

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE WITH OUR NEW BRAND

Letter from the President

After close to 90 years, our Federation has built a strong and established heritage, caring and developing for the world's "original" sport - athletics.

Because of these ancient traditions, the Classical Greek goddess of victory has been our main identifying icon since the early days of the IAAF. Now, however, we are at a start of a new Millennium. Everything is moving faster; the technological and communication revolution is making the sports environment an extremely fast changing and competitive one. To place ourselves in a leading position, we have to change and adapt.

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For this reason, our goddess will be replaced by the "celebrating athlete."

With the celebrating athlete, the IAAF is now choosing a more contemporary visual identity. The symbol of a celebrating hero resonates with all people with a passion for sports and the achievements made by individual athletes from all over the world.

This visual development has been supported by a global research campaign to identify the key attributes of Athletics in the eyes of the public.

The new visual identity will not only serve as a visual reference for the Federation itself, but all IAAF World Athletic Series events. Those events include the IAAF World Championships as well as the IAAF World Indoor Championships. In addition, all other projects and activities under the direct control of the Federation will be identified through the new visual identity. This new visual identity will be used as of March 2001 starting at the World Indoor Championships.

To change a visual identity requires courage and determination. The IAAF has shown this willingness by embarking on this new venture with enthusiasm and commitment. We have developed a clear strategy to enhance the image of our sport and the new, contemporary identity system is a core element of this strategy.

In this difficult task we have had at our side marketing experts ISL. We started our partnership with ISL 15 years ago, building one of the world's first, finest and most suc-



Lamine Diack unveils the IAAF's new visual identity at the Monte Carlo Grand Hotel on November 26. Photo: ISL



cessful commercial programmes in sport, securing the financial means for the development of athletics at the global level. We extended this great partnership at the beginning of this year to ensure an ever more successful and aspirational future for the sport.

The new visual identity is the result of a combined effort between IAAF and ISL. I can proudly say that a new era will start for the IAAF in which we will aspire to extend the reach of Athletics further, both in the number of participants and fans.

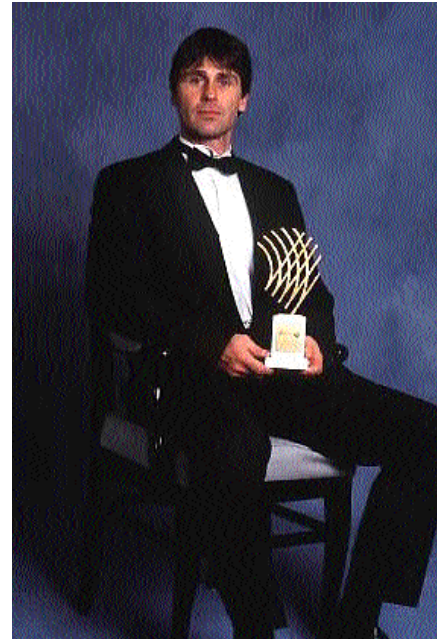
Lamine Diack

World Athletics Gala



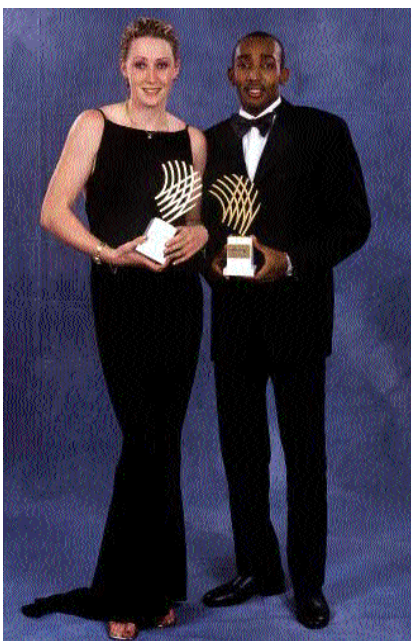
Jan Zelezny (CZE) and Marion Jones (USA) elected Athletes of the Year 2000

Jan Zelezny (CZE) and Marion Jones (USA) are the Athletes of the Year for 2000. The announcement was made at 21:30 tonight by HSH Prince Albert and IAAF President Lamine Diack during the World Athletics Gala 2000 at the Sporting d'Ete, Monte Carlo. Diack said: "Both athletes have shown outstanding competitive ability throughout the season, but they have also been superb role models, displaying respect for their rivals and good humour during extremely stressful circumstances." Jones - who won this title in 1997 and 1998 - had an extremely busy 2000, and made a daring effort to capture five gold medals at the Olympic Games in Sydney. Although she fell short of this goal - she still won gold medals at 100m, 200m and the 4x400m as well as bronze in the Long Jump and 4x100m. Zelezny, who wins this honour for the first time in a long and successful career, became the first man to win three consecutive Javelin titles at the Olympic Games. It was the manner of this victory - he threw 90.17 to regain the lead taken by Britain's Steve Backley who had thrown a superb 89.85 - which captured the imagination. But as well as the Athletes of the Year, a number of other stars were rewarded at the Gala, organised by the International Athletic Foundation with the support of the Compagnie Monégasque de Banque and MONDO. The "Inspirational Award" was given to Cathy Freeman (AUS) in recognition of the most dramatic winning performance of 2000 - her Olympic 400m victory in Sydney;

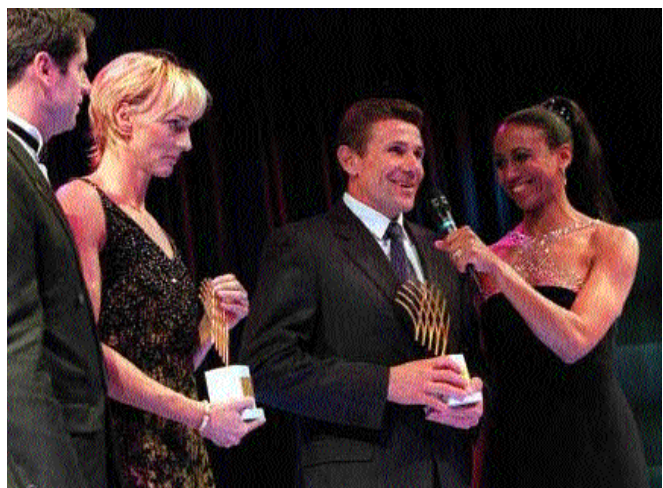


The "Distinguished Career Award" was given to Heike Drechsler (GER) - winner of the Olympic Long Jump title at age 35 - and Sergey Bubka (UKR) who announced his retirement this season - for demonstrating sustained excellence throughout long careers. Finally, the "Rising Star Award" was given to Jana Pittman (AUS) and Hamdan O. Al Bishi (KSA). Pittman competed in the Olympic Games before winning the 400m and 400m Hurdles titles at the IAAF World Junior Championships in Santiago de Chile. Al Bishi won the 400m title in Santiago with 44.66 - a time bettered by only six senior runners.

The award winners were chosen by the Council of the International Athletic Foundation, with the Athletes of the Year based on nominations made by an international panel of experts.



