

In Memoriam



H.S.H Prince Rainier III of Monaco

(1923 – 2005)

Reigned 1949 – 2005

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IAAF Council special edition - Doha, Qatar

The IAAF Council meeting took place in the Hotel Sheraton, Doha, Qatar from **Saturday 9 April to Monday 11 April 2005.**

The meeting was opened by President Lamine Diack, after which Sheikh Jassim Bin Thamer Al Thani, Vice-president of the Qatar NOC, gave a warm welcome from HH Emir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani and paid

tribute to H.S.H Prince Rainier III of Monaco who had passed away on 6 April. President Diack then asked Council to observe 1 minute of silence in memory of Prince Rainier.



Council rises for one minute of silence in tribute to H.S.H. Prince Rainier III of Monaco who died on Wednesday 6 April 2005

"The IAAF and Athletics Family as a whole mourn the passing of H.S.H Prince Rainier III of Monaco, and we offer our sincerest condolences to his family," commented President Diack. "With the Prince's death we have lost a dear friend and inspiration, whose memory will forever be honoured."

Prince Rainier was largely instrumental in the establishment of the IAAF in Monaco, and on 10 June 1994 he inaugurated the IAAF's Headquarters in the Principality. The holder of the IAAF Golden Order of Merit, and a steadfast supporter of the IAAF, we pay tribute to his major contribution to the success of our sport, which in events such as the Herculis meeting and World Athletics Final helped to promote Monaco as a major venue for world sporting competition and the home of a number of international sporting bodies.

There were a number of other meetings held in Doha prior to the Council's opening session on Saturday 9 April.

On Thursday 7 April, the Development Commission, Competition Commission

and Anti-Doping Task Force held meetings, and these were followed on Friday 8 April with the further gatherings of the Marketing and Promotion Commission, TOECS, and Advisory Board. These meetings were followed by the IAAF Dinner, with

another dinner hosted by the Qatar Association of Athletics Federation on the following evening (9 April).

There was also a daily press briefing after each Council session.



Above Left - Vice-President Amadeo Francis (PUR) presents an IAAF Plaque to fellow Council Member Brig. Gal. Dahlan Jumaan Al-Hamad (QAT) at the IAAF Dinner (8 April). Above Right - a display of traditional costume Qatar Association of Athletics Federation Dinner (9 April).

Athletics' World Plan

President Diack (SEN) presented a status report of this long term project, pointing out that two Steering Group meetings have been held since the last Council Meeting in December 2004.

It was announced that market research is ongoing, with a special project planned for the World Championships in Helsinki. A

summary was given of the activities of the eight Working Groups who have provided recommendations for Council, including their proposals to change IAAF rules and to improve the presentation of IAAF competitions and to make them shorter and more attractive to spectators.

Further to the proposal made by the School/Youth Team, Council agreed to

nominate a Commission to support the Team's activities, as this area is of fundamental importance for the future of the sport, with a first meeting planned on the occasion of the World Youth Championships in Marrakech later this summer. This School/Youth Commission will be chaired by Council Member Jamel Simohamed (ALG).



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The Council reviewed reports from 10 IAAF Committees and Commissions – before studying Rule Changes.

With more than 300 IAAF Rule change proposals on the table, Council decided on an individual 'proposal by proposal' basis whether to recommend or not to recommend approval to IAAF

Congress, whose delegates will be called on to vote in Helsinki, Finland this summer, just prior to the 10th IAAF World Championships in Athletics.

The 45th edition of the IAAF Congress will begin with an Opening Ceremony on Tuesday 2 August 2005, followed

by a two-day session (3 / 4 August).

The complete list of Rule Change Proposals with Council's comments will be sent to Member Federations by 2 May 2005.

New Change of Nationality Rule Agreed

In order to address the ongoing trend of granting citizenships of "convenience" to talented athletes, Council decided to implement one new provision with immediate effect in accordance with its powers under Rule 6.11c and subject to confirmation by the Congress in Helsinki.

Council agreed that IAAF Rule 5.2, which relates to Changes of Nationality, will be changed so that the period of ineligibility of an athlete who had competed for one Member Federation in major competitions such as World Championships, Area Championships, Games, Cups etc... and wanted to change to another, would only begin when the athlete received citizenship. This decision is similar to the IOC's procedure for changes of nationality.

An athlete shall not represent his new Member Federation in an International Competition under Rules 1.1(a), (b), (c)(i) or (d), for a period of three years following the acquisition of new Citizenship. This period may be reduced to 12 months with the agreement of the Members concerned. Up until now, the period of ineligibility began from the last time an athlete competed for his or her original federation, regardless of when the athlete actually obtained new Citizenship.

In truly exceptional circumstances the period may be reduced or cancelled with the approval of the Council.

False Start Debate



There was also a lively discussion regarding the False Start rule and, after much debate, Council decided it would recommend to Congress that a "no false start" Rule change be accepted.

At present, each athlete is permitted to make one false start, but any athlete subsequently committing a false start is disqualified. Under the new proposal, any athlete making a false start will be immediately disqualified.

"The opinion of a majority of Council Members was that this rule change would prevent gamesmanship, by penalising those athletes who deliberately false start to unsettle their rivals," said General Secretary Istvan Gyulai. "But this is just a recommendation, and

Congress will take a decision in Helsinki."

At present the False Start Rule is exceptional, as it is the only time that someone can go against the rules of the sport without facing any consequence for his/her actions, and is given the benefit of a second chance.

Emir of Qatar is awarded the IAAF Golden Order of Merit

The Emir of Qatar, His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani was awarded the IAAF Golden Order of Merit on Thursday 7 April 2005.

The Order, the highest honour awarded by the IAAF, was presented (*see photo, right*) to the Emir's representative, Jassim Bin Thamer Al Thani, a Vice-President of the Qatari Olympic Committee, by President Diack during a ceremony at the impressive QOC HQ in Doha, in the presence of members of the IAAF Council.

The Emir of Qatar is a great fan of athletics and his whole-hearted support for the sport ensured that Doha was the venue of the 2000 edition of IAAF Grand Prix Final, and also of an annual international Meeting which is now recognised as an IAAF Super Grand Prix Meeting (next edition on 13 May).



"It gives me great pleasure to make this award to the Emir, not only for his tremendous contribution to the sport in Qatar, but Asia as a whole," said President Diack.

Athens to host World Athletics Museum

Council Member Minos Kyriakou, who was also recently elected as President of the Greek Olympic Committee, outlined the progress of a project launched last year by the Greek Government to fund a World Athletics Museum and an annual Throws Gala at Olympia.

The Government planned to invest more than 23 million Euros to house the Museum in the building used for the International Broadcasting Centre during the recent Olympic Games (adjacent to the Olympic Stadium). The aim was to create a high-tech, state of the art museum, using latest technology, to offer a permanent promotion platform for the sport, with more than 1 million visitors expected each year. Council agreed to set up a Working Party to study the received proposals and to liaise with the Greek Government.

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General Secretary

General Secretary Istvan Gyulai (HUN) presented his report, the most important items in which were the following:

45th IAAF Congress

The following deadlines were agreed regarding the 45th IAAF Congress in Helsinki (2/4 August):

Rule Change Proposals with Council's recommendations will be sent to Member Federations by 2 May 2005.

Submissions of Nomination for the Election of a third woman member of IAAF Council must be received by 2 May 2005.

The Congress Agenda, and reports by the Area Associations, Committees and Commissions will be sent to Member Federations by 2 June 2005.

Video Distance Measurement

The IAAF's Partner Epson has developed a system to measure the Long and Triple Jumps instantly, using video and new technology. Following a presentation of the VDM (video distance measurement) at the European Indoor Championships in Madrid last month it was confirmed that the measurement accuracy of VDM was 100%. Council officially approved the system and agreed to use it at the World Championships in Helsinki.

Advertising Regulations

It was agreed that, in a rapidly changing world in which there was increasing competition from other sports for sponsorship, it was important to constantly monitor and amend the IAAF Advertising Regulations to ensure that they give IAAF Member Federations and Meeting Organisers the best possible opportunities to compete in the sponsor market place. At the end of a long process, a number of proposals for One Day Meetings were approved by Council.

Sponsor logos may now be displayed on video boards during competition (max 5 seconds without sound).

Virtual advertising will be allowed

Infield boards may be used to promote the competition title both on the home straight and outlining the safety line for the long throws.

Landing Beds may now be used to promote the manufacturer, another sponsor (maximum 10cm) or the name of the city in which the competition is being held.

Following a meeting in St Galmier, on the occasion of the recent World Cross Country Championships, with representatives of clothing manufacturers, Council noted that:

Manufacturers would prefer athlete's names to be put on bibs rather than on vests.

Manufacturers will continue to co-ordinate clothing colours so as to avoid duplication.

It was agreed National team clothing must be the same colour on both the front and back.

2006 World Cross Country Championships in Fukuoka

Council approved the following timetable for this event, which will be the last to include short races:

Saturday 1 April

13:00 Junior Women's Race
13:50 Senior Men's Short Race
14:30 Senior Women's Long Race

Sunday 2 April

13:00 Junior Men's Race
13:50 Senior Women's Short Race
14:30 Senior Men's Long Race

Council also approved the timetable of the 2006 World Junior Championships in Beijing.

2009 IAAF World Championships in Berlin

Council agreed the dates proposed by the Local Organising Committee and agreed by EBU:

15-23 August 2009

World Records

Since the last Council Meeting in Helsinki in December 2004, 8 World Records have been set, with 6 already ratified.

The first ever World Record in the Women's Decathlon has also been ratified as valid as of 1 January 2005: Marie Collonville (FRA) 8150 points.

Postscript - Lithuania's Austra Skujyte, the Olympic Heptathlon silver medallist, broke the World record for the women's Decathlon on Friday (15 April 2005) with a total of 8366 points – *and is currently awaiting ratification*.

World Athletics Day

World Athletics Day, the annual promotion of athletics for youth age groups, will take place on 7/8 May 2005 with 157 IAAF Member Federations having confirmed their participation.

Olympic Games in Athens

It was noted that the IOC Programme Commission has continued its evaluation of all sports in the programme of the Olympic Games. Athletics was singled out for its impressive contribution to the Athens' Games, with 87.9% of all available tickets for athletics sold (representing 21.8% of the total number of tickets sold). The average global television coverage of Athletics was 113 hours with 88,835,500 viewers each day.

Transfers of Allegiance

Since the last Council Meeting in Helsinki, the following transfers of allegiance have been noted:

Olga Koungorova - RUS to ESP effective from 25 February 2005
Josef Karas - CAN to CZE effective from 1 April 2005
Sylvie Mballa Eloundou - FRA to CMR effective from 1 April 2005
Nicholas Stuart - CAN to GBR effective from 1 April 2005
Gerenshi Tamirat - ETH to GBR effective from 1 April 2005
Dmitrij Valyukevich - BLR to SVK effective from 9 August 2005

World Athletics Series

2006 World Road Running Championships

The first ever IAAF World Road Running Championships was awarded to the city of **Debrecen, Hungary**.

2007 World Youth Championships

The fifth edition of the IAAF World Youth Championships was awarded to **Ostrava, Czech Republic**.



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Competition Commission

Dapeng Lou (CHN), chairman of the Competition Commission, presented his report which made the following recommendations:

- the IAAF one-day meetings circuit and current World Athletics Final should be restructured to create a new global IAAF Circuit with a Final as the last meeting of the circuit.

This world circuit will have fewer, higher quality IAAF Permit meetings, and certain Area Permit Meetings will

be able to join.

- The new structure, will be submitted for consideration to the next Council meeting in Helsinki in August, with the idea to implement the new circuit starting in 2006. Amongst the details to be finalized will be:

- The ideal number of Meetings; The criteria for selection of the Meetings; The qualifying system to the Final; The name for the circuit and for the Final. The leading contender for the title is "Individual World Cup". 'Individual' because of course the IAAF already

has a successful World Cup competition for teams.

It was also agreed to form a Working Group to study ways to improve the IAAF Golden League brand and to integrate the Golden League Meetings into the new structure, beginning in 2007.

It was agreed that, because Monaco's three year tenure of the World Athletics Final would come to an end in 2005, efforts would begin to find a new venue for the 2006 Final.

IAAF Kids' Athletics in Doha



On Wednesday 6 April, a very successful 'IAAF Kids' Athletics' event took place in Doha which brought hundreds of enthusiastic local youngsters together to take part in a number of fun and skill forming activities to both introduce and promote their further enjoyment of Athletics. *(Photo left - participants)*

"It was a real pleasure to see more than 320 kids, both girls and boys, taking part in an IAAF Kids' Athletics Activity yesterday here in Doha. I believe that there is a tremendous potential for our sport amongst this country's youngsters," said President Diack. "I noted a great interest by local Media in all our activities, especially those connected to Kids' Athletics programmes. I am confident that Qatar will become increasingly important to the world athletics movement in the coming years."

WAS Progress Reports

2005 World Championships in Athletics in Helsinki

A presentation regarding preparations was made by the event's CEO Antti Pihlakoski, who was accompanied by Harri Syväsalmi, the LOC representative of the Finnish Ministry of Education.

- The aim is to strengthen athletics worldwide by providing a competition experience that was unique, warm and entertaining;

- And to break the "World record" for participation set in Paris two years ago by having at least 204 IAAF Member Federations at the Championships in Helsinki;

- Special attention will be paid to Event Presentation so as to raise the spirits of spectators who in turn will motivate the athletes to perform at their best;

- Ticket sales have been extremely encouraging with 71.3% of available tickets sold;

- Athletes' Village in Espoo: six new blocks of flats have now been built, which ensures that all requirements can be comfortably met;

- 3130 volunteers have now been selected and training is on-going;

- As in individual events, Finland will have the right to have a team in all relay events.

2005 World Youth Championships in Marrakech

Aziz Daouda, General Director of the Royal Moroccan Athletics Federation, presented a report summarising the progress of preparations.

- Mohamed VI, King of Morocco, has agreed to act as Patron of the event;

- Live coverage will be guaranteed on Moroccan Television;

- The stadium will have its capacity increased to 10,000 with temporary seating. Maximum attendance will be encouraged with the use of complimentary tickets;

- Approximately 2000 athletes will be housed in 4-5 star hotels and hundreds of volunteers – from the same age group as the athletes – will be employed to help ensure a special atmosphere at the event;

- Two test events are planned: on 21 May and 3 July.

2005 World Athletics Final in Monaco

The report was presented by Jean Pierre Schoebel, the Director of the

Monaco Athletics Federation who heads the Local Organizing Committee.

- There would be an intensified effort to ensure a good crowd for each session;

- For the first time, the Women's 3000m Steeplechase event will be part of the World Athletics Final;

2005 World Half Marathon Championships in Edmonton

Jean Guy Ouellette, President of Athletics Canada, and John Carroll, Vice-President of the Local Organising Committee, summarized preparations.

- Timetable: 11:30 start in the Men's Race and a 13:00h start in the Women's Race. There will also be a mass race, involving local youngsters, preceding the main IAAF competition;

- Course contains 4 loops and has been modified to offer a maximum 1% rise in elevation;

- Host broadcaster is in place and Bell Canada is offering a lot of support as a national sponsor. The event is being funded by the Municipal, Regional and Federal governments;

- A test event is scheduled for 15 May.



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Further Reports presented to Council

Medical and Anti-doping Commission

Chairman Juan Manuel Alonso (ESP) presented the report.

- There will be regular meetings between representatives of Athletes'/Coaches' and Medical and Anti-doping commissions.
- There will be an increase in the general number of tests and those for EPO at IAAF competitions and major marathons.
- In Helsinki, about 100 out-of-competition tests should be conducted in the month prior to the Championships, in co-ordination with WADA.
- Also approximately 500 urine tests will be conducted just before, during, and after the competition in Helsinki. A minimum of 300 blood samples will be collected for EPO screening and other blood doping detection.
- With regard to blood testing, the Commission will progress as quickly as possible with the database project to allow a greater evaluation of an athlete's blood data.
- IAAF Registered Testing Pool for 2005, combining athletes who are included in the top lists and World Ranking lists, will consist of 1500 athletes.
- Further co-operation with WADA was agreed so as to take advantage of existing educational documents and also to revamp its existing anti-doping resource on the IAAF website.
- A new IAAF Anti-doping Educational Task force has been set up, composed of four members of the Commission and one representative from each of the Athletes and Coaches commissions.
- 2998 doping controls were carried out in 2004, with 997 tests conducted in-competition and 2001 out-of-competition. Of these tests, 74 have been concluded as positive (approx 2% of the total).
- The recruiting of additional personnel for the IAAF's Anti-doping Department has been ongoing since January 2005.
- An international conference on anti-doping will be organized in 2006 to identify problems and share experiences in the implementation of the World Anti-doping Code with other international federations and WADA accredited laboratories.

Honorary Treasurer

The Honorary Treasurer Jean Poczobut (FRA) presented a report outlining the status of IAAF accounts in 2004 and it was noted that there was a positive balance between income and expenses.

As part of the on-going campaign to bolster the IAAF's campaign against doping, Council agreed to revise the 2005 Anti-doping budget and to increase it by \$650,000. The IAAF's spend on Anti-doping activities now rises to a total of \$3.4 million which includes the new staff salaries.

Technical Committee

The Chairman of the Technical Committee Jorge Salcedo (POR) presented the report.

- More than 200 technical rule change proposals submitted by 17 Member Federations have been studied.

Cross Country and Road Running Committee

Otto Klappert (GER), the Committee Chairman presented its report.

- Recent World Cross Country Championships with nearly 50,000 spectators at St Galmier Hippodrome over 2 days were a great success.
- Chip timing should be accepted for official results purposes.
- Further study is necessary to agree the distance for the women's race and whether teams should consist of 4 scorers (from 6 starting athletes) or 6 scorers (from 9 starters) for World Cross Country Championships starting in 2007
- A certification procedure will be introduced for the makers of transponder timing chips.

Race Walking Committee

A report was made by Maurizio Damilano (ITA), the Chairman of the Race Walking Committee.

- IAAF Member Services Department will develop a procedure to select the new International Judges' Panel for the period from 2007.
- Race Walking Judges' Evaluation system will be eased, and the organization of a mid-term seminar as a refresher for all Level III Judges will be considered.
- A proposal for a new World Race Walking Final was made and will be

submitted for further study to the Competition Commission.

Marketing and Promotions Commission

The report was presented by the Vice-chairman, Helmut Digel (GER).

- A number of promotional activities/projects for 2005 were agreed, including a worldwide IAAF PR campaign, a World Athletics City Award, Athlete Ambassador teams, and marketing seminars for Member Federations.
- IAAF corporate identity project will be set up to study concepts for new types of athletics stadiums.

IAAF Development Commission

The report was delivered by Chairman Amadeo Francis (PUR).

- The procedures were finalised for the evaluation and selection of the 2006-2009 TOECS Panel.
- A new Asian High Performance Training Centre (HPTC) will be opened in Malaysia. In addition, it was reported that 48 athletes are currently training at the six IAAF HPTCs.

IAAF Coaches' Commission

This report was presented by Chairman Igor Ter-Ovanesian (RUS).

- Video-conferencing will be introduced to enhance communications amongst the various Area Coaches' Associations.
- There were now 10 Sports Universities interested in holding courses of the IAAF Academy.
- 7 Academy courses will be held in 2005: Loughborough, San Juan, Brisbane, Singapore & Santa Fe.

Juridical Commission

This report was presented by the Chairman Lauri Tarasti (FIN).

- An Athlete Acknowledgement Agreement both for International and non-international level athletes, and an Acknowledgement Agreement for Athlete Support Personnel are to be drawn up.

By signing the Agreement, athletes and support personnel will be bound by all provisions of the IAAF Anti-doping Rules and particularly, that any appeal arising out of decisions made in doping cases will be made exclusively to the Court of Arbitration for Sport and not in any other court or tribunal.



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Athletes' Commission

Chairman Alberto Juantorena (CUB) expressed the Athletes' Commission's desire to be a true pro-active consultative body for the IAAF and was appreciative about being asked to comment on proposed rule changes. The Commission agreed to act as a mediator between active athletes and the IAAF Council and Headquarters and to ensure that the athletes' opinions are taken into account in IAAF decisions. Council agreed that:

- Member Federations be encouraged to give a voice to athletes by creating active National Athletes' Commissions.

- It was agreed that the missed test evaluation criteria process, and the instructions given to doping control officers will be communicated to the athletes in the testing pool.

- Information about negative tests on athletes will be published on the IAAF website as soon as possible.

- Information about IAAF testing procedures be communicated to athletes on an on-going basis.

- Athletes' Commission will have an educational stand at the Athletes' village at the Helsinki World Championships.

- On request, representatives of the Athletes' Commission will be allowed to take part in meetings of other IAAF Commissions.

ATHLETES SANCTIONED FOR A DOPING OFFENCE SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE IAAF AS OF 22 April 2005

DAOUI Abdellah	MAR	FUS Competition, Rabat (MAR)	5.02.04	Public Warning, 6-month ineligibility
MUSCHINSKI Josef	GER	WK (Lubeck, GER)	11.09.04	2 years (20.10.04-20.10.06)
BURGAROVA Andrea	SVK	Veterna 25 Ruzomberik	12.09.04	2 years (18.11.04-17.11.06)
DELGADO Jose Luis	ESP	½ Marathon de Torralba	12.09.04	2 years (30.12.04-29.12.06)
LANDENNE Alexandre	BEL	Grand Prix de Noël (Oreye)	19.12.04	Public Warning
PACQUE Cédric	BEL	31 Grand Prix de Larch (Marcinelle)	7.11.04	2 years (17.2.05-16.2.07)
SANTOS MELO Luciano	BRA	South American Relay Chmps	18.05.04	2 years (18.5.04-17.5.06)
SHCHUKINA Olga	UZB	Pre-competition tests (OG)	14.08.04	2 years (2.9.04-1.9.06)
KORZHANENKO Irina	RUS	Olympic Games Athens	18.08.04	Life Ban
TRACH Anna	ISR	European Cup (Novi-Sad)	20.06.04	2 years (18.7.04-17.7.06)
PROCHNAU Ralf	GER	WK, Lübeck (GER)	11.09.04	2 years (1.11.04-31.10.06)
YOUNGQVIST Deeja	USA	Marathon Trials	16.03.04	2 years (4.12.04-3.12.06)
BREN Martin	CZE	CZE National Chmps (Pizen)	25.06.04	2 years (12.8.04-11.8.06)
CARTER Lemark	USA	USA Olympic Team Trials	15.07.04	Public Warning
PRIETO DIAZ David	ESP	Half Marathon San Pedro-Langreo	27.06.04	3-month ineligibility (until 23.0.05)
CHOUKI Fouad	FRA	World Championships Paris 2003	27.08.03	2 years ineligibility (19.9.03-18.9.05)
ROUQUET Damien	FRA	20 km de Montpellier	28.11.04	Public Warning, 6-month ineligibility
FERNANDEZ Ricardo	ESP	Campeonato de Espana de 10000	23.07.04	2 years ineligibility (16.10.04-15.10.06)
SAINT-AMAND Lionel	FRA	Corrida de Besançon	26.12.04	Public Warning, 6-month ineligibility
FERNANDEZ Raul	ESP	National OOC	11.05.04	2 years ineligibility (29.7.04-28.7.06)
FAZEKAS Robert	HUN	Olympic Games Athens	23.08.04	2 years ineligibility (8.9.04-7.9.06)
ANNUS Adrian	HUN	Olympic Games Athens	27.08.04	2 years ineligibility (1.10.04-30.9.06)

This list represents the athletes who have been sanctioned for a doping offence by their Federation since the last issue of the IAAF News. A Public Warning also entails disqualification from the competition in which the positive sample was provided. Dates correspond to the positive doping control test and not the beginning of the ineligibility period.

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Competitions and Youth are priorities for 2006

I wanted to take the opportunity of the last newsletter of 2005 to inform you all of my decision to stand for a final term as IAAF President at the next election in Osaka in 2007, as announced to my colleagues at the recent IAAF Council Meeting in Moscow.



President Lamine Diack with fellow IAAF Council Members, Neville (Teddy) McCook and Alberto Juantorena, and students at International Physical Education and Sports School in Havana, Cuba.

Although this means that I will definitely not be President at the time of the IAAF centenary in 2012, I am absolutely determined to ensure that, with the support of all the IAAF Member Federations as well as the Areas, the goals outlined in our ambitious **IAAF Athletics' World Plan** can be achieved by this date.

A major priority will be to bolster the IAAF's already healthy financial resources. By targeting new markets and business opportunities we will raise more money, which can be immediately invested back into athletics for the benefit of all our 211 Member Federations. I am also totally committed to making sure that, with the help of the new IAAF School/Youth Commission, we continue to strive to make athletics the number 1 sport in schools. There is absolutely no doubt in my mind that we need to greatly enlarge the talent pool from which our future stars emerge.

I am also pleased that IAAF Council approved, at our recent meeting in Moscow, a new global circuit of one day athletics meetings, to be called the **IAAF World Athletics Tour**, with the aim of promoting high quality, entertaining competitions as a regular "show case" for the sport. With 24 IAAF Meetings in 2006 (This year there were 34), including the Golden League, we have

reduced the number of top quality competitions that are given the IAAF brand. At least one Meeting from each Continental Area will be included in the IAAF World Athletics Tour. This new World Athletics Tour, with a reduced number of higher quality Meetings, coupled with a well devised evaluation concept and scheme, will help us to maintain only the best Meetings in the World under the IAAF umbrella, while at the same time, helping to raise the standard of Area circuits around the world.

In the last 2 weeks, I made two trips, to the USA and Cuba, and both were highly appropriate in terms of the goals stated above. Attending the 27th USATF Annual Meeting for the first time since 1999, I wanted to pay tribute to the remarkable achievements of US athletics in 2005. This federation has shown that, despite some recent difficulties, the USA has a phenomenal ability to uncover young talent and nurture them to success at the highest level, as we all saw in Helsinki. I was also pleased to attend meetings of representatives of the US Youth and Schools' athletics programme, as well as Elite Athletes and Coaches' groups, who are keen to share their own experiences for the benefit of the World Athletics Family.

