

Empowering the IAAF Areas

On June 16 and 17, I attended two very important meetings in Paris, the first with representatives of the IAAF Areas and the second with members of the Steering Board of the IAAF Athletics' World Plan.



Both meetings were held together because the IAAF sees the modernisation of strategies and structures as a key priority, particularly with regard to our relationship with the Areas. In Paris, we were able to present a new philosophy which permits empowerment through decentralisation and a sharing of responsibilities.

At the IAAF Congress in Helsinki, it was agreed that article 9 of the IAAF Constitution should be

modified to read that the IAAF "Area Associations shall perform an essential role in developing Athletics, through the establishment and control of competition structures and the establishment and control of a development programme". For this reason, the principle of empowering of the IAAF Areas has already been agreed and is irreversible. But it now falls upon the Athletics' World Plan Steering Group, together with IAAF Council and our Committees and Commissions, to drive the process forward.

The next important step will be the IAAF Council Meeting on 21/22 August in Beijing, where we will discuss the Areas' future role in the global competition system and in the IAAF's marketing and development strategies.

What we must achieve without delay is a clear and coherent international competition calendar where elite competition windows in each Area do not overlap, and are preceded by a period of local competition inside the Member Federations. By doing this, the calendar will be structured in a manner that allows the season to build to a logical conclusion.

Finally, it is crucial that we find ways to promote elite athlete participation in national and Area level events, and this can be done by creating sufficient competition opportunities for our athletes. The creation of the IAAF World Tour in 2006, linked directly to the World Athletics Final, has been a major step in this direction. Because not only does the WAT include at least one competition per Area but athletes competing at other selected Area level meetings can score points to qualify for the Final. In the future, we will be looking at other ways to strengthen the importance of Area level competitions and, most importantly, their relevance within an IAAF World competition system

Lamine Diack
IAAF President *(photo left)*



IAAF Athletics' World Plan update

How do the world's major global brands run their businesses? How do these huge multinationals work together with their offices in all corners of the globe, while maintaining the integrity of their brands? What roles do the regional offices of companies like Coca-Cola, Nike and McDonalds play in the decision making processes which retain the stature of these massive household names?

These are questions which have been studied by the IAAF since it was decided, as a fundamental objective of the Athletics' World Plan, that the further development of the sport could only be achieved through the IAAF empowering its Area Associations and Member Federations. As is laid out clearly in the Plan itself, by doing this, the IAAF will "Develop the Area Associations so that they take a more active role in administering and developing the sport".

The latest meeting of the **Athletics' World Plan Steering Group**, held in Paris in June, followed a landmark meeting, held the previous day, where the Presidents and General Secretaries of all Area Associations had spent a day to set this process in motion. The President, who passionately believes in the empowerment of the Areas, personally chaired this crucial meeting.

It is clear that the issue of empowerment does not just affect a part of the World Plan, it has a global impact on its entire implementation; it is not just a goal of the Plan, it is also a key tool to achieve all its objectives.

In any such process there are a number of activities and roles that are currently controlled and managed from head office, which need to be handled by the Areas. Activities such as development, marketing and the creation of new facilities for the sport around the world will all benefit from much greater control from within the regions themselves. The one thing that is at the heart of everything is of course events. Without a clear

and understandable global competition system the sport can never grow successfully. Such a structure must work for the Areas and for their Member Federations and must provide athletes around the world with a clear system to enable them to progress from junior to youth to senior and from national to regional to world level. The Steering Group decided that it was this global competition system that was the first key task of the Area empowerment project and it was this that was debated at length during the meeting of the Areas and was the overriding subject which was at the heart of all the discussions of the Steering Group.

In order to create a new global system, providing the Areas with specific windows for national and regional championships, all leading to the sport's pinnacle event, the IAAF World Championships, it was decided that the Area Championships should become an additional way to qualify for the World Championships. The Steering Group has asked Dapeng Lou and Sergey Bubka of the **Events Team** (in conjunction with Hansjörg Wirz and Amadeo Francis) to study the creation of a new structure, which will now first involve studying the existing structure of all IAAF WAS events. Part of this study will involve fixing a permanent time period for the World Championships and thereby windows for Area and national championships.

