

Humanitarian initiatives show that Athletics has a heart

As I write this message, we are just about to begin the 2006 IAAF World Athletics Series, and after seeing so many World Records set indoors already this winter, I am confident that we will have excellent competitions when we go to Moscow for the 11th edition of the IAAF World Indoor Championships (10 – 12 March). Two weeks later, we will then be in Asia, for the 34th IAAF World Cross Country Championships in Fukuoka, Japan (1 – 2 April), for what is the first of a number of top athletics events scheduled for that continent in the next few years.



But although competition will always remain the lifeblood of the IAAF's activities, I am also pleased that our association is starting to involve itself in a number of humanitarian activities. For me, our great sport of athletics is a tremendous source of life-enhancing values and experiences, whose influence extends far beyond the boundaries of our competition venues. Athletics has the power to change lives, and I believe that the IAAF has a responsibility to harness this energy, with the support of our Member Federations and athletes.

When I was at the Winter Olympic Games in Turin, I signed an agreement with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), on behalf of the IAAF, to co-operate on ways to promote environmental awareness by incorporating environmental issues and monitoring environmental programmes in the preparation and staging of IAAF competitions.

The IAAF and UNEP have agreed to work together to create mechanisms for the transfer of knowledge between competition organisers, particularly in developing countries. In particular, the two organisations will begin a programme called the "Plant for the Planet Campaign", by which Trees of Peace will be planted in and around sporting facilities. The focus of the first phase of this project will be on conflict-affected countries.

Just a month earlier, the IAAF's "Athletics for a Better World" project came to a climax with the first ever on-line auction of Athlete memorabilia. Thanks to the kindness of 50 star athletes, both active and retired, as well as the generosity of our fans, we were able to raise more than \$30,000 to be shared equally between the UN organisations FAO, UNICEF and WFP.

On behalf of the IAAF, I would like to thank all those who contributed to the success of this online auction, whose aim was to raise money and particularly increase public awareness for UN humanitarian causes.

Lamine Diack
IAAF President

Photo: Lamine Diack with the Executive Director of UNEP Klaus Töpfer



IAAF Athletics' World Plan

What is the most important resource for any country? Is it Oil, Coal, Water, Gas, Gold, the Army, Religion, Politics, Hospitals?

It is none of these. The answer is Children. A country that fails to encourage parents is doomed to struggle and wither. There are already strong signals in many European countries that the birth rate is declining quite seriously to well under the important target of at least 2 children per family.

But what has this to do with Athletics? The significance is that the IAAF like every other sporting body needs a constant flow of young people to replace the current competitors and keep the sport alive. This has always been the case of course but recruiting teenagers is now more difficult. There are many other distractions to tempt them, and there are many more sports also eager to attract them. Football seduces the boys with the best natural talents because it has the cash. Rugby, Tennis, Cricket, Golf, Cycling all have deep pockets and glamorous life-styles. How can Athletics persuade youngsters to experience what it has to offer?

With so many sports to choose from, the emphasis must be on catching them young. And where is that? Answer - In the schools. This comes as no surprise and there have been out-reach initiatives from many Member Federations over the years, some of which have been productive but there has been little sharing of experience. The Athletics' World Plan has now begun to put serious projects in play. The major goal will be to make Athletics the world-wide number one participatory sport in schools.

Those of us who were born in the middle of the 20th Century took for granted that we played sports at school. The talented flourished, the less gifted grumbled, but few thought that it was a waste of time. It was healthy and sport makes friends. Athletics was valuable because it provided a wide range of activities matched to the different body shapes...Sprint, long-distance, hurdling, jumping long and high, throwing different implements. Over the years the quality of school sports declined as investment was withdrawn and sport was downgraded. But the obesity of youngsters increased. Suddenly politicians have discovered that sport in schools improves health, reduces illness and benefits the treasury. This is the opportunity for the IAAF and Member Federations. We need to position

Athletics as the principal means of achieving good health and fitness, and alongside that develop Athletics-based health and fitness programmes that can be used at all levels and be the core element of sport, health and educational government policies worldwide. This must be the primary target for the IAAF and Member Federations.

There is encouraging news coming from Central America where in Puerto Rico more than 12,000 school children aged 6-11 and over 1000 teachers from 500 schools have participated in a Kids' Athletics programme. In Malaysia, over 6000 schools have been involved in a similar project. Hats off to them both and this should encourage all Member Federations to take up this programme. The World Athletics Day on 6 – 7 May will add a global focus to the ambitions of the IAAF and its Members.

We think of Athletics as being a simple sport, practiced everywhere in the world. Open to everyone. All you need is a track and off you go. Sadly this is not quite the whole picture. Athletics is actually a very complex sport with highly defined technical requirements and the need for many trained and experienced officials who participate without payment. We have to look after our Starters, Measurers, and Officials, all the people who make the sport possible and not take them always for granted.

We also take our facilities for granted. Throwing areas and jumping pits for example. But Athletics is often one of several sports which share a Stadium and increasingly encounter unhelpful changes. 8 years ago we saw the introduction of synthetic grass on football pitches. The surface was dangerous and caused injuries. But in the last 2 years the quality has been significantly improved, such that FIFA and UEFA have sanctioned its use in official championships.

Immediately we can see the danger for the throwing events, both in competition and in training. Even runners will find that the synthetic surface affects muscles and causes injury. It may be possible to negotiate a "true grass landing area" within the synthetic surface for Javelin and Discus, but the implications for the Hammer are not good. The IAAF is in contact with manufacturers to see if a compromise solution can be found or a new form of synthetic grass created which accommodates Athletics' needs. Interestingly Mondo have designed a prototype 200m track which also accommodates short-form Football

and Volleyball areas in the centre, allowing more sports to enjoy the facilities simultaneously and at a lower cost. We may see further solutions like this for some of the smaller countries. The "Facilities" Team, headed by Hansjörg Wirz, is very closely monitoring the issue.

But to return to where we started: New blood, youngsters, and how to motivate them. First we must reach them and show them what our sport can do. Who better to do that than our great champions acting as Ambassadors for the sport? There are plans to send these heroes and heroines around the globe to reach out to the youth of the world. They will also support the "Athletics for a Better World" campaign with several humanitarian projects. One of the main tasks of the working teams of the World Plan this year will be to establish a new unified, global calendar that makes sense not only to the IAAF family but also to the media, and the children and their parents who are willing to get into the sport. From grassroots to the elite, the pathway has to be clearer for everybody. Regional championships must all happen at the same time, leaving "down" time for our international events. A new 2007-2012 calendar that makes sense would be a huge achievement for our organisation.

We also must let youth talk to youth, for our younger champions to star in their own videos as entertainment rather than sport, to discuss their lives, hopes, music, food, life in general away from the track. Sport is entertainment after all and we should rejoice that we have so many great talents. We started by talking about children. The IAAF is determined to find and nourish young talent from every corner of the globe, from every small village or major city.

Last but not least, all this will only be achieved if we all work hand in hand, at every level. This is why one of the other major projects of the Athletics' World Plan implementation teams this year is to find the best way to empower the Area Associations. This is a very ambitious project but which is the only way forward for a worldwide governing body like the IAAF that is not only a global player but also one that needs to find its own answer to the challenge of globalisation. A first major brainstorm meeting with the Area Associations is planned for May. We will surely return to this issue in these columns.

Adrian Metcalfe

Commission and Committee News

Technical Committee

The yearly Technical Committee meeting took place at the IAAF Headquarters in Monaco starting in the afternoon of 17 February with Technical Committee Working Group meetings and then a full day meeting of the whole Committee on 18 February. All but two of the members of the largest IAAF Committee were present.



Photo: President Diack addresses the Technical Committee

At the meeting President Lamine Diack reminded the members to "make the right decisions and proposals, by always keeping the athletes' interests on their mind." In line with this principal the Committee outlined proposals for several Rules interpretations and future amendments. They revisited the issue of the zero false start proposal that was brought up at the last Congress in Helsinki, but which was dropped later on. As before, the Committee agreed that they still do not recommend the implementation of this rule.

In full agreement with General Director Pierre Weiss, who stressed the importance of the usage of the newest technology to make athletics more attractive, the Committee discussed the certification of technology in compliance with the Rules as their first priority; e.g. video distance measurement, transponder timing, and laser measurement are among the novelties which enjoy the support of the Technical Committee. Further topics addressed included:

>>At a two-session Editorial Board meeting which preceded the Technical Committee meeting, the Track and Field Facilities Manual was closely examined and the members agreed that mainly the indoor section has to be reviewed. The new edition is expected to be published in the last quarter of 2006.

>>Research projects are under way with the goal of creating a Calibration Handbook which is a comprehensive collection of standard requirements in regards to different technical devices and systems.

>>Based on new, alternative and quite interesting track designs that were handed in, the Technical Committee nevertheless decided that those would be allowable for research and training, but changes of current standards are not intended.

>>The Committee was pleased to see the statistics of the IAAF certified products and was glad to note the improvement in the number of certified facilities. Currently existing: 117 outdoor facilities; 392 different items of competition track and field equipment; 317 different items of throwing implements; 57 types of synthetic track surfacing products.

School/Youth Commission

The School/Youth Commission under the chairmanship of Council Member Jamel Simohamed and assisted by Abdel Malek El-Hebil, the newly appointed full-time coordinator for the programme since 7 December 2005, held its first bi-annual two-day meeting for this year, on 20/21 January in Monaco. President Lamine Diack joined the group on Saturday 21 stating that, "I absolutely wanted to be here to renew my dedication to this programme. For 2012, we have set ambitious goals and if we achieve them we have achieved something very important." It is the IAAF's main objective to make athletics the number one practiced sport in school by 2012 as stated in the Athletics' World Plan.

To be able to reach this goal, the School/Youth Commission decided to implement two new athletic programmes -- the World Athletics Day in Schools and the Team Competition Programme for the categories 14/15 years and 13-15 years accordingly. Both will be installed this year for the first time intensifying the efforts to attract and introduce especially school children to our sport. In addition, it was decided to slightly adjust the programme of Kids' Athletics (7 to 12 years) taking more into account each kid's developmental age and the training purpose that wants to be achieved at that age.

The traditional World Athletics Day (16/17 years) which is designed for clubs, will take place on 6-7 May all over the world and will be combined with the newly added World Athletics Day in Schools (14/15 years) -- a great platform for Member Federations and local clubs to get in contact with schools and teachers.

Furthermore, the members of the Commission regarded the implementation of coaching classes that are designed for the coaching of

kids and youth up to the age of 15 years, to be vital to the achievement of the Commission's main objective. The training programme as presented by Simohamed and Malek El Hebil was approved. It was decided that the first pilot training programme will be staged during the African Championships in Mauritius; English and French speaking African instructors will have the opportunity to take part. Afterwards, an implementation and evaluation phase will follow. It was stressed that it is vital to the success of the coaching programme that the Regional Development Centres' and Member Federations' increase their efforts supporting the development of youth.

The main focus of all activities will be on those developing countries where no athletic structures in schools are in place yet. The following recommendations were made by the Commission:

- >>Launch the first "World Athletics Day in Schools" with a specific programme to be used by all participating Member Federations;
- >>Send a circular to all MF's recommending implementing a required structure for (a) Taking care of Youth athletics matters, and (B) Ensuring contact/communication with school sports authorities within the country. Involve Regional Development Centres in the process;
- >>To set up a structure to take care of the IAAF educational project being designed to create and manage a School/Youth specific webpage on the IAAF website: (a) Creation of educational content for the use of school teachers (with all IAAF approved documentation available for download), and (b) Interactive games for youth;
- >>To reinforce Kids' Athletics exhibitions during all Area and National Championships.

Medical & Anti-Doping Commission

The Medical & Anti-Doping Commission came together in Monaco over the weekend of the 21-22 January to discuss the latest medical and anti-doping issues and guide the future direction of the IAAF Anti-Doping programme.

Commission Chairman, Dr. Juan Manuel Alonso opened the two-day meeting by welcoming a new member to the Commission, Professor Louise Burke of Australia.

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Photo: Medical & Anti-Doping Commission meeting in session

Prof. Burke, a qualified dietician with 25 years clinical experience in nutrition education and counselling, is currently head of the Sports Nutrition Department at the Australian Institute

of Sport and a member of the IOC Working Party on Nutrition. The addition of an experienced and internationally recognised nutritionist such as Prof. Burke will ensure the IAAF is able to continue moving forward and address the needs of the athletes in this important area.

Day One of the meeting covered areas related to anti-doping. The list of topics was long, however among the notable issues discussed were:
 >>New and smarter approaches to blood screening and (erythropoietin) EPO testing;
 >>The anti-doping programme for future IAAF competitions;

>>The IAAF anti-doping education activities;
 >>An update on the new IAAF Rules.

Day Two was dedicated to medical matters. The Commission is working hard to improve the information available to athletes on medical issues. Just some of the many topics discussed were;
 >>Issues relating to the treatment of Attention Deficit Disorders;
 >>Therapeutic Use Exemptions;
 >>The curriculum for sports medicine courses; and
 >>The future IAAF approach to nutrition.

Forthcoming meetings

March 2006

Tue 21 Masters' Committee
Tue 28 – Wed 29 IAAF COUNCIL

April 2006

Mon 3 Cross Country & Road Running Committee

May 2006

Mon 15 Race Walking Committee



Following a meeting of the IAAF Golden League Working Group

on Thursday 2 February, which consists of IAAF representatives, Golden League Meeting Organisers and representatives from Broadcasting and Marketing partner IMG/TWI, the

men's 3000 / 5000m will now be included as an additional event.

2006 Events:

Men: 100m, 400m, 1500m, 3000/5000m, Long Jump, Javelin Throw.

Women: 100m, 400m, 3000/5000m, 100m Hurdles, High Jump.

2006 Dates and venues:

Friday 2 June, OSLO, NOR
 Saturday 8 July (tbc), PARIS, FRA
 Friday 14 July, ROME, ITA
 Friday 18 August, ZURICH, SUI
 Friday 25 August, BRUSSELS, BEL
 Sunday 3 September, BERLIN, GER

World records – recently ratified

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**Men – Senior
 Half Marathon**

59:16 Samuel Wanjiru KEN, Rotterdam, NED, 11 Sep 2005
Previous: 59.17, Paul Tergat KEN, Milan, ITA, 4 Apr 98

**Women – Senior
 25km**

1:22:13 Mizuki Noguchi JPN, Berlin, GER, 25 Sep 2005
Previous: 1:22:31 Naoko Takahashi JPN, Berlin GER, 30 Sep 01

30km

1:38:49 Mizuki Noguchi JPN, Berlin, GER, 25 Sep 2005
Previous: 1:39:02 Naoko Takahashi JPN, Berlin GER, 30 Sep 01

IAAF CHARITY AUCTION – Over 30,000 Dollars raised by athletes and fans



The IAAF Charity auction of items of World and Olympic athletics memorabilia, which were so generously donated by

numerous legends of our sport, raised over US\$30,000 in aid of three United Nations organisations, FAO, UNICEF and WFP.

The total will be equally divided between these three partners of the IAAF's humanitarian project 'Athletics for a Better World: The IAAF Stars' Donation Fund'. The IAAF is paying all auction fees and the cost of shipping the items to their winning bidders around the world.

The auction ended on Monday 30 January 2006, and somewhat appropriately the last item on offer, the gold medal competition kit and bib number which Hicham El Guerrouj

wore when he won his first ever global title, raised the most for any individual item – US\$3,406.98. The second highest sale price was the US\$2,443.01 bid for Haile Gebrselassie's framed 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games competition bib number. The next best figure was for the right foot sprinting spike of Asafa Powell, from when he broke the men's 100m World record in Athens last June, which garnered US\$1,830.74.

PHOTO: El Guerrouj's 1995 World Indoor 1500m gold medal kit

'Helsinki 2005' Official Commemorative Book of the 10th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Helsinki, Finland, 6-14 August 2005

Published by and only available from the Local Organising Committee. Profusely illustrated in full-colour. The story of each event with full results and medal table. Additional special chapters covering: ATG (Athletics through Generations); IAAF Congress; Finnish success at the Champs; a tribute to the volunteers. 160pp; A4 size; hard back; Text: English, French, Finnish.

Price: 49 Euros + postal charges (EU: 7.00 Euros, Rest of Europe and USA: 9.00 Euros; others please enquire). Payment by credit card (Visa, Mastercard) is available. Post: Suomen Urheiluliiton Julkaisut, Vesijärvenkatu 19, 15140 Lahti, Finland. Email: jouko.nousiainen@kuntolahti.com



PLEASE NOTE : This book is NOT available from the IAAF. To order contact the publishers at address shown

Obituaries

in alphabetical order; fuller tributes have been published on www.iaaf.org

Lawrence Black (USA) - "Larry", 54, who won two medals at the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich, died Wednesday 8 February 2006, of an aneurysm. Black won a gold medal for running the first leg on USA's winning 4x100m relay squad. He also captured the silver medal in the 200m in 20.19 seconds from the inside lane. A star at North Carolina Central University, Black won the NCAA outdoor 220-yard title in 1971 and also won NAIA outdoor titles in 1971 (220-yd.) and 1972 (200m). He had a PB of 20.0 in the 200m.



Ibolya Csák (HUN) - Hungary's first ever Olympic and European female champion has passed away at the age of 91. Ibolya Csák won the gold medal at the Berlin Olympic Games in the Women's High Jump in an exciting competition in which, Csák, Dorothy Odam, GBR, Elfriede Kaun, GER, all cleared 1.60m. As none of them could jump the next height, 1.62m, all had to have a fourth attempt and it was the 21-year-old Hungarian, who succeeded. In 1938, she became European champion with 1.64m. During her entire career Csák never lost a High Jump competition.

Elisabeth Gelius (GER) - "Lisa", one of the world's outstanding athletes of the 1930s and 40s, died on Saturday, 14 January 2006 at the age of 96. The 1930 (Prague, CZE) and 1934 (London, GBR) Women's World Games gold medal winner in the Javelin Throw with 42.23m and 45.58 respectively, Gelius was one of the favourites to win her event at the Olympic Games in 1936, but an injury prevented her from participating in the Berlin Games. In 1938 though Lisa Gelius, who in 1934 equalled the 80m Hurdles World record with 11.6, was back in winning shape becoming the first women's European champion in the Javelin Throw with 45.58m.

Dean Ingram (USA) - The first elected secretary of TAC/USA, and AAU Race Walk Chair prior to that, passed away on Friday 10 February 2006 at the age of 68. He had fallen, hit his head, and later lapsed into a coma. A TAC/USA President's Award winner in 1980 he worked hard at national and local level and for 42 years was President of Club Northwest.

Jess Jarver (EST/AUS) - Jess Lembit Jarver, born in Tallinn, Estonia on 3 March 1922, died at his home in Adelaide, South Australia on 11 February 2006, passing away aged 83, after a long battle with cancer. Jess was a nickname given to him by his father after they had watched Jesse Owens together at the Berlin Olympics. He showed passionate leadership for more than ten years as President of AT&FCA through a time when the association became a recognised leader for its education and support of coaches. For forty years he was editor of "Modern Athlete and Coach", the magazine he initiated for his coaching colleagues in Adelaide which grew into a technical journal respected worldwide for the quality of information it provided for coaches at all levels.

Lou Jones (USA) - A former World 400m record holder and a member of the United States 4x400m Relay squad that won gold at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics, died Friday 10 February 2006 in the Bronx, New York at 74 years of age. Jones clipped four-tenths of a second off the 400m World record, when running 45.4 to win the 1955 Pan American Games in Mexico City. Jones broke his record in June 1956 when he won the 400m in the Olympic trials at the Los Angeles Coliseum, clocking 45.2. He finished fifth in the 400m at the Melbourne Olympics but captured an Olympic gold with Jenkins, Tom Courtney and Jesse Mashburn in the 4x400 Relay.

Michel Marmion (FRA) - President of the French Athletics Federation for 12 years (1973 -1985) after having been President of the Athletics League of Paris and an excellent announcer during French competitions died recently. At his funeral which was held at the Saint Antoine de Padoue Church in Paris on Friday 10 February, the IAAF was represented by Jean Poczobut (Treasurer), Pierre Dasriaux (Honorary Member) and Pierre Weiss (General Director). Marmion who was not an athlete himself discovered our sport when he married his wife Monique (who died in 1992) who was a member of the French team in 4x100m in the 50s. Marmion was also a member of the IAAF Cross Country Committee for 8 years.



Matti Salmenkylä (FIN) - One of the world's best known athletics writers, died after a long illness on 9 February 2006 in Helsinki. Born in Helsinki on 4 October 1930, Matti had an instinctive love for the sport of athletics, but also played a major role in promoting and defending journalists' rights at international sports events. In 1983, Matti was Press Chief for the first ever IAAF World Championships in Athletics in Helsinki, and he also acted as IAAF and AIPS Press Delegate at the 1987, 1995 and 1997 editions, as well as at many other prestigious sports events, and was Press Chief of the 1994 European Championships in Helsinki.

A member of the IAAF Press Working Group from 1984 to 1986 inclusive. Honoured with the IOC Olympic Order. He worked in the Executive Committee of AIPS. Elected in 1977, was interim-Secretary in 1991 and for 1993-1997 and 1997-2001 was General Secretary, following which he was appointed as AIPS Honorary Life

General Secretary. From the 1952 Olympic Games to date, he had missed only one Games, 2004 Athens.

Valeri Vasilchenko (ARM), one of the founders of the Armenian Athletics Federation, has died while in Moscow, Russia. Between 1992 and 1996, Valeri Vasilchenko served as the inaugural President of the Armenian Athletic Federation, and from 1996 to 2004 held the post of General Secretary. "He was active in athletics and made a significant contribution to the development of athletics in Armenia," commented Narine Shahbazyan, the current General Secretary of the Armenian Athletic Federation.

Rolf von der Laage (GER) - renowned sports journalist, organiser of the former Cologne Grand Prix meeting, and Asian athletics specialist, died on Saturday 14 January 2006 in Cologne, Germany, at the age of 73. Born on 23 August 1932 in Herzogenrath, Germany, he studied medicine, German philology, dramatics and sinology, before going to Asia for over 12 years to work as a correspondent for 'Deutsche Welle' and other media outlets.

Shortly before the 1972 Olympic Games he organised a training camp for Asian athletes. One of the participants was his future wife, Gladys Chai, a Malaysian high jumper. Since the 1980s the couple had established their own agency in Cologne 'ASVOM-Agentur'. He worked from 1987-1992 at ASV Cologne, assisting organisation of ASV Sportfest. Member of IAAF's Grand Prix Commission (1991-1995) and Press Commission (mid-1990's present).



ATHLETE NEWS – Ato Boldon (TRI), 1997 World 200m champion, became an opposition Senator in the Trinidad and Tobago Parliament on 15 February 2006 at Red House, Port of Spain, Trinidad.