(From top clockwise) Marion Jones (USA) and Jan Zelezny (CZE): Athletes of the Year; Cathy Freeman (AUS) won the Inspirational Award; Heike Drechsler (GER) and Sergey Bubka (UKR) were acknowledged for their Distinguished Careers while Jana Pittman (AUS) and Hamdan O Al Bishi (KSA) were honoured as Rising Stars
Photos: Allsport



IAAF COUNCIL TAKE LANDMARK DECISIONS AT IOC HEADQUARTERS

FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY

The IAAF Council usually holds its year-end meeting around the World Athletics Gala in Monte Carlo.

This year, Council made an exception. The morning after the Gala, at which Marion Jones and Jan Zelezny were declared Athletes of the Year 2000, the members of the Council boarded an aircraft to meet at Château de Vidy, the IOC Headquarters in Lausanne.

The IAAF Council thought it appropriate to accept the invitation of the IOC President, who said at the opening of the session, in the Coubertin Room, that he considered the IAAF to be not just an important, but an essential element of the Olympic Movement. Mr. Samaranch said that he only had to recall the impact of track and field at the recent Sydney Games, especially the attendance figures, to see that Athletics remains Number One at the Olympics.

The IAAF Council unanimously wished to manifest its recognition and gratitude for President Samaranch's continuous support of our sport. It was an emotional moment when in the Olympic Museum, President Lamine Diack handed over the token of the IAAF appreciation - a silver plate with the engraved signatures of the 26 Council Members to the IOC President (see photo above).

The meeting itself went on for three days with no less than 67 items on a list of decisions to be taken, some of which were highly important.

New Prize Money Structure

As long ago as 1993, at the World Championships in Stuttgart, happy winners could drive away in a fine Mercedes car, no doubt an attractive award, and one which was repeated two years later in Göteborg. However, already at that time, some athletes made it clear that they would prefer cash. Council thought hard about this, and cash awards arrived at IAAF events from 1997, to include all medallists. Over the years, however, several anomalies and inconsistencies, including excessive prizes in some cases, and insufficient ones in others, led to a review of the entire system. In Lausanne, a new prize-money structure was approved with several important new elements:



Juan Antonio Samaranch is presented with a commemorative plate by Lamine Diack at the Olympic Museum

- Prize money will be available, in future, not just for the medallists but for the top eight in the World Outdoor Championships and for the top six in the World Indoor Championships, including relay members.
- In contrast to past practice, not only will the top three but all participants in the World Cup be able to earn awards.
- In addition to prize money for the top six individuals, in the World Cross Country and Half Marathon Championships and World Race Walking Cup, team awards have been introduced with consistency as the guiding principle, offering similar amounts for similar places and scoring athletes at these events.

In 2000, 515 athletes shared a total of US\$ 9,223,000 in prize money at IAAF events. With the new structure, the number of prize-winning athletes will increase by about 200%. [For details see table].

IAAF Intranet from 2001

Council has set the goal to build an Intranet system for all IAAF Member Federations to enable instantaneous communication by e-mail from 1 January 2002. At the moment, 70 of the 210 IAAF Member Federations do not have access to electronic mail. In order to help Members invest in the necessary equipment, Council has decided to increase the so-called Member Federation Grant, a project in which 161 National Federations participate, by

US\$ 2,000 each. The increased sum can only be spent on the acquisition of the necessary equipment.

Field events Entry Standards

When Technical Delegates propose Entry Standards before major Championships, they consider the desired number of participants and consult all available statistical data. The same procedure was followed for Edmonton, and yet the Athletic Family felt that the standards in some events were too strong and a high number of requests to reduce were received. After careful study, Council flexibly decided to decrease the A and B standard in the Men's High Jump, from 2.31m and 2.27m by 1cm each, and the B in the Men's Triple Jump, from 16.75m to 16.70m, and the Women's Shot Put, from 17.85m to 17.50m.

Arbitration or CAS?

It is no secret that the proliferation of arbitration cases has given cause for serious concern in the IAAF Council. During the first ten months of the current year, the IAAF incurred costs close to US\$ 600,000 on arbitration. The cost of one case can vary between US\$ 50,000 and US\$ 350,000.

PRIZE MONEY STRUCTURE - IN US DOLLARS

Event	Individuals	Teams	Total
World Championships	6,300,000	744,000	7,044,000
World Indoor	2,288,000	176,000	2,464,000
World Cup	2,442,000	344,000	2,786,000
World Cross Country Champs	280,000	280,000	560,000
World Half Marathon Champs	140,000	105,000	245,000
World Race Walking Cup	180,000	157,500	337,500
Grand Prix Final 2001	2,964,000	-	2,964,000
Grand Prix Final 2002/2003 GPI(tbc)	2,579,500	-	2,579,500
Combined Events Challenge	202,000	-	202,000

Despite the indisputable integrity and efficiency of the IAAF Arbitration Panel, and the IAAF Constitution which says that decisions by the Arbitration Panel are final and binding on all parties, more and more often, decisions are challenged in Civil Courts. As part of the efforts to harmonise anti-doping juridical procedures, using the mandate given by Congress in 1999, Council decided to propose to Congress the recognition of the Olympic Arbitration System (CAS) also in athletic matters. The advantages the IAAF is looking for are less time and money spent on each case and less follow-up problems related to liability. Council has also decided to set up a Juridical Commission composed of:

- Chairman Lauri Tarasti (FIN).
- Members: Roberto Gesta de Melo (BRA)
- Robert Hersh (USA)
- Clemens Prokop (GER)

A New, More efficient Structure

About a year ago, Council decided to Commission an International firm of high reputation, Beaufort Consulting, to conduct a survey on the IAAF's organisational structure, the decision-making and communication process as well as the organisation and competencies of the Head Office. Having heard the report by Beaufort Consulting, Council has confirmed its commitment to create a new organisational and working culture, more orderly decision-making processes and efficient communication and agreed to improve the IAAF capacities in the following fields of activities.

- Event Management
- Communications
- Corporate Services
- Member Services

Confirming also that all Head Office operations shall be solely under the General Secretary's authority, Council has requested that the Structure Working Group make adequate proposals to the next Council Meeting in Lisbon on 11-13 March 2001.