Following this visit, I flew to Cuba at the request of the Cuban Athletics Federation, to attend a Gala to commemorate 100 years of athletics competition on the Island. I visited the University of Havana, whose athletics team had competed with the Vedado Tennis Club in the first official athletics competition in 1905, to unveil a centennial plaque at the University Stadium in the company of my friends from the IAAF Council, Alberto Juantorena, who is President of the Cuban Athletics Federation, and Area Representative Teddy McCook. I joined him later for a really exceptional show, in the company of all the greats not only from Cuban athletics but other sports as well.

Earlier that day, our delegation visited the International Physical Education and Sports School, where more than 1500 students from 74 countries study sports for free.

It remains for me to wish you all a happy end to the year, in the company of your families and loved ones, and I look forward to working with you all for the good of our sport in 2006.

Lamine Diack
IAAF President



IOC disqualifies Young, and Women's Steeplechase is included in the Olympics

The IOC Executive Board at its meeting in Lausanne, Switzerland, on Thursday 27 October 2005 made the following decisions -

Women's 3000m Steeplechase: The IAAF's request to add the Women's 3000m Steeplechase to the programme of the Olympic Games already in Beijing 2008, was accepted, while the place of the Race Walking

events in the Olympic programme was endorsed.

Jerome Young (USA): Was officially disqualified from the Men's 4x400m Relay at the Sydney Olympic Games of 2000, and will be ordered to return his gold medal/diploma to the IOC. The decision follows the findings of two separate CAS Panels (in 2004 and 2005) that upheld IAAF Rules in

determining Mr. Young as ineligible for the Sydney event following his doping violation in June 1999. The IAAF Council had originally recommended to the IOC that the whole USA relay team be disqualified but CAS ruled against this recommendation in July of this year.

Owens posthumously awarded IAAF Golden Order of Merit



One of the most legendary athletes in history, **Jesse Owens (USA)**, was posthumously awarded the IAAF Golden Order of Merit at the beginning of December. Using the opportunity of his recent visit to the USATF Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, Florida, President Lamine Diack presented the award to a representative of the Jesse Owens Foundation. Owens died on 31 March 1980 at the age of 66.

While competing for Ohio State University, James Cleveland "Jesse" Owens achieved one of the finest feats in the history of athletics. At the Big-Ten Conference Championships in Ann Arbor on 25 May 1935, Owens set World records in the Long Jump, 220 yard dash, the 220 yard low hurdles, and equalled the World record in the 100 yard dash. His record leap in the Long Jump of 8.13m was not broken until 1960, 25 years later. The following year at the Olympic Games in Berlin, Owens captured gold medals in the 100m, 200m, the Long Jump, and ran the lead-off leg in the victorious 4x100m Relay. *Photo: Owens in Berlin.*

Saneyev honoured with IAAF Silver Order of Merit

Viktor Saneyev (URS/GEO), three time Olympic gold medallist, multiple World record breaker (3x), and European champion (2x), in the men's Triple Jump was honoured by the IAAF at the end of October, receiving the Silver Order of Merit. Saneyev, who turned 60 years of age on 3 October 2005, was presented the award by General Secretary Istvan Gyulai, who travelled to Tbilisi, Georgia, to make the presentation on behalf of the IAAF.

The Georgian athlete of the century, Viktor Danilovich Saneyev began his Olympic career in 1968, skipping to two World records in the process of winning his first Olympic title in Mexico City. After twice successfully defending his Olympic crown in the 1970's, in Moscow in 1980, aged 34, he came desperately close to a fourth gold when finishing second with 17.24m, just 11cm away from matching Al Oerter's gold medal record achievement of four Olympic titles in one event.

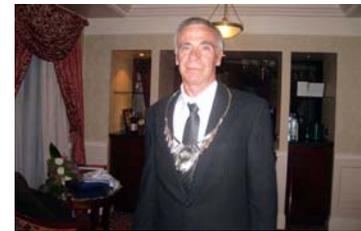


Photo: Saneyev with Silver Order of Merit

Anti-Doping news

Torri Edwards: The decision to reinstate the US sprinter was confirmed by the IAAF Council in Moscow, subject to her completing a mandatory final reinstatement test. Edwards had been suspended for 2 years in 2004 after testing positive for the prohibited stimulant, Nikethamide. However, in September 2005, WADA

downgraded Nikethamide in the Prohibited List to the category of "Specified Substances" for which the sanction, provided that the athlete can demonstrate no intention to enhance performance, ranges from a public warning up to one year's ineligibility. Following an earlier CAS decision that Edwards did not intend to enhance her performance, the IAAF confirmed her reinstatement on legal grounds (lex

mitior). Edwards has served a period of 15 months' ineligibility, 3 months more than the maximum sanction in such a case under the new Prohibited List.

Dr Louise Burke (AUS), a nutrition specialist, was nominated as Member of the IAAF Medical & Anti-Doping Commission.

Olympic Champions Honoured

On the occasion of the IAAF Dinner held on 11 November in Moscow on the eve of the Council meeting, Olympic champions Pyotr Bolotnikov (1960: 10,000m), Svetlana Masterkova (1996: women's 800m/1500m), and Irina Privalova (2000: women's 400m Hurdles), along with Russian Athletics Federation President Valentin Balakhnitchev, were presented with IAAF awards.

Top-Ten earners from IAAF events in 2005

World Athletics Series events, TDK Golden League, Super GP, GP, GPII, Race Walking and Combined Events Challenges

Men	\$	Women	\$
1. Justin Gatlin, USA	234,910	1. Tatyana Lebedeva, RUS	1,084,325
2. Kenenisa Bekele, ETH	232,770	2. Yelena Isinbayeva, RUS	364,908
3. Rashid Ramzi, BRN	170,136	3. Tirunesh Dibaba, ETH	215,235
4. Bernard Lagat, USA	153,306	4. Osleidys Menendez, CUB	197,990
5. Dwight Phillips, USA	133,838	5. Christine Arron, FRA	171,670
6. Bershawn Jackson, USA	128,320	6. Ivanova Olimpiada, RUS	160,000
7. Jeremy Wariner, USA	118,000	7. Zulia Calatayud, CUB	158,640
8. Benjamin Limo, KEN	114,311	8. Lauryn Williams, USA	154,994
9. Daniel Kipchircir Komen, KEN	113,850	9. Allyson Felix, USA	153,780
10. Virgilijus Alekna, LTU	112,613	10. Veronica Campbell, JAM	143,520

NOTE - Figures are in USD, and are based upon disclosed prize money and record bonuses from the IAAF events as stated above. Totals are effected by conversion from Euros to USD of some amounts, and do not take into account transport/accommodation payments, appearance fees, endorsement or sponsorship contracts etc... or athletes' own financial responsibilities to Federations, Athletes' Representatives fees, coaches etc..., and so should be viewed only as an approximate guide.

IAAF Council Meeting

The Council of the IAAF, presided over by President Lamine Diack, met in Moscow, Russia on 12 and 13 November 2005, and agreed on a new global circuit of one day athletics meetings, to be called the **IAAF World Athletics Tour**, with the aim of promoting high quality, entertaining competitions as a regular "show case" for the sport.

With 24 IAAF Meetings in 2006 (34 were staged in 2005) - the objective is to ensure that only the best quality competitions are staged under the IAAF brand. At least one Meeting from

IAAF World Athletics Tour

each Continental Area will be included in the IAAF World Athletics Tour. There will be two levels of Meetings within Tour. There will be twelve (12) (6 Golden League and 6 Super Grand Prix) meetings with minimum of US\$ 500,000 prize money each, and twelve (12) Grand Prix Meetings with US\$ 230,000 prize money each. The Tour will culminate in the IAAF World Athletics Final, which takes place in Stuttgart on 9/10 September, for which athletes qualify with points scored at the WAT Meetings plus, on a lower scale, at a number of continental permit meetings. The IAAF is

continuing to study a new Jackpot system for introduction in 2006.

See page 5, for full list of World Athletics Tour meetings.

President Lamine Diack, welcoming the new initiative, said: "The new World Athletics Tour, with a reduced number of higher quality Meetings, coupled with a well devised evaluation concept and scheme, will help us to maintain only the best Meetings in the World under the IAAF umbrella, while at the same time, helping to raise the standard of Area circuits around the world."

World Athletics Series venues decided

The following WAS events were awarded as follows:

2007 IAAF World Cross Country Championships
Mombasa, Kenya, Saturday, 24 March 2007.

2007 IAAF World Road Running Championships
Udine, Italy, Sunday, 14 October 2007.

2008 IAAF World Indoor Championships
Valencia, Spain, 7-9 March 2008.



Kenyan delegates applaud decision to award Mombasa 2007 World XC

IAAF World Championships in Athletics

'A' and 'B' standard athletes can now be entered in the same event

For the first time ever at a World Championships, at the 11th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Osaka, Japan (24 Aug-2 Sep 2007), Member Federations will be able to enter one 'B' standard athlete in the same event alongside one or two 'A' standard athlete(s) (3 in case there is a defending World Champion entered).

Full Entry Standards including Entry Rules and Conditions for the 11th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Osaka, Japan (24 Aug-2 Sep 2007), are now available in the Statistics-Standards section of the IAAF website - www.iaaf.org

Also available in the same section are Entry Standards for 2006 WAS events – 11th World Indoor Championships, Moscow, Russia (10-12 March 2006), and 11th IAAF World Junior Championships, Beijing, China (15-20 August 2006).

Timetable – 2006 World Race Walking Cup

22nd IAAF World Race Walking Cup, La Coruña, ESP

Saturday, 13 May as follows:

16:30 20km – Women's Senior Race
18:30 20km – Men's Senior Race
20:20 10km – Men's Junior Race

Sunday, 14 May remains unchanged:

08:00 50km – Men's Senior Race
13:00 10km – Women's Junior Race

Changes to women's race distance + team at World XC

World Cross Country Championships from 2007

>The distance of the Women's Senior Race will be 8000m.
> Women's Senior team size - 8 athletes per team can be entered, 6 can compete and 4 can score in 2007 and 2008. The issue may be reviewed after the World Cross Country Championships in 2008.

New Dates - World Athletics Series events

1st IAAF World Road Running Championships, Debrecen, HUN: 8 October 2006

5th IAAF World Youth Championships, Ostrava, CZE: 11-15 July 2007

ITOs

The evaluation and certification procedure of the International Technical Officials was approved. The new ITO Panel for 2006-2009 consists of 49 persons, the names of which were published on the IAAF website - www.iaaf.org - on 15 November 2005.

All participants of the evaluation and certification procedure, who are not included in the new ITO Panel, and had been on an Area Panel, remain Area Technical Officials.

26 Member Federations participated at all WAS

It was noted with satisfaction that 26 Member Federations participated in each of the four (4) World Athletics Series (WAS) 2005 Championships: Australia, Belarus, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Czech Republic, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, France, Great Britain, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, New Zealand, Puerto Rico, Qatar, Romania, South Africa, Spain, Russia, Uganda, USA.

Track Certification

As the IAAF Permit is a quality of guarantee of competitions, it was decided that it can be only issued to competitions which fully adhere to IAAF Rules. If requirements are not met, the permit will not be issued and any eventual Competition Grant will not be paid.

The next meeting of the IAAF Council will be held in Osaka, Japan, 28 - 29 March 2006



IAAF Athletics' World Plan

One of the great things about sport is that it is there; it is always there; over the years the rhythm of events and meetings replicates itself in a very predictable form. It feels safe and yet also exciting to look ahead knowing that the same collection of championships will appear with new faces and results. The World Championships in Helsinki absolutely fell into this scenario. We all know the Finns adore their athletics and those in the stadium and those watching TV shared their passion.

But something else was important. The World Athletics Championships has once again proved itself as a global entertainment up there with the Olympics and the FIFA World Cup. It is an event all of its own watched by those who otherwise have no particular interest in Athletics. Like the people who watch Wimbledon but never think of watching Tennis. So here is the challenge: how do we make sure our sport is visible for the other 356 days of the year?

In 2003 the President announced his Athletics' World Plan and teams drawn from around the world worked hard to establish new initiatives. Following the 2005 Congress the President has broadened the responsibilities for action to the Areas and National Federations. A very definite change of emphasis. Everyone must look in their mirror and see the face that must meet this challenge. Athletics does not have the intention to lose its place in the world of sport. We all know that we are thriving at the Olympics and at our World Championships, but how about quality athletics meetings shown on TV around the world? How do we make sure that our star athletes are seen on TV away from the track? How can we be sure that young people are reaching out to Athletics as their chosen sport?

The World Plan is now focusing on empowering the whole athletics family. We are all in this together. There have been alarmist press stories that the

European Association is breaking with the IAAF and taking its own path. Nothing could be further from the truth. The fact is that the EAA has recognised that European athletes were falling behind, that the sport was fading. They are facing up to the challenge of re-invigorating the European athletics scene and moving ahead with new commercial partnerships to under-pin this change.

Other Area bodies need to follow the same course, appropriate to the needs of their athletes and their resources, supported by the IAAF but making their own decentralised decisions. So in future how the sport is managed in the Caribbean may be very different from Asia but each will focus on their priorities for youth recruitment and levels of competition.

Just before the recent IAAF Council meeting in Moscow, one expert pointed out that the events in an athletics meeting had not changed since he competed in the 1952 Olympics other than to extend to women the same access as men. Indeed, they have barely changed since 1924. But for spectators at a Grand Prix both in the stadium and watching TV, the 3 hours of advertised entertainment needs to contain a succession of exciting moments. Some sports facing IOC scrutiny, like Biathlon and Modern Pentathlon have completely revised their rules and found new audiences on TV. Sport is about competition and rather than rely on contrived record attempts with pace-makers, we need to focus on real racing, head to head, "mano a mano" which is what the public like to watch, and can understand.

The most important current project within the IAAF family concerns the outreach to youngsters. Athletics has the bold and important goal of becoming the key partner participation sport for school children all over the world. The IAAF has its own programme for the young called "IAAF Kids' Athletics" while USA, Cuba and

Jamaica have excellent youth and school programmes. Canada has also run a successful project – "Run, jump and throw" to attract the young to our sport. It is now essential that the IAAF focuses and targets the sports, health and education authorities throughout the world with the assistance of all the Member Federations.

It is a huge priority within the World Plan, led by IAAF Vice President Amadeo Francis and Jamel Simohamed, who is chairman of the new IAAF School / Youth Commission.

Finally, we have to realise that while we have some marvellous athletes we must all do more to try and make them genuine international celebrities. The annual World Athletics Gala in Monaco is a spectacular shop window, but it doesn't inform the public about our top names. For this reason, the IAAF has set up the Ambassadors programme, working with recently retired and active athletes. We want the world to know who they are, what they do outside their sport, what their future plans are, what makes them tick. The IAAF plans to put them on the world stage through the media outlets that exist; TV of course but also internet, radio, magazines, print, DVDs, respected for their sports achievements but interesting in themselves as people. This can be achieved both at international level by the IAAF and also on a national scale by approaching media outlets to showcase national athletics heroes and heroines in an entertainment environment.

2005 has in fact been a good year for Athletics. In 2006 look out for the new regular IAAF TV magazine show and for a spate of short, sharp MTV style 2-minute celebrity celebrations of our top athletes as they really are away from the track.

Adrian Metcalfe

New Constitution and Competition Rules are published

The new IAAF Constitution, and the IAAF Competition Rules 2006-2007, have been published on the IAAF website and are available to download in pdf format in both English and French. Printed copies are also available for purchase from IAAF HQ.

The new **IAAF Constitution** came into force on 1 November 2005. It defines and regulates the organisation of the IAAF, and contains all the amendments made at the 45th IAAF Congress, Helsinki, Finland, 2 - 4 August 2005. The **IAAF Competition Rules 2006-2007**, were also agreed at Congress, and bring together all the rules concerning the organisation of international competitions.

Forthcoming Meetings

January 2006	February	March
Sat 21-Sun 22 Medical & Anti-Doping Commission	Thu 2 Golden League Working Group	Tue 21 Masters' Committee
Fri 20-Sat 21 School/Youth Commission	Fri 3 Athletics' World Plan Steering Board	Tue 28-Wed 29 Council Meeting
Sun 22-Mon 23 Juridical Commission	Fri 17-Sat 18 Technical Committee	April
		Mon 3 XC & RR Committee

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IAAF WORLD ATHLETICS SERIES 2006



MARCH
 Fri 10 - Sun 12: 11th IAAF World Indoor Championships, Moscow, RUS
APRIL
 Sat 1 / Sun 2: 34th IAAF World Cross Country Championships, Fukuoka, JPN
MAY
 Sat 13 - Sun 14: 22nd IAAF Race Walking Cup, La Coruna, ESP
AUGUST
 Tue 15 - Sun 20: 11th IAAF World Junior Championships, Beijing, CHN
SEPTEMBER
 Sat 9 - Sun 10: 4th IAAF World Athletics Final, Stuttgart, GER
 Sat 16 - Sun 17: 10th IAAF World Cup, Athens, GRE
OCTOBER
 Sun 8: 1st IAAF World Road Running Championships, Debrecen, HUN



IAAF INDOOR PERMIT MEETINGS 2006

IAAF CROSS COUNTRY PERMIT MEETINGS 2005/2006

JANUARY
 Wed 25 Moscow, RUS
 Sun 29 Karlsruhe, GER
FEBRUARY
 Thu 2 Stockholm, SWE
 Fri 3 New York, USA
 Sat 4 Stuttgart, GER
 Sat 11 Valencia, ESP
 Sat 18 Birmingham, GBR
 Sat 25 Athens, GRE

FEBRUARY
 Sun 26 Gent, BEL
MARCH
 Fri 3 Lievin, FRA

NOVEMBER 2005
 Sun 20 Oeiras, POR
 Sun 27 Llodio, ESP
DECEMBER 2005
 Sun 18 Brussels BEL
JANUARY
 Sat 7 Belfast, GBR
 Sat 14 Edinburgh, GBR
 Sun 15 Sevilla, ESP
 Sun 29 Albufeira, POR

FEBRUARY
 Sun 5 San Vittore, ITA
 Sat 11 Nairobi, KEN
 Sun 19 Diekirch, LUX
MARCH
 Sun 5 Fukuoka, JPN
 Sun 19 Chiba, JPN

IAAF WORLD ATHLETICS TOUR 2006

MARCH
 Thu 9 Melbourne, AUS, GP
APRIL
 Sat 29 Dakar, SEN, GP
MAY
 Sat 6 Osaka, JPN, GP
 Fri 12 Doha, QAT, SGP
 Sun 21 Belem, BRA, GP
 Sun 28 Hengelo, NED, GP
 Sun 28 Eugene, USA, GP
 Tue 30 Ostrava, CZE, GP
JUNE
 Fri 2 Oslo, NOR, GL
 Sun 11 Gateshead, GBR, GP

JULY
 Mon 3 Athens, GRE, SGP
 Fri 7 Paris, FRA, GL
 Tue 11 Lausanne, SUI, SGP
 Fri 14 Rome, ITA, GL
 Mon 17 Madrid, ESP, GP
 Tue 25 Stockholm, SWE, SGP
 Wed 26 Helsinki, FIN GP
 Fri 28 London, GBR, SGP
AUGUST
 Fri 18 Zurich, SUI, GL
 Sun 20 Monaco, MON, SGP
 Fri 25 Brussels, BEL, GL
 Sun 27 Rieti, ITA, GP

AUGUST
 Thu 31 Zagreb, CRO, GP
SEPTEMBER
 Sun 3 Berlin, GER, GL
 Sat 9-Sun 10: 4th IAAF World Athletics Final, Stuttgart, GER

Index: GL - Golden League; SGP - Super Grand Prix; GP - Grand Prix

Other IAAF Permit Meets
 Sun 14 May Olympia GRE
 Sat 23 Sep Shanghai CHN

World Athletics Tour 2006 - Qualifying Continental Permit Meetings

DECEMBER 2005
 Wed 14 Hamilton, NZL Oceania
JANUARY 2006
 Thu 26 Canberra, AUS Oceania
MARCH
 Fri 3 Brisbane, AUS Oceania
MAY
 Sat 6 Abuja, NGR Africa
 Sat 6 Kingston, JAM North Am. & Caribbean
 Sun 7 Porto Alegre, BRA South America
 Sun 14 Rio, BRA South America
 Wed 17 Fortaleza, BRA South America
 Thu 18 Bangkok, THA Asia
 Sun 21 Carson, USA North Am. & Caribbean

MAY
 Mon 22 Bangalore, IND Asia
 Fri 26 Pune, IND Asia
JUNE
 Thu 1 Bydgoszcz, POL Europe
 Sat 3 Huelva, ESP Europe
 Sat 3 New York, USA North Am. & Caribbean
 Mon 5 Prague, CZE Europe
 Tue 6 Turin, ITA Europe
 Sat 10 Lille, FRA Europe
 Tue 13 Luzern, SUI Europe
 Sat 17 Rabat, MAR Africa
 Sun 18 Warsaw, POL Europe
 Tue 20 Zaragoza, ESP Europe

JUNE
 Thu 22 Alger, ALG Africa
 Sat 24 Kazan, RUS Europe
JULY
 Sat 1 Cork, IRL Europe
 Fri 21 Rethymno, GRE Europe
 Sat 22 Heusden, BEL Europe
 Mon 24 Thessaloniki, GRE Europe
 Fri 28 Tallinn, EST Europe
AUGUST
 Tue 22 Linz, AUT Europe
 Wed 30 Rovereto, ITA Europe

IAAF WORLD COMBINED EVENTS CHALLENGE 2006

IAAF RACE WALKING CHALLENGE 2006

WMRA GRAND PRIX MOUNTAIN RACES 2006

Individual Permit Meetings:
MAY
 Sat 13-Sun 14 Desenzano, ITA
 Sat 27-Sun 28 Götzis, AUT
JUNE
 Sat 3-Sun 4 Arles, FRA
 Sat 24- Sun 25 Ratingen, GER
SEPTEMBER
 Sat 16-Sun 17 Talence, FRA
Other International Comps:
MARCH
 Sun 19-Sat 25 Commonwealth Games, Brisbane, AUS

JUNE
 Thu 22- Sun 25 USATF Championships, Indianapolis
JULY
 Sat 1 & Sun 2 Combined Events European Cup (3 levels)
 Tue 25 - Sat 29 CAC Games, Cartagena, COL
AUGUST
 Mon 7-Sun 13 European Champs, Gothenburg, SWE
 Wed 9-Sun 13 African Champs Mauritius, MRI
 Tue 22-Fri 25 NACAC Champs Puerto Rico, PUR

MARCH
 Sat 25-Sun 26 Tlanepantla de Baz, MEX
APRIL
 Sat 1 Rio Major, POR
 Sat 22 Kunshan, CHN
MAY
 Mon 1 Sesto San Giovanni, ITA
 Sat 13-Sun 14 IAAF Race Walking World Cup, La Coruna, ESP

MAY
 Sun 14 Meltina, ITA
JULY
 Sun 23 Heiligenblut, AUT
AUGUST
 Sun 6 Telfes, AUT
SEPTEMBER
 Sun 24 Saillon, SUI
OCTOBER
 Sat 7 Ljubljana, SLO
 Sat 28 Gibraltar, GIB

Sat 9-Sun 10 September WMRA World Mountain Running Trophy, Bursa, TUR

Photos: Tirunesh Dibaba ETH (left) and Justin Gatlin USA (right)



SEIKO Extends IAAF Sponsorship until 2009 1985-2009: 25 Years of Partnership

It was announced on 7 December 2005 that SEIKO Corporation has reached a basic sponsorship agreement with the IAAF for a further 4 years, up to 31 December 2009 at the end of which an uninterrupted 25 years of technical service and financial support will have been completed.

SEIKO has supported the IAAF with timing and measurement services and financial contributions for 21 years, during which SEIKO has timed 9 World Championships and more than 110 other IAAF events.

The new agreement covers the period 2006-2009 and includes the World

Championships in 2007 in Osaka, Japan and in 2009 in Berlin, Germany, plus 21 other events, including the World Cross Country, the World Junior Championships, and the prestigious end-of-season World Athletics Final.

See the IAAF website for full details of announcement.

World records – recently ratified

Originally announced on 17 November 2005 on www.iaaf.org



Kenenisa Bekele ETH



Wenxiu Zhang CHN

Men – Senior

10,000m

26:17.53 Kenenisa Bekele ETH, Brussels, BEL, 26 Aug 05

Prev: 26:20.31 Kenenisa Bekele ETH, Ostrava CZE, 8 Jun 04

Men – Junior

3000m

7:28.78 Augustine K. Choge (87) KEN, Doha, QAT, 13 May 05

Prev: 7:30.67 Kenenisa Bekele ETH, Brussels BEL, 24 Aug 01

10,000m

26:41.75 Samuel Wanjiru (86) KEN, Brussels, BEL, 26 Aug 05

Prev: 27:04.00 Boniface Kiprop UGA, Brussels BEL, 3 Sep 04

Women – Senior

Hammer Throw

77.06m Tatyana Lysenko RUS, Moscow, RUS, 15 Jul 05

Prev: 76.07 Mihaela Melinte ROM, Rüdlingen SUI, 29 Aug 99

Women – Junior

Pole Vault

4.48m Silke Spiegelburg (86) GER, Münster, GER, 25 Aug 05

Prev: 4.47i Yelena Isinbayeva RUS, Budapest HUN, 10 Feb 01

Hammer Throw

73.24m Wenxiu Zhang (86) CHN, Changsha, CHN, 24 Jun 05

Prev: 72.37 Wenxiu Zhang CHN, Nanning CHN, 18 Apr 04



'A Day in the Life' Project with Liu Xiang

was held on 19 to 24 October 2005 in China. Participating journalists first spent four days at the Chinese National Games in Nanjing, where they were able to see the competition and witness the super star

status of the Chinese Olympic Champion.

Interviews were held with the Secretary Generals of the Chinese Athletic Association (CAA) and the Chinese Olympic Committee as well as with the athlete and his coach. In Nanjing media also got to meet with Michael Johnson and Coach Clyde Hart, who with the CAA in 2005 began coaching their top 100-400m runners for 4 months in the USA.

Project participants then travelled to Shanghai to spend more time with Liu Xiang and visit the Sport School where

he lives and trains.

Media represented were: El Mundo, ESP; The Times, GBR; The Daily Mail, GBR; Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, GER; Sud Ouest, FRA; Gazzetta dello Sport, ITA; Agence Shot, JPN; USA Today, USA.

The IAAF's "A Day in the Life" Projects aim to give media an insight into the 'home' lives of our stars.

