 tests were positive

A total of 3393 Doping Controls were conducted by the IAAF in 2003, consisting of 1246 in-competition and 2147 out-of-competition tests (IAAF and WADA). Of these, only 120 samples were positive, significantly less than 1 per cent of the total of samples in athletics analysed worldwide at IOC accredited labs in 2003 (estimated at between 14,000 and 15,000 pending final IOC report).

Reach of EPO Tests Extended

With regard to the 2004 Testing Plan, it was agreed that there would be an increase of EPO out-of-competition testing and that EPO would be tested for, not only at all marathon doping controls but systematically for any event from 400m/400m hurdles to 100km where considered appropriate. It was also agreed that, for world record ratifications, doping controls including EPO should be applied for 400m/400m hurdles, combined events and middle and long distance events.

IAAF Coaching Commission Report

A report from the Coaching Commission was made by Chairman Igor Ter-Ovanesian, who summarized the conclusions of the first ever meeting which took place in Budapest on 5 March. Council accepted that the terms of reference for the new Commission would be to:

- Raise the social status of coaches within the Athletics Family
- Create a Code of Ethics for coaches
- Promote and support the work of the Area Coaches' Association
- Support and cooperate with the work of the IAAF Member Services Department
- Support the work of the new IAAF Coaches' Academy
- Recommend candidates for coaching awards and recognition

- Publish an annual digest of Area Coaches Association conference papers
- Publish an IAAF Coaches' Handbook
- Co-ordinate the conference themes of Area Coaches Associations
- Co-ordinate new scientific research projects
- Help to promote doping-free athletics

IAAF Marketing Strategy

A marketing strategy paper was presented by IAAF Vice-President Helmut Digel, who explained that the IAAF needed to invest in order to be competitive not only as a sport but as a part of the entertainment business. Digel concluded that research must continue to find new ways to attract more people to the sport. It was important to find ways of developing a more heightened commercial sensibility without violating the core values of athletics, and increasing participation rates amongst all age groups.

The IAAF's current strengths were underlined, including the product quality of the IAAF World Championships in Athletics, the attractiveness of elite athletes, the position of athletics in the Olympic hierarchy, financial security thanks to the guarantees provided by marketing partner Dentsu, strong marketing partners, co-operation with EBU and the IOC.

Future challenges were discussed and the core essence of the IAAF brand was highlighted as:

- Dedication to consumers
- A focus on Athletes
- Ethical and moral foundations
- Traditions
- Open minded, modern thinking
- Partnerships
- A focus on performance
- Education
200 experts from 60 countries attended the IAAF International TV Seminar in Athens, Greece 29-30 March with the proceedings opened by Alex Gilady, Chairman of both the IAAF Television Commission and the IAAF TV Seminar who welcomed IAAF President Lamine Diack who in turn made the opening address of the two day event reminded the delegates, that the last such event had been held in 1993.

The President confirmed “this seminar is in our eyes, of capital importance and your contributions will integrate well within the context of the actions postulated in the Athletics World Plan for the development of Athletics in the decades to come.”

Alex Gilady, who is also an International Olympic Committee member, reaffirmed that the IAAF is open to change, wants to change but faces many difficulties in rising to the challenges laid out by television, and that the IAAF was aware that many issues needed to be tackled to improve the television package offered by athletics.

However, he argued that while the format of televised athletics needs to change and programmes need to be made shorter and more concise, athletics is a very complex sport that faces many difficulties. Gilady said that, unlike soccer, athletics and the nature of each discipline needs explanation. Television could play a part in explaining the story.

Gilady was responding to presentations by representatives of several top broadcasters, including the US Olympic broadcaster NBC and the European Broadcasting Union, the umbrella body of mainly public-service broadcasters, which had proposed changes including shorter, reliably-scheduled events that are easy to understand, and that contribute to an overall ‘seasonal drama.’

Peter Diamond, NBC’s senior vice-president of Olympic programming, had warned delegates that athletics’ ‘primary problem’ is the length of most athletics meetings: usually at least four hours, compared with two and a half hours for American football, basketball or ice hockey matches.

Diamond was supported by the EBU’s head of sport Marc Joerg, who argued that television audience ratings are damaged by events that are too long, unreliably scheduled or that have little spectator interest in the first place.

Zhang Wei, a director of Chinese state broadcaster CCTV, had encouraged the IAAF to focus on star athletes and allow flexibility in the programme to ensure that local stars in different territories were given the opportunity to be promoted to their respective audiences at key times.

Wei argued that this was particularly important for China, in the build-up to the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, where there was a need to raise awareness of who the stars were.

Luis Fernando Lima, head of sport at Brazil’s TV Globo, argued that broadcasters needed to ‘understand the challenge,’ that athletics faced from competition from new radical sports and to develop a series of campaigns to educate the public about athletics.

He said that traditional sports needed ‘to adapt to survive’ and he encouraged the IAAF to offer rights for free in certain territories to build up knowledge and interest. Then, when a sponsor could be found or competition developed for the rights, it would share in the benefits.

Dapeng Lou, an IAAF Vice President, welcomed the broadcasters’ suggestions, saying that ‘the timetable must be spectator-friendly, a compact script of exciting actions and emotion.’ He said that the sport faced many challenges because of traditional factors such as developing a timetable, competition rules, ensuring the athletes’ needs are met and conforming with local conditions and capabilities, but he added that the sport must now learn to account for new factors such as worldwide television audience interests and limited airline.

He encouraged early discussion between television rights holders, organising committees and technical directors, involving the presentation manager drafting a script to ensure that the timetable meets with the approval of all parties involved. He said that the event needs to be balanced to meet a wide range of requirements.

### A commentator’s view on Graphics

Stuart Storey, a BBC commentator who has covered seven Olympic Games during his career, gave his views on TV Graphics. Storey emphasised the need for graphics to be clear and to the point. They must complement the images and provide information that is useful for the viewer. They must be presented so as to not obscure the image and provide essential information in an easily understood format.

He illustrated his talk with a number of examples of good and bad graphics and went on to suggest information that could be included to enhance the viewer experience and information that he considered superfluous.
On Monday 29 March in Athens, Greece, the IAAF was delighted to announce that TDK Corporation had agreed to extend its long standing sponsor partnership until 2009. TDK, who began working with the IAAF 20 years ago by becoming the Men’s Bib Partner for the first edition of the World Championships in Helsinki, will continue to be Bib Partner at the next three editions of the IAAF World Championships in 2005, 2007, and 2009. In a major new involvement, TDK has also agreed to become the title sponsor for the IAAF Golden League for 2004 and 2005.

Long Term Partnership
President Lamine Diack speaking in Athens, Greece during the IAAF World TV Seminar said: “We are very proud to have a partner like TDK who appreciates the importance of the World Championships, which continues to be one of the world’s best sporting events, and also of the IAAF Golden League, which are the six top one-day meetings in the world, and a great promotion vehicle for our sport each summer. But aside from this, I also believe that this long term partnership shows that TDK believes that our sport has an important educational role to play and that athletics can help create a better society.” In addition to acting as Bib Partners at the IAAF World Championships, TDK will also present the “World Record Programme” award for Male Athletes who set world records at that event. All male athletes who break a World Record at the IAAF World Championships will be awarded a world record trophy and a prize of US$100,000.

TDK Golden League
As of the 2004 season, the IAAF Golden League will be known as the TDK Golden League, and TDK will also be the presenter of the US$ 1 Million Jackpot. The Partnership will begin at the first meeting of the Golden League at the Bislett Games in Bergen, Norway on 11 June. The other meetings are: Rome Golden Gala (2 July), Meeting Gaz de France Paris St-Denis (23 July), Weltklasse Zurich (6 August), Memorial Van Damme Brussels (3 September) and ISTAF Berlin (12 September).

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NEWS 68 – The IAAF Newsletter will go back to its usual editorial format with its next edition – News 68 – which will be published in early May 2004. It will include further information about the TDK Golden League, and the forthcoming World Athletics Day, and World Junior Championships, a report on the IAAF Coaching Seminar in Debrecen, and regular features such as Member Federations News, Book reviews, and the latest list of Doping sanctions…
6 May 2004
Monte-Carlo

Dear Roger,

It was a great pleasure for me to be with you two weeks ago on the occasion of the London Marathon and although I cannot be in Oxford today, I wanted to write to you and add my personal congratulations, and those of the World Athletics Family who I represent, on this very special occasion.

On May 6 1954, I was a footballer in my native Senegal but I still recall hearing the news that a young man in England had achieved what had been considered impossible - he had run 1 mile - 4 laps of the track - in less than 4 minutes! It was a sensation.

There is no question in my mind that the drama, excitement and publicity caused by this single race helped form the development of modern athletics. This race was a turning point in our history and the amount of Media coverage that this fiftieth anniversary has caused shows that even today the world remains fascinated by the achievement.

By running 3:59.4 and breaking a barrier that had been considered unbreakable, Roger Bannister had also transcended sport and became an eternal symbol of the limitless possibilities of the human mind and body. Bannister and his famous pacemakers Chris Chataway and Chris Brasher had been carefully prepared by their coach Franz Stampfl, but they still needed to take a great leap of faith to turn what had been a dream into reality.

Following that epic race 50 years ago, you went on to build a highly successful career in the demanding field of neurology, but you also continued to stay closely involved in sport.

Your love for sport as a means of realising human potential and spreading joy has been evident to me on every one of the occasions we have met in the past years.

I would like to close this letter by thanking you again and inviting you and your wife as my guests at the 2004 edition of the World Athletics Final and Gala in Monaco on the weekend of 18 and 19 September, where the IAAF will be proud to honour your achievements again.

Yours sincerely,
Lamine Diack
IAAF President
Road Running and Race Walking enter a new era

With the recent introduction of road events to both IAAF World records (1 January 2004) and IAAF World Rankings (23 March 2004) the disciplines of Road Running and Race Walking have definitely entered a new era.

Today road racing is big business with corporate sponsorship an attractive means to promote a product. For example, the ING New York City Marathon must limit entries to 30,000 runners who enter a lottery for the privilege of running the five boroughs. The Flora London Marathon attracts an even greater level of entrants annually and since its inception in 1981 has helped raise over £200 million for charities. That’s a lot of money and a lot of runners!

In terms of the IAAF World Rankings the top division of major city road races is represented by - (men & women) Chicago, London, Berlin, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, New York, Paris, Boston; (men) Otsu Lake Biwa, Milan, Fukuoka, Tokyo; (women) Beijing, Osaka, Tokyo Int. women’s, and Nagoya Int. women’s marathons. Photo: Sir Roger Bannister, IAAF President Lamine Diack and Jonny Wilkinson, the three starters of the 2004 Flora London Marathon.

Great champions of the past honoured

On the occasion of the 21st IAAF World Race Walking Cup, Naumburg, Germany (1 – 2 May 2004), the IAAF continued its tradition of honouring great past champions at the IAAF Dinner. As had also happened at the 2004 World Indoor and World Cross Country Championships, and most recently at the IAAF Council meeting in Athens, an IAAF Plaque was presented to some of the past champions closely connected with the event being celebrated and/or the venue.

In Naumburg, the Greats recognised were Peter Frenkel (ex DDR) the 1972 Olympic 20km champion, Hartwig Gauder (ex DDR) the 1980 Olympic 50km champion and twice a winner of the World Cup, Ronald Weigel (ex DDR) the 1983 World 50km champion and 1987 World Cup winner, Maurizio Damilano (ITA) the 1980 Olympic 20km champion and twice winner of the World Cup, and Sari Essayah (FIN) the 1993 World and 1994 European women’s 10km champion. Damilano is the Chairman and Essayah is a member of the IAAF’s Race Walking Committee.

WMRA World Mountain Running Trophy 2004

Under IAAF patronage the WMRA World Mountain Running Trophy 2004 will be held in Sauze d’Oulx, Turin, Italy (4-5 September 2004). Sauze d’Oulx is a famous ski resort which is situated in the Alta Valle di Susa on the western side of Piemonte, Region situated at North-West of Italy.

In 2006, Sauze d’Oulx will be one of the sites of the XX Winter Olympic Games.

On Saturday, 4 September, there are the Junior Men’s and Senior Women’s Races (both 8460km) and the shorter Junior Women’s Race (3570km), while on Sunday, 5 September, the Open race and Senior Men’s Race (10,140km) will be held in the morning, with the Award ceremony and closing ceremony taking place in the afternoon.

