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2011 / 2013 Evaluation – Next Stop Mombasa!



(l to r) President of the Spanish Athletics Federation Jose-Maria Odriozola with Nawal El Moutawakel, Helmut Digel, Pierre Weiss and Cesar Moreno Bravo in the Olympic Stadium in Barcelona



Helmut Digel (l) & Cesar Moreno Bravo (r) are shown the stadium by Bum-Il-Kim (c) Mayor of Daegu



Helmut Digel, Nawal Moutawakel, Cesar Moreno, and Pierre Weiss brave the Russian winter at the warm up track of Moscow's Luzhniki Olympic Stadium



Brisbane's stadium at the Queensland Sport and Athletic Centre

The **IAAF Evaluation Team** has completed its on-site tour of candidates for the **2011 and 2013 IAAF World Championships in Athletics**. The four cities in the race to host these editions of the IAAF's key event are (dates visited by Evaluation Team in brackets) **Barcelona, Spain** (23/24 Jan 07), **Brisbane, Australia** (20/21 Feb 07), **Daegu, Korea** (23/24 Feb 07), and **Moscow, Russia** (20/21 Jan 07).

The **Evaluation Team** was led by IAAF Vice-President Helmut Digel (GER) and consisted of Council Members César Moreno Bravo (MEX) and Nawal El Moutawakel (MAR), as well as IAAF General Secretary Pierre Weiss, Communications Director Nick Davies, Project Manager Rosie Pili, and representatives of IAAF Marketing Partner Dentsu and their agents AMS (on Barcelona / Moscow visits, Junko Shiota and Nigel Swinscoe, and on Brisbane / Daegu visits, Hiro Kuwabara and Stephan Brubacher).

The **2-Day Evaluation Tour** has a standard format which must include:

- Visits to the Main Stadium and Training/warm up venues
- Visits to hotels which will be used for Athletes Accommodation (*not in case of Brisbane and Daegu who propose to build Athlete Villages*) and for IAAF Family
- Visit to IAAF Congress Venue
- Meeting with the Bidding Committee to discuss the Bidding Documents and procedures
- Press Conference

The **Evaluation Team analyses the capabilities of each contender in a number of key areas** based upon careful study of the bidding documents and on the site visits:

- Stadium and surrounding facilities
- Broadcasting
- Support of Public Institutions
- Athletes Accommodation
- Accommodation of IAAF Family
- Marketing and Promotions (Full stadium)
- Transportation
- Technical organization of the competition
- Anti-Doping and Medical
- IAAF Congress
- Security
- Communications and Media Services
- Innovation
- Added Value

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, Kenya, on 27 March 2007.



IAAF Area Representative for the Oceania Area, Bill Bailey (second from left) shows the Evaluation team around Brisbane's stadium



Cesar Moreno and Nawal El Moutawakel during the visit to the Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow



IAAF Council Member Jung-Ki Park (l) with Pierre Weiss (c) and Sang-Ha Park (r) in Daegu



Luis Saladie of the Spanish Federation goes over a plan of the Olympic Stadium in Barcelona with members of the Evaluation Team



IAAF Green Project for a healthier Earth

The Japanese city of Osaka which will host the **11th IAAF World Championships in Athletics** this summer (25 August to 2 September 2007) was the launch venue on 19 February 2007 for the **IAAF Green Project**, the IAAF's first environmental programme.

The IAAF Green Project reflects a commitment to find ways to contribute to the well-being of the global environment at major events such as the IAAF World Championships in Athletics, and is supported by 2000 Olympic Marathon champion Naoko Takahashi, and 2004 Olympic Hammer Throw gold medalist Koji

Murofushi, and the world renowned British singer Sarah Brightman, who is a Green Ambassador for the IAAF Green Project.

It is hoped that this programme will contribute to a healthier earth, one that supports a future in which everyone can enjoy life's many and varied activities such as the innate human actions of walking, running, jumping and throwing which are encompassed by Athletics, the mother of all sports. Introduced for the first time in Osaka 2007, the IAAF Green Project, will continue at the next Championships in Berlin in 2009, and in further editions. Detailed plans are currently being

worked out based around the following two key concepts:

Green Management: Reducing Environmental Impact; Energy Saving / Resource Consumption Control; Waste Production Control / Utilization of Recycled Materials; Ecological Measures regarding Transportation; Raising of Environmental Awareness

Green Earth: Fundraising for and contributing to Greening Activities, and working together with sympathetic athletes, localities and corporate partners to build support.



Photo Left: IAAF Green Project launch. (l to r): Vice President of the IAAF, Koji Sakurai; IAAF Vice-President Helmut Digel; Olympic champion Naoko Takahashi; IAAF General Secretary Pierre Weiss; General Secretary of Local Organising Committee for Osaka 2007, Hiromasa Hemmi.

Photo Right: IAAF Green Project launch - Olympic champion Naoko Takahashi.



1st Africa International Sports Convention

The first-ever **Africa International Sports Convention** drew more than 200 delegates from all over the world to the Senegalese capital, Dakar, from **1 - 3 February 2007**. The Sport Expo was also a veritable success with the participation of 14 companies and international sports organizations.

The conference examined issues involving the development of sport in Africa at which President Lamine Diack made a keynote speech.

Among the other notable speakers were Bob Elphinston, Australia, President of the International Basketball Federation (FIBA), Sam

Ramsamy, South Africa, member of the Executive Commission of the IOC, Mustapha Larfaoui, Algeria, President of the African Union of Sports Confederations (UCSA), and President of the International Swimming Federation (FINA), Lassana Palenfo, Cote d'Ivoire, President of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA) and member of the IOC, Dr. Ching-Kuo Wu, Chinese Taipei, President of the International Boxing Federation (AIBA) and IOC member, Kelly Fairweather, South Africa, Sports Director of the IOC, and Michel Tchoya, Cameroon,

Director of the Supreme Council of Sport in Africa (SCSA).

The conference ended on 3 February with a Gala which saw the display of Senegalese culture with musical performances. There were moments of emotion when the contributions to sport of Judge Keba Mbaye, who passed away last month, were recalled.

Algerian Hassiba Boulmerka, World and Olympic champion, and Kenyan Kip Keino, double Olympic champion, were respectively immortalized in the African Sports Hall of Fame which was inaugurated at the Gala.

IAAF Regional Development Centre and Oceania Congress

In a recent visit to Australia, President Lamine Diack officially opened the **IAAF's Oceania Regional Development Centre (RDC)** in Brisbane (14 Feb).

At the Queensland Sport and Athletic Centre, President Diack spoke highly of the work of the RDC, which has been based in Brisbane since switching from Adelaide in March last year. "Athletics is for everyone so it is wonderful that all the 19 federations of the Oceania region can have access to such a wonderful facility."

President Diack also attended the **Congress of the Oceania Athletic Association** which was held at Broadbeach on Australia's Gold Coast (16 Feb), with the Member Federations of the Oceania Area Group enthusiastically supporting his candidacy for a further term in office of

IAAF President by acclamation.



During his welcome, Mayor of the Gold Coast, **Ron Clarke**, one of the world's greatest distance runners of the 1960's presented to President Diack a signed photograph (*above*) of a famous moment in sporting history when another great Australian athlete, John Landy, stopped racing to assist the fallen Clarke and then went on to

win the Australian Mile Championship. That single action has been recognised as one of the finest examples of sportsmanship in history.

The newly elected members of the OAA Council are: Geoff Gardner, President (NFI), Titaua Maurin (PYF), Robin Eugenio (NMA), Filimoni Vuli Waqa (FIJ), Lalau Willie Fong (SAM), Trevor Spittle (NZL) and Danny Corcoran (AUS).

The new OAA Council met for the first time on Monday 19 February 2007.

Current IAAF Area Representative for the Oceania Area, Bill Bailey (AUS) was re-elected for another four year term and continues as an ex-officio member of the OAA Council.

Broadcasting Deals and Major Research project announced

Greater than ever coverage of IAAF World Athletics Series competitions

Television rights agreements covering virtually all the key territories in Latin America were concluded in January. After negotiations handled by the Japanese corporation Dentsu Inc, the IAAF's exclusive worldwide partner for the exploitation of commercial rights, a total of 10 territories, including the three major economies of Brazil, Mexico and Argentina, will receive greater than ever coverage of IAAF World Athletics Series competitions.

As part of the IAAF strategy to pursue maximal "free to air" coverage, the new agreements include many new partners and mostly terrestrial broadcasting partners. For example, in seven Latin American territories, coverage of the IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Osaka 2007 will be assured through a deal with the **Latin American broadcasting union OTI**. In Mexico and Chile renewals have also been completed with leading terrestrial broadcasters **Televisa** and **TVN**

respectively, not only for Osaka but also for other IAAF World Athletics Series competitions.

In Brazil, which is the biggest economic market in South America, for the first time since Dentsu has been handling the sale of rights, the IAAF has secured a new long term deal with **Globosat**, the leading pay TV operator that will ensure coverage of all IAAF World Athletics Series competitions 2007-2009 throughout the territory.

Reviewing the global state of track and field

In February, the IAAF launched the biggest, most in-depth survey of the sport of track and field athletics ever conducted, in partnership with one of the world's leading companies in its field, **Sponsorship Intelligence (SI)**.

The IAAF is keen to gather as much information as possible about the current state of the sport around the world in order to assist it in the planning and development of the sport. Supported by Dentsu/AMS, the IAAF's marketing partners, SI was

selected for this prestigious and far-reaching project after an intensive selection process.

As part of a three-year contract through to 2009, SI, the IAAF's first research partner, will review the global state of track and field, with particular focus on the sport's commercial potential, as part of the IAAF's new strategy under its Marketing Director, Luis Carulla.

SI is part of the Publicis Groupe, the world's second largest media consultancy, and already works with a number of leading international sports federations, such as the International Olympic Committee, FIFA and UEFA. Its other clients include blue chip global brands Coca-Cola, MasterCard and Samsung, as well as leading sports agencies.

SI has already been conducting research on athletics for more than a decade, thus offering the IAAF access to an invaluable resource of data and experience in the field.

"Charming Smile" is Liu Xiang's "Best Weapon" – IAAF Media Training programme begins

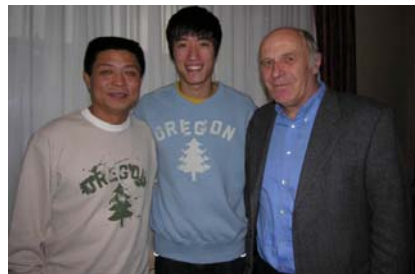
World record holder and Olympic 110m Hurdles champion Liu Xiang, and compatriot Shi Dongpeng, seventh at 2003 World Championships 110m Hurdles, **attended an intensive 2-hour Media Training session in Stuttgart, Germany on 1 February 2007**. This IAAF initiative which will be replicated around the world in the coming months aims at improving the communications skills of the world's best athletes and is the latest example of concrete projects that have been developed by the **IAAF Athletics' World Plan**.

Managed by the IAAF and presented by a UK-based company called **Premier Cru**, Media Training includes tips on how to respond to magazine style and news interviews, body language techniques, and ways to counter more difficult questions that always project the real personality and character of the athlete.

"I believe it is really important to give our heroes and superstars the chance to be trained, always having in mind that how they are presented in the Media is not only to their own advantage but also a good promotion for athletics," commented IAAF Vice President Helmut Digel, who also leads the IAAF Athletics' World Plan task force devoted to improving **Recognition of Athletics** around the world.

The undisputed hero of Chinese Athletics, Liu Xiang commented, "the three main points that I will remember from today are to always look into the eyes of the interviewer and use my body language to give a positive message; to use my charming smile, which the teacher described as my best weapon and finally to give shorter answer so as to give a chance to the translator to relay my exact words."

The Chinese delegation was headed by Dr. Feng, Vice President of the Chinese Athletics Federation who declared we will "go back to China and tell all our other athletes about all the tips we were taught....All we've learned today will be very precious to us."



Dr Feng, Liu Xiang and Dr. Helmut Digel at the IAAF Media Training



Liu Xiang concentrates during the IAAF Media Training



Shi Dongpeng under goes IAAF Media Training

*** **NEW THREE LETTER CODE FOR ROMANIA as of 1 January 2008*****

Following the IOC's replacement of ROM by ROU, the IAAF confirms it will introduce the new country code for Romania on 1 Jan 2008.


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


Maria Cioncan (ROM) - 2004 Olympic 1500m bronze medallist (Born 19/06/1977) died in a car crash on 21 January 2007. The 2000 European Cup winner who had outdoor PBs of 1:59.44 (800), 3:58.39 (1500), was returning from a training camp when the accident happened in Bulgaria. Cioncan was the Romanian champion at both 800m and 1500m.

Ali-Gerritsen De Vries (NED) - died at her hometown Amsterdam on Saturday 20 January 2007. She was 92 years old. In 1936 she was a member of the Dutch 4 x 100metres team which finished fifth (48.8) in the final of the Olympic Games of Berlin (1936).

Helmut Ebert (GER) - German athlete manager and coach died at the age of 63 in Gera on 1 February 2007, after a six year battle with cancer. In the days of the GDR, Ebert represented his country in international matches on four occasions as a 400m runner. He guided the careers of notables such as Katrin Dörre-Heinig, Ilke Wyludda, Lars Riedel, Christina Obergföll, Steffi Nerius etc....

Ken Elexey (GUY) - Junior Vice President of the Athletics Association of Guyana (AAG) passed away on Saturday 6 January 2007, after a short illness with colon cancer. A dynamic member of the Executive responsible for the Finance & Fundraising Committee.

Bob Ehrhart (USA) - director of the prestigious Drake Relays for 31 years, died of cancer at his West Des Moines home on 7 January 2007. He was 75. Coach for USA at 1989 IAAF World Cup; Head manager for USA at 1993 World Championships, and 1997 Junior Pan American Games; President of the U.S. Track Coaches Association 1984-1985.

Johnny Gibson (USA) - The former World record holder at 400m Hurdles died on 29 December 2006 in a nursing home in Newton, New Jersey, aged 101. Coach at Seton Hall University (1946-72), he trained 1952 Olympic 200m champion Andy Stanfield.

Ursula Kaiser (GER) - who regularly reported for the IAAF website and IAAF Magazine, died in the early morning of 28 December 2006. The death of the 44-year-old prolific German athletics journalist came as a huge shock. Kaiser started writing for the Stuttgarter Nachrichten as well as for Germany's athletics magazine, Leichtathletik, and also regularly worked for Sonntag Aktuell and Rheinpfalz, and the German agency, DPA.



Kéba Mbaye (SEN) - His Excellency Judge Kéba Mbaye (SEN), the Chairman of International Olympic Committee's (IOC) Ethics Commission and President of International Council of Arbitration for Sport (ICAS) died 11 January 2007 in the Senegalese capital Dakar at the age of 82. An Honorary Member of the IOC since 2002, and a former Vice-President of the International Court of Justice in The Hague, The Netherlands (1981-1993), he was a highly distinguished practitioner in international law. A member of the IOC from 1973 to 2002, Mbaye had spells on the Executive Board (1984 - 1988 / 1993 - 1998) and as Vice-President (1988 - 1992 / 1998 - 2002).

Liese Prokop (AUT) - 1968 Olympic silver medallist for Pentathlon died on 31 December 2006, aged 65, of a ruptured aorta. 1969 European Pentathlon champion and also set a World record of 5352 points (4727 on the 1971 tables) in Vienna on 4/5 October 1969. The 1967 World University Games Pentathlon champion, she won 21 national titles at individual events. Active in politics from 1969, becoming deputy governor of Lower Austria province and then Austrian minister of the interior in 2004.

Yelena Romanova (RUS) - 1992 Olympic 3000m champion died on 28 January 2007 in Volgograd at the age of 43 after suffering from heart-related problems for several years. Romanova (born 20 Mar 1963 née Malykhina) was 1990 European 10,000m gold and 3000m silver medallist, and in 1991 won the World silver medal.

Sydney Wooderson (GBR) - World Mile and 800m record breaker in the late 1930s, died on 21 December 2006, aged 92. "The Mighty Atom" won European titles that straddled WWII (800m – 1938; 5000m 1946) and set World records for the Mile, 800 metres and 880 yards, the latter with a time, 1:49.2 that would remain unbeaten for 17 years.



Chuang-Kwang Yang (TPE) - 1960 Olympic Decathlon runner-up died in Los Angeles on 27 January 2007 of a brain hemorrhage at the age of 73. He was Chinese Taipei's first Olympic medallist, and was also 8th in 1956 Olympics, and took the 1954 and 1958 Asian Games titles. First man to exceed 9000 pts with his World record 9121 (8009 on the current tables) at Walnut in 1963.

Willye White (USA) - Two-time Olympic medallist died on 6 February 2007 in Chicago, USA, of pancreatic cancer. She was 67-years-old. The first woman to compete for the USA in five Olympics, Willye White was the top American long jumper during the 1960s, taking 1956 Olympic silver medal. In Tokyo 1964, she won a silver medal in the 4x100m relay.

**ATHLETES SANCTIONED FOR A DOPING OFFENCE SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER
ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE IAAF AS OF 20 February 2007**

DOBOS Gabor	HUN	Riga Cup 2006 EAA Outdoor Meeting	27.05.06	LIFE BAN
BOOTHBY Scott	USA	National OOC	26.6+6.9.06	8 years ineligibility (1.8.06-31.7.14)
IVANOVA Lyubov	RUS	IAAF World Athletics Final, Stuttgart	8.9.06	2 years ineligibility (2.11.06-1.11.08)
CHEROMEI Lydia	KEN	IAAF OOC, Eldoret (KEN)	24.2.05	2 years ineligibility (20.5.05-19.5.07)
ESSAROCHK Latifa	FRA	DN GALAN, Stockholm	25.7.06	2 years ineligibility (18.10.06-17.10.08)
GEZZAR Nordine	FRA	Strasbourg Meeting, Strasbourg (FRA)	19.6.06	2 years ineligibility (15.12.06-14.12.08)
		Championnat de France, Tomblaine	22.7.06	
VARGA Roland	HUN	National competition in Debrecen	22.7.06	2 years ineligibility (18.9.06-17.9.08)
PAUER Geza	HUN	National competition in Debrecen	22.7.06	2 years ineligibility (18.9.06-17.9.08)
HORVATH Gergely	HUN	National competition in Debrecen	22.7.06	2 years ineligibility (18.9.06-17.9.08)
EL GHAZI Hayat	MAR	15th African Athletics Chmps, Mauritius	10.8.06	2 years ineligibility (13.9.06-12.9.08)
KIRAME Nabil	MAR	15th African Athletics Chmps, Mauritius	10.8.06	Public Warning
FERREIRA Sebastiao	BRA	24h de Roche, Roche la Molière (FRA)	12.6.05	2 years ineligibility (18.8.05-17.8.07)
DGHOUGHAI Aïssa	MAR	IAAF OOC, St Moritz, Switzerland	28-29.7.06	3 years ineligibility (28.12.06-27.12.09)

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.