Photo: Xiang fan with banner of his hero at the Chinese National Games.

Obituaries

Fuller tributes are available on www.iaaf.org



Torsten Carlus (SWE) - on 24 November 2005 the tragic news was received that the much appreciated member of the IAAF Masters' Committee and General Secretary of the World Masters' Association (WMA), had suffered a fatal heart attack. He had been on holiday visiting his son Erik in Shanghai, China. Torsten, 66, had been active all his life in athletics and held various offices in the Swedish Athletic Association over the course of about 40 years. As well as his WMA and IAAF positions, he was a Member of the Board of Governors of IMGA (International Masters' Games Association), and a co-opted member of the Council of EVAA (European Veterans' Athletic Association).

Nadja Kotseva (BUL) - on 9 November 2005, Dobromir Karamarinov, the President of the Bulgarian Federation relayed the sad news of the death of Nadja Kotseva, the International Secretary of the Bulgarian Athletic Federation. After attending the previous weekend's European Coaches' Conference in Sofia, Nadja went on holiday with her husband to Italy, where they were killed in a car crash. A delegate at many IAAF and EAA Congresses, she was working on next year's Calendar Conference, which will be in Bulgaria.

Adrian Wallace (JAM) - on 5 December 2005 in Florida, died after a long illness. Wallace had been receiving treatment in the United States for some time. He served one term as Jamaica Amateur Athletics Association (JAAA) President between 1996 and 2000. Wallace, a former Calabar Old Boy and former member of the Schools' Past Students Association, also served for many years as JAAA Treasurer under Herb McKenley, and Neville 'Teddy' McCook, the current Area Representative on the IAAF Council.

IAAF World Rankings



Although the World Athlete of the Year is officially decided by a combination of public vote on www.iaaf.org and the final opinion of a panel of experts from the International Athletic Foundation, once more the leaders in the Overall category of the IAAF World Rankings became World Athletes of the Year. Kenenisa Bekele (ETH) and Yelena Isinbayeva (RUS) (*photo left*), who retained their titles, have again been multiple World record breakers this year and also captured the ultimate title on offer in 2005, that of World champion.

Emphasising that the World Rankings are the keenest determinant of the current strengths of world athletics it is also not surprising to find, as the year draws to a close, that the world's two premier athletes are joined by 20 of their fellow Helsinki World champions at the head (or equal head) of their respective Event Rankings. The Rankings assess an athlete's whole year ensuring that the IAAF World Rankings are the most accurate barometer in comparing the merits of each elite athlete and of gauging the year-round strengths overall and event by event on a weekly basis.

To view the full **IAAF World Rankings** go to www.iaaf.org where they are published weekly during the height of the season and fortnightly in the quieter months of the year.

IAAF World Rankings as at 6 Dec 2005

Event Ranking	1 st position	2 nd position	3 rd position
Overall - Men	Kenenisa BEKELE ETH 1451	Justin GATLIN USA 1435	Saif Saaeed SHAHEEN QAT 1433
- Women	Yelena ISINBAYEVA RUS 1453	Tirunesh DIBABA ETH 1445	Carolina KLÜFT SWE 1421
100m - Men	Justin GATLIN USA 1405	Aziz ZAKARI GHA 1353	Dwight THOMAS JAM 1340
- Women	Christine ARRON FRA 1376	Veronica CAMPBELL JAM 1364	Laurny WILLIAMS USA 1356
200m - Men	Tyson GAY USA 1343	Wallace SPEARMON USA 1342	Justin GATLIN USA 1339
- Women	Allyson FELIX USA 1367	Veronica CAMPBELL JAM 1331	Christine ARRON FRA 1324
400m - Men	Jeremy WARINER USA 1362	2nd EQ - Tim BENJAMIN GBR 1330 / Brandon SIMPSON JAM 1330	
- Women	Sanya RICHARDS USA 1394	Tonique WILLIAMS-DARLING BAH 1383	Ana Gabriela GUEVARA MEX 1329
800m - Men	Yuriy BORZAKOVSKIY RUS 1341	Mbulaeni MULAUDZI RSA 1329	Wilfred BUNGEI KEN 1324
- Women	Zulia CALATAYUD CUB 1359	Hasna BENHASSI MAR 1333	Tatyana ANDRIANOVA RUS 1325
1500m - Men	Daniel Kipchirchir KOMEN KEN 1399	Bernard LAGAT USA 1367	Ivan HESHKO UKR 1349
- Women	Maryam Yusuf JAMAL BRN 1332	Olga YEGOROVA RUS 1298	Bouchra BENTHAMI-GHEZIELLE FRA 1296
5000 -10,000m - Men	Kenenisa BEKELE ETH 1451	Eliud KIPCHOGE KEN 1366	Benjamin LIMO KEN 1351
- Women	Tirunesh DIBABA ETH 1445	Meseret DEFAR ETH 1397	Berhane ADERE ETH 1395
110mH - Men	1st EQ - Dominique ARNOLD USA 1401 / Ladji DOUCOURÉ FRA 1401		Allen JOHNSON USA 1390
100mH - Women	Michelle PERRY USA 1380	Brigitte Ann FOSTER-HYLTON JAM 1357	Delloreen ENNIS-LONDON JAM 1339
400m H - Men	Bershawn JACKSON USA 1408	James CARTER USA 1377	3 rd EQ - L.J. VAN ZYL RSA 1334 Naman KEITA 78 FRA 1334
- Women	Lashinda DEMUS USA 1402	Yuliya NOSOVA-PECHONKINA RUS 1378	Sandra CUMMINGS-GLOVER USA 1374
Men's 3000m SC	Saif Saaeed SHAHEEN QAT 1433	Paul Kipsiele KOECH KEN 1370	Brimin KIPRUTO KEN 1354
- Women	Dorcus INZIKURU UGA 1331	Mardrea HYMAN JAM 1226	Korene HINDS JAM 1223
High Jump - Men	1st EQ - Yaroslav RYBAKOV RUS 1346 / Stefan HOLM SWE 1346		Victor MOYA CUB 1325
- Women	Kajsa BERGQVIST SWE 1360	Anna CHICHEROVA RUS 1275	Chaunte HOWARD USA 1259
Pole Vault - Men	Brad WALKER USA 1376	Tim LOBINGER GER 1330	Rens BLOM NED 1298
- Women	Yelena ISINBAYEVA RUS 1453	Monika PYREK POL 1284	Anna ROGOWSKA POL 1275
Long Jump - Men	Dwight PHILLIPS USA 1394	Miguel PATE USA 1294	Ignisius GAISAH GHA 1292
- Women	Tatyana KOTOVA RUS 1325	Grace UPSHAW USA 1241	Oksana UDMURTOVA RUS 1236
Triple Jump - Men	Marian OPREA ROM 1338	Jadel GREGÓRIO BRA 1324	Walter DAVIS USA 1322
- Women	Tatyana LEBEDEVA RUS 1367	Trecia SMITH JAM 1347	Anna PYATYKH RUS 1311
Shot Put - Men	1st EQ - Joachim OLSEN DEN 1332 / Adam NELSON USA 1332		Reese HOFFA USA 1318
- Women	Nadezhda OSTAPCHUK BLR 1307	Valerie ADAMS-VILI NZL 1238	Olga RYABINKINA RUS 1231
Discus Throw - Men	Virgilijus ALEKNA LTU 1408	Gerd KANTER EST 1342	Aleksander TAMMERT EST 1274
- Women	Natalya SADOVA RUS 1286	Franka DIETZSCH GER 1281	Vera POSPIŠILOVÁ-CECHLOVÁ CZE 1244
Hammer Throw - Men	Ivan TIKHON BLR 1341	Vadim DEVYATOVSKIY BLR 1318	Olli-Pekka KARJALAINEN FIN 1263
- Women	Yipsi MORENO CUB 1283	Tatyana LYSENKO RUS 1260	Kamila SKOLIMOWSKA POL 1259
Javelin Throw - Men	Tero PITKAMÄKI FIN 1372	Andreas THORKILDSEN NOR 1343	Sergey MAKAROV RUS 1341
- Women	Osleidys MENÉNDEZ CUB 1341	Steffi NERUIUS GER 1272	Sonia BISSET CUB 1224
Road Running - Men	Jaouad GHARIB MAR 1330	Martin LEL KEN 1305	Haile GEBRSELASSIE ETH 1301
- Women	Paula RADCLIFFE GBR 1380	Constantina DITA-TOMESCU ROM 1361	Chunxiu ZHOU CHN 1331
Race Walking - Men	Francisco Javier FERNÁNDEZ ESP 1345	2nd EQ - Trond NYMARK NOR 1297 / Chengliang ZHAO CHN 1297	
- Women	Margarita TURAVA BLR 1330	Susana FEITOR POR 1296	Elisa RIGAUDO ITA 1254
Decathlon - Men	Roman ŠEBRLE CZE 1335	Attila ZSIVOCZKY HUN 1283	Bryan CLAY USA 1274
Heptathlon - Women	Carolina KLÜFT SWE 1421	Eunice BARBER FRA 1376	Kelly SOTHERTON GBR 1300



Commission and Committee News

Coaches' Commission

On Saturday, 29 October 2005, the Coaches' Commission gathered in Monaco and discussed the problem of accountability of coaches that have gone through the Coaches' Education and Certification System (CECS).



PHOTO: Anthony Rice of Australia (r), Member of the IAAF Coaches' Commission, who could not be in Helsinki on 3 August 2005, receives the IAAF Veteran Pin from IAAF Member Services Dpt. Director Elio Locatelli at the Commission meeting.

Talking about the progress of the IAAF Academy course programme, the Commission regarded it "as a very valuable tool for the future of the overall long term development of Athletics especially due to the cooperation with universities and educational institutions because this guarantees professional education," stated Chairperson Victor Lopez (PUR).

Other matters/proposals discussed:

<>Satisfactory work of the Area Coaches' Associations (ACA); goal to make the ACA's financially self-sufficient;
 <>Organisation of World Coaches' Club at major athletics events and encouragement of ACA's to put the same concept in place for different area championships and events;
 <>The participation of the IAAF Coaches' Commission in any technical rule changes proposals;
 <>Recognition and honouring of coaches' excellence at Area and world level.

Women's Committee

The Women's Committee meet for a one and a half day meeting in Monaco on 29/30 October 2005 to discuss various topics with the objective to "increase the number of women in coaching and administration positions" as laid out in the Athletics' World Plan.

The IOC's decision to include the Women's 3000m Steeplechase in Beijing 2008, marked another historical victory for the IAAF and the Women's Committee. "It is a real success," said Chairperson Ilse

Bechthold. "Years of determination have led us to this day where gender equality in the competitions programme is almost a reality. But our task is not over."

Other matters/proposals discussed:

<>At least one activity in RDCs be designed specifically for women;
 <>IAAF Academy course "Coaching Women";
 <>Size of the women's World Cross Country team. Suggested it should be 6 with 4 to score for 2007, 7 with 5 to score by 2009 and 9 with 6 to score by 2011;
 <>Giovanna Rousseau's project for Africa and other needy Areas;
 <>Gwenda Ward's UKA inspired research called 'Female Athlete Resource book'.

Joint Meeting: Coaches' Commission & Women's Committee

A greatly appreciated joint meeting of the Coaches' Commission and the Women's Committee, an idea initiated by General Secretary Istvan Gyulai, took place on Saturday afternoon (29 October) with the aim to get both parties to get to know each other better and to foster closer working ties on matters of joint concern.



PHOTO: Coaches' Commission and Women's Committee Members together.

During the joint meeting, the Women's Committee raised their concern regarding a lack of involvement of women's coaches around the world. The Coaches' Commission agreed that more female coaches are needed and promised that they would put their best effort in to encourage and enhance the women's involvement and participation in coaching. The Women's Committee will strive to install special women's classes at the RDC's with the support of the Area Associations and MF's. It was also agreed on to organize another Level I coaching clinic at the 2009 Islamic Women's Games after the great success at this year's games. Gwenda Ward's presentation of her UKA inspired research called 'Female Athlete Resource Book' got very positive feedback; incorporating parts of the presented modules into the

Coaches' Education Programme was recommended.

Both parties look forward to another joint meeting.

Development Commission

The Development Commission held its annual meeting in Moscow on Thursday 10 November.

After a recap of last year's development activities, the Commission determined to:
 <>Undertake an evaluation of the High Performance Training Centres to ascertain whether they were accomplishing their Purposes.
 <>Respond to the underutilization of several Accredited Training Centres by starting an aggressive campaign promoting the services available, explaining the access requirements and the incentives/assistance available from the IAAF to the Member Federations.

Chairman Amadeo Francis, IAAF Vice President, informed that in 2006, expenditures for development will account for one out of every four dollars spent by the IAAF. "In the past 15 years, the Federation has invested over \$94 million in the development programme, and I want to stress the importance of assuring that these resources were well utilized. The successes of the programme were amply demonstrated in the performances of athletes from the less developed countries at our Youth, Junior and Senior Championships," said Francis.

Other matters/proposals discussed:

<>Formal approval of operational Policy and Guidelines for the IAAF's Regional Development Centres and High Performance Training Centres;
 <>Endorsement of the new overall structures of the Education and Certification Systems for Technical Officials and Race Walking Officials;
 <>Chairman entrusted an Advisory Group composed of members Helmut Digel, Hansjörg Wirz and Teddy McCook to examine the operations of the Academy and report on their findings at the next Commission meeting;
 <>Jamel Simohamed, Chairman of the School/Youth Commission reported that Abdel Malek El-Hebil had been appointed as the full-time coordinator for the programme effective 1 October 2005 and that the World Athletics Day would become the World School Athletics Day commencing in 2006.

**Commission and Committee
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World Records set in 2005 as at 8 Dec 2005

MEN

Ratified by IAAF

World

100m 9.77 POWELL Asafa JAM Athens 14-6-2005 Wind 1.6
 10,000m 26:17.53 BEKELE Kenenisa ETH Brussels 26-8-2005
 Road 30Km 1:28:00 MATSUMIYA Takayuki JPN Kumamoto 27-2-2005

World Indoor

400m 44.57 CLEMENT Kerron USA Fayetteville 12-3-2005

World Junior

3000m 7:28.78 CHOGE Augustine KEN Doha 13-5-2005
 10,000m 26:41.75 WANJIRU Samuel KEN Brussels 26-8-2005

Waiting for Ratification by IAAF (or Application to the IAAF awaited)

World

Half Mar 59:16 WANJIRU Samuel KEN Rotterdam 11-9-2005
 Road Relay 1:57:06 Kenya KEN Chiba 23-11-2005
 NDAMBIRI Josphat Ndambiri (13:24/5K)
 MATHATHI Martin (27:12/10K)
 MWANGI Daniel (5K/13:59)
 MOGUSU Mekubo (10K/27:56)
 NYERRE Onesmus (5K/14:36)
 KARIUKI John (7.195K/19:59)

World Junior

Road 10Km Walk 39:32 SÁNCHEZ Eder MEX Helsinki 6-8-2005

Not ratified by IAAF

World

Road 15Km 41:22 GEBRESELASSIE Haile ETH Tilburg 4-9-2005. Not officially timed
 Half Mar 59:05 TADESSE Zersenay ERI South Shields 18-9-2005. Aided course

World Junior

Road 10Km Walk 39:52 PROKHOROV Aleksandr RUS Sochi 13-3-2005. No doping control

WOMEN

Ratified by IAAF

World

Pole Vault 4.93 ISINBAYEVA Yelena RUS Lausanne 5-7-2005
 4.95 ISINBAYEVA Yelena RUS Madrid 16-7-2005
 4.96 ISINBAYEVA Yelena RUS London 22-7-2005
 5.00 ISINBAYEVA Yelena RUS London 22-7-2005
 5.01 ISINBAYEVA Yelena RUS Helsinki 9-8-2005
 Hammer Throw 77.06 LYSENKO Tatyana RUS Moscow 15-7-2005
 Javelin Throw 71.70 MENÉNDEZ Osleidys CUB Helsinki 14-8-2005
 Decathlon 8358 SKUJYTE Austra LTU Columbia 15-4-2005 (100m 12.49/1.6, DT 46.19, PV 3.10, JT 48.78, 400 57.19; 100H 14.22w/2.4, LJ 6.12/1.6, SP 16.42, HJ 1.78, 1500 5:15.86)
 Road 20Km Walk 1:25:41 IVANOVA Olimpiada RUS Helsinki 7-8-2005

World Indoor

5000m 14:32.93 DIBABA Tirunesh ETH Boston 29-1-2005
 Pole Vault 4.87 ISINBAYEVA Yelena RUS Donyetsk 12-2-2005
 4.88 ISINBAYEVA Yelena RUS Birmingham 18-2-2005
 4.89 ISINBAYEVA Yelena RUS Liévin 26-2-2005
 4.90 ISINBAYEVA Yelena RUS Madrid 6-3-2005
 4x200m Relay 1:32.41 Russia RUS Glasgow 29-1-2005
 KONDRATYEVA Yekaterina; KHABAROVA Irina; PECHONKINA Yuliya; GUSHCHINA Yuliya

World Junior

Pole Vault 4.48i SPIEGELBURG Silke GER Münster 25-8-2005
 10,000m Walk 43:11.34 SOKOLOVA Vera RUS Kaunas 21-7-2005
 Hammer Throw 73.24 ZHANG Wenxiu CHN Changsha 24-6-2005

Awaiting Ratification by IAAF (or Application to the IAAF awaited)

World

Road 25Km 1:22:13 NOGUCHI Mizuki JPN Berlin 25-9-2005
 Road 25Km 1:21:57 KASTOR Deena USA Chicago 9-10-2005
 Road 30Km 1:38:49 NOGUCHI Mizuki JPN Berlin 25-9-2005
 Road 30Km 1:38:29 KASTOR Deena USA Chicago 9-10-2005

World Junior

400m Hurdles 54.40 WANG Xing CHN Nanjing 21-10-2005

Not ratified by IAAF

World

Road 25Km 1:21:03+ RADCLIFFE Paula GBR London 17-4-2005. Aided course
 Road 30Km 1:37:27+ RADCLIFFE Paula GBR London 17-4-2005 Aided. course



Yelena Isinbayeva



Olimpiada Ivanova



Osleidys Menendez



Commission and Committee News continued...

Press Commission

On Saturday 26 November 2005, the Press Commission held its annual meeting in the Cagnoni Theatre in the historic northern Italian town of Vigevano, the home of Chairman



Gianni Merlo, who is also AIPS President.

The meeting began with a minute's silence in tribute to the memory of Boris Acquadro (SUI), IAAF Press and TV Commission Member who died on Thursday 9 June 2005, after a long battle with cancer.

General Secretary Istvan Gyulai joined the meeting for the morning session of discussions which concentrated on general issues effecting the promotion and general public appeal of our sport including the transfer of national allegiance by athletes for economic reasons; uniformity of design/colour of

athletes' kit; regulation of Athletes' agents.

After lunch and a tour of the town's picturesque Sforzesco Castle and Piazza Ducale, the meeting concentrated on specific media issues, including the Communications Dept's work; press facilities at IAAF events in 2005; media relationship with the IOC.

The day ended with the Commission members being warmly invited to a splendid buffet dinner at the home of the Chairman.

Photo: Press Commission meeting in session in the Cagnoni Theatre.

EAA welcomes Milz, as Lufft retires

Till Lufft, the General Secretary of the European Athletic Association (EAA) retires at the end of 2005 after ten years of service. Acknowledging Lufft's contribution to the sport and the good working relationship with the IAAF, General Secretary Istvan Gyulai said: "On behalf of the IAAF President Lamine Diack, the IAAF Council and friends and colleagues in Monaco I would like to thank Till for 10 years of excellent cooperation."

With Till's departure a new position of EAA Director General has been created, to replace that of General Secretary, and on 5 September Christian Milz took up this new role. For the past six years Milz has been employed by IMG Suisse as Vice President, responsible for the contract with the International Ski Federation, and he has also worked with other sports.

Photo: Left to Right - Christian Milz, EAA President Hansjörg Wirz, Till Lufft.



Member Federation officers – recent elections

Federation	President	General Secretary
AFG	Jan Alam Hassni (re-elected)	---
AND	---	Francesc Checa
ARU	---	Samuel Dumfries
BHU	---	Karma G. Wangchuk
FIN	Antti Pihlakoski	---
GHA	Sandy Osei-Agyeman	E.K. Oteng-Aboagye
PRK	Paek Hyon Bong	---
MAS	Syed Mohamad Aidid Syed Murtaza (re-elected)	A. Hamid Barkat (re-elected)
MGL	L. Bold	Khorloo Rentsendorj (re-elected)
NZL	Colin Maclachlan	---
ESA	José Benjamin Ruiz Rodas (re-elected)	Erick Vladimir Rivas
SLE	Andre Thomas Hope	Dauda Sundufu-Sowa
SRI	Derwin Perera	---
SYR	Mohsen Abbas	Mahmoud Kamel Abdullah
TUR	---	Nihat Doker
UGA	Daniel Tamwesigire (re-elected)	Beatrice Ayikoru (re-elected)

Suhail Q. Al-Zawawi (KSA) has been elected as the new Vice President of the Asian Athletics Association

<>Helsinki 2005 CEO becomes FIN President<> Antti Pihlakoski, the CEO of last summer's IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Helsinki 2005 has been elected as the new President of Finnish Athletics - Suomen Urheiluliitto RY (FIN) on Sat 26 Nov. A former General Secretary, Pihlakoski was chosen to follow Mr. Ilkka Kanerva, who led the federation between 1990 and 2005. Kanerva becomes Honorary President and will continue as a Member of the IAAF Council.

<>Polish Prime Minister is fast out of the blocks<> Aleksander Kwasniewski, the head of the Polish Government has a PB for 100m of 11.1 seconds. But his Sport Minister Tomasz Lipiec has even better athletics credentials. He was 5th at the 50km Race Walk at the 1997 World Championships. He is a Vice-President of the Polish Athletic Federation.

<>Sri Lankan President's athletics credentials<> The new Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapakse was sworn into office in a state ceremony in the capital Colombo, Sri Lanka, on 19 November 2005. In 1997, Rajapaksa was the President of the Athletics Association of Sri Lanka, the year in which Susanthika Jayasinghe sped to the World Championship women's 200m silver medal in Athens. This was the first ever medal for Sri Lanka at the World Championships in Athletics.

EVAA/EMSA President Dieter Massin receives the highest DLV award



At the European Masters Sports Association (EMSA) Council meeting in Rüsselsheim, GER, on 21 October the EVAA/EMSA President Dieter Massin received the DLV Honorary Plaque, from the DLV Honorary President Theo Rous for his outstanding services to German athletics (*see photo left*). The award is the highest honour that the German Federation can bestow.

World Junior Championships - Alteration to Decathlon Entry Standard

With the introduction of the 0.99m hurdle for junior men's events, it became necessary to make some adjustment to the Decathlon Entry Standard for 11th IAAF World Junior Championships, Beijing, China, 15-20 August 2006, something which has already occurred for the men's individual 110m Hurdles event. This change means that for Beijing there are now three standards for the Decathlon, as follows: Either 6875 (1.067m H / 7.26kg SP / 2Kg DT) or 7050 (1.067m H / 6Kg SP / 1.75Kg DT) or 7090 (.995m H / 6Kg SP / 1.75Kg DT).

**ATHLETES SANCTIONED FOR A DOPING OFFENCE SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER
ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE IAAF AS OF 9 December 2005**

KAZIMIEROWSKI Jacek	POL	Norrstalje Galan (SWE)	11.7.05	Public Warning
SHAROVA Galina	RUS	National Chmps (Tula, RUS)	24.6.04	2 years ineligibility (30.7.04-29.7.06)
FEDOSEVA Elena	RUS	National Chmps (Tula, RUS)	24.6.04	2 years ineligibility (30.7.04-29.7.06)
LISOGOR Ilya	RUS	National Chmps (Tula, RUS)	23.6.04	2 years ineligibility (20.7.04-19.7.06)
IOSIFIDI Natalya	RUS	National Meeting (Krasnodar, RUS)	23.5.04	2 years ineligibility (22.6.04-21.6.06)
ESER Senem	TUR	Turkey MR Chmps (Bursa, TUR)	25.6.05	2 years ineligibility (7.9.05-6.9.07)
SALMI Nabil	ALG	Gaz de France (Bugeat, FRA)	14.6.05	2 years ineligibility (5.10.05-4.10.07)
ESEN Nilay	TUR	Turkey MR Chmps (Bursa, TUR)	25.6.05	2 years ineligibility (31.8.05-30.8.07)
VIVIERS Innis	RSA	National Out-of-Competition	11.2.05	Life Ban
PISKUNOV Vladyslav	UKR	10 th IAAF World Chmps Helsinki	8.8.05	Life Ban
BORCHIN Valeriy	RUS	National Chmps (Adler, RUS)	13.3.05	1 year ineligibility (1.6.05-31.5.06)
RAMOS Rosario	VEN	Juegos Bolivorianos (Armenia, COL)	19.8.05	2 years ineligibility (6.9.05-5.9.07)
PAVLYUCHENKO Sergiy	UKR	Meeting de Tenerife (La Laguna, ESP)	30.7.05	2 years ineligibility (7.9.05-6.9.07)
ERREBBAH Mostapha	ITA	Fort de France Half Mar., Martinique	28.11.04	2 years ineligibility (31.3.05-30.3.07)
BOOKMAN Leo	USA	Jamaica International Meet	7.5.05	Public Warning
WADE Larry	USA	IAAF OOC	1.5.04	2 years ineligibility (12.7.04-11.7.06)
NJOKU Ekpa Simon	NGR	15 th AFN/MOBIL chmps	8.7.05	Public Warning
VOLKOVA Anna	RUS	Russian Cup in Sochi	12.9.05	2 years ineligibility (21.10.05-20.10.07)
KONONCHIK Natalya	RUS	Russian Cup in Sochi	12.9.05	2 years ineligibility (17.10.05-16.10.07)
YARYGINA Oksana	RUS	National OOC in Stavropol	31.5.05	2 years ineligibility (8.8.05-7.8.07)
KASUMU Ahmed	NGR	National Championships	11.5.04	2 years ineligibility (18.6.04-17.6.06)
EL AMINE Badr	MAR	EWE Meeting (Cuxhaven, GER)	9.7.05	2 years ineligibility (2.9.05-1.9.07)
BERNARDELLI Michal	POL	Meeting national d'Albertville (FRA)	06.7.05	Public Warning
PAPADOPOULOU Maria	GRE	IAAF OOC	29.07.05	2 year ineligibility

This list represents the athletes who have been sanctioned for a doping offence by their Federation since the last issue of the IAAF NEWS. A Public Warning also entails disqualification from the competition in which the positive sample was provided.

