Looking forward to the IAAF World Race Walking Team Championships Rome 2016

Just one month has passed since the conclusion of two World Athletics Series events, and already the athletics world is preparing for the next global competition in less than two weeks’ time.

The IAAF World Race Walking Team Championships Rome 2016 will bring together the world’s best race walkers to compete for both individual and team honours.

With more than 300 athletes set to take part, this competition is the biggest gathering of race walkers outside of the major track and field championships, and so will provide an ideal form guide ahead of the Rio 2016 Olympic Games later this year.

Next month will also mark the start of the IAAF Diamond League. This year sees the series expand into a new continent with the African city of Rabat having joined the series. There is also a new points structure which should ensure that even more events in the Diamond Race will be hotly contested at the finals.

The next IAAF Council Meeting will be held on 17 June 2016 in Vienna, Austria.

IAAF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS LONDON 2017 TICKETS TO GO ON SALE FROM 1 AUGUST

Tickets for the IAAF World Championships London 2017 will go on sale on 1 August.

The championships will take place in the former Olympic Stadium within Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, between 4-13 August 2017 and 700,000 tickets will go on sale more than a year in advance of the start of the biggest sporting event of the year.

Public sales will be held via ballot, with applications opening at 10:00 local time on 1 August and closing at 20:17 on 22 August 2016. After the ballot closes, people will receive communications at the end of August 2016 regarding which tickets they have been allocated. Any unsold tickets will be brought back on to general sale in September 2016.

IAAF President Sebastian Coe commented: “2000 athletes from more than 200 nations will gather next summer for the
IAAF World Championships London 2017 which will be the biggest global championships of any sport next year.

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Photo: The London Olympic stadium (AFP / Getty Images)

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Women to participate in 50km race walk in Rome
At the forthcoming IAAF World Race Walking Team Championships Rome 2016 on 7-8 May, women will be able to participate in the senior 50km race walk event.

IAAF President Coe attends Laureus Sport for Good Jam in Berlin
IAAF President Sebastian Coe was among several sporting legends who attended the Sport for Good Jam in Berlin, a multi-sport gathering of young people held on the eve of the Laureus World Sports Awards.

Sebastian Coe meets President of Belarus ahead of European Athletics CEO Conference
At the recent European Athletics CEO Conference in Minsk, IAAF President Sebastian Coe and European Athletics President Svein Arne Hansen met with the President of Belarus, Alexander Lukashenko.

IAAF World U20 Championships Bydgoszcz 2016 set to be Poland’s biggest ever athletics event
With the deadline for preliminary entries now closed, the IAAF World U20 Championships Bydgoszcz 2016 on 19-24 July could be the biggest athletics championships ever held in Poland.

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WORLD RECORDS RATIFIED

Women’s U20 indoor 60m
7.07 Ewa Swoboda (POL) Torun 12 Feb 2016
Previous: 7.09 Joan Uduak Ekah (NGR) Maebashi 7 Mar 1999

Women’s U20 indoor 1500m
4:01.81 Gudaf Tsegay (ETH) Glasgow 20 Feb 2016
Previous: 4:03.28 Kalkidan Gezahegn (ETH) Stockholm 10 Feb 2010
OBITUARIES

• Former javelin world record-holder Ferenc Paragi
• Barbadian athletics journalist Petra Gooding

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