ALL World Record Performances in 2006 – Ratified
Performances shown in *ITALICS* were NOT Ratified, and reason is given

EVENT		Athlete/Team	NAT	Date in 2006	Location	Mark	Date Ratified or reason why NOT Ratified
INDOORS							
4 x 400m	WI	Russia (2)	RUS	28 Jan	Glasgow, GBR	3:23.37	9 May 06
High Jump	WI	Kajsa BERGQVIST	SWE	4 Feb	Arnstadt, GER	2.08	9 May 06
<i>4 x 400m</i>	<i>MI</i>	<i>United States (3)</i>	<i>USA</i>	<i>11 Feb</i>	<i>Fayetteville, USA</i>	<i>3:01.96</i>	<i>no EPO test</i>
Pole Vault	WI	Yelena ISINBAYEVA	RUS	12 Feb	Donetsk, UKR	4.91	13 Apr 06
3000m	WI	Liliya SHOBUKHOVA	RUS	17 Feb	Moskva, RUS	8:27.86	9 May 06
1500m	WI	Yelena SOBOLEVA	RUS	18 Feb	Moskva, RUS	3:58.28	9 May 06
OUTDOORS							
20km Road (1)	M	Haile GEBRSELASSIE	ETH	15 Jan	Phoenix, USA	55:48	10 Jul 06
Half Marathon	M	Haile GEBRSELASSIE	ETH	15 Jan	Phoenix, USA	58:55	10 Jul 06
<i>10km Walk Road</i>	<i>JM</i>	<i>Sergey MOROZOV, 1988</i>	<i>RUS</i>	<i>19 Feb</i>	<i>Adler, RUS</i>	<i>39:45</i>	<i>no EPO test</i>
<i>25km Road</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Haile GEBRSELASSIE</i>	<i>ETH</i>	<i>12 Mar</i>	<i>Alphen aan den Rijn, NED</i>	<i>1:11:37</i>	<i>no EPO test</i>
15km Road (4)	W	Kayoko FUKUSHI	JPN	5 Feb	Marugame, JPN	46:55	10 Jul 06
100m	M=	Justin GATLIN	USA	12 May	Doha, QAT	9.77(=)**	doping case**
5000m	W	Meseret DEFAR	ETH	3 Jun	New York, USA	14:24.53	25 Jul 06
100m	M=	Asafa POWELL	JAM	11 Jun	Gateshead, GBR	9.77(=)	25 Jul 06
Hammer Throw	W	Gulfiya KHANAFEYEVA	RUS	12 Jun	Tula, RUS	77.26	20 Sep 06
Hammer Throw	W	Tatyana LYSENKO	RUS	24 Jun	Zhukovsky, RUS	77.41	20 Sep 06
110m H	M	Xiang LIU	CHN	11 Jul	Lausanne, SUI	12.88	1 Aug 06
Hammer Throw	JM	Yevgeniy AYDAMIROV, 1987	RUS	22 Jul	Tula, RUS	82.62	20 Sep 06
4 x 100m	JW	"United States "Blue" (5)	USA	8 Aug	Eugene, OR, USA	43.29	7 Nov 06
Hammer Throw	W	Tatyana LYSENKO	RUS	15 Aug	Tallinn, EST	77.80	1 Oct 06
Discus Throw	JM	Margus HUNT, 1987	EST	15 Aug	Beijing, CHN	66.35	12 Sep 06
Discus Throw	JM	Margus HUNT, 1987	EST	16 Aug	Beijing, CHN	66.68	12 Sep 06
Discus Throw	JM	Margus HUNT, 1987	EST	16 Aug	Beijing, CHN	67.32	12 Sep 06
100m	M=	Asafa POWELL	JAM	18 Aug	Zürich, SUI	9.77(=)	1 Oct 06
4 x 800m Relay	M	Kenya (6)	KEN	25 Aug	Bruxelles, BEL	7:02.43	9 Nov 06
20km Road	W	Lornah KIPLAGAT	NED	8 Oct	Debrecen, HUN	1:03:21	7 Nov 06
<i>10km Walk Road</i>	<i>JM</i>	<i>Chu YAFEI</i>	<i>CHN</i>	<i>21 Oct</i>	<i>Xi'an</i>	<i>39:00</i>	<i>not enough qualified judges</i>
<i>25km Road (7)</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>Constantina TOMESCU</i>	<i>ROM</i>	<i>22 Oct</i>	<i>Chicago, USA</i>	<i>1:21:31</i>	<i>no doping control</i>
<i>30km Road (7)</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>Constantina TOMESCU</i>	<i>ROM</i>	<i>22 Oct</i>	<i>Chicago, USA</i>	<i>1:38:30</i>	<i>no doping control</i>
50km Walk Road	M	Nathan DEAKES	AUS	02 Dec	Geelong, AUS	3:35:47	15 Jan 07
<i>10km Road</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Eliud KIPCHOGE</i>	<i>KEN</i>	<i>31 Dec</i>	<i>Madrid, ESP</i>	<i>26:54</i>	<i>separation and elevation rule</i>
<i>10km Road</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Zersenay TADESSE</i>	<i>ERI</i>	<i>31 Dec</i>	<i>Madrid, ESP</i>	<i>26:54</i>	<i>separation and elevation rule</i>

NOTES:

(1) intermediate time in Half Marathon; (2) "Yuliya GUSHCHINA, Olga KOTLYAROVA, Olga ZAYTSEVA, Olesya KRASNOMOVETS"
 (3) "Kerron CLEMENT, Wallace SPEARMON, Darold WILLIAMSON, Jeremy WARINER"; (4) as intermediate time in Half Marathon
 (5) "Bianca KNIGHT (89), Jeneba TARMOH (89), Elizabeth OLEAR (88), Gabrielle MAYO (89)"; (6) "Joseph MUTUA, William YIAMPOY, Ismael KOMBICH, Wilfred BUNGEI"; (7) as intermediate times in Marathon; OTHERS: ** subject to confirmation;
 MI – Men Indoors; WI – Women Indoors; M – Men; W – Women; JM – Junior Men; JW – Junior Women; = – equalled



Powell equals 100m World record in Zürich



Margus Hunt – one of his three World Junior records

World record – recently ratified

Men – Senior

50km Race Walk

3:35:47 Nathan Deakes AUS, Geelong, AUS, 02 Dec 06 (photo right)

Previous: 3:36:03 Robert Korzeniowski POL, Paris, FRA 27 Aug 03





Kids' Athletics in Chile, Congo, and UAE

Kids' Athletics Event Organizers' Seminar

Former IAAF Development Dept Director Björn Wangemann, who is currently leading a German Athletics Development Programme in Uruguay, travelled from 15 to 21 December 2006 to Santiago de Chile.

In cooperation with the IAAF Member Federation FEDACHI and the German NOC a Kids' Athletics Event Organizers' Seminar was held which was attended by over 50 PE Teachers and Students. An important part of the seminar was a special practical workshop where the participants learned how to construct the necessary event equipment, and as always, the seminar finished with a final exhibition event which involved 80 kids between 7 and 12 years. Kids' Athletics has been made extremely popular under the name Mini-Atletismo also in many other South American countries such as Ecuador, Brazil and Bolivia

Wangemann will return to Chile in March to direct two further similar seminars in a northern and southern

region of the country. The German government is also sponsoring two delegates from the Athletics Federation of Venezuela to participate in these activities.

Kids' Athletics Exhibition

An IAAF Kids' Athletics Exhibition was held during the first International Olympic Forum devoted to Youth, Sport and Peace. This forum was organised by the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA) and took place in Brazzaville, Congo from 9 to 11 January 2007.

The IAAF provided Kids' Athletics kit and athletics equipment to the local organisers, and commissioned an IAAF Consultant to lead the Kids' Athletics Competition in Brazzaville, with the assistance of the athletics Federation of the Republic of Congo.

The competition was preceded by a course for the 24 'Educators' taking part in the event, which presented the IAAF Educational Project for the development of youth athletics in clubs and schools.

IAAF Educational programme launched in UAE

The Ministry of Education of the UAE has solicited the IAAF to implant its new Athletics Educational Programme for kids and youth in 1500 schools. 36 PE Teachers took part in the course (including 20 women) at which all Emirates' regions were represented. The course was conducted by Dr Azza Elemari and Abdel Malek El Hebil (IAAF) from 4 to 11 February in Abu Dhabi.

The course concluded with a very exciting competition in which 64 kids participated (including 32 girls) in 8 mixed teams. As usual, all the children received IAAF Diplomas, and the competition was so full of fun that one declared "it is the happiest day in my life!"

The closing ceremony was attended by the President of the UAE Athletics Federation and the chief of the PE Department of the Ministry of Education, and all the participants left the course with a deep will to implement the new IAAF programme in their respective areas.



Participants of Kids' Athletics Event Organizers' Seminar in Santiago de Chile



A demonstration at the IAAF Kids' Athletics Exhibition in Brazzaville



Kids with their IAAF Diplomas in Abu Dhabi

Council meetings of the IAU, and the WMRA

Over the weekend of 14 / 15 January 2007, both the Council of **International Association of Ultrarunners** (IAU) and the Council of the **World Mountain Running Association** (WMRA) held their annual meetings in Monaco.

The IAU, which works under the Patronage of the IAAF, made a number of important decisions at its Executive meeting, which included adapting its competition labelling system, and confirming that out of competition doping controls will be carried out in co-operation with the IAAF. The Council also confirmed that the Final of the IAU 50km Trophy will be run again in Palermo, Sicily, Italy on 14 October 2007.

At their Council meeting the WMRA executive appointed an Anti-Doping Commission who will be responsible for implementing the WMRA Anti-Doping regulations, the details of which will be finalised in the near future. The members of the Commission are Danny Hughes (GBR), Tomo Sarf (SLO), Bruno Gozzelino (ITA), Dr Sonja Ambrosy (GER) and Thomas Capdevielle (IAAF). The first meeting of the Commission will take place on 9 March 2007 when the final text of the regulations will be agreed and arrangements for both 'in competition' and 'out of competition' Anti-Doping tests will be announced. The WMRA Council also appointed Isabelle Marechal (FRA) as Organisational Delegate for the 2007 World Trophy in Ovronnaz (Switzerland).

IAAF PRESS COMMISSION – information held over from NEWS 83 (DEC 2006)

The **IAAF Press Commission** met at Grand Prix 1 room, Fairmont Hotel, Monte-Carlo, on 13 November 2006.

Nineteen members were present with proceedings held under the chairmanship of Gianni Merlo. IAAF General Secretary Pierre Weiss gave a welcome on behalf of IAAF President Lamine Diack who was unavailable due to preparations for the two-day IAAF Council meeting in Monaco which began that same day.

Members stood for a moment's silence in honour of the memory of four members (Press Commission / or its precursor IAAF Press Working Group) who had died since their last meeting - Istvan Gyulai, Robert Pariente, Matti Salmenkylä and Rolf von der Laage.

As usual the topics discussed in the meeting were many and varied. These included the Media Facilities and Services at World Athletics Series and

World Athletics Tour events, the role and purpose of the IAAF website, and under the topic of The Well-Being and Future of Athletics a varied selection of subjects - Athletes identification; Falsification of Ages; African names, Competition Clothing and the identification of athletes; Four Attempts in throws and horizontal jumps; the validity of current World records.

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

MF	President	Gen Sec	MF	President	Gen Sec
AFG	---	Hewad Akbari	TKM	Nuryev Annaguly	Hadji Rahmanov
ALG	Amar Bouras	---	TRI	Ephraim Servette	Alan Baboobal (r)
BAR	Catherine Jordan (r)	Esther Maynard (r)	TUN	Younes Chetali (r)	Bechir Elloumi (r)
BIH	Zoran Vuksic	---	VIN	Keisha Sutherland	---
GBR	Edmond Warner	Niels De Vos (CEO)			
MAR	Abdeslam Ahizoune	M'Hamed Nouri		<i>Acting President</i>	<i>Acting General Sec</i>
NRU	---	Olympia Zacharias	UAE	Mohammed Helel Al Kaa'abi	Mohamed Al Sallaqi

Getting to know the Member Federation Officials

◁▷ **Abdeslam Ahizoune** ◁▷ MAR President. *Present* – President of the Board of Directors of Maroc Telecom; Member of Board of Directors of Vivendi Universal; Honours: Knight of the Order of the Legion of Honour (2003); *Past* – Minister of Telecommunications.

◁▷ **Mark Dompig** ◁▷ SUR Gen Sec. *Present* – Marketing Representative, Fuel and Gasoil (State Oil Company) 1995 to present; Track and Field Coach (IAAF Level 1 course) 1989 to present, trained athlete Tommy Asinga to PAN-AM Bronze; *Past* – Commercial Business Manager, Suriname Water Producing Company 1991-1993; High School Teacher 1991-1993; University Lecturer 1994-1995.

◁▷ **Keisha Natasha Sutherland** ◁▷ VIN President. *Present* – Career: Accountancy; Volunteer with Team Athletics St. Vincent and the Grenadines; *Past* – Teacher 2003; Receptionist 2000-2002.

◁▷ **Mubanga Kennedy Kabangu** ◁▷ ZAM Gen. Sec. *Present* – Career: Researcher; *Past* – ZAAA Administrative Secretary 2004-2006; Team Manager at following: World Youth Champs 2005 and World Junior Champs 2006.

Book Reviews

<p>Staying the Distance <i>Autobiography of Ronnie Delany</i> English, illustrated. Hardback. ISBN: 0862789753. £17.99 + postage. From The O'Brien Press - www.obrien.ie or dohare@obrien.ie</p>	<p>Legendary Runner <i>Biography of Paavo Nurmi</i> Paavo Karikko and Mauno Koski. English; 179pp illustrated. 27€ + Postage 5€ Europe/10€ World. From Sports Museum of Finland - urheilumuseo@stadion.fi</p>	<p>Silent Gesture <i>Autobiography of Tommie Smith</i> Tommie Smith with David Steele. English; 288pp illustrated. US\$27.50 + postage, from Temple University Press, Chicago, USA - www.temple.edu/tempress</p>
<p>These books are NOT AVAILABLE from the IAAF - ALL orders must be placed with publishers</p>		

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“Four great cities in the race – from three different continents” and the winners are Daegu 2011 and Moscow 2013



Kim Bum-il, Mayor, Daegu Metropolitan city (r) and Shin Pil-yul, President of the Korean Athletics Federation (l) and IAAF President Lamine Diack



All Russian Athletics President Balakhnichev (l) and Valery Vinogradov, Vice – Mayor of Moscow (r), celebrate with IAAF President Lamine Diack

On Tuesday 27 March 2007 in Mombasa, Kenya, the IAAF Council decided that the host venues for the 2011 and 2013 IAAF World Championships in Athletics would be -

2011 – 13th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Daegu, Korea

2013 – 14th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Moscow, Russia

The announcement brought to a close an election campaign that began in April 2006, when a record number of nine candidates submitted letters of intent to host the 2011 edition of the event.

“I am convinced that each of these cities is more than capable of hosting excellent editions of our World Championships, but in every competition we have to have winners and losers. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank each bidding city for becoming a candidate city for the 2011 and 2013 World Championships in Athletics – the IAAF’s most important competition.”

“The IAAF has been very pleased to have had four great cities in the

race – from three different continents – and they have all showed outstanding professionalism and enthusiasm throughout the bid process. They have also demonstrated strong support from political and other authorities, and a glance at the list of VIPs who have made the long trip to Mombasa to support their bids, shows that they consider the World Championships to be more than just a sporting event.”

“By taking part in this race, the bidding cities have shown the best

of themselves and have promoted Athletics as a major and universal sport. It should not be forgotten that when the Evaluation process began, we had interest from a record nine countries from five continents, so I consider that the final four candidates who arrived in Mombasa should be proud of getting this far. I sincerely hope that those who were not successful this time return with another bid in the future.”

Lamine Diack
IAAF President

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.



**IAAF Council Meeting,
Mombasa, Kenya, 25 – 27 March 2007**



President Diack presided over a meeting of the IAAF Council which took place on the three days following the 35th IAAF World Cross Country Championships, which had been held in the grounds of Mombasa Golf Course on Saturday 24 March 2007. Photo: IAAF Council Members in Mombasa, Kenya

Extract from President's Lamine Diack's speech: "The team we form part of continues to work extremely hard, and the benefits of this will very soon become apparent to all. These results mirror our healthy financial situation and the positive

effects of the reforms we are introducing on an ongoing basis, most notably with regard to competitions, and, above all else, the implementation of our strategy for the future."

"This is why I have chosen to end this address with some words on the **Athletics' World Plan**, which has in many ways acted as our guiding light and inspired the decisions we have made."

"The following are only some of the tangible changes directly inspired by the Plan's positive influence on the transitional phases our sport is going through:"

"Significant progress made in establishing athletics as a major sport in schools; The initiative to grant the continental associations more responsibility in the management and development of our sport; Incentives introduced to encourage top-level athletes to take part in their respective continental competitions; A study into the inclusion of results from continental championships in defining the qualification criteria for World Championships; Creation of an integrated calendar encompassing national, regional, continental and world competitions; Media training for elite athletes; Creation of a team of athlete ambassadors entrusted with the task of promoting athletics; Research programmes."

Call for 4 year Doping Sanctions

Council has re-affirmed its call for an increase in doping sanctions to 4 years for the next version of the World Anti-Doping Code which will be ratified in November 2007. The IAAF seeks a 4-year sanction for the following serious first-time doping violations:

- The presence/use/possession of anabolic steroids, hormones (including EPO) and amphetamine
- The presence/use/possession of all Prohibited Methods
- The refusal or failure to submit to doping control or otherwise evading of doping control
- Tampering, or attempting to tamper, with the doping control process

The sanction may be reduced if the athlete, or other person, can prove "exceptional circumstances" in the case. However, exceptional circumstances will be considered to apply only in truly exceptional situations and not in the vast majority of cases.

Age Manipulation

Council has concluded its investigation into the case of a Bahraini athlete Tarek Mubarek Salem Taher, formerly Dennis Kipkurui Sang of Kenya, who was alleged to have competed at the IAAF World Youth Championships in Marrakesh in 2005, a competition open to athletes aged 17 or younger, when over-age.

After an extensive investigation by the IAAF, fully supported by the Kenyan

government, it has emerged that the birth certificate had been falsified in order to obtain a Kenyan passport listing his birthday as 1 December 1989, when his real date of birth was 1 December 1986. With this conclusive evidence, it is apparent that Tarek Mubarek Salem Taher not only competed in Marrakesh in 2005 while over-age, but also in the Junior race of the 2006 World Cross Country Championships and the World Junior Championships in Beijing. Council has

now informed the Bahraini federation to hold a disciplinary hearing, according to IAAF rules, and report back within one month.

With regard to two other athletes under investigation, Ali Belal Mansour (formerly John Kipkorir Yego) has been cleared of any allegation of cheating, while the investigation into Khamis Aadam Ismael (formerly, Hosea Kiplagat Kosgei) is still on-going.

IAAF Road Running Commission

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

<p><i>Three additional members were confirmed:</i> Nawal El Moutawakel (MAR); Hugh Jones (GBR); Paco Borao (ESP)</p> <p><i>Members previously confirmed at Council Meeting in Monaco, November 2006:</i> Lamine Diack (SEN); Roberto Gesta De Melo (BRA); Otto Klappert (GER); Dave Bedford (GBR); Carlos Cardoso (POR); Mary Wittenberg (USA); Hiroaki Chosa (JPN); Pierre Weiss (FRA)</p>

<p>Timetable: 10:00 Men's Race 12:00 Women's Race 13:45 Award Ceremonies (individual and team, men and women)</p>
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Resolution on Betting in Athletics

Council resolved that all members of the IAAF Family including, but not limited to officials, athletes, athlete representatives, managers, coaches, meeting organizers and trainers, should be forbidden from taking part,

either directly or indirectly, in betting, gambling and similar events or transactions connected with athlete competitions under the rules of the IAAF or its Members. Such persons should further be forbidden from having active stakes in companies, concerns, partnerships, joint ventures or other organizations that promote,

broker, arrange or conduct such events or transactions.

The Juridical Commission has been given the mandate to draw up appropriate regulations, guidelines and rules.



Lamine Diack visits President of Kenya

On Wednesday 21 March 2007 just days before the start of the 35th IAAF World Cross Country Championships and the IAAF Council meeting, President Lamine Diack, visited the Presidential Palace of the Honorable Mwai Kibaki in the Kenyan capital Nairobi, and presented him with an IAAF Honorary Plaque (*photo left*). Diack was accompanied to the Palace by Kenya's Minister of Sport Maina Kamanda, the Chairman of Athletics Kenya, Isaiah Kiplagat, and the IAAF General Secretary Pierre Weiss.

The Kenyan President expressed his strong support for the biggest international sports event ever to held in his country, and told Diack that he was expecting an extremely good showing from Kenyan athletes, who would be competing for the first time in front of a home crowd, in a competition that they have dominated for more than 20 years.

Photo Finish Judges' Panel	Int. Race Walking Judges' Panel	Transfer of Allegiance			
Ville Aho FIN Johannes Chmielewski GER Jordi Estruch Valero ESP Angelo Libertini ITA Krisztina Horvath HUN David Littlewood GBR Janet Nixon AUS Roger Jennings USA <i>Asian Area rep tbc</i>	Four new members added to 30 strong panel: Ruben Agullera ARG Carlos Barrios GUA Isnardo Garcia COL Jill Huxley AUS	Athlete Viktor Chistiakov Dominique Degramont Sara Salmon Saskia Triesschelijm Brahim Lahlafi Rodrigue Sialo Ngboda	from AUS HAI GER GER FRA CAF	to RUS USA AUS NED MAR FRA	when 12 Feb 2007 4 March 2007 12 March 2007 13 March 2007 15 March 2007 15 March 2007

Candidates for future WAS Host Cities

A number of letters of interest have been received to host future IAAF World Athletics Series (WAS) competitions.

Following receipt of the bidding documentation, the final decision on hosts will be taken at the Council Meeting in Monaco in November.

The potential candidates are -

2009 World Cross Country Championships: France

2009 World Road Running Championships: Austria and Ukraine

2010 World Indoor Championships: Turkey and Qatar

2010 World Race Walking Cup: France, New Zealand and Mexico

Rule Change Proposals

Council concluded its study of all the Rule Change proposals which will be presented to the 46th edition of the IAAF Congress which takes place in Osaka, Japan on 23-24 August, just prior to the 11th IAAF World Championships in Athletics.

“Technical aids”

Although 143 proposals to amend IAAF Competition Rules were studied, Council decided to implement one new provision which relates to the use of “technical aids” during competition.

In accordance with Article 6.11(c) of the IAAF Constitution, on 27 March 2007 Council approved, in force with

immediate effect, an amendment to Rule 144.2. The new Rule 144.2 (e) enforces that the use of any technical device that incorporates, springs, wheels, etc. is forbidden.

For all the other Rule Change proposals, Council decided whether to offer its support, or not, to each individual proposal so as to provide guidance for IAAF Congress delegates who will be called on to vote in Osaka.

The complete list of Rule Change Proposals with Council's comments will be sent to IAAF Member Federations by 22 May 2007, three months before the opening of Congress.

46th IAAF Congress – ELECTION DEADLINE

Member Federations are reminded of the **22 May 2007 (midnight, Monaco time) deadline** to submit nominations of candidates for the elections which are to be held during the **46th IAAF Congress in Osaka, Japan (22 / 23 Aug 2007)**. Any nomination received after this deadline will not be taken into consideration.



l to r: Vice-President Dapeng Lou (CHN), Senior Vice-President Arne Ljungqvist (SWE), and President Lamine Diack (SEN) – IAAF Council Meeting, Mombasa, Kenya



Lamine Diack (SEN) and General Secretary Pierre Weiss (FRA) administer the draw for the order of final presentations of the bidding delegations for the 2011 and 2013 World Championships

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Television deals agreed in Asia/Pacific region

At the beginning of March, three more broadcasting deals were concluded which cover the Asia/Pacific region, following negotiations handled by the Japanese corporation Dentsu Inc, the IAAF's exclusive worldwide partner for the exploitation of commercial rights for the World Athletic Series.

Thanks to a new three-year deal with CCTV, the IAAF will ensure extended coverage in China, one of the IAAF's key markets for strategic growth. By enhancing our existing relationship with CCTV, the IAAF guarantees a

continuous promotion of the sport, especially targeted at the next edition of the IAAF World Championships in Athletics in Osaka, Japan, where the Chinese superstar Liu Xiang, Olympic champion and World record holder in the 110m Hurdles, is expected to challenge for gold again.

In another key Asian market, South Korea, the host to the 2011 World Championships in Athletics, the IAAF has secured terrestrial, cable and satellite coverage on KBS, XSPORTS

and SkyLife respectively, via an agreement with IB Sports.

Thirdly, the IAAF will now have additional coverage in New Zealand through a deal with Sky Network Television.

All three deals are for all IAAF World Athletics Series events from 2007-09 guaranteeing coverage of these competitions together with extensive exposure for the IAAF World Championships in Athletics in Osaka and Berlin in 2009.

IAAF World Athletics Tour



Stars sign-up for 2007

Yelena Isinbayeva (RUS), the 2004/2005 female World Athlete of the Year, who was declared Laureus World Sportswoman of 2006 on 2 April, **Kajsa Bergqvist (SWE)**, the World High Jump champion and her close rival **Tia Hellebaut (BEL)**, the European title holder, are the first headline names to sign-up for the **IAAF Golden League 2007**.

