

Mourning the loss of Istvan Gyulai

On 12 March, we all mourned the passing of an exceptional colleague who, by the very nature of his position, but, beyond that, by his intelligence, his sense of duty, his managerial skills and the unerring quality of his work, was the lynchpin of the day to day operations of the IAAF.



The World Athletics Family will never forget Istvan Gyulai, but the example he set in his life compels us to strive to identify how, going forward, our sport can be managed even better than ever. Life must go on.

I am fully aware of the urgency with which we need to identify the best solutions to ensure that our ongoing missions continue to be carried out correctly and that the foundations of structural reforms designed to cope with modern requirements be implemented. For this reason, in line with the spirit of teamwork that I have never ceased to advocate since being elected to lead this organisation, I decided to nominate Pierre Weiss as acting General Secretary of the IAAF at the recent Council Meeting in Osaka, and I am pleased

that this proposal was accepted by my colleagues there. This nomination will take immediate effect and should be considered active until the Osaka Congress in 2007.

At that stage, having fully considered the different aspects required to meet the challenge of implementing a structure capable of managing athletics according to the ambitions we have for its growth and development, I shall submit a new plan for your approval: a plan which will map out precisely how we can face up to the challenges of the future.

The weight and breadth of the responsibilities now placed on Pierre Weiss - whose devotion, deep knowledge of our sport and incredible work rate are well known to us during the last 15 years that he worked as IAAF General Director - mean that it is necessary that we collaborate fully as a team, and that the workload be now spread out wisely and accurately.

Every IAAF Director, Manager and member of staff will ensure that they are fully engaged in the new strategies we are introducing and be totally clear about the big picture we have in mind for the future of our sport.

I shall personally monitor that this is adhered to by all concerned and shall also oversee the evaluation process that we plan to carry out at the conclusion of this period.

Lamine Diack
IAAF President

Photo: Lamine Diack and Istvan Gyulai, Lausanne 2003



Istvan Gyulai, 1943 – 2006

What is the mystery of Hungary and its wonderful people? Encased in their unique language, yet wise in the ways of the world. Perhaps the Rubik Cube best encapsulates their highly intelligent and humorous nature. A very musical and inquisitive society yet given also to melancholy and privacy. Istvan Gyulai fitted all the colours of the Rubik Cube within a complex yet playful personality.

I first met Istvan in a Hotel in Pest in 1963 when the British Athletics team arrived for a dual-meet in the giant Nep Stadion. It was pure chance that we both ran in the same event - the 400m - which brought us together in a friendship that lasted 43 years. Had I been a Discus thrower or Istvan a hurdler I doubt we would have bonded so quickly, if at all.

These were gruesome times for the Magyars, the detritus of the Soviet Invasion still clear from the bullet holes on the city's buildings. Its grey politburo offered no incentives for a young and ambitious student athlete. Crouched in the shadows of the grimy hotel, Istvan confessed his problem. He was selected, like myself, to run in the World Student Games in Brazil but he had no money. Yes he had the Forints of local currency but he needed dollars. Real money. John Boulter and I had no hesitation in some illicit trading that would allow him and his girl friend, Olga – a bewitching 800m runner – to enjoy this once-in-a-life-time experience.

With the cash in Brazil, Istvan bought a tape recorder – where none existed in Hungary. And then panicked as he realised he would have to explain to the Border guards how he could account for the money needed to buy such an expensive capitalist machine. So John Boulter gamely stuffed it into his luggage and it travelled many miles around the world before John finally could make a trip to Budapest and reunite the machine with its eager owner.

Istvan had a fine intelligence but one wonders how invasive was the strict communism which ordered every portion of his life until perestroika. I always found with Istvan an instinctive need to explore in detail every proposal brought to him, a caution in direct contrast to his instinctive

humour and imagination. He was a child born in war and raised in intolerance and lies. Caution was his only ally in those troubled times.