The World Plan Steering Group agreed to the development of a new, clear proposal for this new structure which will be ready in time to put forward to the November Council meeting.

The Steering Group was also updated on the impressive progress of the new **Schools/Youth Commission** and in order to assist them in their major global task the **Participation Team** has instigated a project, currently underway in head office, to develop a database of the 9,000 certified coaches who have

participated in RDC programmes around the world.

To assist the work of the **Facilities Team**, key individuals in each Area have been identified to provide vital information on the facilities which currently exist in each of their regions to enable the Team to develop a programme which will then be rolled-out from head office, but with which the Areas will be empowered to implement with the full support of Monaco.

The **Recognition and Finance Team** informed the Steering Group on the success of the IAAF Ambassadors programme and confirmed that the new weekly 30-minute programme 'Athletix', produced jointly between IAAF and TWI was being well received by broadcasters around the world. The Team's initiative of running marketing training courses was also well underway with 50 participants from Member Federations having already attended the first two sessions held in Moscow and Jakarta.

The **Media Team** is extremely keen to utilise current athletes to help to promote the sport and the Steering Group have asked Sergey Bubka to develop enhanced programmes to assist the sport's top athletes with communications and media training.

The implementation process of the Athletics' World Plan reached an important landmark after these two days of crucial meetings in Paris and the President assured everyone that he was personally committed to ensuring that things continue to move forward in such a positive fashion.

Like Coca-Cola and Nike and McDonalds, the global IAAF brand is not only in safe hands, but the re-distribution of certain powers from Monaco to the Areas will also ensure its growth during this important time of development and change.

Robin Courage
TSE Consulting

IAAF COUNCIL MEETING – BEIJING, CHINA

On **21 / 22 August 2006**, at the Hotel Kunlun, Beijing, China, the next meeting of the **IAAF Council** will be held.

The regular activity reports from the President, General Secretary, and Honorary Treasurer, and reports from the recent meetings of the Cross Country and Road Running

Commission (3 April), Race Walking Committee (15 May), Juridical Commission (17 / 18 July), and Marketing Commission (19 August), will be heard.

Also progress reports will be received from the Organising Committees of the 2006 IAAF World Road Race Championships, Debrecen, HUN,

2007 IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Osaka, JPN, and 2008 Olympic Games, Beijing, CHN.

General Programme:

19 August – Marketing & Promotional Commission Meeting
20 August – Advisory Board Meeting
21 / 22 August – Council Meeting
23 August – Departures

TRAFFIE meets the General Secretary

"Traffie", the official mascot of the 11th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Osaka, Japan (25 August to 2 September 2007), which was unveiled to the public on 22 May, and made its first official engagement on 7 July when meeting Junichi Seki, the Mayor of Osaka, is now full stride into its work. Here we see 'Traffie' meeting IAAF General Secretary Pierre Weiss who was making a general site visit to Osaka from 13-16 July 2006.

"Traffie" which comes from the combination of "Track and Field", two of the fundamental words associated with the World Championships, is modelled on a flame, and represents the soul and enthusiasm to win of all the athletes participating in Osaka 2007.



Kenteris and Thanou accept Anti-Doping rule violations

On Monday 26 June 2006, before the Court of Arbitration for Sport, the Greek athletes, Konstantinos Kenteris and Ekaterina Thanou, accepted Anti-Doping rule violations of 3 missed tests between 27 July and 12 August 2004 (in breach of Rule 32.2(d)) and a

failure to provide a urine and a blood sample on 12 August 2004 (in breach of Rule 32.2(c)). In consequence, the proceedings are now at an end.

The athletes were provisionally suspended by the IAAF on 22

December 2004. Subject to compliance with IAAF reinstatement testing requirements, they will be re-eligible to compete on 22 December 2006.

Dwain Chambers (GBR) – performances annulled

Following final resolution of the doping case of Dwain Chambers, the IAAF as of Monday 26 June has now annulled all results obtained by him from the period from 1 January 2002 until 1 August 2003.