With the indoor and cross country seasons at an end, thoughts now turn fully to outdoor track and field and the **IAAF World Athletics Tour**, central to which is the annual six meeting series of the **IAAF Golden League** whose **\$1 Million Jackpot** - athletes must win at all six meetings to acquire at least a share - represents international athletics' biggest yearly payday.

Isinbayeva, who is the World, Olympic and European champion and World record holder for the women's Pole Vault, will be intent on extending her monopoly of that event in what will be

her first Golden League Jackpot quest, while Bergqvist and Hellebaut are certain to entertain us with another series of high flying duels over the bar.



New York joins World Athletic Tour

Following a meeting of the IAAF World Athletics Tour Working Group which took place at the beginning of March in Birmingham, UK, the **Reebok Grand Prix in New York City, USA** on **2 June 2007** was **upgraded to IAAF Grand Prix status** and as such is now part of the **IAAF World Athletics Tour** for 2007.

Famously, the 2006 edition of the meeting in New York City's Icahn Stadium witnessed a women's World 5000m record of 14:24.53 set by Ethiopia's Olympic champion Meseret Defar.

The inclusion of New York brings the World Athletics Tour for 2007 up to a total of 24 meetings, with the Prefontaine Classic in Eugene, on Sunday, 10 June, also an IAAF Grand

Prix, being the only other fixture in the USA.

The 2007 World Athletics Tour commenced on Friday 2 March with the Telstra Melbourne Track Classic Melbourne – IAAF Grand Prix – in Australia, and will conclude with the 5th IAAF World Athletics Final, Stuttgart, Germany, on 22-23 September 2007.

Workshop for Broadcasting Athletics Production

IAAF Vice President Dapeng Lou (CHN), IAAF Television Commission Chairman Alex Gilady (ISR) and IAAF General Secretary Pierre Weiss (FRA) were in Frankfurt, Germany, on 6 March 2007 for the **IAAF World Athletics Tour' Broadcasting Athletics Production Workshop**.

In attendance were the meeting organizers and host broadcaster representatives of the IAAF World Athletics Tour (WAT) meetings in Belem (BRA), Dakar (SEN), Hengelo (NED), Lausanne (SUI), London (GBR), Monaco (MON), Ostrava (CZE), Rieti (ITA), Sheffield (GBR), Stockholm (SWE) and the IAAF World Athletics Final, Stuttgart 2006-2008.

World records – recently ratified

Women - Indoor

3000m

8:23.72 Meseret Defar ETH, Stuttgart, GER, 3 Feb 07

Previous: 8:27.86 Liliya Shobukova RUS, Moscow, RUS, 17 Feb 06

5000m

14:27.42 Tirunesh Dibaba ETH, Boston, USA, 27 Jan 07

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

4x800m

8:18.54 Russia RUS, Volgograd, RUS 11 Feb 07

(Anna Balakshina, Natalya Pantelyeva, Anna Yemashova, Olesya Chumakova)

Previous: 8:18.71 Russia RUS, Moscow, RUS, 4 Feb 94

(Yelena Zaitseva, Olga Kuznetsova, Yelena Afanasyeva, Yekaterina Podkopayeva)

Pole Vault

4.93m Yelena Isinbayeva RUS, Donetsk, UKR, 10 Feb 07

Previous: 4.91 Yelena Isinbayeva RUS, Donetsk, UKR, 12 Feb 06



Defar 3000m WR in Stuttgart

School and Youth



'IAAF Kids & Youth News'

School and Youth athletics now has its own newsletter, the first edition of which was issued during the first quarter of this year in English and French versions.

A real tool for promoting the IAAF School & Youth programmes, the "IAAF Kids & Youth News" presents the various projects throughout the world which are related to athletics for children from 7 to 15 years. It can be downloaded in pdf format from the IAAF website's Development section.

World Athletics Day

The IAAF's annual worldwide festival of youth, the IAAF World Athletics Day, one of the busiest weekends in the annual Athletics calendar, takes place on Saturday and Sunday, 12 & 13 May 2007.

155 of the 212 IAAF Member Federations have requested to participate in 2007.

For the second year, in accordance with the goal of the IAAF Athletics' **World Plan** to make Athletics the number one sport in schools, the IAAF World Athletics Day is being organised in close cooperation with the relevant national ministry which is in charge of School Sport in each country. This initiative has again been startlingly successful, with 145 of those IAAF Member Federations signing up for the general World Athletics Day also committing themselves to the School element of the project.

This year's competition at the World Athletics Day will comprise events for boys and girls born in 1990 and 1991, whereas the one for School Children will be for all pupils belonging to the category "Minimes" (born in 1992 and 1993).



As in the past, there will be a draw for the Youth Age Group, which will be extended to the "Minimes" School Children. The 'lucky winners' will be invited to the 11th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Osaka, Japan (25 August-2 September 2007), with their travel and full board accommodation costs covered by the IAAF.

Bechthold and Joyner-Kersey awarded 2007 IOC Women in Sport Trophies



On International Women's Day, 8 March 2007, Ilse Bechthold (GER), the IAAF Women's Committee Chairperson, and Jackie Joyner-Kersey (USA) multiple World and Olympic champion were awarded 2007 International Olympic Committee (IOC) **Women in Sport Trophies** respectively for the continents of Europe and the Americas.



The award ceremony was held at the Olympic Museum, Lausanne, Switzerland in the presence of IOC President Jacques Rogge, and was introduced by IAAF Council Member Nawal El Moutawakel, who is an IOC Member and also a Member of the IOC Women and Sport Commission. The 2007 winners were selected by the IOC Women and Sport Commission from 65 candidatures submitted by the National Olympic Committees and International Federations of Olympic sports.

Ilse Bechthold (*left*) has been a member of the IAAF's Women's Committee since 1972 and its Chairperson since 1981, and a member of the IOC Women and Sport Commission. In 1998 Bechthold initiated the "Year of Women in Athletics" within the IAAF, as well as several worldwide clinics and courses. She received the IAAF Veterans Pin in 1984 and the IAAF Plaque of Merit in 2003.

With the creation of the **Jackie Joyner-Kersey Youth Foundation** in 1988, the four-time World Champion and three-time Olympic gold medalist (*right*) has helped young people to prepare for their role in society. The Foundation raised USD 12 million to build the Jackie Joyner-Kersey Center which offers more than 30 programmes in education, culture, arts, sports and fitness, health for those aged 6 to 18.

ATHLETES SANCTIONED FOR A DOPING OFFENCE SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE IAAF AS OF 11 April 2007

CHARBONNEAU Robert	CAN	Chmps, Ottawa, CAN	05.08.06	Public Warning
WOODSKE Derek	CAN	National OOC	06.11.06	2 years ineligibility (6.11.06-5.11.08)
PUGLIESE Marcelo	ARG	XII Chps Iberoamer	27.05.06	2 years ineligibility (29.7.06-28.7.08)
CASTILLO Victor	VEN	National OOC	27.03.06	2 years ineligibility (14.6.06-13.6.08)
RINCON Candy	VEN	Gran Prix Suramericano	24.06.06	2 years ineligibility (6.8.06-5.8.08)
NTONGANA Zolani	RSA	Nedbank Series, RSA	14.10.06	2 years ineligibility (8.11.06-7.11.08)
OLIVEIRA DA SILVA Jose Manuel	POR	Camp Nacional Sub-23-PC	28.01.06	6month ineligibility (07.03.06-06.09.06)
SENOVA Anil	TUR	Türkiye Geçir, Bursa TUR	24.06.06	2 years ineligibility (14.07.06-13.07.08)
BERK Arzu	TUR	EAA XC meeting, Istanbul	12.11.06	2 years ineligibility (15.12.06-14.12.08)
GONZALEZ Iglardini	COL	National OOC	31.08.06	2 years ineligibility (17.11.06-16.11.08)
FIALA Michal	CZE	National Meeting	27.08.06	2 years ineligibility (05.01.07-04.01.09)
KONOVALOV Iliya	RUS	IAAF OOC	17.12.06	2 years ineligibility (20.02.07-19.02.09)
KRAVCHENKO Olesya	RUS	Eduard Grig Mem Moscow	07.02.07	2 years ineligibility (20.02.07-19.02.09)
SIHAMMANE Abdeljebbar	MAR	National meeting, BEL	07.01.07	2 years ineligibility (20.02.07-19.02.09)
RIGOR SILVA Fernando Sergio	POR	National OOC	04.12.06	2 years ineligibility (18.01.07-17.01.09)
VARGA Sebastian	ROM	National ICT	09.09.06	2 years ineligibility (09.10.06-08.10.08)
ENGEVIK Nils	NOR	Admitted use of anabolic steroids	Jan 2005	Life Ban

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.



Committee and Commission News

Cross Country Committee

The IAAF Cross Country and Road Running Committee met in Mombasa, 22 - 23 March 2007.

President Diack officially confirmed to the members that a proposal would be submitted to Congress to formally separate the Cross Country and Road Running Committee into a Cross Country Committee and a Road Running Commission. This Commission was created by the Council in November 2006.

After approval by Congress the newly elected Cross Country Committee will from autumn 2007 be able to focus more clearly on the problems being faced by cross country running.



IAAF Cross Country and Road Running Committee Members in Mombasa

In terms of Road Races there was discussion regarding a proposal submitted to IAAF Congress to recognise Chip Timing transponders for World records purposes.

Race Walking Committee

The IAAF Race Walking Committee met for its annual meeting in Monte-Carlo (MON) on 24 February. The key items on the Agenda were:

Review of the related Rule Change proposals to Congress about which the Committee was asked for its opinion;

Overview of the annual Race Walking Challenge format and Regulations, and of the Race Walking Challenge Final (Saransk, RUS, 29 Sep 2007);

Evaluation of the results emerging from the 2006 International Race Walking Judges Seminar held in Paris for the new IAAF Level III Panel and the decision to integrate the panel with another four judges in order to accommodate the increased number of judging opportunities;

Situation of race walking in the different Areas and possible initiatives for the further promotion and development of the discipline;

Introduction of a code of ethics for Race Walking Judges aiming at even

greater uniformity of judgement and behaviour;

The Committee was also updated on the situation of the race walking courses for the: 2007 World Championships in Osaka (JPN); 2007 Race Walking Challenge Final in Saransk (RUS); 2008 World Race Walking Cup in Cheboxary (RUS).



IAAF Technical Committee Members in Monte-Carlo

Technical Committee

The IAAF Technical Committee met a in Monte-Carlo (MON) on 9 -10 March.

President Lamine Diack emphasised that the application of new technologies is essential for the renewal of our sport and the Technical Committee plays a prominent role in preparing the ground for that. He pointed out the necessity for having more certified tracks and the IAAF's drive to help track owners achieve this goal. He also stressed the necessity of implementing international standards in athletics officiating to which the creation of the International Photo Finish Judge and International Starter Panels will contribute.

Before the full session of the Committee on Saturday (10) the Working Groups had a full day's discussions on Friday (9). The Competition Rules Working Group dealt with about 90 Technical Rule Change proposals submitted by 15 Federations for the Congress and discussed other interpretational questions. In total 30 proposals received support and for many others clarifications were added.

The Editorial Board of the IAAF Track and Field Facilities Manual had a one session meeting on Friday (9) to make the final preparations for the 4th edition of this important reference book to be published after the IAAF Congress in Osaka.

Development Commission

The IAAF Development Commission met in Mombasa, Kenya on 24 March. The key items discussed were:

HPTCs: The target was adopted of reaching a minimum of 15 resident

athletes at each Centre by the end of the third year of their establishment. At present there are 8 IAAF HPTCs and 99 resident athletes.

Concerning Athletes' Education, it was recommended that more attention needed to be paid to athletes' post-athletics careers, organizing appropriate measures for their education but avoiding affecting their training and competitions programmes.

Coaches Education and Certification System (CECS) - the new five-tier CECS was unanimously adopted.

Regional Development Centres (RDCs) - Where necessary, the IAAF will fund CECS Level I courses for those MFs that do not have NOCs that could access Olympic Solidarity funding for these entry level courses. The Calendar of the 72 RDC's activities for 2007 was also approved.

NSA - From 2007 the magazine will be produced in 5 languages: English, French, Spanish, Russian and Chinese.

Medical and Anti-Doping Commission

The IAAF Medical and Anti-Doping Commission met in Monte-Carlo (MON) on 23 -24 February.

Day one of the meeting focused on anti-doping matters where the outcomes of the 2006 testing plan were comprehensively reviewed. The 2007 testing plan was approved with specific reference to the World Cross Country Championships, Mombasa, and the World Championships, Osaka.

Significant discussion was held regarding the latest version of the revised WADA Code. It was proposed that the IAAF continue to lobby WADA (together with other international Federations who hold the same view) on important issues such as a 4 year ban for first doping rule violations.

Day two of the meeting was dedicated to medical matters. An Injury Inventory Project was approved for Osaka. Final preparations regarding the 2007 IAAF Nutritional Consensus Conference, Monte-Carlo (MON) 18 - 20 April were reviewed.

Some of the other issues covered included various ongoing research projects, concerns regarding scheduling of long distance events in the afternoon and adverse climatic conditions, and the provision of medical information to the RDC's, team doctors and athletes.



European Athletics Congress

The **20th European Athletics Congress** took place in the Royal Casino Hotel in Cannes, France on 14 April 2007.

European Athletics Championships, every two years - As part of a general overhaul of the competition programme, subject to approval from the various stakeholders, the outdoor European Athletics Championships, will take place on all even numbered years, with 2012 as the earliest proposed starting date.

The additional European Athletics Championship in every four-year Olympic cycle would take place at the same time as the US Olympic trials, and would contain all standard stadium events (excluding 10,000m and Combined Events).

A **European Team Championships** contested by 12 teams has been proposed as a replacement for the current European Cup.

Council Elections – President Hansjorg Wirz (SUI) and Treasurer Karel Pilny (CZE) were re-elected unopposed, while José Luis de Carlos (ESP) and Svein Arne Hansen (NOR) were newly elected as Vice-Presidents.

Jorge Salcedo (POR), topped the poll of elections to Council, and is one of four others – Ludmila Olijar (LAT), Janez Alancic (SLO) and Philippe Lamblin (FRA) – who also retained their previous Council positions. Vice-President Hansen was one of 10 new members elected to the 17 strong

Council. Also notably succeeding were World Triple Jump record holder Jonathan Edwards (GBR), 1971 European 1500m champion Franco Arese (ITA).

The other new members of the Council are Dobromir Karamarinov (BUL), Antti Pihlakoski (FIN), Toralf Nilsson (SWE), Frank Hensel (GER), Salih Munir Yaras (TUR), Vadim Zelichenok (RUS), and Sylvia Barlag (NED).

The **next Congress** will take place in Lausanne, Switzerland, in 2009, while the Calendar Congress in 2008 and 2009 will take Place in Amsterdam, Netherlands and Miskolc, Hungary, respectively.

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Soliman Hagar (EGY) - Vice-President of the Egyptian Athletics Federation and a former Director of the IAAF's Regional Development Centre in Cairo (1988 - 2000), passed away on Friday 30 March 2007 aged 73. Dr Hagar served a number of terms as a member of the African Athletic Confederation Council, and on the IAAF Race Walking Committee.

Mary Mitchell Logan (NZL) - the inaugural holder of the New Zealand women's javelin throw record died at the end of March in Dargaville, New Zealand at the age of 94. Mary Logan (nee Mitchell) represented New Zealand at the 1938 British Empire Games in Sydney finishing fourth in the javelin with a throw of 35.96m. Mitchell also held the New Zealand women's long jump record.

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

MF	President	Gen Sec	MF	President	Gen Sec
BOT	---	Rampa Mosweu	MSH	Jurelang Zedkehia	Terry Mote (r)
COK	Ina Marsters	David Lobb	NZL	---	Scott Newman
CRC	Roberto Verdesia Solano (r)	Vernon Hilarion Francis(n)	SMR	Fabio Canini	---
CUB	---	Brice Esteban	SWE	---	Mikael Peterson
KIR	Tierata Taukaban (r)	David Little (r)	URU	José Maria Lombardo	Lionel De Mello
MEX	Mariano Lara Tijerina (r)	Alfredo Perez Carmona		Rojas (r)	

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VTB becomes an Official IAAF Partner

“The sport of Athletics is a perfect partner”

Last month a major new sponsorship agreement was concluded with the Russian bank VTB which has become an Official IAAF Partner.



Following negotiations held between Russia's leading sports marketing agency, Sportima representing VTB and the IAAF's global Marketing partner Dentsu, the IAAF has been able to secure the first ever sponsorship agreement with an International Sports Federation by a Russian Corporation.

Second biggest bank in Russia

“I am really glad to note that VTB and the International Association of Athletics Federations have entered a stage of intensive cooperation which, I hope, will be most fruitful and rewarding,” confirmed VTB's Chairman and CEO Andrey L. Kostin. “The Bank as a sponsor of the IAAF is absolutely sure that our cooperation will spread worldwide and, especially, in Russia.”

VTB, the second biggest bank in Russia, has acquired the sponsorship rights to the IAAF's most important competition, the World Championships in Athletics (2007 Osaka, JPN, 2009 Berlin, GER, and 2011 Daegu, KOR editions), as well as to the World Indoor Championships (2008 Valencia, ESP and 2010, venue to be decided).

In addition, VTB will now have title sponsorship rights for the IAAF World Athletics Final (2007 - 2011) and the next edition of the IAAF World Cup, which will take place in Split, CRO in 2010.



Russia, a powerhouse of our sport

“I am delighted that the IAAF can now announce the first of what I expect will be a number of significant sponsorship agreements with Russian companies.”

“Russia has always been a powerhouse of our sport, producing hundreds of star athletes over the past decades, but now, the fast expanding Russian marketplace is also turning its attention to the appeal of international athletics.”

“This agreement demonstrates that the sport of athletics is a perfect partner for Russian companies who are aggressively expanding internationally.”

Lamine Diack
IAAF President



Jacques Rogge pays first ever visit to IAAF HQ

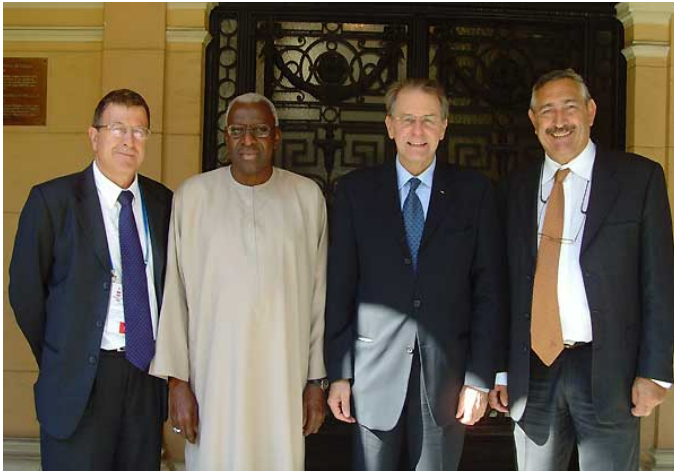


Photo: l to r: Gilbert Felli, Lamine Diack, Jacques Rogge, Pierre Weiss

International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Jacques Rogge made his first ever visit to the headquarters of the International Association of Athletics Federations in Monte-Carlo on 4 June, and held an informal meeting with President Lamine Diack.

President Rogge, who was in Monaco for the opening of the 12th Games of the Small States of Europe which took place in the Principality from 4 to 9 June 2007, was accompanied on his visit to Villa Miraflores to meet President Diack and IAAF General Secretary Pierre Weiss, by Olympic Games Executive Director Gilbert Felli.

At the meeting the two presidents discussed a number of topics including the Youth Olympics, arrangements for the traditional meeting between the IAAF Council and the IOC Executive Board which will take place on the day prior to the start of the IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Osaka, Japan (25 Aug – 2 Sep), and also general preparations for next year's Olympic Games in Beijing, China.

BEIJING 2008 - Games of the XXIX Olympiad

A General Site Visit was paid to Beijing, China on 17/18 May with regard to next year's Olympic Games. The Chinese capital will host the **Games of the XXIX Olympiad** in 2008 from the 8th August to 24th August 2008.

During the visit a memorandum of understanding was signed by

President Lamine Diack on behalf of the IAAF with the local organising committee, BOCOG. The relationship between the two bodies is excellent.

The IAAF hotel during the Olympics will be the Westin Hotel which is brand new having opened in March 2007 in the finance district of Beijing. The Olympic Green (Stadium and Village)

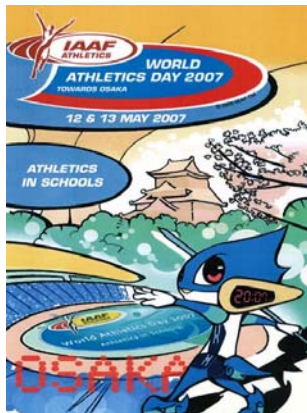
is about 30 minutes away from the hotel by car.

With regard to entries/statistics the ORIS agreement has been signed, and it is also confirmed that a Statistics Handbook, Daily Programme, and Final Results Book will be published.