Sport was at the heart of Istvan's life. He was a more than capable sprinter with 23 national titles and 9 years on the international circuit including his greatest moment running in Tokyo at the 1964 Olympics. He left a proud legacy of achievement, mentored by his wise advisor Dr Joseph Sir. It was he who counselled Istvan to think of finding a new life in sport as a commentator for Hungarian TV. He became an authoritative and enthusiastic performer, soon in demand for all kinds of sporting duties from Horse Racing to Ice Skating. So wide and well handled was his brief that he soon became indispensable and was elevated to Head of Sport - a position from which he could commission a wider variety of programming including his first full-length movie.

By now he had a family, Olga giving him Miklos and Katalin. Later he was to marry again to Krisztina and produce Marton and Julia followed by a grand-daughter from Katalin. All the children showed sporting talent but Miklos in particular inherited his father's speed and joined the Bobsleigh world for the first Hungarian 2-Man Bob at the '94 Lillehammer Olympics, finishing a scary 28th. He also made the 4x100m relay team in the Sydney Games, 2000. In 2006 the two brothers were in Turin for Bobsleigh with Marton as driver and Micky as captain of the Hungarian team. Imagine the pride of a father to know his 2 boys were part of the world's greatest sporting event. Just in time as luck would have it.

Running in parallel to his TV work was his role in the Hungarian Athletics Federation. Joseph Sir encouraged his protégé to make astute political friends both Hungarian and worldwide. Istvan showed an immediate comprehension of politics and positioning, both for his sport and his own career. Juan-Antonio Samaranch himself advised Istvan, encouraging him to leave TV and seek a senior role in the IAAF. A Council Member in 1984, he added the professional role of General Secretary 7 years later. This brought him into the crucial executive relationship with the

new President Primo Nebiolo. It is to the credit of these two very different men that they could form, not without early problems, a positive relationship which took the IAAF to the forefront of World Sport and the Olympic movement.

The IAAF operates like a medium sized country with over 200 affiliated National Federations and countless athletics meetings. That means 7 days a week in a variety of countries for 12 months a year for the General Secretary and his staff, a daunting burden even for a tough old athlete. It was perhaps 2 years ago that his loyal staff noticed a change in their leader. He looked tired and drawn but imperiously brushed aside any question of ill-health. As time wore on, Istvan showed increasing signs of fatigue and made unannounced private meetings away from the office.

IAAF President Lamine Diack was rightly very concerned for his General Secretary and begged Istvan to take time off, to recuperate, to go anywhere in the world to restore his health. The staff also wanted to share the burden of his work, but nothing was allowed to change his schedule. In the last few months the staff tried to divert his work load without his noticing. But Istvan loyally continued his usual heavy day of meetings, shrugging off any mention of his evident fatigue.

He died in the early hours of March 12, surrounded by his beloved family, on the final day of the World Indoor Athletics Championships in Moscow, a biennial-event he had brought into being. It came as a shock to those in the Olympiski Arena but no surprise to those who had seen his marvellous intellect gradually lose the battle with his ailing body.

Istvan Gyulai was a great servant of Athletics and Olympic Sport: a unique talent on the track and at the Council table. Questioning, testing, pushing the boundaries, open to any new idea but prepared to test it to destruction. Above all a devoted father, a great friend, witty and playful, happiest perhaps, when playing his beloved piano. There his soul felt true comfort.

Adrian Metcalfe

Posthumous Award of the IAAF Golden Order of Merit

Istvan Gyulai, who had been IAAF General Secretary since 1991, passed away in the early hours of 12 March. He was 62 years old.

"It is with deep regret that I have to announce the death of a friend and valued colleague," said IAAF President Lamine Diack.

"Istvan devoted his entire life to our sport. As a young man, he was an international athlete in the 400m and then became Head of Sport for Hungarian TV, combining that career with important positions in Hungarian and international sport. He was a member of the IAAF Council from 1984 until 2001, and was appointed

IAAF General Secretary in 1991, working tirelessly and with great imagination for the cause of world athletics.

"His colleagues on the Council and in our Member Federations, as well as all the members of IAAF staff, will sadly miss his friendly manner, his intelligence and his energy. I also believe that Istvan was extremely courageous in the face of a cruel illness, continuing to work as hard as ever, without complaint, until the end. I would like to send our deepest condolences to his wife Krisztina, his sons Miklos and Marton and his daughters Katalin and Julia."