Federations will decide on future "Wild card" entries

In 1997, a policy was introduced to give defending champions the right to compete at the IAAF World Championships. However, experience has shown that this caused occasional conflicts with federations, regarding normal selection procedures. For this reason, Council agreed to bolster the authority of Member Federations in matters of team selection by altering competition regulation 103.2.7. The aim was to give federations the right to decide whether, or not, to include defending champions on their teams. Here is amendment in full:



It has been a custom, in recent years, to recognise long and devoted service to world athletics at major IAAF events, and the last few months have been particularly busy! In Sydney, just prior to the start of the athletics programme of the Olympic Games, IAAF Vice President Amadeo Francis (PRO) (top photo second from right) was awarded the IAAF silver Order of Merit by Lamine Diack, as were two stalwarts of Oceanian athletics, former IAAF Council Member Arthur Eustace (NZL) (far left) and distance running legend Ron Clarke (AUS) (far right). When the IAAF World Athletics Calendar Conference took place in Goteborg a few weeks later, it was the turn of Scandinavia and the Nordic nations to receive recognition. On this occasion, the IAAF silver order of Merit was awarded to Senior Vice President Arne Ljungqvist (SWE) (bottom photo, second from right), former world record holder for High Jump Patrik Sjoberg (SWE) (far right), Exxon Mobil Bislett Games Meeting Director Svein-Arne Hansen (NOR) (far left) and former chairman of the IAAF Arbitration Panel Lauri Tarasti (FIN) (second from left)

Competition Regulation 103.2.7

"In addition to the aforementioned regulation and the maximum of 3 athletes competing for each country, the IAAF will accept the entry of current World Outdoor Champions in each event on the condition that the athlete in question is entered by his/her Federation."

IAAF World Rankings System Officially Approved

Council reviewed the IAAF World Rankings System, introduced in June 2000 on a trial basis. Based on the evidence of a poll conducted among athletes, media and other experts, which demonstrated support for the concept, it was agreed that the IAAF World Rankings will be officially recognised from 2001.



Marion Jones (USA) - World Number 1 Woman according to the IAAF World Rankings

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UGANDA BEATS WORLD POWERS!

Louis Jadwong recalls the pride felt by his nation when Uganda won its first ever gold medal at the IAAF Coca-Cola World Junior Championships in Santiago, Chile

"Uganda ahead of US" was the headline in the country's leading newspaper, The New Vision, at the end of the IAAF Coca-Cola World Junior Championship in Santiago, Chile. The 5000m gold medal win by Dorcus Inzikuru was cause for much celebration.

Not only was it the first medal of any kind by a Ugandan woman on the international scene, but it ensured the east African nation was ranked 22nd out of 39 medalists -- well ahead of athletics "world powers" the US with a single bronze.

"With about 200 metres to the finish line, I realised I still had gas... so I just broke off; the rest of the pack tried to catch up with me but in vain," Inzikuru said of her victory in 16:21.32.

MEMORIES OF AKII-BUA 1972

For a nation, trying to forget a dismal performance at the Sydney Olympics, Inzikuru's win was reassuring. It was the climax of a running career that started at a school championship in Arua, north of Uganda in 1995 and blossomed with victory in the national cross-country championship in 1998. That win gave her African and world championship experience that saw her set new national 3,000m and 5,000m (16:05.05 seconds) records.

The search continues for talent to emulate Munich Olympics hero John Akii Bua, the first man to run the 400m hurdles in under 48 seconds. That remains Uganda's best international performance, with a whole of 24 years passing before Davis Kamoga's 400m bronze at Atlanta. A junior boys gold and two bronze have been got at the World junior championships since 1992.

But the story might not have been the same for the 18 year-old Mvara School girl. Inzikuru and Julius Ogwang, were only able to make the Chile trip courtesy of IAAF sponsorship. Three colleagues were dropped because the cash strapped Ugandan federation could not afford the trip --- a familiar story that has frustrated many a potential athlete.

It also was just reward for UAAF, who have



kept faith with a crop of new girls and boys by entering them in the world junior cross country events in the past three years, and attending the Kenyan high-altitude training camps.

The same crop of runners, have benefited from Australian scholarships, and pre-Olympic camps - and the UAAF is targeting a medal haul come the 2002 Commonwealth Games.

IAAF Anti-Doping News

POSITIVE CASES IN ATHLETICS, SANCTIONED DEFINITELY, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE IAAF AS OF 12th December 2000

HERNANDEZ CABRERA	José Carlos	ESP	Media Maraton de Lanzarote (ESP)	06.12.98	Ineligibility 3 months
HENDERSON	Paul	AUS	OOCT - National, Narabeen (AUS)	23.03.99	2 years
MYERSCOUGH	Carl	GBR	OOCT - National, Somerset (GBR)	28.05.99	2 years
ASONZE	Innocent	NGR	V Memorial Bastino, Turin (ITA)	24.06.99	2 years
ASIAGO	Delillah	KEN	Sao Silvestre Intl. Road Race, Sao Paulo (BRA)	31.12.99	2 years
CIUCIULA	Tania	ITA	Campionatti Italiani Senior & Master, Napoli (ITA)	20.02.00	2 years
LOPEZ					
NAVARRO	Angel	ESP	Spanish National Cross Champs, Orense	05.03.00	2 years
AJAJY	Moktar	FRA	Semi Marathon de Nîmes (FRA)	01.05.00	Public Warning
REIMER	Lauren	USA	Junior T&F Championships (USA)	24.06.00	Public Warning
HEARD	Floyd	USA	Adidas Oregon Track Classic, Portland, (USA)	25.06.00	Public Warning
TZIOUTI	Alexandra	GRE	Greek Clubs Championships, Athens (GRE)	10.07.00	2 years
DRAB	Frantisek	CZE	European Veteran Champs, Jyväskylä (FIN)	18.07.00	2 years
VARGA	Roland	HUN	Nacht den Atletiek, Heusden-Zolder (BEL)	05.08.00	Public Warning
ROMERO	Fabricio	BRA	XIX Trofeu Brasil, Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	06.08.00	Public Warning
HIRSBRO	Claus	DEN	OOCT - National (DEN)	12.08.00	Life
KEMBOI	Simon	KEN	OOCT - WADA, Adelaide (AUS)	21.08.00	2 years
BARANNIK	Dimitriy	RUS	V Kuz Memorial, Moscow (RUS)	26.08.00	2 years
KOVALENKO	Galina	RUS	Krasnodar (RUS)	15.09.00	2 years
DEVYATOVSKI	Vadim	BLR	OOCT - IOC, Sydney (AUS)	18.09.00	2 years
ITO	Yumiko	JPN	84th Japanese Champs of Relay, Yokohama	28.10.00	Public Warning

This list includes those athletes who have been sanctioned for a doping offence by their Federation since the last issue of the IAAF News. Note: A Public Warning also entails disqualification from the competition in which the positive sample was provided. Dates correspond to the positive doping control test.

EDMONTON 2001 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN ATHLETICS SIGNS NATIONAL SUPPLIER AGREEMENT WITH EPCOR

Edmonton 2001 World Championships in Athletics is pleased to announce EPCOR as a national supplier.

"It's with great pleasure that we announce EPCOR as a national supplier," said Jack Agrios, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Edmonton 2001. "The experience they have working as a corporate sponsor with many endeavors in our province means I'm confident The World's will enjoy great benefits from our partnership."

EPCOR is providing the World Championships in Athletics with support essential to making the event a success. The contribution includes providing staff with expertise to address the infrastructure needs of the event. As well they will assist in decorating the city during the championships with a banner program and provide support for a provincial school program that will leave students in Alberta with a lasting legacy.