IAAF World Athletics Day 2004

During the weekend of Saturday and Sunday 8 - 9 May 2004, 161 of the IAAF’s Member Federations took part in the IAAF World Athletics Day 2004. This annual promotion of Athletics for Youth, which was inaugurated in 1996 was more popular than ever, with a sizeable increase in the number of Federations organising national youth competitions, from the 153 participating nations in 2002.

Once all the results from this weekend’s youth competitions are received from each Federation, twelve lucky youngsters - born in the years 1987 and 1988 - consisting of one boy and one girl from each of the six Areas - Africa, Asia, Europe, NACAC, Oceania, South America - will be selected at the official World Athletics Day draw (date and venue tbc), and invited to attend the 4th IAAF World Youth Championships in Athletics in Marrakech, Morocco, which will take place 14 – 17 July 2005. However, given that the World Youth Championships are being held next year, the 12 selected youngsters from this year will also be joined in Marrakech by another 12 children elected from the results received from the IAAF World Athletics Day 2005.
IAAF Live TV Broadcast and Webcast launches summer season

At 15:00 CET (GMT – 13:00) on Wednesday 12 May - the date this Newsletter was published on the IAAF internet - for the first time ever, the IAAF launched the 2004 summer season with a live TV Broadcast and Webcast.

Focusing on the new TDK Golden League, which is to begin one month later in Bergen Norway, the broadcast also linked this prestigious circuit with the other main track and field competitions of 2004 including the IAAF World Junior Championships, the Olympic Games, and the IAAF World Athletics Final.

The programme was hosted by IAAF President Lamine Diack, with HSH Prince Albert of Monaco as guest of honour, and a number of other special studio guests including Sergey Bubka.

- Pole Vault legend; Christian Olsson - Triple Jump World Champion - TDK Jackpot contender; Wilson Kipketer - 800m World Record holder and double Jackpot winner - TDK Jackpot contender; Kim Gevaert - Brussels Memorial Van Damme Ambassador – TDK Jackpot contender; Kajsa Bergqvist - European and former World double Indoor High Jump Champion - TDK Jackpot contender; Wilfried Meert - Spokesman of the TDK Golden League Meetings; Jean Pierre Schoebeel - Director of the Monaco World Athletics Final. The show blended historical footage of the Golden League since 1998 and other competitions, with exclusive interviews with Maria Mutola, and teenage sprint sensation Usain Bolt.

The first of the six TDK Golden League meetings in 2004 will be at the Evergood Bergen Bislett Games in Bergen, Norway on 11 June. The full list of meetings is as follows:

Evergood Bergen Bislett Games (11 June)
Rome Golden Gala (2 July),
Meeting Gaz de France Paris Saint-Denis (23 July),
Weitklasse Zurich (6 August),
Memorial Van Damme Brussels (3 September)
ISTAF Berlin (12 September).

There will be 12 TDK Golden League events in 2004, 6 each for men and women:
Men - 200m; 800m; 1500m; 400m Hurdles; Triple Jump; Discus Throw.
Women - 100m; 400m; 1500m 3000m5000m; 100m Hurdles; High Jump.

IAAF International Coaching Conference

The IAAF International Coaching Conference was held at the IAAF Accredited Training Centre in Debrecen, Hungary on 8-9 March. This event followed the 10th IAAF World Indoor Championships in Athletics and the inaugural meeting of the IAAF Coaches Commission, which took place in conjunction with the Championships.

The opening of the conference was attended by IAAF President Lamine Diack and IAAF General Secretary Istvan Gyulai, with the presence of IAAF Coaches Commission Chairman, Igor Tor-Ovanessian, IAAF Council Member and Development Commission member Cesar Moreno Bravo, and the Director of the IAAF Member Services Department Elio Locatelli.

In his address to the conference, Lamine Diack stressed the importance of coaches in the Olympic movement and to Athletics: “Coaches are an integral part of the Olympic Family and Athletics Family. They are our youngsters’ first contact and have an essential role to play. We want our Member Federations to have the possibility to develop and that means providing coaches with the proper facilities. We have to organise; we cannot have good coaches in difficulties….We are engaged with you to make our sport great; we are beside you to work together, we are with you all along the way.”

The presence of participants from over 40 countries reflected the quality and variety of the lecturers:
Agoston Schulek (HUN - EAA Vice President); Yannick Tregaro (SWE - coach of Christian Olsson, World Champion indoor and out and equal-holder of the World Indoor record in the Triple Jump and Kajsa Bergqvist, former 2-time World Indoor Champion in the High Jump); Evgeny Trofimov (RUS - coach of 2004 World Indoor Champion and World record holder in the Pole Vault Yelena Isinbayeva); Frank Attoh (GBR - coach to Sudan’s Yamilde Aldama, Silver Medallist in the Triple Jump at 2004 World Indoors); Ales Skoberne (SLO - coach to Jolanda Ceplak, World Record holder indoors at 800m, silver medallist in Budapest 2004); Driss Ouajou (MAR – National coach and formerly coach to Hicham El Guerrouj); Kenth Andersson (SWE – Athletes representative); Dr Karoly Piko (HUN - Member of the IAAF Medical and Anti-Doping Commission).

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The Anniversary of the first Sub-4 Minute Mile by Roger Bannister on 6 May 1954, has been commemorated by the British Royal Mint with a special 50 pence coin.

www.royalmint.com

World Indoors Stamp
The Hungarian Post Office have commemorated the 10th IAAF World Indoor Championships Budapest, Hungary (5 - 7 March 2004), with an official stamp and a first day cover.

Olympic Games Relays – qualification hots-up!

The standings reflecting those teams currently qualified for the relays in Athens are now available in the statistics section of the IAAF internet - www.iaaf.org - NB, the best 16 National Teams will qualify in each Relay Event on the basis of the average of their best 2 performances achieved in competitions sanctioned by IAAF or by the Area Associations and recorded during the period of 1 January 2003 to 21 July 2004.
Grosseto - Venue and organisation are ready

The countdown to the 10th IAAF World Junior Championships in Grosseto (12 – 18 July 2004) officially began during Easter weekend with less than 100 days to go to this summer’s event.

To mark the occasion Grosseto hosted a 86-strong Italian team for a training camp. A figure of about 50-55 national athletes will be selected for Grosseto after the Italian Junior Championships in Rieti from 12 to 13 June.

A series of pre-event meetings will be staged in the week before the World Junior Championships from 6 to 8 July in Grosseto and the neighbouring towns of Follonica and Castiglione della Pescaia. Teams from Italy, the United States and Australia will take part in these rehearsal meets.

Grosseto is a pleasant town situated in the centre Italian region of Tuscany of just 72 thousand inhabitants, which hosted a successful edition of the European Junior Championships in 2001, and is ready to welcome a record figure of 1686 athletes from 171 countries. The Local Organising Committee have launched a series of 16 projects aimed at promoting the World Junior Championships. These projects funded by the European Commission are part of a programme of initiatives in the European Year for Education through Sport.

Congratulations and best wishes for the future to...
Süreyya Ayhan (European 1500m champion), on her marriage to her coach Yücep Kop on 14 February 2004, in Albequerque, USA. In future competitions from the Turkish World 1500m silver medal would like to be known as ‘Süreyya Ayhan-Kop’ – photo right.

Susan Boobyer (Seiko – IAAF Partner) on her marriage to John Pickles on 20 February 2004 - photo left.

Record TV figures for GE Galan

Sweden’s and one of the world’s premier annual indoor meetings which took place in Stockholm’s Globe Arena on Thursday 12 February this winter, registered record TV audience figures. Screened on Channel 4, the audience was 1,345,000 people, which considering the population of the country is under 9 million, is especially impressive.

Book Reviews

"Athens to Athens", the Official History of the Olympic Games and the IOC, 1894-2004

Prior to the inaugural IAAF World Championships of the IAAF, the championships of track of field were effectively the Olympic Games. David Miller's official history, Athens to Athens, contains many unique personal recollections from legendary figures such as Fanny Blankers-Koen, Emil Zatopek, Herb Elliot, Billy Mills, Al Oerter, Kip Keino, Lasse Viren, Seb Coe, Carl Lewis, Josiah Thugwane and Cathy Freeman. Research during five years' compilation has produced special memories from Spyridon Louis, Jim Thorpe, Paavo Nurmi, Babe Didrickson and Jesse Owens.

The book follows the twin motivation of the IOC and the world’s greatest sports festival. David Miller was from 1982 – 1997, Chief Sports Correspondent of The Times, and currently writes for The Telegraph.

The First Four Minutes: Sir Roger Bannister; ISBN 0 7509 3530 8; p244; £7.99; www.suttonpublishing.co.uk

3:59.4 The Quest to Break the 4 Minute Mile: John Bryant; ISBN 0 0918 0033 1; p310; £14.99; www.randomhouse.co.uk


A comprehensive review of 2003 Track and Field season inc. in depth athlete profiles and comprehensive meet reports

The Quest for the Four Minute Mile: Bob Phillips; ISBN: 1 903158 49 4; p228; £12.95; www.parrswoodpress.com

The Perfect Mile: Neal Bascomb; ISBN: 0-00-717373-3; Pages tbc ; £16.99; www.harpercollins.co.uk

Athens to Athens: David Miller; ISBN 1 84018 587 2; Pages 528; £35.00; www.mainstreampublishing.com

These books are NOT AVAILABLE from the IAAF.

ALL ordering information is available via the internet sites of the publishers, as shown.
Notes - WR = World Record; WIR = World Indoor Record; eq = equalled.

Record - Senior Men

5000m

WIR 12:49.60 Kenenisa Bekele ETH, Birmingham GBR, 20 Feb 04

Previous mark - 12:50.38 Haile Gebrslassie ETH, Birmingham GBR, 14 Feb 1999

Triple Jump

WIR (eq), 17.83 Christian Olsson SWE, Budapest, HUN 7 Mar 04

Previous mark equalled - Alicecer Urrutia CUB, Sindelfingen, GBR, 1 Mar 97

Record - Senior Women

Pole Vault

WR & WIR, 4.86 Yelena Isinbayeva RUS, Budapest, HUN 6 Mar 04

WR & WIR, 4.85 Svetlana Feofanova RUS, Athína, GRE 22 Feb 04

Previous marks (currently awaiting ratification) -

WR & WIR, 4.83 Yelena Isinbayeva RUS, Donetsk UKR, 15 Feb 04

WR, 4.82 Yelena Isinbayeva RUS, Gateshead, UK, 13 Jul 03

WIR, 4.81 Yelena Isinbayeva RUS, Donetsk UKR, 15 Feb 04

Previous marks (ratified) -

WR, 4.82 Yelena Isinbayeva RUS, Gateshead, UK, 13 Jul 03

WIR, 4.80 Svetlana Feofanova RUS, Birmingham, UK, 16 Mar 03

Record - Senior Women

Triple Jump

WIR, 15.36 Tatyana Lebedeva RUS, Budapest, HUN, 6 Mar 04

WIR, 15.25 Tatyana Lebedeva RUS, Budapest, HUN, 6 Mar 04

WIR (eq), 15.16 Tatyana Lebedeva RUS, Budapest, HUN, 6 Mar 04

Previous mark equalled - Ashia Hansen GBR, Valencia, ESP, 28 Feb 98

4 x 400m Relay

WIR, 3:23.88 Russia (Olesya Krasnomovets, Olga Kotlyarova, Tatyana Levina, Natalya Nazarova), Budapest, HUN, 7 Mar 04

Previous mark -

3:24.25 Russia (Tatyana Chebykina, Svetlana Goncharenko, Olga Kotlyarova, Natalya Nazarova) Maebashi JPN, 7 Mar 99

Dwain Chambers (GBR) – Performances Annulled

Following expiry of the deadline, under IAAF Rules, for Dwain Chambers (GBR) to appeal his doping offence to the Court of Arbitration for Sport, his 2 years of ineligibility until 6 November 2005 is confirmed. As a result of Mr Dwain Chambers' offence, all his performances from the date on which his sample was provided, 1 August 2003, need to be annulled. The IAAF will officially amend the results from last year's World Athletics Series as follows:

Men’s 100m Final - 9th World Championships in Paris 2003:

1. COLLINS Kim SKN 10.07
2. BROWN Darrel TRI 10.08
3. CAMPBELL Darren GBR 10.08
4. MONTSOREY Tim USA 10.11
5. WILLIAMS Bernard USA 10.13
6. ALIU Deji NGR 10.21
7. EMEDOLU Uchenna NGR 10.22

Men’s 4 x 100m Relay Final - 9th World Championships in Paris 2003:

1. UNITED STATES USA 38.06
   CAPEL John, WILLIAMS Bernard; PATTON Darvis; JOHNSON Joshua J.
2. BRAZIL BRA 38.26
   DE LIMA Vincent Lenison; RIBEIRO Edson Luciano; DA SILVA André Domingos; SOUZA Claudio Roberto
3. NETHERLANDS NED 38.87
   BECK Timothy; DOUGLAS Troy; VAN BALKOM Patrick; DOUGLAS Caimin.

