

## Looking forward to a busy summer of athletics action

The 2016 summer season is well and truly in full swing.

The IAAF Diamond League, IAAF World Challenge, IAAF Combined Events, Race Walking and Hammer Throw Challenges have all commenced and will pave the way to the peak of the season, the **Rio 2016 Olympic Games**.

There are little more than 70 days until the athletics programme gets underway in Rio's Olympic Stadium, but already there have been some scintillating performances to whet the appetite for what looks set to be a memorable Games.

For young athletes, meanwhile, the focus of this year will be the **IAAF World U20 Championships Bydgoszcz 2016**, which will take place from 19-24 July.

The 204th IAAF Council Meeting will take place on 17 June 2016 at the Grand Hotel Wien in Vienna, Austria.

### IAAF HQ HEADLINE NEWS



### IAAF WORLD ATHLETICS DAY CELEBRATED FAR AND WIDE

Once again, IAAF World Athletics Day reached all continents around the world with more than 100 member federations taking part.

St Lucia, Pakistan, Monaco, Australia, Kenya, Hong Kong, Bermuda and Italy are just some of the 117 nations that held activities and competitions for young athletes between the ages of 13 and 17.

#### [Full story](#)

*Photo: World Athletics Day activities in Monaco (IAAF)*

### OTHER NEWS

- **2015 IAAF Yearbook '365' now available**
- **IAAF World U20 Championships Bydgoszcz 2016 – 50 days to go**
- **'Unique spirit of Rio will make Olympic Games a success,' says Sebastian Coe**
- **London announce new appointments (co-chair and four new non-executive directors and head of ticketing and protocol manager)**
- **Priority tickets go on sale for IAAF World Championships London 2017**
- **History set to be made at Rio 2016 Olympic Games**
- **Lopez honoured with Rice University's 2016 Meritorious Service Award**
- **Record participation at Bidouane's Women's Race to Victory**

## FEATURED NEWS



### Sebastian Coe heralds the start of the season in Doha

At the traditional pre-meeting press conference of the IAAF Diamond League meeting in Doha, the emphasis was very much on how the series, now in its seventh season, directly laid the foundations for many an elite athlete's road to Rio.



### IAAF delegates visit London stadium

IAAF Organisational Delegate and IAAF Council Member Sylvia Barlag and IAAF Competitions Department Director Paul Hardy visited the British capital on 12 May to inspect the progress of the redevelopment of the Olympic Stadium.



### IAAF Ambassador Colin Jackson helps to promote Bydgoszcz

After visiting Warsaw on 12 May to promote the IAAF World U20 Championships Bydgoszcz 2016, IAAF Ambassador Colin Jackson made just as big an impression on the local school children as the Polish capital made on him.



### IAAF President Coe gives green light to Olympic preparations at Rio test event

IAAF President Sebastian Coe was present at the Ibero-American Championships in Rio de Janeiro, which doubled as the official test event for athletics for the forthcoming Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

## FOR THE RECORD

### ATHLETES SANCTIONED FOR A DOPING OFFENCE

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

### NEW MEMBER FEDERATION OFFICERS – RECENT ELECTIONS / APPOINTMENTS

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

## WORLD RECORDS RATIFIED



### Women's U20 indoor high jump

1.99m Vashti Cunningham (USA) Portland 12 Mar 2016

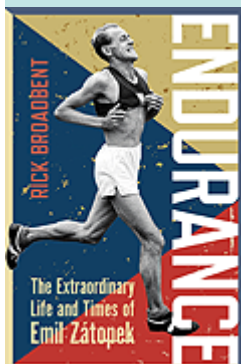
*Previous: 1.97m Maria Kuchina (RUS) 26 Jan 2011*

## OBITUARIES

• [Ethiopian distance running coach Woldemeskel Kostre](#)

• [Trinidadian sprint legend Mike Agostini](#)

## PUBLICATIONS



### **Endurance – The Extraordinary Life and Times of Emil Zátopek**

The story of the greatest long-distance athlete in history – a tale of running, redemption and political exile.

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