"EPCOR is proud to be the exclusive supplier of electricity to the 2001 World Championships in Athletics," said Cairine MacDonald, President of EPCOR Energy Services. "The Championships represent an essential element of both our history and our future as Albertans committed to hosting outstanding international sporting events. Athletes, coaches and sports enthusiasts from around the world will experience first hand the warmth of Alberta organizers and volunteers along with our outstanding sports infrastructure."

EPCOR is an Alberta-based company with \$2.4 billion in assets. EPCOR generates 1,782 MW of power; operates transmission and distribution networks; builds

and operates water treatment plants; operates Canada's third largest water distribution network; and sells essential elements for living - power, water and natural gas - to customers across Canada. EPCOR also markets commercial electric services such as landfill gas management, street lighting, electrical and water meter services. More information about EPCOR can be found at www.epcor.ca

Tickets for The World's are available via the web at www.2001.edmonton.com,



THE WORLD'S SIGNS NATIONAL PARTNER AGREEMENT WITH LABATT BREWERIES

Edmonton 2001 has announced Labatt Breweries of Canada as a national partner.

"Labatt has long taken a leadership role in helping to bring world-class athletic events to Canada, and we welcome them to our slate of national partners," said Jack Agrios, Chairman, Board of Directors, Edmonton 2001. "We are delighted to have them aboard as a national partner, and welcoming The World's to Edmonton."

As a national partner, Labatt is interested in supporting plans by organizers of The World's to recognize efforts and contributions of the thousands of Edmontonians who have come forward to volunteer and help host The World's. Through its national partnership, Edmonton 2001 and Labatt will explore many opportunities to use their strengths to help welcome The World's.

"As a Canadian company, Labatt has prided itself on its support for the commu-

nities in which we operate," said Jeff Clark, President, Labatt Breweries Western Canada. "The World's is an event like no other, and we are privileged to be part of the team and this great event."

Labatt, one of the nation's longest-established and most successful brewing companies, employs more than 200 people in Edmonton in the brewing, marketing and sales of nine of the company's 60 different quality beers. Labatt is part of Belgian-based Interbrew SA, one of the largest brewing groups in the world.

2001 CANADIAN SENIOR ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS SET FOR THE WORLD'S STADIUM IN JUNE

The Canadian Championships June 22nd through 24th, 2001 at Commonwealth Stadium in Edmonton, will provide real excitement as Canada selects its National team for the 8th IAAF World Championships in Athletics. "Hosting the Canadian Championships is exciting for us for two main reasons," said Gary Tomick, Director of the Canadian Championships for Edmonton 2001. "It will be a chance for people to see our country's finest athletes compete, as they prepare for The World's in Edmonton. And, it gives our organization the opportunity to work in the venues and prepare, in real time, to host The World's," Tomick said. Local organizers, Edmonton 2001 World Championships in Athletics, will test operatio-

nal areas during the Canadian Championships, aspects that will be critical when hosting thousands of athletes and team officials for The World's. On field officials and volunteers will work in Commonwealth Stadium and the adjacent warm up facility on aspects including the flow of athletes, officials and volunteers on and off the field of play. Also, member association Athletics Alberta will be instrumental in processing entries for the Canadian Championships. The Canadian Championships in June will see Canada's top athletes competing for spots on the national team that will represent the nation at the 8th IAAF World Championships in Athletics. Athletics Canada announced in August that

the team selection criteria for The World's is twofold - to select the best athletes, and secondarily to nominate the maximum number of athletes including all four relay teams and a full World Cup Marathon Team. All athletes selected to compete in The World's are required to compete in the Canadian Championships. Les Gramantik, Head Coach for Canada for The World's, said athletes are looking forward to the events in Edmonton starting with Canadian Championships and leading up to The World's. "It's a benefit to the athletes to be able to compete in the venue prior to the main competition, The World's. Certainly, the entire athletics world is excited about Edmonton in 2001."

Emil Zatopek 1922-2000

A symbol of freedom

He had celebrated his 78th birthday just a short while ago, Emil Zatopek: to be more precise, on 19 September and, as he lifted his glass to toast his wife Dana – herself born on the same day, in the same year – his hands trembled making it impossible for him to bring the glass to his lips.

Once again, it was she who encouraged and helped him. For over half a century, Dana Zatopkova (née Ingrova) had been by his side. She had been there in the centre of the Olympic stadium in Helsinki on that day in the summer of 1952, during one of the most spectacular and celebrated races in the history of athletics, when her thirty-year-old husband won the 5000m in a dramatic sprint finish against the great stars of the day: Alain Mimoun, Herbert Schade, Gordon Pirie and Chris Chataway.

She was there, but not by chance: just a few minutes later, Dana Zatopkova threw the javelin 50.47 metres to win the Olympic title and for the first (and up until today, the last) time ever, a husband and wife became Olympic champions on the same day, during the same Games. However, Emil had an advantage over Dana in the medal stakes as he had already, a few days before, won gold in the 10,000m. But to those who asked him whether that wasn't a good enough lead, he replied: "Two to one looks like a narrow margin to me. To put matters straight and increase my prestige there is only one thing to do: I must run and win the marathon".

And so Zatopek ran and won in 2:23:03.2, more than two minutes ahead of the Argentinian Reinaldo Gordo and more than three ahead of the London Olympic champion Delfo Cabrera, also of Argentina. Great Britain's Jim Peters, who only six weeks before had run the world's best time of 2:20:42.2 held the lead for much of the race, trying to shake off the Czech by running a fast pace. In fact, the only problem for Zatopek, who had never run a marathon, was that of finding his rhythm. So it was that he ran alongside Peters and around kilometre 20, asked him in English: "The pace? It is good enough?". Peters, who was already tiring, tried to bluff him: "Pace too slow," he replied.

Zatopek thought over this reply in silence as they ran along for a while. Then he turned to Peters again: "You say, too slow. Are you sure the pace is too slow?"

"Yes," returned the exhausted but proud Peters.

Zatopek dropped back a pace or two, lowered his head on his shoulders, grimaced and started pounding the asphalt. A few kilometres down the road, Peters had dropped back out of sight and running alongside Zatopek was Sweden's Gustav Jansson.

As they reached a refreshment station,

Zatopek saw Jansson take and eat a slice of lemon. If it is good for him, thought the Czech, who was unused to eating and drinking whilst running, I will take two the next time. But by the time the next station was reached, Jansson too had dropped out of sight and so Zatopek decided that maybe the lemon was not such a good idea after all.

And so he continued to run on alone, finally relaxing his face a little and starting to wave back to the crowd who were cheering him on.

The triumphant reception he received as he entered the Olympic stadium is one of the most moving moments in the history of sport: not just for the tumultuous applause of the spectators, but also because something that nobody could have imagined happened. The Jamaican 4x400 relay team of Arthur Wint, Leslie Laing, Herbert McKinley and George Rhoden, who had just set a world record as they beat the American team, hoisted Zatopek to their shoulders and carried him on a lap of honour.

That spontaneous gesture by four exceptional, generous champions was the recognition of an exploit without precedent and one that is unlikely to ever be repeated.

