

### The opening speech of IAAF President Lamine Diack at the Council meeting in Berlin

I wish to congratulate in particular the members of our Council who have just been elected to it for the first time, on the occasion of our Congress of Paris 2003. By designating us, through open and transparent elections that brought together several candidates of merit, the members of our association have assured us of their confidence. We must prove them right by working tirelessly to further the progress made by our sport and to adapt the way it is managed to the requirements of the modern era.

The composition of our council symbolises both our attachment to the historical values of athletics and our vision for the work required for the future. We believe that, providing we all realise the necessity of forming a team, bound together by the will of helping each other, our Council will be a resounding success.



Personally I can assure you of my determination to always privilege teamwork, to share out my responsibilities and to ensure that each of our members be allocated the role in which his or her capacities will best allow him or her to serve the interests of our common cause.

As much by conviction as by nature, I never consider pushing my own image to the forefront, because I would not wish for it to overshadow that of the IAAF. However it is important that the true reasons for my wishing to be an orchestra conductor rather than a soloist never be misinterpreted.

Having been elected in a totally straightforward and transparent manner, I am the custodian of the wishes of our members and am fully entitled to exercise the powers that have been entrusted to me. I am determined not to tolerate that there be an undue multiplication of decision centres, nor will I accept any abuse of any authority that I delegate.

The promotion of team spirit, which I have always championed, even more so since I have become President of the IAAF, must be understood to serve to increase the Federation's potential, not as a way of letting the powers of the President become diluted.

As we begin our new mandate, in what I believe are excellent circumstances, some clarifications need to be made,

particularly concerning our protocol, which must clearly consecrate the primacy of the elected. The same goes for the correct planning for the normal functioning of the administration, which must in every circumstance set down neutral acts and avoid the spheres of political competence, which are to be the sole domain of the elected.

Although some structural modifications may be necessary for the continued balance of our system, this should in no way affect our profound feeling of satisfaction after all the important successes we experienced over the course of our last mandate, in what had looked like being a difficult and uncertain period.

2003 in particular was a superb time for us, with the World Championships of Birmingham, Sherbrooke, and especially Paris, giving us true reasons for pride. I therefore wish to praise the members of the Council, our partners from the local organising committees and the employees of the IAAF for all their hard work.

We can also congratulate ourselves on having made significant steps in our strategy for identifying the priorities we need to work on thanks to the elaboration of our World Plan for Athletics. This provides us with a prospective vision of our mission and sets out the main courses for our actions over the next ten years. Not only must we make the World Plan for Athletics our ever-present guide, but also rapidly make available the mechanisms and the resources required for it to be properly implemented.

Amongst the important stages we have already passed has been the plan for the creation of a Commission of Coaches. This will complete our plan to implicate each and every one of the members of our family in developing our sport throughout every part of the world.

I am all the more proud of this development, which I wanted and encouraged, as it has brought with it the founding of an academy which will be an extremely important educational instrument serving to elevate further still the level of our best coaches.

Whilst such examples are revelatory of the undeniable progress we have made, they must not prevent us from seeing our weaknesses. It is by listing these that we will set them out clearly to be dealt with and cut away.

We must continue with all our efforts in fighting doping, whilst at the same time giving our actions more visibility, so that the unfortunate publicity which centres around the cheaters can never cast doubt upon the credibility of our sport. Indeed, we have always made fighting doping a high priority and we do it better than any other sporting body.

Our marketing strategy will need to conform to today's requirements, if we do not want to suffer from the unrestrained competition between the different international federations in a context marked by a shrinkage of the resources available on the global market.



## **IAAF Council Meeting –**

*Hotel Intercontinental, Berlin, 22-23 November 2003.*

### **Olympia to host Shot Puts**

Council agreed a proposal received from the organisers of the 2004 Olympic Games ATHOC to host the Shot Put event – for both men and women – at Olympia, site of the ancient Games.

Following consultation with members of the IAAF Athletes' Commission as well as analysis of technical and logistical issues, Council agreed that the two events could take place, before the start of the main athletics programme, either on Wednesday 18 August or Thursday 19 August, with the medal ceremonies for both events taking place in the main Olympic Stadium of Athens as originally scheduled on 20 August.