A Memorial Service was held on Wednesday 15 March 2006, at St. Charles Church, Monaco, at which the life and career of Istvan Gyulai was honoured by the family and the IAAF.

The commemoration of Istvan Gyulai's life continued one week later on Wednesday 22 March 2006 in Budapest, Hungary, when a Mass was held at Szent Istvan Bazilika, which was followed by the Funeral at Pesterzsébeti Temető, at which on behalf of the IAAF, President Lamine Diack made the posthumous presentation of the IAAF's highest honour, the Golden Order of Merit.



IAAF Golden Order of Merit displayed at the Funeral, 22 March 2006



Istvan Gyulai (HUN)

National Honour

On Tuesday 18 April 2006, Mr Laszlo Solyom, the President of the Republic of Hungary, posthumously awarded Istvan Gyulai, the Medium Cross Civic Class of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Hungary, in a ceremony which took place in the Sandor Palace, Budapest, Hungary.

The award was presented to the family of Istvan Gyulai: to his wife, Krisztina and his children: Miklos, Katalin, Marton, and Julia. Two former Presidents of the Hungarian Athletics Association, Mr Laszlo Bekesi and Mr Agoston Schulek, were also present at the ceremony. In making the presentation, President Solyom especially highlighted Istvan Gyulai's exemplary work in the field of sport.

Istvan Gyulai had previously been presented with two other Hungarian honours. In 2002, he received the Esterhazy Miksa Award and in 2003, the Hungarian Heritage Award.

Date of Birth - 21 March 1943

Nationality - Hungarian

Languages - Hungarian, English, German, French, Russian

Education - ELTE University Budapest - Arts Faculty - Modern Languages and Literature

Profession -

Television Commentator

Former Head of Sport of Hungarian Television (MTV)

Posts held within the IAAF

IAAF Council Member 1984 - 2001

IAAF General Secretary 1991 - 2006

Press Commission Chairman 1991 - 2003

Competitive sports career

23 times Hungarian Champion in short distances

1961-1969 Member of National Team

Gold medal, 4x100m, Universiade, Porto Alegre 1963

Competed in Olympic Games, Tokyo 1964

Silver medal, 4x400m, Universiade, Budapest 1965

Offices in sport

Honorary Life President of the Hungarian Athletics Federation 2001 - 2006

Member of National Council 1980 - 2006

Deputy General Secretary of the International Sports Press

Association (AIPS) 1977 - 1989

General Secretary of AIPS 1989 - 1992

Vice-President of Hungarian Athletics Federation 1989 - 1992



IAAF Athletics' World Plan

I am delighted to report that there has been considerable progress with the **Athletics' World Plan** since our last Council meeting in November. I would just like to spend a few minutes to update you on these activities.

As you are aware, the working group studying the all-important objective in the World Plan of making Athletics the world-wide number one participatory sport in schools has now been replaced by the new **School/Youth Commission**, chaired by our colleague Jamel Simohamed. They met together in Monaco in January and I am happy that I was able to attend some of that meeting. This is a very representative Commission, with members from Puerto Rico, Canada, Algeria, Brazil and Japan and it was so encouraging to see the tremendous motivation that exists amongst them.

At their meeting the Commission decided to take the 'Kids' Athletics' programme and to make it much more user-friendly for schools and particularly for teachers, by adding an educational aspect to it.

We have learnt that a version of the 'Kids' Athletics' programme has recently been introduced to over 6000 schools in Malaysia, which is a wonderful result and although only an early start it is certainly something that we should be proud of.

By the end of the 2006 season the Commission plans to have a new competition formula for 13-15 year olds completed, which will provide the natural link between 'Kids' Athletics' and Youth competitions. A new youth oriented webpage will also be created by this time.

I am happy to report that the new initiative of adding a schools theme to World Athletics Day this year has been well received by many of our Member Federations.

The **Athletics' World Plan Steering Group** met in Monaco at the beginning of February, where we received reports from the seven working groups.

The **'Events' team**, led by Dapeng Lou and Sergey Bubka, updated the Steering Group on the status of all the actions contained within the Plan. It was agreed by the Steering Group that their main focus over the coming months must be on the creation and development of a new worldwide calendar structure. In order to achieve this, a new 'task force' will be put in

place which in addition to Dapeng and Sergey will involve Hansjörg Wirz, as the leader of the 'Competence' team and Amadeo Francis, as the leader of the 'Participation' team. Their important and complex task will be to devise a clear and concise new calendar covering the years 2007 to 2012, by the end of this year.