4 x 100m continued

4. NIGERIA NGR 38.89
   FASUBA Adetokumbo Olusoji; EMEDEOLOU Uchenna; MUSA Deji;
   ALIU Deji
5. POLAND POL 38.96
   BACZERZAK Piotr; CHYLA Lukasz; NOVAK Marcin; URBAS Marcin
6. JAPAN JPN 39.05
   TUSCHIE Hiroyasu; MIYASAKI Hisashi; MATSUDA Ryo;
   ASAHARA Nobuharu

Men’s 100m at the IAAF World Athletics Final in Monaco:

1. WILLIAMS Bernard USA 10.04
2. CAPEL John USA 10.05
3. EMEDOLU Uchenna NGR 10.08
4. GATLIN Justin USA 10.12
5. COLLINS Kim SKN 10.13
6. ALIU Deji NGR 10.18
7. POWELL Asafa JAM 10.23

Obituaries

Sam Haughian (GBR) - on 23 April 2004 in a car crash in Johannesburg, South Africa - One of Europe’s leading endurance running prospects, the 24-year-old Londoner was on a warm weather training trip. 5th 2002 Commonwealth Games 5000m and AAA's 10,000m title the same year.

Albert Heppner (USA) - on 18 February 2004. Tragically was found dead after falling 450ft from a bridge. Born 24 April 1974. International Race Walker with bests of 1:26:50 (20km) and 3:58:45 (50km).

Jack Holden (GBR) - on 7 March 2004, just six days short of his 97th Birthday. Long distance running pioneer. Won 1950 Empire Games and later the same year, European Championships marathon titles when respectively he was 42 and 43 years of age! Won International Cross Country Championships (forerunner of World XC Champs) on four occasions.

Norris McWhirter (GBR) - on 20 April 2004 with a heart attack aged 78. Founder of Guinness Book of Records and distinguished athletics writer and broadcaster. He was the stadium announcer for Bannister's Sub-4 Minute Mile in 1954.

Irina Press (URS/UKR) - on 21 February 2004. Born on 10 March 1939 in Kharkov, Ukraine. Won two Olympic gold medals. The first of these was in the 80m Hurdles in 1960, which along with her sister Tamara’s Shot Put gold at the same Games made them the first pair of sisters to win Olympic golds at the same Olympics. Irina’s Pentathlon victory in the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo brought with it her eighth (six officially ratified) World record in the event. In her strongest event, the Hurdles, she also set six World records (five officially ratified).
The 106th EAA Council Meeting was held on 23/25 April 2004 on the occasion of the inauguration of the European Athletic Association’s new offices in Lausanne, Switzerland, and was attended by IAAF General Secretary Istvan Gyulai.

IAAF President Lamine Diack visited the new Offices on 22 April, as he had to travel to the USA at the time of the official opening.

The EAA followed the IAAF Council decision and amended the results of the EAA Cross Country Championships in Edinburgh, December 2003: scratching the results of Mrs Jolene Byrne, who competed illegally for Ireland whilst being a US citizen.

The 29th European Indoor Championships were awarded to Birmingham (GBR) for March 2007, and will be staged in the National Indoor Arena which so successfully staged the 2003 World Indoor Championships. The SPAR European Cup 2005 has been appointed to Gothenburg, Sweden, on the basis of an evaluation visit and that the Swedish men’s team qualify for competition in 2005. Florence (ITA) which hosted the competition in 2003 is ready as an alternative organiser.

New Sri Lankan Prime Minister has strong athletic background

Sri Lanka’s new Prime Minister, Mahinda Rajapakse has been a keen promoter of athletics and one time President of Sri Lanka’s national track and field body - the Athletic Association of Sri Lanka (AASL).

Rajapakse, who took oaths on 7 April 2004 as the Prime Minister in Sri Lanka’s 13th Parliament, was Sri Lanka’s athletic chief in 1997 and also attended IAAF Congress in Athens in 1997. He has also served as the Vice President of the South Asian Athletic Association and also functioned as the Chef-de-mission of the Sri Lanka athletic team for the IAAF World Championships in Greece in 1997.

Member Federation name/code changes

Oman – the three letter code is now ‘OMA’

India – new name is ‘Athletics Federation of India’, effective from 1 April 2004.

Member Federation / Area Federation Contact information changes

Great Britain and Northern Ireland - UK Athletics, Athletics House, Central Boulevard, Blythe Valley Park, Solihull, West Midlands B90 8LA. Tel: 0870 9986 800.

Elections

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Getting to know the Officials

Nauru - Mr. Jima Harris. President - NAAA. D.O.B: 09/07/04. Marital Status: Married with 5 children. Occupation: Joiner Supervisor. Active in Athletics since at a young age, becoming School and National Competition Champion, setting records in 100m, 200m, 400m and 4 by 100m (1987). National squad 1987-88. Coach; Team leader and President for one of the Regional teams in Nauru.

Togo - Mr. Kanfitine Douti-Gbabgue. General Secretary - FTA. Previously also Gen Sec. 1995-1997. IAAF Coach - Level II (Sept 1994) and level II – sprints and Hurdles (Oct 2003). Active at club (Gen Sec. Agaza AC 1995 until present) and at national level. Languages – written and spoken French; understanding of English and German.

Three Maltese Coaches Achieve IAAF Level II Coaching Status

In November last year three coaches based in Malta, Zeljko Aras, Lara Gerada and Ralph Mifsud (in photo with World 800m record holder Wilson Kipketer), took part in a course leading to the IAAF Level II Coaching Certificate. This course, was held in Kenya, and Malta now has a total of four coaches with such qualifications since Leandros Calleja had achieved this level some time back.

For Maltese athletics, this is an important accomplishment as MAAA President Tony Chircop confirmed. “For a small association like ours having four Level II Coaches within a span of 3 years is no mean feat.”
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POSITIVE CASES IN ATHLETICS, SANCTIONED DEFINITIVELY, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE IAAF AS OF 5 May 2004

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This list represents the athletes who have been sanctioned for a doping offence by their Federation since the last issue of the IAAF News. A Public Warning also entails disqualification from the competition in which the positive sample was provided. Dates correspond to the positive doping control test and not the beginning of the ineligibility period.

Untraceable positive athlete – The following Moroccan athlete could not be contacted by the Moroccan Federation, neither by the National Anti-Doping Authorities where he tested positive, nor by the IAAF.

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He is suspended from competition pending resolution of his case and must urgently contact the Moroccan Federation accordingly. Please send any information on this athlete to the: IAAF Anti-Doping Department – Tel: 377 93 10 88 79/ Fax: 377 93 50 83 95/Email: anti-doping@iaaf.org
Future Stars and Trends

The speech of IAAF President Lamine Diack at the opening press conference in Grosseto, Italy - Monday 12 July.

“It seems remarkable that two years have passed since I was in Kingston, Jamaica for the ninth edition of the IAAF World Junior Championships.

This 10th edition of the championships in Grosseto will be the first to have been celebrated in Italy and the biggest sports event ever held in this country in terms of participating nations.

We are happy to announce that there are 1429 athletes from 181 countries. (previous record 170 countries, 1184 athletes in Annecy 1998)

As ever, we can expect six days of intense competition from which we will be able to adjudge the future stars and trends of our sport.

The last edition of these World Junior Championships, and as well the 2000 celebration in Santiago will always be associated with the enthusiastic brilliance of Sweden’s Carolina Klüft in the Heptathlon, a talent which has already reaped its own rewards on the senior stage in Paris last summer.

In a similar way, Jamaica’s Usain Bolt who ran in front of a capacity crowd in Kingston, to win the 200m final and become the youngest ever World Junior champion, is still a Junior two years later but unfortunately, despite running an extraordinary 19.93 World Junior record earlier this summer and being entered for this Championships, Usain will not compete in Grosseto. Usain is suffering from a hamstring injury and is now undergoing medical treatment in the hope of being 100% fit for the Olympic Games. We all hope that he will get well soon and that we will see him racing at his best in Athens.

Such a sudden transformation from junior to senior stardom is of course very much the exception rather than the rule in athletics. However, although we can never be exactly sure of the senior fortunes that will await this year’s winners in Grosseto, we can be certain that there will be many great future senior champions in their midst.

Young people today have so many choices, so many distractions, not only when it comes to choosing a sport, but choosing other leisure activities as well, that the sport of athletics really needs to work to create future stars. I am even more convinced today, that our sport must reach out in an assertive way to this age group; we must encourage them to fall passionately in love with our sport.

When I was a young man, athletics formed the basis of our school sport curriculum, which meant that regardless of whether youngsters ended up being footballers or swimmers, they all shared a common background in athletics. Of course, because all of us did athletics, it was more likely that the talented ones would be discovered and would go on to achieve great things in our sport. It remains the goal of the IAAF to plant seeds wherever it can. These World Junior Championships are a unique opportunity for developing athletes to gain valuable experience, to improve their personal bests, and to build friendships with those they are competing against.

In closing, I would also like to congratulate our hosts, supported by our friends from the Italian Athletics Federation, for the marvellous efforts they have made to ensure not only the best technical conditions for the athletes – which should always be the priority of a competition – but also to launch a number of innovative promotional activities, which aim to promote the values of sport and to encourage social interaction between people from every corner of the world.

The organisers have also seized the opportunity to showcase a wonderful city, Grosseto, set in the picturesque Maremma region, which is perhaps the loveliest area of Tuscany, famous worldwide for its climate, its architecture, its history and its people. I can tell you that the IAAF is delighted that our best young athletes have a chance to savour top class competition in such a pleasant environment.”

Yours sincerely,
Lamine Diack,
IAAF President
Toyota to be Official Partner for the next two editions of IAAF World Championships

On Monday 6 July, the IAAF was delighted to announce that Toyota Motor Corporation is continuing its partnership with athletics by supporting both the 10th IAAF World Championships in Athletics in 2005 (Helsinki) and the 11th IAAF World Championships in Athletics in 2007 (Osaka).

On top of the official partnership agreement, Toyota will become the official women's bib sponsor and support the World Record Programme, a promotional initiative which offers a bonus of $100,000 to any woman who breaks an official World record at the World Championships.

"On behalf of the IAAF, I am very pleased to announce that Toyota will continue to work hand in hand with us as we try to develop the sport of athletics," said IAAF President Lamine Diack. "As one of the world’s top companies, this decision to partner us until 2007 indicates a shared belief in our sport’s values as well as the commercial and marketing potential of our top competition. This new agreement is another sure sign that the last edition of the World Championships in Paris last year was a tremendous success."

Toyota’s involvement with the IAAF began at the 9th IAAF World Championships in Athletics in Paris. In its role as official partner, the company supported the infrastructure for the championships by providing a fleet of 200 cars. The second-generation Toyota Prius—the world’s leading hybrid passenger car combining a powerful low-emissions petrol engine with zero pollution electric motor—was also supplied as the natural choice to lead the world’s best long-distance runners in the marathon events.

In 2005 and in 2007, Toyota will continue to contribute to the success of each event through providing transport solutions and will also have the opportunity to put its company name and logo on the bibs worn by athletes in all of the women’s events.

The 10th IAAF World Championships in Athletics will be held from Aug. 6-14, 2005, in Helsinki, Finland. The 11th IAAF World Championships in Athletics are scheduled to take place from Aug. 24-Sept. 2, 2007 in Osaka, Japan. Photo – Toyota Prius as the marathon lead/timing car at the 9th IAAF World Championships in Athletics.