"IAAF Council agreed unanimously that this proposal was a unique opportunity to link the ancient origins of our sport with athletics in the 21st century as well as to promote the central role of athletics in the Olympic Games. This will be a tremendous opportunity to show a worldwide audience the purity and excitement of athletics competition in a sacred setting. The Shot Put may now become one of the highlights of the Games," said President Diack.

### **Two Positive THG Cases from Paris retests**

Council was informed that the further testing of the World Championship doping control samples has now been completed by the laboratory in Paris.

There are a total of 2 "A" test positives from the 402 further tests conducted. According to IAAF procedure, no names or nationalities will be released at this time. The relevant federations have been notified who will now request an explanation from the athlete and, if necessary, proceed to the analysis of the B samples. The athletes have up to 21 days to request such a test, and the B test must be analysed within 28 days of that decision.

### **Jon Drummond case**

Council considered a formal, lengthy, report from USATF regarding the Jon Drummond incident at the IAAF World Championships in Paris. In conclusion, Council appreciated USATF's decision to introduce extensive policy and educational changes to proactively address issues regarding the

behaviour of US athletes and team officials at future international events. Nevertheless, it also agreed that a serious formal warning would be sent to Drummond regarding his conduct and to USATF, informing them that team official Michael Caine would not be given accreditation for IAAF events for a period of three years.

### **Jerome Young**

An IOC Disciplinary Commission, set up to investigate the case of Jerome Young has provided the IAAF with some redacted documents which are relevant to this case but insufficient to pursue this matter to arbitration.

The IAAF has written to the IOC indicating which documents it requires in order to proceed further with this case. In the event that the requested documents can be provided, the case will be reviewed under the relevant Rules in force at the time and, if necessary, referred to arbitration.

### **Road Running and Race Walking Rankings**

Starting in 2004, the IAAF World Rankings will include a category for road events. The definition of the appropriate categories of road events was discussed at length and results from more than 300 road events, both running and race walking, will be analysed when this new chapter of the Rankings is launched on 23 March.

### **Future IAAF World Athletics Series Events:**

*2006 IAAF World Cross Country Championships - Fukuoka, Japan;*

*2006 IAAF World Indoor Championships - Moscow, Russia;*

*2006 IAAF World Race Walking Cup - La Coruna, Spain;*

*2006 IAAF World Junior Championships - Beijing, China;*

*2008 IAAF World Race Walking Cup - Cheboksary, Russia.*

### **Discussion of new IAAF Anti-doping Rules**

Prof Arne Ljungqvist (SWE) and Lauri Tarasti (FIN) introduced a draft of the new IAAF Anti-Doping Rules following the Congress decision to adapt the WADA Code as the basis for the fight against doping.

Many of the proposed changes are structural, organisational or stylistic, but the scope of the IAAF anti-doping legislation will now include, not only athletes but athlete support personnel

including coaches, managers, team staff and officials, doctors etc. It is also proposed that the "B" sample analysis must take place no later than 21 days after the athlete has been notified of the "A" result. At present, the rules allow for a maximum period of 48 days between notification of the "A" test result and analysis of the "B" sample. The final version of the rules is expected to be finally revised in the next 10 days and introduced on 1 March 2004.

### **IAAF Competition Commission Report**

Chairman Dapeng Lou (CHN) presented a report which was approved by Council. The Olympic Games Entry Standards, which were approved at the Council Meeting in Dakar last April, were slightly amended to reflect current performance levels and to facilitate the target figure of 2000 athletes for the Athens Games. [See Page 4 of this Newsletter for details.](#)

### **Transfer of Allegiance**

It was also agreed that the Transfer of Allegiance Working Group, set up after the last Council meeting to study the growing problem linked to changes of nationalities (more than 100 athletes have changed nationality in the last 4 years) should be given more time to complete their mandate. Council accepted that it needed to consider a basic review of rules to overcome the deficiencies in the current system.

### **Council noted the following Transfers of Allegiance**

*Gregory Konchella - Kenya to Bahrain.*

*Aliuska Lopez - Cuba to Spain.*

*Teresa Nzola Meso - Angola to France.*

*Du Xianhiu - China to Singapore.*

*Guirong Zhang - China to Singapore.*

### **No Indoor 200m races from 2006**

Following examination of the results from the last World Indoor Championships in Birmingham, it was clear that top performances depended solely on the lane draw. In the great majority of cases, winner and runner up came from lanes 5 and 6. Council agreed, following a recommendation of the Competition Commission, that the 200m event be cancelled from the World Indoor Championships' programme, starting in 2006.