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WMRA Council

The first WMRA Council meeting of 2006 was held on 14-15 January 2006 at the IAAF Headquarters. The WMRA Council members, who were all present, were joined by IAAF General Director Pierre Weiss, Otto Klappert (Chairman IAAF Cross Country and Road Running Committee) and Carlos Cardoso (Member IAAF Cross Country and Road Running Committee) whose presence confirmed the IAAF's support to Mountain Running as a branch of athletics.

Future venues: Following two presentations by Swiss LOC delegations (Saillon-Ovronnaz and Crans-Montana), the Valais region of Switzerland will stage the Up & Down World Trophy on 15 – 16 September 2007, and Sierre, Crans-Montana, will host the World Trophy 2008, which will be an Uphill only World Trophy. The World Long Distance Mountain Running Challenge 2007 will also take place in Switzerland at the Jungfrau-Marathon on 8 September 2007.

WMRA Grand Prix: Prize money will be increased by 1500 Euros. All six races in the WMRA Grand Prix will receive the status of "IAAF permit".

Anti-Doping: Following a presentation by the IAAF Medical and Anti-Doping Department on the current state of anti-doping testing practices, an out-of-competition testing programme will be introduced for the top mountain runners.

Competition programme 2006:
30 April: 1st EVAA-WMRA European Mountain Running Championships in Zell am Harmersbach, Germany.
25 June: 3rd NACAC Championships Ajijic, Mexico.
9 July: 5th EAA Championships in Upice, Czech Republic.

20 August: WMRA Long Distance Challenge in Manitou Springs, Colorado, USA.

10 September: 22nd World Trophy in Bursa, Turkey.

23 September: 6th WMRA/WMA Masters World Mountain Running Championships 2006 in Saillon, Switzerland.

WMRA Grand Prix (6 races):

23 July: 7th Großglocknerlauf International in Heiligenblut, Austria.

30 July: 9th Grintovec Mountain Race, Kamnik, Slovenia.

5 August: 16th Schlickeralm Berglauf, Telfes, Austria.

24 September: 3rd "La Course des Bains", Saillon, Switzerland.

7 October: 27th Smarna Gora International Mountain Race, Ljubljana, Slovenia.

28 October: 3rd International "Rock of Gibraltar" Mountain Race, Gibraltar.

IAU Executive Council

On Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 January 2006, the IAU Executive Council held its annual meeting at the IAAF Headquarters discussing various topics regarding Anti-Doping, Marketing/Sponsoring, Competition and Protocol among others. Following a presentation by IAAF Medical and Anti-Doping Administrator Gabriel Dolle, the Council agreed that to improve the IAU Out-of-Competition Testing (OCT) will provide a list of the top-20 men and women of the previous year's ranking in the 100km and 24 Hour races to be included in the IAAF Whereabouts system in the future. The other main matters discussed included:

>>Increased efforts to attract new sponsors;

>>The IAU World record Committee is now in place and mission statement and criteria for world record rankings

WMRA and IAU Council Meetings

are up on the IAU website www.iau.org.tw

>>The Technical Committee proposed to implement some clear additions to the current set of rules which should be valid for all ultra disciplines, e.g. regarding measurement, rating and scoring of an achieved performance based on the distance covered in a fixed period of time and the (non-) usage of walkman/IPODS during a competition;

>> The IAU Trail Commission will look closer at the possibility to stage a 50 Mile IAU trail event in 2007;

>>The travel grant system that was implemented recently and came into use for the first time at the 24 Hours World Challenge in Taiwan was regarded as equitable and acceptable;

>>The protocol guidelines were approved and Roger Bonnifait (FRA) was appointed as "Chef de Protocol"; >>Regarding the scheduling of future World and European 100km Challenges it was decided that one year the World and European 100km Challenge will be held together in Europe, while in the following year the World and European Challenges will be staged separately in different locations – one outside of Europe, the other one in Europe accordingly.

Upcoming Championships:

25 February 2006: 24 Hours World Challenge, Taipei, Taiwan.

16 June 2006: 100km European Champs: Tahout, Belgium.

23 September 2006 : 24 Hours European Champs (track), Verona, Italy.

8 October 2006: 100km World Cup: Seoul, Korea.

>>The next meeting of the IAU Council will take place in Taiwan at the 24hours World Challenge in Taipei.

Member Federation officers – recent elections

Federation	President	General Secretary
ALB	Fatos Shehaj	---
AUS	Rob Fildes	---
BEL	---	Dominique Gavage
GRE	Vassilios Sevastis (re-elected)	Athanasios Voyadzis
KGZ	Kanat Amankulov	Irena Bogacheva
NIG	Hamidou Issa Djibrilla	Aboubacar Mahamane Lawane
SOM	Mohamed Ali Mohamed	Farah Ali Mo' allin
SRI	Derwin Perera	---
UGA	Daniel Tamwesigire	Beatrice Ayikuro
YEM	---	Mujahed Fateh Abo Nasr

Getting to know the Member Federation Officials

<>**Mohamed Ali Mohamed**<> SOM President. *Present* - Senior Supervisor PE Dpt & Consultant to United Arab Emirates Sports Association - Ministry of Education; *Former*- Member Somali NOC, and national athletics team coach; IAAF ITO 1993-2002; IAAF Lecturer in three languages (English/Arabic/Somali); author of six PE, health, fitness books published in Arabic.

<>**Derwin Perera**<> SRI President. *Present*- Deputy Director Sports Development. *Former*- national/international athlete inc. 400m bronze medal at 1975 Asian Champs; National coach 1989 to date guiding Olympic medallist Susanthika Jayasinghe, and Commonwealth medallist Sriyani Kulawansa to success.

ATHLETE NEWS – World Decathlon record holder Roman Sebrle (CZE) became a proud father for the second time when his daughter Katerina was born on Monday 30 January 2006. Mother Eva (former 800m runner Kasalova) and baby are well.

**ATHLETES SANCTIONED FOR A DOPING OFFENCE SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER
ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE IAAF AS OF 22 February 2006**

SCHMITT Christian	GER	Jugendmeisterschaften (GER)	9.7.05	2 years ineligibility (7.9.05-6.9.07)
VASILE Ionela	ROM	10km d'Arras (FRA)	28.8.05	3 years ineligibility (30.11.05-29.11.08)
MONTGOMERY Tim	USA	Balco Conspiracy		2 years ineligibility (6.6.05-5.6.07)
GAINES Chryste	USA	Balco Conspiracy		2 years ineligibility (6.6.05-5.6.07)
LISENCO Evelina	ROM	Nation Senior Chmps	2.7.05	2 years ineligibility (20.7.05-19.7.07)
TREMOUILLE Michel	FRA	Euskal End. St-Etienne (FRA)	10.9.05	2 years ineligibility (30.11.05-29.11.07)
CHRYSOVALANDI Galatoula	GRE	National Athletics Chmps	18.6.05	Public Warning
KHOUAJA Laïla	FRA	Marathon de Lyon	17.4.05	Public Warning
VOIGT Jan	GER	Senioren Meisterschaften II	16.7.05	2 years ineligibility (9.9.05-8.9.07)
COLLINS Michelle	USA	Balco Conspiracy		4 years ineligibility (16.7.04-15.7.08)
CASQUETTE Arnaud	MRI	Jeux de la Francophonie	12.12.05	6 months ineligibility (12.12.05-11.6.06)
AL SALEH Mounira	SYR	3rd West Asian Games	9.12.05	2 years ineligibility (20.12.05-19.12.07)
SOARES ADAO Arlete	BRA	Maratona do Rio de Janeiro	27.6.04	2 years ineligibility (28.9.04-27.9.06)
BERTOLINI Roberto Luigi	ITA	Camp. Italiano Invernale	13.2.05	Public Warning
PEREPELOVA Lyubov	UZB	IAAF OOC	26.4.05	2 years ineligibility (4.7.05-3.7.07)
ENKINA Maria	RUS	Maccabia, Tel-Aviv (ISR)	12.7.05	2 years ineligibility (22.8.05-21.8.07)
CLERC Oksana	FRA	Foulées Venisicenes	20.11.05	2 years ineligibility (11.1.06-10.1.08)
RUIZ Stéphane	FRA	Marathon de Carcassonne	9.10.05	Public Warning
SABOURIN Xavier	FRA	½ Marathon de Lempdes	25.9.05	Public Warning
KGSOIEMANG Edward	RSA	National OOC	5.10.05	2 years ineligibility (31.10.05-30.10.07)
LUKHWARENI Gladys	RSA	SPAR Ladies Race	4.9.05	2 years ineligibility (25.9.05-24.9.07)
ZUNGU Maxwell	RSA	National OOC	29.9.05	2 years ineligibility (7.11.05-6.11.07)
MOOKI Merriam	RSA	National OOC	29.9.05	2 years ineligibility (28.10.05-27.10.07)
SUN Yingjie	CHN	10 th National Games (CHN)	17.10.05	2 years ineligibility (20.10.05 -19.10.07)
ARSONIADIS Haralambos	GRE	GRE National Chmps	10.6.05	2 years ineligibility (6.7.05-5.7.07)
CHOIDIS Christoforos	GRE	GRE National Chmps	10.6.05	2 years ineligibility (6.7.05-5.7.07)
MAYERS Natasha	VIN	IAAF OOC	21.4.05	2 years ineligibility (9.6.05-8.6.07)
OSMAN Artur	POL	Hamburg Marathon	24.4.05	2 years ineligibility (24.6.05-23.6.07)
LEE Suzette	JAM	EAA Karelia Games (FIN)	21.7.05	Public Warning
PIEDRA Amaia	ESP	CTO ESP FED 1°	26.6.04	2 years ineligibility (16.2.05-15.2.07)
MOYO Henry	MAW	Marathon Kuala Lumpur,	6.3.05	Public Warning
WANIS Khaled Chawki	EGY	7 th African Junior Chmp	2.9.05	2 years ineligibility (12.12.05-11.12.07)
RAMVAH Thavanesan	MAS	Pulau Pinang AAA Chmp	3.7.05	Public Warning
LENG Yee Yi	MAS	Pulau Pinang AAA Chmp	2.7.05	Public Warning
EFTIHAIH Nurul	MAS	Kedah AAA Chmp	8.7.05	Public Warning
SHAH Hairul bin Abu	MAS	Melaka AAA Chmp	31.7.05	Public Warning

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.

ATHLETE NEWS: 2005 World XC silver medallist Werknesh Kidane (ETH) is expecting a baby, and on Saturday 4 February 2006 was married to the father and former World XC double silver medallist Gebregziabher Gebremariam.

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Mourning the loss of Istvan Gyulai

On 12 March, we all mourned the passing of an exceptional colleague who, by the very nature of his position, but, beyond that, by his intelligence, his sense of duty, his managerial skills and the unerring quality of his work, was the lynchpin of the day to day operations of the IAAF.



The World Athletics Family will never forget Istvan Gyulai, but the example he set in his life compels us to strive to identify how, going forward, our sport can be managed even better than ever. Life must go on.

I am fully aware of the urgency with which we need to identify the best solutions to ensure that our ongoing missions continue to be carried out correctly and that the foundations of structural reforms designed to cope with modern requirements be implemented. For this reason, in line with the spirit of teamwork that I have never ceased to advocate since being elected to lead this organisation, I decided to nominate Pierre Weiss as acting General Secretary of the IAAF at the recent Council Meeting in Osaka, and I am pleased

that this proposal was accepted by my colleagues there. This nomination will take immediate effect and should be considered active until the Osaka Congress in 2007.

At that stage, having fully considered the different aspects required to meet the challenge of implementing a structure capable of managing athletics according to the ambitions we have for its growth and development, I shall submit a new plan for your approval: a plan which will map out precisely how we can face up to the challenges of the future.

The weight and breadth of the responsibilities now placed on Pierre Weiss - whose devotion, deep knowledge of our sport and incredible work rate are well known to us during the last 15 years that he worked as IAAF General Director - mean that it is necessary that we collaborate fully as a team, and that the workload be now spread out wisely and accurately.

Every IAAF Director, Manager and member of staff will ensure that they are fully engaged in the new strategies we are introducing and be totally clear about the big picture we have in mind for the future of our sport.

I shall personally monitor that this is adhered to by all concerned and shall also oversee the evaluation process that we plan to carry out at the conclusion of this period.

Lamine Diack
IAAF President

Photo: Lamine Diack and Istvan Gyulai, Lausanne 2003

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Istvan Gyulai, 1943 – 2006

What is the mystery of Hungary and its wonderful people? Encased in their unique language, yet wise in the ways of the world. Perhaps the Rubik Cube best encapsulates their highly intelligent and humorous nature. A very musical and inquisitive society yet given also to melancholy and privacy. Istvan Gyulai fitted all the colours of the Rubik Cube within a complex yet playful personality.

I first met Istvan in a Hotel in Pest in 1963 when the British Athletics team arrived for a dual-meet in the giant Nep Stadion. It was pure chance that we both ran in the same event - the 400m - which brought us together in a friendship that lasted 43 years. Had I been a Discus thrower or Istvan a hurdler I doubt we would have bonded so quickly, if at all.

These were gruesome times for the Magyars, the detritus of the Soviet Invasion still clear from the bullet holes on the city's buildings. Its grey politburo offered no incentives for a young and ambitious student athlete. Crouched in the shadows of the grimy hotel, Istvan confessed his problem. He was selected, like myself, to run in the World Student Games in Brazil but he had no money. Yes he had the Forints of local currency but he needed dollars. Real money. John Boulter and I had no hesitation in some illicit trading that would allow him and his girl friend, Olga – a bewitching 800m runner – to enjoy this once-in-a-life-time experience.

With the cash in Brazil, Istvan bought a tape recorder – where none existed in Hungary. And then panicked as he realised he would have to explain to the Border guards how he could account for the money needed to buy such an expensive capitalist machine. So John Boulter gamely stuffed it into his luggage and it travelled many miles around the world before John finally could make a trip to Budapest and reunite the machine with its eager owner.

Istvan had a fine intelligence but one wonders how invasive was the strict communism which ordered every portion of his life until perestroika. I always found with Istvan an instinctive need to explore in detail every proposal brought to him, a caution in direct contrast to his instinctive

humour and imagination. He was a child born in war and raised in intolerance and lies. Caution was his only ally in those troubled times.

Sport was at the heart of Istvan's life. He was a more than capable sprinter with 23 national titles and 9 years on the international circuit including his greatest moment running in Tokyo at the 1964 Olympics. He left a proud legacy of achievement, mentored by his wise advisor Dr Joseph Sir. It was he who counselled Istvan to think of finding a new life in sport as a commentator for Hungarian TV. He became an authoritative and enthusiastic performer, soon in demand for all kinds of sporting duties from Horse Racing to Ice Skating. So wide and well handled was his brief that he soon became indispensable and was elevated to Head of Sport - a position from which he could commission a wider variety of programming including his first full-length movie.

By now he had a family, Olga giving him Miklos and Katalin. Later he was to marry again to Krisztina and produce Marton and Julia followed by a grand-daughter from Katalin. All the children showed sporting talent but Miklos in particular inherited his father's speed and joined the Bobsleigh world for the first Hungarian 2-Man Bob at the '94 Lillehammer Olympics, finishing a scary 28th. He also made the 4x100m relay team in the Sydney Games, 2000. In 2006 the two brothers were in Turin for Bobsleigh with Marton as driver and Micky as captain of the Hungarian team. Imagine the pride of a father to know his 2 boys were part of the world's greatest sporting event. Just in time as luck would have it.

Running in parallel to his TV work was his role in the Hungarian Athletics Federation. Joseph Sir encouraged his protégé to make astute political friends both Hungarian and worldwide. Istvan showed an immediate comprehension of politics and positioning, both for his sport and his own career. Juan-Antonio Samaranch himself advised Istvan, encouraging him to leave TV and seek a senior role in the IAAF. A Council Member in 1984, he added the professional role of General Secretary 7 years later. This brought him into the crucial executive relationship with the

new President Primo Nebiolo. It is to the credit of these two very different men that they could form, not without early problems, a positive relationship which took the IAAF to the forefront of World Sport and the Olympic movement.

The IAAF operates like a medium sized country with over 200 affiliated National Federations and countless athletics meetings. That means 7 days a week in a variety of countries for 12 months a year for the General Secretary and his staff, a daunting burden even for a tough old athlete. It was perhaps 2 years ago that his loyal staff noticed a change in their leader. He looked tired and drawn but imperiously brushed aside any question of ill-health. As time wore on, Istvan showed increasing signs of fatigue and made unannounced private meetings away from the office.

IAAF President Lamine Diack was rightly very concerned for his General Secretary and begged Istvan to take time off, to recuperate, to go anywhere in the world to restore his health. The staff also wanted to share the burden of his work, but nothing was allowed to change his schedule. In the last few months the staff tried to divert his work load without his noticing. But Istvan loyally continued his usual heavy day of meetings, shrugging off any mention of his evident fatigue.

He died in the early hours of March 12, surrounded by his beloved family, on the final day of the World Indoor Athletics Championships in Moscow, a biennial-event he had brought into being. It came as a shock to those in the Olympiski Arena but no surprise to those who had seen his marvellous intellect gradually lose the battle with his ailing body.

Istvan Gyulai was a great servant of Athletics and Olympic Sport: a unique talent on the track and at the Council table. Questioning, testing, pushing the boundaries, open to any new idea but prepared to test it to destruction. Above all a devoted father, a great friend, witty and playful, happiest perhaps, when playing his beloved piano. There his soul felt true comfort.

Adrian Metcalfe

Posthumous Award of the IAAF Golden Order of Merit

Istvan Gyulai, who had been IAAF General Secretary since 1991, passed away in the early hours of 12 March. He was 62 years old.

"It is with deep regret that I have to announce the death of a friend and valued colleague," said IAAF President Lamine Diack.

"Istvan devoted his entire life to our sport. As a young man, he was an international athlete in the 400m and then became Head of Sport for Hungarian TV, combining that career with important positions in Hungarian and international sport. He was a member of the IAAF Council from 1984 until 2001, and was appointed

IAAF General Secretary in 1991, working tirelessly and with great imagination for the cause of world athletics.

"His colleagues on the Council and in our Member Federations, as well as all the members of IAAF staff, will sadly miss his friendly manner, his intelligence and his energy. I also believe that Istvan was extremely courageous in the face of a cruel illness, continuing to work as hard as ever, without complaint, until the end. I would like to send our deepest condolences to his wife Krisztina, his sons Miklos and Marton and his daughters Katalin and Julia."

A Memorial Service was held on Wednesday 15 March 2006, at St. Charles Church, Monaco, at which the life and career of Istvan Gyulai was honoured by the family and the IAAF.

The commemoration of Istvan Gyulai's life continued one week later on Wednesday 22 March 2006 in Budapest, Hungary, when a Mass was held at Szent Istvan Bazilika, which was followed by the Funeral at Pesterzsébeti Temető, at which on behalf of the IAAF, President Lamine Diack made the posthumous presentation of the IAAF's highest honour, the Golden Order of Merit.



IAAF Golden Order of Merit displayed at the Funeral, 22 March 2006



Istvan Gyulai (HUN)

National Honour

On Tuesday 18 April 2006, Mr Laszlo Solyom, the President of the Republic of Hungary, posthumously awarded Istvan Gyulai, the Medium Cross Civic Class of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Hungary, in a ceremony which took place in the Sandor Palace, Budapest, Hungary.

The award was presented to the family of Istvan Gyulai: to his wife, Krisztina and his children: Miklos, Katalin, Marton, and Julia. Two former Presidents of the Hungarian Athletics Association, Mr Laszlo Bekesi and Mr Agoston Schulek, were also present at the ceremony. In making the presentation, President Solyom especially highlighted Istvan Gyulai's exemplary work in the field of sport.

Istvan Gyulai had previously been presented with two other Hungarian honours. In 2002, he received the Esterhazy Miksa Award and in 2003, the Hungarian Heritage Award.

<p>Date of Birth - 21 March 1943</p> <p>Nationality - Hungarian</p> <p>Languages - Hungarian, English, German, French, Russian</p> <p>Education - ELTE University Budapest - Arts Faculty - Modern Languages and Literature</p> <p>Profession - <u>Television Commentator</u> Former Head of Sport of Hungarian Television (MTV)</p> <p><u>Posts held within the IAAF</u> IAAF Council Member 1984 - 2001 IAAF General Secretary 1991 – 2006 Press Commission Chairman 1991 - 2003</p>	<p><u>Competitive sports career</u> 23 times Hungarian Champion in short distances 1961-1969 Member of National Team Gold medal, 4x100m, Universiade, Porto Alegre 1963 Competed in Olympic Games, Tokyo 1964 Silver medal, 4x400m, Universiade, Budapest 1965</p> <p><u>Offices in sport</u> Honorary Life President of the Hungarian Athletics Federation 2001 - 2006 Member of National Council 1980 - 2006 Deputy General Secretary of the International Sports Press Association (AIPS) 1977 - 1989 General Secretary of AIPS 1989 - 1992 Vice-President of Hungarian Athletics Federation 1989 - 1992</p>
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IAAF Athletics' World Plan

I am delighted to report that there has been considerable progress with the **Athletics' World Plan** since our last Council meeting in November. I would just like to spend a few minutes to update you on these activities.

As you are aware, the working group studying the all-important objective in the World Plan of making Athletics the world-wide number one participatory sport in schools has now been replaced by the new **School/Youth Commission**, chaired by our colleague Jamel Simohamed. They met together in Monaco in January and I am happy that I was able to attend some of that meeting. This is a very representative Commission, with members from Puerto Rico, Canada, Algeria, Brazil and Japan and it was so encouraging to see the tremendous motivation that exists amongst them.

At their meeting the Commission decided to take the 'Kids' Athletics' programme and to make it much more user-friendly for schools and particularly for teachers, by adding an educational aspect to it.

We have learnt that a version of the 'Kids' Athletics' programme has recently been introduced to over 6000 schools in Malaysia, which is a wonderful result and although only an early start it is certainly something that we should be proud of.

By the end of the 2006 season the Commission plans to have a new competition formula for 13-15 year olds completed, which will provide the natural link between 'Kids' Athletics' and Youth competitions. A new youth oriented webpage will also be created by this time.

I am happy to report that the new initiative of adding a schools theme to World Athletics Day this year has been well received by many of our Member Federations.

The **Athletics' World Plan Steering Group** met in Monaco at the beginning of February, where we received reports from the seven working groups.

The **Events' team**, led by Dapeng Lou and Sergey Bubka, updated the Steering Group on the status of all the actions contained within the Plan. It was agreed by the Steering Group that their main focus over the coming months must be on the creation and development of a new worldwide calendar structure. In order to achieve this, a new 'task force' will be put in

place which in addition to Dapeng and Sergey will involve Hansjörg Wirz, as the leader of the 'Competence' team and Amadeo Francis, as the leader of the 'Participation' team. Their important and complex task will be to devise a clear and concise new calendar covering the years 2007 to 2012, by the end of this year.

As you are aware, this Council has been discussing the important issue of the empowerment of the Area Associations. This task has been undertaken within the World Plan, by Hansjörg's **Competence' team**. Their task is to define a new role for the IAAF and its Area Associations. With every Area having different needs this will not be an easy job.