IAAF World Rankings – Top Performers of the Month

This new feature of the IAAF World Rankings started in May and honours the best athletes in various categories. At the end of each month a male and a female athlete are chosen based on their Performance Scores, and the athlete with the highest Performance Score is the “Top Performer of the Month”. Also, best performances are noted for track, field, road running, race walking and junior athletes in all of the women’s events. Ethiopian distance runner Kenenisa Bekele and Russian Race Walker Yelena Nikolayeva, were the respective winners of the inaugural men’s and women’s Top Performer title for May. Full details and Rankings go to www.iaaf.org

European City to host 2009 IAAF World Championships

With the deadline for receiving the final bids to host the 2009 edition of the IAAF World Championships in Athletics expiring at midnight on 29 June, the IAAF confirmed that this edition of the IAAF’s most important competition will take place in Europe.

An evaluation process now begins which will conclude when IAAF Council meets in Helsinki, Finland on 4-5 December this year when they will consider presentations from Berlin (GER), Brussels (BEL), Valencia (ESP) and Split (CRO) before selecting one winner.

Originally, when the IAAF sought letters of intent from its Member Federations, there were eight contenders from six IAAF Areas, including Brisbane (AUS), Casablanca (MAR) Daegu (KOR) and New Delhi (IND). But these candidates have now withdrawn from the 2009 contest but all have indicated that they will return with bids for future editions of the event.

2009 Delegates visit Monaco

Prior to the 1 July announcement, representatives from six of the bidding cities gathered in Monaco on Thursday 27 May to meet the Directors and Staff of the various IAAF Departments, and to receive the technical information on how they should base their respective bids.

A total gathering of 23 delegates from the bidding cities were welcomed by IAAF President Lamine Diack who gave the opening address. IAAF General Secretary Istvan Gyulai then outlined some crucial general information, which headed a list of fourteen other speeches covering a wide range of topics, from Accreditation to Technology, the ‘what to do’ and ‘what not to do’ of any successful World Championship bid. Photo – Delegates in Monaco.

2006 IAAF World Half Marathon Championships

The deadline has also passed for receipt of letters of intent from Member Federations interested in hosting the 2006 edition of the IAAF World Half Marathon Championships, with Sydney (AUS), Rio de Janeiro (BRA) and Stuttgart (GER) now in the frame. The decision on this venue will be taken at the IAAF Council Meeting scheduled for the spring of 2006. The 2004 edition of this competition takes place in New Delhi on 3 October, with the subsequent edition scheduled for Edmonton (CAN) on 1 October 2005.

Athens Olympics

For the first time since the Barcelona Olympics of 1992, an athletics statistics book has been produced for this summer’s Athens Olympics in cooperation with Athens 2004, an essential reference work especially for the media and officials at the Games. There will also be a hospitality area at the stadium for the use of IAAF Family Members.

Note. See page 5 & 6 of this Newsletter for our Olympia special feature.
World Athletics Day 2004 Draw

Council Members Sergey Bukka (UKR) and Nawal El Moutawakel (MAR) both former Olympic champions did the honours by drawing out the names of 12 children, six boys and six girls, one boy and one girl from the IAAF’s six Area associations.

The List of the 2004 winners who are invited for the IAAF World Youth Championships in Marrakech, Morocco in July 2005, are as follows:

Girls
- Afica: Emmanuella Oroma (UGA -1987) Long Jump 5.01m
- Asia: Loh Yanni (SIN -1988) 1500m 5:07.00
- Consudatle: Dalana Aturutz (ARG – 1988) 100mh 15.75
- Europe: Alina Duman (ROU -1987) 800m 2:00.12
- NACAC: Shanique Albury (BAH -1988) 800m 2:31.10
- Oceania: Melanie Budareika (AUS -1988) 800m 2:31.10

Boys
- Africa: Fred Mwelwa (ZAM -1988) 1500m 4:10.60
- Asia: Abdulaziz Mohamed Alkuwari (QAT -1988) 100m 11.42
- Consudatle: David Rodriguez (PAN -1987) 1500m 4:17.58
- Europe: Pavelas Velicko (LTU -1988) 15kW 21:51.60
- NACAC: Brandt Fralick (CAN -1987) 100m 10.70
- Oceania: Adam Welsh (PYF -1987) 200m 22.77

Note - A further 12 more winners will be chosen after the May 2005 edition of the World Athletics Day.

Fanny Blankers-Koen honoured

At the Thales FBK-Games – IAAF Blankers-Koen stadium, Hengelo, The Netherlands, on Monday 31 May 2004, Fanny Blankers-Koen (NED) the world’s greatest ever female track and field athlete was honoured with the posthumous award of the IAAF Golden Order of Merit.

IAAF President Lamine Diack along with General Secretary Istvan Gyulai represented the IAAF, and made the presentation to her children Fanny and Jan, with her grandchildren Monique and Bart in attendance at the ceremony. Photo: Lamine Diack, centre, flanked by Fanny’s children and grandchildren.

World Record – recently ratified

Record – Junior Men
200m 19.93 (1.4) Usain Bolt JAM Devonshire, BER 11 April 2004
previous mark(s) –
20.13 Roy Martin USA 16 June 1985
20.13 Usain Bolt JAM 20 July 2004
Photos: (left) Bolt with World record clock in Devonshire; (right) with Kingston HPTC colleagues at earlier Gibson Relays

Congratulations and best wishes for the future to...

Four-time World 1500m champion Hicham El Guerrouj and his wife Najoua Lahbil have been rewarded by the successful birth of a baby girl, Hiba, in a private hospital in the outskirts of Rabat, Morocco on Friday 4 June.

World, Olympic and European Race Walking champion Robert Korzeniowski and his wife Agnieszka have informed us that on 29 June their daughter Rozalia was born (photo left).

Mutola given Mozambique’s highest civilian honour

World & Olympic 800m champion Maria Mutola has been awarded Mozambique’s highest civilian honour for her contribution to sport. Mutola was awarded the Order of Eduardo Mondlane First Class, which has previously only been given to heads of state and government. Sports Minister Joel Libombo said on Monday 17 May 2004 that the honour was for her patriotism and charity work.

Paul Tergat receives honorary degree

Paul Tergat, the World Marathon and Half Marathon record holder on Thursday 27 May 2004 was presented with an honorary degree in recognition of his many humanitarian activities by Bloomfield College in New Jersey, USA.

President of the Republic of Congo is awarded IAAF Golden Order of Merit

On the occasion of the 14th edition of the African Athletics Championships in Brazzaville, Congo, the IAAF Golden Order of Merit was awarded to the President of the Republic of Congo, H.E. Mr Denis Sassou-Nguesso. The ceremony took place at his residence in the presence of the CAA Council, on Wednesday 14 July, with President Lamine Diack presenting the award to H.E. Mr. Sassou-Nguesso.

Obituaries

John (Jack) Foster - Legendary New Zealand marathoner was killed in a cycling accident on 5 June 2004 when he was struck by a car in Rotorura, New Zealand where he lived. He was the oldest ever male IAAF World champion with his team gold from the 1975 World Cross Country Championships at the age of 42 but perhaps best known for his silver medal performance at the Marathon in the 1974 Commonwealth Games (2:11:18). He began running at the age of 32 years! Born Liverpool, England 23 May 1932.

James Maina Boi - Kenya's 1979 African 800 metres champion, 50, died on 15 July 2004 after a long illness. Boi also won the All-Africa Games 800m titles in 1978 in Algiers. He also took the silver medal in the 1982 Commonwealth Games in Brisbane.

Alexander Jimenez Woodley - "Coach" Woodley (1933-2004) passed away on 22 May 2004. Coached over 50 champions in the NCAA, World Championships and Olympic Games and his athletes set at least 10 World records. Among the many outstanding athletes under his guidance were: John Carlos, Charles Foster, Ira Davis, Steve Riddick, Herman Frazier, Ivy Crockett, Mel Pennder, Curtis Mills, Tom McClean, Haisley Crawford, James Burnett, Benedict Cayenne, Reggie Jones, Ed Roberts, Ben Fields, Larry James, and Tony Darden.
Ineligibility of Jerome Young (USA)

IAAF Council, following its extraordinary meeting in Grosseto, Italy, Sunday 18 July, has interpreted its rules during the period of time in question (1998-1999) as follows: As a consequence of Jerome Young’s ineligibility to compete following his doping offence, all relevant results are annulled, including those achieved as part of a relay team during the period of ineligibility from 26 June 1999 to 25 June 2001.

Kelli White (USA) – Performances Annulled

Following USADA’s sanctions regarding Ms Kelli White, announced on 19 May 2004, under IAAF Rules all her performances including World Athletics Series, Golden League, Grand Prix etc...since 15 December 2000 have been annulled. As for the World Athletics Series, this means that the following results will be amended accordingly:

IAAF World Indoor Championships – Lisbon 2001

200 METRES – WOMEN
POS-Name-Country-Mark
1 RUSSIA RUS 30.00 (Yuliya Nosova, Olesya Zykina, Yuliya Solnikova, Olga Kotlyarova)
2 JAMAICA JAM 30.79 (Charmaine Howell, Juliet Campbell, Catherine Scott-Pomales, Sandie Richards)
3 GERMANY GER 31.00 (Claudia Marx, Birgit Rockmeier, Florence Ekpo-Umoh, Shanta Gholsh)

IAAF World Championships in Athletics – Edmonton 2001

200 METRES – WOMEN
POS-Name-Country-Mark
1 JONES Marion USA 22.39
2 FERGUSSON Debbie BAH 22.52
3 JENKINS La Tasha USA 22.85
4 MOTHERSILL Cydonie CAY 22.88
5 CAMPBELL Juliet JAM 22.99
6 BIKAR Alenka SLO 23.00
7 MANI Myriam Léonie CMR 23.15

4 X 100 METRES – WOMEN – FINAL
POS-Name-Country-Mark
1 GERMANY GER 42.32 (Paschke Melanie, Rockmeier Gabby, Rockmeier Birgit, Wagner Marion)
2 FRANCE FRA 42.39 (Félix Sylvestre, Bangué Frédérique, Hurtis Muriel, Sidibe Ouald)
3 JAMAICA JAM 42.40 (Campbell Juliet, Frazer Merlene, McDonald Beverly, Walker Astia)

IAAF Grand Prix Final – Melbourne 2001

200 METRES – WOMEN
POS-Name-Country-Mark
1 MANI Myriam Léonie CMR 22.93
2 FERGUSSON Debbie BAH 23.00
3 CAMPBELL Juliet JAM 23.15
4 MCDONALD Beverly JAM 23.29
5 NKU Mercy NGR 23.40
6 HEWITT Lauren AUS 23.88
7 BIKAR Alenka SLO 24.04

IAAF World Championships in Athletics – Paris 2003

100 METRES WOMEN - FINAL
POS-Name-Country-Mark
1 EDWARDS Torri USA 10.93
2 BLOCK Zhanina UKR 10.99
3 STURRUP Chandra BAH 11.02
4 THANOU Ekaterini GRE 11.03
5 ARRON Christine FRA 11.06
6 BAILEY Aleen JAM 11.07
7 DEVERS Gail USA 11.11

200 METRES WOMEN – FINAL
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IAAF World Athletics Final – Monaco 2003

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7 MOTHERSILL Cydonie CAY 23.16

Situation in Sierra Leone

IAAF Council instructed a fact finding mission composed of Africa Area Representative, Leonard Chuede, and the Director of the IAAF President’s Cabinet Cheikh Thiare, to be sent to Sierra Leone at the end of June to investigate the validity of the election/mandate of the incumbent officers of the Member Federation.

In a fully inclusive process, Chuede and Thiare met with the National Olympic Committee and the national Minister of Sport for Sierra Leone, and then brought the main interested parties together to discuss the situation and find a solution.

As a result, on 30 June 2004, in agreement with all, an interim Committee was established to administer the affairs of the Sierra Leone Member Federation for the next six months and to construct a new constitution, to be approved by the IAAF. There after, within the six month period concerned, new elections must be called and held in the presence of IAAF representatives, to form a new administration.

The members of the Interim Committee are as follows -

President: Dr KK Bangura; Vice Pres: M. Lompri Sesay; Gen Sec: M. Dauda
A Kamara; Deputy Gen Sec: Dauda Sondufu-Sowa; Treasurer: Mme Pammela Williams; Provincial Reps – Eastern: M. Sandy Koroma; Southern: Abib A Lahai; Northern: M. Unisa Deen Kargbo; Western: Harold Palmer; PR: M. Samuel Kamara.
Athletics prepares to return to its roots in Olympia

1611 years is a long time in anyone’s timescale. However, when in AD393 the Roman Emperor Theodosius I put an end to the celebrations of the Olympic Games it’s unlikely that even the most pessimistic of the population of Olympia would have guessed they would have to wait so long for Olympic competition to be revived in their town.