European Cup in Annecy, 22/23 June 2002: All results obtained by Dwain Chambers at the European Cup, Annecy, June 2002, including team results, are annulled, and have been confirmed separately by the European Athletic Association.

European Championships in Munich, 6/11 August 2002: All results obtained by Dwain Chambers at the European Championships, Munich, August 2002, including team results, are annulled, and have been confirmed separately by the European Athletic Association.

Men's 100m at the IAAF Grand Prix Final in Paris, 14 September 2002:				Men's 100m at the IAAF World Cup in Madrid, 20/21 September 2002:			
1	Drummond Jon	USA	9.97 (SB)	1	AFR	Emedolu Uchenna	NGR 10.06
2	Collins Kim	SKN	9.98 (NR)	2	AME	Collins Kim	SKN 10.06
3	Obikwelu Francis	POR	10.03	3	EUR	Obikwelu Francis	POR 10.09
4	Williams Bernard	USA	10.05	4	USA	Drummond Jon	USA 10.10
5	Zakari Abdul Aziz	GHA	10.20	5	ASI	Al-Saffar Jamal Abd.	KSA 10.38 (+1)
6	Miller Coby	USA	10.21	6	GER	Blume Marc	GER 10.46 (+1)
7	---			7	OCE	Johnson Patrick	AUS 10.58 (+1)
Montgomery Tim USA DQ				8	ESP	Rodríguez Ángel David	ESP 10.78 (+1)
Chambers Dwain GBR DQ*				Chambers Dwain GBR DQ*			
*Result Annulled - Ranking: 1st - Performance: 9.87 (National & Area Record)				*Result Annulled - Ranking: 5th - Performance: 10.16			

IAAF World Cup in Madrid, 20/21 September 2002:

Pos.	Nat	Points	Revised Men's Placing Table of the IAAF World Cup in Madrid Since the points obtained by Dwain Chambers at the European Cup in Annecy in June 2002 are now to be annulled, the Great Britain team would not have been eligible to compete at the IAAF World Cup in Madrid in September 2002 and, as a consequence, all their points obtained in Madrid will now also be annulled but their individual performances remain valid. Team GBR DQ* *Results Annulled - Ranking: 5th - points 87
1	AFR	134	
2	EUR	116	
3	USA	114	
4	AME	111	
5	ESP	96	
6	GER	87.5	
7	ASI	81	
8	OCE	69.5	



World Athletics Day Draw - On the Road to Monaco



Of the total of 156 IAAF Member Federations who took part in IAAF World Athletics Day (6 – 7 May), 130 submitted their results by the deadline, and accordingly their event winning boys and girls (born 1989 and 1990) were entered for the traditional **World Athletics Day Draw** which took place this year on Thursday 15 June in Paris, France.

From these national winners, the names of twelve lucky children - one boy and one girl for each of the IAAF Areas - were drawn out and have been invited to the famous IAAF Super Grand Prix meeting 'Herculis' in Monaco on 20 August 2006, with their travel and full board accommodation costs covered by the IAAF.

This year for the first time, six youths (born 1991 and 1992) were also invited to Monaco as part of the IAAF Schools Activities project, and six more winners were drawn from this group.

At the present time of writing 10 positive replies have been received from the winners, and with three accompanying persons offering to pay their own flight costs, the IAAF has been pleased in a return gesture to agree to pay for the accommodation of these 'guardians'.

The draw took place on 15 June following the Working Group of the IAAF Areas, with a representative of each Area picking a couple of names out of the box of names. The drawers included African Athletic Confederation President Hamad Malboum Kalkaba,

Asian Athletics Association Honorary Secretary Maurice Nicholas, European Athletic Association President Hansjörg Wirz, NACAC Area Representative Neville McCook, Oceania Athletic Association President Anne Tierney, and Consudatle President Roberto Gesta De Melo. IAAF Vice President Dapeng Lou, IAAF Honorary Treasurer Jean Poczubut, IAAF Council Member Bill Bailey and IAAF General Secretary Pierre Weiss also attended the draw.

WAD 2006 – High successful event, highly successful statistics!

Of the total of 156 of the IAAF Member Federations who took part, 136 also joined the project in the cooperation with schools.