It was agreed by the Steering Group that a full day's meeting of representatives from each of the Areas, together with IAAF senior staff will now take place in Paris on June 15th. This meeting is designed to integrate the Areas and to help to motivate them to grow. An Action Plan will be created to provide them with the means and the tools to assist them in this important process. Having been in charge of an Area myself for over 30 years I know how valuable this process will be.

Amadeo Francis' **Participation' team** will, as previously mentioned, now be assisting in the development of the new calendar, which will be so vital in helping this team to achieve their objective of creating a clear competition structure to enable athletes to progress from one level of competition to the next. This team has also been charged with the task of looking into ways that our Member Federations can get closer to the mass participation events in their countries.

The team leader of the **Facilities' team**, Jose Luis de Carlos has produced a report on the development of new Athletics facilities in our different Areas and the different problems that each faces. It has been agreed that a specialist from each Area will now address these issues with specific reference to the problems faced in their own region. These specialists have now been appointed for this purpose. From this work it will be possible to commence the development of a template to help to motivate our Member Federations to get closer to their governments and private sector partners in the creation of new Athletics facilities. The other important task being undertaken by this team is to address the serious

problem of artificial pitches now being sanctioned by the football authorities. The team is working with Mondo and also with FIFA to address this problem.

Helmut Digel's **Recognition' and Finance' teams** have made considerable progress on the creation and contracting of teams of Ambassadors and Senior Ambassadors drawn from the current and past stars of the sport, to help us to promote the sport to new audiences around the world. You will see a lot of activity in this area over the coming months. The team is also, together with Dentsu, looking into the opportunities or threats that relationships with a betting partner for the IAAF could bring, as this could potentially bring immense new revenue to the sport. But this will need to be carefully considered. The team will also look into the opportunities that exist to turn the bidding process for the World Championships into a much bigger event, similar to an Olympic bid, which would help to raise the stature and generate considerable coverage for the sport. Over the coming months the team will advise on the crucial subject of the future ownership of our commercial rights.

The final discussions of this last Steering Group focused on the **Media' team**, led by Adrian Metcalfe. This team is now concentrating, with the help of some new experts within the team, to find ways to generate more television and media coverage amongst the youth media, which attracts our future spectators and even our future athletes. They will be working with our television partner TWI, together with the major news agencies like API, to create television material which is attractive to this market and to set up a distribution system that will generate regular coverage in this important youth market.

As you will see, there has been a lot of good work done by our teams working on the World Plan and there will be some very interesting work done over the coming months, in particular in the re-distribution of responsibilities to our Areas and in the creation of a new, practical and workable calendar for the sport.

All this will ensure that Athletics is stronger and healthier by the time of our centenary.

Lamine Diack
29 March, Osaka, Japan

IAAF COUNCIL MEETING - 28 / 29 March 2006 - Osaka, Japan

The Council of the IAAF, presided over by President Lamine Diack, met in Osaka, Japan on 28 and 29 March 2006.

At the beginning of the meeting, one minute of silence was observed in memory of General Secretary István Gyulai.

Pierre Weiss is appointed as acting General Secretary

Later in the morning, Council confirmed, with immediate effect, the appointment of General Director Pierre Weiss (FRA) as the acting IAAF General Secretary until the next IAAF Congress, 20 - 22 August 2007, just

prior to the World Championships in Osaka. Pierre Weiss, who has been IAAF General Director since 1991 with particular responsibility for Events and Marketing, worked in close association with Istvan Gyulai over the past 15 years.

Future Competitions

	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Venues Awarded</u></p> <p>2008 World Junior Championships – Bydgoszcz, POL, 8-13 July 2008.</p> <p>2008 World Road Running Championships – Rio de Janeiro, BRA, 5 October 2008</p> <p>2010 World Cup in Athletics – Split, CRO (dates tbc). <i>NB. Additional information on specific organisational aspects was requested from the local organising committee.</i></p>	
	<p>2010 World Junior Championships – Moncton, CAN (date tbc)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Dates Agreed</u></p> <p>IAAF World Athletics Final – Stuttgart, GER 2007: Sat 22 – Sun 23 September 2008: Sat 20 – Sun 21 September</p>	

Photographs: Clockwise beginning top left – Lamine Diack and Pierre Weiss; Split delegation makes their presentation; Abby Hoffman speaks on behalf of Moncton; Irene Szewinska who led the Bydgoszcz delegation is congratulated on successful 2008 bid.

Advertising Regulations

An amendment to the IAAF Advertising Regulations was made which abolished the restriction of the display of a manufacturer's name/logo on shoes, as follows:

4.1.6 Shoes: The name/logo of the Manufacturer of shoes used by an

Athlete during the course of the Competition is not restricted in size.

Anti-Doping Administration

It was noted that some Member Federations were not collaborating with the IAAF efforts against doping, and so Council decided that the IAAF

will issue a warning to Member Federations after the first offence of non-compliance with IAAF Anti-Doping Rules and Regulations. Further violations would lead to financial penalties and/or suspension of the Member Federation.

Transfer of Allegiance

Hanan FAHOUN COLLETTE from MAR to FRA since 20 Jan 2006
Nouredine SMAIN from MAR to FRA since 4 Dec 2005
Chrisopher HERCULES from USA to TRI since 23 Feb 2006
Takhir MAMASHAEV from BLR to KAZ since 23 Feb 2006
Nicolas PEREIRA ALTEZ from URU to BRA since 24 Feb 2006
Tanja GLICIC from SCG to BIH since 8 Mar 2006
Maja JANJIC from SCG to BIH since 8 Mar 2006
Germaine MASON from JAM to GBR since 8 Mar 2006

Fatmata FOFANAH from USA to GUI since 17 Mar 2006
Alexander MARTINEZ from CUB to SUI since 22 Mar 2006
James THEURI from KEN to FRA since 17 Mar 2006
Alexsey BOGDASIN from KAZ to GER since 22 Mar 2006
Simon MUNYUTU from KEN to FRA since 22 Mar 2006
Mohamed Elbendir KATHARI from MTN to ESP since 23 Mar 2006
Ambrose EZENWA from NGR to AUS from 20 Apr 2006

IAAF Ambassadors

The following elite athletes have accepted to become IAAF Ambassadors to promote Athletics and

the work of the IAAF in 2006:

Stephane Diagana (FRA), Heike Drechsler (GER), Jonathan Edwards (GBR), Frank Fredericks (NAM), Kelly Holmes (GBR), Colin Jackson (GBR),

Jackie Joyner-Kersey (USA), Wilson Kipketer (DEN), Tegla Loroupe (KEN), and Svetlana Masterkova (RUS), with more names to follow soon.

Murofushi, Noguchi and Zybina honoured



At the IAAF Dinners which were held prior to the World Indoor Championships, Moscow, Russia (9 Mar) and Council Meeting, Osaka, Japan (27 Mar), three star athletes were honoured with the presentation of IAAF Plaques.

In Moscow, Galina Zybina, 1952 Olympic women's Shot Put champion, an 8-time World record breaker was the recipient (left), while in Osaka, it was the turn of Japan's 2004 Olympic track and field champions, Hammer Thrower Koiji Murofushi and Marathoner Mizuki Noguchi (right). Noguchi, also received two IAAF World Record plaques for the 25km (1:22:13) and 30km (1:38:49) marks which she established en route to her 2:19:12 victory in the 2005 Berlin Marathon.





Record number of candidates for 2011 World Championships

With the deadline for receipt of letters of intent now passed, the IAAF can announce that a record number of countries have declared an interest to host the 2011 edition of the IAAF World Championships in Athletics.

A total of 9 countries from 5 continental areas (Africa, Asia, Europe, North America and Oceania) will now be subject to a rigorous evaluation process, with the winner being selected by the IAAF Council in the spring of 2007.

The full list is (candidates by IAAF Member Federation, with cities listed when known):

Australia AUS (Brisbane); Croatia CRO (Split); Spain ESP (Madrid or Valencia); Korea KOR (Daegu); Morocco MAR (Casablanca); Russia RUS (Moscow); Sweden SWE; United Arab Emirates UAE; United States of America USA.

"I am delighted to see such strong interest, from so many different parts of the world, as this demonstrates not

only the strength of our Athletics movement, but the particular value of our top competition," said President Diack.

"Having 50% more candidates than ever before for the IAAF World Championships in Athletics, where more than 200 Member Federations compete, demonstrates the current value of athletics, and the great attraction of the Worlds as a major sporting event."

Visit to Mizuno HQ

President Lamine Diack on 27 March visited the Headquarters of Mizuno corporation, which is located near the port area of Osaka, the city which will host the 11th IAAF World Championships in Athletics in 2007. He was accompanied by IAAF Vice-President Helmut Digel and IAAF General Director Pierre Weiss.

After meeting the President of Mizuno Corporation Masato Mizuno, the IAAF President handed over a commemorative plaque, congratulating Mizuno on reaching its 100th anniversary in 2006 (photo right).



Nominations and appointments

Council approved the following nominations-

Dr Harold Adams (RSA) as member of the Medical & Anti-Doping Commission, and of Dave Gordon (GBR) as member of the Television Commission.

The following appointments were also approved -

Three Area Technical Officials: Elena Orlova (RUS); Gyorgy Smoczer (HUN); Vadim Nigmatov (TJK).

Eighteen Race Walking Judges: Anne-Christine Blachere (FRA); Manfred Bott (GER); Andre Brito (POR); Bent Bundgaard (DEN); Luca Ciurli (ITA);

Rudolf Cogan (CZE); Tommy Dahloff (SWE); Olive Dobson (GBR); Jose Ganso (POR); Silvia Hanusova (SVK); Michal Krynicki (POL); Gerard Lelievre (FRA); Denis Morino (ITA); Pierce O'Calaghan (IRL); Luis Saladie (ESP); Inge-Marie Scholer (DEN); Steven Taylor (GBR); Lamberto Vacchi (ITA).

Visit to Nagai Stadium

On Thursday 30 March, an IAAF delegation led by President Diack visited Nagai Stadium, Osaka, which will host the 11th IAAF World Championships in Athletics in 2007. Left: general view; Right: from left to right - Council Members Hansjorg Wirz, Irene Szewinska, Cesar Moreno Bravo, Vice President Amadeo Francis, and President Diack.



Anti-Doping symposium in Lausanne

An international anti-doping conference titled the "2006 IAAF World Symposium on Doping in Sport" concentrating on the theme of "optimising effectiveness in the anti-doping fight" will be organised by the IAAF from 30 September to 2 October 2006.

The symposium will focus on two key goals: firstly to discuss and evaluate the current challenges and strategies in the anti-doping fight, and secondly to create inputs for the 2007 WADA World Doping Conference in Sport. Among the many topics discussed will be recurring areas of concern such as EPO and blood doping, as well as new and important anti-doping measures such as individual athlete profiling (blood & steroid), and new strategies in the prosecution of doping violations.

ATHLETES SANCTIONED FOR A DOPING OFFENCE SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE IAAF AS OF 20 April 2006

VASHCHILLO Aleksander	BLR	EAA Permit Meeting	12.6.05	Public Warning
ES-SRAIDI Larbi	MAR	Cross National de Limoges	20.11.05	2 years ineligibility (22.2.06-21.2.08)
PHYAR AUNG Khet Wai	MYA	Hong Kong Marathon	8.2.04	2 years ineligibility (1.4.04-31.3.06)
SWARTBOOI Luketz	NAM	2005 Soweto Marathon	6.11.05	Public Warning
YUHONG Zhang	CHN	National OOC	11.4.05	2 years ineligibility (11.4.05-10.4.07)
HONGFENG Sun	CHN	National OOC	12.9.05	2 years ineligibility (12.9.05-11.9.07)
NIU Nana	CHN	National OOC	27.8.05	2 years ineligibility (27.8.05-26.8.07)
WANG Lina	CHN	National OOC	27.8.05	2 years ineligibility (27.8.05-26.8.07)
HOWELL Brent	RSA	ASA Challenge IV	17.2.06	Public Warning
DENGERSA Tezeta	TUR	EAA Euro Indoor Chmps	6.3.05	2 years ineligibility (12.5.05-11.5.07)
PALAGYI Gergö	HUN	National OOC	25.1.06	2 years ineligibility (3.3.06-2.3.08)
CHIRITA Rodica	ROM	National OOC	8.12.05	Life Ban
SINITSYN Pavel	RUS	National Comp (Volgograd)	4.2.06	2 years ineligibility (13.3.06-12.3.08)
DUBOVNIK Olesya	UKR	Road Race, Ankara (TUR)	27.12.05	2 years ineligibility (1.2.06-31.1.08)

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Masters' Committee

The annual Masters' Committee Meeting took place on 21 March 2006 on the occasion of the 2nd World Masters' Association (WMA) Champs Indoors, Linz (AUT). It was the first official function for Pierre Weiss in his new role as acting IAAF General Secretary. Chairman Cesar Moreno Bravo opened the meeting with a minute of silence in memory of Istvan Gyulai and Torsten Carlius, both Secretary Generals of the IAAF and WMA respectively, and who had passed away since the last meeting. Both men were praised for their devotion and service to Athletics.

An excellent example was the 2nd Indoor Championships which attracted 3335 participants from 62 countries. With the endorsement of IAAF Rule 141, it also marked the first time that category M35 could officially participate in WMA competitions. The

next WMA Championships Indoors will be hosted by Clermont Ferrand (FRA) in 2008.

With the demise of Torsten Carlius who was a Member of the Committee, Cesar Moreno Bravo proposed an amendment for the 2007 IAAF Congress to stipulate that all future WMA Presidents automatically become "Ex-Officio Member" of the IAAF Masters' Committee so that there is always a WMA Representative. He emphasized the importance of the annual IAAF/WMA Coordination Meetings held during the weekend of the IAF Gala which serve to cement the existing cooperation.

Exceptionally invited to attend the Meeting, the new WMA President, Cesare Beccalli (ITA), reiterated his staunch belief in consolidating relations between both organisations. Among his projects, is a "Masters' Development Programme for Africa", a continent that has produced numerous

top athletes but afflicted by prevalent economic crisis, has remained "mediocre" on the Masters' international scene. He also plans to bring Masters' Championships to South America which is the only continent to boast 100% affiliation between the IAAF and WMA Member Federations.

In other developments, Members were informed that the EVAA General Assembly is to vote in July 2006 on whether to adopt the term "Masters" in place of "veterans" as has been recommended in the past by the IAAF. The Association has also been active in the Anti-Doping Campaign with a forthcoming seminar to be held in Poznań (POL) on the occasion of the European Veterans Athletics Championships, Stadia (19-30 July 2006) and it was reported that many athletes have already signed the Anti-Doping Declaration.

World records – recently ratified

Originally announced on 20 April 2005 on www.iaaf.org

Men

Road Relay 42.195km

1:57:06 'Team Kenya' KEN, Chiba, JPN, 23 Nov 05 (Josephat Ndambiri, Martin Mathathi, Daniel Mwangi, Mekubo Mogusu, Onesmus Nyerre, John Kariuki)

Previous: 1:57:56 Morocco MAR, Litochoro GRE, 17 Apr 94

Women – Indoor

Pole Vault

4.91m Yelena Isinbayeva RUS, Donetsk, UKR, 12 Feb 06

Previous: 4.90m Yelena Isinbayeva RUS, Madrid ESP, 6 Mar 05

Women - Junior

400m Hurdles

54.40 Xing Wang (86) CHN, Nanjing, CHN, 21 Oct 05

Previous: 54.70 Lashinda Demus USA, Kingston JAM, 19 Jul 02



John Kariuki brings the Kenyan men's team home in Chiba, Japan, in a World Road Relay record

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Athletics - developing children in a rounded way

Designed, ever since its creation a decade ago as a way of promoting and developing athletics in sports venues overseen by the IAAF Member Federations, the IAAF World Athletics Day which in 2006 took place on the weekend of 6 / 7 May, for the first time reached out directly to schools, to encourage pupils to take part in our sport.

This initiative stemmed directly from the IAAF Council's firm resolve to gradually establish athletics as the number one participation sport in schools all over the world as one of the major objectives set out in the Athletics' World Plan, which is being implemented.



Our determination to obtain concrete results in this field led us to appoint a permanent commission charged with devising strategies to encourage school children and teenagers to take up athletics both at school and with their local clubs.

This commission is supported by permanent staff at the IAAF Headquarters in Monaco. Driven by the expertise and commitment of its members, the Commission for School/Youth has already made remarkable strides in its bid to set up a tailored athletics programme, offering both educational and competitive aspects for children and teenagers between the ages of 7 and 15.

We are convinced that schools are the ideal place in which to promote the virtues of physical activity in general, and of athletics in particular. No other environment, sporting or otherwise, can compete with schools in terms of their capacity to nurture, supervise, encourage and coach young people all over the world.

Schools have always been the main source of talent for clubs, in turn providing athletes for national sports federations and the international sports' scene, so it is

only right that, in return, these entities collaborate with the schools in mutually beneficial partnerships based around shared projects.

At the IAAF, we want to see schools adopt a central role and be instrumental in the success of the development policy which has been mapped out in the Athletics' World Plan.

We are aware that this is only attainable with the full backing of National Member Federations and clubs, who we hope will feel duty-bound to develop links with schools' sport administrators. By strengthening relations on an institutional level they will also provide much needed support and assistance to teachers and coaches in their quest to improve the extent of their knowledge.

But, of course, schools are carefully controlled structures and depend on national authorities to regulate the ways in which they are managed and run.

That is why I call upon every government in the world to ensure that, in addition to featuring physical education and sport more prominently in their national school curriculum, they introduce special incentive schemes for those sport teachers who are willing to give up their own time to train and coach pupils outside school hours.

Because athletics is a core sport which develops children in a rounded way and enables them to thrive in practically any other physical activity, athletics must be given a central role in schools' sport programmes and new competition structures.

For these reasons, the IAAF is delighted to offer its full collaboration, with the support of our Area Associations and Member Federations, to all governing bodies or private entities, whether national or international, who are willing to be our partners in seeking to establish athletics as a worldwide participation sport whilst, at the same time, promoting its values and ideals.

I thank all of you, individuals and organisations alike, for doing us the honour of having taken part in this year's edition of the IAAF World Athletics Day.

Lamine Diack
IAAF President

PHOTO - Lamine Diack and Gilles de Robien, France's Minister of National Education, meet pupils during a visit to Reaumur primary school in Amiens on Friday (5 May)



IAAF holds successful joint Workshops with EAA

In the last two months, the IAAF in separate initiatives with the European Athletics Association (EAA) held two joint Workshops. Firstly on the occasion of the European 10,000m Cup in Antalya, Turkey on 14 April 2006, a workshop with the title "Raising the Standards of European Distance Running" was held, and more recently on 6 May 2006 in Paris, France, a one-day "Anti-Doping Delegates Workshop" was also organised.

Anti-Doping Delegates Workshop

The one day "Anti-Doping Delegates Workshop" in Paris aimed at continuing to improve the already high standard of doping controls conducted during competitions.

Working in conjunction with the European Athletics Association (EAA), the IAAF invited Anti-Doping Delegates (ADD's) from the IAAF and EAA along with a number of Meeting Organisers to discuss a large number of issues related to the practical implementation of doping control at competition venues. Also present at the workshop were medical and anti-doping representatives from a small number of other International Federations such as Rowing, Cycling and Gymnastics who brought with them valuable knowledge from their

respective sports.

An IAAF ADD is the official with overall responsibility for ensuring that doping control procedures at a competition are conducted properly and are in line with the IAAF Rules and Guidelines. The Delegates work in close contact with the Local Organising Committees, doping control staff, or relevant Anti-Doping Authorities to ensure that all preparations and arrangements are in place for a successful doping control programme.

Participants at the workshop discussed various issues such as pre-event preparation for doping control, training of doping control staff, blood collection issues, appropriate doping control stations and many more. Delegates also ran through and discussed specific scenarios with which they might be faced at an event, or which in the past have caused difficulties in doping control.

The challenge faced by European Distance Running

The earlier workshop in Antalya, Turkey was concerned with "Raising the Standards of European Distance Running". Its intention was to discuss and elaborate the problems that Europe has in trying to catch up with the continuous success of African runners in nearly all distance events. There were a high number of

participants, and with more than 60 interested coaches from several European Member Federations.

Three speakers were invited to present their views on this matter. Robert Hartmann (GER), opened the workshop with a presentation on the psychological, environmental and social conditions under which the Kenyan runners developed their extraordinary success.

The second speaker was one of the most successful coaches in distance running, Renato Canova (ITA), who stressed in his presentation that it is not a problem of Europeans being less talented but that there is a fundamental problem for European runners and coaches in training methodology and motivation.

The third speaker was Peter Thompson (GBR) whose presentation focused on the statistical analysis of European distance running in the years 2000 to 2005. He completed his lecture with some thoughts on a modernised interval system which has been successfully applied in training.

The IAAF would like to continue its support for European middle/long distance runners by organising a Training Camp in Eldoret, Kenya, in early 2007, for a selected group of athletes.

Athletics and Television Seminar for African broadcasters

IAAF Council Member Nawal El Moutawakel (MAR), IAAF Television Commission Chairman Alex Gilady (ISR), and IAAF Athletes' Commission Member Hicham El Guerrouj (MAR) were in Fez, Morocco, for the Athletics and Television Seminar for African broadcasters from 16-21 April 2006. In attendance were broadcasters from 22 countries: Algeria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda, and Zimbabwe.

Presentations were made by Tapani Parm (FIN), Host Broadcaster for the 2005 IAAF World Championships in Athletics in Helsinki and Peter Minder (SUI), Producer of the IAAF Golden League meeting in Zurich, to the African broadcasters. There was lively debate and discussion but also a clear understanding of the principles to follow for the best production of athletics broadcasting.

The Seminar was organised by IAAF, Canal France International (CFI), Moroccan Sports Press Association (AMPS), Moroccan Royal Federation of Athletics (FRMA), Moroccan National Olympic Committee (CNOM), and Moroccan Television (SNRT).

2006 season broadcasts of IAAF Television Magazine 'Athletix' begin



The first broadcast of this season's IAAF Television Magazine Athletix produced by IAAF and IMG took place on 17 May 2006. Each of the twenty weekly programmes make a whirlwind world tour of athletics, stopping off at the IAAF Golden League, IAAF World Athletics Tour and all major IAAF Competitions, Championships, Cups, and Challenges.

As well as the action from competition, there will be many opportunities to live and feel the lifestyle of great and famous athletes through carefully crafted productions and flashbacks to spectacular athletics moments of the past. Viewers will be given an insider's perspective of athletics and become inspired by what the sport can bring to everyday life.

Action packed and exclusive, if you're looking for the best and biggest stars, want to see records broken and to

discover the new stars emerging, mark your diary with an X for Athletix.

Check with the following broadcasters for the transmission times where you can watch 'Athletix' – UK: SKY Sport, Spain: Sport TV, Africa CFI, France: Canal + Sweden: SBS Canal+ Norway: SBS /Canal+ Finland: SBS / Canal+ Denmark: SBS /Canal+ Russia: 7TV Ukraine: Megasport, South Africa: Supersport, Jamaica: RJR.