On Wednesday 18 August 2004, as part of the celebrations of the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad of the modern era whose centre is the Greek capital Athens, Olympia plays host to an important piece of Athletics history in the guise of the qualification and finals for both the men’s and women’s Shot Put competitions. After over one and half millennia Theodosius’ decree will have finally been rescinded!

Though the Shot Put was unknown to the ancient Greeks there is no doubt that, with the Games returning to Olympia this summer, the sport of Athletics as a whole is returning to its roots.

Yet no tears should be shed for the demise of the original Games. The purest sporting and cultural ideals which had given birth to the Olympic Games in 776BC had long since been lost by the third century AD. Corruption and bribery had become rife, and the Games had become more of a debauched bacchanalian rite, than a festival of physical prowess.

Re-born in the flames of Zeus

Olympia, set in the territory of Elis in the north west of the Greek Peloponnesse, has not been isolated from the Games in the 108 years since their modern reawakening.

With the revival of Olympics or more correctly the re-birth of the Olympic ethos as first publicly espoused by Baron Pierre de Coubertin in 1892, leading to the Games revival in 1896, the site of the ancient Games has become the regular birth place of the Olympic flame. Since 1936, the Olympic flame, which is lit by the sun’s rays in a cauldron on the site of what was once the temple to Olympian Zeus, has become the world famous starting point of the Olympic torch relay.

The ancient Games were inextricably linked to the god Zeus, and even today we have not entirely lost the connection as sporting excellence so often conjures up godlike imagery.

Homeric poems comprise the first written evidence of athletics contests in the Greek world. The Olympic Games was but one of a number of athletics festivals which were born in the ancient Hellenic era, the expansion of sporting contests mirroring that of the wider spread of Greek political and cultural values in the ancient world.

Moral and physical values

Athleticism was an important component in social life and education. The Stadium and Gymnasium were not just the physical places for training and competition but a melting pot of Greek ideals.

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The first day was devoted to sacrifices to Zeus, and was followed in athletics terms in the following days by the foot race ‘the stadion’ (200m), the main event of the Games, which took place in the stadium, an oblong area enclosed by sloping banks of earth. This site will also be the venue for Shot Put competitions on the 18 August.

By the 14th Olympiad (724BC) a Diulos (400m) and by the 15th (720BC) a Dolichus (2000m) race were added to the Olympic programme. In the 18th Olympiad (708BC) the Pentathlon (jumping, running, javelin, discus and wrestling) was introduced.

Of the two ancient throws, the Javelin derived directly from everyday life from war and hunting but the origins of the Discus event are well and truly hidden bearing no relation to military exercises or farm life.

A step back in time

When the Shot Put Qualification competitions take place on Thursday 18 August, the athletes will set foot on the site of the original sports stadium. In its present day form it dates back to the early 5th century BC, and has a length of 212.54m with a width of 28.50m.

Celtic origins - symbolic return

The Shot – like the Hammer Throw – has no connection with the ancient Greek world, finding its origins instead in the alternative celtic sporting traditions of northern Europe. However, the competitions this summer will carry with them the spirit of the Games, a symbolic return to the foundations of Athletics, which can rightly call itself the mother of sport.
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**Athletics prepares to return to its roots in Olympia continued...**

**Views of Olympia**

“This proposal is a unique opportunity to link the ancient origins of our sport with athletics in the 21st Century,” said IAAF President Lamme Diack after the IAAF Council unanimously agreed in Berlin last November that the Shot Put competitions of the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad should be held in Olympia.

Yet what is the opinion of the sport as a whole? We now hear what they have to say - the athlete, the coach and the historian:  

Adam Nelson, the reigning Olympic silver medallist and 2004 US Trials winner feels privileged to have this unique opportunity to compete in Olympia: “It’s a mixture of the ancient and the modern Olympics and, considering the Shot is the only event they are able to do that with (it requires only a small competition in what is an archaelogical site), hopefully it is going to be really special.”

Mauri Auvinen, the Finnish head coach for throws, whose men’s Shot Put national squad currently contains the reigning Olympic champion and two top-8 finalists from last summer’s World Championships, is equally enthusiastic: “Arranging the Olympic Shot Put competition in Olympia is the best possible promotion for the event. The names of past athletic heroes will echo in the Olympia Stadium. Any athlete would be proud and honoured to compete there.”

Stan Greenberg, renowned statistician and author, among others of the ‘Whitaker’s Olympic Almanac 2004’ also senses the history of the occasion: “The contests at Olympia will be a tremendous boost to the knowledge of the origins of our sport. It will be a return to the glory that was once Olympia. The sport is coming back to its roots with world attention focused on the origins of the Games.”

A unique opportunity

The athletes can look forward to a very special Olympic rendezvous on 18 August. Neither will they miss out on the wider acclaim of the Olympic world as both medal ceremonies will take place inside the Olympic stadium in Athens on Friday 20 August during the first evening of the main Athletics programme.

Athletics now keenly awaits this momentous occasion, a journey back to its very foundations in Olympia.

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**Member Federation Elections &/or Officer Appointments**

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**Getting to know the Officials**

Martin van Rooijen – President of the Netherlands Federation - KNAU

In sports administration - since 2003 President of the Koninklijke Nederlandse Atletiek Unie (KNAU); 1989-1993 President of the Board Professional Football of the Royal Dutch Football Association (KNVB); 1985-1989 President of the License Commission of the Royal Dutch Football Association (KNVB); 1978-1985 Chairman of Budget Control Institute controlling the finance management of Dutch professional football clubs upon the request of the Dutch Ministry of Sport. Active sportman - Soccer (1954-1962 and 1974-1994), Athletics (1962-1967 100m, 200m, 400m and 800m), also Tennis, Race Biking, Skating and Golf.

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Jefferson Perez supports IAAF Kids’ Athletics initiative

Former IAAF Member Services Director Björn Wangemann who is now a freelance consultant with the German Sport Development Programme, the whole month of May in Ecuador in order to teach hundreds of PE Teachers, Sports Students and Youth Coaches how to integrate this new IAAF initiative into normal PE classes and how to organize big IAAF Kids’ Athletics events.

Altogether more than 500 girls and boys participated in this innovative initiative in different provinces of Ecuador, and talks were held with the Sports Minister, PE authorities as well as the NOC of Ecuador. All of them showed great interest in the programme and promised their support.

"Part of my job was also to teach the participants in practical workshops how to improvise all implements by using locally available materials. We managed to equip a whole event with self-made material and it did not cost us even US$100," said Wangemann.

World champion Jefferson Perez, who recently won the 20 km race at the IAAF World Race Walking Cup in Naumburg (GER) joined the Kids’ Athletics event held in his home town Cuenca in the South of the country, and strongly endorsed the programme. “Physical Education Teachers must learn to present athletics to the kids in a joyful and playing manner. They should finish with the old concepts which are boring and the main reason why so many children do not like athletics and move to other sports.” The project was held as a joint venture with the IAAF who supplied a full set of Kids’ Athletics equipment.

The Ecuatorian Athletics Federation declared the Kids’ Athletics event a national programme. Specially prepared provincial Kids’ Athletics delegates will be resonsible for the introduction of the event into Physical Education in all 19 provinces of the country.

*Photo: Perez at the Kids’ Athletics.*
### Positive Cases in Athletics, Sanctioned Definitively, According to Information Received by the IAAF As of 16 July 2004

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This list represents the athletes who have been sanctioned for a doping offence by their Federation since the last issue of the IAAF News. A Public Warning also entails disqualification from the competition in which the positive sample was provided.

Dates correspond to the positive doping control test and not the beginning of the ineligibility period.

### Book Reviews

**Olympic Track & Field History** by Mel Watman. £12 (post free- UK) Cheques payable to Mel Watman; elsewhere £15, 20 euros or US$25 in cash. Send to Athletics International, 13 Garden Court, Marsh Lane, Staines, Middlesex TW18 4TE, England; Email mel@gardencourt.fsnet.co.uk

**Whitaker's Olympic Almanack 2004** by Stan Greenberg. 16.00GBP. Published A&C Black Ltd, 317 Soho Sq, London. W1D 3QZ. Email enquiries@acblack.com

**The Road to Athens** - The inspirational story by Bill Adcocks the fastest man ever over the Classic Marathon course. 23 Euros (inc. P & P); ‘amrec69’, 90 Frilsham Way, Allesley Park, Coventry CV5 9LR. Cheques payable to amrec69.

These books are NOT AVAILABLE from the IAAF - ALL orders must be made direct to authors/publishers.

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Universality – Developing Athletics globally

The International Association of Athletics Federations has 211 members all over the world - and I am very proud that athletics is the most universal sport in the world, with an astonishing range of individuals and nations who are successful in our sport.

No fewer than 197 countries sent athletes to the Athens Olympic Games, and these 2000 participants were true ambassadors of our sport. That figure represents 20% of ALL the competitors from ALL sports at these Games.

Marathon Championships in New Delhi, and Asia will be the venue for great athletics competition over the next six years at the World Cross Country Championships in Fukuoka in 2006, the World Junior Championships in Beijing in 2006, the World Championships in Athletics in Osaka 2007, the Olympic Games in 2008, and the Commonwealth Games in New Delhi in 2010.

But why does our sport have such enduring appeal? The Athens Olympic Games reminded us all that the essence of athletics – a sport that has been on the Olympic programme since 776 BC – is not the pursuit of records, but straightforward competition between men and women. What sparked these Games to life, and what we will remember forever, is the dramatic theatre produced in so many great contests. The attraction of athletics is that it combines the excitement of competition – the hand to hand struggle between talented athletes – with the challenge of setting new limits of performance. If you are very lucky, as we were in Athens with Yelena Isinbayeva who won the Pole Vault gold with a new World record, you will get both at the same time!

But Athens was particularly exciting because of the emergence of so many new stars, young men and women who represent an exciting new chapter in our sport’s history. The new Olympic champion in the 400m, Jeremy Wariner (USA), is 20 years old and left Athens with two gold medals. In the 110m Hurdles, Liu Xiang (CHN), who is 21, is an outstanding athlete who has taken Asian athletics into a new dimension with his marvellous victory and World record equalling time of 12.91. The charming Isinbayeva mentioned earlier, is only just 22 but was also crowned as 2004 World Athlete of the Year at the World Athletics Gala, together with another 22-year-old, Kenenisa Bekele of Ethiopia.

Finally, I would like to remind you that the IAAF World Championships in Athletics is one of the top three world sporting events behind the Olympics and the soccer World Cup, but in terms of participation it is bigger than both of them. We welcomed more than 200 countries to the last edition in Paris St-Denis in 2003, with 2000 athletes and almost 4000 representatives of the Media present. Next year, we return to Helsinki, where many believe the soul of athletics resides, for the next edition of this great event. I look forward to seeing you all there!

Yours sincerely,

Lamine Diack
IAAF President
IAAF COUNCIL MEETING, Athens, Greece – 15 & 26 AUGUST 2004

The Council of the IAAF presided over by President Lamine Diack met in Athens, Greece on 15 and 26 August 2004.

Reports were received and approved from the General Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, TV Commission, Press Commission, Race Walking Committee, ATHOC, the Athletics’ World Plan Steering Board Group, and the Nationality/Transfer of Allegiance Working Group.

Future WAS competitions

2005 World Athletics Final – Monaco
Date approved: Friday, 9 and Saturday, 10 September 2005.

World Half Marathon Championships, Edmonton, CAN – 1 October 2005
Timetable approved:
Men’s Race: 10:30; Women’s Race: 12:00

2006 IAAF World Race Walking Cup – La Coruña, ESP
Date approved: Saturday, 13 and Sunday, 14 May 2006.

2008 World Race Walking Cup – Cheboksary, RUS
Date approved: Saturday, 10 and Friday, 11 May 2008.

2006 World Cup in Athletics 2006 – Los Angeles, USA
As two years after the competition was awarded the EOA is still not signed, Council decided that if it is not signed by the deadline of 18 September 2004, the bid would be reopened. That date now having passed the bid has been re-opened, and the Spanish Federation is the first to have expressed its intention to bid.