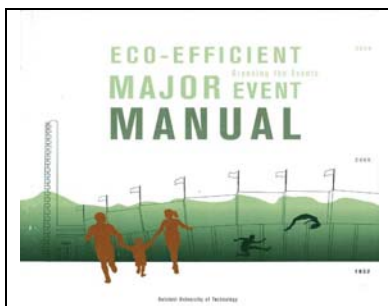
Statistics of participation by Member Federations in each area:
89% of Member Federations in Oceania, 84% in Consudatle, 75% in Asia, 73% in Africa, 69% in Europe and 46% in Nacac.

Photo: Roberto Gesta De Melo draws one of the winners.

IAAF World Athletics Day 2006 - And the lucky winners are...

Federations' Activities - Boys born in 1989 & 1990	Federations' Activities - Girls born in 1989 & 1990
GOODING, Jeron – Barbados, Nacac - 1990, 400m 52.75 HASSAN, Lewis – Panama, S.America - 1989, 800m 2:04.7 MBOUMBA, Darion – Congo, Africa - 1989, 100m 11.19 SARKOZI, Peter – Slovakia, Europe - 1990, 1500m 4:18.08 TEE, Yu Jin – Singapore, Asia - 1990, 400m 51.84 WATERS, Cormac, Australia, Oceania - 1989, HJ 1.85m	BOECHKO, Irina – Turkmenistan, Asia – 1989, 100m 12.90 GASCO, Jimena – Uruguay, S.America – 1990, 200m 27.44 HALDI, Olfa – Tunisia, Africa – 1990, 5000mW 25:45.0 MACHAVARIANI, Sofo – Georgia, Europe – 1990, 100m 12.90 QAUQUAU, Varanise – Fiji, Oceania – 1990, JT 39.00m SIMPSON, Kedesha – Jamaica, Nacac – 1990, 100m 11.70
Schools' Activities - Young Athletes born in 1991 & 1992	
Boys GALLEGOS, Felipe - Mexico, Nacac – 1991, SP 15.02m HASSAN, Ismail Mohamed – Qatar, Asia – 1991, HT 51.96m	Girls BOREL, Sacha - French Polynesia, Oceania - 1991, LJ 4.65m DE FALBAIRE, Ambre – Mauritius, Africa - 1992, TJ 10.29m SOUZA, Raquel – Brazil, S.America - 1991, TJ 10.49m WALDISPÜHL, Christina – Switzerland, Europe – 1992, LJ 4.81m

Helsinki 2005 points the way to environmentally friendly events



The **Eco-Efficient Major Event Manual** was launched in 6 May 2006 in the United Nations yearly Council for Sustainable Development in New York in a special seminar devoted to sports and the environment.

The Eco-Efficient Major Event manual is based on the experience and data

from the **10th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Helsinki 2005**, which was based on the work of the Helsinki University of Technology which implemented the first environmental programme, called ECOMass, in the history of IAAF World Athletics Series events.

The Eco-Efficient Major Event Manual helps Local Organising Committees, key actors, environmental experts and authorities to understand the environmental impacts that major events create. It advises how to implement environmental criteria to minimize the environmental loads and serves as a guidebook when bidding, planning and organising major events.

The easy-to-use manual gives checklists to help the key actors in every phase of the event's lifecycle.

The recreational industry, major events in particular, have great impact on the environment, economy and the consumption patterns on host regions. Major events can give a long-term sustainable legacy to a host region. Eco-Efficiency is a practical way to act and make improvements in energy and material use – to save the environment and costs.

The IAAF belongs nowadays to the club of sustainable sports, which co-operates with the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) and this manual is contributing to the field of sports and environment.