Dates correspond to the positive doping control test and not the beginning of the ineligibility period.



Sue Richardson, one of the IAAF's longest serving Staff Members has been absent for a considerable length of time with health problems.

Sue, who is currently recuperating from her long hospital stay, would like to thank all her well-wishers for the cards, emails, calls and flowers she has received. After a short break in the UK, Sue returned to Monaco where she is undergoing some more treatment before returning to work, hopefully, early in 2006.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY OFFICE SHUTDOWN

The IAAF HQ Offices will be closed: Sat 24 Dec 2005 to Mon 2 Jan 2006 inclusive.

NB. During this period the IAAF website - www.iaaf.org - will be updated on a daily basis as usual.

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WE CAN LOOK AHEAD TO 2005 WITH GREAT CONFIDENCE

It gives me great pleasure to address you all in the first newsletter of 2005 – which I am extremely confident will turn out to be another great year for our sport.



As we all know, the beginning of 2005 was marked by a great human tragedy caused by the Tsunami in the Indian Ocean. At that time, I was glad to confirm that the IAAF would finance the reconstruction of a two-storey school as its contribution to the normalization of life in Sri Lanka and we are also considering specific proposals received from other Member Federations affected by the devastation. We should also remember that the IAAF is directly involved in all International Olympic Committee initiatives to aid recovery and reconstruction.

Looking ahead to the coming year – we have already seen some excellent, World record breaking performances indoors, and we can look forward to some magnificent World Athletics Series competitions. Next month, the 33rd edition of the World Cross Country Championships takes place in St-Etienne/St-Galmier, France. We then await with eager anticipation the World Youth Championships in Marrakesh, the World Championships in Athletics in Helsinki, the World Athletics Final in Monaco and, to conclude the year, the World Half Marathon Championships in Edmonton. Throughout the year, acting as a sort of bridge, we have a tremendous range of one day competitions, headed of course, by the TDK Golden League with its \$1 million Jackpot.

But outside all these top competitions, we can also look forward to the next IAAF Congress in Helsinki, where a great number of IAAF Rule proposals will be considered. As part of the long term goals of the Athletics' World Plan, I am also confident that in 2005, we will begin taking initiatives to ensure improvements in the structure of our competitions at all levels, to look at ways to increase participation in our sport (particularly the place of athletics in schools) and also find ways to better promote our sport and enhance our long term financial security.

Finally, the IAAF will continue to step up our war against doping by introducing a number of the recommendations made at the last Council Meeting, not least of which is a new IAAF Anti-doping Department with additional members who have specific expertise in the fields of medicine/research, testing co-ordination and education. It is vital that the IAAF's anti-doping measures are efficient and transparent, and that we insist on a policy of "zero tolerance" with the full support of our member federations, and outside entities like WADA and national governments.

Lamine Diack
IAAF President

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This edition of the “**News from IAAF Headquarters**” is naturally focused on the Council meeting which will take place in Doha, Qatar on 9 – 11 April 2005.

We are currently in the midst of a very busy schedule of meetings and carrying out an evaluation of the recent Joint Commissions meeting (see page 3). Last weekend was the Technical Committee (26-27 February), and next comes the Juridical Commission (1-2 March), Golden League Working Group (5 March), Race Walking Committee (12-13 March), Circuits Working Group (18 March), Athletics' World Plan Steering Group (18 March), and Cross Country and Road Running Committee (21 March) meetings.

Rule Changes on the path to Congress

Congress, the IAAF's highest decision making body will meet this summer in Helsinki, Finland, prior to the 10th IAAF World Championships in Athletics taking place in the Finnish capital.

207 proposals for rule changes plus another 14 for the Constitution have already been received, and of course Council can also propose more changes to Congress.

The IAAF has always consulted various expert bodies of opinion when considering rule changes but this process has now been widened. For the first time ever all the rule change proposals have been given to the Commissions such as the Athletes' and the Coaches', to give such experts the opportunity to express their opinions.

The final number of rule change proposals forwarded on for deliberation by this summer's IAAF Congress in Helsinki will depend both on the opinions expressed by these Commissions, and of course the Council discussions in Doha in April.

We are already fully aware at this time that there will be a number of issues which will provoke serious discussion because of the far reaching consequences which would result if they are implemented. In particular there are the matters of Transfer of Allegiance, the False Start Rule, and Award Ceremonies.

Transfer of Allegiance / Change of Nationality

This subject provokes many questions. Should there be a waiting period at all? The answer to which seems logically, yes.

Famous past cases such as Stephen Cherono's (Saif Saaeed Shaheen) rapid transfer from KEN to QAT, and Wilson Kipketer's contrastingly slow process of nationality change from KEN to DEN beg another important question.

With wide variances in the time taken to obtain nationality from one country to the next, if there is a waiting period, when should this period begin? Should it start from the last time the athlete competed for his former country at a major international event or from the point at which the athlete's new nationality was obtained?

The Council and the Juridical Commission favour a proposal which is similar to the current IOC procedure for Transfer of Allegiance. In summary, this is three pronged proposal. (1) Usually the date of acceptance would be three years after the new citizenship is acquired; (2) this period can be reduced to one year if the two Member Federations concerned mutually agree; (3) in truly exceptional circumstances the waiting period can be zero if agreed by the IAAF Council.

It is likely that this proposal will be supported by Council when it goes to Congress, of course on the understanding that the final decision rests with Congress.

False Start Rule Debate

The current False Start Rule provides for one false start, and logically the next step would be for no false start at all.

Has the introduction of the present rule led to fewer delays? Was the notable incident which took place in the men's 100m second round stage of the 2003 World Championships a direct symptom of the rule's implementation? Or was the old rule similarly vulnerable, if we cite for example the notable disqualification delays surrounding the 1996 Olympic 100m final?

In a recent poll carried out on the IAAF website, of the 1351 people who voted, 79.42% were not in favour of immediate disqualification (no false-start at all), while 20.58% wanted to see athletes immediately disqualified.

The athletes themselves seem evenly split. Athletes' Commission Member Frank Fredericks took the initiative of sending a letter to the world's top 20 sprinters in ten events (men's and women's 100m, 200m, 400m, 110mH, 100mH). While the survey is at its earliest stages in terms of response, at

Looking ahead to Doha

the moment 26 sprinters have voted 'no', and 18 sprinters 'yes' to the proposal of no false start at all.

As always there will be a wide consultation process but we must recognise this is such a contentious subject that it is hard to imagine ever finding unanimous agreement, whether we revert back to the previous rule or stay with the present version or undertake new proposals.

Shorter Award Ceremonies

Some members of the Athletics Family in particular some media partners are in favour of Award Ceremonies at World Championships being held outside the stadium, perhaps in a public square in the centre of the host city as is done at the Winter Olympics.

Yet the overwhelming weight of opinion in the IAAF website's poll, while in favour of shorter ceremonies in just one language (76.02% of the 1351 polled), definitely wanted such moments kept within the stadium (73.35% were in favour of the ceremonies as part of the show). Therefore it needs to be recognised that these ceremonies are moments of great emotion and pride for the spectators especially for the home public of those athletes who are receiving medals. Needless to say no medal winning athlete would likely opt for his moment of honour taking place outside the stadium.

Increased IAAF staff

A staff of 67 professionals is currently employed at the IAAF offices in Monaco. Recent staff positions have been advertised on the IAAF website, and have seen the employment of my compatriot Imre Mátraházi as the new Technical Manager. Imre is 45 years old, married and has two daughters. Competition Director of the 2004 World Indoor Championships, he is an ATO and Technical Delegate to the 2006 European Championships.

With Council stepping up its policy of zero-tolerance in the field of doping, three more positions, Medical Manager, Office Manager and Overall Co-ordinator IAAF Testing Programme will soon be filled in the new Anti-Doping Department. With a highly international IAAF staff of over 70 from more than 15 nations - inc. Toru Hirakata (JPN) of Osaka 2007 who is temporarily based in Monaco to learn about the IAAF - the necessity to acquire some further office premises in Monaco has become a necessity and is currently being arranged.

Istvan Gyulai General Secretary

Joint Commissions meeting makes history

Over the course of the weekend of Friday 11 to Sunday 13 February 2005 - representatives of three most important pillars of the Athletics Community, the athletes, the coaches and anti-doping personnel gathered together under the umbrellas of their respective IAAF Commissions to hold, not only their own individual meetings but also an **historic two-hour long joint meeting**.



Along with delegates attending IAAF **Workshops** that considered the structure and format of **One-Day Meetings**, and of **Female Representation in Athletics**, the members of the **IAAF Athletes' Commission, Coaches' Commission, and Medical & Anti-Doping Commission**, in total over 60 people, gathered on the edge of the Principality at the Riviera Marriott Hotel, Cap d'Ail, France for a weekend of discussions.

IAAF President Lamine Diack chaired the meeting accompanied by **General Secretary Istvan Gyulai** and the respective chairmen of the Athletes', Coaches and Medical and Anti-Doping Commissions, namely **Alberto Juantorena (CUB)**, **Igor Ter-Ovanesian (RUS)** and **Juan Manuel Alonso (ESP)**.

"I am very happy to see you all, members of the Athletics Family, respond positively to the IAAF call to sit together and discuss what more we can do in the fight against doping," said President Diack. "We are the leading Federation in this field and it is our duty to keep our sport clean."

The bottom line of the joint meeting was that all parties were willing to be pro-active in the fight against doping although each one inevitably has a different perspective on the topic. In particular, the representatives of the Athletes' Commission, announced their total commitment to Clean Sport, and supported the strict policy of USATF regarding suspensions for life for a first steroid offence. However, the athletes also requested greater transparency and guidance from the IAAF regarding anti-doping rules and procedures.

The input from athletes, coaches and doctors was extremely useful and opened a constructive debate during which the anti-doping specialists responded to the athletes' and coaches' questions related to Out of Competition Testing procedures.



Another important issue raised related to the use of nutrition and food supplements with the medical experts emphasising that the optimal health of professional sportsmen depended on balanced nutrition. As a result, representatives of the three Commissions will be appointed to work in two new **Task Forces** to develop **Educational programmes on anti-doping** and on **Nutrition/Food Supplements**. The first of these names announced was the reigning European 400m Hurdles champion, **Stephane Diagana**, who retired last year and will become part of the Task Force.

(photos: I-r Diack; Gyulai; Fredericks)

It was agreed that an educational programme to "demystify" anti-doping procedures was a number one priority, not only to help athletes but also as a way of being more transparent with the Media and fans.



Frank Fredericks insisted that the whereabouts rules need to take into account the various geographical and cultural differences of our world class athletes (in poorer areas, the athletes do not have easy access to modern technology, and can have difficulties in keeping their programme up dated).

The Medical and Anti-doping Commission confirmed that efforts were made in establishing an Educational programme for youngsters and its first steps will be the production of a user-friendly guidelines booklet for athletes and, in collaboration with WADA, an information stand regarding anti-doping will be set up in the Athletes' village at the next IAAF World Championships in Athletics in Helsinki.

The three IAAF Commissions were also given the 207 proposals for changes to IAAF Technical Rules from IAAF Member Federations which will be presented to **Congress** in Helsinki. As a result of this, the opinions of these important stake holders will be known, and taken into account by IAAF Council, which meets in Doha, Qatar, on 9-11 April 2005 to assess the merits of the various rule change proposals.

Compact calendar, bigger TV audiences - TDK Golden League 2005

TDK Golden League 2005, Athletics' premier series of one day meetings is set to build on its increasing success.

In 2005, the calendar is more compact with the first meeting taking place in Paris on 1 July, and Berlin again providing the finale on 4 September.

With regard to television coverage, in 2004 dedicated broadcasts of the meetings covered 180 territories in total, with a significant number both

inside and outside Europe. Also encouraging was the number of TDK Golden League programmes shown in 2004, with a 34% uplift on that achieved in 2003.

Furthermore, 2004 saw wider coverage with 179 more hours of dedicated broadcasts, with more programmes attracting a greater TV audience. The cumulative audience of over 160 million viewers in 2004 was a 135% rise on that realised in 2003, and comparable television rights

holder agreements are already in place for 2005.

2005 MEETINGS - Paris Friday, 1 July; **Rome** Friday, 8 July; **Oslo** Friday, 29 July; **Zürich** Friday, 19 August; **Brussels** Friday, 26 August **Berlin**, Sunday, 4 September.

2005 EVENTS - Men: 100m, 800m, 1500m or Mile, 3000m or 5000m, 110m Hurdles, High Jump, Javelin Throw. **Women:** 100m, 800m, 3000m or 5000m, 400m Hurdles, Triple Jump.

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Roger Bannister Statue unveiled in USA



A statue of the world's first sub-4 min miler, Sir Roger Bannister was unveiled on 22 February 2005 in Boulder, Colorado, USA.

The creator is a Finn who is known only as 'Eino', a world famous sculptor and former Boulder resident, who was commissioned to do this piece called "Paradigm".

Eino who managed many Finnish runners including Lasse Viren, has a world-wide artistic reputation. His sporting sculptures have represented many great runners, one capturing

Viren's famous Olympic fall, and another a bust of Sweden's 1976 Olympic steeplechase gold medallist Anders Gärderud which is on display at Stockholm's Olympic stadium.

More information about Eino's Bannister commission can be found at the following web pages - www.eino.org/Fea_bannister.htm and www.boulderrunning.com/features/bannister-paradigm.php

(photo: © Greg Cunningham).

Obituaries

summary of those published on www.iaaf.org

<>**Ken O. Bosen** <> acclaimed Indian coach aged 74 years died on 16 February 2005 at his Patiala residence following cardiac arrest. Bosen was highly regarded among his professionals throughout the world and had conducted several IAAF workshops. Chief Coach of Indian Railways and of the Tata Iron and Steel Company (TISCO) teams, and was Chief Coach for the National Team on several occasions.<>

<>**Paul Eerdeken**s <> who was for more than 20 years the Meeting Director of the "Night of Athletics" in Heusden-Zolder, one of Belgium's top athletics meetings, passed away on 8 January 2005. Mr Eerdeken, who had devoted much of his life to promoting the sport he loved, was 61 years old.<>

<>**June Ferguson** <> Australia's greatest coach died on 3 December 2004 aged 76. Ferguson MBE, MA, Dip Phys Ed, a 1948 Olympic 4x100m silver medallist, for over 12 years coached her most famous pupil Betty Cuthbert who re-wrote the World record books and won Olympic Gold medals. By the time Ferguson retired on 18 May 1988, her athletes inc. 4 Olympians, had won/achieved - More than 200 NSW state titles; More than 30 state records; More than 60 national winners and place getters; 16 World records; 5 Olympic Gold medals.<>



<>**Dr Jenő Koltai** <> (photo left) former Head Coach of the Hungarian Athletic Association and its most successful national track and field trainer passed away at the age of 87 on 7 January 2005. He was also coach and mentor to numerous great javelin throwers including World record holder and Olympic winner in Montreal Miklós Németh, Angela Németh who was gold medallist at the Mexico Games and the European championships in 1969, as well as three-time Olympic medallist Gergely Kulcsar. The Pope of Throwers, and first rector of the Hungarian University of Physical Education, it was during his leadership at the 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico that the Hungarian athletic team celebrated its most successful Olympic Games ever, winning 6 medals and scoring 43 Olympic points.<>

<>**Leo Lang** <> one of the most successful coaches in Croatia died at the end of January at the age of 85. Lang was for a couple of years the head coach of the former Yugoslavian team and coached Vera Nikolic, Franjo Skrinjar, Josko Murat among others. In a distinguished career he was also an advisor to many Kenyan and Ethiopian athletes such as Olympic champions Kip Keino and Mamo Wolde.<>

<>**Arthur Lydiard** <> (photo right) New Zealand athletics coach who guided Peter Snell and Murray Halberg to Olympic gold medals, died in the United States on 11 December 2004, aged 87. Lydiard suffered a suspected heart attack at a Houston, Texas, hotel while visiting the United States on a lecture tour. Auckland born and bred, Lydiard went away from the accepted norm of middle to long-distance coaching when, in 1949, he embarked on a seven-days-a-week marathon-type training regime. National titles: Marathon 1953 & 1955. Ran in Empire Games 1950. Best marathon time: 2:39:05. Coached: Peter Snell, Sir Murray Halberg, John Davies and Dick Tayler to their greatest victories. Olympic Coach 1964, Commonwealth Games coach 1974. Made OBE in 1962. Awarded NZ's highest royal honour, membership of the Order of New Zealand 1990. Inducted New Zealand Sports Hall of Fame, 1990. Life member of Athletics NZ, 2003.<>



<>**Jose Luis Martinez** <> three-time Spanish Shot Put champion died aged 34 years on 29 January. PB of 19.31m (in 1995).<>

<>**Ekkehard zur Megede** <> renowned statistician and journalist died at the age of 78 on Friday 25 February. Together with Richard Hymans he compiled an early edition of the 'Progression of World best performances and official IAAF World Records' for the IAAF. He was a former co-editor of the respected German publication Leichtathletik.<>

<>**Alem Techale** <> (photo left) 2003 World Youth Champion at 1500m and fiancée of Olympic 10,000m champion Kenenisa Bekele, died of a heart attack on 4 January 2005, aged 18. Techale, was training with Bekele in Ararat, a forest in a hilly area on the outskirts of Addis Abeba when she suddenly collapsed, and Bekele immediately carried her to his car. On their way to hospital, Techale passed away. Bekele and Techale had been living together for about a year and were engaged.<>



<>**Nettie Witziers-Timmer** <> the second leg relay runner in the Dutch team which won the Olympic 4x100 metres title at London 1948 died at the age of 81 on 25 January 2005. In 1946, Witziers-Timmer was also a member of the team, which became European Champions; in 1944 she also bettered the World record for 4x110 yards (47.4) and the World record for 4x200 metres (1:41.0).<>

Double Joy for Kennedy - U.S. 3000m and 5000m record holder, Bob Kennedy, 34, became a father of twins on Wednesday 12 January 2005. His wife, Melina, gave birth to son, Marcus, and daughter, Sophia, in Indianapolis where the Kennedy's make their home.

Athletics' World Plan

“A very important meeting to start off the year”

The IAAF **Athletics' World Plan** – the long term project launched in Paris at the last IAAF Congress in 2003 with the aim of revitalising the sport and securing its future – had its first major activity of 2005 on Tuesday 22 February, with a meeting of the various group liaison representatives at the IAAF Headquarters in Monte Carlo (*photo: right*).

IAAF Staff heading the eight IAAF World Plan teams - namely: Events, Schools/Youth, Participation, Competence, Facilities, Recognition, Finance and Media - met with representatives of TSE Consulting, who are responsible for ensuring a smooth co-ordination of the World Plan's project management.

Amongst the topics discussed was the role of the World Plan Steering Group, the executive decision makers, as well as that of the IAAF staff liaison within the 8 World Plan teams, who provide administrative support for the respective team leaders.

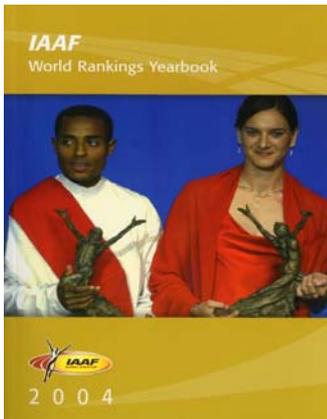


During a frank and open discussion, the importance of keeping momentum going with the World Plan was emphasised. Aims for 2005 are to identify achievable next steps and to ensure that there is no duplication of efforts amongst the various Teams, or between teams and existing IAAF Committees and Commissions. The goal is to maintain a constant flow of communication about challenges and achievements, not only inside and between the various groups, but also when promoting the World Plan to the outside world.

“This was a very important meeting to start off the year 2005,” said TSE Project Director Robin Courage, “because we needed to get feedback from the IAAF professionals who are working closely with their team leaders, who know the different topics, and who have a number of useful suggestions about how to help achieve the main vision of the World Plan which is to ensure that athletics remains the leading sport in the world for individuals.”

The next significant date is 18 March when the World Plan Steering Board, led by IAAF President Lamine Diack, meets in St-Etienne/St-Galmier just prior to the 33rd edition of the IAAF World Cross Country Championships.

IAAF World Rankings Yearbook



The latest edition of the **IAAF World Rankings Yearbook** includes a myriad of fascinating information about top athletes, rising stars, and the relative elite athlete strength of the IAAF Member Federations. For instance, **DID YOU KNOW?**

>> Hicham El Guerrouj has been the leader of his Event for 190 weeks. Maria Mutola's leading streak is even more striking, since it remains unbroken at 198 weeks.

>> Six Men and Five Women dominated their events throughout 2004, by maintaining a constant hold as Event Leaders - Men: Kenenisa Bekele (5000-10,000m), Allen Johnson (110m Hurdles), Felix Sánchez (400m Hurdles), Stefan Holm (High Jump), Dwight Phillips (Long Jump), Christian Olsson (Triple Jump); Women: Maria Mutola (800m), Tatyana Lebedeva (Triple Jump), Svetlana Krivolyova (Shot Put), Yipsi Moreno (Hammer Throw), Carolina Klüft (Heptathlon).

>> Of the 20 men's Events 14 leaders came from different countries! In the Women's Events this figure is 13 out of 19 Events. USA has the most number of athletes in the Top 100 - managing this feat in 14 out of the 20 men's Event, while Kenyan runners achieved it in another 4 Events.

>>No fewer than 129 different Countries made it into the Event Rankings (110 in the men's and 113 in the women's Events) and there are 112 Countries (94 - men's and 89 - women's events) represented in the Overall Rankings.

To buy your copy of the 2004 IAAF World Rankings Yearbook, priced 20USD please contact: IAAF, 17 rue Princesse Florestine, BP 359, MC 98007 MONACO Cedex. Tel. +377 93 10 88 88; Fax. +377 93 15 95 15; Email. headquarters@iaaf.org

Kiprop receives World Junior Record Plaque



Every time that a World record is broken the IAAF sends a commemorative plaque to the relevant Member Federation for them to make a presentation to the athlete concerned. **Uganda's Boniface Kiprop** has been one of the most recent recipients of such an honour (*photo left*).

On 3 September 2004 in all the excitement of World records by Saif Saaeed Shaheen and Yelena Isinbayeva, a World Junior record over 10,000 metres by Kiprop went virtually unheralded at the Brussels Memorial Van Damme - TDK Golden League - meeting. Finishing fifth in the 10,000m in 27:04.00, Kiprop was duly credited with a national best but few people realised he had sliced more than seven seconds off the previous World Junior mark of 27:11.18 that had stood to the name of Kenya's late Richard Chelimo since 1991.

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Member Federation officers – recent elections		
Federation	President	General Secretary
ALG	Toufik Chaouche-Teyara (re-elected)	--
AUS	Ken Roche (Chairman)	--
BUR	--	Compaore Kassoum
CAY	Delroy Murray (re-elected)	Christine Solly
CMR	Sama Douala Ange Aimé	Bonana Emmanuel
DOM	Jose Ludwig Rubio	Luis R. Mejero
EST	Sven Mikser	Marek Helinurm
ETH	--	Theodros Zwedie
ITA	--	Gianfranco Carabelli
JAM	Howard Aris	Garth Gayle (re-election)
JOR	Saad Hiyasat	Ahmad Al Masri
KAZ	Pavel Nokikov	Alexey Kondrat (re-election)
KOR	Pil-Yul Shin	--
LBA	Salah El-Deen Mohamed Al-Arbi (re-election)	Mohamed Emhmed Gremida (re-election)
LIB	--	Ibrahim Mnassa
MAD	Christian James Razafimahefa (re-election)	Paul André Bonnard (re-election)
NZL	Don Chadderton	Jeremy F. Kennerley (Chief Executive Officer)
PER	Enrique Cusicanqui Cbrejos	Carmela Soto Monges
SEY	--	Michel Jean-Louis
SWZ	Basil Howe (re-election)	Sipho Magagula (re-election)
TRI	Ken M. Doldron (re-election)	Allan Baboolal
TUR	Mehmet Terzi	Isik Bayraktar
UKR	Valeriy Borzov (re-elected)	Ihor Hotsul (re-elected)

Getting to know the Officials

<>**Gjergji Ruli**<> President, Albania: Former national High Jump record holder; Director of 'Dinamo' Sports Club; Coach and PE instructor.

<>**Ken Roche**<> Chairman, Australia: 1964 Olympian (400m/400mH); 1962 & 1966 Commonwealth Games 400mH gold medallist; Five-time national champion; Civil Engineer working in management and development of construction and mining.

<>**Leo Lefèvre**<> Co-President, Belgium: national athletics official/administrator since 1992; member of organizing committee of World Cross Country Championships in 2001/2004.

<>**Shaikh Talal Bin Mohamed Al Khalifa**<> President, Bahrain: officer in Bahrain Defence Force; Vice-President Bahrain Motor Federation.

<>**Gianfranco Carabelli**<> General Secretary, Italy: 12 time national team member; Italian champion junior and senior at 800m; Previously also Gen Sec in 1989/90, then of Modern Pentathlon, tennis, fencing and now athletics again. CONI General Director.

<>**Saad Hiyasat**<> President, Jordan: West Asian AA Gen. Sec; former middle and long distance athlete (1977-81); Gen Director of 2003 Arab track Championships; LOC member - 2002 Arab XC Championships and 1983 Arab track Championships.

<>**Pavel Novikov**<> President, Kazakhstan: Vice President NOC; Military rank of Major General; Head of national Army Sports Club.

<>**Sarifa Abdul Magide Fagilde**<> President, Mozambique: employed in Ministry of Education; Professor; lecturer in sports science and mathematics. Combined eventer, set national records in Hurdles and Relays; took part in 1997 World Veterans Champs.

<>**Mehmet Terzi**<> President, Turkey: Holds national marathon record (2:10:25, 7th London Marathon 1987). Winner of San Francisco Marathon in 1987.