Transfers of Allegiance
Since the Council meeting in March 2004 the following Transfers of Allegiance were authorised under IAAF Rules:

Names From/To Date
Predrag Momirovic SCG/BHI 1 March 2004
Luis Reyes PUR/USA 1 June 2004
Jerome Krahenbuhl SUI/IRL 1 June 2004
Mustafa Ahmed Shebto UGA/QAT 4 June 2004
Svetlana Kandemir RUS/TUR 4 June 2004
Héni Kechi TUN/FRA 23 June 2004
Robert Stefko SVK/CZE 7 July 2004
Sergey Litvinov RUS/BLR 9 July 2004
Dariusz Robert Slowik DEN/CAN 17 July 2004
Joan Lino Martinez CUB/ESP 28 July 2004

Next Meetings
The next meetings of the IAAF Council will be held in Helsinki, Finland on 4/5 December 2004 and in Doha, Qatar on 9/10 April 2005.

ENTRY STANDARDS
4th IAAF WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS MARRAKECH (MAR) - 13/17 JULY 2005

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Performances must be achieved during the period 1-1.2004 to 30.6.2005.

Greek Athletes and Coach
On 18 August 2004, the IOC Executive Board took a decision to refer the cases of Konstantinos Kenteris, Ekaterini Thanou and Christos Tzeos to the IAAF for further action under IAAF Rules, including possible sanctions.

Council considered the IOC’s decision and appointed the IAAF Doping Review Board to conduct an Inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the lead-up to and eventual withdrawal of Kenteris and Thanou from the Olympic Games in Athens on 18 August 2004.

The purpose of the Inquiry is to establish whether sufficient evidence exists to charge any person with a Doping Violation or other breach of IAAF Rules. If such evidence exists, disciplinary proceedings will be initiated in accordance with the standard procedures laid down in IAAF Rules.

The Doping Review Board Inquiry commenced immediately.

Forthcoming meetings
59th European Calendar Congress, Tallinn 14 – 17 October; Women’s Committee, Monaco 23/24 October; Medical & Anti-Doping Commission, Monaco 30/31 October; Coaches’ Commission, Monaco 30/31 October; Juridical Commission, Monaco 6/7 November; Development Commission and Competition Commission – both during week of IAAF Council in Helsinki, Finland 4/5 December 2004.

IAAF and Mizuno sign Major marketing Agreement

On Friday 27 August during the Athens Olympics it was announced that Mizuno, one of the world’s leading suppliers of sports equipment, will be an Official Partner of the IAAF World Athletics Series starting at the 10th IAAF World Championships in Athletics in 2005 (Helsinki) and continuing until the IAAF World Indoor Championships in 2008.

Through this agreement, Mizuno will obtain exclusive rights to supply sporting apparel, sporting shoes and accessories for officials and volunteer staff in IAAF World Athletics Series including:
IAAF World Championships in Athletics (Helsinki, 2005);
IAAF World Indoor Championships (Moscow, 2006);
IAAF World Cross Country Championships (Fukuoka, 2006);
IAAF World Junior Championships (Beijing, 2006);
IAAF World Championships in Athletics (Osaka, 2007); and
IAAF World Indoor Championships (tbd, 2008).

Photo: President Diack and Mr. Mizuno
### Olympic champions Kenenisa Bekele of Ethiopia and Yelena Isinbayeva of Russia were announced as the 2004 Athletes of the Year ‘live’ on stage at the climax to the spectacular 2004 World Athletics Gala at the Grimaldi Forum, Monte-Carlo on Sunday 19 September 2004.

Bekele and Isinbayeva have produced an exemplary series of performances in 2004, with their respective World record and championship triumphs stretching from the winter right through to the Olympic Games and beyond.

### Performances of the Year - Hicham El Guerrouj of Morocco and Britain’s Kelly Holmes were confirmed as having provided the Performances of the Year, thanks to their double Olympic victories in Athens.

### The Vote - Via a public poll on the IAAF home page www.iaaf.org from 13 to 17 September, the Top-15 names (men and women) in the Overall category of the IAAF World Rankings were whittled down to Five candidates.

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- Kelly Holmes (GBR)
- Elvan Abeylegasse (TUR)

### WMA Masters’ Athletes of the Year Honoured at Gala - In a symbolic gesture, for the first time in the history of the World Masters’ Association (WMA) and the IAAF, the 2004 Best Male and Female Masters’ Athlete of the Year were invited to the World Athletics Final and IAF Gala.

It was a first time visit to the Principality for Masters’ Athletes of the Year Jeanette Flynn, 50, of Australia and Guido Müller, 65, of Germany. Not only did they get to meet contemporary Olympic Champions such as Kelly Holmes, but also the legendary, Sir Roger Bannister.

Flynn is a middle distance runner with World Masters’ records for 800m (2:16.78) and the one Mile (5:13.6) in 2004. Müller, sprinter and hurdler, holds 5 World titles from the 1st World Masters’ Indoors held earlier in the year in Sindelfingen, Germany, and 7 European titles at the European Stadia Championships in Åhus, Denmark. He is credited with 7 World and European masters’ records in 2004

For more information about the WMA, visit their website: www.world-masters-athletics.org

### Athletics triumphs in IOC Athletes Commission Elections

Athletics stars Frank Fredericks (1849 votes), Jan Zelezny (1411) and Hicham El Guerrouj (1260), were among the four athletes on 26 August who were elected by their peers at the Athens Olympics to seats on the IOC Athletes Commission – and eight-year terms as IOC members. The voting took place from 11 August to 25 August at the Olympic Village. The four winners were chosen from 30 candidates who were on the ballot having been nominated by the National Olympic Committee of their country. To qualify they must have competed as members. The voting took place from 11 August to 25 August at the Olympic Village. The four winners were chosen from 30 candidates who were on the ballot having been nominated by the National Olympic Committee of their country. To qualify they must have competed.

**Athletes of the Year - Men**
- Liu Xiang (CHN)
- Christian Olsson (SWE)
- Hicham El Guerrouj (MAR)
- Virgilijus Alekna (LIT)
- Kenenisa Bekele (ETH)

**Athletes of the Year - Women**
- Carolina Kluit (SWE)
- Yelena Isinbayeva (RUS)
- Veronica Campbell (JAM)
- Kelly Holmes (GBR)
- Elvan Abeylegasse (TUR)

### Kelly Holmes (GBR)
- Xing Huina (CHN)
- Tonique Williams-Darling (BAH)

This shortlist of 5 was then presented to a Panel of the International Athletic Foundation (IAF) - Honorary President HSH Crown Prince Albert of Monaco, President Lamine Diack, Council Members Amadeo Francios and Dapeng Lou, and Honorary Member Giovanna Nebiolo - who made the final selection.

### Korzeniowski, Fredericks and Bannister are honoured - There were also a number of other awards made to distinguished athletes from both the recent and distant past of our sport including for their Distinguished Careers the legendary Race walker Robert Korzeniowski (POL) and majestic sprinter Frank Fredericks (NAM). The Life Time Achievement Award was presented to Sir Roger Bannister (GBR).

Photos: Holmes (l); Bekele/Isinbayeva (c) ; El Guerrouj (r).

### El Moutawakel to chair IOC 2012 Evaluation Commission

It was announced on Wednesday 28 July 2004 that IAAF Council Member Nawal El Moutawakel had been appointed to chair the Evaluation Commission for the 2012 Olympic bidding cities. El Moutawakel, a member of the IOC, who has been a member of the IAAF Council since 1995, will head a panel of twelve that will visit the five cities short listed among the candidates to host the 2012 Games.

"We have here an excellent team, and I am particularly pleased that Nawal El Moutawakel has accepted to lead it," said IOC President Jacques Rogge. "As a former Olympic champion, she has a great knowledge of the Olympic Games and what it takes to organise them."
IAU Congress – Malcolm Campbell becomes Honorary Life President

At the Congress of the International Association of Ultrarunners (IAU) which was held in Winschoten, NED, on 11 September 2004, a new Executive Council (2004-2008) was elected, as follows: President - Dirk Strumane (BEL); Vice President - Roelof Veld (NED); Director of Development - Soto Rojas (ESP); Director of Competitions - Harry Arndt (GER); Director of Organisations – Jan Vandendriessch (BEL); Director of Asian Affairs – Souhei Kobayashi (JPN); European Representatives – Roger Bonnfait (FRA) & Norma Wilson (GBR); General Secretary – Hilary Walker (GBR).

Elected as Honorary Life President was Malcolm Campbell (GBR), one of the founders of the IAU and a pioneer of the sport. He served for 20 successful years as leader and President of the IAU, after an exemplary sports career which the Guinness Book of Records still credits him as having run the greatest number of competitive miles in one year – 5502 miles (8855km)!

IAAF President receives awards in Senegal and Nicaragua

In a ceremony held in Dakar, Senegal, on Wednesday 21 July 2004 President Diack was honoured by the conferment of a prestigious Senegalese State decoration, “L’Oscar de l’Excellence et du Mérite”.

The award was presented to Diack by the President of the Republic of Senegal, Abdoulaye Wade, in the presence of the Prime Minister, the President of the National Assembly and members of the diplomatic corps (photo left). Lamine Diack was nominated for the award, by the Jury ‘Lion d’Or’, with respect to the year of 2003. Particular mention was made by the Jury in its nomination of Lamine Diack’s re-election in 2003 as IAAF President, and of his exemplary 33-year tenure of the Presidency of the African Athletic Confederation, a position which he relinquished last year.

On 26 September 2004 during a visit to Managua, Nicaragua, President Diack was honoured by the Member Federation’s President Maria Antonieta Ocon Espinoza who is seen in the photo (right) presenting a medal and Alcaldia de Managua diploma to both Lamine Diack and Amadeo Francis, IAAF Vice President. President Diack met the Vice President of Nicaragua and the Presidents of the IAAF Member Federations who belong to CADICA (Confederacion Atletica de l’estro Centro Americano), and was present at the inauguration of a new MONDO track in the Nicaraguan capital, a project assisted by grants from the IAAF and the International Athletic Foundation.

Maurice Nicholas awarded Silver Order of Merit

On 28 September 2004, at the closing dinner of the 1st Asian All-Star Championships in Singapore, the IAAF Silver Order of Merit was awarded to Mr Maurice Nicholas of Singapore (photo left), Honorary Secretary-Treasurer of the Asian Athletics Association, and presented by IAAF President Lamine Diack.

Maurice Nicholas has been the Secretary-Treasurer Asian (formerly Amateur) Athletics Association since its inception in 1973, and was an IAAF Council Member for 14 years from 1981-1995, and an Honorary Life Personal Member of the IAAF since 1995. Nicholas received the IAAF’s Veteran’s Pin, at the Athens Congress in 1982, and was awarded IAAF Plaque of Merit in 1999 at Seville.

World Records - recently ratified

Originally announced on 29 July, 10 August, 7 September and 17 September 2004 on www.iaaf.org

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With the completion of the 13th IAAF World Half Marathon Championships in Delhi, India, on 3 October the last IAAF World Athletics Series event of 2004, we are now at the end of the season for the IAAF World Rankings.

While the Athlete of the Year is now decided by a combination of public vote on www.iaaf.org and a final decision by a panel of experts from the International Athletic Foundation, once more the leaders in the Overall category of the IAAF World Rankings became World Athletes of the Year. Kenenisa Bekele (ETH) and Yelena Isinbayeva (RUS), have both been multiple World record breakers this year and also captured the ultimate title on offer in 2004, that of Olympic champion.

Emphasising that the World Rankings are the keenest determinant of the current strengths of world athletics it is also not surprising to find that the world’s two premier athletes are jointed by another twenty-three of their fellow Athens Olympic champions at the head of their respective Event Rankings. Another four Athens gold medallists are ranked second, while a further three stand third in their events. The Rankings assess an athlete’s whole year ensuring that the IAAF World Rankings are the most accurate barometer in comparing the merits of each elite athlete and of gauging the year-round strengths overall and event by event on a week by week basis.

To view the full IAAF World Rankings go to www.iaaf.org where they are published weekly during the height of the season and fortnightly in the quieter months of the year. Photo - Yelena Isinbayeva, Top of Women’s Overall & Pole Vault Rankings.
The members of the Steering Group of the Athletics’ World Plan met in Monte-Carlo on Tuesday 12 October. The leaders of all eight working groups reported on considerable progress made towards the 113 designated Plan objectives since their last meeting in Athens (16 Aug).

