

## Looking forward to IAAF World Athletics Day

In what's set to be a busy year for the sport, the 2016 IAAF World Athletics Day will take on even more significance than normal.

Now in its 21st year, IAAF World Athletics Day is the sport's annual worldwide festival of youth and one of the busiest programmes of competitions on the athletics calendar.

IAAF World Athletics Day, which this year will take place on the weekend of 14-15 May, offers the opportunity to promote the sport through youth participation in clubs and schools and will involve U18 club-level athletes.

### IAAF HQ HEADLINE NEWS



### IAAF WORLD INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS PORTLAND 2016 DELIVERS A GREAT SHOW

Fittingly for the host nation, the IAAF World Indoor Championships Portland 2016 reached its conclusion with the USA taking gold in the final event.

Their victory in the men's 4x400m relay brought their medal tally to 23 medals, 13 of which were gold, meaning they took half of the titles that were on offer.

All four of the evening sessions at the Oregon Convention Center were sell-outs, with a combined attendance figure of nearly 40,000.

"During the past four days, we have experienced indoor athletics at its finest at the IAAF World Indoor Championships Portland 2016," commented IAAF President Sebastian Coe.

"Indoor athletics offers an intimate experience for sports fans who are separated by no more than a few feet from the athletes in competition. The capacity crowds this week have shown that indoor athletics delivers a great show when well packaged."

#### Full story

*Photo: The men's 4x400m at the IAAF World Indoor Championships Portland 2016 (Getty Images)*

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## FEATURED NEWS



### Council focuses on IAAF reforms and Russian verification

The 203rd IAAF Council Meeting, which was chaired by IAAF President Sebastian Coe, focused on the IAAF reform process to restore trust in both the organisation and the integrity of competition.



### Tampere and Valencia to host 2018 IAAF World Athletics Series events

During the IAAF Council Meeting on 10 March, Council decided the host cities for two 2018 IAAF World Athletics Series events.



### IAAF Diamond League expands into a fourth continent: Africa

The General Assembly of the Diamond League meeting in Zurich, Switzerland has decided to include Rabat, Morocco as a new host city for the prestigious global series of one-day athletics meetings.



### Chairpersons of IAAF Commissions and Advisory Groups announced

The IAAF has announced the chairpersons of the new commissions and advisory groups which are designed to assist the delivery of a fundamental programme of change to the sport's global administration.

## FOR THE RECORD

### ATHLETES SANCTIONED FOR A DOPING OFFENCE

An up-to-date list can be downloaded [here](#).

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### NEW MEMBER FEDERATION OFFICERS – RECENT ELECTIONS / APPOINTMENTS

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## OBITUARIES

- **Former discus world record-holder Edmund Piatkowski**
- **High jump legend Iolanda Balas**
- **US athletics coach Dick Brown**

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