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70 years and four Olympic medals

A special anniversary occurred on 2 June 2006, the 70th birthday of one of the world's great race walkers Volodymyr Golubnichiy of Ukraine (photo, left) which was recognised in his native city of Sumy by a special Race Walking meeting.

Born on 2 June 1936, Volodymyr Golubnichiy's career spanned five Olympic Games, winning two golds, one silver and a bronze at the 20km distance. He three times broke the World record for the distance, with two of those performances ratified as official records – 1:30:02.8 (02/10/1955, Kiev) and 1:27:05.0 (23/09/1958, Simferopol), and was European champion in 1974. Olympic career summary - 1960 OG Rome 20km – gold; 1964 OG Tokyo 20km – bronze; 1968 OG Mexico 20km – gold; 1972 OG Munich 20km RW – silver; 1976 OG Montreal 20km – 7th place.

Book Reviews

	<p>Asian Athletics 2005 Rankings by Heinrich Hubbeling. A5 96 pages. Asian statistics, with top 30s for 2005 for athletes from Asian nations, with continuation lists for countries other than China and Japan and all new national records set during the year, with Asian records. Euro 15/US \$18 in cash or by International Money Order. <i>Available from Heinrich Hubbeling, Haydnstraße 8, 48691 Vreden, Germany.</i></p>	
<p>Athletics 2006 (ATFS) edited by Peter Matthews. 608 pages packed, with all the essential stats, results and articles on our sport including the deep world lists and indexes for 2005, and biographical profiles of about 750 athletes. £17.95 post free in UK, £22.95 - Europe, £25.95 - world. Sterling cheques only. <i>Available from SportsBooks Limited, PO Box 422, Cheltenham, GL50 2YN, UK. email: randall@sportsbooks.ltd.uk</i> Also available from IAAF – contact headquarters@iaaf.org for price.</p>	<p>Finnish Athletics Archive Bulletin The Finnish Athletics Archive (Suomen Yleisurheiluarhivo, SYUA), founded on 30 October 2004, maintains an athletics museum and archive near Turku, Finland. The SYUA has started to publish five statistical and historical bulletins a year. The first NURMI n:0 1 2006 is 85 pages, A5 size. <i>Available from SYUA Society Board Chairman Mikko Nieminen. email: mikko.nieminen@dlc.fi</i></p>	<p>All-Time Greats of British Athletics by former Athletics Weekly editor Mel Watman, pays tribute to Britain's most successful athletes, from Walter George in the 1880s to Kelly Holmes and Paula Radcliffe of the new century. 256 pages + 32 pages of photos. £15 post free to UK readers; add £3 P&P per book for rest of Europe, £5 for rest of world. Sterling cheques only. <i>Available from SportsBooks Limited, PO Box 422, Cheltenham, GL50 2YN, UK. email: randall@sportsbooks.ltd.uk</i></p>

These books are NOT AVAILABLE from the IAAF unless stated - ALL orders must be placed with publishers

Obituaries



Robert Pariente (FRA) - IAAF President Lamine Diack and IAAF Treasurer Jean Poczubut were among mourners at the Montparnasse cemetery in Paris on 31 May to pay their final respects to Robert Pariente, the doyen of French athletics' writers who passed away on the 29th May 2006 after a long illness at the age of 75. *Photo: left.*

Born in Paris, Robert, a law graduate, joined the staff of the legendary sports' newspaper L'Equipe in 1954, where he quickly became the main athletics' specialist. He was promoted to editor in chief of Olympic sports in 1964, then editor in chief from 1976, all while editing the monthly athletics magazine "Athletisme". He remained with L'Equipe until 1996, ending up as Deputy General Director of the newspaper, and capped his long career there by producing a commemorative book entitled "L'Equipe 1946-1996, 50 years of sport," one of many wonderful books and other publications he wrote or edited in his distinguished career. A long time member of the IAAF Press Commission, Robert was also a member of the IOC's Press Commission, and his contributions to the Olympic Movement were recognised when he was awarded the Olympic Order in 1980. *A full tribute is available on the IAAF Website.*

Ken Jones (GBR) – 1948 Olympic 4x100m silver medallist and 100m semi-finalist died on 18 April 2006 aged 84. One of the finest wing-threequarters in the history of international Rugby Union Football playing for Newport, Wales and the British Lions. A teacher, he wrote on rugby and athletics for the Sunday Express. Welsh Long Jump champion in 1949. In 1954 he won a 4x100m silver at the 1954 European Champs and a 200m bronze at the Commonwealth Games. Honoured with the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in 1960 for his services to sport.

Brian McEwan (NZL) - Brian McEwan of Invercargill, a leading New Zealand athletic official, died on 25 April 2006 after a short illness. McEwan, in his late 50's, was a technical official at the Melbourne Commonwealth Games and was in his third term as chairman of the New Zealand Athletics Officials Association. He was also a member of Athletics New Zealand's technical officials committee.

Pie Ntonga (CMR) - His Royal Highness, Pie Ntonga, was laid to rest in his native village, Akak II, in the Mefou Afamba Division of the Centre Province of Cameroon on the weekend 25 / 26 March 2006. A large Cameroon Athletics Federation delegation led by its present President Ange Aimé Sama Doula was among thousands of mourners. Ntonga was the founding President of the Cameroon Athletics Club (1958 to 1959), and President of the Cameroon Athletics Federation (1959 to 1964). Internationally, he successfully promoted the creation of the All Africa Games.

Jacinto Ortiz (CUB) - one of the greatest Cuban sprinters of all times, died on 28 May 2006 at the age of 93. Ortiz, nicknamed "Moro lindo", won the 200m title, the 100m silver and the 4x100 relay bronze, during the 3rd Central American and Caribbean Games in Panama 1938. He clocked 10.3 and 21.2 for 100m and 200m during the semi-finals, only a tenth of a second slower than the then World records for both distances. These two national records remained intact until 1951 and 1960, respectively. Ortiz later played professional baseball in Mexico and made the Cuban team who won the World Championships in Costa Rica in 1961.

IAAF Golden League 2006 launched with support of IAAF Ambassador tour



On Thursday 1 June 2006, the IAAF Golden League 2006 series was given its official launch at the Radisson SAS Plaza Hotel, in Oslo, Norway, the day prior to the ExxonMobil Bislett Games which took place in the city's famous Bislett stadium.

In attendance were IAAF President Lamine Diack, Golden League meetings spokesperson Wilfried Meert, ExxonMobil Bislett Games meeting director Svein Arne Hansen, and IAAF Ambassador Colin Jackson, the retired co-World record holder in the 110m Hurdles.

Three current world stars, Kajsa Bergqvist (SWE), the World champion

in the High Jump; Jeremy Wariner (USA), the World and Olympic champion in the 400m; and Kenenisa Bekele (ETH), the World and Olympic champion in the 10,000m were also on hand to get the season swiftly out of the blocks in fine style.

"With this being the only year in which there are no major international championships or Olympic Games, the athletes can really focus on this great event, which is the IAAF Golden League," commented President Diack in his opening address.

"We also have a new Jackpot this year. I am convinced this new concept which gives more opportunities for athletes to share in the one million dollar prize will in turn make the Golden League even more attractive to the public. Twice we have had just one winner of the Jackpot which of course has deservedly for Maria Mutola and Tatyana Lebedeva made great press and TV headlines."

"But for the public to become even more passionate about this series on a long term basis it is surely better for more of our stars to remain in the battle for at least a share of the Jackpot for longer each season."

The Oslo press conference was the final leg of six IAAF Golden League promotional events which had been staged during May in the host cities of the one-day meeting series with the help of some of the IAAF Ambassadors.

As well as being in Oslo, Colin Jackson had also visited Berlin for a promotion, and some of his fellow IAAF Ambassadors had also been busy in the previous few weeks promoting the IAAF Golden League in its other four host cities. Frank Fredericks (NAM) was in Brussels, Wilson Kipketer (DEN) in Zurich, Jonathan Edwards (GBR) in Paris, and Stephane Diagana (FRA) in Rome.



8 May, Brussels: Frank Fredericks with Kim Gevaert



9 May, Zurich: Saaed Shaheen, Wilson Kipketer, Alexander Martinez



10 May, Berlin: Thomas Blaschek, Colin Jackson, Gerhard Janetzky



16 May, Paris: Jonathan Edwards and Ladj Doucouré



17 May, Rome: Andrew Howe and Stéphane Diagana



1 June, Oslo: IAAF Golden League launch – Jeremy Wariner, Kajsa Bergqvist, Wilfried Meert, Lamine Diack, Colin Jackson, Kenenisa Bekele

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ATHLETES SANCTIONED FOR A DOPING OFFENCE SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE IAAF AS OF 6 June 2006

KERAMATI Mohammed Hassan	IRI	National ICT	22.7.04	2 years (22.7.04-21.7.06)
SEE Fanny	FRA	National ICT	18.6.05	6 months ineligibility (3.10.05-2.4.06)
MURADOV Samir	AZE	Int. Jnr , Tula	26.6.05	2 years ineligibility (7.8.05-6.8.07)
ALLEBONE Jenny	RSA	SA 21 Km, RSA	10.7.05	Public Warning and disqualification
HUANG Qun	CHN	National OOC	9.3.06	2 years ineligibility (29.3.06-28.3.08)
DANCERELLE Stéphen	FRA	Regional indoor	22.1.06	6 months ineligibility (22.3.06-2.9.06)
PROBST Dirk	GER	Nat Comp	1.2.06	2 months ineligibility (28.3.06-27.5.06)

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New Member Federation officers – recent elections

Federation	President	General Secretary
AHO	Ruthsel Martina	---
ARU	---	David Leslie
BER	Clarence Smith	Michele Williams
BIZ	Josephine Flowers	---
BOT	Moses Bantsi	---
CAY	---	Paula Erskine
CHI	Alario Gonzalez	---
COM	Chakira Said	Hilmy Aboud Said
CRC	Roberto Veroecia Solano	Vernon Hilarion Francis
CUB	---	Jose Cedeño Tamayo
DJI	Said Said Absieh	Hassan Isman Douba
EST	Erich Teigamägi	---
ETH	---	Shewinesh Gazahen
GEQ	---	José Moisés Bodipo Minter
HON	Atilio Lainez	Gustavo Velasquez
IRL	---	Brendan Hackett
ISL	Arnthor Sigurdsson	---
KIR	Tierata Taukaban	---
LBR	---	D. Winston Cole
MGL	L. Bold	---
MTN	---	Beybou Ould Guiguih
RWA	Joseph Rangira	---
SCG	Stevan Zoric	---
SEY	---	Wilfred Adrien
SRI	---	Palitha Fernando
SUI	Hansruedi Müller	---
TKM	Annakuly Nuryev	Hadjy Rahmanov
VIN	---	Desmarie Greenaway
YEM	---	Issam Mohammed Al-Gasous

Getting to know the Member Federation Officials

<>**Robin Heath Fildes**<> President Athletics Australia – *present*: Executive Chairman of company in printing and packaging industry; *former*: 1957-71 Club athlete; 1964-1971 international standard Decathlete; Trustee – 1995-2001 Melbourne and Olympic Park Trust; Chairman – 1995 Australian Masters Games; Chairman – VOMCOMM Sports Committee 1996/97.

<>**Kanat M. Amankulov**<> President of the Athletic Federation of the Kyrgyz Republic – *present*: Deputy Prosecutor General of Kyrgyz Republic; *former*: 2000-2005 Head of various departments in the General Prosecutor's Office; 1998-2002 Head of Department, Chui regional Prosecutor's office; Master of Sports, took part in marathon in international championships in Kazakhstan in 2004.

<>**Ruthsel Gregorio**<> President of Netherlands Antilles – *present*: Water and Electrical engineer; IAAF Level II Coach Middle & Long Distance and Race Walks; athlete with bests of 48.9 400m, 1:51.6 800m, 3:54.2 1500m, 15:38.3 5000m, 31:02.05 10,000m.

Belgium and Sweden stamp with pride

The Memorial Van Damme meeting, Brussels, is celebrating its 30th anniversary, and to mark the occasion the Belgium Post office on 24 April issued a series of stamps about the IAAF Golden League meeting. The five athletes depicted are John Walker

(NZL), Alberto Juantorena (CUB), Ivo Van Damme (BEL), Sebastian Coe (GBR), and Steve Ovett (GBR).

The Swedish Postal Service on 4 May 2006 issued a set of stamps to commemorate the staging of the European Championships this summer

in Gothenburg, Sweden. The four stamps highlight four truly exceptional Swedish individuals - Kajsa Bergqvist, Stefan Holm, Carolina Klüft and Christian Olsson – in spectacular action.



30th Anniversary - Memorial Van Damme meeting



Stefan Holm and Kajsa Bergqvist with Gothenburg stamps



Barcelona to host 2010 European Championships

The European Athletic Association Council awarded three future EAA major events to Olympic cities at its meeting in Gothenburg, Sweden, on the weekend of Saturday 29 April and Sunday 30 April, as follows - **2010 European Athletics Championships** – Barcelona, Spain; **2009 European Athletics Indoor Championships** – Turin, Italy; **2007 SPAR European Cup** - Munich, Germany.



Spiegelburg receives her World Record plaque

At a German team meeting during the 11th IAAF World Indoor Championships, Moscow, Russia, (10-12 March 2006) Jürgen Mallow from the German Federation DLV, presented a World Junior record plaque to Silke Spiegelburg in recognition of her 4.48m Pole Vault in Münster, Germany, 25 August 2005. *Photos: Gladys Chai von der Laage.*



At the beginning of his visit to the island of Puerto Rico (24 – 27 May 2006) for the start of the XII Ibero American Athletics Championships which were held in the city of Ponce (26-28 May), President Lamine Diack visited the Sports Museum in the city of Guaynabo, on 24 May. The visit marked part of the island's celebrations to commemorate the centenary of the first athletics event to be staged in Puerto Rico.

Diack is seen receiving a framed photograph of the winning team from the first ever athletics competition which took place on the island of Puerto Rico at the Ponce High School on 12 May 1906.



World records recently ratified

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Women - Indoor

1500m

3:58.28 Yelena Soboleva RUS, Moscow, RUS, 18 Feb 06

Previous: 3:59.98 Regina Jacobs USA, Boston, USA, 1 Feb 03

3000m

8:27.86 Liliya Shobukhova RUS, Moscow, RUS, 17 Feb 06

Previous: 8:29.15 Berhane Adere ETH, Stuttgart, GER, 3 Feb 02

High Jump

2.08m Kajsa Bergqvist SWE, Arnstadt, GER, 4 Feb 06

Previous: 2.07m Heike Henkel GER, Karlsruhe, GER, 8 Feb 92

4x400m

3:23.37 Team Russia RUS, Glasgow, GBR, 28 Jan 06

(Yuliya Gushchina, Olga Kotlyarova, Olga Zaytseva, Olesya Krasnomovets)

Previous: 3:23.88 Russia RUS, Budapest, HUN, 7 Mar 04

Photo - Olesya Krasnomovets brings home the Russian 4x400m World record in Glasgow (Mark Shearman)



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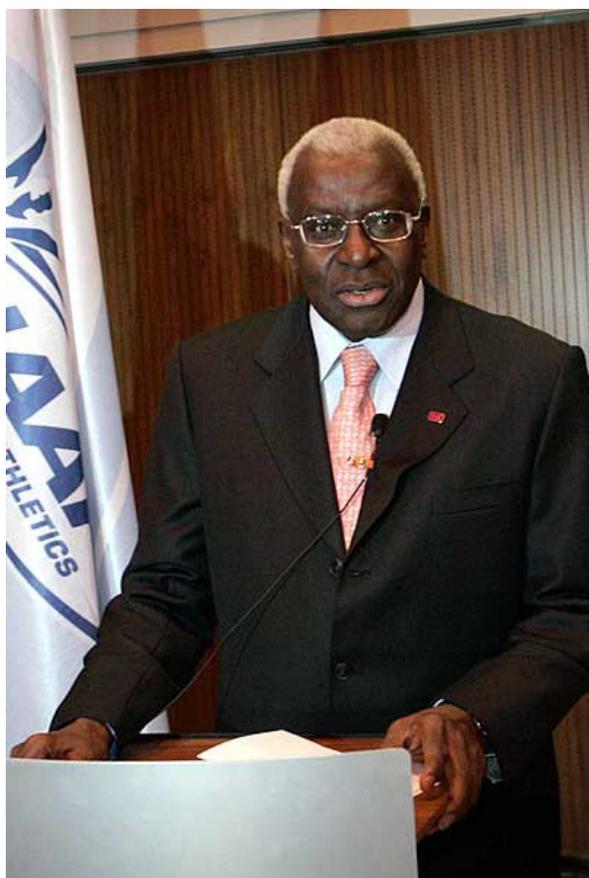
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Empowering the IAAF Areas

On June 16 and 17, I attended two very important meetings in Paris, the first with representatives of the IAAF Areas and the second with members of the Steering Board of the IAAF Athletics' World Plan.



Both meetings were held together because the IAAF sees the modernisation of strategies and structures as a key priority, particularly with regard to our relationship with the Areas. In Paris, we were able to present a new philosophy which permits empowerment through decentralisation and a sharing of responsibilities.

At the IAAF Congress in Helsinki, it was agreed that article 9 of the IAAF Constitution should be

modified to read that the IAAF "Area Associations shall perform an essential role in developing Athletics, through the establishment and control of competition structures and the establishment and control of a development programme". For this reason, the principle of empowering of the IAAF Areas has already been agreed and is irreversible. But it now falls upon the Athletics' World Plan Steering Group, together with IAAF Council and our Committees and Commissions, to drive the process forward.

The next important step will be the IAAF Council Meeting on 21/22 August in Beijing, where we will discuss the Areas' future role in the global competition system and in the IAAF's marketing and development strategies.

What we must achieve without delay is a clear and coherent international competition calendar where elite competition windows in each Area do not overlap, and are preceded by a period of local competition inside the Member Federations. By doing this, the calendar will be structured in a manner that allows the season to build to a logical conclusion.

Finally, it is crucial that we find ways to promote elite athlete participation in national and Area level events, and this can be done by creating sufficient competition opportunities for our athletes. The creation of the IAAF World Tour in 2006, linked directly to the World Athletics Final, has been a major step in this direction. Because not only does the WAT include at least one competition per Area but athletes competing at other selected Area level meetings can score points to qualify for the Final. In the future, we will be looking at other ways to strengthen the importance of Area level competitions and, most importantly, their relevance within an IAAF World competition system

Lamine Diack
IAAF President *(photo left)*



IAAF Athletics' World Plan update

How do the world's major global brands run their businesses? How do these huge multinationals work together with their offices in all corners of the globe, while maintaining the integrity of their brands? What roles do the regional offices of companies like Coca-Cola, Nike and McDonalds play in the decision making processes which retain the stature of these massive household names?

These are questions which have been studied by the IAAF since it was decided, as a fundamental objective of the Athletics' World Plan, that the further development of the sport could only be achieved through the IAAF empowering its Area Associations and Member Federations. As is laid out clearly in the Plan itself, by doing this, the IAAF will "Develop the Area Associations so that they take a more active role in administering and developing the sport".

The latest meeting of the **Athletics' World Plan Steering Group**, held in Paris in June, followed a landmark meeting, held the previous day, where the Presidents and General Secretaries of all Area Associations had spent a day to set this process in motion. The President, who passionately believes in the empowerment of the Areas, personally chaired this crucial meeting.

It is clear that the issue of empowerment does not just affect a part of the World Plan, it has a global impact on its entire implementation; it is not just a goal of the Plan, it is also a key tool to achieve all its objectives.

In any such process there are a number of activities and roles that are currently controlled and managed from head office, which need to be handled by the Areas. Activities such as development, marketing and the creation of new facilities for the sport around the world will all benefit from much greater control from within the regions themselves. The one thing that is at the heart of everything is of course events. Without a clear

and understandable global competition system the sport can never grow successfully. Such a structure must work for the Areas and for their Member Federations and must provide athletes around the world with a clear system to enable them to progress from junior to youth to senior and from national to regional to world level. The Steering Group decided that it was this global competition system that was the first key task of the Area empowerment project and it was this that was debated at length during the meeting of the Areas and was the overriding subject which was at the heart of all the discussions of the Steering Group.

In order to create a new global system, providing the Areas with specific windows for national and regional championships, all leading to the sport's pinnacle event, the IAAF World Championships, it was decided that the Area Championships should become an additional way to qualify for the World Championships. The Steering Group has asked Dapeng Lou and Sergey Bubka of the **Events Team** (in conjunction with Hansjörg Wirz and Amadeo Francis) to study the creation of a new structure, which will now first involve studying the existing structure of all IAAF WAS events. Part of this study will involve fixing a permanent time period for the World Championships and thereby windows for Area and national championships.

The World Plan Steering Group agreed to the development of a new, clear proposal for this new structure which will be ready in time to put forward to the November Council meeting.

The Steering Group was also updated on the impressive progress of the new **Schools/Youth Commission** and in order to assist them in their major global task the **Participation Team** has instigated a project, currently underway in head office, to develop a database of the 9,000 certified coaches who have

participated in RDC programmes around the world.

To assist the work of the **Facilities Team**, key individuals in each Area have been identified to provide vital information on the facilities which currently exist in each of their regions to enable the Team to develop a programme which will then be rolled-out from head office, but with which the Areas will be empowered to implement with the full support of Monaco.

The **Recognition and Finance Team** informed the Steering Group on the success of the IAAF Ambassadors programme and confirmed that the new weekly 30-minute programme 'Athletix', produced jointly between IAAF and TWI was being well received by broadcasters around the world. The Team's initiative of running marketing training courses was also well underway with 50 participants from Member Federations having already attended the first two sessions held in Moscow and Jakarta.

The **Media Team** is extremely keen to utilise current athletes to help to promote the sport and the Steering Group have asked Sergey Bubka to develop enhanced programmes to assist the sport's top athletes with communications and media training.

The implementation process of the Athletics' World Plan reached an important landmark after these two days of crucial meetings in Paris and the President assured everyone that he was personally committed to ensuring that things continue to move forward in such a positive fashion.

Like Coca-Cola and Nike and McDonalds, the global IAAF brand is not only in safe hands, but the re-distribution of certain powers from Monaco to the Areas will also ensure its growth during this important time of development and change.

Robin Courage
TSE Consulting

IAAF COUNCIL MEETING – BEIJING, CHINA

On **21 / 22 August 2006**, at the Hotel Kunlun, Beijing, China, the next meeting of the **IAAF Council** will be held.

The regular activity reports from the President, General Secretary, and Honorary Treasurer, and reports from the recent meetings of the Cross Country and Road Running

Commission (3 April), Race Walking Committee (15 May), Juridical Commission (17 / 18 July), and Marketing Commission (19 August), will be heard.