Margaret Mahony Honoured by OAA

On the occasion of the Oceania Area Championships in Athletics, which were held in Townsville, Australia, from 16 to 18 December 2004, the Oceania Athletic Association, awarded Life Membership to Margaret Mahony OAM. Margaret is only the fourth person, and first woman, to receive this prestigious honour from the OAA.

In presenting her with her Life Membership, OAA President, Anne Tierney, recounted Margaret's significant contribution to the sport of

athletics at the national, regional and international level. This included a period of 15 years as a member of the OAA Council, of which eight years were served as Vice President. Margaret also represented the Oceania Area as a long time member of the IAAF Women's Committee.

A strong advocate for increased participation of women in all aspects of athletics, Margaret herself was an active role model for other women. As well as being heavily involved in the

governance of the sport at the national and regional levels, Margaret was on many occasions the Manager of many Australian teams at World Championships, Olympic Games and Commonwealth Games. She was also the Manager of the Oceania Team at the 1998 World Cup in Athletics.

For these, and countless other contributions to the development of athletics in the Oceania region, Margaret received her well deserved Life Membership.

Banele Sindani, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Athletics South Africa, has been appointed as the CEO of the newly established South Africa Confederation and Olympic Committees (SASCOC). This body brings together the country's National Olympic Committee, All Africa Games Association, Commonwealth Games Association, and approximately 80 national sports federations.

IAAF website - www.iaaf.org - whose network of 70+ freelance correspondents provide its unrivalled

worldwide coverage of athletics news, is pleased to note that one of its Kenyan correspondents **Peter Njenga**

was recently awarded the title of '**Kenyan Sports Journalist of 2004**'.

**POSITIVE CASES IN ATHLETICS, SANCTIONED DEFINITELY,
ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE IAAF AS OF 24 FEBRUARY 2005**

KOCAK Serpil	TUR	EC Combined 2 nd Leagues, Riga	04.07.04	2 year ineligibility
GRIMES Mickey	USA	IAAF OOC Los Angeles	25.05.04	2 year ineligibility
SASSIMOVITCH Vladimir	BLR	European Cup, Plovdiv	20.06.04	2 year ineligibility
ACULOVA Iana	MDA	EC Novisad	19.06.04	Public warning + 6 months disqualification
HABORAK Milan	SVK	IAAF Madrid meeting	17.07.04	2 year ineligibility
CAKIR Asli	TUR	IAAF World Junior Championships, Grosseto	15.07.04	2 year ineligibility
CHEMLAL Abdelatif	MAR	Millas Delicias, Saragosse	04.09.04	2 year ineligibility
MOORE Jonathan	GBR	Merksem Meeting, Belgium	04.09.04	Public warning & disqualification
WALDER Erick	USA	Adidas Oregon Track Classic	05.06.04	2 year ineligibility
LESNICHYIY Aleksey	BLR	IOC Olympic Games, Athens	20.08.04	2 year ineligibility
KANELERIS Vytautas	LTU	Gustav Sule Memorial, Tartu	13.06.04	1 year ineligibility
PAOLUZZI Loris	ITA	Castel Porziano, Italy	28.04.04	2 year ineligibility
RAJABI Peyman	IRI	Teheran, Iran	23.08.03	2 year ineligibility
MAHMOUDIAN Abolfazi	IRI	Teheran, Iran	23.08.03	2 year ineligibility
TIGHAZOUINE Khalid	MAR	EWE Athletics, Cuxhaven, Germany	28.06.04	2 year ineligibility
KAYDASH Oleksandr	UKR	Reunion Internacional de Atletismo, Madrid	08.06.04	2 year ineligibility

This list represents the athletes who have been sanctioned for a doping offence by their Federation since the last issue of the IAAF News. A Public Warning also entails disqualification from the competition in which the positive sample was provided. Dates correspond to the positive doping control test and not the beginning of the ineligibility period.

N.B. IAAF NEWS and IAAF Website makes 'for the record' announcements of all changes to IAAF World Athletics Series results should athletes retrospectively be sanctioned definitely for positive doping cases, for example cases such as Natalya Sadova (WC 2001), Kelli White (WC 2003), Dwain Chambers (WC 2003) etc....



Kuortane joins growing IAAF ATC network

The Kuortane Sport Institute in Finland has become the latest world class coaching facility to be added to IAAF's growing network of Accredited Training Centres (ATCs) which now numbers 13 facilities across Europe. Director of the Institute 1988 Olympic Javelin champion Tapio Korjus (photo - right) visited the IAAF's offices in Monaco at the end of January to sign agreements and is seen here with General Secretary Istvan Gyulai (photo - left). Kuortane lies towards the western coast of Finland. The centre specialises in the four throwing events, with world class coaching experts and facilities also offered for the Pole Vault, High Jump and Combined Events.

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Marrakech and Helsinki

The largest ever World Youth Championships, and the World Championships in Athletics, the planet's largest sports event of 2005

The 4th IAAF/Maroc Telecom World Youth Championships in Marrakech, Morocco (13-17 July) marks the first time this particular IAAF World Athletics Series event has been hosted on the African continent, although we have already been in Marrakech before for the IAAF World Cross Country Championships, and I am delighted that we will have around 1400 athletes representing close to 180 countries – a new record!



PHOTO - Lamine Diack (C), poses with youth athletes (L to R) Ekaterini Stefanidi of Greece, Elisaveta Ryzih of Germany, Ebony Collins of USA, Abdelghani Ait Bahmad of Morocco and Halima Hachlaf of Morocco during the IAAF/Maroc Telecom World Youth Championships Press Conference on 12 July 2005 in Marrakech, Morocco.

The beautiful and historic city of Marrakech, which has been rightly listed as a World Heritage site, offers all guarantees for the success of these World Championships. The support of his Highness, King Mohammed VI, who granted his royal supremacy to this competition, demonstrates the country's total support and is a great honour for us.

It is now seven years since the World Youth Championships took place in Bydgoszcz, Poland, and back in 1999, some believed it was not really necessary to create another major athletics event. On the other hand, there was also a feeling, which I myself shared, that teenagers have so many choices, so many distractions, not only when it comes to choosing a sport, but choosing other leisure activities as well, that our sport really needed to work to create future stars.

I believed then, and am even more convinced today, that our sport must reach out in an assertive way to this age group; we must encourage them to fall passionately in love with our sport.

When I myself was young, athletics formed the basis of our school sport curriculum. Sadly, athletics is no longer as omnipresent in schools, and it is a duty of the IAAF to plant seeds wherever it can. These World Youth Championships were never intended as just another athletics competition but as a unique opportunity for developing athletes to gain valuable experience, to improve personal bests, and to build friendships with their rivals from every corner of the world.

2005 is a very important year for our sport, because we also have the "jewel in our crown" - the 10th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, which take place in Helsinki, Finland at the beginning of next month (6 - 14 August). The first IAAF World Championships took place in 1983 in Helsinki, so it is going to be a real pleasure to go back to a country that truly loves athletics. We also have the IAAF World Athletics Final to look forward to, as the climax of our track season, in Szombathely, Hungary (3 Sep) - for the Hammer competitions - and Monaco (9-10 Sep) for the rest of the programme.

But the success of any IAAF World Athletics Series event is not only measured in terms of performance on the track, in the field or on the roads, but in broadcasting images, in newspaper headlines and stories and beautiful photographs. For this, I am very glad to have the support of our colleagues from the Media, whose genuine passion for athletics is often underestimated.

Lamine Diack
IAAF President
12 July 2005 - Marrakech



45th IAAF Congress

Just prior to the 10th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Helsinki, Finland (6 - 14 August) the **45th IAAF Congress** will take place at the Helsinki Fair Centre, from **Tuesday 2 to Thursday 4 August**.

The first of two IAAF Council meetings in Helsinki will take place the day before Congress opens, Monday 1 August, with a second gathering held on the morning (only) of Saturday 13 August, the penultimate day of competition. In between, there is also an IAAF Council / IOC Executive Board meeting on Friday 5 August.

Congress registration and the Opening Ceremony, including the presentation of Plaques of Merit, takes place on the first day (2 August), and is followed by two full day sessions of Congress deliberations, discussions and decisions (3 / 4 August).

As well as receiving written reports from the Area Group Associations, Committees and Commissions including that of the Honorary Treasurer and the Finance and Budget Commission, there will be an update of progress of the Athletics' World Plan.

Congress is the IAAF's highest decision making body, and there are some 300 Rule Change proposals on the table to be considered for approval in Helsinki. 28 of these proposals are Constitutional and 272 concern Competition Rules.

Election of a 3rd Female Individual Council Member

One of the headline events occurring during the Congress will be the historic election of a 3rd Female Individual Council Member.

CANDIDATES: (in alphabetical order)
Note. The summary of each career is based upon information provided by the CVs of each candidate. The descriptions are only an arbitrary selection of the many accomplishments achieved by each.

Ludmila Olijars (LAT)

Former Russian and Latvian national team athlete, many times Latvian champion and record holder; former head coach of Latvian team; Athlete Representative; EAA Council Member; General Director of IAAF Accredited Training Centre, Riga; Former meeting Director of EAA meeting in Riga; Languages: Russian, Latvian, English.

Belinda Prince-Agboajan (GHA)

Physical Education (P.E.) teacher retired as Assistant Director of Education; former Regional Coordinator of P.E. for Ghana Education Service; Chaperone/ Coach to numerous national sports teams; Treasurer P.E. Association of Ghana,

and School and Colleges Sport Federation; Member of Ghana AA.

Judith E. E. Simmons (BER)

A Director of NACAC; member of CACAC Executive Council; President of The Bermuda Track and Field Association; Congress Delegate &/or Head of Delegation &/or Team Manager &/or Chaperone at numerous World, Olympic, Regional Champs and Games since 1997. Chair person of XXXIII Carifta Games.

Irena Szewinska (POL)

Seven Olympic medals, and ten European Championship medals and ten times World record holder (100m, 200m, 400m); Member of IAAF Women's Committee, EAA Council, and IOC; President Polish Athletic Association; Vice President Polish NOC; Languages: Polish, English, Russian.

Ellen Van Langen (NED)

1992 Olympic 800m champion, 4th 1990 European Championships, 6th 1995 World Championships; multiple Dutch champion and record holder; 1992 National Sportswoman of the Year; Athletes Representative; Athlete coordinator for Hengelo IAAF GP; Languages: Dutch, English, French, German.

Othman Zaiton (MAS)

A Sports Psychologist; Asian Games, SEA Games & Asian Championships medallist at various disciplines - sprints, Javelin Throw, Heptathlon; 1982 National Sportswoman of the Year; Committee Member - 'Women in Sports' Olympic Council of Malaysia, and of Malaysia Amateur Athletic Union; Languages: English and Malay.

Competition rule change proposals

Of the Competition Rule changes proposed, 239 are Technical, and of these we have already highlighted in a previous edition of this Newsletter (News 73 - 22 April 2005; p3) the lively discussion concerning the False Start Debate and the New Change of Nationality Rule.

Now we give a summary of the discussion concerning two of the other interesting Rule change proposals which will be considered by Congress in Helsinki. These concern how to judge the validity of attempts taken in the horizontal jumps (LJ and TJ), and also the possibility of measuring the length of the Hammer implement after each throw during major competitions.

Horizontal Jumps – the "Touch" or the human eye?

There are those who argue that there are many instances when, via TV and

/or stadium screens showing slow motion play backs of the horizontal jumps, the human eye clearly sees that part of the athlete's foot has passed the edge of the take-off board, even though no mark has been made on the plasticine. The argument continues that in such clear cases, shouldn't the human eye be the judge of whether a foul has been committed, even if there is no physical trace that the athlete has actually touched the plasticine?

The present Rule says:

An athlete fails if he: (a) while taking off, touches the ground beyond the take-off line with any part of his body, whether running up without jumping or in the act of jumping

In other field events - throws from the circle (touching the top of the rim or the ground outside) and the vertical jumps (touching the landing area or ground beyond the plain of the uprights without first clearing the bar) - the principle of judging a foul is left entirely to the human eye.

But in horizontal jumps we have a plasticine board set in the ground, immediately after the take-off line to prove if an athlete has "touched" and therefore fouled his or her jump.

Those who propose a change state that even though the plasticine indicator board has an elevation of 7mm in relation to the take off board (with the plasticine at 45 degrees + 3mm horizontally), it can happen that the tip of the shoe (some purposefully designed by the manufacturer to avoid marking) sticks over the take-off line but does not leave a mark. In some other cases it might even touch the plasticine but still not leave a clear mark. Plasticine (e.g. when it is cool) can sometimes be too hard or a little uneven after smoothing out a mark from a previous jump.

The counter argument (from those who want the rule to stay as it is) is that if there is no mark, that's because there was no force whatsoever at that point of the jump, so it is irrelevant from the performance point of view. In other words, the jump is fair, even though it may not look that way when replayed on TV screens or on the stadium monitors.

Congress will consider then, whether we either leave the "touch" and trust the human eye to judge the vertical plane of the take off line (as in other field events), or we keep the "touch" and accept the argument of athletes and coaches who will never be convinced of a foul without a clear mark.

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When deliberating this matter, consistency with other rules must also be borne in mind. In other field events (even without the use of plasticine) 'touching' is also mentioned but that is judged by the eye of the official.

Hammer – Rule 191.6

The Technical Committee supported the proposal of several countries for the length of the hammer implement to be measured after each throw during a competition but there were some fears expressed that this measurement would delay the event. It is a fact that the overall length of a hammer may

slightly increase during throws depending on its construction, especially the shape and design of the handle. It is also a fact that using a longer Hammer gives an unfair advantage to the thrower and shouldn't be allowed.

Of course, before a competition, each hammer is checked, but presently this is not normally the case during the event itself.

If the implements were to be checked 'round by round' the device that would be needed to check the length would have to be purposed built to a very high precision.

To be measured, the implement would simply and quickly be hung on the device and a judge would check if it touched the base or not. If it did touch the base, it would prove the implement was not of the standard length anymore and would be removed from the pool. The whole procedure should not take more than a few seconds.

Of course, we could expect such in-competition measurement only at major competitions, and though the special stand would be an additional requirement at events, the time factor involved in the actual measurement would be insignificant.

World Athletics Day 2005 Draw and Marrakech Class of Future Champions

At IAAF HQ (Villa Miraflores) on Wednesday 15 June, Kajsa Bergqvist of Sweden, the European champion and former two-time World Indoor women's High Jump gold medallist, made the **Draw for the World Athletics Day 2005**.

From the names of the children from over 160 Member Federations who took part in the IAAF's annual worldwide festival of youth (7/8 May), one boy and one girl from each of the six Areas - Africa, Asia, Europe, NACAC, Oceania, South America - were drawn by Bergqvist. As we write

these 12 lucky winners (*names shown below*), along with those from the 2004 draw, are attending the 4th IAAF World Youth Championships in Athletics in Marrakech, Morocco, 13 - 17 July 2005 to which they were invited as their prize.

Africa: Boy - RANKGOMO, Gaone (BOT) 1500m 4:01.1 1988; Girl - CHAULUKA, Memory (MAW) 3000m 10:48.0 1989	NACAC: Boy - OHLSEN, Jack (CAN) 400mH 1:00.46 1988 Girl - GIJSBERTHA Licyanne (AHO) 200m 27.68/400m 61.50 1988
Asia: Boy - ALBISHI, M.Ali (KSA) 200m 21.97 1988; Girl - CAO, Kun (CHN) 800m 2:10.59 1989	Oceania: Boy - GREENELEE, Joshua (AUS) HJ 1.80m 1988; Girl - WISIL, Tora (PNG) 200m 26.6 1988
Europe: Boy - KRAKAUSKAS, Aivaras (LTU) 3000m 8:58.03 1988; Girl - ZAREMBSKA, Patrycja (POL) 100mH 14.59 1988	South America: Boy - MC FALANE, Jorge (PER) 110mH 14.1 1988 Girl - CHIARAVIGLIO, Valeria (ARG) HJ 1.60m 1989

One of the highlights of the WAD winners' Marrakech experience was to participate in the **Marrakech Class of Future Champions**. This clinic got off to a roaring start on Sunday 10 July, as over 700 youngsters from around the world attended an opening ceremony prior to two days of sessions with some of the greatest names in athletics.

signing autographs, photo below- who were to guide each Class session.



The questions were frank and ranged from how to prepare for competitions to the Stars' views on the fight against doping in sport, going into the champions' own experiences as youngsters, to asking for tips on how to handle stress before competition, to what it was like being in the spotlight at an early age.

After a welcome speech from IAAF Honorary Treasurer, Jean Poczobut, the champion stars were introduced, **Nezha Bidouane (MAR), Heike Drechsler (GER), Wilson Kipketer (DEN), Ana Fidelia Quirot (CUB) and Maksim Tarasov (RUS) -all shown**

Over the course of the next two days, the youngsters were split into groups and invited to attend questions and answers sessions with these stars.

All the subjects were answered with enthusiasm by the older athletes who all enjoyed the opportunity to give something back to athletics by sharing their knowledge and experience with boys and girls from around the world.

Athletics for a Better World – Stars Unite to help those in need



With the support of three United Nations' Humanitarian Associations – the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), the World Food Programme (WFP) and UNICEF – the **"Athletics for a Better World – The IAAF Stars' Donation Fund"** has been launched.

The aim of this Charity Project is to encourage our top athletes to increase awareness of and raise funds for humanitarian initiatives. Star athletes (past and present) have been invited to donate a significant item from their most memorable competition to the IAAF. These items will then be auctioned and the profits divided equally amongst our three Humanitarian partners: the FAO, WFP and UNICEF.

A special section of the IAAF website for "Athletics for a Better World - the IAAF Stars' Donation Fund", has been opened. Already we have some star auctions items - **Stefan Holm** (2.40m PB European Indoor gold medal spikes); **Carolina Klüft** (Olympic gold medal winning Swedish kit); **Liu Xiang** (Olympic gold medal winning Chinese kit); **Haile Gebrselassie** (1996 Atlanta Olympic bib number), **Asafa Powell** (the right spike from his 9.77 World Rec); **Debbie Ferguson** ('Golden Girls' silver coin), **Colin Jackson -photo left** (12.91 World record vest); **Roman Sebrle** (Olympic gold medal winning spikes)...and so the list will continue to grow week by week, so keep a watch out on www.iaaf.org

The projects patrons – representing different continental areas – who have volunteered with great enthusiasm, are: **Beatrice Faumuina (NZL), Carolina Klüft (SWE), Koji Murofushi (JPN), Debbie Ferguson (BAH) and Paul Tergat (KEN).**



World Championships and Golden League get TV rights boost

Helsinki Broadcasts to reach more territories than ever

The 10th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Helsinki, Finland, 6-14 August, (Photo right: Olympic stadium) has already broken one record. With the support of the IAAF's Marketing and Broadcasting Sales' partner Dentsu, broadcasting rights agreements for the 10th edition of the IAAF World Championships in Helsinki have been signed covering no fewer than 192 territories worldwide – compared to 182 for the last edition in Paris two years ago, which was the previous record.

But as well as these rights' holder agreements, multi-territory news access deals have also been signed with SNTV, Reuters, Deutsche Welle and ESPN Star, and agreements are also in place for clips to be included in TV sports magazines on Gillette World Sport, Trans World Sport and TV5.

Three minute streaming highlight after each session on IAAF website

In addition to this extensive broadcasting coverage, for the first time ever, three minute video clips of the best action from each session will be available on the IAAF website shortly after the close of competition. In another breakthrough, the IAAF will produce 6 hours of live radio daily on FM networks and streamed on www.iaaf.org, working in collaboration with the Local Organising Committee and the Host Broadcaster YLE.

IAAF President Lamine Diack said: "I am very pleased to note that the broadcasting rights' sales for our biggest event demonstrates that our sport continues to gain in worldwide

appeal, since this is a fundamental pillar of the IAAF's long term strategy."



US Athletics fans will enjoy record broadcast

In a ground breaking cooperative effort between IAAF, Dentsu Inc., USA Track & Field (USATF) and the World Championships Sports Network (WCSN), athletics' fans in the United States will have the opportunity to watch unprecedented coverage of the 2005 World Outdoor Track & Field Championships.

In total, more than 70 hours of event broadcast coverage will be available to US fans via national broadcast on the PAX national television network, Comcast Regional Sports Network (RSN), and online.

Webcast Breakthrough

Fifty-plus hours of live coverage will also be webcast on a pay-per-view basis at www.wcsn.com, the website of the World Championship Sports Network (WCSN), with the site to be launched in late July.

All material on [wcsn.com](http://www.wcsn.com) will be archived, so fans can view the action

from Helsinki at any time – including live, during the World Championships from August 6-14.

Golden League – TWI and IMG worldwide rights' distributor

The IAAF has appointed the world's largest independent sports producer and distributor TWI to distribute the exclusive worldwide TV rights for the IAAF's top tier of one-day athletics meetings, currently known as the TDK Golden League, for the period 2006-2009. It has also appointed sports marketing agency IMG to a sponsorship role.

Created in 1998, the Golden League brings together the most important one-day athletics meetings – which this year take place in Paris, Rome, Oslo, Zurich, Brussels and Berlin. All six meetings will continue in the Golden League in 2006, with the possibility that Monaco, a Golden League meeting from 1998 until 2002, will return. To preserve the highest quality of the product, the IAAF will establish a new annual promotion and relegation formula.

The new format will build on the traditions and excitement of the individual competitions to create a highly visible, unified platform for the greatest athletes in the world. The Golden League is designed to focus attention on athletics as a TV spectacular over a concentrated period of time during the traditional summer season in Europe. The Golden League stands for the 'best of the best' in athletics. The world's premier one-day meetings, each with its own unique flavour, combine to make the perfect recipe of world class sporting entertainment.

Helsinki 2005 souvenirs are online



In commemoration of the world's biggest sporting festival of 2005, an extensive range of attractive products and souvenirs has been launched to mark the 10th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Helsinki, Finland (6-14 August 2005).

In the last edition of the IAAF NEWS no.74 (May 2005) we reported the announcement that Helsinki 2005 stamps and coins had gone on sale in Finland. Now athletics fans worldwide have the opportunity to buy over 100 different products which will steadily come on stream on the official on-line store - <http://www.helsinki2005shop.fi> - T-shirts with short or long sleeves, hats, glassware, pins, mascots, bags, watches etc...

During the championships themselves the Helsinki 2005 Official Licensed Product line will of course also be available to be bought at the Helsinki Olympic Stadium. There will be more than 10 shops in the stadium area, and special retail outlets in the Media Centre, VIP area, and Athletes' Village.

2003 World Championships 4 x 400m Relay golds presented to France

On Friday 1 July at the Meeting Gaz de France, Paris Saint-Denis, the opening fixture of the TDK Golden League 2005, there was an emotional and patriotic note to proceedings, with the presentation of the 2003 World Championships 4 x 400m gold medals to France, with Stéphane Diagana, Naman Keita, Leslie Djhone, and Mark Raquil (photo: right) being given their awards by IAAF Treasurer Jean Poczobut (FRA) in the Stade de France. *Note. the original winners USA were disqualified following the positive drugs test of one of their squad (Calvin Harrison).*



The International Museum of Athletics – memorandum is signed



On Sunday 19 June, an historic agreement was signed that will establish a world athletics museum in Athens, Greece, which will be called **The International Museum of Athletics**.

Fanni Palli-Petralia, the Alternate Minister of Culture, on behalf of the government of the Hellenic Republic (Greece), and President Lamine Diack

on behalf of the IAAF, signed a memorandum of cooperation.

The museum will be located in the Olympic Park of Athens (OAKA), Maroussi, northern Athens, and housed in 5000sq. metres of the building, which during the Olympic Games acted as the International Broadcasting Centre (IBC) – *photo left*.

'Big Five' meet with IAAF

In the IAAF Constitution, Road Running is a part of Athletics which the IAAF is supposed to govern worldwide but it is an area of our sport where contacts have been traditionally difficult, especially at a Member Federation level.

Acknowledging this fact and in an effort to improve relationships with the road running community, the IAAF and a group which has become known as the 'Big Five', the marathons in

Boston, Berlin, Chicago, London and New York, have twice met for meetings. The first meeting was at the Olympics last August and the second at the World Cross Country Championships last March.

The figures speak for themselves. The 'Big Five' are shown on television in 150 countries to over 250 million viewers. They have over 300,000 entry applicants of whom 150,000 finish races. They pay over 10,000,000USD

in prize money and appearance fees, with a yearly income of 90,000,000USD, and 80,000,000USD is spent on Charity, and they alone control over 100 Road Races over the world.

A joint working group is to be set up, with the aim to improve relationships between the IAAF and Road Races, and more details of its principles and proposals will follow.

Obituaries



Artur Takac (YUG / CRO) - The funeral of Honorary IAAF Life Personal Member, who went missing at the end of January 2004 during a family ski holiday in Kopaonik, the highest mountain in central Serbia, took place in Belgrade's Central Cemetery on Monday 4 July 2005. The IAAF was represented by General Director Pierre Weiss and Honorary Life Member Igor Ter-Ovanesyan - Artur's old friend and colleague. President Lamine Diack and General Secretary Istvan Gyulai were already in Singapore for the IOC Session at the time.

Takac, who was 86 and had been an expert ski enthusiast all his life, in bad weather conditions, after riding a ski lift to the 2000m summit of Kopaonik, on the boundary between Serbia and Kosovo, failed to return, and until last Monday (27 June) his body had not been found. Born in 1918 in the town of Varazdin in southern Hungary, which later became part of Yugoslavia, Takac, after an active sporting career which was cut short by the Second World War, became an international sports administrator. There followed a long and distinguished career with the IOC, IAAF and EAA, during which he was elected Honorary Life

Member of the IAAF (1999) and EAA (1987).

In 1960, he became a member of the then IAAF European Committee, and in 1968, at Congress in Mexico, he was elected on the IAAF Council. In 1970 he resigned from his position as IAAF Council Member, as he had accepted the post as IOC Technical Director, and later became a personal adviser to IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch. In the same year, the IAAF Congress ratified the rules of the European Athletic Association, which was the former European Committee of the IAAF, and Takac became a member of the EAA Council. In 1976, he came back on the IAAF Council as Area Group Representative for Europe until 1987. In this capacity on the IAAF Council he actively contributed to the creation of the World Cup, the first step towards the IAAF World Championships in Athletics, the inaugural edition of which was held in 1983. In 1987, he was elected as an individual IAAF Council Member until 1999. From 1999, at IAAF Congress in Seville, Spain, he became an IAAF Honorary Life Personal Member. In 1991, he was nominated as a member of the IAAF Marketing Commission, until 1999. He was also a member of the IAAF Working Group 2000, which was set up by the IAAF Council in November 1993.