Ultimately, this was the role of Zatopek, and is that of all those who, through happenstance, find themselves a step ahead of the rest of humanity: to mark the road that must be run, bearing the fatigue and moral responsibility thrust upon them.

From the moral standpoint, Emil Zatopek was exemplary throughout his life. As a young soldier he fought for his country's freedom and had his first experiences as an athlete in the army.

To make the most of the limited time available, he used to run the snow-covered streets at night, wearing army boots designed for the trenches and military marches. He used a pocket lamp to light his way, fearless of the traps along the way, the snow covered holes. He fell often, scraping his hands and knees, but he never stopped, never gave up. The training had to be done regardless of the pitfalls that the snow might hide on his way.

Thus it was that in London, in 1948, an Olympic champion in the 10,000m ran under thirty minutes: his time was 29:59.6.

Six years later, on 1 June 1954, in Brussels, a certain Zatopek, who was reaching the end of his career was also the first man under 29 minutes in the 10,000m: 28:54.2, setting on the way a new record for the six miles (27:59.2). In all, he set 18 world records, won four Olympic gold medals and three European titles.

But it is not these statistics that demonstrate the value of Zatopek, but rather his ability to innovate. He was the first to make

training fashionable, because he understood that the resources of the human body and willpower are immense. Maybe it was the tough life he lived as an adolescent, or the deprivation of the war years, that led him to understand that the road to peace, to reach at last true peace, meant riding a very rough road, making men and women suffer on their way to the finish line.

Zatopek invented his own form of interval training. He knew that his finishing kick was not strong enough to beat his adversaries and doubted that running a fast but regular pace would be sufficient to rid him of the other competitors, so he practised changing his pace.

He would run up to 20 kilometres in training, but in 400 metre stretches, alternating fast and slow runs. It was almost like a game, but one where there was no time to stop and enjoy the surrounding nature: Zatopek used to do his training on a dirt track, so as to be sure of the distance he was running. And more to the point, he used to train in his famous army boots, saying that this way to run a race in lighter running shoes would be like child's play.

He used to enjoy himself and gave pleasure to millions of fans, who saw in him the man capable of defying all the old credos. The sages, from their vain heights, forecast every sort of ill befalling him: it was just not human to run so much and so fast, they believed that it would bring on a heart tumour.

In response, the then 31 year-old Zatopek prepared for his third Olympics, the Olympic Marathon in Melbourne in 1956. He prepared for it using weight training, again long before this became common practice. But those were hard times in the cold war years and the only weight that Zatopek could find was his wife: Dana Zatopkova would climb up on his back and off Zatopek would run at great speed. Once, Zatopek suffered a hernia and had to stop training for a while, before starting again, against doctors' orders. At the Melbourne Games, despite the pain, he still managed a sixth place.

This was the story of his sporting career, but it is inseparable from that of Zatopek the army officer, the defender of a just and free social system.

Zatopek put all of his enormous prestige at the service of this ideal, but in the spring of 1968, the Soviet tanks wiped away the hope of the Czechs and Zatopek's Olympic gold. But on a day when the world of sport, and those who remember the past, honour his memory, no-one should forget that Zatopek's race only ended when the line of true freedom had finally been crossed.

Giorgio Reineri



The human locomotive - Emil Zatopek leads the 10,000m final at the 1952 Olympic Games. Photo: Allsport

Rie Yamauchi and Teruo Itokawa

K Ken Nakamura

Two former national class athletes passed away recently.

First on October 4, Teruo Itokawa, a former national record holder at the Shot Put who competed in the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo passed away in Kawasaki at the age of 59 with cancer.

Itokawa, who is from Ibaragi prefecture, was the dominant Shot Putter in Japan in early to mid-sixties, having set his first national record of 15.54m for the Shot Put in 1962 and subsequently improved it twice to 15.71m in 1962 and then to 15.76m in 1963. In 1964, he set two more national records, 16.10m and 16.23m, which stood until 1967. He led the Japanese performance list in the Shot Put from 1962 to 1964. As for his championships record, he was a Japanese national champion in 1961 and 1962 and the 1962 Asian Games Champion all at the Shot Put. A few days later on October 8 in Kyoto, Rie Yamauchi, a former Japanese national record holder and national champion at long jump and high jump passed away at the age of 78 with brain hemorrhage. Yamauchi, who is from Kure in Hiroshima prefecture, was one of the top track & field athletes in Japan during the 1930s and 1940s. She dominated both high jump and long jump in Japan during the period, having set her first national record of 1.55m in high jump in 1936 in Hiroshima, and subsequently improved it five more times to 1.63m by 1946. This record stood until 1959. In 1947 she also improved Japanese national long jump record, a record held by legendary Kinue Hitomi with 6.01m. It was the first time a Japanese woman jumped further than 6.00m. Two months later, she further improved the record to 6.07m, which stood until 1961. As for her national championships record, she was a five time national champion

in both high jump (1939, 1940, 1942, 1946, and 1951) and long jump (1939, 1942, 1946, 1947 and 1948). She also won other events in the national championships - 200m in 1942, Shot Put in 1946, and Pentathlon in 1947.

Her talent was not limited to these events; she also led Japanese performance list in the Triple Jump (1937), and Javelin Throw (1947).

Barbara Sobotta

Ms Barbara Sobotta - a great athlete and member of the Polish 'wonderteam' from the 50s and 60s passed away on November 20 in Kraków. She started her career under her maiden name Lerczak in the "AZS" Poznan. When she was 17 she won her first national titles at 100 and 200m (her favourite events) and in 4x100m relay, which would be followed by 15 such titles in future. She took part in 3 Olympic Games winning a bronze medal (in the sprint relay) and finishing fifth at 200m in Rome in 1960 At the European Championships in Stockholm in 1958 she won a gold medal at 200m and bronze for 4x100m. 4 years later in Belgrade she was third in the 200m and a winner in the 4x100m. She ended her sporting career after the Olympic Games in Tokyo (1964) after finishing sixth at 200m. As well as a recognised athletic talent, she was also a renowned beauty. She married three times: to Zbigniew Janiszewski (PV), Piotr Sobotta (HJ) and Jan Nowicki (a famous Polish actor).

In the last years of her life she ran a cafe at one of the famous theatres in Kraków. Her friends in Polish athletics will always remember her.

Mike Rawson

Mike Rawson has passed away at the age of 66. He had been admitted to hospital suffering from leukemia and suffered a heart attack.

Mike was a long time servant of the sport. As an athlete, he was the European 800m Champion in 1958. A member of Birchfield Harriers, he also worked as a Great Britain team manager and as a coach. For a great many years he had been involved in media and promotional work, working locally for the Birmingham Post and radio station BRMB.

Mike will be greatly missed by all involved in the sport.

Jim Tuppenny

Jim Tuppenny, the long time director of the Penn Relays and a former coach at the University of Pennsylvania and Villanova University, died on 29 November at his home in Haverford, Pa. He died of heart failure due to complications from stomach cancer. He was 75.

