Looking ahead to... Saransk 2012 and the Samsung Diamond League

The IAAF World Race Walking Cup, Saransk, Russia, 12-13 May 2012, is the second of four IAAF World Athletics Series competitions this year, and is set to witness a record number of IAAF Member Federations participating across the five races - two junior 10kms, two senior 20kms and the men's 50km - in the battle for individual and team honours. The men's competitions were first contested in 1961 (Lugano Trophy) and the women's in 1979 (Eschborn Cup). Junior races began in 2004.

The third season of the Samsung Diamond League blasts out of the blocks in Doha, Qatar, 11 May 2012. The world’s premier series of 14 international invitational track and field meetings takes place from May to September across Asia, Europe, the Middle East and the United States with athletes competing to win the season long Diamond Race in 32 event disciplines.

IAAF / NESTLÉ KIDS’ ATHLETICS PROGRAMME DEVELOPING FAST

The IAAF is delighted with the progress of its new partnership with Nestlé. By the end of May, 60% of the planned Kids’ Athletics events for 2012 will have been completed...

SARANSK 2012 HEADS TOWARDS RECORD NUMBER OF FEDERATIONS

Athletes from 67 Member Federations composed the preliminary entries - for the IAAF World Race Walking Cup, Saransk, Russia, 12-13 May. The competitions will be a truly worldwide affair...

SAMSUNG DIAMOND LEAGUE - 8 MILLION USD IN PRIZE MONEY

After only two seasons it is clear that the challenge of the Diamond Race is one of the hardest in world sport. In 2011 only 11 athletes managed to retain the Diamond Race title in their respective event(s)...

WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS ON TARGET FOR RECORD 186 FEDERATIONS

The IAAF World Junior Championships, Barcelona, Spain, 10 to 15 July 2012 are on course to become the biggest gathering in the history of the championships...
**Obituaries**

Athletics world mourns the passing of:

- **Antonio Leitão (POR)** - 1984 Olympic bronze medallist in the 5000m - on 18 March 2012
- **Dmitry Polyakov (UKR)** - husband and coach of Olympic Heptathlon champion Natallia Dobrynska - on 25 March 2012
- **William Lee “Willie” May (USA)** - 1960 Olympic 110m Hurdles silver medallist - on 28 March 2012
- **Xenia Stad-de Jong (NED)** - 1948 Olympic sprint relay gold medallist - on 3 April 2012

**Publications**

**A WORLD HISTORY OF THE THROWING EVENTS**
1860 - 2011 (Men and Women)

Author: Roberto L. Quercetani
Published: editvallardi
Paperback; 24 x 19.5 portrait; approx 300 pages and 100 photos
Price: €uro35; £32; US$47
Orders: Published in May - segreteria@editvallardi.com; www.editvallardi.com

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**SOUTH EAST ASIA ATHLETICS ANNUAL 2011/12**

Author: Jad Adrian Washif (ATFS)
Published: AdrianSprints.com
ISBN: 978-967-11106-0-7
Paperback; A5; pp123
Price: Malaysia RM30; Southeast Asia €uro10; Rest of the World: €uro15
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**For the record...**

**Athletes Sanctioned for a Doping Offence since the last Newsletter**

According to information received by the IAAF as of 25 April 2012

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This list which is supplied by the IAAF Medical and Anti-Doping Department represents the athletes who have been sanctioned for a doping offence since the last issue of the IAAF Newsletter. A Public Warning also entails disqualification from the competition in which the positive sample was provided.

**NOTES**
- **ADRV**: Anti-Doping Rule Violation
- **OOCT**: Out Of Competition Test

**New Member Federation officers – recent elections/appointments**

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## Transfer of Allegiance

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## World Records ratified

### MEN - SENIOR - INDOOR

**Heptathlon**
6645 points (6.79; 8.16; 14.56; 2.03, 7.68; 5.20; 2:32.77) Ashton Eaton USA, Istanbul, TUR, 9 / 10 Mar 12  
previous: 6568 (6.66; 7.77; 14.45; 2.01, 7.60; 5.20; 2:34.74) Ashton Eaton USA, Tallinn, EST, 5 / 6 Feb 11

### WOMEN - SENIOR - INDOOR

**Pole Vault**
5.01m Yelena Isinbayeva RUS, Stockholm, SWE, 23 Feb 12  
previous: 5.00 Yelena Isinbayeva RUS, Donetsk, UKR, 15 Feb 09

**Pentathlon**
5013 points (8.38, 1.84, 16.51, 6.57, 2:11.15) Natallia Dobrynska UKR, Istanbul, TUR, 9 Mar 12  
previous: 4991 (8.22, 1.93, 13.25, 6.67, 2:10.26) Irina Belova EUN Berlin, GER, 15 Feb 92  
Note: EUN = Unified Team (Formerly USSR)

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