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### IAAF Development Commission Report

Chairman Amadeo Francis (PUR) introduced the report of the IAAF Development Commission, and announced that 24% of the IAAF's budget would be devoted to development in 2004. Projects include:

- The introduction of a new "Academy" for coaches and an international Code of Ethics for Coaches is being considered by a working group consisting of Helmut Digel (GER), Teddy McCook (JAM) and Hansjörg Wirz (SUI). The structure of 6 Area Coaching Associations will also be consolidated, in co-operation with the new IAAF Coaches' Commission;

- Identifying and selecting 50 athletes to train at IAAF High Performance and other accredited Training Centres with IAAF or Olympic Solidarity grants;

- Assisting 5 Member Federations who have existing projects to build synthetic tracks;

- Introducing U-23 Championships in Asia and South America.

- Working with Governments to introduce athletics in the school curricula.

### 2004 World Indoor Champs Progress Report

The event will take place in Budapest's Sportarena, a state of the art indoor

facility with 6,600 seats which was completed in spring 2003 but has already hosted major sports' events (World Championships in Rhythmic Gymnastics and Ice Hockey) and pop concerts.

The track laid for the Championships has been specially designed with wide bends, and banking of 10% gradient, in an effort to give athletes a better chance to produce optimal performances in running events.

"This is the first time we have held a World Indoor Championships in an Olympic year and this event will be the IAAF's biggest before Athens. We are very confident that our colleagues in Budapest, with our close support, will organise a spectacular competition," said President Diack.

### 2004 World Cross Country Progress Report

During the progress report from Brussels 2004, Council Members were reminded that the IAAF World Cross Country Championships was returning to Belgium for the fourth time, a clear sign of that country's deep affection for cross country.

The promotional campaign begins in December with a series of press conferences throughout the winter, backed up by a poster and TV advertising campaign to encourage as many spectators as possible. The course, which has a 2 km lap, is

located in the park of the King's Palace – a former venue for the annual Brussels IAAF cross country permit – and very convenient for athletes and officials who will be accommodated within walking distance.

Although the course has no more than a maximum of 25 metres difference in elevation, it is likely that the traditional Belgian weather will ensure "traditional" cross country conditions for the runners. The competition will be shown live on national TV and 30% of the Belgian public are expected to tune in.

### 2004 World Race Walking Cup Progress Report

Axel Wladimiroff, with the assistance of 1988 Olympic women's Discus champion Martina Hellman, presented a progress report from Naumburg, venue of the next edition of the World Race Walking Cup in 2004.

Council learned that the city first dreamed of promoting a world class walking event more than 10 years ago and the enthusiasm has not dimmed. Naumburg can be considered as a cradle of Race Walking in Germany and aims to put on a superbly organised and exciting competition which will reinforce the status of Race Walking as an integral part of the athletics' programme.

### Horst Milde receives IAAF Plaque of Merit

At a reception on Friday 21 November in Berlin, Horst Milde the Race Director of the Real Berlin Marathon was honoured for his lifelong work and commitment for athletics, and was presented with the IAAF Plaque of Merit by IAAF President Lamine Diack.

Milde is Berlin's Fred Lebow. The 65 year-old not only is the Race Director of the Real Berlin Marathon but has also organised a number of other big road races. In 40 years he has organised almost 350 races with altogether around 1.25 million participants, and so has played an enormous contribution to the development of road running in Germany and especially in Berlin.

"I was very proud to be honoured by the IAAF," said Milde. "I never expected this. But I have to stress that this success was possible only because I have got a great team of co-organisers, who are absolutely committed to our sport."



### Obituaries

#### Former IAAF Council Member passes away

The IAAF has received the sad news that **Mr. Eisa Al-Dashti (KUW)** died on Sunday 23 November. An IAAF Honorary Life Personal Member and a former member of the IAAF Council, we mourn the loss to his family and the sport of Athletics. Mr Al Dashti was elected to the IAAF Council at the 1981 Rome Congress, serving diligently from 1981-1995 as Area Group Representative for Asia and then from 1995-1999 as an Individual Member, and was a longtime General Secretary to the Kuwait Amateur Athletic Federation.

