

Coherent, robust plan for the advancement of Athletics

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

IAAF President Lamine Diack



IAAF Athletics' World Plan update

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

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

role that Athletics should play within their schools.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Robin Courage
TSE Consulting

Powell and Richards are crowned 2006 World Athletes of the Year

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

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

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



Richards and Powell with World Athlete of the Year trophies

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

Other Awards -

Performances of the Year:

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

Distinguished Career Awards:

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

Rising Star Award:

Margus Hunt (EST)

Coaches' Award:

Woldemeskel Kostre (ETH)

Groundbreaking TV deal in the USA heads broadcasting agreements

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

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

Enhanced TV coverage across Sub-Saharan Africa and Caribbean

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

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

IMG extend 'Athletix' deal through to 2009

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

Candidates confirmed for 2011 and 2013 World Championships in Athletics

Information Seminar

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

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

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



Five cities submit formal bids

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

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

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

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

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

Photo: prospective bidders at World Championships Information seminar

Diack meets Putin - Eastern European Countries Conference in Moscow

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

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

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



IAAF Elite Athletes' Workshop

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



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

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

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

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

Language skills and media training

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

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

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

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

Photo: Yelena Isinbayeva (RUS)



IAAF Council Meeting, Monaco

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

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

IAAF Budget 2007

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

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

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

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

A resolution to the Algerian situation

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

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

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

Edinburgh and Bressanone

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

Road Running Working Group becomes IAAF Commission

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

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

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

New Acronyms

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

19 Member Federations competed at every IAAF event in 2006

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

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

Change to date of women's marathon at 2008 Olympics

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

2007 IAAF World Road Running Championships

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

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

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

Doping Controls

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

In-Competition

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

Out-of-Competition

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

Adverse findings / Positive cases

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

Age Manipulation

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

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



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

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

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

IAAF Golden League Jackpot events for 2007

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

IAAF meets with WADA on World Anti-Doping Code Revision

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

IAAF Commission News

School and Youth Commission

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

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

Amongst the topics discussed at the meeting were:

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

Medical and Anti-Doping

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

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

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

Coaches' Commission

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

The following recommendations were made to the IAAF Council:

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

Development Commission:

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

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

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

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

Competition Commission

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

The detailed discussions included:

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

Getting to know the Member Federation Officials

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

100th Anniversary of Finnish Federation



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

World records – recently ratified

Men – Senior

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

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

Women – Senior

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

Women – Junior

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

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



South African quartet receive their 2001 World Championship Relay gold medals

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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