List of Officials - 11th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Osaka, Japan

Organisational Delegates	Photo Finish Judge
Lamine DIACK SEN; Helmut DIGEL GER	Johannes CHMIELEWSKI GER
Technical Delegates	International Technical Officials (ITOs)
Dapeng LOU CHN; Nawal EL MOUTAWAKEL MAR; Brian ROE AUS;	Gabriel ABAD SAN MARTIN ESP; Jane EDSTROM CAN; Sigyn EKWALL SWE; Ahmed ETTANNANI MAR Peter HAMILTON AUS; Ong Kek HEANG MAS; David LITTLEWOOD GBR; Jose Paulo MOREIRA POR Frederico NANTES BRA; Eric ZEMPER USA;
Jury of Appeal	
Council Members by rotation	
Anti-Doping Delegate	Race Walking Judge-Chief
Gabriel DOLLE FRA	Ronald DANIEL USA
Medical Delegate	Race Walking Judges
Juan Manuel ALONSO ESP	Ochieng Joseph OCHIENG KEN; Khoo CHONG BENG MAS; Shande YANG CHN; P. Wayne FLETCHER AUS; Jens GRUENBERG GER; Can KORKMAZOGLU TUR; Dolores ROJAS ESP; Stephen (Steve) TAYLOR GBR.
Press Delegate	
Yannis THEODORAKOPOULOS GRE	
TV Delegate	Recorder
Manuel ROMERO ESP	Luis SALADIE ESP; Nicola MAGGIO ITA
Statisticians	Assistant Chief Judges
Ottavio CASTELLINI ITA; Carlos FERNANDEZ CANET ESP; Tatsumi SENDA JPN	Peter MARLOW GBR; Yoshio MORIKAWA JPN;
Announcers	Course Measurer
<i>English</i> - Robert HERSH USA; E. Garry HILL CAN <i>French</i> - Marc MAURY FRA; Jean-Francois RAFFALLI FRA	Dave CUNDY AUS
Photo Commissioner	Athletes' Commission Representative
Juha NOUSIAINEN FIN	Michael CONLEY USA; Frank FREDERICKS NAM

Towards Osaka - IAAF World Athletics Day 2007



Of the total of 158 IAAF Member Federations who took part in the **IAAF World Athletics Day 2007** (12 – 13 May), 131 submitted their results by the deadline, and accordingly their event winning boys and girls (born 1990 and 1991) were entered for the traditional IAAF World Athletics Day Draw which took place this year in Monte-Carlo on Monday 18 June.

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 **11th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Osaka, Japan** (25 August-2 September 2007), with their travel and full board accommodation costs covered by the IAAF.

For the second year, six youths (born 1992 and 1993) were also invited to Monaco as part of the IAAF Schools' Activities project.

The Draw was made by IAAF Council Member Roberto Gesta De Melo, Consuladte President, under the scrutiny of IAAF General Secretary Pierre Weiss.

Yet it is not just these selected athletes who gain from the experience, as thousands of gifts such as T-Shirts, posters and pins were distributed to each competing Member Federation, with an IAAF World Athletics Day Diploma presented to all participants, helping to encourage enthusiasm for Athletics, the world's most international sport.

And the Winners are...

BOYS - Aged categories 1990-1991	GIRLS - Aged categories 1990-1991
Africa - IYELI Mboyo COD 1990 1500m 4.09.72 Asia - PANIN Vladimir UZB 1990 200m 23.43 Europe - DAN Lucian ROM 1990 TJ 13.77m N. America - FEARON Sidney GUA 1990 100m 11.32 Oceania - KAROSICH Kenneth GUM 1990 400m 53.72 S. America - DA SILVA WOLSKI Allan BRA 1990 HT 56.62m	Africa - MEDHAT MAHMOUD Heba EGY 1990 JT 39.41m Asia - BELOKLEITSEVA Mariya TKM 1991 800m 2:25.30 Europe - GARA Angelina RUS 1990 400mH 1:05.9 N. America - NETTEY Sabrina CAN 1990 100m 12.21 Oceania - DROTINI Akesa FIJ 1990 3000m 11:03.27 S. America - BENDEZU Cynthia PER 1991 1500m 4:57.10
SCHOOL - Aged categories 1992-1993	
Africa - MTHOMBANI W RSA 1992 80m 9.43 Asia - TSAI Wen-Tin TPE 1992 HJ 1.63m Europe - PICCHIETTI Matteo SMR 1992 LJ 6.03m	N. America - DILLON Simon DMA 1993 DT 47.40m Oceania - HAULANGI Niga NRU 1992 80m 9.4 S. America - NUNEZ Joselyne PAN 1993 1000m 3:20.0

Murofushi hammers home promotion of Osaka 2007 and World Athletics Day message



Photo: Murofushi in Osaka

A week before the global Athletics family celebrated the **2007 IAAF World Athletics Day**, one of the star names of Japanese and world athletics Koji Murofushi took part in an

IAAF Kids' Athletics event in Osaka on 6 May.

The venue for this promotion of youth sport was the city's Nagai stadium which from 25 August to 2 September this year will host the **11th IAAF World Championships in Athletics**.

Murofushi, the Olympic Hammer Throw champion, was the star guest coordinator of the Kids' Athletics at which 80 young boys and girls from 6 different primary schools in the Osaka region got a unique chance to meet their hero.

For the 32-year-old Asian record holder, who twice has been a World Championship medallist, the occasion reminded him how he felt as a teenager 16 years before in Tokyo at the time of the 3rd IAAF World Championships in Athletics when he got the chance of watching legends like Carl Lewis and Mike Powell.

Kids' Athletics is a project of the IAAF Development Programme, and it aims to introduce children to the basic skills of athletics – running, jumping and throwing – making sure that the experience remains fun.



Osaka World Championships Commemorative Stamps issued

In Tokyo on 8 June 2007, the official commemorative stamps for the **11th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Osaka, Japan** were launched.

In attendance were Hiroaki Dan (Vice-President, Japan Post), Keisuke Sawaki (General Secretary, Japan Association of Athletics Federations), Hiromasa Hemmi (General Secretary, LOC), and the following athletes, Shingo Suetsugu (200m), Kumiko Ikeda (Long Jump), Naoyuki Daigo (High Jump), and Kenji Narisako (400m Hurdles).

Athletics on the streets of Tokyo



On 27 May a temporary track was laid down on one of the main streets in the Japanese capital Tokyo, to help promote the **11th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Osaka, Japan**. A group of local children and an audience of 2500 - on "Marunouchi" in front of Tokyo Station - were introduced to some athletics disciplines, by among others two-time World 400m Hurdles medallist Dai Tamesue (*photo above*).

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There have been encouraging TV sales by the IAAF's commercial partner IMG/TWI, who is responsible for international TV sales for the **IAAF Golden League**.

TV sales are up from 2006, with over 60 TV contracts now concluded which will ensure that the 2007 edition of the

IAAF Golden League will be seen in excess of 160 countries worldwide.

Although the IAAF Golden League was already visible in the key markets in 2006, this year sees improved coverage in territories such as the USA and Italy.

As for 2008, there is also a groundbreaking agreement in the Middle East that will ensure global terrestrial coverage for the first time.



In addition, the IAAF is pleased that TV sales for 2007 for **Athletix**, the official IAAF TV Magazine, in its second ever season, are up by more than 40% compared to 2006.

With coverage now expected in more than 50 territories, the new series of Athletix is already making a major impact with track and field fans around the world.



Fanny Blankers-Koen statue unveiled by Sebastian Coe

Outside the FKB Stadium in Hengelo, The Netherlands, on 9 May, a statue was unveiled to commemorate the life and achievements of Fanny Blankers-Koen.

This is the latest honour to be bestowed on Fanny Blankers-Koen (NED), the IAAF Athlete of the Century, as at the 2004 edition of the Hengelo Grand Prix Blankers-Koen was posthumously awarded with the IAAF Golden Order of Merit, the sport's world governing body's highest honour.

The 2 metres high bronze statue which depicts Blankers-Koen hurdling was made by Antoinette Ruiter, a local artist, and was unveiled by Fanny's son Jan Blankers and Lord Sebastian Coe, a two-time Olympic 1500m champion and multiple World record breaker, who is now an IAAF Council Member and head of the 2012 London Olympic Organising Committee.

PHOTO: From left to right: Bart Blankers (grandson of Fanny, son of Jan Blankers the son of Fanny), Jan Blankers (son of Fanny) Seb Coe, Antoinette Ruiter (sculptor), Mieke Blankers (wife of Jan Blankers), Monique Blankers (daughter of Jan and Mieke Blankers) (Roderik Zwanenburg)

Sport business communication strategy enhanced

In an effort to enhance the visibility of the IAAF and the sport of Athletics in the world of sports business, the IAAF has signed a new agreement with two leading players in this field, Sportcal and Sports Business International.

This is part of a new strategy to enhance and re-define the IAAF advertising/communications policy to specifically target stakeholders and

professionals as well as consumers in general.

The new agreements with Sportcal and Sports Business International will ensure that the IAAF receives considerable exposure throughout the summer months on influential platforms such as sportcal.com, sportbusiness.com, Sport Business International and TV Sports Markets.

As well as purchasing on-line banners and full page adverts, the IAAF will also assist the relevant editorial teams in sourcing interesting editorial and news content to publicise IAAF and IAAF Partner activities as well as major competitions such as the IAAF Golden League and IAAF World Athletics Series events.

Ostrava Masterclass - Seven IAAF ambassadors to meet young athletes



Nearly 1500 youth athletes will travel to Ostrava to take part in their first ever World Championships and yet it won't all be about winning medals and improving personal bests. It will also be about building friendship with their rivals from all over the world, and learning about the ethical values that enhance our sport.

With this in mind, another unique experience has been organized for all the youth athletes who will take part in **5th IAAF World Youth Championships, 11-15 July 2007** – Ostrava, Czech Republic. For 2 days, the young athletes will have the pleasure of being with, talking to and learning from athletes who have been Olympic winners, World champions or World record holders.

The **Ostrava Masterclass** will take place on 9 and 10 July and will include motivational speeches from no fewer than seven **IAAF Ambassadors**, an Anti-Doping Workshop and a couple of warm up sessions with some of the sport's all-time greatest athletes.

Global champions, Ludmila Formanova (CZE), Sarka Kasparikova (CZE), Wilson Kipketer (DEN), Svetlana Masterkova (RUS), Steve Ovett (GBR), Marie José Pérec (FRA), and Jan Zelezny (CZE) will be in Ostrava with no other purpose than that of sharing their experience and knowledge with the next generation.

They will address topics such as: Training – short term targets and long term planning; Life after Athletics – don't sacrifice your studies; Coping with obstacles – how to overcome injuries and difficult times; World Championships and Olympic Games – how to cope with the pressure and much more.

Hardy (CAN) is appointed as IAAF Events and Competitions Director

Paul Hardy (*photo*) was born in Canada, has a university degree in Kinesiology, is 45 years old and is married with three children. He has an extensive background in Athletics having first joined the IAAF staff in 1987, working seven years in a wide range of positions including Doping Control Officer, Technical Officer, and Deputy Director of Competitions. He was the Director of Competitions for the 2001 IAAF World Championships in Athletics, the 2003 IAAF World Youth Championships, and has also worked with Athletics Canada. Hardy worked with ISL Marketing for five years where he was involved in the 1998 FIFA World Cup competition in France and many other events.



Conference concludes with IAAF Consensus Statement on Sports Nutrition

Two and a half days of vigorous scientific discussion and debate ended on 20 April 2007 as the **2007 IAAF Nutritional Consensus Conference** which took place in Monte-Carlo came to a close with the drafting of the **IAAF Consensus Statement on Sports Nutrition**.

Twenty-eight of the world's leading experts in the field of nutrition debated many topics specifically relating to Athletics, providing advice on the nutritional needs for each of the specific athletic disciplines, as well as other areas such as competition day, travel, illness, and supplements.

DAY ONE of the conference concentrated on nutritional recommendations for many of the specific athletics disciplines. Topics covered included the sprints, middle distance, long distance, jumps, throws

and multi-events. In each section speakers provided evidence based advice and research and conclusions for implementation into the daily lives of the athletes. The day was wrapped up with presentations on physique and performance of athletes and discussions on the "female athlete triad" which constitutes a serious health problem in female athletes when energy availability is insufficient.

DAY TWO concentrated on providing advice for situations that all athletes find themselves involved with or in at some stage during their careers whether they are elite, sub-elite, or juniors. Nutrition for the young athlete, fluid needs for competition and training, fatigue and illness, supplements and nutrition for travel were just some of the discussions. There was new material and research

presented and some great practical, and up-to-date advice for athletes.

The first result of the two days of discussions was the unanimous agreement on the **IAAF Consensus Statement on Sports Nutrition** which is downloadable from the IAAF website in pdf format -

www.iaaf.org/newsfiles/38451.pdf

"This Consensus Statement is an important document for our sport," commented President Lamine Diack. "Not only does it help define and guide the nutritional needs for elite track and field athletes but it also promotes safe and healthy nutritional habits. I strongly encourage all athletes and their support personnel to read both this Consensus Statement and the forthcoming educational products."



President Diack with IAAF Nutritional Consensus Conference delegates

Quotes from IAAF Consensus Statement on Sports Nutrition

- "Good food choices will contribute to success in athletics and to health and enjoyment of life"
- "Athletes must respond to changes in needs for energy, nutrients and fluid in new situations such as hot or cold environments, altitude and travel across time zones"
- "When everyday foods are impractical, specialised foods can help athletes achieve nutrition goals. Supplements do not compensate for poor food choices"
- "An adequate carbohydrate intake is necessary to support intensive and consistent training with lowered risk of illness and injury"

Representatives from 17 countries attend Road Course Measurement Seminar

Twenty participants from 17 countries attended the **Road Course Measurement Seminar** held in the **IAAF Regional Development Centre (RDC)** in **Cairo** from 3-5 June.

The accurate measurement of road courses is one of the fundamental requirements for IAAF approval (and for membership of AIMS), and is essential for ratification of records and recognition of qualifying times for participation in the IAAF World Championships and Olympic Games.

For road running to expand successfully it is essential that an international pool of qualified measurers is built up, with each of



them able to accurately measure a course and document that measurement. Africa lacks qualified measurers and this seminar for measurers from the Arab-speaking countries was part of the IAAF response to this need.

IAAF/AIMS 'A' measurer Hugh Jones, General Secretary of AIMS (Association of International Marathons and Distance Races), who is the International Measurement Administrator for English speaking Europe and Africa, was the course lecturer.

Participants had various degrees of experience, but all were taken through the full range of procedures required to accurately measure first a simple and then a more complex course and a typical 'lap' as used for race walking competitions.

Photo: course participants in Cairo

'Healthy lifestyle and social responsibility' - Canberra Marathon secures AIMS award

The initiative of the Canberra Marathon, Australia in utilising a weekly running programme in schools to encourage a healthy lifestyle in children has successfully claimed the inaugural World AIMS/ChampionChip Award for Innovation in road running, securing a prize of US\$10,000. The Canberra Kids Marathon encourages school age children to complete the 42.195km marathon distance over a number of weeks. A basic programme is to run 1km each day from Monday to Friday for eight weeks. This can be done in the child's own time or as part of a school or sporting club programme. The innovative programme which aims to encourage a healthy lifestyle and social responsibility defeated strong competition from the 235 races across 85 countries in AIMS membership.



African Congress elects new Council

The **20th Congress of the African Athletics Confederation (CAA)** concluded on 28 April 2007, with the nomination, by unanimous acclamation, of the new officers who will represent the CAA Council for the period 2007-2011.

The Congress, which took place in Dakar, the capital of Senegal, was attended by 50 of the 53 IAAF Member Federations representing Africa, and Congress unanimously supported the

resolution of the CAA Council to support Lamine Diack in his quest for re-election as IAAF President at the next Congress in Osaka, Japan.

During the first day's sessions, it was agreed that the statutes of the CAA would be amended so that the President of the CAA would now automatically gain a place on the IAAF Council as Area Representative for Africa. The CAA also agreed that one

of the five Vice-Presidents should be a woman.

Although there had been a number of candidates for the various positions, on the morning of the elections it was announced that, in the interests of African Unity, all the official positions would be approved in a consensual manner, without the need for elections. As a result, the following positions were approved:

African Athletics Confederation (CAA) Council, 2007- 2011

President and IAAF Area Representative:

Hamad Kalkaba MALBOUM (CMR)

Vice Presidents:

Younes CHETALI (TUN)
Vivian GUNGARAM (MRI)
Theophile MONTCHO (BEN)
Violet ODOGWU-NWAJEEI (NGR)
David S OKEYO, HSC (KEN)

General Secretary:

Abdoul Wahab Barka BA (SEN)

Honorary Treasurer:

Alhaji Dodou JOOF (GAM)

Council Members:

Abderrahmane BELAID (ALG)
Siddig Ahmed IBRAHIM (SUD)
Sarifa Abdul MAGIDE FAGILDE (MOZ)
Emmanuel MPIOH (CGO)
Hissein NGARO (CHA)
Sandy OSEI-AGYEMAN (GHA)
Giovanna ROUSSEAU (SEY)
Komyaba Pascal SAWADOGO (BUR)
Athletes' Representative:
Frank FREDERICKS (NAM)

Other

Honorary President:

Lamine DIACK (SEN)

Hon Life Vice President:

Hassan AGABANI (SUD)
Abdul Karim AMU (NGR)
P. MOUASSIPOUSSO-MACKONGUY (CGO)

Current African IAAF Council Members:

Leonard CHUENE (RSA)
Nawal EL MOUTAWAKEL (MAR)
Isaiah KIPLAGAT (KEN)
Jamel SIMOHAMED (ALG)

New Level 1 Coaching system demonstrated in Nairobi

48 Primary School Children divided equally by gender were given an opportunity at the St Mary's Sportsview Academy, Nairobi, Kenya on 23 May 2007 to take time out from their studies in the classroom and enjoy the activities of the new IAAF Level 1 Coaching system which was being introduced to a selected participant from each of the English speaking countries of Africa.

This IAAF programme is the first of an entirely new 5 tier coaching structure. As such it brings to senior events a simplification of rules and equipment, all of which can be improvised, to allow children to take part in a full competition of athletic activities. Here fun and enjoyment are key elements of the competition, and every pupil who took part was given a specially designed Certificate acknowledging their participation in this event. The course participants, who acted as Officials conducting the event, were happy to put in practice what they had learned on the course from the IAAF's Abdel Malek and Assistant lecturer Joel Severe.

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



Parry O'Brien (USA) - the 1952 and 1956 Olympic Shot Put champion and multiple World record holder for the event died at the age of 75 on 21 April 2007. O'Brien (USA) (b. 28 Jan 1932 Santa Monica, Calif), who was widely regarded as the greatest shot putter of all time, died while competing in a masters' swim meet in Santa Clarita, California. His wife, Terry, said he had suffered a heart attack.

For many years this strong and fast man (he ran 10.8 for 100m in 1953) utterly dominated shot putting. Between July 1952 and June 1956 he won 116 consecutive competitions, in the process becoming the first to achieve 18 metres and 60 feet, while later in 1956 he crashed through the 19 metre barrier and retained his Olympic laurels.

In addition to his Olympic achievements O'Brien set the following World records: 18.00 on 9.5.1953, 18.04 on 5.6.1953, 18.42 on 8.5.1954, 18.43 on 21.5.1954, *18.43, 18.44 & 18.54* on 11.6.1954, 18.62 on 5.5.1956, 18.69 on 15.6.1956, 18.97 & 19.06 on 3.9.1956, *19.10 & 19.25* on 1.11.1956, *19.26* on 18.7.1959, *19.30* on 1.8.1959. (Italics - not officially ratified).

Inez Jacquemart (BEL) – the top ultrarunner died in a diving accident on 22 April 2007. Jacquemart (DOB 8 June 1962) was 4x Belgian Champion at 100km, the winner of the Night of Flanders '05, and was 9th at the European Champs 100Km in 2002.

Beat-Marie Homen (FIN) - wife of M. Carl-Olaf Homen, IAAF Honorary Life Personal Member, passed away on Thursday, 17 May after having bravely fought cancer for more than two years. She departed peacefully in Forsbacka, surrounded by her entire family.

Peter Heidenstrom (NZL) (DOB 20 June 1929), a world renowned authority on athletics, died aged 77 on 15 June 2007. He was New Zealand's most perceptive and widely published writer on athletics and he put his extensive records and encyclopedic knowledge into the most comprehensive book on New Zealand athletics ever written. 'Athletes of the Century' was published in 1992 containing detailed information covering 100 years of men and women's track, field and long distance events.

Bucher, Darsha, and Guerni retire – Three high profile retirements have recently been announced: 2001 World 800m Andre Bucher (SUI), 2003 World 800m champion Djabor Said Guerni (ALG), and three-time Asian Games gold medallist Damayanthi Darsha (SRI).

Kanerva is appointed as Finnish Foreign Minister



IAAF Council Member and Honorary President of Finnish Athletics, Ilkka Kanerva (*photo*) is the new Minister of Foreign Affairs of Finland.

Finnish President Tarja Halonen, herself the recipient of the IAAF's highest honour, the Golden Order of Merit (2005), approved the list of proposed ministers on 19 April in a ceremony held in the Finnish capital.

Ilkka Kanerva, 59, (National Coalition Party) holds a master's degree in political science and has been a member of the Finnish Parliament since 1975. He previously worked as Minister of Transportation and Communications from 1990 to 1991,

and as Minister of Labour from 1991 to 1995.

Kanerva's career in athletics is long and successful. From 1981 to 1982 and from 1989 to 1990 he held the chair in Finnish Athletics' National Assembly. In 1990 Kanerva was named as the President of Finnish Athletics, a post he held for 15 consecutive years until the 2005 IAAF World Championships in Helsinki, where he also worked as the President of the Local Organising Committee.

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

MF	President	Gen Sec	MF	President	Gen Sec
BRU	---	Yahya Hj Sirat	NRU	---	Rosie Harris
JPN	Yohei Kono (r)	Seietsu Yamamoto (r)	ROM	Sorin Matei	Ion Buliga
LIE	---	Silfriede Marxer	SOL	James Iroga	---
MAC	---	Weng Chi Leong	SRI	Palitha Fernando	Prima Pinnewale
NAM	---	Mike Haimbondi	<i>Other – Keisuke Sawaki, elected as Senior Director JPN</i>		

Getting to know the Member Federation Officials

◀ Prima Pinnewale ▶ SRI Gen Sec. *Present* – Sports Administrator for over 30yrs. *Past* – Sec Gen AA SRI, 1998-2005; Sec Gen NOC SRI, 1983 to 1997; Retired General Manager Insurance Corp; former hockey, cricket and rugby player and boxer.