More information from Helsinki University of Technology
<http://www.dipoli.tkk.fi/ecomass>

World records – Recently ratified

Originally announced on 16 June and 11 July 2006 on www.iaaf.org

Men - senior

100m

9.77 Justin Gatlin USA, Doha, QAT, 12 May 06 (Wind +1.7) – (photo, right)

Equals: 9.77 Asafa Powell JAM, Athens, GRE, 14 Jun 05 (Wind +1.6)

20km

55:48 Haile Gebrselassie ETH, Phoenix, USA, 15 Jan 06

Previous: 56:18 Paul Tergat KEN, Milan, ITA, 4 Apr 98

Half Marathon

58:55 Haile Gebrselassie ETH, Phoenix, USA, 15 Jan 06

Previous: 59:16 Samuel Wanjiru KEN, Rotterdam, NED, 11 Sep 05

Women - senior

15km

46:55 Kayoko Fukushi JPN, Marugame, JPN, 5 Feb 06

Previous: 46:57 Elena Meyer RSA, Cape Town, RSA, 2 Nov 91



World records - NOT ratified

Originally announced on 11 July 2006 on www.iaaf.org

Men - indoor

4x400m

3:01.96 USA, Fayetteville, USA, 11 Feb 06 (Kerron Clement, Wallace Spearmon, Darold Williamson, Jeremy Wariner)

REASON: No EPO analysis was performed.

World Indoor record remains:

3:02.83 USA, Maebashi, JPN, 7 Mar 99 (Andre Morris, Dameon Johnson, Deon Minor, Milton Campbell)

World records - Pending ratification as at 23 July 2006

EVENT		ATHLETE	NAT.	DATE	PLACE	PERF.
10km Walk Road	JM	Sergey Morozov	RUS	19 Feb 06	Adler, RUS	39:45
25km Road	M	Haile Gebrselassie	ETH	12 Mar 06	Alphen aan den Rijn, NED	1:11:37
5000m	W	Meseret Defar	ETH	3 Jun 06	New York, USA	14:24.53
100m	M	Asafa Powell	JAM	11 Jun 06	Gateshead, GBR	9.77
Hammer Throw	W	Gulfiya Khanafeyeva	RUS	12 Jun 06	Tula, RUS	77.26m
Hammer Throw	W	Tatyana Lysenko	RUS	24 Jun 06	Zhukovsky, RUS	77.41m

Finland celebrates 100th anniversary of Federation



This year the **Finnish Athletics Federation, SUL**, one of the founding members of the IAAF, **celebrates its 100th anniversary**, having been born on 11 March 1906.

Despite a population of just 5.2 million inhabitants, Finland belongs to the

superpowers of athletics. Finnish track and field athletes have won 114 Olympic medals - 49 golds, 35 silvers and 30 bronzes - since 1906 when they competed at the Olympic Games for the first time.

A large amount of those medals were won in the 1920s and 30s, but even last year this tiny nation punched above its demographic weight on the athletics world stage, its men's team was IAAF World Ranked as the 8th best in the world (women 19th), and the combined team, IAAF World Ranked 15th.

Furthermore, at the IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Finland's overall total is 19 medals (6 gold; 7 silver; 6 bronze), and at the European Championships she has amassed 82 medals (30 gold; 27 silver; 25 bronze).

Last year Finland became the first country to host the IAAF World Championships in Athletics for a second time (1983 and 2005).

The 100th anniversary will be celebrated in many ways at the main Finnish competitions during this summer season:

>>The Finnish Championships, 'Kalevan Kisa' (21 - 23 July) in Jyväskylä, where the member clubs of the SUL were in the spotlight.

>>The Finland vs. Sweden fixture is the most legendary international athletics match in the world and so it's quite natural to nominate it as an official 100th anniversary competition. This year Finland - Sweden will be held at the Helsinki Olympic Stadium on 25 - 26 August.

>>A big anniversary gala will be held in November and the history book of the SUL, written by Seppo Martiskainen, will be published before the end of this year, as well.

Photo: Paavo Nurmi, nine times Olympic champion.

Lynn Davies - UK Athletics President was awarded a CBE (Commander of the British Empire) on Saturday 17 June 2006. The 1964 Olympic Long Jump champion was honoured with the national award for his services to sport.