Also progress reports will be received from the Organising Committees of the 2006 IAAF World Road Race Championships, Debrecen, HUN,

2007 IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Osaka, JPN, and 2008 Olympic Games, Beijing, CHN.

General Programme:
 19 August – Marketing & Promotional Commission Meeting
 20 August – Advisory Board Meeting
 21 / 22 August – Council Meeting
 23 August – Departures

TRAFFIE meets the General Secretary

"Traffie", the official mascot of the 11th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Osaka, Japan (25 August to 2 September 2007), which was unveiled to the public on 22 May, and made its first official engagement on 7 July when meeting Junichi Seki, the Mayor of Osaka, is now full stride into its work. Here we see 'Traffie' meeting IAAF General Secretary Pierre Weiss who was making a general site visit to Osaka from 13-16 July 2006.

"Traffie" which comes from the combination of "Track and Field", two of the fundamental words associated with the World Championships, is modelled on a flame, and represents the soul and enthusiasm to win of all the athletes participating in Osaka 2007.



Kenteris and Thanou accept Anti-Doping rule violations

On Monday 26 June 2006, before the Court of Arbitration for Sport, the Greek athletes, Konstantinos Kenteris and Ekaterina Thanou, accepted Anti-Doping rule violations of 3 missed tests between 27 July and 12 August 2004 (in breach of Rule 32.2(d)) and a

failure to provide a urine and a blood sample on 12 August 2004 (in breach of Rule 32.2(c)). In consequence, the proceedings are now at an end.

The athletes were provisionally suspended by the IAAF on 22

December 2004. Subject to compliance with IAAF reinstatement testing requirements, they will be re-eligible to compete on 22 December 2006.

Dwain Chambers (GBR) – performances annulled

Following final resolution of the doping case of Dwain Chambers, the IAAF as of Monday 26 June has now annulled all results obtained by him from the period from 1 January 2002 until 1 August 2003.

European Cup in Annecy, 22/23 June 2002: All results obtained by Dwain Chambers at the European Cup, Annecy, June 2002, including team results, are annulled, and have been confirmed separately by the European Athletic Association.

European Championships in Munich, 6/11 August 2002: All results obtained by Dwain Chambers at the European Championships, Munich, August 2002, including team results, are annulled, and have been confirmed separately by the European Athletic Association.

Men's 100m at the IAAF Grand Prix Final in Paris, 14 September 2002:				Men's 100m at the IAAF World Cup in Madrid, 20/21 September 2002:			
1	Drummond Jon	USA	9.97 (SB)	1	AFR	Emedolu Uchenna	NGR 10.06
2	Collins Kim	SKN	9.98 (NR)	2	AME	Collins Kim	SKN 10.06
3	Obikwelu Francis	POR	10.03	3	EUR	Obikwelu Francis	POR 10.09
4	Williams Bernard	USA	10.05	4	USA	Drummond Jon	USA 10.10
5	Zakari Abdul Aziz	GHA	10.20	5	ASI	Al-Saffar Jamal Abd.	KSA 10.38 (+1)
6	Miller Coby	USA	10.21	6	GER	Blume Marc	GER 10.46 (+1)
7	---			7	OCE	Johnson Patrick	AUS 10.58 (+1)
	Montgomery Tim	USA	DQ	8	ESP	Rodríguez Ángel David	ESP 10.78 (+1)
	Chambers Dwain	GBR	DQ*			Chambers Dwain	GBR DQ*
	*Result Annulled - Ranking: 1st - Performance: 9.87 (National & Area Record)				*Result Annulled - Ranking: 5th - Performance: 10.16		

IAAF World Cup in Madrid, 20/21 September 2002:

Pos.	Nat	Points	
1	AFR	134	<p>Revised Men's Placing Table of the IAAF World Cup in Madrid</p> <p>Since the points obtained by Dwain Chambers at the European Cup in Annecy in June 2002 are now to be annulled, the Great Britain team would not have been eligible to compete at the IAAF World Cup in Madrid in September 2002 and, as a consequence, all their points obtained in Madrid will now also be annulled but their individual performances remain valid.</p> <p>Team GBR DQ* *Results Annulled - Ranking: 5th - points 87</p>
2	EUR	116	
3	USA	114	
4	AME	111	
5	ESP	96	
6	GER	87.5	
7	ASI	81	
8	OCE	69.5	



World Athletics Day Draw - On the Road to Monaco



Of the total of 156 IAAF Member Federations who took part in IAAF World Athletics Day (6 – 7 May), 130 submitted their results by the deadline, and accordingly their event winning boys and girls (born 1989 and 1990) were entered for the traditional **World Athletics Day Draw** which took place this year on Thursday 15 June in Paris, France.

From these national winners, the names of twelve lucky children - one boy and one girl for each of the IAAF Areas - were drawn out and have been invited to the famous IAAF Super Grand Prix meeting 'Herculis' in Monaco on 20 August 2006, with their travel and full board accommodation costs covered by the IAAF.

This year for the first time, six youths (born 1991 and 1992) were also invited to Monaco as part of the IAAF Schools Activities project, and six more winners were drawn from this group.

At the present time of writing 10 positive replies have been received from the winners, and with three accompanying persons offering to pay their own flight costs, the IAAF has been pleased in a return gesture to agree to pay for the accommodation of these 'guardians'.

The draw took place on 15 June following the Working Group of the IAAF Areas, with a representative of each Area picking a couple of names out of the box of names. The drawers included African Athletic Confederation President Hamad Malboum Kalkaba,

Asian Athletics Association Honorary Secretary Maurice Nicholas, European Athletic Association President Hansjörg Wirz, NACAC Area Representative Neville McCook, Oceania Athletic Association President Anne Tierney, and Consudatle President Roberto Gesta De Melo. IAAF Vice President Dapeng Lou, IAAF Honorary Treasurer Jean Poczobut, IAAF Council Member Bill Bailey and IAAF General Secretary Pierre Weiss also attended the draw.

WAD 2006 – High successful event, highly successful statistics!

Of the total of 156 of the IAAF Member Federations who took part, 136 also joined the project in the cooperation with schools.

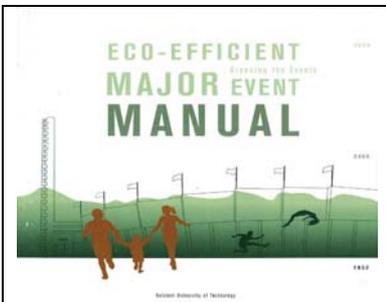
Statistics of participation by Member Federations in each area:
89% of Member Federations in Oceania, 84% in Consudatle, 75% in Asia, 73% in Africa, 69% in Europe and 46% in Nacac.

Photo: Roberto Gesta De Melo draws one of the winners.

IAAF World Athletics Day 2006 - And the lucky winners are...

Federations' Activities - Boys born in 1989 & 1990	Federations' Activities - Girls born in 1989 & 1990
GOODING, Jeron – Barbados, Nacac - 1990, 400m 52.75 HASSAN, Lewis – Panama, S.America - 1989, 800m 2:04.7 MBOUMBA, Darion – Congo, Africa - 1989, 100m 11.19 SARKOZI, Peter – Slovakia, Europe - 1990, 1500m 4:18.08 TEE, Yu Jin – Singapore, Asia - 1990, 400m 51.84 WATERS, Cormac, Australia, Oceania - 1989, HJ 1.85m	BOECHKO, Irina – Turkmenistan, Asia – 1989, 100m 12.90 GASCO, Jimena – Uruguay, S.America – 1990, 200m 27.44 HALDI, Olfa – Tunisia, Africa – 1990, 5000mW 25:45.0 MACHAVARIANI, Sofo – Georgia, Europe – 1990, 100m 12.90 QAUQAU, Varanise – Fiji, Oceania – 1990, JT 39.00m SIMPSON, Kedesha – Jamaica, Nacac – 1990, 100m 11.70
Schools' Activities - Young Athletes born in 1991 & 1992	
Boys	Girls
GALLEGOS, Felipe - Mexico, Nacac – 1991, SP 15.02m HASSAN, Ismail Mohamed – Qatar, Asia – 1991, HT 51.96m	BOREL, Sacha - French Polynesia, Oceania - 1991, LJ 4.65m DE FALBAIRE, Ambre – Mauritius, Africa - 1992, TJ 10.29m SOUZA, Raquel – Brazil, S.America - 1991, TJ 10.49m WALDISPÜHL, Christina – Switzerland, Europe – 1992, LJ 4.81m

Helsinki 2005 points the way to environmentally friendly events



The **Eco-Efficient Major Event Manual** was launched in 6 May 2006 in the United Nations yearly Council for Sustainable Development in New York in a special seminar devoted to sports and the environment.

The Eco-Efficient Major Event manual is based on the experience and data

from the **10th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Helsinki 2005**, which was based on the work of the Helsinki University of Technology which implemented the first environmental programme, called ECOMass, in the history of IAAF World Athletics Series events.

The Eco-Efficient Major Event Manual helps Local Organising Committees, key actors, environmental experts and authorities to understand the environmental impacts that major events create. It advises how to implement environmental criteria to minimize the environmental loads and serves as a guidebook when bidding, planning and organising major events.

The easy-to-use manual gives checklists to help the key actors in every phase of the event's lifecycle.

The recreational industry, major events in particular, have great impact on the environment, economy and the consumption patterns on host regions. Major events can give a long-term sustainable legacy to a host region. Eco-Efficiency is a practical way to act and make improvements in energy and material use – to save the environment and costs.

The IAAF belongs nowadays to the club of sustainable sports, which cooperates with the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) and this manual is contributing to the field of sports and environment.

More information from Helsinki University of Technology
<http://www.dipoli.tkk.fi/ecomass>

World records – Recently ratified

Originally announced on 16 June and 11 July 2006 on www.iaaf.org

Men - senior

100m

9.77 Justin Gatlin USA, Doha, QAT, 12 May 06 (Wind +1.7) – (photo, right)

Equals: 9.77 Asafa Powell JAM, Athens, GRE, 14 Jun 05 (Wind +1.6)

20km

55:48 Haile Gebrselassie ETH, Phoenix, USA, 15 Jan 06

Previous: 56:18 Paul Tergat KEN, Milan, ITA, 4 Apr 98

Half Marathon

58:55 Haile Gebrselassie ETH, Phoenix, USA, 15 Jan 06

Previous: 59:16 Samuel Wanjiru KEN, Rotterdam, NED, 11 Sep 05

Women - senior

15km

46:55 Kayoko Fukushi JPN, Marugame, JPN, 5 Feb 06

Previous: 46:57 Elena Meyer RSA, Cape Town, RSA, 2 Nov 91



World records - NOT ratified

Originally announced on 11 July 2006 on www.iaaf.org

Men - indoor

4x400m

3:01.96 USA, Fayetteville, USA, 11 Feb 06 (Kerron Clement, Wallace Spearmon, Darold Williamson, Jeremy Wariner)

REASON: No EPO analysis was performed.

World Indoor record remains:

3:02.83 USA, Maebashi, JPN, 7 Mar 99 (Andre Morris, Dameon Johnson, Deon Minor, Milton Campbell)

World records - Pending ratification as at 23 July 2006

EVENT		ATHLETE	NAT.	DATE	PLACE	PERF.
10km Walk Road	JM	Sergey Morozov	RUS	19 Feb 06	Adler, RUS	39:45
25km Road	M	Haile Gebrselassie	ETH	12 Mar 06	Alphen aan den Rijn, NED	1:11:37
5000m	W	Meseret Defar	ETH	3 Jun 06	New York, USA	14:24.53
100m	M	Asafa Powell	JAM	11 Jun 06	Gateshead, GBR	9.77
Hammer Throw	W	Gulfiya Khanafeyeva	RUS	12 Jun 06	Tula, RUS	77.26m
Hammer Throw	W	Tatyana Lysenko	RUS	24 Jun 06	Zhukovsky, RUS	77.41m

Finland celebrates 100th anniversary of Federation



This year the **Finnish Athletics Federation, SUL**, one of the founding members of the IAAF, **celebrates its 100th anniversary**, having been born on 11 March 1906.

Despite a population of just 5.2 million inhabitants, Finland belongs to the

superpowers of athletics. Finnish track and field athletes have won 114 Olympic medals - 49 golds, 35 silvers and 30 bronzes - since 1906 when they competed at the Olympic Games for the first time.

A large amount of those medals were won in the 1920s and 30s, but even last year this tiny nation punched above its demographic weight on the athletics world stage, its men's team was IAAF World Ranked as the 8th best in the world (women 19th), and the combined team, IAAF World Ranked 15th.

Furthermore, at the IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Finland's overall total is 19 medals (6 gold; 7 silver; 6 bronze), and at the European Championships she has amassed 82 medals (30 gold; 27 silver; 25 bronze).

Last year Finland became the first country to host the IAAF World Championships in Athletics for a second time (1983 and 2005).

The 100th anniversary will be celebrated in many ways at the main Finnish competitions during this summer season:

>>The Finnish Championships, 'Kalevan Kisa' (21 - 23 July) in Jyväskylä, where the member clubs of the SUL were in the spotlight.

>>The Finland vs. Sweden fixture is the most legendary international athletics match in the world and so it's quite natural to nominate it as an official 100th anniversary competition. This year Finland - Sweden will be held at the Helsinki Olympic Stadium on 25 – 26 August.

>>A big anniversary gala will be held in November and the history book of the SUL, written by Seppo Martiskainen, will be published before the end of this year, as well.

Photo: Paavo Nurmi, nine times Olympic champion.

Lynn Davies - UK Athletics President was awarded a CBE (Commander of the British Empire) on Saturday 17 June 2006. The 1964 Olympic Long Jump champion was honoured with the national award for his services to sport.



ATHLETES SANCTIONED FOR A DOPING OFFENCE SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE IAAF AS OF 12 JULY 2006

DAVYDOV Sergey	RUS	Russian Federation Cup	10.5.06	2 years (26.6.06-25.6.08)
MUCHALOVA Yulia	RUS	Russian National Indoor Chmps	5.2.06	2 years (20.3.06-19.3.08)
PROKHOROVA Yelena	RUS	IAAF OOC, Adler, RUS	18.6.05	1 year (4.10.05-3.10.06)
DJAPIC Vukosava	SCG	Mediterranean Games	30.6.05	2 years (6.7.05-5.7.07)
CAPEL John	USA	IAAF Norwich Union Indoor GP	18.2.06	2 years (15.3.06-14.3.08)
AHRASS Jamel	FRA	Meeting de Reims	21.7.05	2 years (28.9.05-27.9.07)
KENTERIS Konstaninos	GRE	IAAF OOC	27.7.-12.8.04	2 years (22.12.04-21.12.06)
THANOU Ekaterina	GRE	IAAF OOC	27.7.-12.8.04	2 years (22.12.04-21.12.06)
FEDIASCHIN Andrey	RUS	WMA Meeting, Linz (AUT)	18.3.06	2 years (19.6.06-18.6.08)
NKUNA Isaiah	RSA	National OOC, Pretoria	11.12.05	Life Ban
SEPENG Hezekiel	RSA	IAAF OOC, Potchefstroom	21.2.05	2 years (11.5.05-10.5.07)

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.

2006 IAAF World Anti-Doping Symposium: Full Programme Released

Officially announced earlier in this year, the **2006 IAAF World Anti-Doping Symposium** is continuing to grow in strength and stature. Concentrating on the theme of "optimising effectiveness in the Anti-Doping fight", the IAAF symposium will run from **30 September to 2 October 2006 in Lausanne, Switzerland**, and will address many of the challenges and difficulties faced in the current battle against doping in sport.

The IAAF has now released the full programme including the list of topics for discussion as well as the list of world renowned speakers who will be presenting at this event. This programme can be found on the IAAF Website at www.iaaf.org/antidoping.

"We are extremely excited with the level and calibre of speakers who have agreed to present at our Symposium. It is an indication of the quality of the Symposium programme we have put together, but also an indication of just how seriously the IAAF is approaching the fight on doping in our sport", said Gabriel Dollé, Director of the IAAF's Medical and Anti-Doping Department.

Among others, the list of speakers includes representatives of the IAAF, International Federations such as the Cycling and Skiing, National Anti-Doping Agencies, the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), International Sports Lawyers, WADA accredited laboratories and most importantly IAAF elite athletes themselves.

Replies have already been received from many participants and all major anti-doping stakeholders will be present including representatives of the IAAF Member Federations. Anyone interested in attending should contact the IAAF Medical and Anti-Doping Department on the details below to enquire about registrations fees and availability (subject to space restrictions).

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The Symposium will include simultaneous translation between English and French, and a French version of the programme outline can also be found on the IAAF Website.

Malaysia embraces Kids' Athletics nationwide



On Saturday 10 June at Taman Tasik Titiwangsa, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, a nationwide programme of Kids' Athletics was officially launched, with activities in 30 centres beginning simultaneously throughout the country. Kids' Athletics has the objective of building a sports culture within primary schools in Malaysia, creating sporting structures to sustain the long term development of youth within the existing athletics culture in Malaysia.

The programme of games and exercises, which took place at the launch in Kuala Lumpur on Saturday and involved 100 students from 10 primary schools, was officiated by the Honourable Deputy Minister of Sports Malaysia, Liow Tiong Loy who also took part in some of the exercises (photo left), among others with the President of the Malaysian Athletics Federation, Syed Mohamad Syed Murtaza.

IAAF Race Walking Committee

The IAAF Race Walking Committee under the chairmanship of Maurizio Damilano **held its one-day meeting for this year, on 15 May in La Coruna, ESP**, following the 22nd IAAF Race Walking Cup 2006.

IAAF President Lamine Diack as well as General Secretary Pierre Weiss joined the group with Diack praising the excellent organisation and satisfaction for the four days spent with the "Walking Family". According to the President, especially the fact that in the Men's 20km the first 10 athletes came from 9 different countries and represented all five continents, enlightened him and "should make the IAAF Family proud of the worldwide development of Race Walking."

Due to the fact that the International Race Walking Judges' panel will end its term in 2006, the format of the Evaluation Seminar which will take place on 28/29 October in Paris was discussed in detail. It was agreed that the format will be the same as in 2002, consisting of a written, video and oral exam. It will be compulsory for candidates to pass a physical and visual acuity test in order to be admitted to the other exams.

The members of the Race Walking Committee confirmed their support regarding the implementation of a World Race Walking Challenge Final in 2007, acknowledging the growing interest for such an event. While potential organisers exist, date and place will be decided upon in the near future; the Final could take place after

the IAAF World Championships in Athletics in Osaka, JPN.

The other main matters discussed included: critical review of 2006 Race Walking season; Site visit report of the Technical Delegates of Osaka 2007, JPN, with regard to all Race Walking aspects; A report on the 2008 World Race Walking Cup which will be held in Cheboxary, RUS; A document submitted by SEIKO stating their views and proposals on the future technological development which they plan to make available for Race Walking. To be able to further proceed with the development and implementation the members of the Race Walking Committee are asked for recommendations; If approved by the IAAF, the next meeting will be held in Monaco in February or March 2007.



New Member Federation officers – recent elections

<i>Federation</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>General Secretary</i>
BDI	Deo Nshimirimana	Hermenegilde Gahungu
CGO	Emanuel Mpioh	---
FSM	Théodore Rutun	---
IND	Umrao Singh	---
NAM	---	Theo Tijjueza
TAN	Francis John Marcially	Suleiman Nyambui Mujaya
TGA	Semisi Fonua	Paula Havea

Getting to know the Member Federation Officials

<> **Said Chakira** <> President Comores Athletics Federation - National Coach 1996-2001; Technical Director of National Federation 2002-2005; former sprinter, 100m-400m (1968-1972); former national footballer (1964-1968).
 <> **Wilfred Adrien** <> General Secretary of Seychelles Amateur Athletics Federation - Director Extra Curricular Activities and Physical Education at Ministry of Education and Youth; National Technical Official since 1988; former athlete, 400m (50.01) and 800m (2.08).

Television and Athletics Seminar, Beijing, China

IAAF Vice President and BOCOG Sports Director Dapeng Lou, IAAF Television Commission Chairman and IOC Member Alex Gilady, BOB Chief Executive Officer Manolo Romero and representatives from IAAF, BOCOG and BOB were in Beijing on 5 June 2006 for the **Athletics and Television Seminar**.

170 Broadcasters representing all the major Chinese TV networks including CCTV, Beijing TV, Shanghai TV, Guangdong TV, Tian Jin TV, Shan Dong TV, Liaoning TV, Jiang Su TV and Hu Bei TV were in attendance.

In his opening comments Dapeng Lou stressed the importance of this seminar for Chinese broadcasters in preparation for the 2006 World Junior Champs and 2008 Olympics.

Gilady stressed the importance of broadcasters understanding how athletics can be produced to the IAAF standards and recognised by the world's TV audiences. 'We are presenting this IAAF philosophy of coverage which is the result of detailed study and work of the IAAF, its Television Commission and the world's broadcasters'.

Romero presented a paper outlining the progress and future planning by Beijing Olympic Broadcasting (BOB) and the application of new technology. The 2008 Olympic Games would be broadcast in HDTV using 55 OB vans from China and the rest of the world. Plans also include 16:9 High Definition at all venues, revised production plan for HD, limited use of virtual reality technology, 5.1 surround audio, more

super slow motion replays and recorders. BOB were also represented by Ma Guoli (Chief Operating Officer) and Mike Klatt who presented Olympic Television Graphics.

Tapani Parm, Director and Producer at YLE, host broadcaster of the 2005 World Championships, presented the Journalistic Approach to coverage of athletics which requires storytelling as a key element.

The 'Broadcasting Athletics' Seminar was organised by the IAAF, Beijing Television and the Organising Committee of the IAAF World Junior Championships in Athletics, Beijing 2006.

A fuller summary is available on the IAAF website.

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A fight we are determined to pursue relentlessly

The **2006 IAAF World Anti-Doping Symposium** in Lausanne, like those held in Florence in 1987 and in Monte Carlo in 1989, was born of the IAAF's determination to remain at the forefront of the fight against doping, a fight we are determined to pursue relentlessly.



General view of speakers and audience at 2006 IAAF World Anti-Doping Symposium in Lausanne, Switzerland

You will all know, of course, that, as far back as 1991, the IAAF adopted a ruling which imposed a four-year ban to be served by any athlete convicted of a first anabolic steroid-related offence.

At the time, our decision sent shockwaves throughout the world. It was a clear sign of our determination to not yield an inch of ground to the vile cheaters who resort to doping.

You can therefore appreciate how difficult it was for the IAAF Congress to ratify the proposal to reduce to two years the period of suspension imposed on offenders, in order to honour an engagement taken on the occasion of the Centenary of the Olympic Congress.

This important reunion of the different components of the Olympic family was the first step towards a concerted and united action to eradicate doping.

The IAAF continues to draw on the unique experience provided by its historical role, the uncompromising determination of its leaders and the enthusiastic support provided by the overwhelming majority of its athletes, to find the strength required to constantly improve its anti-doping crusade.

The most recent statistics available show that, in 2005, 20,000 athletes were tested both in- and out-of-competition and that over 1300 blood samples from international-level athletes alone were analyzed.