ATHLETES SANCTIONED FOR A DOPING OFFENCE SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE IAAF AS OF 21 June 2007

BENIWAL Mukesh	IND	Nat OOC, IND	10.7.06	2 years ineligibility (16.08.06-15.08.08)
		12 th Asian Jr Ch	18.7.06	
OHORUOGU Christine	GBR	Missed Tests	2006	1 year ineligibility (6.8.06-5.8.07)
SCOTT Dorian	JAM	Gen. Amer Games, Cartagena	29.7.06	Public Warning
POUSTCHI KHORASAN	IRI	Nat ICT, Shiraz	20.7.06	2 years ineligibility (2.9.06-1.9.08)
ASADI Mehdi	IRI	Nat ICT, Shiraz	21.7.06	2 years ineligibility (2.9.06-1.9.08)
SOLTANI MOHAMMADI Farid	IRI	Nat ICT, Shiraz	21.7.06	2 years ineligibility (2.9.06-1.9.08)
GHANBARI Sapour	IRI	Nat ICT, Shiraz	21.7.06	2 years ineligibility (2.9.06-1.9.08)
SHIRIAN Reza	IRI	Nat ICT, Shiraz	21.7.06	2 years ineligibility (2.9.06-1.9.08)
MOGHADAM Mohsen	IRI	Nat ICT, Shiraz	22.6.06	2 years ineligibility (14.8.06-13.8.08)
GOUDARZI Mohammad	IRI	Nat ICT, Shiraz	22.6.06	2 years ineligibility (6.9.06-5.9.06)
MEHR SEFATI Alireza	IRI	Nat ICT, Shiraz	22.6.06	2 years ineligibility (2.9.06-1.9.08)
DONG Dingrui	CHN	Nat OOC	11.5.06	2 years ineligibility (30.5.06-29.5.08)
DE LIMA Matusalem	BRA	Nat ICT	22.10.06	2 years ineligibility (29.12.06-28.12.08)
SIMUNIC Bostjan	SLO	Ljubljana	10.6.06	2 years ineligibility (28.6.06-27.6.08)
ES-SAADi Ridouane	BEL	Nat ICT	15.01.06	Life Ban
BHANDARI Rajendra	NEP	S. Asian Games	25-26.8.06	2 years ineligibility (21.9.06-20.9.08)
ZOUBAA Khalid	FRA	Military XC Ch	27.1.07	3 years ineligibility (22.2.07-21.2.10)
DEHIBA Hind	FRA	IAAF OOC, Vincennes, FRA	23.1.07	2 years ineligibility (15.2.07-14.2.09)
SHMOGAYLO Vadim	RUS	Pushkino, RUS	21.4.07	2 years ineligibility (25.5.07-24.5.09)
USLU Binnaz	TUR	IAAF OOC, Antalya, TUR	13.3.07	2 years ineligibility (24.3.07-23.3.09)
SEVUKTEKIN Yahya	TUR	IAAF OOC, Antalya, TUR	13.3.07	2 years ineligibility (11.4.07-10.4.09)
OFENTSE Mogawane	RSA	CAA GP, Alger	22.6.06	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.

Honours for Gilady and Hansen

Alex Gilady, IOC member and the Chairman of the IAAF Television Commission, has received an honorary doctorate from the University of Haifa for his work in promoting television coverage in Israel, his dedication to sport worldwide and his support for the Center for Sports Research at the university. A veteran

reporter and sport television producer, Gilady moved into management at the NBC television network, becoming Vice President of NBC Sports in 1981. He has won Emmy awards for coverage of the Barcelona, Atlanta, Sydney, Salt Lake City and Athens Olympics.

Svein Arne Hansen, the long-time Director of the ExxonMobil Grand Prix, Oslo, Norway was honoured by the City, at the IAAF Golden League meeting's world famous 'Strawberry Party'. Hansen was named a City Ambassador, in recognition for his life-long work for Oslo.

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The Passion and Enthusiasm to Deliver

As you will be aware by now, I will be standing for election to the Presidency of the IAAF during our Congress in Osaka.



Although I will be unopposed in Osaka, for a third and final mandate, this does not mean that I take my election lightly. On the contrary, I believe that it is more important than ever for me to explain, clearly and concisely, what I believe the IAAF has achieved since I became President in 1999, and more importantly, what I believe I can still deliver in the coming 4 years on behalf of the IAAF.

For this reason, I am very pleased to present you with my personal manifesto for the 2007 Presidential Election - available for download in pdf format on the IAAF Website: www.iaaf.org/newsfiles/39942.pdf - and I hope that, after reading its contents, you will agree that my passion and enthusiasm for the future of athletics remains undiminished.

With your full support, I believe that we can continue to transform our sport for the better, as we approach the centenary of the IAAF in 2012.

Priorities for a Final Term

1. Improve the appeal of our sport to young people
2. Ensure Athletics is the number one sport in schools
3. Achieve the goals of the IAAF Athletics' World Plan in time for our centenary in 2012 – securing the sport's future for the next generation
4. Lead the way in the fight against doping – encouraging WADA to introduce tougher sanctions if necessary
5. Secure a genuine legacy of Athletics as a sport which has a mass appeal but retains its core values
6. Consolidate commercial success, including significant new sponsorship deals such as those achieved in 2007
7. Widen the appeal of our sport with new broadcasting agreements that are aimed at mass audiences
8. Consolidate in key markets, such as Europe and the US and build access to emerging markets such as Brazil, Russia, India, China and Korea
9. Delegate responsibilities to the Areas while empowering them with the tools they need to develop the sport
10. Continue working with our elite athletes to give something back to the sport
11. Harmonise National, Area and International competition calendars
12. Implement radical plans to overhaul the worldwide circuit
13. Agree on exciting new presentation of the sport to attract a new generation of fans
14. Create a new IAAF Sustainable Development Commission to help to make the world a better place
15. Continue to invest heavily in the worldwide development of the sport

Lamine Diack
IAAF President

Photo: Pictured in Monaco's Stade Louis II



NIKON latest Official Partner for IAAF World Championships in Osaka

On the 13 July 2007, the IAAF was happy to announce that **NIKON CORPORATION** will become the latest top-level Official IAAF Partner for the **11th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Osaka, Japan** (25 Aug to 2 Sep 2007).

Nikon, an iconic international brand in photography, now has exclusive rights for the product category of cameras, digital cameras and selected optical equipment.

As the Official Partner of the IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Nikon will receive prominent global exposure to over 190 countries worldwide.

With the addition of Nikon to the group of top partners, the number of IAAF Official Partners for Osaka 2007, now stands at 8 major international corporations.

"I am delighted to welcome Nikon to our Family," said IAAF President Lamine Diack. "With its

long history and decisive contribution to the development of photography over many decades, Nikon is a prestigious worldwide brand committed to excellence, and we believe that the IAAF and Nikon have many ideals and goals in common."

World Championship Medals unveiled

On the afternoon of 6 July 2007 at a "50 Days to Go Event" held to mark 50 days to go to the **11th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Osaka, Japan** (25 Aug to 2 Sep 2007), the championship medals were unveiled.

At the Crysta Nagahori, Osaka, Koji Sakurai, Vice President & Managing Director, Japan Association of Athletics Federations, along with Hiromasa Hemmi, the General Secretary of the Osaka Local Organising

Committee had the honour to present the World Championship Medals to the world (*see photos below*).

Designed and created by Japan Mint, the concept for the Medals is - on the front: the "Stream of time" and "The moment of the record", with the Official Emblem of the championships at its centre; while on the back: "To the future" is the theme, and here the event, athlete's name and country will be engraved.

The Official Event title is engraved around the edge of the medals, and the colours stand for: "Passion Red" - The city of Passion, Osaka and the passion of athletes; "Exchange Blue" - The lagoon City, Osaka and the exchange among the visitors all over the world; "Culture Green" - The rich natural City, Osaka, stands next to the cities which have the world's cultural heritage, Kyoto, Nara and Wakayama.



Osaka prepares to beat to the rhythms of the Opening Ceremony

On 11 July 2007 at the Imperial Hotel, Tokyo, the **Opening Ceremony** programme for the **11th IAAF World Championships in Athletics Osaka, Japan** (25 Aug to 2 Sep 2007), was revealed in Tokyo.

Those in attendance included - Hiromasa Hemmi (General Secretary, LOC), Masahiro Shinoda (Member of Executive Board, LOC), Shuichiro Koike (Producer of Opening Ceremony), Takarazuka Revue : Natsuki Mizu, Mao Ayabuki, Kei Otozuki, Oto

Ayana, Kaname Ouki (Performers of Opening Ceremony), Naoki Ishikawa (Percussionist, Performer of Opening Ceremony), and TAKAHIRO (Mime artist, Performer of Opening Ceremony).

The Opening Ceremony will take place on 25 August between (17:00 -18:30hrs local time – GMT +9hrs) in the Nagai Stadium, Osaka.

Osakan drums and dancing will be featured in the opening ceremony which will have the theme of "Beat," said Shuichiro Koike,

producer of the Kansai-based Takarazuka Revue who will direct the ceremony.

"The theme represents the heartbeats of both the athletes and spectators, as well as the rhythms of athletes' performances," Koike said. "I want to create unity in the stadium between athletes and spectators, encouraging them to share the same beat, just as athletes and spectators come together in the jumping events by clapping in unison."

Osaka prepares to welcome the world

Next month Osaka, Japan will host the **46th IAAF Congress** (21 – 23 Aug) and the **11th IAAF World Championships in Athletics** (25 Aug to 2 Sep 2007). The city is located on the main island of Honshu, roughly in the centre of Japan.



Osaka City, which was incorporated in 1889, has a population of 2.6 million and an area of 221 square kilometres. Osaka Prefecture, which includes Osaka City (its capital) and 42 other municipalities, has a population of 8.8 million and a total land mass of about 1,890

square kilometres.

The greater Osaka Metropolitan Area covers a total of 7800 square kilometres within a radius of 50 to 60 km from the centre of Osaka. The population exceeds 17 million, making it one of the biggest metropolitan areas in the world.

Over \$7 Million Prize Purse*

The **IAAF World Championships in Athletics** is the third biggest global sporting event after the Olympic Games and FIFA World Cup, and will be the largest sports gathering on the planet in 2007 and as befits such an occasion there is a huge prize purse on offer, with the IAAF paying a grand total of US\$7,194,000, distributed as follows:

(Men's and Women's events; 1st to 8th places; all figures are in US\$)

Individual: 1st 60,000; 2nd 30,000; 3rd 20,000; 4th 15,000;

5th 10,000; 6th 6,000; 7th 5,000; 8th 4,000; **Relays:** (per team) 1st 80,000; 2nd 40,000; 3rd 20,000; 4th 16,000; 5th 12,000; 6th 8,000; 7th 6,000; 8th 4,000

The **IAAF World Marathon Cup** which is incorporated into the IAAF World Championships in Athletics, offers an additional total prize purse of US\$142,000 distributed as follows:

(Men's and Women's events; 1st to 6th places; all figures are in US\$)

Teams: 1st 20,000; 2nd 15,000; 3rd 12,000; 4th 10,000; 5th 8,000; 6th 6,000

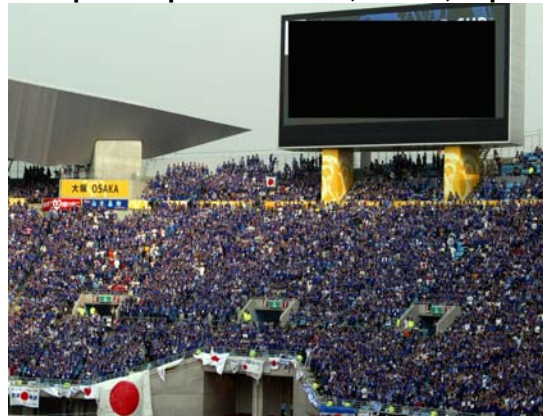
\$100,000 World Record bonus

In addition, any athlete who surpasses a World record at the IAAF World Championships in Athletics will be awarded US\$100,000 donated by IAAF Partners Toyota (for Women) and TDK (for Men).

**NOTE All prize winners must undergo and clear the usual anti-doping procedures*



Nagai Stadium – the venue for the 11th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Osaka, Japan





Candidates for Election – 46th IAAF Congress

The delegates at the **46th IAAF Congress** - will give their votes in the elections to decide the composition of IAAF Council and various IAAF Committees.

Significantly, in terms of the composition of Council, for the position of President there is only one

candidate, that of the incumbent Lamine Diack (SEN), and that is also the case for the role of Honorary Treasurer for which Jean Poczobut (FRA) is the only candidate standing. There are 8 nominees for the four positions of Vice Presidents; 6 names have been put forward for the four seats as Female Individual Members;

29 names are contesting the eleven positions available for Individual Members. The list of candidates was published on the IAAF website on 21 June 2007, and is downloadable in pdf format - www.iaaf.org/newsfiles/39179.pdf

Council

<p>PRESIDENT [1 SEAT] Lamine DIACK SEN</p> <p>VICE PRESIDENTS [4 SEATS] Dahlan AL-HAMAD QAT Sergey BUBKA UKR Sebastian COE GBR Helmut DIGEL GER Amadeo I.D.FRANCIS PUR Robert HERSH USA Alberto JUANTORENA DANGER CUB Ilkka KANERVA FIN</p> <p>HONORARY TREASURER [1 SEAT] Jean POCZOBUT FRA</p> <p>FEMALE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS [4 SEATS] Claire CHEHAB LIB Pauline DAVIS-THOMPSON BAH Nawal EL MOUTAWAKEL MAR Abby HOFFMAN CAN Anna RICCARDI ITA Irena SZEWINSKA POL</p> <p>INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS [11 SEATS] Khaled AMARA TUN Dahlan AL-HAMAD QAT Valentin BALAKHNICHEV RUS Nawaf BIN MOHAMMED AL SAUD KSA</p>	<p>INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS [11 SEATS] <i>continued</i> Sergey BUBKA UKR Claire CHEHAB LIB Leonard CHUENE RSA Sebastian COE GBR Pauline DAVIS-THOMPSON BAH Helmut DIGEL GER Nawal EL MOUTAWAKEL MAR Amadeo I.D. FRANCIS PUR Robert HERSH USA Abby HOFFMAN CQN Keith JOSEPH VIN Alberto JUANTORENA DANGER CUB Ilkka KANERVA FIN Isaiah F. KIPLAGAT KEN Konstantinos KOUKODIMOS GRE Chaoyi LUO CHN Bold LUVSANVANDAN MGL Neville MCCOOK JAM Cesar MORENO BRAVO MEX Jose Maria ODRIEZOLA ESP Jung-Ki PARK KOR Anna RICCARDI ITA Jamel SIMOHAMED ALG Irena SZEWINSKA POL Katsuyuki TANAKA JPN</p>
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Technical Committee

<p>CHAIRPERSON [1 SEAT] Jorge SALCEDO POR</p> <p>FEMALE MEMBERS [3 SEATS] Madeleine MELANDER SWE Anna RICCARDI ITA Fatou SISSOKO SEN</p> <p>MEMBERS [12 SEATS] Gabriel ABAD ESP Abbas AL BASRI KUW Suhail Q. AL ZAWAWI KSA Khalid ABDULLA AL-MEER QAT Filbert BAYI TAN Pierre DELACOUR FRA Vivian GUNGARAM MRI Al GUY IRL Klaus HARTZ GER</p>	<p>MEMBERS [12 SEATS] <i>continued</i> Ozren KARAMATA SRB David KATZ USA David LITTLEWOOD GBR Saeed Mahgoub MAHGOU BUD Antonio MENEZES DA TRINIDADE STP Idalberto de Jesus MOLINA HERNANDEZ CUB Evangelos PAPAPOSTOLOU GRE Brian ROE AUS Yukio SEKI JPN Chunde SHEN CHN Chinetamby SUPPIAH MAS Rod SYME NZL Kari WAUHKONEN FIN Vadim ZELICHENOK RUS</p>
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Women's Committee

<p>CHAIRPERSON [1 SEAT] Claire CHEHAB LIB</p> <p>MALE MEMBERS [2 SEATS] Dobromirov KARAMARINOV BUL Antonio MENEZES DA TRINIDADE STP Théophile MONTCHO BEN Mourad SNOUSSI TUN</p> <p>MEMBERS [8 SEATS] Lubna Hassan AL-NAYEM BRN Yuko ARIMORI JPN Zhanna BLOCK UKR Hassiba BOULMERKA ALG Carlota CASTREJANA ESP María Caridad COLON RUENES CUB Pauline DAVIS-THOMPSON BAH Rajaa DOUGHOZ SYR Heike DRECHSLER GER</p>	<p>MEMBERS [8 SEATS] <i>continued</i> Grace JACKSON JAM Dee JENSEN USA Dobromirov KARAMARINOV BUL Annie LAURENT FRA Antonio MENEZES DA TRINIDADE STP Odette MISTOU KINGBO GAB Théophile MONTCHO BEN Glynis NUNN-CEARNS AUS Violet Obiamaka ODOGWU-NWAJEI NGR Irina PRIVALOVA RUS Giovanna ROUSSEAU SEY Rajamah SHEIKH AHMAD MAS Mourad SNOUSSI TUN Maureen SWITZER CAN Gabriela SZABO ROM Gwenda Mary WARD GBR</p>
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Continued... **Candidates for Election – 46th IAAF Congress**

Race Walking Committee	
<p>CHAIRPERSON [1 SEAT] Robert BOWMAN USA Maurizio DAMILANO ITA Gabriel ROLDAN OLVERA MEX</p> <p>FEMALE MEMBERS [2 SEATS] Sari ESSAYAH FIN Jane SAVILLE AUS</p> <p>MEMBERS [8 SEATS] Fahad AL AZEMI KUW Khaled AMARA TUN Roberto Mario APACEIRO FERNANDEZ CUB Robert BOWMAN USA Maurizio DAMILANO ITA Luis DIAS POR</p>	<p>MEMBERS [8 SEATS] continued... Fumio IMAMURA JPN Leonidas KARAIOSIFOGLU ROM Vyacheslav KRASNOV RUS Janusz KRYNICKI POL Michael LANE IRL Peter MARLOW GBR Rolf MULLER GER Joseph OCHIENG KEN Gabriel ROLDAN OLVERA MEX Luis SALADIE ESP Suppermaniam VEGIYATHUMAN MAS Shande YANG CHN</p>
Cross Country Committee	
<p>CHAIRPERSON [1 SEAT] Otto KLAPPERT GER</p> <p>FEMALE MEMBERS [2 SEATS] Beatrice AYIKORU UGA Anne LORD AUS Anne E. TIMMONS USA Thelma WRIGHT CAN</p> <p>MEMBERS [8 SEATS] Beatrice AYIKORU UGA Khalifah ABU SCHIEBAH KUW Ahmad ALMASRI JOR Abdurrahman Sadeq ASKAR BRN David BEDFORD GBR Carlos CARDOSO POR Alfred FRANCIS JAM Mohamed GHOZALI ALG Siddig IBRAHIM SUD</p>	<p>MEMBERS [8 SEATS] continued A.K.M. AliIMAM BAN Luis Miguel LANDA ESP Anne LORD AUS Massimo MAGNANI ITA Iyaru MUTHUSAMY MAS Dejan NIKOLIC SRB David OKEYO KEN Prema PINNEWALE SRI Rabi RAJKARNIKAR NEP Keisuke SAWAKI JPN Mourad SNOUSSI TUN Mohammed Ahmed TAIB QAT Anne E. TIMMONS USA Jos VAN ROY BEL Roelof VELD NED Thelma WRIGHT CAN</p>
Masters' Committee	
<p>CHAIRPERSON [1 SEAT] Cesar MORENO BRAVO MEX</p> <p>FEMALE MEMBERS [2 SEATS] Bridget CUSHEN GBR Léonie Paulette ETONG CMR Marina HOERNECKE-GIL ESP</p> <p>MEMBERS [8 SEATS] Mustafa ABBADI SUD Mohsein ABBAS SYR Jasem AL DOWAILA KUW Khaled AL KHAYAT BRN Neemtallah BEJJANI LIB Abderrahmane BELAID ALG Jim BLAIR NZL</p>	<p>MEMBERS [8 SEATS] continued Bridget CUSHEN GBR Danny DANIELS CAN Leonie Paulette ETONG CMR Rex HARVEY USA Marina HOERNECKE-GIL ESP Konstantinos KOUKODIMOS GRE Pierluigi MIGLIORINI ITA Vadim MARSHEV RUS Dieter MASSIN GER Shiengobu MUROFUSHI JPN Stan PERKINS AUS Levy PSAVKIN ISR Dawei WANG CHN</p>

IAAF Athletes' Commission Elections

The IAAF Athletes' Commission elections will take place during the 11th IAAF World Championships in Athletics itself. An election booklet is being produced and will be published on the IAAF Website in pdf format prior to the ballot. It will include procedural information, a timetable for the elections, and the list of candidates and their biographies.

46th IAAF Congress and 11th World Championships in Athletics		
	SCHEDULE	<i>Agenda continued...</i>
Sun 19 Aug	IAAF Advisory Board	3. Approval of Minutes of previous Congress
Mon 20 Aug	IAAF Council Meeting	4. Council's report
Tue 21 Aug	Congress Registration Congress Opening Ceremony/ IAAF Dinner Area Association Meetings	5. Membership 6. Finances
Wed 22 Aug	IAAF Congress	7. Proposal to amend Constitutional Rules concerning Elections
Thu 23 Aug	IAAF Congress	8. Elections
Fri 24 Aug	IAAF Council / IOC Executive Board Meeting	9. Proposals to amend other Constitutional Rules
Sat 25 Aug	Opening Ceremony	10. Proposals to amend Competition Rules
25 Aug to 2 Sep	COMPETITION	11. Athletics' World Plan
Sun 2 Sep	Closing Ceremony	12. Written reports from Area Group Associations
	CONGRESS AGENDA	13. Written reports from Committees and Commissions
1. Opening Ceremony - Intex Osaka, Int. Exhibition Centre, 21 August (19:00hrs)		14. Report by the organisers of 2008 Olympic Games
2. Working Sessions - Osaka Grand Cube – 10th floor; 22 August (9:00-18:00hrs) and 23 August (9:00-17:00hrs)		15. Any other business 16. Date and venue of next Congress 17. Closing of Congress



PROPOSALS to Amend IAAF Rules – 46th IAAF Congress

The Delegates at the **46th IAAF Congress** will, as at previous Congresses, among a wide range of topics consider **PROPOSALS to Amend IAAF Rules** which govern the sport worldwide.