In order to make events more attractive, changes to the format of the World Championships and One day meetings were suggested by the “Events” Group including: no false start at all; making the head of the stadium presentation formally a meeting official; reducing the number of languages used in announcing & generally improving public info in-stadium; considering other medal ceremony presenters other than just Council members. These ideas & those on harmonizing competition age-groups and the competition calendar will be put forward to the Competitions Commission.

A number of recommendations of the “Recognition” and “Finance” Groups will go before the IAAF/Dentsu Steering Board. The “Media” Group expressed its wish that the news agencies, including new TV Guidelines and a review of TV Graphics.

The “Schools/Youth” Group also made a number of proposals to ensure the future of children in our sport including aiming to have athletics included in the school sports curriculum in as many countries as possible, and to propose a new School/Youth Commission to Council.

The “Facilities” Group is analysing results of questionnaires and will make more detailed qualitative studies, while the group dealing with “Competence” in the sport will address work needed to clearly define the duties and obligations of the IAAF and the Area Associations in the IAAF Constitution.

The Steering Group will meet again in Helsinki on 6 December 2004.
The Council of the European Athletic Association met in Lausanne, 9-10 October, and confirmed:

- **SPAR European Cup 2005** will be held in Florence, Italy on 18/19 June.
- **5th European Mountain Running Championships 2006** will be held in Mersin, Turkey.
- No more indoor 200m - It will be staged for the last time at the 2005 European Indoors.

The Asian Athletics Association Council met on 2 October, New Delhi, with IAAF President and General Secretary present. There was an interesting exchange of views on many subjects.

2005 Asian Championships to be held:
- Incheon, Kor, 29 Aug – 2 Sep

### Positive Cases in Athletics, Sanctioned Definitely

According to information received by the IAAF as of 6 October 2004

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We must step up our war against doping

“As President, I am proud of how the IAAF has faced up to the problem of doping in athletics for more than 30 years now and I am determined that we retain our position as a leader amongst sports federations in this crucial campaign.”

“Originally introduced in the international competition programme, doping controls have also been organised out-of-competition since 1990, long before other sports considered doing so. In IOC statistics available since 1991, athletics has always been the sport in which most anti-doping tests are carried out. Between 12 and 15% of all samples in sport during this period were in athletics.”

“Yet despite this, the IAAF must continue to make even greater efforts to attack the scourge of doping, because if cheats are allowed to prosper, the credibility of our sport will be seriously damaged. The IAAF insists on a policy of zero-tolerance for doping and welcomes the support of all our national federations, of WADA and of national governments, since this war can only be won with a united effort.”

Lamine Diack
IAAF President

Anti-doping facts and figures
Did you also know that?

• The first in-competition tests in athletics were carried out in 1969.

• Systematic tests have been carried out at all major IAAF competitions since 1977. Nowadays, approximately 10-15% of participating athletes are tested. At the 2003 World Championships in Paris 405 tests were carried out, of which 5 were positive (1.23%).

• Only Athletes who have had two out-of-competition anti-doping tests in the 12 months before an IAAF World Athletics Series Competition (including the World Athletics Final) will be paid Prize Money.

• Already more than $2 million is set aside each year by the IAAF for its anti-doping objectives, of which more than 80% is spent on out-of-competition testing. In collaboration with the IOC and WADA, the IAAF is also active in doping prevention and educational initiatives.

Here then, are the steps taken by Council at its recent meeting in Helsinki, to enhance the IAAF’s already formidable Anti-doping campaign and to make it as transparent as possible:

Set up by the IAAF Council during the Athens Olympics, the IAAF Anti-Doping Task Force has now made a number of recommendations in an effort to strengthen the IAAF’s fight against doping.

A new IAAF Anti-Doping Department will be set up, with additional members of staff recruited in the immediate future. These new members of staff will have specific expertise in the following areas – medical/research, testing co-ordination and education/information.

The IAAF will appoint delegates to supervise anti-doping activities at one day meetings, particularly Golden League and Super Grand Prix, with financial resources made available to support the Anti-Doping department with a lump sum committed to the funding of research projects.

It was also agreed that the Anti-Doping Department shall be accountable to a special Evaluation Board composed of the IAAF President Lamine Diack, Senior Vice-President Arne Ljungqvist, Council Member Abby Hoffman, and the Chairman of the Anti-Doping Commission Dr Juan Manuel Alonso.

Measures will be put in place to guarantee the transparency of the IAAF Anti-Doping programme at all levels.

Council agreed to the establishment of a new communications strategy regarding anti-doping issues, and an independent quality control audit of the IAAF’s anti-doping activities and procedures on an annual basis.

The IAAF Anti-Doping Task Force will also remain in place to monitor the implementation of these recommendations, and will report again at the next IAAF Council Meeting in Doha.

Anti-doping controls in 2004

As at beginning of November, the IAAF had carried out the following anti-doping controls:

In competition: 975
Out of competition: IAAF/IDTM 1440
IAAF/WADA 50
Total = 2,465

Of these, 42 have been concluded as doping offences.

EPO testing was conducted as follows:
90 pre-competition tests
110 in-competition tests
150 out-of-competition tests.
On the weekend of Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 December, the IAAF COUNCIL met in the Finnish capital.

Budget

The Honorary Treasurer, Jean Poczobut summarised the IAAF Budget of 2004 and proposed a draft Budget for 2005 which will be finalised at the next meeting in Doha, in April 2005.

2005 World Cross Country Championships

The following timetable, pending EBU approval, was accepted for the next edition of the IAAF World Cross Country Championships, St-Etienne / St-Galmier, France:

Saturday 19 March 2005
14:30 Junior Women’s Race
15:20 Senior Men's Race
16:00 Senior Women’s Long Race

Sunday 20 March 2005
14:30 Junior Men’s Race
15:20 Senior Women’s Short Race
16:00 Senior Men's Long Race

2005 World Championships in Athletics

The entry standards for the 2005 IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Helsinki, Finland were approved. The list will shortly be published on the IAAF website. The aim is to have a total of around 1800-1900 athletes. There will be standards for the Marathon to be achieved on designated courses) and also for the Relays. Council also approved the list of implements to be used in Helsinki.

Between the opening of ticket sales on 8 August to the end of October 2004, 201,126 tickets have been purchased or ordered, with the daily target being to sell out the available spectator tickets. Close to 90% of the ticket packages being offered have now been sold.

The theme of the World Championships will be ‘Athletes Through Generations’, with competitions for juniors and masters before, and during the World Championships, where special events will take place in the stadium while the men’s Marathon is taking place.

The stadium presentation will be based on the history of the IAAF World Championships, with highlights of the nine previous editions broadcast to spectators on each day of competition.

A new concept will split the Opening Ceremony into two – the first part running at 18:00 to 18:20, with speeches from dignitaries, and the second part, starting at 22:15, offering a spectacular show and the traditional parade of teams.

The Athletes’ Village will be in Espoo, within a short drive of the Stadium. It is being refurbished to reflect the needs expressed by Team Leaders from Member Federations in a recent site visit.

2005 World Championships medal

Competition Commission

The World Championships should aim to offer a standardised competition schedule with shorter (around 3 hours) sessions and find ways to limit the time used for award ceremonies. Efforts must be made to enhance in-stadium entertainment and information for the spectators, with use of professional and knowledgeable local speakers, and suitable entertainment programmes. Starting at the World Championships in Helsinki, more medal presenters will be drawn from the ranks of ex-athletes.

A number of proposals were discussed aimed at improving the appeal of the World Athletics Final and the one-day meetings. A workshop will be organised in February with suitable experts, with the aim of establishing a new structure at the next IAAF Council meeting for eventual introduction in 2006.

The current Advertising Regulations for the one-day meetings will be reviewed to make a differentiation between them and IAAF World Athletics Series events, introducing less stringent measures to allow the latter better opportunities to raise revenue.

For one-day meetings, it was also agreed that either athletes’ names or ranking numbers be allowed on bibs, and that there should be a strict control of the number of athletes in middle and long distance races to encourage better recognition of athletes and to improve safety.

An IAAF Permit will be granted to an athletics meeting being planned for Shanghai (CHN), starting in 2005, and which would aim to promote the sport in the years leading up to the Beijing Olympic Games.

A Working Group will be set up to review the principles and regulations governing the activities and status of the Athletes’ Representatives.

The South American Championships have been upgraded to the GL category in the World Rankings. The World Rankings will be used to qualify athletes for the IAAF Race Walking Challenge, as is already the case for the World Athletics Final. Also they will be used as the mechanism to seed the order of athletes for attempts in the field events at the Final.

Introduction of new Hammer handles postponed

Because of problems faced in the manufacture of Hammer handles as described in the rule 191.7, Council agreed to defer the implementation of the rule, due to be introduced on 1 January 2005, until at least 1 January 2006, to allow manufacturers to comply with the new requirements.

Changes of Allegiance

Council noted the following transfers of Allegiance/Eligibility: James Kwalia Chepkurui from KEN to QAT - effective 28 October 2004 Melanie Skotnik from GER to BRA - effective 6 March 2005

Juridical Commission

A new proposal was made for a new IAAF Rule 5.2 regarding the nationality of competitors. Although the wording still needs to be finalised, before presentation to the next IAAF Congress in Helsinki, the principles have been drawn up by the Transfer of Allegiance Working Group and subsequently approved by Council.

The IAAF Council will continue to be the ultimate decision maker in all changes of nationality. The 3-year waiting period will count not from the last appearance for the original country, but from the date of acquisition of new citizenship. The possibility to reduce the 3-year waiting period to 12 months will require the agreement of both Members concerned.
Berlin to host 2009 World Championships

On Saturday 4 December, on the first afternoon of the Council meeting in Helsinki, the delegation representing the city of Berlin successfully won its bid to host the 2009 IAAF World Championships in Athletics, ahead of strong challenges from Valencia and Split.

Refurbished at a cost of over 240 million euros, the new Berlin Olympic Stadium has a distinctive blue track.

Once the venue of the 1936 Olympic Games, it is now a state-of-the-art facility, which includes excellent onsite warm-up areas for athletes, and impressive hospitality areas. With a budget of 49.8 million euros, the Berlin organising committee will also pay full travel and accommodation for all athletes participating in the Championships. In addition the excellent training and medical facilities within the Berlin area will be offered to countries which wish to use them, also to be free of charge prior to the Championships taking place.

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Some famous Finnish names, who are all currently members of the Finnish Parliament were honoured by the IAAF “with gratitude and recognition” at the IAAF Council Dinner on Friday 3 December in Helsinki - 1993 World champion race walker Sari Essayah, World & Olympic 110m Hurdles medallist Arto Bryggare, IAAF Council Member & President of Finnish Athletics Ilkka Kanerva, and four-time Olympic champion Lasse Virén. At a separate dinner on Saturday 4 December hosted at the Finnish House of State by the Minister of Culture Tanja Karpela, the minister was similarly honoured by the IAAF, while Ilkka Kanerva also made gifts of miniature bronzes of Lasse Virén to both Tanja Karpela and President Lamine Diack.

IAAF rule changes, and support the

The Working Groups reported on their progress as follows:

The ‘Events’ team’s recommendations - as outlined in NEWS 70 (14 Oct 04) - have been presented to the Competition Commission, and have generally been accepted. Responses from 81 Member Federations (MFs) have also been received to the large questionnaire which was sent out to all MFs, and will be invaluable in the formulation of new recommendations for future IAAF events.

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Council Member Jamel Simohamed accompanied the ‘Schools/Youth’ group leader at the meeting, as he will co-ordinate the new Schools/Youth Commission which will be put into place in the coming months. The ‘Media’ group is looking specifically at the more efficient use of the athlete/media Mixed Zone area at World Championships. The ‘Facilities’ group has received feedback from their questionnaire sent to MFs, and will approach some for more information to help develop a paper to assist all MFs in the development of facilities in their countries.

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The absolute answer to your Pole Vault World record questions...

What are the Pole Vault World records? Some felt that Stacy Dragila had broken the Senior Women’s World record with her 4.83m clearance in Ostrava last June. She had not. Later, at the World Athletics Final, Olympic Champion Tim Mack set the bar at 6.16 in a bid to break the Senior Men’s World record. He failed, but a height of 6.15 would have sufficed that day for a record and a $100,000 bonus.