I am sure you will agree with me that these figures clearly demonstrate the IAAF Council's strong political determination to do everything in its power to fight doping: over the past three years, it has increased the budget it dedicates to testing by 60%, and it now amounts, for 2006, to 2,600,000 USD.

The importance of the measures taken to fight against doping can also be gauged by a recruitment drive in the IAAF Medical and Anti-Doping department, which has grown from five to eleven employees.

Such figures speak volumes and must encourage us to put the few doping scandals which do occur into perspective.

It is true of course that even one single case is something we find totally intolerable, even more so when it concerns a huge star, someone who has been held up as role model to the world's youth to encourage them to embrace a career in athletics.

If today we are universally recognized as being at the forefront of the fight against cheating as well as having successfully implemented efficient strategies based on both scientific and methodological approaches, it is in great part due to the efforts of Professor Arne Ljungqvist, the vice President of the IAAF - who has also now been appointed as President of the IOC Medical Commission and serves as a member of the Executive Committee of the World Anti-Doping Agency - as well as to the team he has gathered around him to form the IAAF Medical Commission.

I know he will agree with me when I say that the success of our anti-doping policy resides on the advent of the new Medical and Anti-Doping Commission, led by Dr Juan Manuel Alonso, which boasts some of the most respected scientific, medical and legal worldwide experts in their respective fields.

The new directions we are embarking upon were mainly born of two major occurrences.

The first one was the adoption of the World Anti-Doping Code in 2003, followed by, in the same year, the infamous "BALCO affair".

These two events convinced me that, notwithstanding its unique experience and resounding successes in the fight against doping, the IAAF needed to do even more to consolidate its actions by developing a strategy of international cooperation at every level.

The strong action we took in the BALCO affair is an excellent illustration of how much this type of partnership can achieve.

Our cooperation with the United States' Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), led to a highly-confidential united action which resulted in us catching out a large number of athletes, both American and foreign, who had brought cheating into our sport.

Furthermore I am convinced that we must absolutely continue to develop close links between the governments and the various national and international sporting federations if we are to reinforce the efficiency of the fight against doping and give it a truly global character.

It is in the hope that we can identify appropriate solutions to the various problems thrown up by international cooperation in the fight against doping that I decided to set up this Symposium.

It must act as the ideal forum to share the experiences we have had over the three years applying the Code and the problems we find ourselves confronted with on a day-to-day basis.

It will enable us to evaluate the efficiency of our current actions and, going forward, to identify the best synergies available.

IAAF President Lamine Diack

The full speech can be read on the IAAF website - <http://www.iaaf.org/news/Kind=2/newsId=36530.html>

2006 IAAF World Anti-Doping Symposium

The 3rd **IAAF World Anti-Doping Symposium** took place in **Lausanne, Switzerland**, from **30 September until 2 October 2006** before an audience of nearly 400 participants from all around the world, composed of representatives of IAAF federations, but also WADA, the IOC and other sports organizations, laboratories, other anti-doping professionals and representatives of the Media, who had full access to all the sessions.



President Lamine Diack

After 3 days of expert discussions and debate about the science, the practice, and the juridical issues of the war against doping, a number of important conclusions were reached.

Among the key messages was maintaining transparency in the IAAF Anti-Doping programme and the importance of IAAF testing systems that continues to concentrate more on the quality testing rather than quantity, the so-called "intelligent testing". It was also clear that International cooperation between anti-doping stakeholders is vital and must occur for the doping fight to be effective.

There were also a number of recommendations for the future direction of the programme including further discussion of the "no start rule" concerning pre-competition blood testing and eventually moving towards prosecuting doping cases on the basis of individual steroid and blood profiles rather than the reliance on thresholds set by the public norm.

Throughout the Symposium, one constant theme was that athletes must be fully involved and consulted in any discussions on anti-doping issues. For this reason, it was appropriate that the IAAF Athletes' Commission held its annual meeting in Lausanne to coincide with the Symposium and many members of the IAAF Athletes Commission were present and able to highlight the commitment they have to the anti-doping fight, and the disdain they feel for any athlete who tries to deliberately cheat.

The Symposium was opened by the IAAF President Mr Lamine Diack who underlined the IAAF's commitment to continue leading the anti-doping fight

and deterring athletes from resorting to the use of prohibited substances. Mr Diack highlighted the need for sporting bodies and governments to work closely together, and that international cooperation was vital if doping was ever to be eradicated. (See front page of this newsletter for the main highlights of the Opening Speech of President Diack).

Also participating at the opening ceremony where Prof Patrice Mangin of Lausanne University, Mr Pierre-Yves Maillard, the State Representative and Prof Arne Ljungqvist, IAAF Senior Vice President who gave the keynote speech. Prof Ljungqvist highlighted the history of the IAAF anti-doping efforts, the leadership role taken by the IAAF on the matter of anti-doping and addressed areas in which the IAAF must move forwards.

Current Anti-Doping Realities

The first session of the symposium was a chance to look at the current anti-doping situation and the audience heard reports and updates from speakers such as David Howman, Director General of the World Anti-Doping Agency WADA and Paul Marriott-Lloyd from UNESCO.



Dr Gabriel Dollé

Dr Gabriel Dollé, Director of the IAAF Medical and Anti-Doping Department provided an overview of the current administrative issues faced by the IAAF in its anti-doping work. Specific scientific issues were also discussed as Dr Martial Saugy, Director of the WADA accredited Laboratory in Lausanne provided the delegates with information on issues relating to EPO and blood doping, while Prof Christiane Ayotte provided an overview on areas such as natural hormones and T/E ratios. Both Dr. Saugy and Prof Ayotte are members of the IAAF Medical and Anti-Doping Committee.

The Athlete's Voice

The Symposium also greatly benefited from the attendance of many members from the IAAF Athletes' Commission. They provided the crucial athletes voice and shared their views on the subject. Indeed former Olympic Triple Jump Champion Michael Conley

highlighted that athletes must be viewed as equal partners in the fight against doping and continued discussion should be maintained between the athletes and the anti-doping administrators. He highlighted that athletes are committed to the anti-doping process but work must continue on simplifying the process for the athletes.



Paula Radcliffe

Paula Radcliffe, current World record holder in the women's Marathon also spoke with passion about the continued need to progress in the anti-doping work of the IAAF. Radcliffe highlighted the need for continued refinement of the testing procedures, and the need for standards of anti-doping work to be maintained in all countries not just some. Radcliffe also spoke on the importance of the out-of-competition testing programme whilst highlighting some of the challenges faced by the athletes when attempting to comply with regulations.

Day Two focused on two topics:

Current Strategies for the detection and prosecution of doping, with specific attention given to the issues surrounding the prosecution of non-analytical cases;

Specific issues arising from implementation of the World Anti-Doping Code including Out-of-competition testing, Borderline issues, and Therapeutic Use Exemptions.



Left to right: Prof Christiane Ayotte & Dr Juan Manuel Alonso

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World Anti-Doping Symposium, continued...

Modern methods for prevention and deterrence of doping

A large proportion of the first two days discussion were of a scientific nature and concentrated on techniques for the detection of doping, so day three provided a change of pace as participants came together to discuss the more administrative methods for prevention and deterrence.

Prof Louise Burke, IAAF Medical & Anti-Doping Commission Member and head of Sports Nutrition at the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS), presented her experiences gained in the implementation of the AIS supplement programme.



General view of Symposium

Participants had heard on previous days about the continued problems and risks with supplement product contamination, however it is a fact that many athletes still rely heavily on the use of these products. Prof. Burke presented one method of reducing the risks for the athletes through a programme aimed at increased education, monitoring of athlete supplement usage (products such as sports bars, and sports drinks), and the gradual movement of these athletes towards reliance on diet rather than supplement products. The programme also highlights supplements which scholarship athletes are not permitted to take due to the high risk of an inadvertent positive doping control test.

Dr Patrick Laure provided advice and a model for the prevention of doping which certainly caught the attention of the audience. Dr Laure highlighted that anti-doping organisations are

focusing heavily on the repression of doping behaviour through drug testing, sanctions and legal avenues. He however challenged the audience that in order to change the behaviour and attitudes, particularly of the younger athletes, doping authorities must look at the broader issues encountered in daily life. He said young athletes must be taught critical thinking skills and carefully supported in their personal development which will ensure they are able to make the correct decision on subjects such as doping.

Joseph de Pencier, Director of the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport spoke about the Canadian experience in combining education programmes with a small level of testing to produce a deterrent effect amongst young athletes. Direct examples were provided from the Canadian experience how IAAF Member Federations or other Anti-Doping Organisations could make the most of smaller budgets or limited testing abilities, while still maintaining a significant deterrent effect.

Jim Ferstle, a freelance journalist with over 20 years experience covering Olympic and anti-doping issues, spoke about both the importance of education, and the role of the media in covering anti-doping issues and assisting with the communication of education messages.

Stephane Diagana, former World Champion at 400m Hurdles and now a member of IAAF and WADA Athlete Commissions, provided an alternative option for the deterrence of doping. He re-affirmed the athletes' 100% commitment to drug free sport and proposed financial penalties as part of the sanctioning process.

Diagana pointed out that if greed motivates some athletes to cheat, then financial penalties which would allow the IAAF or fellow athletes to claim back money earned dishonestly would increase deterrence. Certainly any financial penalties on athletes or federations could be used to further fund the anti-doping programme of

IAAF or other Anti-Doping organisations.

The final athlete to speak was Debbie Ferguson, a medallist at the last three Olympic Games. She spoke with a composure and passion that left all participants in the auditorium in no doubt of the commitment that the majority of athletes have to compete drug free.



Prof Arne Ljungqvist

She also highlighted the difficulties of trying to comply with strict IAAF athlete whereabouts but provided suggestions for improvements. She finished by assuring the audience that she and her fellow Athlete Commission Members were proud to compete drug free and looking forward in any way to helping the anti-doping work of the IAAF.

Prof Arne Ljungqvist, IAAF Senior Vice President, then took the floor to provide a look at the future IAAF anti-doping fight and make the closing comments, thanking the tremendous participation of all who were present. He asked all delegates to reflect on the lessons they had learned at the Symposium and find ways to apply them in their own anti-doping work. Ljungqvist also confirmed that the IAAF was happy to work in partnership with all stakeholders in continually striving to implement the most effective anti-doping programme in the sport of Athletics – for which this Symposium has provided a platform and reference point for all future endeavours.

For fuller summaries of the Symposium go to the anti-doping section of the IAAF website

WELCOME! Montenegro becomes 212th IAAF Member Federation

Following recent political changes in the former State Union of Serbia and Montenegro which led to Montenegro withdrawing from that Union to become an officially recognised independent member of the international community, on 27 July 2006 the IAAF recognised the Athletic Federation of Serbia and the Athletic Federation of Montenegro as two separate Members, thus bringing the IAAF's total membership to 212. This provisional membership needs to be confirmed at the next IAAF Congress in Osaka, Japan in August 2007.

IAAF Council Members and former Director are honoured



>> IAAF Vice-President **Dapeng Lou** has been admitted to the degree of Doctor of Technology (honoris causa) by Loughborough University, England. The Doctorate was presented by Vice-Chancellor of the University Shirley Pearce in a ceremony in Beijing on 3 September 2006. *Photo: left*

>> Next week, the government of Jamaica to mark Hero Day (16 October 2006) will award **Neville (Teddy) McCook**, IAAF Council Area Representative, with the country's fourth highest award, and he will have the right to be called, 'Honorable Neville (Teddy) McCook, OJ'.

>> Former IAAF Development Director **Björn Wangemann**, who is currently directing a German Athletics Development Project in Uruguay, last month was honoured by the South American Confederation with the order of Merit for over 30 years of development work in the Area.

IAAF Council Meeting, Beijing, China

The **IAAF Council** met on **Monday 21 and Tuesday 22 August** in the Hotel Kunlun, **Beijing, China** following a highly successful edition of the World Junior Championships in the Chinese capital.



Duan Shijie (l) and Lamine Diack (r)

China's vice-minister of Sport Duan Shijie, welcomed the Council members and particularly spoke about those championships in their vital connection with the 2008 Olympic Games. "In partnership with the Olympic organizers BOCOG, the city of Beijing and the Chinese athletics association, we made every effort to ensure that the World Junior Championships, which welcomed close to 2000 athletes, not only promoted the sport of athletics but also served as the ideal dress rehearsal for the Olympics, just two years before the Games."

In his reply and opening address IAAF President Lamine Diack confirmed that, "from our arrival at the airport, until the Closing Ceremony last night, our sport has been treated impeccably, and we are now certain that the organisation of the athletics events at the 2008 Games will be of an excellent standard."

Investigation on Age Manipulation, still on-going

Based on strong suspicion of age manipulation regarding KEN/BRN athletes who competed for Bahrain during the World Youth Championships in Marrakech in 2005 (two of whom won gold medals) IAAF Council has been carrying out an investigation since August 2005. Since then, President Diack has paid a visit to the Bahrain Athletics Association and IAAF Legal Counsel Huw Roberts went to Kenya to gather information from the Department of Civil Registration as well as the offices of Athletics Kenya in Nairobi.

The matter was also discussed during the President's recent meeting in Monaco (25 July 2006) with the Honourable Maina Kamanda, Kenyan Minister for Gender, Sports, Culture and Social Services in the presence of Isaiah Kiplagat. Unfortunately, despite all these efforts, the situation is still

progressing slowly and only 1 birth certificate has been obtained to date.

Nonetheless, an investigation has now been opened in accordance with IAAF Rules in the names of the following 3 athletes: Dennis Kipkurui (Taher Tarak Mubaraq), John Yego (Belal Mansour Ali) and Hosea Kosgei (Khamis Aadam).

Fukuoka 2006 - Kenyan athlete Longosiwa Thomas Pkemei's age was falsified at the 34th IAAF World Cross Country Championships (2 April), where he competed with a registered date of birth of 14 January 1992 in the Junior Men's Race (instead of 1988). The athlete was arrested by the Kenyan authorities. The matter is being investigated by the IAAF and his performance has been annulled. Since the athlete placed 5th, and was "non-scoring" this annulment will not affect the first place ranking of the Kenyan team.

Transfer of Allegiance

The following Transfers of Allegiance have been noted since the last Council Meeting:

ABYU Thomas ETH to GBR, 12/06/2006

BAKHTACHE Abdelkader ALG to FRA, 29/01/2005

BARRETT Kimberli JAM to PUR, 12/08/2006

***CHAN-ROPER**, Maggie HKG to USA, 22/08/2006

DOYLE Brian GBR to IRL, 31/07/2006

HESS Mirjam SUI to LUX, 17/07/2006

MARTINOVIC SESTAK Marija SCG to SLO, 13/07/2007

MONTAGUE Adam AUS to USA, 27/07/2006

***QUINONEZ VERNAZA** Jackson Amadeo ECU to ESP, 28/10/2006

RADULOVIC Milan SCG to BIH, 14/04/2006

ROBINSON Taneisha IRL to GBR, 10/10/2006

SIMPSON Brandon JAM to BRN, 29/09/2006

TUNKS Lieja NED to CAN, 26/06/2007

**notified since Beijing Council meeting*

IAAF World Athletics Tour (WAT) Working Group set up

In 2004 the One-Day Meetings Working Group was established to conduct a specific task: to evaluate the one-day meetings' structure and propose a simpler, more coherent structure with meeting categories, criteria and evaluations. As a result, the World Athletics Tour was introduced in 2006.

Council in Beijing agreed that a WAT Working Group should be established to monitor and evaluate the

implementation of the new structure. The Working Group which has since gathered for its first meeting in Stuttgart at the time of the World Athletics Final is composed of:

- Dapeng Lou (CHN) – IAAF Vice President, Chairman of IAAF Competitions Commission
- Roberto Gesta de Melo (BRA) – IAAF Council Member, South America Area Rep
- José Luis de Carlos (ESP) – Chairman of EAA Competition Commission
- Sandro Giovannelli (ITA) – Advisor to IAAF President
- Craig Masback (USA) – USA Track & Field CEO
- Wilfried Meert (BEL) – IAAF Golden League Meeting Director
- Rajne Söderberg (SWE) – IAAF Super Grand Prix Meeting Director
- Pierre Weiss (FRA) – IAAF General Secretary
- Daniel Wessfeldt (SWE) – IAAF Athletes' Representative
- Hansjörg Wirz (SUI) – EAA President, Member of IAAF Competition Commission

Bidding schedule - IAAF World Championships in Athletics 2011/2013

A record number of bidders have declared an interest in hosting the 2011 and 2013 editions of the IAAF World Championships in Athletics. The bid documentation was sent to the 9 candidates: Australia, Croatia, Korea, Morocco, Russia, Spain, Sweden, United Arab Emirates, and United States of America but Croatia officially withdrew their candidacy on 16 October.

The candidates have now been informed of a number of criteria to substantiate their bid, relating to operational budget, organizational experience, spectator capacity and other issues.

Bidders have also been informed of the following schedule:

On October 19/20: an information seminar for all bidders was organised in Monaco;

By 1 December 2006: All completed and signed Bidding Documents as well as appendices must be submitted to IAAF;

In December 2006 an evaluation of bid documents will take place and in January/February 2007 an evaluation tour of Bid Cities will take place;

27 March 2007 in Mombasa: Bid Cities will present their candidature to the IAAF Council and the host of the Championships will be named.

Council, continued...

New member for IAAF Marketing & Promotion Commission

Council agreed with a proposal from President Diack to make Werner Gegenbauer a member of the Marketing & Promotion Commission. Gegenbauer, who is a prominent German business man based in Berlin, played a key role in the successful Berlin Bid for the 2009 IAAF World Championships.

New World Race Walking Final Approved

Council approved a recommendation from the Race Walking Committee regarding the 2007 Calendar of the IAAF Race Walking Challenge which entails a "Final" from 2007. Council approved Russia (Saransk) as the host of the 1st IAAF World Race Walking Challenge Final in 2007. The Final will take place on 29 September.

Junior Men's 110mH/Decathlon – Hurdle Height

In 2005, IAAF Congress approved the change of Rule 168.3 with regards to the height of the hurdles for the Junior Men's 110m from 1.067m to 0.990m, with a tolerance of +1cm (1.000m).

The current World Records for the Junior Men's 110mH of 13.12 by Xiang Liu on 12 July 2002 and the Junior Men's Decathlon of 8397 points by Torsten Voss on 6/7 July 1982 are performances achieved with the former hurdle height (1.067m).

Council agreed that these World Records should stand as the performances to surpass in order to achieve a new World Record in these events with the new Hurdle height.

Anti-Doping Testing

The following tests have been carried out so far in 2006 by the IAAF:

In-Competition: 745 urine; 386 blood.
Out-of-Competition: 786 urine; 166 blood.

16 of these have been concluded as positive. This means a percentage of 1%, with 99% of the athletes

confirmed as clean. So far in 2006, IAAF doping sample officers have reported 166 unsuccessful attempts to collect out of competition samples from athletes; after investigation, 22 have been defined as "Missed Tests".



General view of Council top table

Arbitration - Cases concluded in IAAF's favour

Since the last Council meeting, 6 CAS arbitrations have been concluded, all of them in the IAAF's favour:

- Eddy Hellebuyck (USA)
- Maurren Maggi (BRA)
- Jamel Ahrass (FRA)
- Christos Tzekos (GRE)
- Maria Papadopoulou (GRE)

In the case of - Konstantinos Kenteris/Ekaterina Thanou (GRE) – the case was withdrawn before the CAS hearing and the athletes accepted a doping violation.

IAAF High Performance Training Centres (HPTCs)

The IAAF High Performance Training Centres (HPTC) provide centres of excellence for the training and development of international class athletes and coaches, managed and supervised under IAAF control.

At present 82 selected athletes are training in 8 centres around the world: Asia: 9 athletes; Cuba: 1 athlete; Dakar (SEN): 26 athletes (inc. 4 from Liberia); Eldoret (KEN): 11 athletes; Kingston (JAM): 12 athletes; Mauritius: 8 athletes; Oceania: 10 athletes; South America: 5 athletes.

Thirty-eight of the 82 athletes have been awarded Olympic Solidarity (OS) scholarships. It is expected that a high

number out of these will qualify for the Beijing Olympic Games in 2008.

Some of these athletes have already achieved outstanding performances: Irving Saladino (PAN) is leading the world list in the long jump with 8.56m (PB); Usain Bolt (JAM) is No 4 in the world list in the 200m with 19.88s (PB); Jermain Gonzales (JAM) is No 12 in the world list in the 400m with 44.85s (PB).

Also of note: Daniel Kipchirchir Komen who is leading the 1500m list for 2006 with 3:29.02, was at the Eldoret HPTC until last year; Ezekiel Kemboi is still training at HPTC Eldoret and Janeth Jepkosgei, who became World Junior Champion when she was at Eldoret, is leading the 800m list with 1:56.66.

"B Standard" Project

The IAAF has set a goal that at least one athlete of each of the 212 Member Federations be capable of achieving the "B" Qualification Standard for the World Championships in Athletics or the Olympic Games. Seventy-eight countries were entitled to apply for a B-Standard Scholarship and the IAAF received 51 scholarship applications from 25 countries. After evaluation of the applications, 30 athletes from 28 countries (19 B-Standard and 11 Elite Scholarship/IAAF Financial Support holders) have benefited from this Project in 2006 with the IAAF helping them ensure access to adequate facilities and coaching.

Promotion through Broadcasting

Since the last Council Meeting in March the Department's day-to-day work has consisted of the following:

- Production of *Athletix* - our TV Magazine: 20 weekly editions during the summer season which are now co-produced with TWI/IMG;
- Organisation of Seminars: IAAF TV Seminar for African Broadcasters in Fez, Morocco on 16/17 April and TV Seminar in Beijing, China from 4-6 June.



In Beijing (16 Aug), President Lamine Diack was awarded an Honorary Doctorate at the Beijing Sports University by Professor Hua Yang, President of the University and Chairman of the Academic Degree Evaluation Committee. *Photo left.*

Forthcoming Committee & Commission Meetings

- 21/22 October, Monaco : Coaches'
- 9 November, Monaco : Finance & Budget
- 10 November, Monaco : Development
- 10 / 13 (tbc) November, Monaco : Juridical
- 11 November, Monaco : Competition
- 13 November, Monaco : Press

NEXT IAAF COUNCIL MEETING : 13 / 14 November, Monaco

Court dismisses Lagat claim - On Thursday 14 September 2006, the Cologne Regional Court in Germany dismissed Bernard Lagat's legal claim against the IAAF and ordered him to bear the costs of the proceedings. The grounds on which the Court dismissed the athlete's claim have not yet been provided.



Gothenburg and Stuttgart honoured with IAAF World Athletics City Award



In the last two summers, Athletics via the 2005 World Championships in Athletics, 2006 European Championships, and the 2006 World Athletics Final, has revisited three of the venues which have held editions of the IAAF World Championships in Athletics. And just as the IAAF recognised the city of Helsinki (1983 and 2005) in 2005 with the title of **IAAF World Athletics City**, Gothenburg (1995) and most recently Stuttgart (1993), have now also been honoured. *Photo: World Athletics City Award.*

IAAF President Lamine Diack made the awards on behalf the IAAF, to Jorgen Linder, the Mayor of Gothenburg, at an IAAF lunch on Monday 7 August at the time of the 19th European Athletics Championships, and to Stuttgart's Lord Mayor, Dr. Wolfgang Schuster, at the IAAF Dinner on Friday 8 September, on the eve of the fourth edition of the IAAF World Athletics Final hosted by the city.