As you are aware, this Council has been discussing the important issue of the empowerment of the Area Associations. This task has been undertaken within the World Plan, by Hansjörg's **'Competence' team**. Their task is to define a new role for the IAAF and its Area Associations. With every Area having different needs this will not be an easy job.

It was agreed by the Steering Group that a full day's meeting of representatives from each of the Areas, together with IAAF senior staff will now take place in Paris on June 15th. This meeting is designed to integrate the Areas and to help to motivate them to grow. An Action Plan will be created to provide them with the means and the tools to assist them in this important process. Having been in charge of an Area myself for over 30 years I know how valuable this process will be.

Amadeo Francis' **'Participation' team** will, as previously mentioned, now be assisting in the development of the new calendar, which will be so vital in helping this team to achieve their objective of creating a clear competition structure to enable athletes to progress from one level of competition to the next. This team has also been charged with the task of looking into ways that our Member Federations can get closer to the mass participation events in their countries.

The team leader of the **'Facilities' team**, Jose Luis de Carlos has produced a report on the development of new Athletics facilities in our different Areas and the different problems that each faces. It has been agreed that a specialist from each Area will now address these issues with specific reference to the problems faced in their own region. These specialists have now been appointed for this purpose. From this work it will be possible to commence the development of a template to help to motivate our Member Federations to get closer to their governments and private sector partners in the creation of new Athletics facilities. The other important task being undertaken by this team is to address the serious

problem of artificial pitches now being sanctioned by the football authorities. The team is working with Mondo and also with FIFA to address this problem.

Helmut Digel's **'Recognition' and 'Finance' teams** have made considerable progress on the creation and contracting of teams of Ambassadors and Senior Ambassadors drawn from the current and past stars of the sport, to help us to promote the sport to new audiences around the world. You will see a lot of activity in this area over the coming months. The team is also, together with Dentsu, looking into the opportunities or threats that relationships with a betting partner for the IAAF could bring, as this could potentially bring immense new revenue to the sport. But this will need to be carefully considered. The team will also look into the opportunities that exist to turn the bidding process for the World Championships into a much bigger event, similar to an Olympic bid, which would help to raise the stature and generate considerable coverage for the sport. Over the coming months the team will advise on the crucial subject of the future ownership of our commercial rights.

The final discussions of this last Steering Group focused on the **'Media' team**, led by Adrian Metcalfe. This team is now concentrating, with the help of some new experts within the team, to find ways to generate more television and media coverage amongst the youth media, which attracts our future spectators and even our future athletes. They will be working with our television partner TWI, together with the major news agencies like API, to create television material which is attractive to this market and to set up a distribution system that will generate regular coverage in this important youth market.

As you will see, there has been a lot of good work done by our teams working on the World Plan and there will be some very interesting work done over the coming months, in particular in the re-distribution of responsibilities to our Areas and in the creation of a new, practical and workable calendar for the sport.

All this will ensure that Athletics is stronger and healthier by the time of our centenary.

Lamine Diack
29 March, Osaka, Japan

IAAF COUNCIL MEETING - 28 / 29 March 2006 - Osaka, Japan

The Council of the IAAF, presided over by President Lamine Diack, met in Osaka, Japan on 28 and 29 March 2006.

At the beginning of the meeting, one minute of silence was observed in memory of General Secretary István Gyulai.

Pierre Weiss is appointed as acting General Secretary

Later in the morning, Council confirmed, with immediate effect, the appointment of General Director Pierre Weiss (FRA) as the acting IAAF General Secretary until the next IAAF Congress, 20 - 22 August 2007, just

prior to the World Championships in Osaka. Pierre Weiss, who has been IAAF General Director since 1991 with particular responsibility for Events and Marketing, worked in close association with István Gyulai over the past 15 years.