Boris Acquadro (SUI) - IAAF Press and TV Commission member, who was on the verge of his 76th Birthday, died on Thursday 9 June 2005, after a long battle with cancer. Born 18 June 1929, Acquadro had been a TV journalist since 1954, covering in the course of his distinguished career 18 Olympic Games.



A former Head of Sport at Swiss Television and EBU (European Broadcasting Union) Sports Group and a member of the IAAF Press and TV Commission since 1987, Acquadro was a former chairman of the Sports Programme Commission of the EBU. He was awarded the 1978 International Olympic Committee Prize for his teaching activities in Switzerland and his considerable work as Head of Sport in Swiss Broadcasting. An internationally respected and well loved figure in sports' broadcasting, his beaming smile and warm personality will long be remembered.

Sandy Duncan (GBR) – Athletics and Olympic administrator died last month at the age of 93. Kenneth Sandilands Duncan (Born April 26, 1912; Died June 18, 2005) ran the British Olympic Association as its General Secretary for 26 years. Chef de Mission for the British team at 12 Olympics, summer and winter, between 1952 and 1972. He also worked as honorary secretary of the Commonwealth Games Federation from 1954 to 1982. *A fuller obituary is available on the IAAF website.*

Calvert Woods (VIN) – General Secretary of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Amateur Athletics Association died suddenly last month. *NB. More details will be published as and when we receive them.*



Member Federation officers – recent elections

Federation	President	General Secretary
AFG	--	Abdul Khalil Baig
ALG	--	Nacer Chiri
BAH	Michael Stands (Vice Pres. standing in until AGM)	--
GBS	--	Imberique Faustino
ROM	Ilie Floroiu	Traian Badea
TJK	Rashid Saidov	Gayrat Nigmatov (re-elected)

Asian Athletics Association – Suresh Kalmadi (re-elected)

Getting to know the Officials

Ilie Floroiu ROM <> President <> - member of Romanian Olympic Committee; 25 times national champion; 13 national records; still holds the Romanian national records at 5000m flat (13:15.00, Bucharest, 23 July 1978) and at 10,000m flat (27:40.06, Prague, 29 August 1978); 21 times Balkan Champion; 1976 Olympic Games, Montreal - 10,000m 5th place; 1974 European Championships, Rome - 5000m 5th place; 1978, Prague - 5000m 5th place and 10,000m 7th place; since 1990 a member of the Federal Board and of the Federal Council of the Romanian Athletic Federation; 1990-2005 the General Director of "FARUL" Constanta Sportive Club.

Traian Badea ROM <> General Secretary <> 1977-1980: Administrator of '23 August Stadium'; 1980-1987: Organiser at the Romanian Athletic Federation; 1987-1 Feb 1990: Director of the Bucharest Olympic Centre; 1 Feb 1990-Nov 1992: Dep. Gen. Sec. Romanian Athletic Federation; Nov 1992-Nov 1996: Gen. Sec. Romanian Athletic Federation; Nov 1996-Oct 2000: Dep. Gen. Sec. Romanian Athletic Federation; Oct 2000- Sep 2003: Gen. Sec. Romanian Athletic Federation; Sep 2003- May 2005: Dep. Gen. Sec. Romanian Athletic Federation.

Magnanimous Grant from ONOC to HPTC – Oceania

The Oceania National Olympic Committees (ONOC) have recently awarded a grant of US\$20,000 to the IAAF High Performance Training Centre – Oceania. The grant is the result of an application that was made to ONOC under the Olympic Solidarity funding criteria.

Steve Hollings, the Director of the HPTC – Oceania stated, "We are overwhelmed by the generosity of the financial support of ONOC. This grant

will be well used to enhance both the athletics and vocational careers of those scholarship athletes who currently reside at the HPTC – Oceania. With this enhanced funding from ONOC we can now make further headway towards achieving our stated aim of "Creating an Environment of Excellence" and in providing a holistic programme of personal development."

In commenting on the announcement of the ONOC Grant, the Chairman of

the Board of the HPTC - Oceania, Bill Bailey, IAAF Council Member, was quick to praise the generosity of ONOC. "We have a wonderful relationship with ONOC... Now ONOC has stepped in to help us develop more comprehensive programmes for the athletes at the HPTC. We are enormously appreciative of both the moral and financial support that ONOC continues to provide to us."

El Guerrouj, Faumuina and Kogake are honoured



Hicham El Guerrouj (MAR) - the multiple World record holder, double Olympic champion (1500m/5000m) and four-time World 1500m gold medallist, received two prestigious honours in June.

Firstly, he received an honorary Master's Diploma from the University Al Akhawayn d'Ifrane (*photo*) in recognition of his promotion of the image of Morocco abroad thanks to his great sporting achievements. This was the University's greatest award since they honoured Hillary Rodham Clinton in 1999.

Secondly, Mr. Michel Cambanis, the Ambassador for the Hellenic Republic (Greece) in Rabat, Morocco, on behalf of the mayor of Athens Madame Dora

Bakoyannis, declared El Guerrouj to be an Honorary Citizen of Athens, noting that the middle distance runner and his deeds exemplified the glory and the spirit of the Olympic Games.

Beatrice Faumuina (NZL) - the 1997 World Discus Throw gold medallist and reigning Commonwealth champion, was awarded the title of Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit (ONZM) for her services to Athletics in Queen Elizabeth II's Birthday's Honours List, which was released by the New Zealand Government on 6 June.



Teruji Kogake (JPN) - Member of IAAF Masters' Committee (Honorary

Vice President of JAAF, Honorary Vice President of the Japanese Olympic Committee) was awarded the "Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon" for his outstanding contributions in the athletics and other sport fields by the Japanese Government on 23 May 2005. This order is awarded only to individuals who have made distinguished contributions in their specific fields. There have only been a few people who have been awarded this kind of order in sport.

In this connection, JAAF (promoters were Hanji Aoki and Yohei Kono) and the Japanese Olympic Committee organised a congratulatory party for him in Tokyo on 27 June 2005, with the participation of 450 people including Yoshiro Mori (former Prime Minister), Yohei Kono, Hanji Aoki, and a number of Diet members, as well as Koji Murofushi Olympic Gold medallist for the Hammer Throw at Athens.

Photo: Murofushi presents Kogake with a bouquet of flowers at the party on 27 June.

ATHLETES SANCTIONED FOR A DOPING OFFENCE SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE IAAF AS OF 14 July 2005

LIEDTKE Klaus	GER	WK National Competition, Lübeck	11.9.05	2 years ineligibility (until 2.11.06)
LEWIS-FRANCIS Mark	GBR	EAA European Indoor Champs	5.3.05	Public Warning
OTOSSON Daniel	SWE	National OOC	6.12.04	2 years ineligibility (until 27.5.07)
MIRONOVA Elena	RUS	National Indoor Champs	10.2.05	2 years ineligibility (10.3.05-9.3.07)
ANDREYEV Vladimir	RUS	IAAF OOC	27.1.05	1 year ineligibility (15.4.05-14.4.06)**
KLIMENKO Igor	RUS	National Indoor Champs	11.2.05	2 years ineligibility (10.3.05-9.3.07)
SAFONOVA Darya	RUS	National Indoor Champs	10.2.05	2 years ineligibility (10.3.05-9.3.07)
MEZHEVOV Andrey	RUS	National Champs – long throws	19.2.05	2 years ineligibility (20.3.05-19.3.07)

This list represents the athletes who have been sanctioned for a doping offence by their Federation since the last issue of the IAAF News. A Public Warning also entails disqualification from the competition in which the positive sample was provided. Dates correspond to the positive doping control test and not the beginning of the ineligibility period.

**First offence specified substance (Salbutamol)

World records – recently ratified

Originally announced on 14 June 2005 on www.iaaf.org

Women - Indoor



4x200m Relay 1:32.41: Russia, RUS - Glasgow, GBR 29 Jan 2005

Team members - Yekaterina KONDRATYEVA, Irina KHABAROVA, Yuliya PECHONKINA, Yuliya GUSHCHINA

Previous –

1:32.55: SC Eintracht Hamm, FRG - Dortmund, GER, 20 Feb 88

Team members - Helga Arendt, Silke Knoll, Mechthild Kluth, Gisela Kinzel.

1:32.55: LG Olympia Dortmund, GER - Karlsruhe, GER, 21 Feb 99

Team members - Esther Möller, Gabi Rockmeier, Birgit Rockmeier, Andrea Philipp.

Photo - Yuliya Gushchina (on left) takes over on final leg from Yuliya Pechonkina (on right)

NEWS 76 - In the next edition of the IAAF Newsletter (autumn 2005) – there will be coverage of all the major news and decisions from Congress, and a report from the two Council meetings in Helsinki, plus all the regular items including the latest Member Federation news and a selection of book reviews...

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Osaka 2007

800 days to go!

With the 10th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Helsinki, Finland, being held in just over two months (6 - 14 August 2005), preparations are already well underway for the following edition in 2007 which will be hosted by the Japanese city of Osaka.

During the last month, an IAAF General Site Visit and a Technical Delegates' Site Visit took place, and the Local Organising Committee also launched their official website for the Championships.



The concept of the Osaka 2007 logo, which was launched last November, is "TIME", the fusion of the word "OSAKA" and the figures of an athletics timing clock. **There are now just over 800 days to go to the championships** (NB. to be precise, 816 on the date of the publication of this newsletter) **which will offer a once in a lifetime experience for the people of Osaka and its surroundings.**

The countdown clock can be viewed 'second by second' on the main title banner of the Osaka 2007 home page - URL: <http://www.osaka2007.jp> - which was launched on 14 May.

Osaka's population of over 2,600,000 makes it Japan's second largest city after Tokyo. It is located approximately in the centre of Japan and is at the hub of the Kansai region, and due to the many rivers which flow through the city, Osaka is known as "the water

capital." The Shinkansen (bullet train) connects Osaka with Tokyo in only 2.5 hours, transporting 500 million travellers each year.

This summer's World Championships marks the second time the premier IAAF World Athletics Series (WAS) event has been hosted by the Finns, following on from the inaugural championships in 1983. Similarly, 2007 will be the second occasion on which the Japanese people have organised this WAS event, which will be the largest sporting event in the world in 2005. The capital Tokyo held the third edition of the World Championships in 1991.

The IAAF visit to Osaka this month coincided with a spectacular edition of the IAAF Japan Grand Prix meeting (Saturday 7 May) in Nagai stadium, the future venue of Osaka 2007, and allowed for all organisational and technical aspects of the Championships preparations to be reviewed.

The timetable for "Osaka 2007" is coming close to being finalised, and it is nearly certain that the Marathons and the Race Walking events will start at 7am in the morning, and that the main part of the Evening Sessions will start at 7.30pm.

"The IAAF was very pleased with the Local Organising Committee and the support of the city of Osaka, and the organisation of the Championships seems to be very attentive to detail," commented General Secretary Istvan Gyulai who was in Osaka with IAAF Vice-Presidents, Dapeng Lou and Helmut Digel.

The 11th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Osaka 2007 will be held from Saturday 25 August to Sunday 2 September 2007 at Nagai Stadium in Osaka City, Japan, with 24 events for men and 23 events for women.

Photo: IAAF General Secretary Istvan Gyulai and IAAF Vice-President Dapeng Lou in Osaka. (Matsunaga / Agence SHOT)



Athletics' World Plan

Say the words 'Cross Country' and what springs to mind is mud, rain and freezing cold winds. Add to that the unprecedented snow which covered most of France in mid-March, and no wonder the world's top distance runners were packing their heavy sweaters and warm jackets, heading for the World Cross Country Championships in St-Etienne/St-Galmier, near Lyon.

Surprise, surprise they were greeted by 25 degree temperatures - just like Addis Ababa and Nairobi in fact. The Ethiopians and Kenyans continued their rivalry in perfect conditions and who will forget the heart warming sight of Bekele retaining his titles and allowing himself a wistful smile.

Physical education in schools

Meanwhile there was work for the Steering Group of the Athletics' World Plan led by President Lamine Diack, to review progress, increase efficiency and promote some exciting new ideas.

Most important was the proposal of Vice-President Amadeo Francis to promote Athletics as the vital core of all Physical Education in schools around the world. Athletics should be the prime tool of education, the basis of all sporting activities. Running, Jumping and Throwing are the fundamental elements of sport and form the basis of a healthy society.

The IAAF is now seeking to work with its Member Federations to contact national Governments, in particular the Ministries of Education, Health and Sport, to propose that the Athletics' School and Youth project can really help to combat the problems of obesity and poor health in society. Global organisations like UNESCO and UNICEF have a particularly powerful role to play in this important scheme.

There are already signs of this working. The Spanish Federation

is already working with its Ministry of Education on a youth and athletics programme. Over 40 Governments have started to implement health and fitness programmes but it is not clear that these are founded around a basis of Athletics. The challenge is to ensure that Athletics takes the lead in co-operating with government. It is not over-stating to say that this programme, if effectively pursued now, could radically change the future for Athletics.

This is a relatively long-term proposition which will require dynamic co-operation with Member Federations if it is to succeed. The IAAF is also looking to a new partnership with AIMS (Association of International Marathons and Road Races) to promote running as the healthy lifestyle.

Dynamic schedules

The purpose of the Athletics' World Plan is to change the future. This can be seen in the work being done in the reshaping of the World Championships timetable for Osaka 2007. Vice-President Dapeng Lou and his team are seeking a more dynamic schedule that is also much more viewer and spectator friendly. The Event team are also reviewing the World Calendar to create a more intelligent and comprehensive structure, looking, for example, to create more competition, particularly in the Southern Hemisphere between October and March.

Youth is the key

Youth in Athletics is a key concern. There is a need to provide greater competition for Youth, Junior and Under-23 competitors and encouraging more Member Federations to qualify their athletes for the World Student Games of FISU (International University Sports Federation) as a vital step in their athletics career.

Artificial surfaces

Hansjörg Wirz has drawn our attention to the shadow of "Footballisation" which hangs over our sport, as more and more new stadia are built without a running track. A further problem arises as FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) encourages the use of all-weather surfaces. Many stadia are looking to replace natural turf with artificial grass.

This immediately rules out the Hammer Throw and Shot Put; puts a big question mark over the Discus Throw both for measurement and the danger of the implement spinning at speed across the artificial surface; only the Javelin Throw has a possibility to cope with the new surface. These matters will be discussed with FIFA who acknowledge the problem.

It is now recognised that the IAAF needs to embark on a campaign of "Recognition" around the world, to stay on terms with the IOC and FIFA. A variety of ideas have been put forward and all athletics fans are welcome to make further suggestions. Already proposed by Vice President Helmut Digel are strategies for "good stories" to combat the damaging exposures of drugs and doping.

A partnership with a leading world news agency is being considered to provide lively profiles of top athletes to be distributed to Broadcasters around the world.

A team of "Ambassadors" drawn from current leading athletes is being created and another of "Senior Ambassadors" happy to support their sport. Anyone in St-Galmier Casino, the venue for the IAAF dinner at the World Cross Country Championships, who saw 1956 Olympic Marathon champion Alain Mimoun dancing round the tables and kissing the girls like a teenager, would do well to sign up for a marathon immediately and hope for a long life.

2nd Official IAAF Partner Workshop

On Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 April 2005, the **2nd Official IAAF Partner Workshop** was held in Helsinki, Finland.

General Director Pierre Weiss represented the IAAF at the event which was attended by over 60 executives, managers and other personnel from all the IAAF Partners: Epson, Mizuno, Seiko, TDK, Toyota; IAAF Official Supplier: Mondo, the local organising committee of the 10th IAAF World Championships in



Athletics, Helsinki, Finland, 6 - 14 August 2005, and the IAAF Marketing Partners: Dentsu, and Athletics Management and Services (AMS).

As well as various individual meetings, there was a major presentation concerning Helsinki 2005, covering 12 points of discussion including ticketing, accreditation, transportation, television and licensing. There was also a site visit to the Olympic stadium - a new back-straight roof has just been completed (as shown in photo) - during which the VIP/VVIP seating and hospitality areas were explored and discussed.

Sergent and Mimoun honoured at IAAF Dinner



At the official **IAAF Dinner** (18 March 2005), on the eve of the 33rd **IAAF World Cross Country Championships** in St-Etienne/St-Galmier, France (19/20 March), two of France's greatest long distance runners, were honoured by the IAAF.

Annette Sergent, two-time women's World Cross Country winner (1987, 89), and **Alain Mimoun**, 1956 Olympic Marathon champion, and four-time winner of the International Cross Country Championships (1949, 52, 54, 56), the forerunner of the IAAF World Championships which were inaugurated in 1973.

Photo above: General Secretary Istvan Gyulai (extreme left) and President Lamine Diack (extreme right), flank the champions who are holding their IAAF Plaques.

World records – recently ratified

Originally announced on 17 & 30 March and 5 April 2005 on www.iaaf.org

Men - Road

30km 1:28:00 Takayuki Matsumiya JPN, Kumamoto, JPN 27 Feb 05

Previous: 1:28.36 Takayuki Matsumiya JPN, Kumamoto, JPN 16 Feb 03

Senior Women - Indoor

5000m 14:32.93 Tirunesh Dibaba ETH, Boston, USA, 29 Jan 05

Previous: 14:39.29 Berhane Adere ETH, Stuttgart, GER, 31 Jan 04

Senior Women - Indoor

Pole Vault

4.90m Yelena Isinbayeva RUS, Madrid, ESP 06 Mar 05

4.89m Yelena Isinbayeva RUS, Liévin, FRA 26 Feb 05

4.88m Yelena Isinbayeva RUS, Birmingham, GBR 18 Feb 05

4.87m Yelena Isinbayeva RUS, Donetsk, UKR 12 Feb 05

Previous: 4.86m Yelena Isinbayeva RUS, Budapest, HUN, 6 Mar 04

Photos: Matsumiya (top); Dibaba (left) and Isinbayeva (right)





Helsinki 2005 stamps and coins launched



Tourists coming to **Helsinki for the 10th IAAF World Championships in Athletics** this summer will have plenty of souvenirs to choose from. Some

are more likely to retain their value and are more official than others: a postage stamp celebrating the Championships and two specially minted coins will be available to collectors.

Finland Post published in May a special postage stamp with three sprinters rushing to the finish line. Top Finnish sprinters Markus Pöyhönen, European 100m and World Indoor 60m finalist, and

Heidi Hannula, European Indoor women's 60m finalist, were present at the publication of the first day cover, but the runners depicted in the photomontage are the artist himself, Pekka Piippo, and two of his colleagues. The denomination of the stamp is 0.65 euro.

There will be two specially minted coins. The first, a gold coin, has a denomination of 20 euros.

IAAF Family who are also members of the IOC Commissions for 2005

(All are Members unless different title is stated; full name only given on first entry in the list). Executive Board – Sergey Bubka; Commission for Culture and Olympic Education – Valeriy Borzov, Robert Pariente; Athletes' Commission – Chairman: Bubka, Vice Chairman: HSH Prince Albert of Monaco, Charmaine Crooks, Hicham El Guerrouj, Frank Fredericks, Jan Zelezny; Nominations Commission – Prince Albert, Nawal El Moutawakel; Women and Sport Commission – El Moutawakel; Marketing Commission – El Moutawakel; Medical Commission – Chairman: Arne Ljungqvist; Robin E. Mitchell, Klaus Steinbach; Press Commission – Crooks; Olympic Programme Commission – Robert J. Fasulo, Fredericks; Radio and Television Commission – Alex Gilady; Olympic Solidarity Commission – Vice-Chairman: Richard Kevan Gosper; Mitchell; Sport for All Commission – Gianni Gola, Irena Szewinska, Zelezny; Coordination Commission for the XX Olympic Winter Games, Turin 2006 – Prince Albert; Coordination Commission for the Games of the XXIX Olympiad, Beijing 2008 – Vice-Chairman: Gosper; Bubka, Fasulo, Gilady, Austin Sealy; Evaluation Commission for the Games of the XXX Olympiad – Chairperson: El Moutawakel; Fredericks; International Relations Commission – Chairman: Guy Drut; Lamine Diack; Representatives of CIO – Ljungqvist, Mitchell.

New WADA role for Mota and Diagana

On Tuesday 29 March, the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) appointed two athletics greats of the past to be part of its newly-formed 13-member Athlete Committee.

Portugal's Rosa Mota (*photo*), the 1987 World, 1988 Olympic and former three-time European champion (1982, 86, 90) in the women's Marathon, and Stéphane



Diagana of France, 1997 World 400m Hurdles gold medallist and the reigning European champion

at the event who retired last year, are Athletics' representatives on WADA's Athlete Committee.

Diagana, already a member of the IAAF Athletes' Commission, and Mota who is Portuguese ambassador for fair play at the Council of Europe, will work with their 11 colleagues to allow WADA closer contact with athletes and to give the Agency better insight into their questions and concerns regarding doping.

Gianni Merlo elected as AIPS President

The Chairman of the IAAF Press Commission, Gianni Merlo (ITA), a highly respected Olympic journalist with the Italian daily newspaper *Gazzetta dello Sport*, was elected on 13 May as President of the Association of International Sporting Press, AIPS, during the organisation's annual congress in Marrakech.

IAAF General Secretary Istvan Gyulai, who is himself a former General Secretary of AIPS said: "We are delighted that Gianni, a highly experienced athletics specialist, will be heading the world sport press association...we look forward to co-operating closely with AIPS also in the future because we consider sports journalists our partners in conveying the real values of our sport to the public."

Gianni Merlo takes over as AIPS President from Togay Bayatli (TUR).

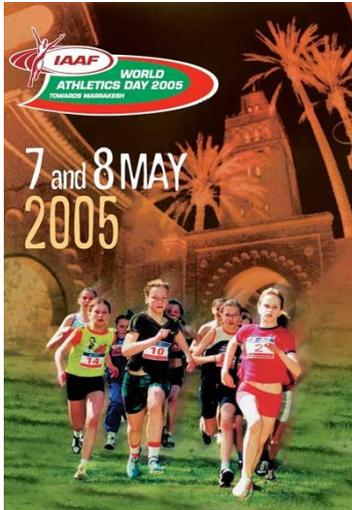
Holmes, Xiang and Petitclerc triumph - World Sports Awards -

Britain's Kelly Holmes, winner of a celebrated Olympic 800m and 1500m double gold in Athens, was honoured as World Sportswoman of the Year at the Laureus World Sports Awards in Estoril, Portugal on Monday 16 May.

China's Liu Xiang, who won the men's Olympic 110m Hurdles at just 21, was named World Newcomer of the Year, while Canada's wheelchair athlete Chantal Petitclerc, who won five gold medals in the Paralympic Games in Athens, was named World Sportsperson with a Disability.

The winners are selected by the ultimate sports jury - the 40 members of the Laureus World Sports Academy. Among these legends are many stars from the world of Athletics including Sergey Bubka, Sebastian Coe, Tanni Grey-Thompson, Michael Johnson, Kip Keino, Edwin Moses, and Daley Thompson.

IAAF World Athletics Day 2005



The IAAF's annual worldwide festival of youth, one of the busiest weekends in the annual Athletics calendar, was held across the globe on Saturday and

Sunday, 7 - 8 May, when 157 IAAF Member Federations participated in the **IAAF World Athletics Day 2005**.

This annual promotion of Athletics for Youth, which was inaugurated in 1996 remains as popular as ever, with the number of Federations organising national youth competitions this year, the second largest ever.

There is a deadline of 31 May for all the results from this weekend's youth competitions to be received by the IAAF, and after that date twelve lucky youngsters - born in the years 1988 and 1989 - consisting of one boy and one girl from each of the six Areas - Africa, Asia, Europe, NACAC, Oceania, South America - will be selected at the official **World Athletics Day draw** (date and

venue tbc), and will be invited to attend the **4th IAAF World Youth Championships in Athletics in Marrakech, Morocco**, which will take place 13 -17 July 2005.

These 12 youngsters will be joined in Marrakech by those fortunate children who were picked from the results received from the IAAF World Athletics Day 2004, the draw for which took place last summer (19 July) during the IAAF Council meeting at the World Junior Championships in Grosseto, Italy. At that time Council Members Sergey Bubka (UKR) and Nawal El Moutawakel (MAR) both former Olympic champions, did the honours by drawing out the 12 names, of which 9 are available to travel to Marrakech.

Babies on the horizon for middle distances stars

U.S. miler and 3-time Olympian **Suzy Favor Hamilton** announced on 31 March that she was pregnant. Mark and Suzy Hamilton are expecting their first child on 30 October. No decision has been made about Suzy's future athletics career.

The Czech Republic's 1999 World 800m champion, indoors and outdoors, **Ludmila Formanova** (31-years-old) confirmed on 17 March 2005 that she is expecting a baby and so will miss the entire 2005 season.

Debrecen and Hengelo to stage EAA events

The EAA has chosen Debrecen (HUN) and Hengelo (NED) to host the European U23 Championships and European Junior Championships in 2007.

The 2007 European Athletics Under 23 Championships will be staged at the Debrecen Sportcentrum. Debrecen was the host of the 2001 IAAF World Youth Athletics Championships and will host the IAAF World Road Running Championships in 2006.

Hengelo will stage the 2007 European Junior Championships

at the Fanny Blankers-Koen Stadium which hosts the annual Thales FBK Games IAAF Grand Prix meeting and which staged the European Cup of Combined Events in 2004.

The 2006 Winter Throwing European Cup will be hosted by Tel Aviv (ISR) and the 2006 European Cup 10,000m will be held in Antalya (TUR).

Under-23 races for men and women will be added to the SPAR European Cross Country Championships in 2006, while the 200m will be officially removed from the European Indoor Championships, following the

IAAF's example in the global championships. Additionally, beginning this year in Kaunas, the 2000m Steeplechase for women will be replaced by the 3000m Steeplechase at the continental junior championships.

The European Athletics Congress on Sunday 17 April 2005 was addressed by IAAF General Secretary Istvan Gyulai, on behalf of President Lamine Diack, who reiterated the importance of European athletics to World athletics and praised the work of the EAA and the European Federations and the successful cooperation with the IAAF.