### Birthdays

**Alexander Rudskih** celebrated his 70th Birthday on 3 December 2003. A distinguished coach who is a former President of the Belarus Athletic Federation and Head Coach of the National Team (1991- 2003).

**Sergey Bubka**, IAAF Council member, six time World Pole Vault champion and 1988 Olympic gold medallist and current World record holder and recently announced as a UNESCO Champion for Sport, marked his 40th Birthday on 4 December 2003.

## 2004 OLYMPIC GAMES ENTRY Standards (CHANGES IN BOLD TYPE)

Men		Event	Women	
A Standard	B Standard		A Standard	B Standard
10.21	10.28	100m	<b>11.30</b>	<b>11.40</b>
20.59	20.75	200m	22.97	23.13
45.55	45.95	400m	<b>51.50</b>	<b>52.30</b>
1:46.00	1:47.00	800m	2:00.00	2:01.30
<b>3:36.20</b>	<b>3:38.00</b>	1500m	4:05.80	4:07.15
13:21.50	13:25.40	5000m	15:08.70	15:20.45
27:49.00	28:06.00	10,000m	31:45.00	32:17.00
<b>2.15.00</b>	<b>2.18.00</b>	Marathon	<b>2.37.00</b>	<b>2.42.00</b>
8:24.60	<b>8:32.00</b>	3000m SC		
<b>13.55</b>	<b>13.72</b>	110m H / 100m H	12.96	13.11
49.20	49.50	400m H	55.60	56.25
<b>1:23.00</b>	<b>1:24.30</b>	20km Race Walk	<b>1:33:30</b>	<b>1:38:00</b>
<b>4:00:00</b>	<b>4:07:00</b>	50km Race Walk		
Best 16 National Teams		4x100m	Best 16 National Teams	
Best 16 National Teams		4x400m	Best 16 National Teams	
<b>8000</b>	<b>7700</b>	Decathlon / Heptathlon	<b>6050</b>	<b>5900</b>
2.30	2.27	High Jump	1.95	<b>1.91</b>
<b>5.65</b>	<b>5.55</b>	Pole Vault	4.40	<b>4.25</b>
<b>8.19</b>	<b>8.05</b>	Long Jump	<b>6.70</b>	<b>6.55</b>
<b>16.95</b>	<b>16.55</b>	Triple Jump	14.20	14.00
20.30	20.00	Shot Put	18.55	<b>17.15</b>
<b>64.00</b>	<b>62.55</b>	Discus Throw	<b>61.00</b>	<b>57.70</b>
<b>78.65</b>	<b>74.35</b>	Hammer Throw	67.50	64.00
<b>81.80</b>	<b>77.80</b>	Javelin Throw	<b>60.50</b>	<b>56.00</b>

Conditions

- All performances (except for the Marathon Races) must be achieved during the qualification period of 1 January 2003 to 9 August 2004 (midnight-local time). The qualification period for the Marathon Race runs from 1 September 2002 till 9 August 2004.
- All performances (except for the Relays) must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by IAAF, its Area Associations or its National Member Federations. Thus, results achieved at university or school competitions must be certified by the National Federation of the country in which the competition was organised.
- All performances must be achieved during an official competition organised in conformity with IAAF Rules
- Performances achieved in mixed events between male and female participants, held completely in the Stadium, will not be accepted (see IAAF Rule 147).
- Wind-assisted performances will not be accepted.
- Hand-timed performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 110m/100m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles and 4x100m relay will not be accepted.
- Indoor performances for all field events and for races of 200m and longer, will be accepted.
- Lower ages limit: for the Marathon Races and the 50km Race Walk Men, senior athletes only (any athlete aged 20 years and over on 31 December 2004) will be accepted.
- Marathon:
  - the first 20 runners in both, Men's and in the Women's Marathon, in the World Championships in Athletics of Paris 2003 will be considered as having met the 'A' entry standard.
  - the performances must have been achieved on proper measured courses.
- Relays: the best 16 National Teams will qualify in each Relay Event on the basis of the average of their best 2 performances achieved in competitions sanctioned by IAAF or by the Area Associations and recorded during the period of 1 January 2003 to 21 July 2004.