Future Competitions

	<p><u>Venues Awarded</u></p> <p>2008 World Junior Championships – Bydgoszcz, POL, 8-13 July 2008.</p> <p>2008 World Road Running Championships – Rio de Janeiro, BRA, 5 October 2008</p> <p>2010 World Cup in Athletics – Split, CRO (dates tbc). <i>NB. Additional information on specific organisational aspects was requested from the local organising committee.</i></p>	
	<p>2010 World Junior Championships – Moncton, CAN (date tbc)</p> <p><u>Dates Agreed</u></p> <p>IAAF World Athletics Final – Stuttgart, GER 2007: Sat 22 – Sun 23 September 2008: Sat 20 – Sun 21 September</p>	

Photographs: Clockwise beginning top left – Lamine Diack and Pierre Weiss; Split delegation makes their presentation; Abby Hoffman speaks on behalf of Moncton; Irene Szewinska who led the Bydgoszcz delegation is congratulated on successful 2008 bid.

Advertising Regulations

An amendment to the IAAF Advertising Regulations was made which abolished the restriction of the display of a manufacturer's name/logo on shoes, as follows:

4.1.6 Shoes: The name/logo of the Manufacturer of shoes used by an

Athlete during the course of the Competition is not restricted in size.

Anti-Doping Administration

It was noted that some Member Federations were not collaborating with the IAAF efforts against doping, and so Council decided that the IAAF

will issue a warning to Member Federations after the first offence of non-compliance with IAAF Anti-Doping Rules and Regulations. Further violations would lead to financial penalties and/or suspension of the Member Federation.

Transfer of Allegiance

Hanan FAHOUN COLLETTE from MAR to FRA since 20 Jan 2006
Nouredine SMAIN from MAR to FRA since 4 Dec 2005
Chrisopher HERCULES from USA to TRI since 23 Feb 2006
Takhir MAMASHAEV from BLR to KAZ since 23 Feb 2006
Nicolas PEREIRA ALTEZ from URU to BRA since 24 Feb 2006
Tanja GLICIC from SCG to BIH since 8 Mar 2006
Maja JANJIC from SCG to BIH since 8 Mar 2006
Germaine MASON from JAM to GBR since 8 Mar 2006

Fatmata FOFANAH from USA to GUI since 17 Mar 2006
Alexander MARTINEZ from CUB to SUI since 22 Mar 2006
James THEURI from KEN to FRA since 17 Mar 2006
Alexsey BOGDASIN from KAZ to GER since 22 Mar 2006
Simon MUNYUTU from KEN to FRA since 22 Mar 2006
Mohamed Elbendir KATHARI from MTN to ESP since 23 Mar 2006
Ambrose EZENWA from NGR to AUS from 20 Apr 2006

IAAF Ambassadors



The following elite athletes have accepted to become IAAF Ambassadors to promote Athletics and

the work of the IAAF in 2006:

Stephane Diagana (FRA), Heike Drechsler (GER), Jonathan Edwards (GBR), Frank Fredericks (NAM), Kelly Holmes (GBR), Colin Jackson (GBR),

Jackie Joyner-Kersey (USA), Wilson Kipketer (DEN), Tegla Loroupe (KEN), and Svetlana Masterkova (RUS), with more names to follow soon.

Murofushi, Noguchi and Zybina honoured

	<p>At the IAAF Dinners which were held prior to the World Indoor Championships, Moscow, Russia (9 Mar) and Council Meeting, Osaka, Japan (27 Mar), three star athletes were honoured with the presentation of IAAF Plaques.</p> <p>In Moscow, Galina Zybina, 1952 Olympic women's Shot Put champion, an 8-time World record breaker was the recipient (left), while in Osaka, it was the turn of Japan's 2004 Olympic track and field champions, Hammer Thrower Koiji Murofushi and Marathoner Mizuki Noguchi (right). Noguchi, also received two IAAF World Record plaques for the 25km (1:22:13) and 30km (1:38:49) marks which she established en route to her 2:19:12 victory in the 2005 Berlin Marathon.</p>	
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Record number of candidates for 2011 World Championships

With the deadline for receipt of letters of intent now passed, the IAAF can announce that a record number of countries have declared an interest to host the 2011 edition of the IAAF World Championships in Athletics.