ATHLETES SANCTIONED FOR A DOPING OFFENCE SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE IAAF AS OF 5 October 2006

VOYTOV Vitaliy	RUS	Russian Federation Chmps	13.6.06	2 years (30.6.06-29.6.08)
SADOVA Natalya	RUS	FBK Games, Hengelo NED	28.5.06	2 years (7.7.06-6.7.08)
FORTESANDRE Bruno Miguel	POR	Camp. Portugal de Pista POR	23.7.05	Public Warning
JARD Marius	FRA	Interclubs Senior	16.4.06	6 months ineligibility (26.7.06-25.1.07)
VIRASSAMY Jobert	FRA	Interclubs Senior	16.4.06	6 months ineligibility (26.7.06-25.1.07)
GAU Jean-François	FRA	Meeting de Cayenne	13.5.06	2 years ineligibility (26.7.06-25.7.08)
REZIGA Mohammed	FRA	Chmps de France de Marathon	14.5.06	2 years ineligibility (26.7.06-25.7.08)
ROSS Serene	USA	National OOC	22.11.05	2 years ineligibility (27.7.06-26.7.08)
JENKINS Cordera	USA	Jr+Sr National Champs	22.6.06	Public Warning
SANDS Leevan	BAH	Tyson Invitational (USA)	11.2.06	6 months ineligibility (10.3.06-9.9.06)
SCHALLAU Werner	GER	German Masters Heptathlon	11.6.06	2 years ineligibility (13.7.06-12.7.08)
IDRISS Abdulagadir	SUD	IAAF World Youth Champs	17.7.05	2 years ineligibility (12.10.05-11.10.07)
FEBBRAIO Surita	RSA	National OOC	13.12.05	2 years ineligibility (13.3.06-12.3.08)
BERTI Iris	GER	National Youth Champs	18.2.06	Public Warning
TISANOJA Ville	FIN	National OOC	31.7.06	2 years ineligibility (24.8.06-23.8.08)
RAZIAN Alif	MAS	AAA Meet, Penang	8.7.05	2 years ineligibility (16.2.06-15.2.08)
PAPADOPOULOU Maria	GRE	IAAF OOC, Athens	29.7.05	2 years ineligibility (7.9.05-6.9.07)
ZAKARI Aziz	GHA	GP de Dakar, SEN	29.4.06	2 years ineligibility (9.6.06-8.6.08)
D'AGOSTINE Dione	BRA	Des Milhas Garoto, Vitoria BRA	7.8.05	2 years ineligibility (31.10.05-30.10.07)
VANDERVALE Damien	BEL	National meeting, Nivelles	24.6.06	Public Warning
DOUILLEZ Emmerick	BEL	National meeting, Nivelles	24.6.06	Public Warning, 2 months ineligibility (15.9-14.11.06)
WANG Baolei	CHN	National meeting	16.7.06	2 years ineligibility (1.8.06-31.7.08)
LIU Jinshui	CHN	National meeting	15.7.06	2 years ineligibility (1.8.06-31.7.08)

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.

Obituaries – fuller tributes are available on the IAAF website: www.iaaf.org

AJ de Souza (IND) – Noted Indian athletics official, administrator, coach, and author, Anthony John de Souza died on 21 September, aged 67. A sprinter-jumper as an athlete, as a coach he was awarded with Hon. Life Membership of the International Track and Field Coaches Assoc. His last book was "Romancing the Decathlon" which was reviewed in this Newsletter NEWS 79 p6 (Oct 05).

Marion Jackman (NZL) – The first women president of Athletics New Zealand in 1977, passed away at the age of 82 in Wellington, New Zealand on 27 August. In 1977, in the Queen's Birthday honours she was awarded with an MBE for services to youth and sport. In 1987 Jackman was awarded an IAAF diploma for service to the sport, and received an IAAF medal and certificate in 1988.

Bob Mathias (USA) – The two-time Olympic Decathlon champion Robert Bruce Mathias, after a long term fight with cancer, passed away on 2 October 2006 at his home in Fresno, California, USA. He was 75. The Olympic winner in London'48 and Helsinki'52, at just 17 years 263 days in London he was the youngest ever male Olympic Athletics champion. In Helsinki, with a World record, one of three (two ratified) such marks in his career, he became the first repeat winner of the Olympic Decathlon title. His margin of victory, more than 900 points, is the largest in history.



Peter Norman (AUS) – Australian 200m record holder and 1968 Olympic silver medallist died on 3 October of a heart attack at the age of 64. Norman set the national record of 20.06 in his silver medal winning performance at the 1968 Mexico City Olympic Games made famous by the Black Power salute carried out at the medal ceremony in protest against USA racial discrimination.

Jack Pross (AUS) – An outstanding track and field coach who influenced many prominent Australian athletes, passed away at the age of 86, on 9 August 2006. For his services to sport, Pross was awarded OAM in 1987, the Australian Sports Medal in 2000 and was a life member of Athletics NSW and the Australian and NSW Track and Field Coaches Association.



Sue Richardson (GBR) – Our dear friend and colleague passed away in the early morning of 1 September 2006. Sue joined the IAAF in 1991 and quickly became a pivotal member of staff. In London and Monaco, her sole family was the IAAF: she was never so happy then when she was with Council members, organisers, sponsors, athletes, and her colleagues on the IAAF staff. For the past year she fought with her illness. She faced the suffering and pain with courage, optimism and that witty sense of humour which was her own. A service to celebrate Sue's life was held on 5 September in Monaco. Now she rests in peace; we will all miss her.

Don Thompson (GBR) - Britain's 1960 Olympic 50km Race Walking champion, collapsed at home and later died in Frimley Park Hospital on 4 October 2006 at the age of 73. He also won bronze in the 1962 European Championships in the 50km Race Walk. Even today, 37 years after his best time at 50km, his name stands 18th on the UK all-time list with 4:12:19. He was appointed MBE in 1970.



1st World Road Running Championships highlighted by World Record and \$50,000 bonus



The inaugural IAAF World Road Running Championships in Debrecen, Hungary (Sunday 8 October) were highlighted by a women's 20km win by Lornah Kiplagat (NED – *photo left*) in a World record time of 1:03:21. There was further joy to come for the Dutch woman, as at the final banquet President Diack announced that the IAAF had decided to award her a World record bonus of \$50,000 too.

"After seeing the fantastic competition, I am delighted to announce that Lornah will be paid a World record bonus of \$50,000 by the IAAF, and that we will continue to pay a bonus to all those who break World records at future editions of our World Road Running Championships."

Getting to know the Member Federation Officials

<> **Antônio Do Rosário Ramos** <> CPV President. *Present* – Diplomat; Director of Privileges and Immunity of the Protocol of State; *Former* – national champion 5000m; founder and President of South Santiago Association of Athletics.

<> **Umrao Singh** <> IND Acting President. *Present* – Hon. Life President Asian Athletic Association; President Masters' Athletic Federation of India; Life President Punjab Athletic Association; IAAF Veteran Pin (1976). *Former* – IAAF Council Member (1972-76); President of Athletic Federation of India (1967-68 & 1972-1976); President of Asian Athletic Association (1970-73); Chairman of Asian Athletics Champs (1989) & Junior Champs (1992); Senior Cabinet Minister in Punjab (1993-1994).

<> **Paula Havea** <> TGA General Secretary. *Present* – Programme manager; *Former* – Teacher; Secretary of Tonga Athletics Association 1962-65; Chairman Tavatu'utolu Rugby Club (1962-1969); Senior Inspector of Schools (2005).

World records – recently ratified

Men - senior

100m

9.77 (1.0) Asafa Powell JAM, Zurich, SUI, 18 Aug 06

9.77 (1.5) Asafa Powell JAM, Gateshead, GBR, 11 Jun 06

Eq prev: 9.77 (1.6) Asafa Powell JAM, Athens, GRE, 14 Jun 05
NB. Justin Gatlin (also 9.77): on-going legal process regarding possible sanction for anti-doping violation.

110m Hurdles

12.88 (1.1) Xiang Liu CHN, Lausanne, SUI, 11 Jul 06

Prev: 12.91 (0.5) Colin Jackson GBR, Stuttgart, GER, 20 Aug 93, and 12.91 (0.3) Xiang Liu CHN, Athens, GRE, 27 Aug 04

Women - senior

5000m

14:24.53 Meseret Defar ETH, New York, USA, 3 Jun 06

Prev: 14:24.68 Elvan Abeylegesse TUR, Bergen, NOR, 11 Jun 04

Women - senior

Hammer Throw

77.80 Tatyana Lysenko RUS, Tallinn, EST, 15 Aug 06

77.41m Tatyana Lysenko RUS, Zhukovsky, RUS, 24 Jun 06

77.26m Gulfiya Khanafeyeva RUS, Tula, RUS, 12 Jun 06

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

Men - junior

Discus Throw

67.32m, Margus Hunt (87) EST, Beijing, CHN, 16 Aug 06

66.68m, Margus Hunt (87) EST, Beijing, CHN, 16 Aug 06

66.35m, Margus Hunt (87) EST, Beijing, CHN, 15 Aug 06

Prev: 65.88m Omar Ahmed Alghazaly (84) EGY, Cairo, EGY, 7 Nov 03

Hammer Throw

82.62m Yevgeniy Aydamirov (87) RUS, Tula, RUS, 22 Jul 06

Prev: 81.34m Krisztián Pars (82) HUN, Szombathely, HUN, 2 Sep 01

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Coherent, robust plan for the advancement of Athletics

Another athletics season has come to a close, and thanks to the wonderful performances of stars such as World Athletes of the Year Asafa Powell and Sanya Richards, it has been a memorable one. But before I reflect on the sporting issues of the past 12 months, I would like to spend some time talking about what the IAAF has achieved and plans to achieve on our journey to revolutionise and secure the long term future of our sport.

Building a legacy for Athletics cannot happen overnight. All my predecessors began the building process by laying the foundations, and as senior Vice-President in the 80s, I was encouraging the life mission to transform the sport.



HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco, Sanya Richards, Asafa Powell, and IAAF President Lamine Diack at the World Athletics Gala in Monaco

Since 1999, my goal as President has been to make athletics more professional in structure, more commercially minded in approach, and to secure the financial future of the IAAF. Over the last 7 years, with the support of my colleagues on the IAAF Council, I have paid close attention to the issue of television and marketing agreements, and I believe that the facts speak for themselves. In 1999 when I took over, the IAAF was ready to agree a deal with ISL which would have included exclusive marketing and television rights, in return for a guaranteed income which would have helped us achieve the goal of having a year's operating budget in reserve. But I decided that the IAAF should negotiate directly for the television rights and because of this, we were able to secure an excellent deal with EBU, until 2009, which has allowed us to more than double our ambitious target, and we now have more than 2 years operating budget in reserve.

The IAAF's determination to tackle marketing and TV issues in 2006 is reflected in my appointment of a specific IAAF Marketing Director, who has been working hard with our marketing partner Dentsu to finalise a number of significant deals, particularly in TV sales. In the last few months we have announced enhanced agreements for coverage of the IAAF World Series events in Africa and the Caribbean, and more recently a new groundbreaking agreement in the USA for the next editions of the IAAF World Championships in Athletics in 2007 and 2009. NBC, the Olympic broadcaster, will be covering the next two editions of the World Championships for the first time since the early 1990s, and the NBC coverage will be supported by other deals with Versus, one of the fastest growing cable channels in the USA, which currently supplies

71 million homes, and WCSN (World Championship Sports Network) which will deliver every hour of the World Championships in Athletics in 2007 and 2009 live.

But although I am proud to be President of the IAAF in this period when we have achieved tremendous financial security, I am still energetic and excited to face the challenges of the future. Our sport is a truly global one, and the IAAF currently boasts its largest ever membership - 212 Federations from every continent. But more important is the fact that the standard of athletics around the globe continues to improve, helped without a doubt by the massive investment made by the IAAF in the field of development. Consider this statistic, in 1983, at the first IAAF World Championships in Athletics, 153 nations attended, with medallists coming from only 25 countries, mainly from Europe. Last year, at the World Championships in Helsinki, there were athletes from 196 nations - with 40 of those supplying medals and 61 placing athletes in finals. The sport has been transformed, and with more money than ever, we aim to accelerate the worldwide development of athletics.

To this end, we have spent considerable time looking at our sport and devising a coherent, robust plan for the advancement of athletics. The Athletics World Plan offers solutions to the problems currently facing our sport but its implementation can not happen overnight, nor should it. We cannot rush the evolution of our sport but calmly complete the building of the house of athletics before handing it over to the next generation of leaders.

Looking back at the various competitions of 2006 offers a good opportunity to stop and remember what has made our sport stand out this year. Ever since the beginning of the year, when we had a sold-out stadium in Melbourne for the Commonwealth Games and a super edition of the World Indoor Championships in Moscow, our competition system has been a real promotion of athletics.

The new IAAF World Athletics Tour and World Athletics Final and the IAAF Golden League have injected greater coherence into the competition structure. The last edition of the World Athletics Final, which took place in Stuttgart, for the first time, was a near sell-out and the IAAF World Cup in Athens had more than 35,000 spectators on the first day, which is far more than any of the recent editions.

The IAAF is carrying out an ongoing reform of the international competition calendar and the structure of one-day meetings, as part of the IAAF World Athletics Plan, and we fully expect to be able to deliver an even more coherent global athletics season that builds to an exciting and compelling climax. This can only be good for the fans, broadcasters, sponsors and for inspiring a new generation of young people to embrace our sport.

Finally, let me give my warmest personal congratulations to our two Athletes of the Year - Asafa Powell and Sanya Richards. They are both in their early 20s and have the personalities and educational backgrounds to serve as role models to young people all over the world. I am determined to make Athletics the number 1 sport again in schools, and I know I can count on your full support to make this dream a reality.

IAAF President Lamine Diack



IAAF Athletics' World Plan update

The **Athletics' World Plan** is at the heart of all our activities. This is much more than just a plan, but a driving force for many of the activities which will affect the sport for years to come.

The Athletics' World Plan identified the need to focus attention on getting Athletics back on to the school curriculum around the world, which would encourage more school age children to take up our sport. The **School / Youth Commission** was created with this remit. They have had considerable success in 2006 and this year the Commission has been involved in a tremendous amount of work to make our children's programmes even better, by providing sports teachers with all the tools that they need to use these programmes. The President is personally actively involved with this programme and is strongly encouraging all Member Federations to get closer to their regional and/or national authorities to engage them in discussions about the

role that Athletics should play within their schools.

Each Member Federation will receive a personal letter from the President providing them with a yearend update on the activities of the World Plan.

The **Athletics' World Plan Events Working Group** have undertaken the massive task of creating a new, workable and easily understandable calendar for the sport, whilst looking at a new qualification system for the World Championships in Athletics and the Olympic Games that will further involve the Area Associations.

This work dovetails into the ongoing work of the **Competence Working Group** who are actively studying ways to increase the role of the Areas by handing them greater responsibilities.

The **Facilities Working Group** is currently developing an easy-to-use proposal to assist Member Federations in the developing markets

to work together with the authorities to develop new Athletics facilities. They are also actively involved with the world's largest producers of tracks and of all-weather sports surfaces to ensure that the needs of Athletics are always uppermost in their future plans.

The **Recognition and Finance Working Group** are now developing a personal training programme to help some of our current champions promote Athletics as they travel throughout the world.

The objectives identified in the Athletics' World Plan have been vigorously addressed throughout 2006 and we will see considerable further progress made in this long term plan for the development of our sport during 2007.

Robin Courage
TSE Consulting

Powell and Richards are crowned 2006 World Athletes of the Year

On 12 November 2006 in Monte-Carlo, **Asafa Powell (JAM)** and **Sanya Richards (USA)** were awarded the titles of 2006 **World Athletes of the Year**, so winning **\$100,000 each** at the prestigious 2006 World Athletics Gala in the Salle des Etoiles of the Sporting Club d'Eté.

The annual global awards ceremony for Athletics was hosted by International Athletic Foundation (IAF) Honorary President HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco and IAF & IAAF President Lamine Diack, in the presence of 600 distinguished guests from all branches of the athletics family.

Both Powell and Richards are IAAF Overall World Ranked number ones, and this season won shares of the IAAF Golden League Jackpot.



Richards and Powell with World Athlete of the Year trophies

Powell sped to a record (12) sub-10 second clockings for 100m including twice equalling his own World record (9.77), while Richards took 15 straight victories at 400m including breaking the 22-year-old American record with 48.70 to become the seventh fastest woman of all-time.

Other Awards -

Performances of the Year:

Male: Liu Xiang (CHN) for running 12.88 in Lausanne to become the outright holder of the 110m Hurdles World record; **Female:** Meseret Defar (ETH) for breaking the 5000m World record in New York City;

Distinguished Career Awards:

Hicham El Guerrouj (MAR), **Stefka Kostadinova (BUL)**, and **Jan Zelezny (CZE)** - *not present due to illness;*

Rising Star Award:

Margus Hunt (EST)

Coaches' Award:

Woldemeskel Kostre (ETH)

Groundbreaking TV deal in the USA heads broadcasting agreements

The IAAF has concluded a number of significant broadcasting deals covering the USA, the regions of Sub-Saharan Africa, and the Caribbean, as well as an extension to the marketing and distribution deal for 'Athletix'.

A major breakthrough comes in the **increased accessibility of 2007 & 2009 editions of the World Championships in Athletics across the USA** via free-to-air, cable, and internet TV: **NBC** will provide Saturday and Sunday coverage, for an average of 6.5 hours of free-to-air terrestrial TV, with NBCSports.com providing delayed on demand coverage; **VERSUS**, one of the fastest growing cable channels in the USA, will screen a minimum of 50 hours (original and replay). The network's deal also includes live coverage of the 2008 World Indoor Championships; **WCSN** will deliver live through their website WCSN.com every hour of both editions, as well as the 2008 World Indoors. Content will also be available to viewers on WCSN's website as video on demand.

Enhanced TV coverage across Sub-Saharan Africa and Caribbean

The successful conclusion of the renewal negotiations with Canal France International (CFI) for Sub-Saharan Africa, and with Caribbean Media Corporation (CMC) means that extensive terrestrial TV coverage of the IAAF's World Athletics Series (WAS) is greatly enhanced.

The new CFI agreement covers all WAS events 2007/2009 with the inclusion of 40 national 'free-to-air' broadcasters. The CMC agreement is a renewal of a deal begun in 2004, and guarantees coverage across 20 territories of all IAAF WAS stadium competitions 2007/2009 through terrestrial, cable and satellite.

IMG extend 'Athletix' deal through to 2009

The agreement with IMG to market and distribute the IAAF Television Magazine 'Athletix', has been extended through to 2009. In 2006, 20 episodes were distributed in more than 80 countries and territories but for 2007, 'Athletix' will grow to 24 programmes of 26 minutes.

Candidates confirmed for 2011 and 2013 World Championships in Athletics

Information Seminar

Representatives of the cities from the original eight Member Federations - Australia, Korea, Morocco, Spain, Sweden, Russia, UAE, and USA (Croatia having withdrawn) - who had submitted letters of intent to bid to host the IAAF World Championships in Athletics, in either 2011 or 2013, gathered for an information seminar in Monaco, 19 & 20 October.

The meeting was opened by IAAF President Lamine Diack, with prospective bidders offered a summary of what was required to host the world's third largest sporting event. Information which was delivered by General Secretary Pierre Weiss, and directors and staff of various IAAF departments who gave presentations which covered numerous subjects: Competition Facilities, Technical Information & Stadium Presentation; Logistics - Accreditation, Accommodation & Transport; Communications and Media Services;

Technology; Broadcasting; Medical & Anti-Doping Services; Protocol; IAAF Congress and Meetings; Marketing, and Finance. Finally, the delegations were also instructed on the next steps if they wished to proceed formally with candidatures.



Five cities submit formal bids

Six weeks later with the deadline (midnight in Monaco, 1 Dec) for the receipt of formal bid documentation passed, the IAAF had received candidatures from cities of **FIVE Member Federations seeking to host editions of the IAAF World**

Championships in Athletics, in either **2011** or **2013**.

The candidates are as follows:
Barcelona (ESP) – 2013 only
Brisbane (AUS) – 2011 & 2013
Daegu (KOR) – 2011 & 2013
Göteborg (SWE) – 2011 & 2013
Moscow (RUS) – 2011 & 2013

Having received the candidates' documentation, the IAAF will now study the bid files and then proceed with an evaluation visit of the cities. The hosts of the 2011 and 2013 World Championships in Athletics will be selected and announced on the occasion of the IAAF Council Meeting in Mombasa on 27 March 2007.

 The 11th IAAF World Championships in Athletics will be held in Osaka, Japan in 2007, and the 12th edition of the championships will be hosted by Berlin, Germany in 2009.

Photo: prospective bidders at World Championships Information seminar

Diack meets Putin - Eastern European Countries Conference in Moscow

On Monday 27 November 2006 at the conclusion of his attendance at the 10th IAAF Conference for Eastern European countries in Moscow, IAAF President Lamine Diack visited the Kremlin in order to meet Russian State President Vladimir Putin (*photo: right*). The two leaders held talks about the huge role Russia has to play in world athletics and the Olympic movement.

During the course of the conference on the previous two days (Sat 25/ Sun 26 Nov) it was agreed that the IAAF would continue to support the vital development work of the Eastern European countries project which was originally set up in 1992 to provide crucial financial support to athletics federations in the difficult economic situation of the immediate post-Soviet era.

The delegates from 29 countries proposed the project continue for the next 4-year period, and asked the IAAF to organize such conferences annually. The participants also unanimously announced their full support of the current IAAF leadership and declared that they would support Lamine Diack for another term as President of the IAAF, for the period 2007-2011.



IAAF Elite Athletes' Workshop

"I was a simple girl, a simple athlete, everything was simple when I started my career, but then I got better and better and with my improving results the demands of sponsors, meeting organizers and of course the media got higher," stated women's Pole Vault World record holder, World and Olympic champion Yelena Isinbayeva during the **IAAF Elite Athletes' Workshop** which took place in Monaco on 12 November in the hours leading up to the **World Athletics Gala 2006**.



"Life was much more complicated from then on and therefore I was happy that I had experts on my side to assist me."

Joining Isinbayeva were many of the sport's elite athletes including the soon to be crowned Female World Athlete of the Year Sanya Richards, and Junior Athlete of the Year Margus Hunt, as well as Kajsa Bergqvist, Xavier Carter, Lashinda Demus, Tyson

Gay, Tia Hellebaut, Lornah Kiplagat, Tatyana Lebedeva, Isaac Songok..., their managers, several meeting directors, and IAAF Ambassadors Frank Fredericks, Stephane Diagana, Heike Drechsler, and Fermin Cacho.