## World Record and Best Performances - recently ratified

Announced 17 November on [www.iaaf.org](http://www.iaaf.org)

**Junior Record – Men: Mile 3:50.39 James Kwalia (1984, KEN), Hengelo, 1 June 2003.**

NB. awaiting ratification: Alex Kipchirchir's 3:50.25 in Rieti on 7 September 2003

**Senior Record – Women: 3000m Steeplechase 9:08.33 Gulnara Samitova (RUS), Tula, 10 August 2003.**

**Senior Record – Women: 400m Hurdles 52.34 Yuliya Pechonkina (RUS), Tula, 8 August 2003.**

**Senior Record – Women: Pole Vault 4.82 Yelena Isinbayeva (RUS), Gateshead, 13 July 2003.**



Isinbayeva celebrates after her 4.82m vault



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### Road Running and Race Walking stride into the IAAF World Rankings

**The first Road Running and Race Walking Rankings will be issued on 23 March 2004**, thereby upgrading the IAAF World Rankings to better reflect the many and varied disciplines of Track and Field Athletics.

Following the decision by the IAAF Congress to recognise World records for Road Running and Race Walking, and the decision that, starting in 2003, Athletes of the Year are nominated based on the Overall Rankings, it became necessary to upgrade the Rankings so as to include Road Running and Race Walking from 2004.

Working Groups have studied this issue since 2001 to ensure that the system devised is compatible with the overall Rankings Mechanism and underlying philosophy. Their final proposals have now been ratified by the IAAF Council allowing this fundamental step to be taken.

One of the major issues was the definition of appropriate Categories of Competitions. In order to rank the top 100 road runners the results of about 300 marathons and road races worldwide need to be followed, in

other words some 12,000/13,000 results need to be processed.

The system will be similar to the one currently applied to Combined Events, i.e. the Ranking Score will be given by the average of the athlete's best 3 Performance Scores, instead of 6 for individual Track and Field Events.

The first Road Running and Race Walking Rankings will be issued on 23 March, after the first event of the IAAF Race Walking Challenge and ahead of the major spring Marathons.

### Muriel Hurtis supports Evans Syndrome Charity

European women's 200m champion Muriel Hurtis, 24, who ran the second leg for France's winning 4x100m relay team at the recent World Championships is supporting the work of l'Association Francaise du Syndrome Evans (AFSE), which is composed of families who have ill children affected by this auto-immune blood disorder. Hurtis who originally wanted to be a nursery nurse says that now she has become a champion she wants to help in the search for a cure to this disease which mainly affects children.

### 26th EACA Congress takes place in Malta

**On the 7 November, athletics' coaches from a record thirty-two different countries converged to Malta for the 26th European Athletics' Coaches Association Congress.**



*Photo - Mr. Tony Chircop (MAAA President), Mr. Frank Dick (EACA President), Hon. Jesmond Mugliett (Malta Minister for Sport) and Hansjorg Wirz (EAA President).*

The Maltese Minister for Sport Jesmond Mugliett MP, and EAA President Hansjorg Wirz opened the Congress, which with

'Speed Development' as its theme boasted a number of expert speakers all of whom spoke of their individual specialisation.

Carlo Vittori, one of the most respected Italian coaches, opened the series of technical speeches with a talk on 'Sprinters' Strength'. He was followed by Christos Tzekos' discussion on 'Preparation for Peak Sprint Performance' and Mike McFarlane's 'Training in Transition'.

Another Italian coach, Elio Locatelli, gave the congress a different perspective when he spoke of 'Physical Training for Elite Football Teams' whilst 'The Relationship Between Strength and Speed' was dealt by Professor Ekkart Arbreit. Grace Jackson, an ex-Olympic athlete herself then discussed 'Speed and Endurance in Women's Sprinting'.

Local coach Leandros Calleja's presentation dealt with the 'Effects of Pre-Exercise and Post-Exercise Stretching' with the congress' technical presentations coming to a close with Professor Peter Bonov's 'Development of Specific Speed Capacity in Endurance Disciplines'.

In his keynote address, EACA President Frank Dick, stressed the importance of ethics among coaches, especially in the face of the growing doping threat. He also introduced and explained the concept behind the IAAF Coaching Academy that is due to open in 2005.

### Ceplak's driving Olympic ambition receives Toyota's support

Toyota Adria has signed up the World Indoor 800m recordholder and European champion Jolanda Ceplak of Slovenia and will support the athlete on her way to Athens 2004.