There are 11 PROPOSALS to amend the IAAF Constitutional Rules, and a total of 138 PROPOSALS to amend the IAAF Competition Rules - Chapter 1: International Competitions (9); Chapter 3: Anti-Doping (2); Chapter 4: Disputes (4); Chapter 5: Technical Rules (123).

In order to encourage open discussion, all 149 **Proposals to Amend IAAF Rules** were published in pdf format on the IAAF website on 31 May 2007 - with an accompanying press release broadcast on the same day - to allow the IAAF family and the wider world nearly three months to view the proposals in detail.

NOTE. The night before Congress commences these files will be removed from the website to save any possible confusion arising when Congress makes its decisions about each PROPOSAL.

We now outline a small number of the 149 proposals which are felt to be particularly interesting (see Important Note below):

IAAF Constitutional Rules

Membership, Rule 4

Rule 4.1 – PROPOSAL: A number of Member Federations have recently found themselves subject to third party interference in the administration of the sport in their country. This proposed new provision makes it clear that the IAAF will only recognise as Members, national governing bodies that have been democratically elected in accordance with their constitutions.

Congress, Rule 5

Rule 5.10 – PROPOSAL: In order to encourage active participation in the sport worldwide, the Council considers that Members who do not participate in at least one World Athletics Series event and/or one Area Competition between Congresses may participate in the next Congress but should not be eligible to vote.

IAAF Competition Rules

Chapter 1 – International Competitions

Rules 1 to 4 - The 9 PROPOSALS are intended to achieve the following:

- Clarify which IAAF rules apply to which types of International

competition. The existing Rule 1 is too broad in this respect.

- Re-define the rights and responsibilities of the IAAF, the Area Associations, and the Member Federations with respect to the authorisation of different competitions, and with respect to the co-ordination of the international competition calendar. While the IAAF remains responsible for that co-ordination under the new Rule 2.1, the Area Associations are given broad authority under Rule 2.6(a) to issue permits for International Competitions under Rule 1.1(g)-(j). Also, Member Federations are permitted to allow foreign athletes to participate in national competitions, in accordance with Rule 2.7

- Give Member Federations wider discretion in their regulation of the participation of their athletes in competition abroad.

Chapter 5 – Technical Rules

Mixed Competition, Rule 147

Rule 147 - At present the rule states: "For all competitions held completely in the stadium, mixed events between male and female participants shall not be permitted".

The PROPOSAL is that for certain events, "In the case of competitions held under Rules IAAF Rule 1(g) and (h) such mixed competition shall be allowed in a particular competition, including club competition, if specifically permitted by the relevant area or national governing body".

This PROPOSAL follows on from a two-year trial period in the Oceania region which is now concluded. It proposes that mixed competition be allowed at certain Area and national level competition to provide better opportunities for athletes, and to better present athletics competitions in regions, *especially* where there are small numbers of one gender wishing to compete to allow them to compete with members of the opposite gender of similar standard.

The Start, Rule 162

Rule 162.5 - The PROPOSAL is to add the following: "When an athlete, after the command 'On Your Marks' or 'Set' as appropriate, and before the report of the gun or approved starting apparatus, aborts the start, for instance by raising a hand and/or standing in the case of a crouch start, without a valid reason, (such reason to be evaluated by the relevant Referee), the Referee will warn him for improper conduct. In this case, as well as when an extraneous reason was considered

the cause for aborting the start, a green card shall be shown to all the athletes to indicate that a false start was not committed by any athlete."

Seedings, Draws and Qualification in Track Events, Rule 166

Rule 166.4 – This governs the method by which the lane draws for track races are decided.

The PROPOSAL asks to amend the current two draw system (*the first draw for the four highest ranked athletes or teams to determine placings in lanes 3, 4, 5 and 6; the second draw for the four lowest ranked athletes or teams to determine placings in lanes 1, 2, 7 and 8*) to a new three draw system (*the first draw involving the four highest ranked athletes or teams to determine placings in lanes 3, 4, 5 and 6; a second draw involving the fifth and sixth ranked athletes or teams to determine placings in lanes 7 and 8; a third draw involving the two lowest ranked athletes or teams to determine placings in lanes 1 and 2*).

Field Events – General Conditions, Rule 180

Rule 180.7 - The PROPOSAL is that outside of major championships and games to allow competition organisers to limit the number of vertical jumps taken by competitors. It reads – "Except in competitions held under IAAF Rule 1(a), (b), (c), the organisers may determine that vertical jump competitions be held in a different format to that provided under this rule, including limiting the total number of heights or trials which an athlete may attempt".

World Records – Rule 260

Rule 260.22(a) – The PROPOSAL is to add 'chip timing' (Transponders) as the basis for World records in races not held completely in the stadium, and is to come into immediate effect in Osaka. It reads "World Records shall be timed by official Timekeepers or by an approved Fully Automatic Photo Finish System or Transponder System (see Rule 165)."

Rule 260.22(f) – The PROPOSAL is that for ratification of senior World records as from 1 Jan 2009 there should be a necessity for False Start equipment to have been used. It reads: "For all records up to and including 400 metres under Rule 261 and 263, starting blocks linked to an IAAF approved false start control apparatus under Rule 161.2 must have been used and have functioned correctly so that reaction times were obtained [from 1 January 2009]".

IMPORTANT NOTE – The examples given on this page of some of the 149 PROPOSALS to Amend IAAF Rules are the personal choice of the editor and do NOT indicate any official decision or policy of the IAAF prior to the 46th IAAF Congress

IAAF Ostrava Masterclass is a resounding success

For two days (9 and 10 July) before the **5th IAAF World Youth Championships, Ostrava, Czech Republic**, 350 young athletes including teams from the US, Canada, Kenya, Puerto Rico, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Germany, Czech Republic, took part in an **IAAF Masterclass**, a unique experience where they were given the opportunity to listen and speak to

World and Olympic champions and World record holders.

Seven global champions, who are now all IAAF Ambassadors, Ludmila Formanova (CZE), Sarka Kasparikova (CZE), Wilson Kipketer (DEN), Svetlana Masterkova (RUS), Steve Ovett (GBR), Marie José Pérec (FRA), and Jan Zelezny (CZE), passed on

their knowledge and shared their experiences with the 15, 16 and 17 year old athletes who were preparing to compete in Ostrava, an unforgettable experience of fun and enjoyment for mentors and pupils alike.

Photos: left - autograph session; centre - on the track; right - seminar



World record – recently ratified

Men
Half Marathon
58:33 Samuel Wanjiru Kamau, KEN, Den Haag, NED, 17 Mar 07
Previous: 58:55 Haile Gebrselassie ETH, Phoenix, USA, 15 Jan 06
 NOTE:
 Previous mark not ratified:
58:53 Samuel Wanjiru, KEN, Ras Al Khaimah, UAE, 9 Feb 07
 REASON: No EPO analysis was performed.



Samuel Wanjiru Kamau wins in Den Haag / The Hague

New Member Federation officers – recent elections

MF	President	Gen Sec	MF	President	Gen Sec
ALG	---	Mokhtar Gouasmi	OMA	---	Mansoor Sultan Al Tauqi
GHA	---	Charles Attah	UAE	---	Ahmed Al Kamali
HKG	---	Dennis Ng			

Anti-Doping Seminars with Athletes and Managers

In Paris, France on 6 July, the IAAF Medical and Anti-Doping Department held the second in a series of informal meetings with athletes and managers regarding the IAAF's Anti-Doping Programme.

The initiative originated from a request by the IAAF Athletes' Commission to keep elite athletes better informed about all developments and information in the anti-doping area.

Held on the morning of the Meeting Gaz de France Paris Saint-Denis, the second IAAF Golden League fixture of

2007, 34 athletes and managers attended along with IAAF General Secretary Pierre Weiss and representatives of the Medical and Anti-Doping Department, Dr. Gabriel Dollé, the Director, and Jane Boulter-Davies. Among the other notable attendees was Debbie Ferguson of the IAAF Athletes' Commission.

This meeting, which followed one held in Oslo (15 June) at the first IAAF Golden League meeting of the year, was designed to provide an opportunity for athletes and their managers or support personnel to

come and speak directly with the IAAF on any issues regarding anti-doping. It was also chance for them to learn about what progress and action is being taken by the IAAF, and also to ask their questions or share any concerns.

In Oslo, IAAF President Lamine Diack, along with Pierre Weiss, Dr. Juan Manuel Alonso, Chairman of the IAAF Medical and Anti-Doping Commission, and Jane Boulter-Davies were the IAAF representatives.

ATHLETES SANCTIONED FOR A DOPING OFFENCE SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER					
ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE IAAF AS OF 19 July 2007					
MOREIRA Marcelo	BRA	Trofeu Brasil, Sao Paulo	BRA	24.9.06	2 years ineligibility (29.12.06-28.12.08)
SINGH Neelam Jaswant	IND	10th IAAF World Chmps, Helsinki		7.8.05	2 years ineligibility (12.8.05-11.8.07)
MUCERINO Giuseppe	ITA	Maratona Vigarano, Ferrara (ITA)		11.3.07	Public Warning
RAVI PINTO Rosalba	ITA	Maratonina Citta di Messina (ITA)		25.3.07	2 years ineligibility (5.7.07-4.7.09)
KONEVA Yekaterina	RUS	Russian Championships, Volgograd		14.2.07	2 years ineligibility (23.3.07-22.3.09)
DENISOVA Lyubov	RUS	IAAF OOct, Gainesville, FL-USA		20.3.07	2 years ineligibility (27.4.07-26.4.09)

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



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Fight passionately for the real values of sport

I am very proud that for this year's 11th IAAF World Championships in Athletics we gathered together in Osaka, 200 countries from every corner of the world. Almost 2000 athletes who shared a common goal of becoming the best, and the level of performances we saw was simply phenomenal.

Best of all, I believe that we have had so much excellent competition and close finishes, that TV viewers all over the world have been able to taste the drama and excitement of top class athletics.



President Lamine Diack - IAAF press conference in Osaka

The continued progress made by our sport on the road to universality, can also be judged by the spread of medals. 46 countries won at least one medal, 22 won at least one gold and 64 countries placed in the finals. Although the domination of nations with powerful resources is still significant, the beauty of our sport means that a talented athlete can emerge from anywhere.

In terms of TV ratings, TBS, our host broadcaster, has achieved a record level of coverage and some extremely high ratings, while outside Japan we had close to 180 territories with more than 85% terrestrial coverage which is the best promotion possible for our sport. Despite the time difference with Japan, figures have been very strong in Europe, particularly in France, Germany and Scandinavia. In sub-Saharan Africa, we have a record of 39 out of 43 territories broadcasting live but we are also pleased with the ratings we have received from the USA, where our championships are now back on NBC.

The credibility of our great sport depends on our determination to fight doping with all the resources at our disposal, and with the support of the Japanese Anti-doping agency, in Osaka we carried out the largest ever programme conducted by the IAAF with even more tests collected than we had initially planned, and we found only one positive case from the testing in Japan.

In Osaka, we also carried out anti-doping education – our “Outreach Programme” with the support of IAAF Ambassadors like Mike Powell, Frank Fredericks and Marie-Jose Pérec – since it is essential that we manage to convince our athletes that you CAN reach the top without doping.

In the last few days we have heard the confessions of Marion Jones who will now be remembered as one of the biggest frauds in sporting history.

It is a tragedy, and I am glad that Marion Jones is aware not only of the damage that her action caused herself and her loved ones, but also her fans, her country and her sport of athletics, both in the USA and all over the world.

As well as sadness, there is a feeling of satisfaction because this case shows that it doesn't matter how big a name you are, or when the offence was committed, if you are doping, we will get you in the end.

Since I became President of the IAAF in 1999, I have been determined to fight doping in our sport with all the means at our disposal. Above all, the IAAF moves ahead in partnership with the IOC, WADA and national agencies such as USADA, the US independent anti-doping agency which has done a remarkable job since it was established in 2000.

Together, we will stamp out doping wherever it rears its ugly head, and continue to fight passionately for the real values of sport.

Lamine Diack
IAAF President

IAAF extend Partnerships with Dentsu and TDK to 2019

In Osaka, Japan, on the third day (27 Aug) of the **11th IAAF World Championships in Athletics**, IAAF and **Dentsu Inc.** proudly announced the extension and enhancement of their long term commercial partnership securing the IAAF financially towards the end of the next decade.

The present contract ends in 2009, and the new agreement - 2010 to 2019 - means that Dentsu will become the longest serving commercial partner in the history of the IAAF, a reaffirmation of its commitment to Athletics in general and the sport's global governing body in particular.

As well as guaranteeing financial stability the extension to 2019 secures increased income for the IAAF and provides the opportunity for the IAAF to implement its own products within clearly defined areas such as generic

TV programming, publications and licensing.

Dentsu will continue as the World Wide Marketing Partner of the IAAF for the IAAF World Athletics Series which includes all World Championships and the IAAF World Athletics Final and to sell the media rights outside Europe (excluding sub-Saharan Africa).

"Our continued fruitful cooperation with Dentsu will help to secure the goals of the Athletics' World Plan, ensuring that Athletics attracts a new generation of athletes, administrators, officials and fans to meet the challenges of the next ten years and beyond."

On 31 August 2007, the seventh day of competition in Osaka, the IAAF and **TDK Corporation** were delighted to announce they have agreed to extend their long standing Sponsor Partnership until 2019.

TDK's relationship with the IAAF began some 24 years ago when they became the Men's Bib Partner for the first edition of the World Championships in Athletics, Helsinki, Finland in 1983. Through the new Partnership, TDK will extend their long term relationship with the sport of athletics through the five editions of the IAAF World Championships in Athletics which will take place in the period from 2010 to 2019.

In addition to acting as Bib Partners at the IAAF World Championships in Athletics, TDK will also continue presenting the "World Record Programme" award for Male Athletes who set World Records at that competition. All Male Athletes who break a World Record at the IAAF World Championships in Athletics will be awarded a World Record trophy and a cash prize of US\$ 100,000.



IAAF / TDK press conference 11th IAAF World Championships in Athletics

President Lamine Diack extended his gratitude to TDK:
"Together we have grown and will continue to grow"

Photo: *Front row (l to r):* IAAF President Lamine Diack and Chairman & CEO TDK Corporation Hajime Sawabe. *Back Row (l to r):* 2007 World Champion in 100m, 200m & 4x100m Tyson Gay and IAAF General Secretary Pierre Weiss.

Hajime Sawabe is holding an autographed photo presented to him by Tyson Gay, showing the start of the men's 100m final in Osaka.

Osaka 2007 – no positive tests during the IAAF World Championships

The 11th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Osaka 2007, saw the implementation of **the largest ever anti-doping programme at an athletics event**. In total, 1132 samples were collected both pre-competition and in-competition on a total of 976 individual athletes. This figure is greater than the 1000 samples originally planned by the IAAF. In addition to the figures above, 82 athletes were tested during their team training camps in Japan as part of the ongoing IAAF out-of-competition testing programme.

Testing conducted from the opening of the athletes' village on 20 August (pre-competition) focused on gathering hematological blood profiles and screening blood samples for the indication of possible EPO abuse. The total number of tests conducted pre-competition was 534 which included 429 blood screens for profiling purposes.

During the championships themselves a total of 598 tests were conducted. Of these tests, 179 were urine tests for

the detection of EPO, a further 103 were blood samples taken for the detection of blood transfusions, while the remaining 316 were standard urine tests.

There were no positive tests recorded during the championships or in the pre-competition testing at the athletes' village. But as already noted, one athlete, Mr. Naman Keita (FRA), tested positive for exogenous administration of testosterone or its metabolites following out-of-competition testing during a team training camp in Japan. This result has been confirmed by the B sample, and the case will now be dealt with in accordance with IAAF rules and results management procedures.

The significant effort and planning required to complete this anti-doping programme in Osaka will now provide the perfect platform for the IAAF to once again increase its anti-doping work in the future.

Anti-Doping Education and Injury prevention

The IAAF again presented an Athlete Outreach Programme aimed at informing and educating athletes on a wide range of anti-doping issues. Hundreds of athletes and support personnel directly participated in this hugely successful programme, while many other athletes viewed the programme and collected information pamphlets during their visit to the warm-up track. Also assisting with the programme and promoting drug free sport were IAAF Ambassadors Mike Powell, Stéphane Diagana, and Frank Fredericks.

The IAAF Medical and Anti-Doping Department also participated in an injury prevention study. This first stage conducted in Osaka with the collaboration of the IOC and FIFA involved a survey of all injuries incurred during the Osaka Championships. This data will be added to that already collected and the project aims to find ways of preventing and reducing injuries in the future.

Youth Olympics; the fight against Doping... IOC and IAAF executive boards meet in Osaka

On Friday 24 August on the eve of the 11th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, the traditional **joint IOC Executive Board / IAAF Council meeting** took place, chaired by IOC President Jacques Rogge and IAAF President Lamine Diack.

The discussions of the two executive boards focused on reports regarding the Beijing 2008 and the London 2012 Olympic Games as well as the first edition of the Youth Olympics which is scheduled to take place during the last 10 days of August 2010, with President Rogge declaring, "we need the support of Athletics for the success of these Youth Olympics. Athletics is THE main sport of our programme."

"The IAAF signalled its support to the Youth Olympics with the aim of encouraging young athletes to come back to our sport," said President Diack. "We believe this competition offers the perfect formula to help us attain our goal of making Athletics be the number one sport among the younger generation."

The IOC also announced its intention to strengthen the fight against doping after the IAAF appealed for tougher sanctions for a serious first doping offence at its Congress.

The measures proposed by Rogge cover the areas of prevention and sanctions. "The measures we have

reviewed today aim to reinforce the IOC's zero tolerance policy that we already uphold through an unprecedented increase in testing, the collaboration with judicial authorities, and the creating of Disciplinary Commissions when needed to investigate incidents of doping which may have affected the past Olympic Games."

President Rogge also commended President Diack and the IAAF Council for its efforts in this field announcing the IOC will urge the World Anti Doping Agency to adopt the IAAF's proposal of a 4-year sanction for a serious first doping offence.

Glimpses of Osaka 2007 – IAAF World Championships in Athletics



24 Aug: Jacques Rogge / Lamine Diack



25 Aug: Empress Michiko and Emperor Akihito meet Lamine Diack



31 Aug: German Chancellor Angela Merkel meets Lamine Diack



31 Aug: Lamine Diack attends an IAAF Green Project tree planting

Osaka Statement on Doping Penalties

On 23 August 2007 in Osaka, Japan, the following statement was endorsed by the 46th IAAF Congress.

The Member Federations of the IAAF recognize that the World Anti-Doping Code is under review and that International Federations will be expected to implement the provisions of the revised Code to be adopted at the World Conference on Anti-Doping in Madrid (ESP) in November 2007.

In this regard, in the resolution passed unanimously at the 2005 IAAF

Congress in Helsinki, the IAAF Council was mandated to advocate vigorously for the strengthening of penalties for doping infractions, and specifically for a 4-year penalty for first doping infractions of a serious nature.

We remain convinced that strong penalties are an important cornerstone of an effective anti-doping campaign in general, and in athletics in particular.

Therefore, at this 2007 Congress, we unanimously reiterate in the strongest possible terms the position adopted at

the 2005 Congress regarding 4-year penalties for first-time serious doping infractions.

The IAAF Council is therefore mandated by and on behalf of all Member Federations to pursue every reasonable means to ensure that the wishes of the athletics community are respected and that a regime of 4-year penalties for first serious doping infractions is adopted both within the World Anti-Doping Code and as the policy and practice of the IAAF.

World Anti-Doping Code Revision

The new version of the WADA Code is to be approved during the November WADA Conference in Madrid, and as the IAAF will adhere to it, the 46th IAAF Congress gave the mandate to the IAAF Council to amend the IAAF Anti-Doping Rules and Regulations accordingly.



Results of Elections – 46th IAAF Congress

The **46th IAAF Congress** (22 / 23 Aug) opened for its first session on the morning of Wednesday 22 August with elections for the IAAF Council and various Committees.

With President Lamine Diack (SEN) and Honorary Treasurer Jean Poczobut (FRA) standing unopposed for their positions, the main focus was on the contests for votes for the four positions as IAAF Vice President, and

the composition of the rest of the IAAF Council.

Congress later approved Dr. Arne Ljungqvist (SWE) and Dapeng Lou (CHN) as Honorary Life Vice Presidents, and Taizo Watanabe (JPN) as Honorary Life Member, and approved Ilse Bechthold (GER) as Honorary Chairperson of the Women's Committee.

Postscript: On 2 September 2007, at

the first meeting of the new IAAF Council which was elected by the 46th IAAF Congress in Osaka, President Diack announced that Sergey Bubka (UKR) would be the new IAAF Senior Vice-President, replacing Arne Ljungqvist who has stepped down from the IAAF Council. Bubka received the highest number of votes for Vice-President at the elections on 22 August.

Council

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Senior Vice President:

Mr Sergey BUBKA (UKR)

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Mr Robert HERSH (USA)

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Mr Pierre DELACOUR (FRA)

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Mr Klaus HARTZ (GER)

Mr David KATZ (USA)

Mr David LITTLEWOOD (GBR)

Mrs Madeleine MELANDER (SWE)

Mr Jesus MOLINA HERNANDEZ (CUB)

Mrs Anna RICCARDI (ITA)

Mr Brian ROE (AUS)

Mr Yukio SEKI (JPN)

Mr Chunde SHEN (CHN)

Mrs Fatou SISSOKO (SEN)

Mr Kari VAUHKONEN (FIN)

Mr Vadim ZELICHENOK (RUS)

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Chairperson:

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Mrs Eleonor FROEHLICH (CHI)

Mrs Grace JACKSON (JAM)

Mr Dobromir KARAMARINOV (BUL)

Mrs Glynis NUNN-CEARNS (AUS)

Mrs Irina PRIVALOVA (RUS)

Mr Mourad SNOUSSI (TUN)

Mrs Gabriela SZABO (ROM)

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Mr Luis Miguel LANDA (ESP)

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Chairman:

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Dr Danny DANIELS (CAN)

Mr Jorge Luis DE LA CANALE (ARG)

Mrs Leonie Paulette ETONG (CMR)

Mr Rex HARVEY (USA)

Mrs Marina HOERNECKE-GIL (ESP)

Mr Vadim MARSHEV (RUS)

Mr Dieter MASSIN (GER)

Mr PerLuigi MIGLIOLINI (ITA)

Mr Shigenobu MUROFUSHI (JPN)

Mr Dawei WANG (CHN)

61% of 'Osaka 2007' athletes vote in Athletes' Commission Elections

The IAAF Athletes' Commission elections took place during the 11th IAAF World Championships in Athletics itself. Every Member Federation had the opportunity to propose one candidate by the deadline for

applications of 22 May 2007 and the final list of candidates totalled 18 athletes.