The reason for the apparent confusion is that “absolute” World records – in any event – can be set in an arena with or without a roof. From 1997, it has not been a requirement that World records have to be set outdoors. Therefore at the time of Dragila’s 4.83, the World record was the 4.86 which had been set by Yelena Isinbayeva at the World Indoor Championships in Budapest three months earlier.

Isinbayeva has since, of course, improved that record to 4.92, outdoors. Her indoor record remains at 4.86.

For men, the highest ever vault is an indoor 6.15 by Sergey Bubka in 1993. This is the World Indoor record, but NOT the absolute record, because it was set BEFORE the change to rule 260. This was approved by the IAAF Congress of 1997 and refined at the Congresses of 1999 and 2001. Therefore the World record (as opposed to the World Indoor record) is Bubka’s 6.14 from 1994. Anyone vaulting 6.15 outdoors will have broken the World record.

To clarify the targets for potential World record breakers:

Men’s Pole Vault –

The World record is 6.14 by Sergey Bubka (UKR) outdoors in Sestriere on 31 July 1994. To break this record, 6.15 is required (indoors or out). The World Indoor record is 6.15 by Bubka in Donetsk on 21 February 1993. To break this record, 6.16 indoors is required.

Note – Someone vaulting 6.15 indoors would therefore break the World record, but merely equal the World Indoor record.

Women’s Pole Vault –

The World record is 4.92 by Yelena Isinbayeva (RUS) outdoors in Brussels on 3 September 2004. To break this record, 4.93 is required (indoors or out).

The World Junior record is 5.80 by Maksim Tarsav (URS) outdoors in Bransik on 14 July 1989. To break this record, 5.81 is required (indoors or out).

The World Indoor record is 4.86 by Isinbayeva in Budapest on 6 March 2004. To break this record, 4.87 indoors is required.

The World Junior record is 4.47 by Isinbayeva indoors in Budapest on 10 February 2001. To break this record, 4.48 is required (indoors or out).

Note – World records can also be equalled. All records must fulfill the conditions detailed in the relevant clauses of IAAF rule 260.

World records – recently ratified

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Book Reviews


Great Workouts for Popular races by Owen Anderson. Outlines training sessions absolutely essential for success at 800m to ultra-marathon. Price $24.95. www.rrnews.com


These books are NOT AVAILABLE from the IAAF - ALL orders must be made direct to authors/publishers.
## 2005 Calendar

### IAAF WORLD ATHLETICS SERIES 2005

#### MARCH
- Sat 19 / Sun 20: 33rd IAAF World Cross Country Championships - St-Etienne/St-Galmier, FRA

#### JULY
- Wed 13 - Sun 17: 4th IAAF World Youth Championships - Marrakech, MAR

#### AUGUST
- Sat 6 - Sun 14: 10th IAAF World Championships in Athletics - Helsinki, FIN

#### SEPTEMBER
- Sat 3: Hammer World Athletics Final - Szombathely, HUN
- Fri 9 / Sat 10: 3rd World Athletics Final - Monaco, MON

#### OCTOBER
- Sat 1: 14th IAAF World Half Marathon - Edmonton, CAN

### IAAF INDOOR PERMIT MEETINGS 2005

#### JANUARY
- Sun 23: Moscow RUS
- Sat 29: Stuttgart GER

#### FEBRUARY
- Fri 4: New York USA
- Sun 6: Gent BEL
- Sun 13: Karlsruhe GER
- Tue 15: Stockholm SWE
- Fri 18: Birmingham GBR
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- Sun 16: Sevilla ESP
- Sun 23: Tourcoing FRA
- Sun 30: Albufeira POR

### FEBRUARY
- Sun 6: San Vittore ITA
- Sat 12: Nairobi KEN
- Sun 13: Diekirch LUX
- Sun 20: Chiba JPN

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#### APRIL
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- Sat 28-Sun 29: Hypo meeting, Götzis, AUT

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President visits Addis Ababa

IAAF President Lamine Diack made a visit to Ethiopia at the end of November and attended the fourth edition of the Great Ethiopian Run (10km) which attracted a capacity start-list of 20,000 runners on 28 November.

The race was started by Ethiopian State President Meles Zenawi, with President Diack as an honoured guest for his first visit to the race. As well as Mr. Zenawi, Mr. Diack met Ethiopia’s greatest ever athlete, four-time World and two-time Olympic 10,000m champion Haile Gebrselassie, Addis Ababa City Mayor Arkebe Equabay, and members of the Ethiopian Athletics Federation, and discussed the promised building of a new track in the national stadium. Photo: Diack with Gebrselassie in Addis Ababa.

Obituaries

Gunder Hägg - Sweden’s multiple World record breaker of the 1940’s era died on Saturday 27 November, at the age of 85. Hägg had been living in a nursing home near Malmö, Sweden for sometime, and his failing health had confined him to a wheelchair. Born on 31 December 1918, he fell just short of his 86th birthday. Hägg set over a dozen middle distance World records at events ranging from 1500m to 5000m, including three at both the 1500m and the Mile, one at 3000m and one at 5000m. Exchanging the records at 1500m and the Mile on a regular basis with his compatriot Arne Andersson on tracks in Gothenburg, Malmö and Stockholm, this duo of famous Swedes, benefitting from the relative calm boundaries of middle distance running. Photo: Arne Andersson (l) and Gunder Hägg (r). A fuller obituary compiled by esteemed Swedish athletics historian and statistician Lennart Julin can be found at www.iaaf.org

Johnny Kelley - a two-time Boston Marathon champion who became a beloved figure in the history of the race by running it a record 61 times, died on 6 October 2004 at the age of 97. He won America’s oldest marathon in 1935 and 1945 and finished second a record seven times. He was 84 when he ran his last Boston Marathon. Kelley finished 18th in the marathon at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. He made the Olympic team again in 1940, but the Games were cancelled because of World War II. In the 1948 London Olympics, he finished 21st at age 40.

Salvatore Massara - one of Italy’s best known track and field writers died of a heart attack in Naples on 26 September 2004 at the age of 72, only weeks after his return from Athens where he witnessed his 8th Olympics, his first being Rome 1960. For many years he wrote on athletics for the Naples daily “Il Mattino” and the FIDAL magazine “Atletica”. He had attended all World Championships, 1983-2003.

Lennox Miller - Jamaica’s 1968 Olympic silver and 1972 bronze medallist at the 100m and 200m. He had attended all World Championships, 1983-2003.

Mildred McDaniel-Singleton - 1956 Olympic women’s High Jump gold medalist died of cancer on 30 September 2004 at the age of 70. In the Melbourne Olympics on 1 December 1956, McDaniel cleared 1.76m on her second attempt to win the gold and establish a World record. An accomplished all-round sportswoman, McDaniel competed in track and played basketball at the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. She was the U.S. women’s High Jump champion in 1953, 1955 and 1956, and the indoor champion in 1955 and 1956. At the 1955 Pan American Games, she won the High Jump with a meet record of 1.68m.
Former middle distance ace becomes President of Italian Federation
Franco Arese, the 1971 European 1500m champion has been elected as the President of the Italian Athletics Federation FIDAL. During the 39th Assembly of the Italian Federation which was held on Saturday 27 November, Arese, received 92,495 votes, the equivalent of 91.55% of the total cast. Arese who had a personal best for 1500m of 3:36.3, and was four-times national champion at both 800m and 1500m (and once at 5000m) in the late 1960s and early 70s, succeeds long-time serving Gianni Gola as FIDAL President. Arese won the 1971 European 1500m title in Helsinki in 3:38.4 beating Henryk Szordykowski of Poland (3:38.7) and Brendan Foster of Britain (3:39.2).

Best of wishes to some famous names from the past and present…
World Relay gold medallist Muriel Hurtis (FRA) who announced last month that she will become a mother in 2005; World and Olympic Long Jump champion Dwight Phillips (USA) who got married on 15 November; former World Mile record holder John Landy (AUS), the Governor of the state of Victoria, who was honoured with a Doctorate of Law from Deakin University on 27 October.

Fuller stories can be found on www.iaaf.org

Lopez retires after 26 seasons as Head Coach at Rice University
Victor Lopez, member of both the IAAF Technical Committee and Coaches’ Commission who led the Rice University’s women’s track and field team to national prominence over the past 25 years, will retire from the University following the 2005 outdoor season. Lopez, 61, led the Owl women to four Western Athletic Conference outdoor and three indoor championships, one Southwest Conference indoor title and two WAC cross country titles. Under his tutelage, 58 athletes have won 176 NCAA Division I or AAIAW Division II all-America honours. Lopez was elected in 1998, and in 2002 re-elected, as President of the Central American and Caribbean Confederation. In 1990 he was awarded IAAF’s 75th anniversary commemorative medal and at the 1993 IAAF congress in Stuttgart, the Veterans Pin.

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This list represents the athletes who have been sanctioned for a doping offence by their Federation since the last issue of the IAAF News. A Public Warning also entails disqualification from the competition in which the positive sample was provided. Dates correspond to the positive doping control test and not the beginning of the ineligibility period.

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**Entry Standards**

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**CONDITIONS:**

1. Performances must be achieved during the qualification period of 1 January 2004 to 25 July 2005 (midnight-local time). Nevertheless, the performances achieved during the meeting of Stockholm 2005 (July 26th) will be accepted.

2. Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by IAAF, its Area Associations or its National Member Federations. Thus, results achieved at university or school competitions must be certified by the National Federation of the country in which the competition was organised. (for walking events, relays and marathon, see hereunder)

3. Performances must be achieved during an official competition organised in conformity with IAAF Rules

4. Performances achieved in mixed events between male and female participants, held completely in the Stadium, will not be accepted (see IAAF Rule 147) with the exception of local competitions held in Oceania.

5. Wind-assisted performances will not be accepted.

6. Hand-timed performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 110m/100m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles and 4x100m relay will not be accepted.

7. Indoor performances for all field events and for races of 200m and longer, will be accepted.

8. Lower ages limit: for the Marathon Races and the 50km Race Walk Men, senior athletes only (any athlete aged 20 years and over on 31 December 2005) will be accepted

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9. **Walking Events:**
- for 2005, only performances achieved during the following competitions will be accepted
  - events part of the IAAF Race Walking Challenge
  - Continental Championships and Cups
If a Continental Association wishes to add one (or more) Continental events,
  - the request must be sent to the IAAF before January 1st
  - the course must be measured by an IAAF/AIMS “A” or “B” measurer
  - minimum 3 IAAF Walking Judges (level III or II) have to be on duty.

10. **Marathons:**
- only performances achieved during competitions recognised by the IAAF will be accepted.
- these courses must have been measured after January 1st, 2000 by an IAAF/AIMS “A” or “B” measurer and respect the 1 °/oo downhill rule.

11. **Relays:**
- the teams qualified in 2004 are listed hereunder
  - 4x100 Men: AUS-BRA-CAN-FRA-GBR-GER-GHA-ITA-JAM-JPN-
  - NGR-POL-RUS-TRI-UKR-USA (16 teams)
  - 4x400 Men: AUS-BAH-BLR-BOT-CZE-FRA-GBR-GER-JPN-KEN
  - KSA-NGR-POL-RSA-RUS-SWE-UKR-USA-ZIM (19 teams)
  - 4x100 Women BAH-BEL-BLR-BRA-BUL-CUB-FRA-GBR-GER-JAM
  - JPN-NED-NGR-POL-RUS-TRI-UKR-USA (18 teams)
  - 4x400 Women BLR-BRA-BUL-CMR-GBR-GER-GRE-IND-JAM-KAZ
  - MEX-NGR-POL-ROM-RSA-RUS-SEN-UKR-USA (19 teams)
- additional teams can qualify in 2005, if the standards are achieved during the following competitions
  - relays events during IAAF (GL, SGP, GP, GPII) & Continental Permits Meetings, as long as the organisers announce the events to the IAAF by March 1st
  - European Cup (Florence, Gävle, Leira, Tallinn, Izmir, 18/19 June)
  - CAC Senior Championships (Nassau, 24-26 June)
  - South American Championships (Cartagena, 22-24 July)
If a Continental Association wishes to add one (or more) Continental event(s),
  - the request must be sent to the IAAF before January 1st
  - a minimum of three teams on each event will compete