Looking forward to the IAAF World Championships, BEIJING 2015

As we end a busy year for global athletics which included five IAAF World Athletics Series events, as well as the inaugural IAAF World Relays and the Youth Olympic Games, we look ahead to another packed year of championships which will culminate in the **IAAF World Championships, Beijing 2015** (22-30 August).

There will be three other global events before that, though. In little more than 100 days, the Chinese city of Guiyang will stage the **IAAF World Cross Country Championships** on 28 March. From 2-3 May, Nassau will host the second edition of the **IAAF World Relays**, then in mid-summer the **IAAF World Youth Championships** will be held in Cali, Colombia from the 15-19 July.

And of course, throughout the year the world's leading athletes will compete in series such as the **IAAF Diamond League**, the **IAAF World Challenge**, **IAAF Label Road Races**, the **IAAF Combined Events Challenge**, the **IAAF Hammer Throw Challenge**, the **IAAF Race Walking Challenge**, **IAAF Cross Country Permit** meetings and **IAAF Indoor Permit** meetings.

Undoubtedly, 2015 will be a busy year. And some of the biggest decisions within the sport will be made at the 50th IAAF Congress – held in Beijing on 18-20 August prior to the start of the IAAF World Championships – which will see the election of a new president and council.

**DOHA TO HOST THE 2019 IAAF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Doha won the right to host the 2019 IAAF World Championships, the IAAF Council announced at the Fairmont Hotel in Monaco on 18 November.

Doha (QAT) was selected by a vote of Council over Barcelona (ESP) and Eugene (USA) for the right to host the 17th edition of the IAAF World Championships.

"I am sure that in Doha we will have a wonderful edition of the World Championships," said IAAF President Lamine Diack. "I am convinced they are committed through sport to developing their country and their community, and they are doing the right things."

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**OTHER NEWS**

- IAAF reaction to German TV documentary
  – 3 December broadcast
  – 7 December broadcast

- Rio 2016 Olympic Games to have finals in the morning sessions

- Athletics makes important contribution to Olympic Agenda 2020

- IAF Council agrees projects for 2015

- LOC website opens – IAAF World Championships, Beijing 2015

- Poster and logo unveiled with 250 days to go – IAAF World Youth Championships, Cali 2015

- Ticket prices for IAAF World Championships Beijing 2015 unveiled on 300-day countdown

- Broadcasting workshop for young media professionals held in Monaco

- Twelve athletics legends inducted into IAAF Hall of Fame

- Lamine Diack receives Association of National Olympic Committees Merit Award

- Kimetto and Kiplagat named AIMS Best Marathon Runners of the Year
FEATURED NEWS

IAAF Council Meeting – NOTES
The IAAF Council, chaired by President Lamine Diack, met in the Fairmont Hotel, Monaco, for its traditional autumn session.
18 November | 19 November

Lavillenie and Adams are crowned 2014 World Athletes of the Year
France’s Renaud Lavillenie and New Zealand’s Valerie Adams were named the male and female World Athletes of the Year for 2014. The pair received their trophies at the IAAF World Athletics Gala held at the Chapiteau de Fontvieille.

IAAF signs a new convention with the Principality of Monaco
IAAF President Lamine Diack, on behalf of the IAAF, signed a new convention with the Principality of Monaco, represented by His Serene Highness Prince Albert II of Monaco.

New qualification system introduced for IAAF World Championships
The entry standards for the IAAF World Championships, Beijing 2015 have been officially published. The entry and participation principles have been thoroughly reviewed by the IAAF and a new qualification system has been introduced.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETES SANCTIONED FOR A DOPING OFFENCE
An up-to-date list can be downloaded here.

NEW MEMBER FEDERATION OFFICERS – RECENT ELECTIONS / APPOINTMENTS
An up-to-date list can be downloaded here.

WORLD RECORDS RATIFIED

MEN – 50km race walk
3:32:33 Yohann Diniz (FRA) Zurich, SUI 15 Aug 14
previous: 3:34:14 Denis Nizhegorodov (RUS) Cheboksary, RUS 11 May 08

WOMEN – hammer
79.58m Anita Wlodarczyk (POL) Berlin, GER 31 Aug 14
previous: 79.42m Betty Heidler (GER) Halle, GER 21 May 11

MEN – 30km
1:27:37 Emmanuel Mutai (KEN) Berlin, GER 28 Sep 14
previous: 1:27:38 Patrick Makau Musyoki (KEN) Berlin, GER 25 Sep 11

MEN – marathon
2:02:57 Dennis Kipruto Kimetto (KEN) Berlin, GER 28 Sep 14
previous: 2:03:23 Wilson Kipsang (KEN) Berlin, GER 29 Sep 13

OBITUARIES

• San Juan IAAF Regional Development Centre director Lenford Levy