A World War II veteran, Tuppenny competed as a pole vaulter at LaSalle University in Philadelphia before graduating in 1950. He became an assistant coach at Villanova in 1954, serving under Hall of Fame coach Jumbo Elliott. Tuppenny took over the University of Pennsylvania's track program in 1966 and in 13 years his track and cross country teams compiled a 240-44 record. While at Penn, he also became director of the Penn Relays and served in that capacity from 1970 to 1987. During that time, he continued the progress of one of the top track meetings in the world.

He returned to Villanova in 1994 as an assistant coach and was still serving there at the time of his death. He is survived by a brother, Charles, five daughters and nine grandchildren. A funeral Mass was held on 5 December at St. Thomas of Villanova Church on the Villanova campus.

New High Level Training Centres to open in 2001

The encouraging results obtained by athletes from the first IAAF training centre: Centre International d'Athlétisme de Dakar, (CIAD) which was opened in 1997 in partnership with the French Ministère des Affaires

Etrangères, means the IAAF will expand its development activities and open new High Level Training Centres in the near future

As reported in the last edition of the IAAF News, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed on 21 July 2000 between the IAAF, the Kenyan National Olympic Committee (NOC) and the Ministry of Home Affairs, Heritage and Sports so as to recognise the existing IOC Altitude Training Centre of Eldoret as an IAAF High Performance Training Centre.

This Centre, specialising in Middle & Long Distance running will be operational in January 2001.

For 2001 the Development Department has also made provisions for the opening of new Centres.

ASIA

Thammasat, Thailand.

The signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the IAAF, the Thai Sport Authority and the NOC is scheduled for the beginning of December 2000.

NACAC

Jamaica, G.C. Foster College.

In December 1999 the Development Co-Director Elio Locatelli paid a site visit to G.C. Foster College of Physical Education, situated 15 miles outside Kingston, to see if this institution could host an IAAF

HPTC. He found that the college offers very good facilities.

In addition, several High Schools close to the college provide opportunities for athletes to continue with their studies.

The signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with local authorities is planned for the beginning of 2001.

SOUTHAMERICA

From 1999 the IAAF recognised the already existing Centre of Manaus as an IAAF HPTC. This Centre is run in co-operation with the Government of Amazonas State and is hosting more than 200 athletes from South America.

From 2001 a special "Elite programme" will be implemented.

EUROPE

According to a number of criteria and principles, a panel of selected European Training Centres has been proposed by the EAA for consideration as IAAF HPTCs.

The EAA has informed the relevant federations that 3 EAA experts will visit the Centre, within the first 3 months of the new year, to evaluate facilities and other conditions and discuss a possible contract with them.

- Nymburk (CZE)
- Kiembaum (GER)
- Boulouris (FRA)
- Nicosia (CYP)
- Vila Real de Santo Antonio (POR)
- Kuortane (FIN)
- Bosön (SWE)
- Ljubljana (SLO)
- Formia (ITA)
- Szombathely (HUN)
- Donetsk (UKR)

Following the four-year programme (2000-2003) proposed by the Chairman of the Development Commission, Amadeo Francis, it is envisaged that all IAAF Areas should have at least one HPTC.

Centre international d'Athlétisme (CIAM) in Mauritius gets a flying start

The International Athletics Centre of Mauritius, the agreement for which was signed last 9 April between IAAF President Lamine Diack and Marie-Claude Arrouff-Parfait, former Minister for Sports in Mauritius, is located at the stadium Maryse Justin in Réduit just a few minutes away from Port-Louis.

The CIAM is very similar to the training centre of Dakar in its structure but is exclusively dedicated to the combined events. The main reason for its creation was that of bringing African all-round athletes to the top international level.

At the moment only four athletes - Margaret Simpson (GHA), Patience Itanyi (NGR), Moustafa Taha Hussein (EGY) and Youcef Redouane (ALG) - train full time in the CIAM. The group is coached and headed by Ukraine's Oleksandr Nevskyy. A former decathlete himself, Nevskyy has a personal best of 8497 points and has been a coach both in his native country and in the United Arab Emirates.

Both the coach and his athletes admit to being happy and proud to train in Mauritius. And despite being only seven months old, the CIAM can already claim an interesting list of honours. Youcef Redouane won the African Championships title with a score of 7129

points while Patience Itanyi won the bronze medal (5611 points) at these same championships in Algiers.

To top it all, Margaret Simpson, who is still a junior, finished fifth in the heptathlon with a total score of 5507 points. "We are very satisfied with the results of our athletes but I would like to emphasise the fact that our main objecti-

ve will be the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens," said Vivian Gungaram, director of the CIAM.

"We hope more athletes will join the centre but this will depend on the financial help we will receive by our main partners which are "French Co-operation" and the IOC's Olympic Solidarity department."

Reynolds Quirin



Youcef Redouane, Oleksandr Nevskyy and Patience Itanyi

AFRICA

BIG PARTY FOR NGENY

Kenney Sammy Kiprop

The biggest party ever seen in Kenya for a returning athlete took place when Olympic 1500m champion Noah Ngeny arrived at his home in Eldoret after the Games. He was received by His worship the Mayor of Eldoret Mr Magut, the District commissioner and the legendary runner Kipchoge Keino. Also present to receive Ngeny were Moses Tanui, Daniel Komen, Paul Ereng, Luka Sang, David Kiptoo David Lelei, Japhet Kimutai, Sammy Mutai and many others. Ngeny was escorted to the town in a convoy of close to 100 vehicles. Crowds massed the side of the road to cheer Ngeny, who acknowledged their support from the top of a open-top pickup truck. Many fans performed traditional dances and some well-wishers gave Ngeny a spear and shield so he could he could join in the fun, together with his friend Benard Lagat.

MORCELI AND MUTOLA NOMINATED FOR IOC ATHLETES' COMMISSION

The IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch announced the names of the five athletes nominated to complete the list of members of the IOC Athletes' Commission. After the election of the eight athletes at the Games in Sydney, the Commission Chairman Peter Tallberg proposed to also appoint Yaping Deng (CHN), Tomas Gustafson (SWE), Mireya Luis Hernandez (CUB) and athletes Nourredine Morceli (ALG) and Maria Mutola (MOZ). This decision follows the principle of a balanced regional, gender and sports representation provided for by the rules of the Olympic Charter.

EUROPE

SCHUMANN VOTED GERMAN SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

Olympic 800m champion Nils Schumann was voted German Sportsman of the Year on 25 November in Berlin. Schumann, 22, beat Olympic road race cycling champion Jan Ullrich and Formula One world champion Michael Schumacher to the top spot in a vote organised by the German television channel ARD. Canoeing Olympic champion Birgit Fischer won the women's award. Olympic long jump gold medallist Heike Drechsler was second and Isabell Werth, who won team gold and individual silver for the dressage in the equestrian competition in Sydney, was third.

UKACEMENTS PARTNERSHIP WITH LEADING CHARITY

UK Athletics has announced the creation of a

new partnership with the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, which will greatly assist the achievement of objectives for both organisations. The aims are to boost women's running and increase fund-raising opportunities for both the charity's cancer research programme and the British Athletic Foundation.