The final results of the voting are as follows: Total number of eligible voters: 1908; Total number of votes cast: 1161;

Total number of valid votes: 1089 (ballots were rejected if more or less than 12 candidates were selected); Total percentage of athletes voting: 61%

Athletes elected for 4 years:

Stefan HOLM (SWE) High Jump; Koji MUROFUSHI (JPN) Hammer Throw; Davian CLARKE (JAM) 400m; Paula RADCLIFFE (GBR) Marathon; Yelena ISINBAYEVA (RUS) Pole Vault; Benjamin LIMO (KEN) 5000m.

Athletes elected for 2 years:

Christina SCHERWIN (DEN) Javelin; Manuel MARTINEZ (ESP) Shot Put; Beatrice FAUMUINA (NZL) Discus Throw; Adam NELSON (USA) Shot Put; Lornah KIPLAGAT (NED) Marathon; Romain MESNIL (FRA) Pole Vault.

Hanji Aoki, Dr. Arne Lungqvist, and Dapeng Lou of China receive Golden Order of Merit

At the Official Dinner of the 46th IAAF Congress, Osaka, Japan, on 21 August the IAAF Golden Order of Merit was presented on behalf of the IAAF by President Diack to three distinguished members of the global athletics family who have made enormous career long contributions to the success and the development of our sport -

Hanji Aoki of Japan, Honorary Life Vice President and former Vice President of the IAAF, **Dr. Arne Lungqvist of Sweden**, IAAF Senior Vice President, and **Dapeng Lou of China**, IAAF Vice President.

Unfortunately, Hanji Aoki, 93-years-old, was unable to attend the dinner and so Yohei Kono, the President of the Japanese Association of Athletics Federations, received the Order on Mr. Aoki's behalf.

The life-long contribution to Athletics of another six dignitaries who also remain very active in our sport also had their achievements recognised with the receipt of the **IAAF Plaque of Merit** - (in alphabetical order according to their Area Association): **Africa** - Hon. Secretary General of Athletics Kenya - David Okeyo; **Asia** - President of the Philippine Amateur Track and Field

Association - Teng Kok Go; **Europe** - Honorary Member of the European Athletic Association - John Lister of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. EAA President Hansjorg Wirz collected the plaque for John Lister who was unable to attend the dinner; **NACAC** - IAAF Council Member - César Moreno Bravo of Mexico; **Oceania** - Honorary Life Vice-President of the Oceania Athletic Association - Margaret Mahony; **South America** - President of the Venezuelan Athletics Federation - Dr. Nelson Augusto Rodriguez Freitas



Dr. Arne Lungqvist of Sweden



President Diack with Plaque of Merit recipients



Dapeng Lou of China

On the first day of the 46th IAAF Congress (22 Aug), the **IAAF Veteran Pin** was awarded to 23 recipients for long and meritorious service to the cause of athletics within IAAF activities. **Africa**: Beatrice Ayikoru (UGA); Mohamed Gammoudi (TUN), Antonio Menezes Da Trinidad (STP); **Asia**: Dr Eidy Alijani (IRI), Dr Lalit K. Bhanot (IND), K.V. Varghese (BRU); **Europe**: Irena Szewinska (POL), Georgios Costantopoulos (GRE), Tellervo Haapaniemi-Koskinen (FIN); **NACAC**: Dr Danny Daniels (CAN), Dr Charles Harmon Brown (USA), Dr Ricardo Perez Sarria (CUB); **Oceania**: Fletcher McEwen (AUS), Laura Mangham (PLW), Ancel Nalau (VAN); **South America**: Lucia Sijp (SUR), Dr Enrique Cusicanqui Cabrejos (PER), Luis Alarcón (CHI).

Amendments to IAAF Competition Rules, as approved by Congress

The proposals to amend IAAF Competition Rules which were approved by the 46th IAAF Congress on 23 August 2007 in Osaka, Japan, were published on the IAAF website on Tuesday 2 October 2007 and are now available (pdf format) in both English and French language versions via the following links:

English - <http://www.iaaf.org/newsfiles/41945.pdf> ; French - <http://www.iaaf.org/newsfiles/41944.pdf>

The final edited version of these amendments will be included in the new edition of the 'Competition Rules 2008-2009'.

World Records – recently ratified

Men - Senior

100m

9.74 Asafa Powell JAM, Rieti, ITA, 9 Sep 07 (1.7)
Previous: 9.77 Asafa Powell JAM, Zurich, SUI, 18 Aug 06 (1.0)
9.77 Asafa Powell JAM, Gateshead, GBR, 11 Jun 06 (1.5)
9.77 Asafa Powell JAM, Athens, GRE, 14 Jun 05 (1.6)

20,000m

56:26.0 Haile Gebrselassie ETH, Ostrava, CZE, 27 Jun 07
Previous: 56:55.6 Arturo Barrios MEX, La Flèche, FRA, 30 Mar 91

One Hour Run

21,285m Haile Gebrselassie ETH, Ostrava, CZE, 27 Jun 07
Previous: 21,101m Arturo Barrios MEX, La Flèche, FRA, 30 Mar 91

Women - Senior

5000m

14:16.63 Meseret Defar ETH, Oslo, NOR, 15 Jun 07
Previous: 14:24.53 Meseret Defar ETH, New York, USA, 3 Jun 06

Women - Junior

3000m Steeplechase

9:25.25 Ruth Bisibori Nyangau (88) KEN, Osaka, JPN, 27 Aug 07
Previous: 9:30.70 Melissa Rollison (83) AUS, Brisbane, AUS, 4 Sep 01



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Future Competitions

**36th IAAF World Cross Country Championships,
Edinburgh, Scotland, 30 March 2008**

**23rd IAAF World Race Walking Cup, Cheboxary,
Russia, 10/11 May 2008**

Timetable	Timetable	
12:45 Junior Women (6km) 13:10 Junior Men (8 km) 13:40 Senior Women (8 km) 14:15 Senior Men (12 km)	Saturday, 10 May 2008 11:00 Junior Men 10km 12:00 Junior Women 10km 13:00 Senior Men 20km	Sunday, 11 May 2008 08:00 Senior Men 50km 13:00 Senior Women 20km

Dates approved

13th IAAF World Junior Championships, Moncton, Canada: 20 - 25 July 2010
13th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Daegu, Korea: 27 August - 4 September 2011
14th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Moscow, Russia: 10 August - 18 August 2013

Transfer of Allegiance: The Council noted the following transfers of allegiance have been accepted under Rule 5.2.

Name	From	To	Eligible for performance	Eligibility Rules 1 (a), (b), (c) (i), (d)
JAYASUMA Saidu Ndure	GAM	NOR	December 2006	December 2009
KAFRI Tommy (KAFFRY Tamas Mezey)	ISR	HUN	05.06.2007	05.06.2007
KIMANI Lucia	KEN	BIH	06.06.2007	06.06.2007
SUDAK - TORUN Svetlana	BLR	TUR	08.06.2007	08.06.2007
LAMDASSEM Ayad	MAR	ESP	08.08.2007	25.05.2007
NASCIMENTO Yazaldes	STP	POR	12.06.2007	12.06.2007
KOECH Charles Bett	KEN	QAT	13.07.2007	13.07.2007
FRANCIS Samuel Adelebari	NGR	QAT	13.07.2007	13.07.2007
KIBORE Felix Kikwai	KEN	QAT	13.07.2007	13.07.2007
TUMATAI Dauphin	PYF	FRA	18.07.2007	18.07.2007
ONYIA Josephine	NGR	ESP	20.04.2007	20.04.2008
SCOTT Colleen	JAM	USA	26.04.2007	26.04.2007

KRUGER Frantz from RSA to FIN

Further to a request from the Finnish Athletics Federation and the agreement of Athletics South Africa, the Council, in accordance with Rule 5.2 (c) (ii), agreed to reduce the waiting period from 1 year to immediate effect. Therefore from 20 August 2007 instead of 12 August

2008, Mr Kruger was eligible to represent Finland in competitions held under Rules Rule 1 (a), (b), (c) (i) and (d).

Transfer of Allegiance Working Group

Council established a Transfer of Allegiance Working Group comprised of: Chairman: Lamine Diack;

Members: Robert Hersh, Jean Poczobut, Isaiah Kiplagat, Habib Cisse.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the IAAF Council will be held in Monaco, on 23 / 24 November 2007.

OBITUARIES – fuller tributes are available on the IAAF website: follow links shown.

Veikko Karvonen (FIN)- 1954 European champion and 1956 Olympic bronze medallist in the Marathon, passed away on Wednesday 1 August. Fuller tribute: <http://www.iaaf.org/news/Kind=2/newsId=40123.html>

Mike Long (USA)- the longtime elite athletes' coordinator at San Diego's Elite Racing died in his sleep on Wednesday 17 July. Fuller tribute: <http://www.iaaf.org/news/Kind=131072/newsId=39851.html>

Elizabeth Nicholas (SIN)- wife of the Secretary of the Asian Athletics Association, Maurice Nicholas, passed away in Singapore on Friday 27 July. Fuller tribute: <http://www.iaaf.org/news/Kind=2/newsId=39981.html>

Andy Norman (GBR) - Athletics promoter, administrator and athletes' representative, died on 24 September having just returned from the World Athletics Final. Fuller tribute: <http://www.iaaf.org/news/Kind=2/newsId=41859.html>

Al Oerter (USA) - Al Oerter (USA), who won gold medals in four straight Olympic Games in the Discus Throw, died on Monday 1 October. He was 71-years-old. Fuller tribute: <http://www.iaaf.org/news/Kind=2/newsId=41940.html>

Gyula Zsivotzky (HUN) - Hungary's 1968 Olympic Hammer Throw champion passed away on 29 September 2007. He was 71-years-old. Fuller tribute: <http://www.iaaf.org/news/Kind=2/newsId=41933.html>

“Classic Marathon: Past, Present and Future”

AIMS in collaboration with the IAAF, the town of Marathon and SEGAS (Hellenic Athletics Federation) has created an annual international “AIMS Marathon Symposium” to be held for the first time this year under the topic: “Classic Marathon: Past, Present and Future”, at the venue of the historic start of the Athens Classic Marathon,

on 3 November 2007, the day before the annual Classic Marathon race held on the original Marathon course.

The aim of the AIMS Marathon Symposium - is to encourage close co-operation and exchange of views on issues of mutual interest which will assist organisers in their constant

efforts to improve their races. The organisation of an annual Symposium at the birthplace of the Marathon, besides discussing current issues regarding the organisation of a successful Marathon event, also raises significant symbolism related to World Peace, Olympic Ideals and Fair Play.

New Member Federation officers – recent elections

Member Federation	President	General Secretary
Bangladesh	Didarul Anowar	Mosharaf Hossain Shamim

IAAF Labelling for Road Races 2008

In 2008, the **IAAF Label for Road Races** will be introduced which is intended to recognise and reward the efforts of leading International Road Races around the world and to more closely associate the IAAF and its Member Federations with the Road Running Community.

The system will award either a Gold or Silver Label to races that satisfy the criteria laid out in the relevant Regulations for IAAF Label Road Races. It recognises the efforts of organisers and will become a significant symbol to runners looking to compete in the best road racing events around the world and to sponsors. For more details go to: <http://www.iaaf.org/downloads/RoadRunning/index.html>

Elite Athletes' Workshop: 'Make a Difference – Be a Star'



On Friday 21 September, in Stuttgart, Germany, on the day before the **IAAF / VTB Bank World Athletics Final**,

the annual two-day season finale to the IAAF World Athletics Tour, an **IAAF Elite Athletes' Workshop** was held in the Maritim Hotel.

Chaired and introduced by IAAF Senior Vice-President Sergey Bubka (*photo left*), the latest in this series of workshops which has the aim of assisting and advising athletes and their managers how better to promote their own image and in turn that of the sport in general, was entitled "**Make a Difference – Be a Star**".

A room packed with elite athletes including Yelena Isinbayeva, Sanya Richards, Blanka Vlasic, Lauryn Williams... listened to a series of distinguished speakers.

Sergey Bubka was followed by Karl Stith, Rajne Söderberg, David Powell, Steve Ireland and Steve Cram who addressed a number of varied topics: what sponsors are looking for; what meeting directors expect; making a media impact; media training; the athlete's perspective.

ATHLETES SANCTIONED FOR A DOPING OFFENCE SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE IAAF AS OF 3 October 2007

NIKODEM Dawid	POL	Polish Jnr Chmps	27.1.07	Public Warning + 6 month ineligibility (27.1-26.7.07)
AJJAJI El Mokhtar	MAR	Hyères FRA	18.3.07	3 years ineligibility (22.6.07-21.6.09)
JIMILA Omar	MAR	Paris Marathon	15.4.07	3 years ineligibility (31.5.07-30.5.09)
GAUTHIER Franck	FRA	10km Naintre	9.4.07	Public Warning, 3-month ineligibility (20.7.07-19.10.07)
BELL Kenta	USA	USATF Champs	24.6.07	Public Warning, 3-months suspended
PAYNE Jamie	TRI	Port of Spain, TRI	17.3.07	2 years ineligibility (22.5.07-21.5.09)
DE CILLIS Gaetano	ITA	Gallipoli Road Run	1.4.07	2 years ineligibility (5.7.07-4.7.09)
SEGATO Marco Francesco	ITA	Indoor Chps, Genova	25.2.07	2 years ineligibility (14.6.07-13.6.09)
UUDMAE Jaanus	EST	European Cup, DEN	23.6.07	Public Warning
MOSAZADEH Kavian	IRI	Tehran IRI	24.5.07	2 years ineligibility (25.6.07-24.6.09)
KHANFARI Ahmadreza	IRI	Tehran IRI	8.5.07	2 years ineligibility (31.5.07-30.5.09)
SLEPOV Aleksander	RUS	Zhudkovskij RUS	9.6.07	2 years ineligibility (3.7.07-2.7.09)
JAYSUNA Saidy	GAM	EAA Meeting Luzern	8.6.07	Public Warning
BLOCODON Thierry	FRA	Fort de France	17.12.06	Public Warning, 3-month ineligibility (28.6.07-27.9.07)
KOCABAS Jonathan	BEL	Brussels, BEL	23.6.07	Public Warning
BALSEN Julien	FRA	XC Champs, Marseille	9.12.06	Public Warning, 6-month ineligibility (12.7.07-11.1.08)
FORTES ANDRE Bruno Miguel	POR	Largo de Lagoa (POR)	11.2.07	2 years ineligibility (24.8.07-23.8.09)
KEHLER Lisa	GBR	EAA GP, Leeds	7.7.07	Public Warning
FILIPIDIS Konstantinos	GRE	Hellenic Champs, GRE	16.6.07	2 years ineligibility (11.7.07-10.7.09)
LACASSE Florent	FRA	IAAF OOC, Manosque	18.5.07	2 years ineligibility (13.7.07-12.7.09)
KUMAR Anil	IND	Asian Chps, KOR	1.9.05	2 years ineligibility (16.9.05-15.9.07)
KYYRO Mikko	FIN	Finnish Chps	5.8.07	Public Warning
LEWANSKI Mikolaj	POL	Nat Chps, Poznan	30.6.07	Public Warning+6-month ineligibility
JOSEPH Jasmine	IND	Nat Games, Guwahati,	12.2.07	2 years ineligibility (7.5.07-6.5.09)
KUMAR Gajendra	IND	Nat Games, Guwahati	11.2.07	2 years ineligibility (14.7.07-13.7.09)

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.

IAAF NEWS: on-line version only from 2008

The printed version of the **IAAF NEWS** will cease production from the beginning of 2008. The IAAF Newsletter which was first published on the IAAF website at the beginning of 2000 will continue as an on-line (pdf) publication only in both English and French languages. As is currently the case, the **IAAF NEWS** can be printed by readers direct from the **IAAF website**. All editions since IAAF NEWS N.38 (Feb 2000) remain downloadable in the following section of the IAAF website - <http://www.iaaf.org/news/kind=256/index.html>

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Pragmatic solutions, sustainably developed

The confidence shown in us by Congress in Osaka has reinforced our commitment to adopting all the measures required to come up with concrete and realistic solutions to the challenges faced by our sport.

As the Athletics' World Plan was drawn up and implemented, many areas where forceful action is required were identified and in many cases solutions were advocated. We must now build on these achievements and find the human resources and the strategies required to implement them effectively.



World Athletics Gala - HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco (right) and IAAF President Lamine Diack (left) flank the 2007 World Athletes of the Year Tyson Gay and Meseret Defar.

In other words, we must adopt a pragmatic approach towards this mandate by drastically reducing the time involved between identifying problems, drawing up strategies and implementing solutions.

We can - and we must - also improve our sport in qualitative terms by establishing priorities in choosing our areas of intervention and, within these areas, in setting our objectives at each stage of the process.

In this respect, I feel that particular attention must be paid to the management of our competitions and to making them more appealing.

Accordingly, by way of an example, I draw your attention to the need for us to harmonise our international calendar, significantly improve the format of our competitions, and organise our one-day meetings and, in particular, the World Athletics Tour, more effectively. We must clearly endeavour to make our competitions more attractive and more accessible and introduce a coherent series of activities from national to international level.

I must stress our pressing obligation to ensure that athletics is firmly established and prospers in schools. The commission we have set up to this end has made an outstanding contribution to which I would like to pay tribute. Not only has it devised an educational initiative aimed at encouraging young people to

embrace athletics, but it has also, and I take great pride in announcing this, drawn up and published all the teaching aids required to introduce young people to athletics, and also to implement an age-based system of competitions for young athletes coming into our sport.

The initiative which has most grabbed my attention in this area is the gathering together in a single audiovisual document of all the tools required to teach athletics to young people in general and school children in particular.

Now that we have a tool to offer our potential partners, we must set about creating mechanisms to contact the educational decision-makers across the world to make them aware of this.

Athletics must become an established part of the school curriculum, otherwise it risks losing its current status as the major Olympic sport.

On the subject of threats posed to the very foundations of athletics and international sport as a whole, I must mention the scourge represented by doping. Our Association, which has always been at the forefront in the worldwide fight against doping, has every right to be proud of the major contribution it has made in this respect but it must certainly not rest on its laurels.

Along with all its partners, it must find the human, financial and scientific resources to tackle the new forms of doping with ever-increasing effectiveness.

Although it has not increased to 4 years the sanctions imposed on athletes found guilty of doping, as advocated by the IAAF, WADA's new anti-doping code provides for this possibility in certain serious cases. We must act upon this new Code and systematically target all those who manipulate or abuse the system, rather than just focusing on the individual athlete.

Without wishing to elaborate on all the objectives we must achieve in the next four years, I would like to express my determination to commit the IAAF to specific measures aimed at sustainable development.

In this respect, we shall tackle the environmental issues troubling our world and shall endeavour to find appropriate solutions to the need to educate the youth entrusted to us through the ideals which underpin the practice of sport and which help to spread peace among us.

It goes without saying that the traditional development policy which has hitherto enabled our different members and our athletes to achieve phenomenal progress will continue to be my main focus. Not only shall we allocate additional resources to it as required, but we shall also equip ourselves with effective mechanisms for evaluating its impact so that, if necessary, we can correct it for redevelopment.

Lamine Diack
IAAF President

(the above is an extract from the President's opening address to the IAAF Council meeting 23 November 2007)



IAAF Council meeting



A meeting of the IAAF Council was held from 23 to 24 November 2007 in the Fairmont Hotel, Monte-Carlo.

President Diack's opening address urged both continuing and new members of the Council who were elected at the Osaka Congress, "to devote our efforts, energies and intellect to building a winning team through our strength, unity and solidarity, where the weaknesses of some are offset by the strengths of others, and where each link of the chain we represent plays an important role."

"I look forward to receiving...any advice, suggestions or recommendations that could help to extend the influence of our sport and consolidate its success."

Photo: front row l to r – Alberto Juantorena, Jean Poczobut, Robert Hersh, Sergey Bubka, Lamine Diack; back row IAAF staff.

Marion Jones' results annulled

On 23 November 2007, the IAAF Council reviewed the case of Marion Jones in light of her admission that she was using the prohibited substance known as 'the clear' beginning on 1 September 2000, and confirmed the following consequences of her admission of doping and acceptance of sanction:

1. A 2-year period of ineligibility beginning on the date of her acceptance of sanction on 8 October 2007 i.e., until 7 October 2009;
2. Disqualification of Marion Jones from all competitions on or subsequent to 1 September 2000.
3. Annulment of all her individual competitive results on or subsequent to 1 September 2000;
4. Annulment of the results of all relay teams in which she competed in IAAF competitions on or subsequent to 1 September 2000;
5. Forfeiture and return of all awards and medals obtained in relation to the above competitions;
6. Forfeiture and return of money awarded to her in relation to the above competitions.

The IAAF Council further recommended to the IOC Executive Board to disqualify Jones and the USA women's 4x100m and 4x400m relay teams from the Sydney Olympic Games in 2000 and to insist on the return of all medals and diplomas.

On the second day of its meeting in Monaco (24), Council engaged in discussions and decisions regarding the hosts of future **IAAF World Athletics Series** events.

2010 Doha and 2012 Istanbul



Photo: President Diack and Vice-President Al Hamad with delegates from Doha, Qatar

There were two candidates for the 2010 **IAAF World Indoor Championships**, the second most important competition on the IAAF calendar, Doha, Qatar and Istanbul, Turkey.

Following excellent presentations from the two candidates, and a question and answer session, Council voted, and the winner was Doha, host of the 2006 Asian Games.

However, due to the excellence of the Istanbul candidature, Council also agreed to award that city the 2012

edition of the same competition.