ATHLETES SANCTIONED FOR A DOPING OFFENCE SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE IAAF AS OF 12 JULY 2006

DAVYDOV Sergey	RUS	Russian Federation Cup	10.5.06	2 years (26.6.06-25.6.08)
MUCHALOVA Yulia	RUS	Russian National Indoor Chmps	5.2.06	2 years (20.3.06-19.3.08)
PROKHOROVA Yelena	RUS	IAAF OOC, Adler, RUS	18.6.05	1 year (4.10.05-3.10.06)
DJAPIC Vukosava	SCG	Mediterranean Games	30.6.05	2 years (6.7.05-5.7.07)
CAPEL John	USA	IAAF Norwich Union Indoor GP	18.2.06	2 years (15.3.06-14.3.08)
AHRASS Jamel	FRA	Meeting de Reims	21.7.05	2 years (28.9.05-27.9.07)
KENTERIS Konstaninos	GRE	IAAF OOC	27.7.-12.8.04	2 years (22.12.04-21.12.06)
THANOU Ekaterina	GRE	IAAF OOC	27.7.-12.8.04	2 years (22.12.04-21.12.06)
FEDIASCHIN Andrey	RUS	WMA Meeting, Linz (AUT)	18.3.06	2 years (19.6.06-18.6.08)
NKUNA Isaiah	RSA	National OOC, Pretoria	11.12.05	Life Ban
SEPENG Hezekiel	RSA	IAAF OOC, Potchefstroom	21.2.05	2 years (11.5.05-10.5.07)

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.

2006 IAAF World Anti-Doping Symposium: Full Programme Released

Officially announced earlier in this year, the **2006 IAAF World Anti-Doping Symposium** is continuing to grow in strength and stature. Concentrating on the theme of "optimising effectiveness in the Anti-Doping fight", the IAAF symposium will run from **30 September to 2 October 2006 in Lausanne, Switzerland**, and will address many of the challenges and difficulties faced in the current battle against doping in sport.

The IAAF has now released the full programme including the list of topics for discussion as well as the list of world renowned speakers who will be presenting at this event. This programme can be found on the IAAF Website at www.iaaf.org/antidoping.

"We are extremely excited with the level and calibre of speakers who have agreed to present at our Symposium. It is an indication of the quality of the Symposium programme we have put together, but also an indication of just how seriously the IAAF is approaching the fight on doping in our sport", said Gabriel Dollé, Director of the IAAF's Medical and Anti-Doping Department.

Among others, the list of speakers includes representatives of the IAAF, International Federations such as the Cycling and Skiing, National Anti-Doping Agencies, the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), International Sports Lawyers, WADA accredited laboratories and most importantly IAAF elite athletes themselves.

Replies have already been received from many participants and all major anti-doping stakeholders will be present including representatives of the IAAF Member Federations. Anyone interested in attending should contact the IAAF Medical and Anti-Doping Department on the details below to enquire about registrations fees and availability (subject to space restrictions).

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The Symposium will include simultaneous translation between English and French, and a French version of the programme outline can also be found on the IAAF Website.

Malaysia embraces Kids' Athletics nationwide



On Saturday 10 June at Taman Tasik Titiwangsa, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, a nationwide programme of Kids' Athletics was officially launched, with activities in 30 centres beginning simultaneously throughout the country. Kids' Athletics has the objective of building a sports culture within primary schools in Malaysia, creating sporting structures to sustain the long term development of youth within the existing athletics culture in Malaysia.

The programme of games and exercises, which took place at the launch in Kuala Lumpur on Saturday and involved 100 students from 10 primary schools, was officiated by the Honourable Deputy Minister of Sports Malaysia, Liow Tiong Loy who also took part in some of the exercises (photo left), among others with the President of the Malaysian Athletics Federation, Syed Mohamad Syed Murtaza.

IAAF Race Walking Committee

The IAAF Race Walking Committee under the chairmanship of Maurizio Damilano **held its one-day meeting for this year, on 15 May in La Coruna, ESP**, following the 22nd IAAF Race Walking Cup 2006.

IAAF President Lamine Diack as well as General Secretary Pierre Weiss joined the group with Diack praising the excellent organisation and satisfaction for the four days spent with the "Walking Family". According to the President, especially the fact that in the Men's 20km the first 10 athletes came from 9 different countries and represented all five continents, enlightened him and "should make the IAAF Family proud of the worldwide development of Race Walking."