The contact was made after Jolanda Ceplak took a ride in a Toyota at the 9th IAAF World Championships in Paris 2003 Saint-Denis, where the Japanese car manufacturer were an official IAAF Partner. "I loved the car and a RAV 4 is the perfect vehicle for me in the cold and snowy winter days in Slovenia to get me safely to the practice track".

Ceplak recently was elected female Athlete of the Year in Slovenia for the second time in a row and has signed a two-year-contract with TOYOTA.





### IAAF Golden League dates confirmed

The meeting dates of the 2004 IAAF Golden League have been confirmed along with the rest of the main Outdoor Permit meeting calendar for 2004.

The IAAF Golden League has traditionally started off in Oslo but with a new stadium being built in the Norwegian capital, competition will

take place in the city of Bergen when the 2004 six meeting series begins on Friday 11 June.

Rome is the next of Athletics' premier series of one day meetings to take place on Friday 2 July, followed by Paris (Friday 23 July), and then Zurich (Friday 6 August) which will be the last

IAAF outdoor permit meeting of any category to take place prior to the Athens Olympic Games.

Following on from the competition in Athens, Brussels re-starts the 2004 IAAF Golden League on Friday 3 September, with Berlin on Sunday 12 September providing the finale.

### IAAF Outdoor Permit Meetings 2004

<b>FEB</b>				Tues 29	Zagreb	CRO	GP
Thu 12	Melbourne	AUS	GPII	<b>JUL</b>			
<b>APR</b>				<b>Fri 2</b>	<b>Rome</b>	<b>ITA</b>	<b>GL</b>
Sat 24	Martinique	FRA	GPII	Tue 6	Lausanne	SUI	SGP
<b>MAY</b>				Fri 08	Moscow/Tula	RUS	GPII
Sat 8	Osaka	JPN	GP	Sat 17	Madrid	ESP	SGP
Fri 14	Doha	QAT	SGP	Mon 19	Thessaloniki	GRE	GPII
Sun 16	Rio	BRA	GPII	<b>Fri 23</b>	<b>Paris</b>	<b>FRA</b>	<b>GL</b>
Sun 23	Belem	BRA	GP	Mon 26	Athens	GRE	SGP
Mon 31	Hengelo	NED	GP	Tue 27	Stockholm	SWE	SGP
<b>JUN</b>				Fri 30	London	GBR	SGP
Wed 2	Milan	ITA	GPII	Sat 31	Heusden	BEL	GPII
Fri 4	Torino	ITA	GPII	<b>AUG</b>			
Sat 5	Sevilla	ESP	GP	Mon 2	Linz	AUT	GP
Sat 5	Portland	USA	GPII	<b>Fri 6</b>	<b>Zurich</b>	<b>SUI</b>	<b>GL</b>
Sun 6	Palo Alto	USA	GPII	20-29	Athens	GRE	OLYMPIC GAMES
Tue 8	Ostrava	CZE	SGP	<b>SEP</b>			
<b>Fri 11</b>	<b>Bergen</b>	<b>NOR</b>	<b>GL</b>	<b>Fri 3</b>	<b>Brussels</b>	<b>BEL</b>	<b>GL</b>
Sat 19 & Sun 20	European	Cups		Sun 5	Rieti	ITA	GP
Sat 19	Eugene	USA	GP	Sun 5	World Athletics Final - Hammer	Szombathely	HUN
Sat 26	Lille	FRA	GP	<b>Sun 12</b>	<b>Berlin</b>	<b>GER</b>	<b>GL</b>
Sun 27	Gateshead	GBR	SGP	Sat 18 & Sun 19	World Athletics Final	Monaco	MON
Mon 28	Prague	CZE	GPII				

### Changes and additions to dates detailed in IAAF Newsletter 63

#### IAAF Race Walking Challenge 2004 – dates confirmed:

**Sesto San Giovanni (ITA) 20 June; Shanghai (CHN) – 22/23 May. NB. Tijuana (MEX) takes place on 20/21 March.**

#### IAAF World Combined Events Challenge 2004 – dates changed:

**Desenzano (ITA) 8/9 May; Decastar, Talence (FRA) 25/26 September**

### HPTC Oceania opens in Auckland

**HPTC-Oceania, in Auckland, New Zealand the IAAF's latest High Performance Training Centre was opened on 3 December 2003.**

The HPTC – Oceania is located at the new Sovereign Sports Super Centre, on Auckland's North Shore. The HPTC - Oceania is a partner of the Millennium Institute of Sport (MISH) and is the subject of a Memorandum of Understanding between the IAAF and MISH. The MISH features state of the art sporting facilities with a focus on track & field, strength and comprehensive sport science services, sports medicine and rehabilitation facilities, and on-site accommodation.

