Looking ahead to Copenhagen and major marathons

With the indoor season now concluded for another year, the focus of the athletics world turns to road running, and in particular the IAAF/Al-Bank World Half Marathon Championships on 29 March. Held in the Danish capital Copenhagen, this year’s event will also provide the opportunity to the masses of running alongside the world’s best athletes in a ‘Run with the champions’ mass-participation race held alongside the elite events.

It was recently announced that five-time winner Zersenay Tadese will be in Copenhagen to defend his title. We also took a look at some key facts and figures ahead of race day.

With some exciting races expected, the IAAF World Half Marathon Championships will whet the appetite for the major spring marathons, including those in Boston and London.

Away from the roads, the IAAF World Challenge recently got underway in Melbourne. The 15-meeting series continues in little more than a month at the Jamaica International Invitational in Kingston.

IAAF AND SEIKO EXTEND PARTNERSHIP TO 2019

The International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) is proud to announce that an agreement has been signed with SEIKO to continue as an Official IAAF Partner for another six years, 2014-2019.

The long standing partnership began in 1985, with an agreement that SEIKO would provide timing services to the 1987 IAAF World Championships in Rome and several other events in the intervening period. Over the next 26 years, this agreement proved to have been the start of one of world sport’s most enduring partnerships.

Photo: SEIKO - state-of-the-art wind measurement for track and field uses ultra-sonic technology

FEATURED NEWS

Sopot 2014 broadcast to more than 200 countries worldwide

The IAAF and its broadcasting partners, EBU for Europe and Africa and Dentsu for the rest of the world, are delighted to confirm the successful coverage of the IAAF World Indoor Championships.
IAAF Ethics Commission members are appointed
Following the approval by the IAAF Congress last year of the IAAF Code of Ethics, the seven members of the IAAF Ethics Commission have been appointed by IAAF Council for a four-year term. READ MORE

Huge surge in IAAF website users – Sopot 2014
The IAAF Technical Committee held its annual meeting in Alba, Italy, on 8-9 February, hosted by the Official IAAF Partner Mondo. READ MORE

IAAF launches WorldRunning.com, a new website for running enthusiasts
The IAAF today announced the launch of World Running, a new global website which aims to bring the world of running together. READ MORE

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETES SANCTIONED FOR A DOPING OFFENCE
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NEW MEMBER FEDERATION OFFICERS – RECENT ELECTIONS / APPOINTMENTS
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TRANSFERS OF ALLEGIANCE
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WORLD RECORDS RATIFIED

MEN, SENIOR – Pole vault
6.16 metres (indoors) Renaud Lavillenie FRA, Donetsk, UKR, 15 Feb 14
previous: 6.15m (indoors) Sergey Bubka UKR, Donetsk, UKR, 21 Feb 93 / 6.14m (outdoors) Sergey Bubka UKR, Sestriere ITA 31 Jul 94

WORLD RECORDS IN 2013

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