A total of 9 countries from 5 continental areas (Africa, Asia, Europe, North America and Oceania) will now be subject to a rigorous evaluation process, with the winner being selected by the IAAF Council in the spring of 2007.

The full list is (candidates by IAAF Member Federation, with cities listed when known):

Australia AUS (Brisbane); Croatia CRO (Split); Spain ESP (Madrid or Valencia); Korea KOR (Daegu); Morocco MAR (Casablanca); Russia RUS (Moscow); Sweden SWE; United Arab Emirates UAE; United States of America USA.

"I am delighted to see such strong interest, from so many different parts of the world, as this demonstrates not

only the strength of our Athletics movement, but the particular value of our top competition," said President Diack.

"Having 50% more candidates than ever before for the IAAF World Championships in Athletics, where more than 200 Member Federations compete, demonstrates the current value of athletics, and the great attraction of the Worlds as a major sporting event."

Visit to Mizuno HQ

President Lamine Diack on 27 March visited the Headquarters of Mizuno corporation, which is located near the port area of Osaka, the city which will host the 11th IAAF World Championships in Athletics in 2007. He was accompanied by IAAF Vice-President Helmut Digele and IAAF General Director Pierre Weiss.

After meeting the President of Mizuno Corporation Masato Mizuno, the IAAF President handed over a commemorative plaque, congratulating Mizuno on reaching its 100th anniversary in 2006 (photo right).



Nominations and appointments

Council approved the following nominations-

Dr Harold Adams (RSA) as member of the Medical & Anti-Doping Commission, and of Dave Gordon (GBR) as member of the Television Commission.

The following appointments were also approved -

Three Area Technical Officials: Elena Orlova (RUS); Gyorgy Smoczer (HUN); Vadim Nigmatov (TJK).

Eighteen Race Walking Judges: Anne-Christine Blachere (FRA); Manfred Bott (GER); Andre Brito (POR); Bent Bundgaard (DEN); Luca Ciurli (ITA);

Rudolf Cogan (CZE); Tommy Dahloff (SWE); Olive Dobson (GBR); Jose Ganso (POR); Silvia Hanusova (SVK); Michal Krynicki (POL); Gerard Lelievre (FRA); Denis Morino (ITA); Pierce O'Calaghan (IRL); Luis Saladie (ESP); Inge-Marie Scholer (DEN); Steven Taylor (GBR); Lamberto Vacchi (ITA).

Visit to Nagai Stadium

On Thursday 30 March, an IAAF delegation led by President Diack visited Nagai Stadium, Osaka, which will host the 11th IAAF World Championships in Athletics in 2007. Left: general view; Right: from left to right - Council Members Hansjorg Wirz, Irene Szewinska, Cesar Moreno Bravo, Vice President Amadeo Francis, and President Diack.



Anti-Doping symposium in Lausanne

An international anti-doping conference titled the "2006 IAAF World Symposium on Doping in Sport" concentrating on the theme of "optimising effectiveness in the anti-doping fight" will be organised by the IAAF from 30 September to 2 October 2006.

The symposium will focus on two key goals: firstly to discuss and evaluate the current challenges and strategies in the anti-doping fight, and secondly to create inputs for the 2007 WADA World Doping Conference in Sport. Among the many topics discussed will be recurring areas of concern such as EPO and blood doping, as well as new and important anti-doping measures such as individual athlete profiling (blood & steroid), and new strategies in the prosecution of doping violations.

ATHLETES SANCTIONED FOR A DOPING OFFENCE SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE IAAF AS OF 20 April 2006