Athletes who attend the HPTC – Oceania, whether on scholarship or when attending coaching and training camps will have access to all of the facilities at the MISH as well as receiving expert coaching from experienced coaches contracted to the HPTC – Oceania.

The Official Opening of the HPTC - Oceania on 3rd December was a part of a ten day programme of activities held at the Centre, including the Oceania AA Grand Prix Series of three competitions involving some 37 top athletes drawn from 17 of the Oceania Athletics Federations. The final competition of the series was held immediately after the conclusion of the Official Opening. The Inaugural Meeting of the Board of Directors of the HPTC – Oceania was also held on Thursday 4 December, as was the Oceania AA Council 6 & 7 December.

The IAAF have available a number of projects where athletes from the Pacific Island nations will be able to access the services provided by the HPTC – Oceania. Athletes will qualify to attend the HPTC under three criteria – Olympic Preparation Scholarships, managed by the IAAF and funded by Olympic Solidarity, Elite athlete scholarships, or through the newly

created "B" Standard Project, managed and funded by the IAAF.

Currently, athletes are being recruited for the "B standard project Scholarships and they will take up their scholarship in early January 2004.

The HPTC – Oceania, unlike other HPTCs, is not focussing its attentions to one particular event or group of events, but is attempting to provide services to those athletes in the Oceania who demonstrate the need for first class coaching, competition and a holistic approach to athletics no matter what their event. This will be a challenge. It is envisaged that due to the services and programmes offered to the athletes and their federations that standards of performance within the Pacific Islands nations of Oceania will improve.

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of the HPTC – Oceania, as well as providing the environment for individual athletes is also to assist those federations to identify, develop

and promote activities for their high performance athletes.  
For more information on the HPTC – Oceania go to [www.hptcoceania.com](http://www.hptcoceania.com)

**POSITIVE CASES IN ATHLETICS, SANCTIONED DEFINITELY,  
ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE IAAF AS OF 2 December 2003**

RODRIGUEZ Valeria Lorena	ARG	19th Grand Prix Brazil (Belem)	04.05.03	2-yrs ineligibility
LOPEZ FERREIRA Daniel	BRA	Prova 10km Tribuna FM-Santos-sp	25.05.03	2-yrs ineligibility
AGHAD Mohamed	MAR	CDS Assoluto, Conegliano Veneto (ITA)	17.05.03	2-yrs ineligibility
CHERRY Damu	USA	National OOC (USA)	18.02.03	2-yrs ineligibility
ESSEMAALI El Houssine	MAR	20km Ciudad de Valencia (ESP)	01.06.03	2-yrs ineligibility
WEI YANAN	CHN	IAAF OOC	03.10.02	2-yrs ineligibility

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.

**The Central American and Caribbean inaugurates Hall of Fame**



On 27 November 2003, the Pegasus Hotel in Kingston, Jamaica, was packed with Track and Field luminaries for the first leg of the Inaugural CACAC Hall of Fame.

Under the presidency of Victor Lopez from Puerto Rico, the CACAC Hall of Fame was formed as an initiative to preserve the exceptional performances, contributions and services of members of the Central American and Caribbean Family that represented the region at the highest level throughout the years.

The first inductions were done in Kingston, and two days later 29 November at the Hotel Nacional in Havana, Cuba.

The Jamaican inductees were:  
Richard Ashenheim, renowned Track

and Field Statistician, Dr. Herbert Elliott, Physician, and athletes Grace Jackson, Hon. Herbert McKenley, Donald Quarrie, Dr. George Rhoden and Dr. Arthur Wint (deceased).

Those inducted in Havana were: Jesus Molina (Administrative), Dr. Ricardo Perez (Physician) and athletes Silvia Chivas, Maria Colon, Alberto Juantorena, Silvio Leonard, Ana Quirot.

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