The agreement is a result of discussions centred on the Race for Life series, which has raised more than £12 million for Imperial Cancer Research Fund's research programme into women's cancers in the past seven years.

GROSSETO CELEBRATES INAUGURATION OF NEW TRACK

The traditional Junior Meeting between Great Britain, France, Spain and Italy in Grosseto, venue of next year's European Junior Championships, marked the official opening of the refurbished Stadio Comunale de Grosseto. Mayor Alessandro Antichi pointed out that the city spent more than \$2 million for a complete renovation, including a new MONDO track, as the city's contribution to the European Junior Championships next year. FIDAL President Gianni Gola and Alfio Giomi, President of the Organising Committee of the European Junior Championships, were happy with the new stadium which has a long athletic tradition of matches and meetings over the past 20 years.

NEW TECHNICAL DIRECTOR FOR ENDURANCE ATHLETICS

Zara Hyde-Peters is the new Technical Director for Endurance Athletics at UKA. This important strategic role will revolve around the development of endurance athletes from early stages through to talent identification and talent nurturing. Zara will also oversee the management of the new High Performance Centre at St Mary's, Twickenham led by Alan Storey. Alan's three day a week secondment from the London Marathon allows him to assist the Lottery funded elite endurance athletes.

Zara has recently completed a Masters degree in Strategy and Business Management. She previously worked for Exxon as international business development manager. She has also competed for Great Britain at distances from 3,000m to 10,000m in an international career spanning 10 years.

OCEANIA

SYDNEY YOUTH OLYMPIC FESTIVAL

In association with the Festival Organisers, the Australian Olympic Committee, Athletics Australia will be staging the athletics competition within the Sydney Olympic Youth Festival. Athletics will be held at the Sydney International Athletic Centre on 12 and 13 January.

The athletics competition will take the form of an eight team match for athletes born in

1984, 1985 and 1986. Six of the teams will be chosen from young Australian athletes after the Australian All Schools Championships in Adelaide (7-10 December) while the other teams will represent New Zealand and Oceania.

AUSTRALIAN ELECTED NEW PRESIDENT OF THE ATFS

Athletics Australia's Statistician and Historian Paul Jenes was recently elected President of the international Association of Track and Field Statisticians (ATFS). The ATFS, which this year celebrated its 50th anniversary, includes more than 350 members world-wide.

One of the major aims of the ATFS is the documentation of all major athletics results and records for the purposes of ranking lists and analysis. Its major publication is the indispensable Athletics Annual which has detailed competition information, major championships results, athlete profiles, world and continental records, and 200-deep world ranking lists.

A former jumper/hurdler, Paul became AA's official statistician and ATFS Member in 1978. He was also a national selector for 17 years and official AA historian. Paul has written the complete history of Athletics Australia which is due to be released early next year.

Paul compiles the Australian All-Time and annual ranking lists published in the AA Handbook of Records and Results.

USA

BILL ROE ELECTED AS NEW PRESIDENT OF USATF

Members of USA Track & Field elected a new Board of Directors on Saturday 3 December at the 2000 USATF Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, N.M., including a new president, Bill Roe. Roe takes over for Patricia Rico, who completed her four-year term in Albuquerque..

The new Board scales down in size from 100 to 29 full members. Board members are as follows:

President - Bill Roe, Vice President - Dee Jensen, Secretary - Darlene Hickman, Treasurer - Ed Koch, Men's Track & Field - John Chaplin, Women's Track & Field - Stephanie Hightower, Racewalking - Dan Pierce, LDR Chair - Jerry Crockett, Men's LDR - Dan Grimes, Women's LDR - Carol McLatchie, Master's T & F - George Mathews, Youth Athletics - Bob Flint, Associations Chair - Alan Roth, Officials Chair - John Davis, Coaches Advisory Representative - Terry Crawford, AAC Chair - PattiSue Plumer, AAC Vice-Chair - Joetta Clark Diggs, AAC Secretary - Sharon Couch, AAC Treasurer - Chris Huffins, USOC Athlete Representative - Andrew Valmon, USOC Athlete Alt. - Sandra Far-

mer-Patrick, IAAF Council Member - Bob Hersch, NJCAA Representative - Bryce Roderick, RRCA Representative - Jeff Darman, Running USA Representative - Basil Honikman, USOC Representative (non-voting) - Lynn Cannon.

THE NEW USATF PRESIDENT - A MAN OF MANY TALENTS...

Bill Roe, recently elected President of USA Track & Field, has worked in nearly all capacities of track and field: as a coach, meeting director, clinician, official, administrator and executive.

"Bill Roe has done it all," said USATF CEO Craig Masback. "His range of experience within USA Track & Field is remarkable, and he brings to his position a rich perspective and tremendous enthusiasm. I look forward to working with Bill and the rest of the new Board of Directors to build upon the success we've achieved in recent years."

Roe, 50, was a member of the founding USATF Board of Directors in 1979, serving as secretary from 1992-96. He has been a member of the USATF Executive Committee since 1988 and is the only person in USATF history to be elected for 12 straight years as an officer. He served as secretary from 1992-96 and as vice president for the last four years. The founder and past editor of The Northwest Runner Magazine, Roe has been a member of countless committees and task forces.

He is in his 13th year of coaching college men and women, has been an international team leader or coach nine times (including the upcoming mission leader and senior men's coach for the 2001 IAAF World Cross Country Championships), and is rated a Master official. He directs a number of track meetings, cross country races and road races, including a series of 10-12 summer all-comers meets in Seattle that he has directed for 32 years.

Roe lists several main goals as President:

- Grow the sport at all levels.
- Bolster Associations through sponsorship, direct funding, grants and personal visits.
- Rebuild the club system through local training groups and enhance that effort with domestic meets.

- More coaching opportunities and education at all levels.
- Equitable treatment of competition officials at all levels.
- Push for increased funding for K-12 physical education.
- Find a way to fund and publish, both in print and on the Internet, a national federation magazine for USATF membership.

STACY DRAGILA AND ANGELO TAYLOR WIN JESSE OWENS AWARDS

Olympic gold medallists Stacy Dragila and Angelo Taylor have been named the recipients of the Jesse Owens Awards for 2000. The announcement came Thursday 29 November from Albuquerque during USA Track & Field's 22nd Annual Meeting. The awards was presented in Albuquerque on Saturday 2 December, Stacy Dragila won the gold medal in the first-ever Olympic women's pole vault. Angelo Taylor was the 2000 IAAF Grand Prix overall champion and one of only four US track and field athletes to win two gold medals at the Olympic Games, in the 400m hurdles (which he won from lane 1) and the 4x400m.

NATIONAL TRACK & FIELD HALL OF FAME TO MOVE TO NEW YORK CITY

The US Track & Field Hall of Fame is relocating to the 168th Street Armory in New York City, USA.