Due to the fact that the International Race Walking Judges' panel will end its term in 2006, the format of the Evaluation Seminar which will take place on 28/29 October in Paris was discussed in detail. It was agreed that the format will be the same as in 2002, consisting of a written, video and oral exam. It will be compulsory for candidates to pass a physical and visual acuity test in order to be admitted to the other exams.

The members of the Race Walking Committee confirmed their support regarding the implementation of a World Race Walking Challenge Final in 2007, acknowledging the growing interest for such an event. While potential organisers exist, date and place will be decided upon in the near future; the Final could take place after

the IAAF World Championships in Athletics in Osaka, JPN.

The other main matters discussed included: critical review of 2006 Race Walking season; Site visit report of the Technical Delegates of Osaka 2007, JPN, with regard to all Race Walking aspects; A report on the 2008 World Race Walking Cup which will be held in Cheboksary, RUS; A document submitted by SEIKO stating their views and proposals on the future technological development which they plan to make available for Race Walking. To be able to further proceed with the development and implementation the members of the Race Walking Committee are asked for recommendations; If approved by the IAAF, the next meeting will be held in Monaco in February or March 2007.

New Member Federation officers – recent elections

<i>Federation</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>General Secretary</i>
BDI	Deo Nshimirimana	Hermenegilde Gahungu
CGO	Emanuel Mpioh	---
FSM	Théodore Rutun	---
IND	Umrao Singh	---
NAM	---	Theo Tijjueza
TAN	Francis John Marcially	Suleiman Nyambui Mujaya
TGA	Semisi Fonua	Paula Havea

Getting to know the Member Federation Officials

<> **Said Chakira** <> President Comores Athletics Federation - National Coach 1996-2001; Technical Director of National Federation 2002-2005; former sprinter, 100m-400m (1968-1972); former national footballer (1964-1968).
 <> **Wilfred Adrien** <> General Secretary of Seychelles Amateur Athletics Federation - Director Extra Curricular Activities and Physical Education at Ministry of Education and Youth; National Technical Official since 1988; former athlete, 400m (50.01) and 800m (2.08).

Television and Athletics Seminar, Beijing, China

IAAF Vice President and BOCOG Sports Director Dapeng Lou, IAAF Television Commission Chairman and IOC Member Alex Gilady, BOB Chief Executive Officer Manolo Romero and representatives from IAAF, BOCOG and BOB were in Beijing on 5 June 2006 for the **Athletics and Television Seminar**.

170 Broadcasters representing all the major Chinese TV networks including CCTV, Beijing TV, Shanghai TV, Guangdong TV, Tian Jin TV, Shan Dong TV, Liaoning TV, Jiang Su TV and Hu Bei TV were in attendance.

In his opening comments Dapeng Lou stressed the importance of this seminar for Chinese broadcasters in preparation for the 2006 World Junior Champs and 2008 Olympics.

Gilady stressed the importance of broadcasters understanding how athletics can be produced to the IAAF standards and recognised by the world's TV audiences. 'We are presenting this IAAF philosophy of coverage which is the result of detailed study and work of the IAAF, its Television Commission and the world's broadcasters'.

Romero presented a paper outlining the progress and future planning by Beijing Olympic Broadcasting (BOB) and the application of new technology. The 2008 Olympic Games would be broadcast in HDTV using 55 OB vans from China and the rest of the world. Plans also include 16:9 High Definition at all venues, revised production plan for HD, limited use of virtual reality technology, 5.1 surround audio, more

super slow motion replays and recorders. BOB were also represented by Ma Guoli (Chief Operating Officer) and Mike Klatt who presented Olympic Television Graphics.

Tapani Parm, Director and Producer at YLE, host broadcaster of the 2005 World Championships, presented the Journalistic Approach to coverage of athletics which requires storytelling as a key element.

The 'Broadcasting Athletics' Seminar was organised by the IAAF, Beijing Television and the Organising Committee of the IAAF World Junior Championships in Athletics, Beijing 2006.

A fuller summary is available on the IAAF website.

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