Looking forward to the IAAF Continental Cup

Europe and Africa have each hosted their continental championships, while other major events – such as the Commonwealth Games and Ibero-American Championships – have also taken place. All of which sets the scene nicely for the IAAF Continental Cup in Marrakech on September 13-14.

Formerly known as the IAAF World Cup in Athletics, the event was first contested in 1977 in the German city of Düsseldorf. The competition was the forerunner to the creation of the IAAF World Championships which were first celebrated in 1983. It also remains the only major global athletics event for teams.

The IAAF Continental Cup is an exciting climax to a summer season in which there has been no senior global outdoor championships. As a team competition which brings together each continent, it also has tremendous potential to promote our sport and unite athletes from different cultures and traditions. Athletes from a principally individual sport and who usually represent their country uniquely come together to battle for their continental areas.

COUNTDOWN CLOCK SWITCHED ON OUTSIDE BIRD’S NEST TO MARK ‘ONE YEAR TO GO’ BEFORE IAAF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, BEIJING 2015

The first major milestone in the promotion campaign for the IAAF World Championships, Beijing 2015 took place today in the shadow of the Bird’s Nest with a dramatic ‘one year to go’ ceremony, attended by the mayor of Beijing Wang Anshun, China’s minister of Sport Administration Bureau Liu Peng, IAAF President Lamine Diack and three of China’s top athletes Liu Xiang, Zhang Peimeng and Wang Yu. READ MORE.

Photo: The countdown clock for the IAAF World Championships, Beijing 2015

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The IAAF, which historically has been at the forefront of the fight against doping in world sport, has today published a video interview and transcript with one of the world’s leading campaigners in this area. READ MORE

IAAF and Universal Sports Network extend agreement through to 2019
The IAAF is pleased to confirm the renewal of its existing broadcasting agreement for the USA with Universal Sports Network. READ MORE

Major milestone reached on road to 2019 IAAF World Championships decision
A seminar for the candidate cities interested in hosting the 2019 edition of the IAAF World Championships took place in Monaco on 3-4 July. READ MORE

PUBLICATIONS

‘ATHLETICS’ – A history of Modern Track and Field Athletics (1860-2013)
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FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETES SANCTIONED FOR A DOPING OFFENCE
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WORLD RECORDS RATIFIED

MEN, SENIOR – 4x200m
1:18.63 Jamaica (Nickel Ashmeade, Warren Weir, Jermaine Brown, Yohan Blake), Nassau, BAH, 24 May 14
previous: 1:18.68 USA (Michael Marsh, Leroy Burrell, Floyd Heard, Carl Lewis), Walnut, USA, 17 Apr 94

MEN, SENIOR – 4x1500m
14:22.22 Kenya (Collins Cheboi, Silas Kiplagat Magut, Asbel Kiprop), Nassau, BAH, 25 May 14
previous: 14:36.23 Kenya (William Biwott Tanui, Gideon Gathimba, Geoffrey Kipkoech Rono, Augustine Kiprono Choge), Brussels, BEL, 4 Sep 09

WOMEN, SENIOR – 4x1500m
16:33.58 Kenya (Mercy Cherono, Faith Kipyegon, Irene Jelagat, Hellen Obiri), Nassau, BAH, 24 May 14
previous: 17:08.34 USA (Chanelle Price, Phoebe Wright, Rolanda Bell, Sarah Bowman), Philadelphia, USA, 2 April 09

MEN, SENIOR, INDOOR – 4x800m
7:13.11 USA (Richard Jones, David Torrence, Duane Solomon, Erik Sowinski), Boston, USA, 8 Feb 14
previous: 7:13.94 USA (Joey Woody, Karl Paranya, Rich Kenah, David Krummenacker), Boston, USA, 6 Feb 00

MEN, JUNIOR – 100m
9.97 (1.8 m/s) Trayvon Bromell (95) USA, Eugene, USA, 13 Jun 14
previous: 10.01 (0.0 m/s) Darrel Brown (64) TRI, Paris Saint-Denis, FRA 24 Aug 03
WOMEN, JUNIOR, INDOOR – 1000m
2:35.80 Mary Cain (96) USA, Boston, USA, 8 Feb 14
previous: 2:40.1 Diana Richburg (63) USA, New London, USA, 07 Dec 82

OBITUARIES

• 1948 Olympic high jump champion Alice Coachman
• 1968 Olympic javelin champion Angela Nemeth
• US 400m runner Torrin Lawrence
• Former Bahamas Amateur Athletic Association President Harold Munnings

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