"These were clearly two top class candidates demonstrating not only excellent facilities and organizational capabilities but outstanding levels of support from public authorities," said President Diack. "I am glad that Council agreed that we should take this opportunity to ensure that the next two editions of the World Indoor Championships would help us in our aims to universalize our sport."



Photo: President Diack with delegates from Istanbul, Turkey

The venue of the 2010 World Indoors will be the Doha Aspire Academy. It is situated in the Sports City Complex, which also includes the Khalifa International Stadium, the Hamad Aquatic Centre and the Aspire Tower.

The 2012 World Indoors will take place in the Sinan Erdem Dome, which has a capacity of 17,500 seats, just 10

minutes away from the international airport.

Council also agreed to award the **2009 IAAF World Cross Country Championships** to Amman, Jordan, on condition that it is able to fulfill a number of organisational requirements by 15 December 2007, while Mexico will organise the **2010 IAAF World Cup of Race Walking**, in Chihuahua.

Stuttgart venue confirmed

Next year's **IAAF / VTB Bank World Athletics Final** will be held in the Gottlieb Daimler Stadium, Stuttgart, Germany, 13 / 14 September 2008. This is the same venue as for the 2006 and 2007 editions of the Final which is the culmination of the competition year on the annual IAAF World Athletics Tour.

Back to 'Half Marathon' title

It was also confirmed that the name of the **IAAF World Road Running Championships** has reverted back to its original title of the **IAAF World Half Marathon Championships**, and this is effective from this year's edition in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on Sunday 12 October 2008.

Next Council meeting: 1 & 2 April 2008, London GBR.

Now available on the IAAF website – via following links

Revised Beijing Olympic Games timetable - www.iaaf.org/OLY08/results/byevent.html
2008 World Calendar (downloadable as a pdf) - www.iaaf.org/newsfiles/42473.pdf

Gay and Defar are World Athletes of the Year



The prestigious annual **World Athletics Gala** was held in Monaco on Sunday 25 November.

The night was hosted by International Athletic Foundation (IAF) Honorary President HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco and IAF & IAAF President Lamine Diack in the Salle des Etoiles

of the Sporting Club d'Eté Monte-Carlo.

The Gala witnessed USA's 25-year-old three-time World sprint champion **Tyson Gay** and Ethiopia's 24-year-old **Meseret Defar**, the winner of all her middle distance races this season, including two World records and two World bests, crowned as the male and female **2007 World Athletes of the Year** - *photo: left*.

Gay and Defar each picked up a cheque for US\$100,000 along with their trophy.

2007 World Athletics Gala Awards:

World Athletes of the Year
Male Winner: Tyson Gay USA
Female Winner: Meseret Defar ETH

Performances of the Year

Male Winner: Asafa Powell JAM
Female Winner: Blanka Vlasic CRO

Hero of Athletics Award

Carl Lewis USA

Inspirational Award

Paula Radcliffe GBR
Haile Gebrselassie ETH

Newcomer of the Year

Donald Thomas BAH

Rising Star Award

Ruth Bisibori Nyangau KEN

Coaches' Award

Vitaly Petrov UKR

Snap shots from a glittering night at the World Athletics Gala



Blanka Vlasic



Carl Lewis, Lamine Diack Prince Albert



El Guerrouj, Radcliffe and Gebrselassie



Dick Fosbury and Donald Thomas



Ruth Bisibori Nyangau



Vitaly Petrov

Parade of stars, past and present, meet with the media



Throughout the day at the Hotel Fairmont in Monte-Carlo on 25 November ahead of that evening's World Athletics Gala, several current and former World champions and Olympic medallists met with the media.

The list of athletes who took time out for question and answer sessions read like a who's who of the sport - Athlete of the Century, nine-times Olympic champion Carl Lewis (USA) - *photo right* - Tommie Smith (USA), 1968 Olympic 200m champion, Lee Evans (USA), 1968 Olympic 400m champion, John Carlos (USA), 1968 Olympic 200m bronze medallist, Hicham El Guerrouj (MAR), the 2004 Olympic 1500m and 5000m champion, World marathon record holders Haile Gebrselassie (ETH) and Paula Radcliffe (GBR) - *photo left* - and 2007 World champions Yelena Isinbayeva (PV, RUS), Blanka Vlasic (HJ, CRO), Jeremy Wariner (400m, USA) and Donald Thomas (HJ, BAH).



New IAAF Constitution and Competition Rules are published

The English and French versions of the **IAAF Constitution** and the **IAAF Competition Rules 2008**, in force as of 1 November 2007 can be downloaded from the IAAF website: **Constitution**: English www.iaaf.org/newsfiles/9585.pdf ; French www.iaaf.org/newsfiles/42547.pdf **Competition Rules 2008**: English: www.iaaf.org/newsfiles/42192.pdf ; French: www.iaaf.org/newsfiles/42611.pdf

The Competition Rules mentions only 2008: This is due to the new World Anti-Doping Code which is scheduled to be in force by 1 January 2009. The new WADA Code will oblige the IAAF to amend Chapters 3 (Anti-Doping) and 4 (Disputes) of its Competition Rules. According to the mandate given to it by the Congress, the IAAF Council will review these amendments in 2008 and the Competition Rules for 2009 (also including the amended Chapters) will be published.

4.



School / Youth Commission

The IAAF School / Youth Commission on 27 & 28 October met for the fifth time. The meeting was chaired by Jamel Simohamed and attended in part by President Lamine Diack. General Secretary Pierre Weiss, the Director of the President's Office Cheikh Thiare and the Director of the IAAF Member Services Department Elio Locatelli also attended the meeting.

The Commission discussed and debated a number of topics including the education programme for the new IAAF Level I Course for Lecturers and Coaches, a new proposal concerning events for younger age groups: 'Minimes' and 13-15 year olds, the new IOC project of Olympic Games for Youth athletes, IAAF World Athletics Day 2008, IAAF Long Term Athlete Development and a Code of Ethics for Youth athletes.

Competition Commission

The IAAF Competition Commission met in Monaco on 22 November 2007. The following recommendations were approved by Council:

World Athletics Tour

>>A balanced calendar and a meaningful and fair distribution of events (especially for some of the throws) throughout the Tour remain the major challenges. Therefore in the 2008 Regulations the IAAF will have the right to impose two events into the programme of a World Athletics Tour meeting. Additionally, throwing events at Area Permit Meetings scoring for the World Athletics Tour (APM-Q) will now have the same qualifying points as IAAF Grand Prix meets.

New concepts for the World Championships in Athletics

>Automatic Qualification for Area Champions: the principles and Regulations for the implementation of this concept have been drafted, and are likely to be introduced for the 2009 World Championships in Berlin. Details will be confirmed to Member Federations in a circular from IAAF HQ.

Youth Olympic Games

>>There are five cities remaining in the bidding for the Youth Olympic Games starting in 2010, they are Athens, Moscow, Singapore, Bangkok and Turin. The IAAF has proposed to the IOC that qualification for the Youth Olympic Games should be via the continental youth championships of the same year.

International Starters Panel

>>The Commission agreed to the establishment of a management group to implement the project and to conduct an initial Seminar in Valencia

at the time of the 2008 World Indoor Champs.

Development Commission

The IAAF Development Commission met on 21 November 2007 in Monaco under the chairmanship of President Diack.

Honorary Treasurer Jean Poczobut gave an interim report on the status of the IAAF HPTCs that he had visited, and following his suggestions the MSD has introduced an evaluation system. The first complete evaluation system was done in Dakar and will be extended to all HPTCs from 2008. Nevertheless the Commission appreciated the results obtained by the HPTC athletes in 2007, namely the gold medal of Irving Saladino (Long Jump) and the silver of Usain Bolt (200m).

It is expected that each IAAF RDC will run between 7 and 9 activities in 2008, one of which will be dedicated to the Youth Programme as recommended by the School/Youth Commission.

The implementation of the new CECS (Coaches Education and Certification System) has already started and will be completed by the end of 2008.

Athletics' World Plan: The MSD activities of 2008/2011 will be defined following the decisions taken at the meeting of the Steering Board in Jan 2008.

Medical and Anti-Doping Commission

The IAAF Medical and Anti-Doping Commission met in Monaco on 7 & 8 October with Medical issues addressed on the first and Anti-Doping on the second day.

Discussions on medical matters started with a re-cap of what has been learnt from the major competitions which have occurred since the last meeting, with both Mombasa and Osaka World Championships raising different issues in relation to the medical care for athletes. Other issues discussed in depth included (but certainly were not limited to), ongoing injury prevention studies, nutrition, pre-participation physical exams, security on the field during competitions, and IAAF requirements for medical services from the LOCs.

On day two, Commission members took the opportunity to discuss the results of the IAAF doping control programme since the last meeting (including the Osaka World Championships), and also to discuss the plan for 2008 leading up to the Beijing Olympics. Other topics of discussion included the World Conference on Doping in Sport, blood testing, Member Federations activities

IAAF Commission news

in anti-doping, detection of EPO and education activities.

Other news: The World Conference on Doping in Sport was organised by the World Anti-Doping Agency and held in Madrid (15-17 Nov). The IAAF delegation was led by President Lamine Diack and Council Member Abby Hoffman. The full text of the presentation made by President Diack can be found on the IAAF website www.iaaf.org/antidoping/news/Kind=2/newsId=42529.html and further news can be found on the WADA website www.wada-ama.org

Road Running Commission

The second ever meeting of the IAAF Road Running Commission was held in Udine in conjunction with the 2007 World Road Running Championships. Among the major items on the Commission's Agenda were the format and future of the Championships and the newly introduced IAAF Label for Road Races.

The following conclusions were reached and were presented to Council:

IAAF World Half Marathon Championships

- The event must be maintained;
- Structure to continue as at present with possible flexibility on the date
- The race should be run over the Half Marathon distance and the event should revert to its original name of IAAF World Half Marathon Championships
- There should be supporting events organised by the LOC
- Marketing issues should be examined on a case by case basis taking into account the current agreements
- MF participation should be increased and ways of achieving this should be looked into
- The possibility of shorter laps should be examined.

IAAF Labels for Road Races

The Commission examined the applications for IAAF Road Race Labels received by the date of the Commission Meeting and after discussion it was agreed that the regulation requirements for Labels would be strictly applied; in particular, the requirements concerning the constitution of the elite fields and the requirement that Gold Label Races must have their races broadcast in at least five countries in addition to the host nation.

As applications for Labels for 2008 will be accepted up to 15 December 2007, applications received following the Commission Meeting will be examined by the IAAF Road Running Coordinator on the basis of the Commission's deliberations.

Japan bestows high ranked decoration on President Diack



At the Imperial Palace in Tokyo, Japan on 6 November 2007, His Imperial Majesty the Emperor Akihito, assisted by Yasuo Fukuda, the Prime Minister of Japan, bestowed the **Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun** upon President Diack.

This is the highest ranked decoration of Japan (*photo: left*) which can be conferred on foreigners with the exception of Royal Family members or Heads of State, and was given in honour of Diack's outstanding contribution to the diffusion and progress of the sports as well as to the successful realisation of the IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Osaka 2007.



IAAF Dinner to honour President; Aoki personally receives Golden Order of Merit



Later on 6 November at a dinner hosted by the Japanese Association of Athletics Federations (JAAF) in celebration of the honour, Yohei Kono the President of JAAF congratulated President Diack, who in the photograph (top right) is seen wearing the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun. At the same function, Hanji Aoki, 93-years-old, who had been awarded the IAAF Golden Order of Merit at the IAAF Congress in Osaka but had been unable to attend at the time, received his honour from President Diack (*photo: left*).

Golden Order for Francis; Silver Order for Bechthold & Simohamed; Plaque for Schwenk



At the IAAF Dinner on 21 September at the IAAF / VTB Bank World Athletics Final, **Ilse Bechthold** (r) received the IAAF Silver Order of Merit and **Gustav Schwenk** (c) received an IAAF Plaque from Senior Vice-President Sergey Bubka (l).



At the World Athletics Gala on 25 November, former IAAF Vice-President **Amadeo Francis** (r) received the IAAF Golden Order of Merit, and former IAAF Council Member **Jamel Simohamed** (l) received the IAAF Silver Order of Merit from President Diack (c)

EVAA President **Dieter Massin**, member of the IAAF Masters' Committee, was honoured for his life-work at the 5th edition of the "Premio alla Carriera" on 25 July 2007 in the Numana, close to Ancona, Italy; IAAF Medical and Anti-Doping Commission Member **Dr. Bigir Gudjonsson** was elected Master in the American College of Physicians on 30 October 2007; **Cherry Alexander**, the head of International Competition at UK Athletics, was the winner of the 'Unsung Hero Award' bestowed by The Sunday Times newspaper.

Nawal El Moutawakel is appointed Minister for Youth and Sports

On 15 October 2007, His Majesty King Mohammed VI of Morocco named IAAF Council Member Nawal El Moutawakel (*photo: right*), as Morocco's Minister for Youth and Sports. The 1984 Olympic 400m Hurdles champion has been an IAAF Council Member since 1995 and an IOC Member since 1998 and has made the cause of health and fitness especially the participation of women the heart of her present career in sports administration and politics.



Race Walking Challenge Organisers' Meeting

An IAAF Race Walking Challenge Organisers' Meeting was held in Monaco on 20 October 2007. All current organisers were invited to take part and only La Coruna failed to send a representative; however Luis Saladie, from the Spanish Federation, attended the meeting.

The intention of the meeting was to discuss what has been achieved by

the Challenge since 1993, what has to be improved and what sort of changes should be eventually implemented in the circuit Regulations. Another item on the Agenda was the 2009 edition of the Challenge, its calendar and format.

Transfer of Allegiance Working Group

The IAAF Transfer of Allegiance Working Group met in Monaco on 25 October. The group consisting of President Lamine Diack, Vice-

President Bob Hersh, Hon. Treasurer Jean Poczubot, Council Member Isaiah Kiplagat, Legal Counsel Habib Cisse and General Secretary Pierre Weiss, discussed proposals to extend RULE 5 'Citizenship and Changes in Citizenship' with relation to International Competitions under Rules 1.1(a) and (b), to all athletes even if they have never represented a Member Federation. Their report will be made to the IAAF Council meeting in April 2008.

Continental awards go to Defar and Fasuba

At the 9th Gala of the Abdou Diouf Foundation in Dakar, Senegal, on 21 November Ethiopia's World 5000m champion Meseret Defar (*photo: right*) won the Prix d'Excellence for Sport Virtues for her outstanding 2007 season. On the men's side, Nigeria's continental record holder for 100m, Olusoji Fasuba (*Photo left: with former Senegalese Prime Minister Habib Thiam*), won the Prix d'Honneur. At 100m Fasuba finished fourth at the World Championships and won the All Africa Games title this summer.



6.



AIMS Marathon Symposium - Coming back to the roots, speaking about the future



The birthplace of the classical race, the village of Marathon in Greek, was the venue for the first Marathon Symposium of the Association of International Marathons and Road Races (AIMS). Held on 3 November 2007, the day before the Athens Classic Marathon the topic was 'Marathon: Past – Present – Future'.

AIMS cooperated with the IAAF, the Athens Marathon, the Greek Athletics Federation SEGAS and the city of Marathon to stage this symposium (*Photo - delegates*), which is planned to take place annually from now on.

The day started with an impressive ceremony at the Marathon Tomb where two Greek ministers Michalis Liapis, Cultural Minister and Aris Spiliotopoulos, the Minister of Tourism, were among the speakers.

IAAF General Secretary Pierre Weiss and Sean Wallace-Jones, the Coordinator of the IAAF's Road Running Commission, explained about the introduction of IAAF Labels for Road Races to recognize and reward the world's leading road races, and the start of a weekly TV magazine called 'The Running Road Show' to give the sport more vital television coverage.

Yannis Theodorakopoulos, Greek TV Sports Journalist and Mayor of Pefki, as well Maria Polizou, the Greek marathon record holder, recalled the historic roots of the marathon, while Hugh Jones the General Secretary of AIMS, spoke about the tremendous development of marathon running in the past 30 years. Another topic was the economic impact big road races have today. "Already back in 1998 in Berlin we found out that the economic impact of the race for the city was 25 million Euros. Today's figures are much higher. Boston in 2003 is said to have had an impact of US\$74 million while the figure for this year's New York City Marathon is even US\$220 million," said Wolfgang Maennig, who is a professor in economy science at the University of Hamburg and has done relevant surveys in this field.

German Athletics long term Project in Uruguay finished successfully

After three years the German sponsored athletics development project in Uruguay under the leadership of former IAAF Development Director Björn Wangemann has finished successfully.

The focal point of the project was the regionalization of athletics in the whole

territory of this country at the Rio de la Plata with the establishment of 15 new Regional Athletics Associations who are now affiliated to the National Federation in Montevideo.

Besides the introduction of a countrywide competition system from children to senior level, the German

project was extremely successful with the education of Technical Officials as well as Coaches and in bringing the IAAF Kids' Athletics Programme, known in South America as Mini-Atletismo, to hundreds of PE Teachers and schools all over the country.

European Athletics selects hosts

At the meeting of the European Athletics Council in Malta on 15 October, the following events were awarded as follows:

- 2009 European Cup of Race Walking – Metz, FRA
- 2009 SPAR European Cross Country Championships – Dublin, IRL
- 2011 European Athletics Indoor Championships – Paris, FRA
- 2013 European Athletics Indoor Championships – Gothenburg, SWE

2008 100km World Cup in Italy

Next year's "IAU 100km World Cup under the patronage of the IAAF" will take place in Italy. The event has been assigned to the "100 km degli Etruschi".

The date will be Saturday 8 November 2008. The race starts in Tuscania (80km north of Rome) with a first stretch of 25km to Tarquinia, followed by 5 loops of 15km before finishing in Tarquinia, a beautiful Etruscan city, located at 5km from the Tyrrhenian Sea.

New logo for OAA

The Oceania Athletic Association (OAA) launched a new logo at the IAAF Congress in Osaka:



Campbell and Bekele celebrate marriages

Olympic and World champions Veronica Campbell (JAM) and Kenenisa Bekele (ETH) have both recently got married, no, not together!

On 3 November, World 100m and Olympic 200m titleholder Campbell married Commonwealth Games 200m champion Omar Brown, in a splendid ceremony in Coral Gardens, Montego Bay, Jamaica, while Bekele, the World and Olympic 10,000m gold medalist married film actress Danawit Gebregziabher on 18 November in the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa (*photo: left*).

OBITUARIES – fuller tributes are available on the IAAF website: follow links shown.

Ryan Shay (USA) - a 2:14:09 marathoner and five-time U.S. champion at various distances (*photo: far right*) collapsed while running the U.S. Men's Olympic Trials Marathon on 3 November and was later pronounced dead. Fuller tribute: www.iaaf.org/news/Kind=2/newsId=42552.html

Herb McKenley (JAM) - Jamaica's multiple World record breaker and Olympic medallist, former national coach and JAAA President (*photo: near right: McKenley with Usain Bolt*) passed away on 26 November after a long illness at 85. Fuller tribute: www.iaaf.org/news/Kind=2/newsId=42518.html



World Records – recently ratified

Men - Senior
Marathon
2:04:26 Haile Gebrselassie ETH, Berlin, GER, 30 Sep 07
previous: 2:04:55 Paul Tergat KEN, Berlin, GER, 28 Sep 03

20km Race Walk
1:17:16 Vladimir Kanaykin RUS, Saransk, RUS, 29 Sep 07
previous: 1:17:21 Jefferson Perez ECU, Paris Saint-Denis, FRA, 23 Aug 03

Women - Senior
20km
1:02:57 Lornah Kiplagat NED, Udine, ITA, 14 Oct 07
previous: 1:03:21 Lornah Kiplagat NED, Debrecen, HUN, 8 Oct 06

Half Marathon
1:06:25 Lornah Kiplagat NED, Udine, ITA, 14 Oct 07
previous: 1:06:44 Elana Meyer RSA, Tokyo, JPN, 15 Jan 99

Women - Junior
3000m Steeplechase
9:24.51 Ruth Bisibori Nyangau (88) KEN, Daegu, KOR, 3 Oct 07
previous: 9:25.25 Ruth Bisibori Nyangau (88) KEN, Osaka, JPN, 27 Aug 07



Gebrselassie runs 2:04:26 in Berlin

Kristiansen elected to WMRA Council



At the Annual Congress of the World Mountain Running Association in Ovronnaz, Switzerland on 14 September, the former Marathon and track running great Ingrid Kristiansen (NOR), 1987 10,000m World champion, was elected to fill the reserved women's position on the WMRA Council.

Photo: Kristiansen seen winning her age category at World Trophy in Ovronnaz (15 Sep), her first ever mountain running race.

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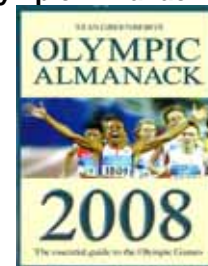
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New Member Federation officers – recent elections / appointments

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ATHLETES SANCTIONED FOR A DOPING OFFENCE SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE IAAF AS OF 30 November 2007

KAOUCH Adil	MAR	Golden Gala, Rome	13.7.07	2 years ineligibility (8.8.07-7.8.09)
KEITA Naman	FRA	World Champs, Osaka	20.8.07	2 years ineligibility (1.9.07-31.8.09)
KECHI Heni	FRA	Meeting 94, France	19.6.07	Public Warning + 3-month ban (9.10.07-8.1.08)
KOLAROVA Teodora	BUL	IAAF OOC, Sofia (BUL)	26.6.07	2 years ineligibility (10.8.07-9.8.09)
ZOLADKIEWICZ Christin	GER	National OOC, GER	7.9.07	2 years ineligibility (30.10.07-29.10.09)
LING Peng	CHN	National OOC, CHN	19.9.07	4 years ineligibility (8.10.07-7.10.11)
LIPSCOMBE Jesse	CAN	Felix Sanchez Inv, DOM	12.5.07	Public Warning + 6-month ban (16.8.07-15.2.08)
WANG Yaqi	CHN	OOC, National	22.8.07	2 years ineligibility (11.9.07-10.9.09)

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.

IAAF NEWS: on-line version only from 2008

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