This new IAAF initiative aims to create a forum "to exchange opinions to move our sport forward. We as the IAAF need to inform you, the athletes, about the challenges that professional athletes face, but we also want to assist you and learn more about your needs," stated IAAF President Lamine Diack who welcomed all attendants to the Workshop.

Language skills and media training

To reach this goal during the inaugural workshop which was chaired by IAAF Council Member Sergey Bubka, several experts were invited to help educate the athletes and managers about their respective areas and responsibilities: Jörg Hüchting, AMS, covering the area of sponsorship, IAAF Press Commission member Pat

Butcher, athlete managers Daniel Wessfeldt and Andreas Maetzler, IAAF Council Member Jose Maria Odriozola as a representative of an IAAF Member Federation, as well as meeting director Rajne Soderberg, the President of Euromeetings, an organisation of the one-day athletics meetings in Europe.

After each short presentation, the athletes asked questions, exchanged their experiences, and expressed their opinions. Major points of discussion were the importance of education and language skills of athletes, media training for athletes, the need for the athletes' support in the fight against doping, and the need for more transparency.

Based on this positive feedback from all parties attending, Sergey Bubka announced that the IAAF with the help of its Member Federations is planning to implement the IAAF Elite Athletes' Workshop for different age groups on a regular basis.

Photo: Yelena Isinbayeva (RUS)



IAAF Council Meeting, Monaco

The **IAAF Council** met on **Monday 13 and Tuesday 14 November** in the Hotel Fairmont in Monaco, and was presided over by IAAF President Lamine Diack.

After a summary of the President's activities, reports were received from the General Secretary, and Honorary Treasurer, several Committees and Commissions, and the LOC of the 2007 World Youth Championships, Ostrava, CZE.

IAAF Budget 2007

The IAAF Treasurer Jean Poczobut presented a proposed Budget for 2007 which was approved by the Council.

More than 44% of IAAF expenditure in 2007 will be devoted to **prize money** for athletes, totalling almost US\$ 12 million, with the total budget agreed at approximately US\$ 64 million:

The **Marketing** budget has been tripled, thanks to a number of new

initiatives, including research and branding. US\$450,000 will also be devoted to **Kids' Athletics** and other projects aimed at attracting young people to the sport. The investment in the **development of the sport** will be increased to a record total of US\$ 14 million, which represents more than 21% of the IAAF's total budget. The **Anti-Doping** budget in 2007 will be increased to a total of 2.8 million, devoted to educational initiatives.

A resolution to the Algerian situation

Council was informed that the Algerian Athletics Federation's Federal Bureau (executive committee) had been suspended by the Algerian Minister of Sport, Professor Yahia Guidoum, who had put in place an interim committee to manage the affairs of the Federation until the election of a new President and Federal Bureau. In light of these proceedings and in accordance with Article 14.7(a), the IAAF Council decided to suspend the Algerian Athletics Federation.

Subsequently, after a meeting between IAAF President Lamine Diack and Professor Yahia Guidoum on 3 December in Algeria, the following decisions have now been agreed to help the development of Algerian Athletics while respecting the interests of Algerian sport:

1. A special Committee, charged with normalising the situation of the Algerian Athletics Federation, shall be created under the supervision of IAAF Council Member Jamel Simohamed (ALG);
2. An Elective General Assembly, with voting rights offered to all concerned in accordance with the statutes of the Algerian Athletics Federation, shall be prepared and organized by the above mentioned Committee;
3. The suspension of the Algerian Athletics Federation's Federal Bureau by the Algerian Sports Minister will be immediately lifted;
4. As a consequence of the above, the sanctions imposed on the Algerian Athletics Federation by the IAAF shall also be lifted with immediate effect;
5. All parties agree to undertake actions and initiatives in order to help the reconciliation of the Algerian Athletics Family;
6. All the above measures shall be made effective within a maximum period of one month.

Edinburgh and Bressanone

Following excellent presentations, Council agreed that the **2008 World Cross Country Championships** will be staged in Edinburgh, UK on 30 March 2008. It was also agreed that the **2009 World Youth Championships** will be held in Bressanone, Italy, 8-12 July.

Road Running Working Group becomes IAAF Commission

Because of the increasing desire by the IAAF to become more closely involved in the world of road running, it was agreed that a specific Road Running Commission should be created, consisting initially of the members of the existing road running working group, namely:

Lamine Diack (IAAF)
Roberto Gesta De Melo (IAAF)
Otto Klappert (Road & CC Com)
Dave Bedford (Road & CC Com)
Carlos Cardoso (Road and CC Com)
Mary Wittenberg (World Mar Majors)
Hiroaki Chosa (AIMS)
Pierre Weiss (IAAF)

Membership of this new commission will be reviewed by Council at its next meeting in Mombasa in March 2007. It was also agreed that the current IAAF Cross Country and Road Running Committee would change its name at the next Congress in Osaka, and be known only as the IAAF Cross Country Committee.

New Acronyms

At the request of the IOC, the two new countries recognised as IAAF members would be known by the following three letter codes:
Montenegro = MNE; Serbia = SRB.

19 Member Federations competed at every IAAF event in 2006

19 IAAF Member Federations were commended for having competed at ALL IAAF World Athletics Series competitions in 2006: Belarus, Brazil, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, France, Great Britain & NI, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands,

Poland, Qatar, Romania, Russia, South Africa, Spain, USA.

Change to date of women's marathon at 2008 Olympics

A request by the IOC to change the date of the women's marathon race from Friday 15 August 2008 to Sunday 17 August was accepted. The proposed start time is 07:30AM.

2007 IAAF World Road Running Championships

Council approved the timetable of the next edition of the World Road Running Championships which will take place in Udine, Italy on 14 October 2007 over the distance of Half Marathon.

The Timetable is as follows:
08:30 Mass Race
10:00 Opening Ceremony
10:30 Women's Race
12:15 Men's Race

The next meeting of the IAAF Council will be held from 25 - 27 March 2007 in Mombasa, Kenya

Doping Controls

Summary of the 2006 testing programme (as of 23 October 2006):

In-Competition

total of urine tests: 1222 (including 470 EPO analyses);
total of blood tests: 665 (EPO haematological screenings);

Out-of-Competition

Total of urine tests: 1085 (including 726 EPO analyses);
total of blood tests: 204 (EPO haematological screenings);

Adverse findings / Positive cases

Total number of reported findings: 202. Pending files: 73; Files closed: 129 (doping violations: 39; non-doping violations: 90)

Age Manipulation

The study continues into cases of age manipulation of three former Kenyan athletes who competed for Bahrain at the 2005 World Youth Championships. It was noted that, following careful study of all the available evidence, Belai Mansour Ali, formerly known as John Yego, is innocent of all charges as his date of birth has been proved to be correct. However, the cases of Taher Tarah Mubaraq (Dennis Kipkurui) and Khamis Adam (Hosea Kosgei) are still being investigated. Further information is being sought from the Bahrain Federation and the athletes, before a final decision can be made.

'6 out of 6' required for \$1 Million IAAF Golden League Jackpot in 2007



At a meeting in Dakar, Senegal on 6 December, the IAAF Golden League Working Group, which consists of IAAF representatives, Golden League Meeting Organizers, and representatives from

Broadcasting and Marketing partner IMG, agreed that successful claimants of the \$1 Million Jackpot must win at **ALL SIX meetings of the IAAF Golden League next season.**

However, should NO athlete manage to attain six wins and claim the \$1 Million, then anyone with five victories will share half the original prize - \$500,000.

IAAF Golden League Jackpot events for 2007

There will be TEN IAAF Golden League event disciplines designated to the Jackpot in 2007: **MEN:** 100m, 1500m, 110m Hurdles, Triple Jump, Javelin Throw; **WOMEN:** 100m, 400m, 100m Hurdles, High Jump, Pole Vault.

IAAF meets with WADA on World Anti-Doping Code Revision

President Lamine Diack and General Secretary Pierre Weiss, and members of the IAAF Medical & Anti-Doping Department met with key World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) staff on 28 November to discuss the ongoing revisions to the World Anti-Doping Code. The IAAF staff was pleased that the fruitful one-day meeting allowed significant opportunities to suggest and discuss additions and amendments which the IAAF believes are necessary as the Code is re-drafted. The IAAF will also have further opportunities to provide input to the Code drafting process before the final version is presented at the World Conference on Doping in Sport, Madrid, Nov 2007.

IAAF Commission News

School and Youth Commission

The IAAF School and Youth Commission, chaired by IAAF Council Member Jamel Simohamed (ALG), met at the IAAF Headquarters in Monaco on 1 and 2 September.

In his welcome speech, President Lamine Diack reminded the commission members of the vital educational role that athletics needs to carry out in schools, while General Secretary Pierre Weiss, congratulated the members for all their efforts which made the 2006 edition of the IAAF World Athletics Day such a resounding success.

Amongst the topics discussed at the meeting were:

- The Programme of IAAF Kids' Athletics; New competition project for 13-15 age group; Education for Youth Coaches; Manufacturing of modified athletic equipment; 2007 Strategies.

Medical and Anti-Doping

The IAAF Medical and Anti-Doping Commission took the opportunity of the recently held IAAF World Anti-Doping Symposium to convene a meeting on 2 / 3 October in Lausanne, Switzerland. Commission Chairman Dr. Juan Manuel Alonso, opened the meeting by welcoming a new member, Dr Harold Adams from South Africa, and introduced the IAAF's new Medical Manager Dr. Luc Magnus.

Anti-Doping matters discussed flowed from the discussions held during the Symposium, in particular the proposed "blood competition rule", and testing plans for 2007 were also outlined.

Significant time was also devoted to medical matters with the main topics including malaria prevention for 2007 Mombasa, a policy statement on gender issues, a Nutritional Consensus conference planned for 2007, and an Injury Prevention Conference for 2008.

Coaches' Commission

The IAAF Coaches' Commission met in Monaco on 21 and 22 October under the Chairmanship of Victor Lopez, and focused on five major topics: Coaching Development and Education; Coaches' Accountability; World Class Coaching Club; Terms of References; Women to join the Commission.

The following recommendations were made to the IAAF Council:

1. To fully support the new CECS structure which now covers the education and development of all possible individuals who would be training our athletes from grass roots to elite level.
2. To request Member Federations to inform to the IAAF of their National Coaching Structures in their Annual Reports.
3. To support President Diack's objective to have a Development Coaching Director (an Educator) in each Member Federation.
4. To support the 'Dartfish' project providing a limited number of units of this high level technological programme to our most outstanding coaches who graduate from the Academy and to all the eight HPTCs.

Development Commission:

The IAAF Development Commission met on 10 November in Monaco under the Chairmanship of IAAF Vice President Amadeo I.D. Francis, who circulated the Terms of Reference and emphasized the desirability of establishing meaningful standards of performance which could be incorporated into the annual evaluation of the several elements of the Development Programme.

IAAF Honorary Treasurer Jean Poczobut, gave an interim report on the status of the several IAAF HPTCs that he had visited, stressing that each had to be evaluated on its particular merits and circumstances.

It was agreed that the proposed five-tier CECS system still requires some additional adjustments prior to official endorsement by the Commission and this should be accomplished in time for the latter's approval at its next meeting in Mombasa.

Finally, the Commission extended its appreciation and support to the IAAF Member Services Department for the increasingly effective performance that has been noted over several years.

Competition Commission

The IAAF Competition Commission met in Monaco on 11 November under the Chairmanship of IAAF Vice President Dapeng Lou.

The detailed discussions included:

- Review of the 2006 competition season (WAS and one-day meetings);
- Update on some future events;
- Examination of a new possible qualification system for the World Championships and Olympic Games, based on quotas allocated to the Area Associations;
- Update on the Athletics' World Plan's attempt to achieve a greater coordination of a global competition calendar;
- Additional items as follows:
 - i. Proposal to review the rules and regulations that apply to the participation of relay teams at international events;
 - ii. Progress on the production of guidelines for technical delegates acting at IAAF WAS Events;
 - iii. Progress on the Nordic Proposal made at the Helsinki 2005 Congress;
 - iv. Athletes' behaviour at major athletics competitions;
 - v. Track transponders;
 - vi. Track certification.

News from the IAAF Press Commission (13 Nov) will follow in the next edition of the IAAF Newsletter.



ATHLETES SANCTIONED FOR A DOPING OFFENCE SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE IAAF AS OF 5 December 2006

MALAZA Ephraim	RSA	Loskop Marathon	22.4.06	2 years ineligibility (22.5.06-21.5.08)
LAMANE Themba	RSA	Two Oceans Marathon	15.4.06	2 years ineligibility (18.5.06-17.5.08)
LEHOVICH Alexandr	BLR	National Race Walk Competition	15.4.06	Public Warning, 6 months ineligibility (29.5.06-28.11.06)
BLAKE Dominique	USA	US National Championships	24.6.06	Public Warning, 9-month ineligibility inc conditional 3-month deferment (3.8.06-2.2.07)
OBAID Musa Amer	QAT	IAAF OOCOT, Ifrane	14.6.06	2 years ineligibility (13.9.06-12.9.08)
VELTER Michael	BEL	Athletik Brasschaat	3.6.06	Public Warning, 3 months ineligibility (19.10.06-18.1.07)
KARNATSEVICH Halina	BLR	Grandma's Marathon, Duluth, USA	17.6.06	2 years ineligibility (21.7.06-20.7.08)
MILO Lukas	CZE	CZE National Chmps, Kladno	2.7.05	2 years ineligibility (until 8.2.08)
DAGLI-PAGOTTO Fotini	GRE	XIth Int. Erdgas Indoor Meeting Hellenic Indoor Athletics Chmps	3.3.06 18.2.06	2 years ineligibility (14.3.06-13.3.08)
ANDREEV Andrian	BUL	European Cup 2nd League	17.6.06	2 years ineligibility (14.7.06-13.7.08)
YACHAISRI Yupaporn	SRI	33rd University Games	27.12.05	2 years ineligibility (27.10.06-26.10.08)
DURAN Jhonny	COL	COL under 23 Chmps	28.5.05	2 years ineligibility (23.6.05-22.6.07)
OKEKE Aham	NOR	National OOCOT	7.7.06	Life Ban
BOOTHBY Scott	USA	National OOCOT	25.6 + 6.9.06	8 years ineligibility (1.8.06-31.7.14)
ARIZAGA Jone	ESP	National Junior Indoor Chmps	12.3.05	3-month ineligibility (19.6.06-18.9.06)
HEINEMANN Fabian	GER	National TK meeting	26.5.06	1 year ineligibility (24.8.06-23.8.07)

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.

New Member Federation officers – recent elections (r) = re-elected

MF	President	Gen Sec	MF	President	Gen Sec
ANT	Philmore Benjamin (r)	Yvonne Williams	IND	Umrao Singh	---
BAH	Mike Sands (r)	Forset Dorsett	KGZ	---	Ivan Sherbakov
CAY	---	Sana Tugman	LCA	Wayne Burton	Lisa Joseph
COD	E. Muteba Kadinga (r)	Alombi Mamadhi (r)	NAM	---	Theo Tjueza
COL	J. R. Gomez Gaitan	---	NMA	---	Robin Eugenio
COM	Said Chakira	Hilmy Aboud Said	MAS	Dato Seri Yab	---
CPV	Antonio Ramos	Alfa Djalo	PAN	Riccardo Sasso (r)	Leopoldo Lester
DOM	Jose Ludwig Rubio (r)	Mayra Rosado	RWA	Jean Paul Munyandamutsa	Apollinaire Munyangoga
ETH	---	Adam Tadesse Kassa	SIN	Lin Koh Loh	---
FSM	---	James Tobin (r)	SRB	Milan Spasojevic	Dragan Zaric
GAM	Fred Lloyd Evans (r)	Doudou Joof (r)	SUR	Lucia Sijp (r)	Mark Dompig
GHA	---	Patrick Enu Akebah	TJK	---	Evgeny Shumarin
HUN	Gusztav Rabold (r)	---	ZAM	Elias Mpondela (r)	K. Mubanga Kabangu

Getting to know the Member Federation Officials

◀> **Philmore Benjamin** ◀> ANT President. *Present* – family physician working for the government and private practice; 3rd Vice President NOC; Chairman NOC Medical Commission; *Former* - Chairman National Sport Policy Committee; Athletics Team physician: CARIFTA Games 2003, Olympic Games 2004, Commonwealth Games 2006, Team leader and physician: World Junior Champs 2006.

◀> **Herménégilde Gahungu** ◀> BDI General Secretary. *Present* – Advisor on Teaching, Office of Studies and the programmes of Secondary Education 1988 to present; Holder of national and IAAF coaching certificates; *Former* – Regional athlete 1975-1986; Professor of Sports Science 1985-1988; Founded Nderagakura Athletics Club 1995.

◀> **Adam Tadesse Kassa** ◀> ETH General Secretary. *Present* – Politician/Administrator – Zone Deputy Administrator 2005-2006; *Former* – Member of House of Peoples' Reps 1996-2000 & 2001-2005; Educational Inspector & Head of Educational office 1994-1995;

◀> **Said Chakira** ◀> COM President. *Former* – National Coach 1996-2001; Technical Director 2002-2005; Sprinter (100-400m) 1968-1972; National footballer 1964-1968.

◀> **Hilmy Aboud Said** ◀> COM General Secretary. *Present* – Consultant national financier for biological diversity project in Comores with UN, 2006; President National Table Tennis Federation; President of the Sport and Environment Commission of NOC; *Former* – Assistant to the Spanish Consul, 2005; Head of Development for the National Policy for Youth and Sport, 2004;

◀> **Patrick Enu Akebah** ◀> GHA General Secretary. *Present* – Educationist at National Sports Council; *Former* – Vice Principal (Academic) Wiaowo Training College 1999-2001; PE Tutor Wiaowo Training College 1987-1993.

◀> **Ivan Sherbakov** ◀> KGZ General Secretary. *Present* – *Honorary* Coach of the Kyrgyz Republic; *Former* – Chief of Bishkek City Committee Sports Dept 1998-2005; Coach USSR Combined Event team 1984-1991 & 1991-1993.

◀> **Jean Paul Munyandamutsa** ◀> RWA President. *Present* – Mayor of Kamonyi District since March 2006; Board Member International Olympic City Foundation, Rwanda since 2005, Rwanda; Consultant/Trainer to RIAM since 2004; *Former* – Executive Secretary Gitarama Province 2001-2005; Ministerial rep. Butare Prefecture; Vice-Chairman Rwandan Athletic Fed 1995-1996.

◀> **Apollinaire Munyangoga** ◀> RWA General Secretary. *Present* – Professor of Physical Education Kigali Institute since 2002; *Former* – Head of Administrative Division Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture 2000-2002; Coordinator National 'Street Children' Project, Ministry of Social Affairs 1998-2000; Head of School & University Sport Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture 1995-1997.

100th Anniversary of Finnish Federation



The President of Finland Tarja Halonen, who in 2005 received the IAAF Golden Order of Merit, was the principal guest at a Gala evening on 25 November in Helsinki, Finland, to mark the 100th Anniversary of the Finnish Athletics Federation / Suomen Urheiluliitto ry (SUL), one of the founding members of the IAAF. The 600 guests also included EAA President Hansjörg Wirz (SUI), who as an IAAF Council Member represented the world governing body, SUL President Antti Pihlakoski, Danish Federation President Martin Roald-Arboel, and Swedish Federation General Secretary Lennart Karlberg. *Photo: Antti Pihlakoski & Hansjörg Wirz holding commemorative gifts from IAAF and EAA.*

World records – recently ratified

Men – Senior

4 x 800m: 7:02.43 Team Kenya KEN, Brussels, BEL, 25 Aug 06
Joseph Mutua, William Yiamпой, Ismael Kombich, Wilfred Bungei

Previous: 7:03.89 GBR, London, GBR, 30 Aug 82
Peter Elliott, Garry Cook, Steve Cram, Sebastian Coe

Women – Senior

20km: 1:03:21 Lornah Kiplagat NED, Debrecen, HUN, 8 Oct 06
Previous: 1:03:26 Paula Radcliffe GBR, Bristol, GBR, 6 Oct 01

Women – Junior

4x100m: 43.29 Team USA 'Blue', Eugene, USA, 8 Aug 06
Bianca Knight (89), Jeneba Tarmoh (89), Elizabeth Olear (88), Gabrielle Mayo (89)

Previous: 43.38 USA, Tampa, USA, 11 Jul 99
Alexis Joyce, Ashlee Williams, Amber Robinson, Amaris Buchanan



South African quartet receive their 2001 World Championship Relay gold medals

On Wednesday 22 November in a special ceremony organized by Athletics South Africa, their men's sprint relay team from the 2001 Edmonton World Championships received their gold medals. On 12 August 2001, the quartet of Morne Nagel, Corne du Plessis, Lee-Roy Newton and Mathew Quinn set the national 4x100m record of 38.47 when they finished second behind the United States of America. Subsequently, the USA squad was disqualified which followed the Court of Arbitration for Sport decision arising from the Balco conspiracy that its anchorman Tim Montgomery was guilty of a doping violation, with all results obtained by him from 31 March 2001 cancelled in accordance with IAAF Rules.

Photo: left to right - Quinn, Nagel, Wilfred Daniels (coach), Newton and Du Plessis

Obituaries – fuller tributes are available on the IAAF website: www.iaaf.org

Juan Carlos Siepcke Barrot (URU) - the General Secretary of the Uruguayan Athletics Confederation (CAU), passed away on 28 November at the age of 82 in Montevideo. Siepcke (born 14.11.1924) served for more than 60 years in several functions in the structure of Uruguayan athletics: a technical official, delegate to the Confederation, council member, advisor, statistician, and treasurer.

Emilie Mondor (CAN) - perished in a car accident on 9 September in Ontario. She was 25-years-old. Mondor represented Canada in the 2004 Olympic Games in the 5000m, her best event. Her career best time of 14:59.68 was once the Canadian record. In 2003 she ran for Canada in the IAAF World Championships in Athletics finishing 12th in the 5000.

Kaarlo Tuominen (FIN) - Finland's oldest surviving Olympic medallist across all sports died on 20 October at the age of 98 years, and was buried on Friday 3 November. Born on 9 February 1908, Tuominen was the 1936 Olympic Games silver medallist at the 3000m Steeplechase. A multiple national championship medallist in the 1930s and 40s, Tuominen won the 3000m Steeplechase in 1937, and took a bronze at the 400m Hurdles in 1935. In 1938, he was 4th at the European Championships 3000m Steeplechase.

Ondina Valla (ITA) - the first Italian woman in any sport to win the Olympic gold medal when she clinched the 80m Hurdles title in Berlin 1936, died at the age of 90 in L'Aquila on 16 October. Valla was born in Bologna on 20 May 1916. At the age of 14 she set her first Italian record in the 80m Hurdles and in the High Jump and got her first national team cap in 1930. An all-rounder who competed in the 100m, High Jump, Long Jump, Pentathlon and relays, she won 15 Italian titles and set 23 national records.

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