VASHCHILLO Aleksander	BLR	EAA Permit Meeting	12.6.05	Public Warning
ES-SRAIDI Larbi	MAR	Cross National de Limoges	20.11.05	2 years ineligibility (22.2.06-21.2.08)
PHYAR AUNG Khet Wai	MYA	Hong Kong Marathon	8.2.04	2 years ineligibility (1.4.04-31.3.06)
SWARTBOOI Luketz	NAM	2005 Soweto Marathon	6.11.05	Public Warning
YUHONG Zhang	CHN	National OOC	11.4.05	2 years ineligibility (11.4.05-10.4.07)
HONGFENG Sun	CHN	National OOC	12.9.05	2 years ineligibility (12.9.05-11.9.07)
NIU Nana	CHN	National OOC	27.8.05	2 years ineligibility (27.8.05-26.8.07)
WANG Lina	CHN	National OOC	27.8.05	2 years ineligibility (27.8.05-26.8.07)
HOWELL Brent	RSA	ASA Challenge IV	17.2.06	Public Warning
DENGERSA Tezeta	TUR	EAA Euro Indoor Chmps	6.3.05	2 years ineligibility (12.5.05-11.5.07)
PALAGYI Gergö	HUN	National OOC	25.1.06	2 years ineligibility (3.3.06-2.3.08)
CHIRITA Rodica	ROM	National OOC	8.12.05	Life Ban
SINITSYN Pavel	RUS	National Comp (Volgograd)	4.2.06	2 years ineligibility (13.3.06-12.3.08)
DUBOVIK Olesya	UKR	Road Race, Ankara (TUR)	27.12.05	2 years ineligibility (1.2.06-31.1.08)

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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Masters' Committee

The annual Masters' Committee Meeting took place on 21 March 2006 on the occasion of the 2nd World Masters' Association (WMA) Champs Indoors, Linz (AUT). It was the first official function for Pierre Weiss in his new role as acting IAAF General Secretary. Chairman Cesar Moreno Bravo opened the meeting with a minute of silence in memory of Istvan Gyulai and Torsten Carlius, both Secretary Generals of the IAAF and WMA respectively, and who had passed away since the last meeting. Both men were praised for their devotion and service to Athletics.

An excellent example was the 2nd Indoor Championships which attracted 3335 participants from 62 countries. With the endorsement of IAAF Rule 141, it also marked the first time that category M35 could officially participate in WMA competitions. The

next WMA Championships Indoors will be hosted by Clermont Ferrand (FRA) in 2008.

With the demise of Torsten Carlius who was a Member of the Committee, Cesar Moreno Bravo proposed an amendment for the 2007 IAAF Congress to stipulate that all future WMA Presidents automatically become "Ex-Officio Member" of the IAAF Masters' Committee so that there is always a WMA Representative. He emphasized the importance of the annual IAAF/WMA Coordination Meetings held during the weekend of the IAF Gala which serve to cement the existing cooperation.

Exceptionally invited to attend the Meeting, the new WMA President, Cesare Beccalli (ITA), reiterated his staunch belief in consolidating relations between both organisations. Among his projects, is a "Masters' Development Programme for Africa", a continent that has produced numerous

top athletes but afflicted by prevalent economic crisis, has remained "mediocre" on the Masters' international scene. He also plans to bring Masters' Championships to South America which is the only continent to boast 100% affiliation between the IAAF and WMA Member Federations.

In other developments, Members were informed that the EVAA General Assembly is to vote in July 2006 on whether to adopt the term "Masters" in place of "veterans" as has been recommended in the past by the IAAF. The Association has also been active in the Anti-Doping Campaign with a forthcoming seminar to be held in Poznań (POL) on the occasion of the European Veterans Athletics Championships, Stadia (19-30 July 2006) and it was reported that many athletes have already signed the Anti-Doping Declaration.

World records – recently ratified

Originally announced on 20 April 2005 on www.iaaf.org

Men

Road Relay 42.195km

1:57:06 'Team Kenya' KEN, Chiba, JPN, 23 Nov 05 (Josephat Ndambiri, Martin Mathathi, Daniel Mwangi, Mekubo Mogusu, Onesmus Nyerre, John Kariuki)

Previous: 1:57:56 Morocco MAR, Litochoro GRE, 17 Apr 94

Women – Indoor

Pole Vault

4.91m Yelena Isinbayeva RUS, Donetsk, UKR, 12 Feb 06

Previous: 4.90m Yelena Isinbayeva RUS, Madrid ESP, 6 Mar 05

Women - Junior

400m Hurdles

54.40 Xing Wang (86) CHN, Nanjing, CHN, 21 Oct 05

Previous: 54.70 Lashinda Demus USA, Kingston JAM, 19 Jul 02



John Kariuki brings the Kenyan men's team home in Chiba, Japan, in a World Road Relay record

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