1st CAC Half Marathon Cup

In conjunction with the famous Reggae Marathon in Kingston, Jamaica, the CACAC is organizing its **1st Half Marathon Cup, 3 December 2005**. The Cup, which is going to be held every year somewhere in the CAC region, will be awarding prize money in order to add an extra incentive for top long distance runners.

11th CAC Age Group Championship which will be held from 1 -2 July 2005 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic have received very significant national political recognition, as Mrs. Margarita Cedeño de Fernández, the First Lady of the Dominican Republic is the president of the LOC. The eleventh version of this important regional championship is being held in the newly re-named Félix Sánchez National Stadium. This championship involves boys and girls in two categories: 10-11 and 12-13 years old.



Member Federation officers – recent elections

Federation	President	General Secretary
ALG	--	Zitouni Mohamed Zine-Eddine
BOL	Marco A. Luque Julio (re-elected)	Hilarión Pérez
COM	--	Aliamane Omar
CZE	Karel Pilny (re-elected)	
GEQ	Manuel-Sabino Asumu Cawan	Jóse Moisés Bodipo Minter (re-election)
LAT	Guntis Zalitis	Ilonda Luse
MAC	Lam Hin Fu (and Ma lao Hang - Chairman)	Leong Weng Chi
MDV	Ali Maniku (Chairman)	--
MRI	Anand Kumar Sukhraj	Vivian Gungaram (re-election)
NGR	Violet Odogwu-Nwajei	--
NOR	Svein Arne Hansen (re-election)	--
POL	--	Jadwiga Slawska Szalewicz
ROM	Ilie Floroiu	--
SLO	Peter Kukovica	--
SOM	Ibrahim Okash Omar	Dahir Moallim Mohamud
SRI	Janaka Bandara Tennekoon	Prema Pinnewale
TKS	--	Brenda Lightbourne
VAN	--	Seru Korikalo
VEN	Nelson Rodríguez Freites (re-elected)	Marcos Oviedo Herrera (re-elected)

Oceania Athletic Association: Chief Executive Director – Yvonne Mullins

Getting to know the Officials

<>**Kassoum Compaore**<> General Secretary, Burkina Faso: three-time national record breaker (HJ 2.03m; LJ 7.60m; TJ 15.71m). First to use Fosbury Flop technique in Burkina Faso (2.03m); author of national HJ training manual; participated 1982 African Champs.

<>**Ange Aimé Sama Douala**<> President, Cameroon: 1999 Central African 110m Hurdles champion; international coach to athletes inc. Joseph Batangdon, 2003 World Indoor 200m silver, and Claudine Kamgang, 2000 African women's 400m champion.

<>**Ahmad Al Masri**<> General Secretary, Jordan: coach in athletics since 1998 inc. national school team; International referee for table tennis; has taken officials' courses for table tennis, squash, basketball, athletics and tennis.

<>**Pil Yul Shin**<> President, Korea: Career in Samsung Corporation; former Vice President, Ex. Director and Gen. Sec for Samsung medical center; President of Samsung Lions Baseball Team.

<>**Anand Kumar Sukharj**<> President, Mauritius: Sprinter (100-200m) 1970-76; Coach 1974-82; ATO African Championships (2000); Conducted several TOECS courses in Africa; Referee and Technical delegate in various national / international competitions.

<>**Jeremy F Kennerley**<> Chief Executive officer, New Zealand: Career in accountancy, finance, management, strategic and business planning – inc. Nursery Garden Industry Assoc, New Zealand Racing Board, Pricewaterhouse Coopers, Saffery Champness.

<>**Jadwiga Slawska Szalewicz**<> General Secretary, Poland: Sporting background in Badminton, Fencing and Judo. Former President and Gen. Sec. and one of original founders of Polish Badminton Association; former Gen. Sec. of Polish Fencing Assoc.

<>**Michel Jean-Louis**<> General Secretary, Seychelles: career in accountancy and management; District Administrator, Takamaka; local Government Sports and Culture Programme Development officer; certificate in coaching special Olympics.

Retirement – Johan De Grande, General Secretary of the Belgium Athletics Federation after years of great service to the sport has decided it is time to retire. He has not put himself up for candidature for the Board of Directors of 'De Vlaamse Atletiekliga, the Flemish part of the Belgian Athletics, and will also retire as General Secretary of the National Council of the Belgian Athletic Federation.

IAAF Kids' Athletics on the banks of the Amazon



Former IAAF Member Services Department Director Björn Wangemann, who is currently leading a German Athletic Development Project in Uruguay, carried out a Kids' Athletics seminar for the IAAF in Manaus, the capital of the Brazilian Federal State of Amazonia, from 27 - 29 March. IAAF Kids' Athletics is now well known in South America as Mini-Atletismo.

The star of the event which took place in a sports hall close to the Amazon River was the national athletics hero Robson da Silva, 40, the 1988 Olympic 200m bronze medallist.

A National Conference was also organized by the Brazilian Athletics Confederation and attended by the Minister of Sports, Dr. Agneli Queiroz, the State Secretaries of Sport from the 27 Federal States and the Presidents of the Regional Athletics Federations. Wangemann was a key note speaker.

"This was one of my toughest missions. Tropical rainfalls which I have never experienced before, 35 C and a relative humidity of more than 90% - that was a real challenge for the participating kids and the organizers," confirmed Wangemann. "Unfortunately the Kids' Athletics equipment was stuck in customs. So, the day before the event, the seminar participants had to build all materials by themselves from locally available trash. It was a good opportunity to show the Minister and his people what we understand by the slogan 'Help to help yourself' and demonstrated clearly that you can organize this great event in nearly any part of the world."

Photo: Robson da Silva and Björn Wangemann surrounded by the 'kids'.



IAAF Masters' Committee



The IAAF Masters' Committee met for their annual meeting on 16 May in Vila Real de Santo Antonio, Portugal, where the participants had been attending the

EVAA (European Veteran Athletics Association) 2005 Non-Stadia Championships – 12-15 May 2005. World Masters' Association (WMA) President and Committee Member, Torsten Carlus presented his report on behalf of his Association for the last time in the capacity of President of the organization. According to the WMA Constitution he cannot present himself for another mandate, and 4 other members of the WMA Executive will not be renewing their mandates for the same reason.

The August 2005 Congress in San Sebastian, Spain, will decide the new executive, and Carlus will be standing for the post of General Secretary at those elections.

Photo: Masters' Committee – IAAF General Secretary Istvan Gyulai (3rd from left), Torsten Carlus (4th from left), Masters' Committee Chairman and IAAF Council Member Cesar Moreno Bravo (centre - 8th from left).

ATHLETES SANCTIONED FOR A DOPING OFFENCE SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE IAAF AS OF 27 May 2005

NDJE Rose-Audrey	FRA	Championnats régionaux, Favrèges	16.01.05	3 months ineligibility (until 30.6.05)
MAETIE Cyril	FRA	Meeting inter. de saut en hauteur	29.1.05	6 months ineligibility (until 30.9.05)
HABEEB Yahya	KSA	Asian GP Series 2004	23.6.04	Public Warning
KHUDOROZHKINA Irina	RUS	IAAF OOC	10.2.04	2 years ineligibility (8.4.04 - 7.4.06)
MORO MERINO Javier	ESP	Milla Urbana de Aranda de Duero	21.8.04	2 years ineligibility (13.11.04 - 12.11.06)

This list represents the athletes who have been sanctioned for a doping offence by their Federation since the last issue of the IAAF News. A Public Warning also entails disqualification from the competition in which the positive sample was provided. Dates correspond to the positive doping control test and not the beginning of the ineligibility period.

STOP PRESS – Steve Mullings of Jamaica has been suspended by the Jamaican Federation for a doping offence, effective from 26 June 2004. All results achieved by the athlete since that date should be nullified.

Obituaries

Gertrude Stelling Wilhelmsen (USA) - placed seventh in the Javelin Throw and eighth in the Discus Throw at the 1936 Olympics, died on 19 March 2005 aged 92.

Mikko Ala-Leppilampi (FIN) died on 22 February 2005 aged 61. 5th place in the 3000m Steeplechase at 1971 European Championships and 10th at 1972 Olympics (broke an arm at a barrier). A pupil of the great Arthur Lydiard.

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IAAF Delegation makes landmark visit to Asia

In the second half of September, an IAAF Delegation led by President Lamine Diack paid a week long visit to Asia, travelling to China (14-18) and Japan (18-22) to meet officials from the Organising Committee of the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games (BOCOG), and the Local Organising Committee of the 2006 IAAF World Junior Championships, and to pay courtesy visits to both Member Federations (CAA & JAAF), and to IAAF Partners Mizuno, TDK, Toyota, IAAF Broadcaster TBS, and IAAF Marketing Partner, Dentsu.



PHOTO: Istvan Gyulai, Lamine Diack, Jingmin Liu and Dapeng Lou

During the two country tour, the President was accompanied by a delegation which at different times was composed of three IAAF Vice Presidents, Helmut Digel, Amadeo ID Francis and Dapeng Lou, and the senior management from the IAAF Headquarters in Monaco, General Secretary Istvan Gyulai and General Director Pierre Weiss. Also involved in the visit were: Sergey Bubka, who with Francis is one of two organisational delegates for the 2006 World Juniors, and Taizo Watanabe, who as Commissioner General of the World Expo in Aichi, Japan, was one of the Japanese hosts to the delegation. Both are IAAF Council members.

In Beijing (Wed 14- Fri 15), which has been the capital of China for more than 800 years, Lamine Diack and Istvan Gyulai accompanied by Dapeng Lou had various meetings and dinners at which they met with BOCOG President Liu Qi, and Executive Vice Presidents, Jingmin Liu and Shuan Yang. During these meetings an agreement on principles and means of communication was made with the Beijing Olympic organisers. The IAAF delegation also visited the construction site of the future Olympic stadium, and took a look at the CATIC Hotel and the Sheraton Great Wall Hotel, which

respectively will provide the home bases for the Technical Delegates and IAAF during the 2008 Olympic Games.

While in the Chinese capital which has a population of approximately 13 million inhabitants, the delegation also met with the LOC of the 2006 World Juniors with a visit to the Chaoyang Sport Centre, which will be the Championships' stadium and has a capacity of 20,000 seats.

The day after a dinner (15) hosted by the Chinese Athletics Association and Vice-President of Sports, Duan Shijie, a flight was taken by the IAAF group to Shanghai. There they were joined by Helmut Digel, Amadeo ID Francis, Sergey Bubka, ahead of an International Athletics Summit (17) at which the President made a speech, and presentations were given by Lou and Bubka. The whole IAAF delegation also met with the Mayor of Shanghai, Han Zheng.



PHOTO: President Diack in a Concept Car in the Toyota pavilion at the World Expo, Aichi, Japan

Again a number of dinners were held in honour of the IAAF during the delegation's visit to Shanghai, just as they were in the capital during the previous days, and Liangyu Chen, Secretary General of CPC (Shanghai Municipal Committee), and Zhili Chen, State Councillor for Sports, were both met. The Chinese leg of the tour was rounded off in spectacular style by the Shanghai Golden Grand Prix, which the IAAF delegation attended with 35,000 other spectators, in what was a great night of world class athletics.

Sunday 18 September marked the half way stage of the visit, at least on a Member Federation level, with the President, General Secretary and Helmut Digel flying on to Nagoya, Japan, where they were joined by Pierre Weiss, and were met by

representatives of Dentsu and JAAF. Monday was occupied with a transfer and visit to the 2005 World Expo which is being staged in Aichi, Japan. The Expo was a spectacular experience and as well as visiting the Toyota and many national pavilions, at the Japanese house they were welcomed by IAAF Council Member Taizo Watanabe, the Commissioner General of the entire World Expo, and there then followed a lunch.



PHOTO: President Diack with Taizo Watanabe

A trip on the 'Bullet Train' to the Japanese capital Tokyo late in the evening was the precursor to the IAAF delegation's next set of courtesy visits. This series of short meetings began the following day with a morning spent at Dentsu Tower, the HQ of the IAAF's Marketing Partner where they were greeted by President and CEO, Tateo Mataka, who that evening also hosted a dinner in the IAAF's honour. In the afternoon, meetings took place with TDK, the IAAF's oldest standing sponsor, and then Mizuno, with the welcome to the IAAF delegation amongst others being led by their respective President/CEOs, Hajime Sawabe and Masato Mizuno.

On the last full day of the tour to Japan (Wed 21), meetings were held with Toyota and TBS, with Katusyohi Tabata (General Manager Overseas Marketing Division - Toyota) and Hiroshi Inoue (President - TBS) heading the hosts' representatives. Then finally in the evening, JAAF President Yohei Kono hosted a dinner for the IAAF at the residence of the Speaker of the Japanese Parliament. On 22 September, the IAAF delegation left Japan concluding a very successful week of IAAF promotion and cooperation with its various partners.



45th IAAF Congress

The **45th IAAF Congress was held in Helsinki, Finland, from 2 August until 4 August 2005**, in conjunction with the 10th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, and in total 199 Member Federations were represented.

The opening ceremony and dinner took place on the evening of Tuesday (2 Aug) at the Dipoli Hall in the Helsinki Athletes' Village, at which President Lamine Diack in conjunction with Ilkka Kanerva, President of the

Finnish Athletics Federation and Paavo Lipponen, Speaker of the Finnish Parliament, led the official opening, after which IAAF Plaques of Merit were presented.

Plaques of Merit

Six IAAF Plaques of Merit (one for each of the IAAF's Areas) were presented for meritorious service to the cause of track and field athletics within Area Group activities -

Africa: **Jamel Simohamed** (ALG), NACAC: **Victor Lopez** (PUR), Oceania: **William F. Bailey** (AUS) who were there in person to receive their awards, and to: Asia - **Mouaffak Joumaa** (SYR), Europe: **Gianni Gola** (ITA), South America **Ciro Solano Hurtado** (COL), whose plaques were collected by a representative.

PHOTO: Bill Bailey receives his plaque from Lamine Diack at the opening ceremony.



Veteran Pins: During the first session of Congress, Veteran Pins for long and meritorious service to the cause of world athletics within the IAAF activities were also presented to 18 recipients: Howard Aris (JAM), Valentin Balakhnitchev (RUS), Torsten

Carlus (SWE), Jorge De La Canale (ARG), Juan de Dios Reyes Leal (GUA), Fatima El Faqir (MAR), Alfred Emmanuel (LCA), Sheikh Soud bin Hamed Al Rawahi (OMN), Dodou Joof (GAM), Berodt Jürgen (BOL), Mr Karen Pilny (CZE), Prema D.

Pinnewale (SRI), Anthony Rice (AUS), Roger Rizet (CGO), Patricio Smith Fontana (CHI), Rod Syme (NZL), K.V. Varghese (BRN), and Filimoni Vuli Waqa (FIJ).

Election of Third female Individual IAAF Council Member



One of the headline actions of the Congress was the election of a third female individual IAAF Council Member, and that vote on Wednesday 3 August went to **Irena Szewinska (POL)**, who as an athlete amassed seven Olympic and ten European Championship medals and was ten times a World record holder. She is already a member of IAAF Women's Committee, EAA Council, the IOC, and is President of the Polish Athletic Association and Vice President Polish NOC.

"Athletics is my life," said Szewinska, who collected seven medals in five Olympic Games, three of them gold. "I spent 20 years as an athlete. When I finished my sports career, I didn't think I would become an official. But the next year I was elected to the Polish Athletic Association (PZLA), and I just started step-by-step.... "This year will be 21 years since I was elected to the IAAF Women's Committee... My main aim is to have more women become involved as athletes, then to have more women coaches, more women officials. Overall, to support

women in athletics."

Congress decided that the number of Council Members to be elected at the 46th IAAF Congress in Osaka, Japan in 2007, would be 27.

TECHNICAL RULES – major discussions and their outcome

There were some 300 Rule Change proposals on the table to be considered for approval by Congress, and of which 28 were Constitutional and the other 272 concerned Competition Rules. Of these Competition Rules, 239 were Technical Rules and many created interesting and at sometime lively discussion. *Full details of the "Competition Rules Amended - IAAF Congress - Helsinki 2005" are downloadable from the IAAF website but here is a summary of the major debates and decisions whether the changes were passed or not...*

> "Zero false start" (Rules 130.5, 162)

There was a long debate, for and against. A study among top sprinters before the Congress also showed they were divided in this question. Council proposed it, Technical Committee did not. Eventually, Council withdrew their proposal without voting, therefore the

current Rule remains in force. Council noted that further studies and experience are necessary to reconsider this further step.

> Male master age limit down to 35 from 40 (Rule 141)

There was some discussion and a vote taken with many arguing that a number of male athletes are still in their "active" career at that age (35).

> Important clarification to the lane width Rule (160.4 + runways)

If constructed before 1 Jan 2004, lanes up to 1.25m are acceptable, however for track constructions after this date the standard required width is 1.22+0.01m.

> Changes regarding timing (Rule 165.17)

The already obsolete video based timing system is not acceptable any more and has been removed from the Rules. For track events in the stadium only Hand Timing (H.T.) and/or Fully

Automatic Timing (F.A.T.) can be used. A third official method of timekeeping was approved (for Race Walking - not completely held in the stadium, Road Races and Cross Country only): a transponder timing system (but not for World Record purposes)

> Junior men's hurdle height (Rule 168.3)

This was approved as 0.99 -1.00m – due to manufacturing varieties in the world.

> Competing order in horizontal field events (Rule 180.5)

For the fourth and fifth rounds it will be in the reverse order of the ranking as recorded after the first three trials. For the final round it shall follow the reverse ranking order as recorded after the fifth round. (for competitions 1 (d) to (h) optional – the "old" system can still be used).

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> The vertical plane through the take-off line (Rule 185.1 (a))

There was a lively discussion with a vote at the end for no change. The Council was against the change and the Technical Committee (TC) was in favour. The motion by Nordic countries, Australia and the TC was to consider a failure as the penetration of the take-off line even without leaving a mark in the plasticine. The vote confirmed the current Rule: it is a foul only if the athlete touches the ground beyond the take-off line (i.e. if there is a mark). The Congress approved a proposal to extend the plasticine to 10mm on the upper part of the indicator board.

> Hammer throwing (Rule 191.2)

It shall not be considered a failure if the head of the hammer touches the ground inside or outside the circle, or the top of the iron band. The athlete

may stop and begin the throw again, provided no other rule has been breached.

> Hammer length re-measurement (Rule 191.6)

The Council and the Congress was against the proposal of the Technical Committee to re-measure the length after each throw.

> Hammer handle breaking strength (Rule 191.7)

Based on the latest studies this was confirmed as 8kN as opposed to the previous 20kN.

> Race Walking (Rule 230)

The Chief Judge will receive "Red Cards" for athletes in the future instead of "Warnings" and the symbol of the offence should also be indicated on the Posting Boards.

Two other noteworthy changes not from the Technical Rules section:

> International Competitions (Rule 5.2)

Citizenship – Long discussion and a proposal from Eritrea for 6 years! After a vote the proposal of the Council in Doha, Qatar on 9 April 2005, an interim amendment implemented then with immediate effect, was made permanent by Congress – 3 years following the acquisition of new Citizenship.

> Anti-Doping (Rules 32.2 and 35.17)

Missed out of competition testing. The 18 month period was proposed to be extended to a "lifetime" by the Council, but following a US motion a 5 year period was approved by the Congress.

IAAF Council Meetings - 1 & 13 August 2005

The Council of the IAAF, presided over by President Lamine Diack, met in Helsinki, Finland, on 1 and 13 August 2005, and received and approved the President's communications, and reports from the General Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Masters' Committee, Medical & Anti-Doping Commission, Helsinki 2005, Local Organising Committee, and School/Youth Commission. Council also noted Igor Ter-Ovanesian's resignation as Chairman of the IAAF Coaches' Commission and approved the appointment of Victor Lopez (PUR).

22nd IAAF World Race Walking Cup, La Coruña, ESP, 13-14 May 2006

Timetable:

Saturday, 13 May

16:00 10km Junior Men

17:15 20km Women

19:30 20km Men

Sunday, 14 May

08:00 50km Men

13:00 10km Junior Women.

IAAF World Athletics Finals

2006-2008 will be held in Stuttgart on 9-10 September 2006. After 2006 the event may continue to take place in Stuttgart for another two years, unless the IAAF exercises its contractual right to reattribute the event after one year if dissatisfied.

IAAF World Cup in Athletics

2006 will be held in Athens, Greece on 16-17 September 2006.

IAAF World Road Race

Championships 2006, Debrecen, HUN will be held on 7 October 2006, at the distance of 20K.

IAAF World Youth Championships 2007, Ostrava, CZE

Council approved the dates: 18-22 July 2007.



Full composition of the IAAF Council after election of the third female individual Member is as follows:

President: Lamine DIACK (SEN);

Sr Vice President: Arne LJUNGQVIST (SWE); **Vice Presidents:** Helmut DIGEL (GER); Amadeo I D FRANCIS (PUR); Dapeng LOU (CHN);

Treasurer: Jean POCZOBUT (FRA);
General Secretary: Istvan GYULAI (HUN)

Members:

Dahlan AL- HAMAD (QAT)
Bill BAILEY (AUS)
Sergey BUBKA (UKR)
Cesar MORENO BRAVO (MEX)
Leonard CHUENE (RSA)
Sebastian COE (GBR)
Nawal EL MOUTAWAKEL (MAR)
Roberto GESTA DE MELO (BRA)
Robert HERSH (USA)
Abby HOFFMAN (CAN)
Alberto JUANTORENA DANGER (CUB)
Suresh KALMADI (IND)
Ilkka KANERVA (FIN)
Isaiah KIPLAGAT (KEN)
Minos KYRIAKOU (GRE)
Neville McCOOK (JAM)
Jose Maria ODRIÓZOLA (ESP)
Jung-Ki PARK (KOR)
Jamel SIMOHAMED (ALG)
Irena SZEWINSKA (POL)
Taizo WATANABE (JPN)
Hansjörg WIRZ (SUI)

Transfers of Allegiance

Nicholas KEMBOI - KEN to QAT; Bouchra GHEZIELLE - MAR to FRA; David HYAGA - KEN to QAT; Irina SUSTELO - POR to BEL; Francis KIRWA - KEN to FIN; Allen SIMMS - USA to PUR; Aaron ARMSTRONG - USA to TRI; Kevon PIERRE - SKN to TRI.



Helsinki testing programme results are finalised: Two positives from 884 tests

"It seems that the sport finally has turned the corner on doping" Boston Globe, 30/08/05

The 2005 World Championships in Athletics, Helsinki saw the implementation of the largest ever anti-doping programme at an athletics event. The programme included both testing and education.

In total, 884 tests were carried out both prior to and during the championships on a total of 708 individual athletes, which was a greater number of tests than originally planned. In total, 1849 athletes participated at the World Championships.

Testing conducted during the period of 2-12 August (out-of-competition) at the athletes village focused on gathering haematological blood profiles and screening blood samples for the indication of EPO abuse. The total

number of tests conducted pre-competition was 416 which included 42 urine tests.

During the championships themselves a total of 468 tests were conducted. Of these tests, 217 were urine tests for the detection of EPO, and a further 105 were blood samples taken for the detection of blood transfusions.

There were two positive tests recorded during the championships: Discus Thrower Jawant Singh IND, whose positive result for Pemoline (S6 stimulants) was announced during the competition, and Hammer Thrower Vladyslav Piskunov UKR, who tested positive for Drostanolone (S1 Anabolic Agent) on 8 August, and whose positive was confirmed after the Championships ended. The results

management process is currently ongoing in both these cases according to IAAF rules.

1100 Athletes visit Anti-doping Education Stand in Athletes' Village

The IAAF, in conjunction with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), also presented an Athlete Outreach Programme aimed at informing and educating athletes on a wide range of anti-doping issues.

Over 1100 athletes and support personnel directly participated in this hugely successful programme, while 100's of other athletes viewed the programme and collected information pamphlets during their stay in the athlete's village.



President Halonen awarded IAAF Golden Order of Merit

On 11 August 2005 at a reception held at the Presidential Palace which is situated in the picturesque harbour area of the Finnish capital, the President of the Republic of Finland, Tarja Kaarina Halonen, was presented with the IAAF's highest honour, the Golden Order of Merit by President Lamine Diack (see Photo, left).

A lawyer and politician by profession, President Halonen has been in office since 6 February 2000.

"It gives me great pleasure to make this award to President Halonen of the Republic of Finland, a country whose population, as exemplified by the resilience of the Olympic stadium spectators during this week of extreme weather, retains an unmatched passion and knowledge for our sport," said President Diack.

Amendments to IAAF Advertising Regulations

In an effort to enhance marketing possibilities in the sport, manufacturers have been given increased space for logos on athletes' competition apparel, with the new regulations coming into immediate effect.

For example concerning Vests/Leotards (4.1.2.1 Manufacturer's Name/Logo)... "a graphic or figurative Logo of the

Manufacturer (not including name or any text) may also be used as a decorative "design mark" once or repeatedly as a strip not exceeding 10cm in width in one of the following positions, provided such use does not, in the opinion of the IAAF at its discretion, dominate or unduly detract from the appearance of the garment: Across the bottom of the sleeves; On the outer seam of the sleeves; Down

the outer seams of the garment."

NOTE: for the full wording of this and all other "IAAF Advertising Regulations for competitions under IAAF Rules, modified following the IAAF Congress in Helsinki, 2005" please download the information from the **Downloads** section of the IAAF website under "IAAF Constitution and Rules"

IAAF / IOC Executive Board Meeting

A meeting took place between the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Executive Board and the IAAF Council on Friday 5 August in Helsinki. Remarking on the close relationship between the two bodies, which currently share five members, IOC President Jacques Rogge declared, "Athletics can really be described as the number one Olympic sport."

The IOC President said that the decisions taken by the IAAF Council and Congress in Helsinki expanding the role of women in the decision-making process set a strong precedent for other sport governing bodies, as well as for the IOC. Among the other topics covered was the two organisations' united fight against doping, and the possible addition of the women's 3000m Steeplechase to the Olympic programme in either 2008 or 2012. *PHOTO – Lamine Diack and Jacques Rogge*



The next meeting of the IAAF Council will be held in Moscow, Russia on 12/13 November 2005

where as well as receiving Reports from the President, General Secretary and the Treasurer, and Committees' and Commissions', the latest news from Athletics' World Plan and the Debrief of the Helsinki World Championships will be discussed.

