

Looking forward to the Rio 2016 Olympic Games

The biggest sporting event on the planet is nearly here.

The **Rio 2016 Olympic Games** will welcome approximately 2000 track and field athletes between 12 and 21 August as they compete for the ultimate accolade in international sport. Athletics fans, meanwhile, can look forward to intense competition, highlighted by head-to-head duels and record-breaking performances.

The IAAF World Indoor Championships Portland 2016 and the season-long **IAAF Diamond League** and **IAAF World Challenge** series have helped to whet the appetite for what looks set to be a truly magnificent event.

IAAF HQ HEADLINE NEWS



REFORM OF THE IAAF – A NEW ERA

More than 60 delegates, including federation presidents, administrators and athletes representing the six continental areas of the IAAF, attended an IAAF Governance Structure Reform Forum in Amsterdam on 4-5 July to discuss 15 key proposals to create an effective organisation with the right checks and balances and transparent structures required.

The IAAF has taken time to look closely at the lessons it can draw from the past. The package of reforms underway will enable the IAAF to become a robust modern organisation with the necessary safeguards and controls and the right education to protect the organisation and ensure it is not exposed to unnecessary risk in the future.

Please send your comments and opinions about the IAAF reform process by 9 August to: reform@iaaf.org.

Full story

Photo: Runners out of the blocks (Getty Images)

OTHER NEWS

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- **Stepanova eligible to compete internationally as an independent neutral athlete**
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FEATURED NEWS



IAAF ready to offer advice to international sports federations

Following the decision made by the IOC to allow individual sporting governing bodies to decide if Russian competitors can take part in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, the IAAF is ready to offer assistance to other international federations going through this process.



Young athlete development covered at 2nd IAAF World U20 Coaches Conference in Bydgoszcz

The critical youth age group in athletics was the key focus of the 2nd IAAF World U20 Coaches Conference which involved more than 80 coaches from 40 IAAF member federations attending the one-day seminar in Bydgoszcz.



Rio 2016 Olympic Games Athletics Statistics Handbook now available

With exactly one month to go before the athletics gets underway, the athletics statistics handbook for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games is now available to access from the IAAF website as an online ebook and as a PDF download.



Exciting developments a year out from the IAAF World Championships London 2017

With just over a year to go until the IAAF World Championships London 2017, the local organising committee met with the IAAF and its official sponsors to discuss the progress being made ahead of the next global event staged at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETES SANCTIONED FOR A DOPING OFFENCE

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

TRANSFERS OF ALLEGIANCE

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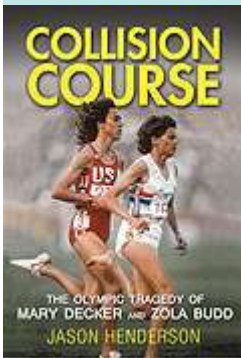
NEW MEMBER FEDERATION OFFICERS – RECENT ELECTIONS / APPOINTMENTS

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OBITUARIES

- Athletics journalist Mark Ouma
- Athletics coach Robert Marchand

PUBLICATIONS



Collision Course – The Olympic Tragedy of Mary Decker and Zola Budd

Using the famous 1984 Olympic moment as its focal point, *Collision Course* tells the story of two lives that have been filled of sporting and political intrigue.

Author: Jason Henderson

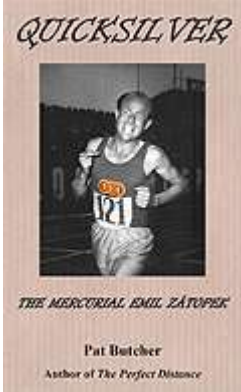
Formats: paperback

Pages: 320

Price: £12.99

Publisher: Birlinn

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Quicksilver – The Mercurial Emil Zatopek

From personal interviews with the athlete, his contemporaries and successors, Pat Butcher reveals the amazing story of Emil Zatopek.

Author: Pat Butcher

Formats: hardback

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