Progress reports will be received from the 2006 World Indoor Championships (Moscow), World XC Championships (Fukuoka), and World Race Walking Cup (La Coruna).

Decisions will also be taken regarding the venue of the 2007 World XC Championships, and 2008 World Indoor Championships.

Other meetings scheduled in Moscow: World Plan Steering Board (9 Nov); Finance Commission (9 Nov); Development Commission (10 Nov); Anti-Doping Task Force (10 Nov); Competition Committee (10 Nov); TOECS Evaluation Meeting (11 Nov); IAF Ex. Committee, Council and General Assembly (11 Nov), Advisory Board (11 Nov). *The IAAF Dinner will be held on Friday 11 Nov.*

Athletics' World Plan Progress Report to Congress

Just two years after the introduction of the IAAF Athletics' World Plan, a broad-ranging nine-year development plan for the sport, significant progress has already been achieved, Council reported during the closing session of the 45th IAAF Congress.

Approved at the 2003 IAAF Congress in Paris, the Athletics' World Plan was created with a mission "to remain the number one sport for individuals in a changing world." With eight broad objectives and 113 specific actions, the Plan is a long-term vision for the sport's development through 2012, when the IAAF celebrates its centenary.

Seven working teams have been formed to implement the Plan; of the 113 actions on the agenda, 25 have already been completed. Some highlights:

The Events Team, whose objective is to improve the quality and appeal of athletics events, has investigated several measures to shorten sessions at the World Championships and improve the presentation of one-day

meetings and the World Athletics Final.

The Participation Team has made nine concrete recommendations to provide all people with the greatest opportunities to participate in the sport, ranging from the creation of age groupings for introductory programmes for kids to establishing closer links with FISU and the World Masters Association.

The Schools/Youth Team, whose aim is to make athletics the world-wide number one participatory sport in schools, has drafted its own action plan which calls for the appointment of an IAAF school/youth development coordinator.

The first step of the Competence Team, whose goal is to increase the level of competence in the sport, is to modify the status of the Area Associations within the IAAF structure.

The Facilities Team, whose mission is to improve access to athletics facilities and equipment for all, has developed a template to assist smaller member federations to develop athletics

facilities, and is developing proposals to assist larger developing member federations to create partnerships to fund multi-sport facilities.

The Recognition and Finance Team, whose focus is to increase the recognition and ensure a long term financial security for the sport, has developed 12 recognition and nine finance modules. The points include creating a marketing course aimed specifically to fit the needs of Member Federations and a suggestion that the IAAF be present at key international expos and Congresses, including World Bank and UNICEF events, to promote the sport as a means to promote peace and sustainable development.

The Media team, whose aim is to increase the quality and quantity of media coverage, has begun to develop a closer working relation with key international agencies, including the Associated Press. The group is also working on the creation of a more user-friendly results service as well as new TV guidelines and graphics for the sport.



Helsinki given the first IAAF World Athletics City Award

On Sunday 14 August 2005, in a special ceremony in Helsinki City Hall, the Mayor of Helsinki Jussi Pajunen, on behalf of his city was awarded the first ever "IAAF World City Award" in recognition of the extraordinary support that Helsinki had offered the World Championships, but also for its contribution to world athletics ever since the 1952 Olympic Games. President Diack who made the presentation was in turn also offered the Paavo Nurmi medal by IAAF Council Member and World Championship LOC Chairman Ilkka Kanerva. *Photo - Lamine Diack (l) and Mayor of Helsinki Mr. Jussi Pajunen (r) at the City Hall of Helsinki on Sunday, Aug. 14th. 2005.*

TV and Radio success at IAAF World Championships

Preliminary television data received for the 10th edition of the IAAF World Championships in Athletics, has been very encouraging with the total number of dedicated programmes increasing by 16% when compared to the last Championships staged in Paris in 2003.

Eurosport broadcast more of the 2005 Championships compared with 2003. The 44 dedicated broadcasts of Helsinki 2005 (16 more than Paris) generated a cumulative audience of 57 million viewers, which is more than a 50% increase on the 2003 figure.

In Japan, there were also more broadcasts on TBS in 2005 compared with 2003, resulting in 119 more hours

of coverage.

In the host market Finland, the top rating was produced on the evening of 10 August and was 27.3%, meaning that over one quarter of the Finnish population were viewing the competition.

In the USA, there was unprecedented coverage of the Championships in terms of the number of hours made available via the daily one hour highlights programme shown on PAX TV, and coverage given by CSTV, as well as the additional regional broadcasts by Comcast.

Historic Web-cast

On top of this, the first ever live web-

cast of more than 70 hours of coverage in the USA, which was available on a subscription only basis, was a success with a large amount of positive feedback from those US track and field fans who accessed the service.

IAAF Radio

In an historic development, the IAAF via a dedicated team of commentators and reporters, and in collaboration with the Host broadcaster YLE, provided 6 hours of live radio coverage per day on FM networks, which was also streamed on the IAAF website – www.iaaf.org

16th Congress of the Asian Athletics Association	111th EAA Council meeting
<p><i>The following competition venues were announced at the Congress on 31 August in Incheon, Korea:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◁12th Asian Junior Champs, Macao, China, 23/26 Nov 2006 ◁2nd Asian Indoor Champs, Pattaya, Thailand 10-12 Feb 2006 ◁9th Asian XC Champs, Jordan in 2007 ◁17th AAA Congress / Asian Champs, Beirut, Lebanon in 2007 ◁11th Asian Marathon Champs, Hong Kong, China in 2008 ◁13th Asian Junior Champs, Jakarta, Indonesia in 2008 <p><i>see page 7 for new AAA Council for period 2006-2009</i></p>	<p>At its meeting in Amsterdam, The Netherlands (30 Sep - 2 Oct), the EAA Council awarded the European Cup Race Walking 2007 to Leamington Spa, Great Britain & NI.</p> <p>European Indoors Champs 2009 – Bids were received from Prague (CZE) and Istanbul (TUR) but did not meet EAA requirements. Italy is now a possible bidder, and a decision on the venue will now be made by Council in April 2006.</p> <p>European Championships 2010 – It was agreed that Spain could substitute Barcelona for Madrid as its candidate for the event.</p>



World records – recently ratified

Originally announced on 31 Aug & 27 Sep 2005 on www.iaaf.org



Men - Senior

100m

9.77 Asafa Powell JAM, Athens, GRE, 14 Jun 05 (photo)
Previous: 9.78 Tim Montgomery USA, Paris, FRA, 14 Sep 02

Men - Indoor

400m

44.57 Kerron Clement USA, Fayetteville, USA, 12 Mar 05

Previous: 44.63 Michael Johnson USA, Atlanta, USA, 4 Mar 9

Women – Senior

Pole Vault

4.93 Yelena Isinbayeva RUS, Lausanne, SUI, 05 Jul 05

4.95 Yelena Isinbayeva RUS, Madrid, ESP, 16 Jul 05

4.96 Yelena Isinbayeva RUS, London, GBR, 22 Jul 05

5.00 Yelena Isinbayeva RUS, London, GBR, 22 Jul 05

5.01 Yelena Isinbayeva RUS, Helsinki, FIN, 12 Aug 05

Previous: 4.92 Yelena Isinbayeva RUS, Brussels, BEL, 3 Sep 04

Women – Senior

Javelin Throw

71.70m Osleidys Menendez CUB, Helsinki, FIN, 14 Aug 05

Previous: 71.54 Osleidys Menéndez CUB, Rethymno, GRE, 01 Jul 01

Decathlon

8358p Austra Skujyte LTU, Columbia, USA, 14-15 Apr 05

Previous: (inaugural record as at 1 Jan 2005)

8150p Maria Collonville FRA, Talence, FRA, 25-26 Sep 04

20km Race Walk

1:25:41 Olimpiada Ivanova RUS, Helsinki, FIN, 07 Aug 05

Previous:

1:26:22 Yan Wang CHN, Guangzhou, CHN, 19 Nov 01

1:26:22 Yelena Nikolayeva RUS, Cheboksary, RUS, 18 May 03

Women – Junior

10,000m Race Walk

43:11.34 Vera Sokolova RUS, Kaunas, LTU, 21 Jul 05

Prev: 43:35.2 Lyudmila Yefimkina, 81, RUS, Moscow, 20 May 00

Obituaries

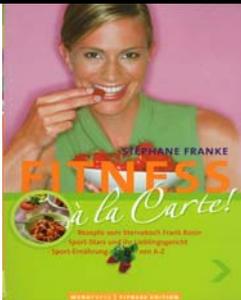
Colette Besson (FRA) – DOB 7 April 1946; died from cancer on 9 August 2005 at the age of 59 years.

Besson was the surprise winner at the age of 22 of the 1968 Olympic 400m title. In the final, in Mexico City, Britain's Lillian Board - the favourite for the gold - was way ahead of the rest of the field with just 100m to go but with an amazing last sprint, Besson then moved up from fifth place to beat Board on the finish line by one tenth of a second. Besson went on to become an inspirational figure in the development of French athletics, narrowly losing the European title in 1969 to her compatriot Nicole Duclos, despite running 51.70, which was faster than the World record of that time. In 1970, Besson also set a world best for 500m of 69.00.

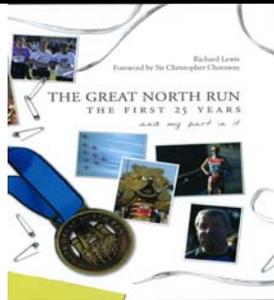


Terry Albritton (USA) - who at the age of 21 broke the World record in the men's Shot Put in 1976 in Honolulu, died on 1 September in Phnom Penh, Cambodia at the age of 50. The cause of Albritton's death is unclear. Competing in Honolulu at an All Comers meet on 21 February 1976, Albritton put 21.85m with his first release, and established a marvellous series – 20.85; x; 20.42; x 20.82; 21.82. His best surpassed Al Feurbach's World record 21.82m mark, set just less than 3 years before in San Jose, California.

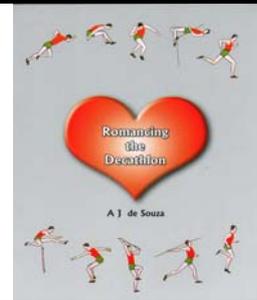
Book Reviews



Fitness à la Carte by Stéphane Franke. 264pp; 19.95 Euro. 2nd edition of the healthy eating German language sports fitness classic written by the former international distance runner. Inc. favourite recipes of Heike Drechsler, Uwe Beyer, Stefanie Graf etc.... Part of a fitness series of publications... 'Nordic Walking' 128pp, 15.90euro; 'Walking' 112pp, 12.90euro; 'Laufen' 216pp, 16.95euro by the same author. www.werofitness.de



The Great North Run – 'The First 25 years and my part in it' – by Richard Lewis; foreword by Sir Christopher Chataway. 160pp hardback; Price £25.00. The story of the world's largest half marathon, highlighting the elite race history and including recollections of some of the 650,000 runners of all abilities who have taken part in the mass race raising millions for charity. Full colour, profusely illustrated. www.greatrun.org/mybook



Romancing the Decathlon by A.J. de Souza. 110pp A4; 8 Euros. A passionate and meticulously detailed account of everything to do with the Decathlon, including its history and the training required. A magnificently comprehensive guide for spectator, official, coach, and athlete alike, written by a well respected coach. One of four books published in June 2005 by the author. envisionsport@touchtelindia.net

These books are NOT AVAILABLE from the IAAF - ALL orders must be made direct to authors/publishers

Kravets becomes a mother <> World record holder and former World and Olympic Triple Jump champion, **Inessa Kravets**, gave birth to a daughter whose name is Darya, on 4 October, the day before her own 39th birthday. **Perec, Diagana and Bidouane fun running for cancer charities** <> On the 18 September in Rabat, Morocco, 1997/ 2001 World 400mH champion **Nezha Bidouane** (photo) took part in a "Terry Fox Association" charity 10km to raise funds for the organization "l'Avenir" which fights cancer and assists children suffering from the illness. On Sunday 9 October in Paris, France, **Marie-José Perec**, multiple World and Olympic champion (200m/400m), and **Stéphane Diagana**, 1997 World 400mH champion, took part in a charity 5km organised by 'Celebrities for Sports and Charities' and the 'Odyssea' association, to raise funds to fight cancer.





**ATHLETES SANCTIONED FOR A DOPING OFFENCE SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER
ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE IAAF AS OF 6 October 2005**

AIHUA Qin	CHN	National OOC	25.5.05	2 years ineligibility (until 24.5.07)
AYHAN Süreyya	TUR	IAAF OOC	13.7.04/25.7.04	2 years ineligibility (until 31.9.06)
DENIS Sébastien	FRA	Meeting de Heronville (FRA)	25.6.05	Public Warning*
DELFERIERE Ludovic	FRA	Chmps de France Relais et Courses	4.6.05	6-month ineligibility ('until 27.3.06)**
KOKORINA Aleksandra	RUS	Russian Athletic Chps	25.4.05	2 years ineligibility (28.5.05-27.5.07)
SEDUNOVA Svetlana	RUS	Russian Athletic Chps	25.4.05	2 years ineligibility (28.5.05-27.5.07)
ZYABREV Aleksandr	RUS	Rus Chps, Comb Evts	18.5.05	2 years ineligibility (24.6.05-23.6.07)
GNEUSHEV Aleksey	RUS	Russian Mar Chps	22.5.05	2 years ineligibility (26.6.05-25.6.07)
POLYCHRONIOU Christos	GRE	IAAF OOC	22.2.05	2 years ineligibility (31.5.05-30.5.07)
BEX Geoffrey	BEL	GP de Noel, Oreya (BEL)	19.12.04	3-month suspension (17.5.05-16.8.05)**

This list represents the athletes who have been sanctioned for a doping offence by their Federation since the last issue of the IAAF News. A Public Warning also entails disqualification from the competition in which the positive sample was provided.

Dates correspond to the positive doping control test and not the beginning of the ineligibility period.

NB. *First offence specified substance (Ephedrine); **First offence specified substance (Cannabis)

Member Federation officers – recent elections

Federation	President	General Secretary
SLO	--	Boris Mikuz

Asian Athletics Association Council

Period for 2006-2009 - President: Shri. Suresh Kalmadi (IND); **Sr. Vice President:** Brig. Dahlan Jumaan Al-Hamad (QAT); **Vice Presidents:** Dr. Luo Chaoyi (CHN), Koji Sakurai (JPN), Ng Ching Kwok (PHI), Eng.Suhail Q. Al Zawawi (KSA), Pol.Maj. Gen. Surapong Ariyamongkol (THA); **Secretary-Treasurer:** Maurice R. Nicholas (SIN); **Individual Members:** K.V. Varghese (BRU), William Ko (HKG), Tigor Tanjung (INA) Dr. Eidi Alijani (IRN), Saad Hiyasat (JOR), Alexey Kondrat (KAZ), Claire Chehab (LIB), Sheik Soud Hamed S. Al-Rawahi (OMA), Ranjit L. Weerasena (SRI).

World Masters' Association Council

President: Cesare Beccalli (ITA); **Executive Vice-President:** Monty Hacker (RSA); **Secretary:** Torsten Carlus (SWE); **Vice President Stadia:** Rex Harvey (USA); **Vice President Non-Stadia:** Brian Keaveney (CAN); **Treasurer:** Friedel Schunk (GER) - as of end of 2005 financial year; **IAAF Representative:** Cesar Moreno Bravo (MEX); **Women's Representative:** Marina Hoernecke-Gil (ESP); **Area Delegates – Africa:** Hannes Booysen (RSA); **Asia:** Hari Chandra (SIN); **Europe:** Dieter Massin (GER); **North & Central America:** Sandy Pashkin (USA); **Oceania:** Stan Perkins (AUS); **South America:** Jose Figueras (URU).

World Mountain Running Association Council

Period 2005-2009 - President: Danny Hughes (GBR); **Secretary:** Bruno Gozzelino (ITA); **Treasurer:** Nancy Hobbs (USA); **Period 2005-2007 - Director Competition:** Raimondo Balicco (ITA); **Director Organisation:** Wolfgang Munzel (GER); **Director Development:** Tomo Sarf (SLO); **Director Marketing:** Adrian Woods (GBR).

Getting to know the Member Federation Officials

Nacer Chiri ALG <-> **General Secretary** <-> DOB 29/11/1960; Sports Science post graduate; National team coach; Council Member of I'NFNS/STS since 2000; Member LOC 1988 African Champs; Director of Youth & Sports Wilaya d' Annaba 2001 – 2004.

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Bekele and Isinbayeva win Athletes of the Year titles for second year



World and Olympic champions **Kenenisa Bekele** of Ethiopia and **Yelena Isinbayeva** of Russia were announced as the men's and women's 2005 Athletes of the Year at the climax to the spectacular 2005 World Athletics Gala at the Fairmont Hotel, Monte-Carlo on Saturday 10 September 2005.

PHOTO: President Diack, Bekele, Isinbayeva, HSH Prince Albert II

Bekele and Isinbayeva, who also won these titles in 2004, have produced another exemplary year of performances with triumphs stretching from the indoor season to this summer's World Championships in Helsinki and beyond.

In Helsinki, both these 23-year-olds took gold medals in their respective events, the men's 10,000m and women's Pole Vault. Most recently the Ethiopian sped to a stunning new World 10,000m record in Brussels improving his own mark by nearly three seconds to 26:17.53. In March, he won his fourth consecutive World

Cross Country Championships double time, overcoming the tragic loss of his fiancée Alem Techale, who died on 4 January. For her part, Isinbayeva, following on from her historic 5.00m breakthrough in London in July, and her last World record clearance (5.01m) in Helsinki, won at the 3rd World Athletics Final in Monaco to cap a near perfect year on the IAAF circuit.

Performances of the Year: Justin Gatlin (USA) & Tirunesh Dibaba (ETH); **Distinguished Career and Life Time Achievement:** Lasse Viren (FIN) & Wilson Kipketer (DEN); **Rising Star Award:** Harry Aikines-Aryeetey (GBR); **Special Award:** Rashid Ramzi (BRN).

Full details of the 2005 World Athletics Gala will appear in the IAAF Magazine; 4 / 2005 – End of Year Review edition

IAAF Athletes' commission meeting

The IAAF Athletes' Commission met in Monaco on 9th September 2005, at the occasion of the IAAF World Athletics Final and the IAF Gala. In attendance were the following: Alberto Juantorena (CUB) – Chairman, Sergey Bubka (UKR), Jolanda Ceplak (SLO), Michael Conley (USA), Stéphane Diagana (FRA), Debbie Ferguson (BAH), Frank Fredericks (NAM), Deon Hemmings (JAM), Faraj Ibrahim Ismail (QAT), Koji Murofushi (JPN), Paula Radcliffe (GBR), Felix Sanchez (DOM), Paul Tergat (KEN): see photo.

Chief among the recommendations that the Commission asked to be considered by the IAAF Council at its meeting in Moscow, 12-13 November,

were that all IAAF Member Federations should set up a National Athletes' Commission within their country, and that an international license for Recognised Athletes' Representatives should be made mandatory. A number of proposals were also made which asked for a



greater voice to be given to athletes to ensure that their needs are being met

in terms of competition rules and regulations including anti-doping, and in the general overall planning of the sport.

The Commission also reconfirmed its full support of the IAAF in its fight against doping, and offered its assistance in any educational or research projects, which could help eradicate doping cheats from the sport. Also following the success of the Athletes' Commission Stand in the Village at the World Championships in Helsinki, the Commission asked to be able to set up similar stands at future World Athletics Series events.

PHOTO: Tergat at the meeting

New Ways in Athletics Development in Uruguay



Former Member Services Department Director Björn Wangemann who is presently leading a German Athletics Development Project in Uruguay is looking for new ways to strengthen athletics in this small country once established as a kind of buffer state between the two big neighbours Brazil and Argentina.

On the basis of a situation analysis it was verified that only 4 out of the 19 Uruguayan regional states (Departamentos) have their own Athletics Federation, and that Athletics activities are mainly concentrating in the urban region of the capital Montevideo where more than a third of the whole Uruguayan population of 3.5 Million lives. "This will change dramatically in the future", said Wangemann. "An important task is therefore the foundation of regional federations. It is my personal aim that all 19 Departamentos have their own Federations in 2008 when the Project comes to an end."

With this aim in mind Wangemann has visited already 10 Regions since he started working in South America in September 2005. A first important success of this development work was the recent official foundation of the Athletics Federation of the region of Salto in the North-West of the country at the banks of the Uruguay river. After his greeting address Wangemann symbolically handed over a starting block to the newly appointed President Oscar Rocca wishing the Federation 'a good start' (see PHOTO).

Medical & Anti-Doping Commission meeting

On the weekend of 17 and 18 September in Monaco, the IAAF Medical and Anti-Doping Commission held a two-day meeting to discuss the progress of activities of the IAAF Medical and Anti-Doping Department.

The Commission is comprised of medical and anti-doping experts from around the globe who are able to contribute their specific knowledge and

further the work of the IAAF Anti-Doping Department.

Issues addressed during the meeting included: Planning for the 2006 testing programme; the threat of gene doping; proposed research projects; the 2006 prohibited list; IAAF medical matters.

In attendance at the meeting were the following: Dr. Juan Manuel Alonso – Chairman, Dr. Brahim Baba, Dr.

Stéphane Bermon, Dr. Harmon Brown, Dr. Frédéric Depiesse, Dr. Herbert Elliott, Dr. Giuseppe Fischetto, Dr. Birgir Gudjonsson, Dr. Manikavasagam Jegathesan, Dr. Karoly Piko, Dr. Martial Saugy, Dr. Fumihito Yamasawa. Also in attendance were members of the Anti-Doping Department led by Director Dr. Gabriel Dollé.

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ENTRY STANDARDS - 11th IAAF World Junior Championships, 15-20 August 2006 – Beijing, China

Men	Event	Women
10.5 / 10.74	100m	11.8 / 12.04
21.4 / 21.64	200m	24.4 / 24.64
47.9 / 48.04	400m	55.1 / 55.24
1:51.00	800m	2:09.00
3:48.00	1500m	4:28.00
	3000m	9:35.00
14:15.00 or 8:15.00 (3000m)	5000m	16:30.00
30:30.00	10,000m	
14.5 / 14.74 (1.067m) or 14.1 / 14.34 (0.995m)	110mH	
	100mH	14.0 / 14.24
53.2 / 53.34	400mH	60.3 / 60.44
9:10.00	3000mSC	11:00.00
44:05.00	10,000m Race Walk	50:55.00
No standard	4 x 100m Relay	No standard
No standard	4 x 400m Relay	No standard
2.14	HJ	1.82
5.05	PV	3.95
7.55	LJ	6.10
15.60	TJ	12.90
17.90 (6kg) or 16.30 (7.26kg)	SP	14.40
55.00 (1.75kg) or 50.50 (2kg)	DT	47.00
67.50 (6kg) or 60.00 (7.26kg)	HT	56.00
66.50	JT	49.50
6875 (7.26kg SP / 2kg DT) or 7050 (6kg SP / 1.75kg DT)	Decathlon	
	Heptathlon	5150

Conditions

1. Performances must be achieved during the period 1st January 2005 to 31st July 2006.
2. The deadline for the submission of the final entries to the IAAF is midnight (local time) on 31st July, using the IAAF on-line Event Entry System.
3. Performances must be achieved during an official competition organised in conformity with IAAF Rules.
4. Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or sanctioned by the IAAF, its Area Associations or its National Member Federations. Thus, results achieved at school competitions must be certified by the National Federation of the country in which the competition was organised.
5. Performances achieved in mixed events (between male and female participants), held completely in the stadium, will not be accepted (see IAAF Rules).
6. Wind assisted performances (over 2m/sec or 4m/sec for the Combined Events) will not be accepted (see IAAF Rules).
7. Indoor performances will be accepted.
8. Members who have no male and/or no female qualified athletes whom they wish to enter may enter one unqualified male athlete and/or one unqualified female athlete in one event of the Championships (except the Field Events, Combined Events, 10,000m, 3000m Steeplechase, 5000m Women).
9. Member Federations (or Area Associations, on behalf of its Members) who have no male and/or no female qualified athlete but whose best athlete excels in a Field Event, may submit to the IAAF, by the time of the Preliminary Entry deadline, the name(s) of their athlete(s) plus performance(s) they would like to enter in the Field Events. The Technical Delegates will make the final decision.
10. If the host country of the World Junior Championships does not have an athlete qualified in an event, it may enter one athlete in these events regardless of any entry standard.
11. Only athletes born in 1987, 1988, 1989 and 1990 can be entered.
12. The maximum number of individual events in which athletes born in 1989 and 1990 (youth) can compete is two (only one of these two events can be a race longer than 200m).

WMA Delegation at the 2005 WAF and Gala

The 2005 IAAF World Athletics Final (9-10 Sep) and IAF Gala (10 Sep) in Monaco were the perfect opportunity for the IAAF to welcome the newly elected WMA President, Cesare Beccalli (ITA) and his Delegation. Accompanied by new Executive-Vice President, Monty Hacker (RSA), new Secretary, Torsten Carlius (SWE) and outgoing Treasurer, Peppo Galfetti (SUI), it was also the occasion for the IAAF, represented by Masters' Committee Chairman and Council Member Cesar Moreno Bravo (MEX), to host the Annual IAAF/WMA Coordination Meeting. The aim is to consolidate the relationship between both international sporting bodies and also to formulate strategy in the best interests of the Athletics Family.

Since 2004, it has also become a tradition for the IAAF to invite the WMA Masters Male and Female Athletes of the Year. In 2005, the recipients were: Earl Fee (CAN), M75, - see photo to right of Fee in action - and Rietje Dijkman (NED), W65. Within the past year, Earl broke 5 World Records Indoors and Outdoors in the 400m, 800m, 1 Mile and Long Hurdles. He is also the author of "The Complete Guide to Running". Rietje, in the same year, broke 8 World Records Indoors and Outdoors excelling in Short Hurdles, Long Hurdles, High Jump, Triple Jump and Pentathlon.

Both athletes, who had never visited Monaco before, were delighted and grateful for the hospitality that they received during their short but memorable stay. In the words of one of them, "I had a great adventure in Monaco and was treated royally."