With an anticipated opening in 2002, the National Track & Field Hall of Fame will be the only sport with a Hall of Fame or museum in New York City. "There is no better location in America for the National Track & Field Hall of Fame," Masback said. "What they will build will be more than a Hall of Fame, but an entire, interactive learning centre that uses our sport, its outstanding athletes, and its rich history as a vehicle for sharing the excitement of our sport with a large audience."

PETTIGREW IS VISA HUMANITARIAN ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Olympic 4x400m relay gold medalist Antonio Pettigrew has been named the Visa USA Humanitarian Athlete of the Year. He has been presented with the award at

Xerox Honors America's Olympians: The Jesse Owens Award Dinner and Xerox Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on Saturday, December 2, in Albuquerque, N.M. The event was held in conjunction with USA Track & Field's Annual Meeting at the Albuquerque Convention Center, Nov. 29-Dec. 3.

Since May of 1999, Pettigrew has served as a major supporter of the Garner Road Family YMCA in Raleigh, N.C., which is one of seven independent African-American YMCAs in the USA. The Garner Road Family YMCA works to build strong bodies, strong minds and strong communities in an area where more than 65% of its members are from single parent homes. Pettigrew recently hosted an event that raised proceeds for the YMCA that featured a group of his fellow Olympians.

BRONZE MEDALLIST HUFFINS BECOMES A COLLEGE COACH

Georgia Tech has hired Chris Huffins, who brought home a bronze medal in the decathlon from the Sydney Games, as its new assistant coach for men's and women's track & field.

Huffins spent three years as a volunteer assistant coach at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina., while training for the Olympic Games. He is the 1999 World Championship bronze medallist and is a two-time US National Champion. Huffins will work with the Georgia Tech's men and women athletes in the weight events and pole vault as well as the men's sprints. Huffins joined the staff full-time this autumn.

Official IAAF Partners



RECENTLY ELECTED

Mr Alex Bodry - new President of the Luxembourg Athletics Federation

Mr Pol Zens - new General Secretary of the Luxembourg Athletics Federation

Mr Rustern Kuvatov - new President of Athletic Federation of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Mrs Patsy St Marthe - new President of St Lucia Amateur Athletics Association

Shiekh Hamad Naser Sabah Al Naser Al

Sabah - new President of Kuwait Amateur Athletic Federation

Mr Mehmet Yurdadön - new President of Turkish Athletic Federation

Mr Bill Roe - new President of USATF

Mr Suren Ayadassen - new President of Mauritius Amateur Athletic Association

Mr Ashraf Bakir - new President of Egyptian Amateur Athletic Federation

Mr Seietsu Yamamoto - new General Secretary of Japan Amateur Athletic Federation

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**Notable athletic anniversaries in the months of November and December**

Nov 1	1962	Timmermann	Ulf	GER	1988 Olympic champion at shot put.
Nov 1	1966	Everett	Danny	USA	1988 Olympic champion at 4x400m and bronze medallist at 400m.
Nov 1	1973	Burrell	Dawn	USA	1999 World Championships finalist at long jump.
Nov 1	1974	George	Emma	AUS	1997 World Indoor silver medallist and former World Record holder at pole vault.
Nov 2	1959	Aouita	Said	MAR	1984 Olympic champion at 5000m and former World Record holder at 1500m, 3000m and 5000m.
Nov 2	1978	Ngeny	Noah	KEN	2000 Olympic champion at 1500m.
Nov 4	1973	Vizzoni	Nicola	ITA	2000 Olympic silver medallist at hammer throw.
Nov 4	1982	Skolimowska	Kamila	POL	2000 Olympic champion at hammer throw.
Nov 6	1970	Chepchumba	Joyce	KEN	2000 Olympic bronze medallist at marathon.
Nov 9	1971	Németh	Zsolt	HUN	1999 World silver medallist at hammer throw.
Nov 9	1983	Cheruiyot	Vivian	KEN	2000 World Junior Cross Country champion.
Nov 10	1963	Powell	Mike	USA	1991 World champion and World Record holder at long jump.
Nov 10	1973	Haughton	Gregory	JAM	2000 Olympic bronze medallist at 400m and 4x400m relay.
Nov 12	1944	Kiplagat	Isaiah	KEN	IAAFCouncil Member
Nov 13	1969	Motchebon	Nico	GER	1999 World Indoor bronze medallist at 800m.
Nov 14	1975	Szabo	Gabriela	ROM	2000 Olympic champion at 5000m and bronze medallist at 1500m. 1997 and 1999 World champion at 5000m.
Nov 14	1979	Menéndez	Osleidys	CUB	2000 Olympic bronze medallist and double (96-98) World Junior champion at javelin throw.
Nov 16	1960	Zvereva	Ellina	BLR	2000 Olympic champion at discus throw.
Nov 16	1971	Damaske	Tanja	GER	1998 European champion at javelin throw.
Nov 17	1974	Barber	Eunice	FRA	1999 World champion at heptathlon.
Nov 21	1971	Chmara	Sebastian	POL	1999 World Indoor champion at heptathlon.
Nov 22	1968	Privalova	Irina	RUS	2000 Olympic champion at 400m hurdles.
Nov 22	1978	Obikwelu	Francis	NGR	1999 World bronze medallist at 200m.
Nov 23	1965	Gataullin	Radion	RUS	1988 Olympic silver medallist at pole vault.
Nov 23	1978	Trammell	Terrence	USA	2000 Olympic silver medallist at 110m hurdles.
Nov 24	1952	Coghlan	Eamonn	IRL	1983 World Champion at 5000m
Nov 25	1973	García	Yoel	CUB	2000 Olympic silver medallist at triple jump.
Nov 26	1974	Šebrle	Roman	CZE	World Indoor bronze medallist at decathlon.
Nov 28	1969	O'Sullivan	Sonia	IRL	2000 Olympic silver medallist at 5000m, 1998 double World Cross Country champion.
Dec 1	1958	Cova	Alberto	ITA	1983 World champion at 10,000m.
Dec 2	1970	Tarasov	Maksim	RUS	1999 World champion and 1992 Olympic champion at pole vault.
Dec 3	1949	Akii-Bua	John	UGA	1972 Olympic champion at 400m hurdles
Dec 3	1950	Juantorena	Alberto	CUB	1976 double Olympic champion at 400m and 800m. IAAFCouncil Member
Dec 3	1972	Goffi	Daniilo	ITA	1999 World Marathon Cup winner.
Dec 4	1963	Bubka	Sergey	UKR	6 times World champion and 1988 Olympic champion at pole vault. Current World Record holder
Dec 5	1969	Ogunkoya	Fallat	NGR	1998 World Cup winner at 400m.
Dec 5	1972	Ross	Duane	USA	1999 World bronze medallist at 110m hurdles.
Dec 5	1974	Lewis	Brian	USA	2000 Olympic champion at 4x100m relay.
Dec 7	1962	Blondel	Alain	FRA	1994 European champion at decathlon.
Dec 7	1973	Thomas	Eric	USA	1999 Pan American silver medallist at 400m hurdles.
Dec 8	1977	Weyermann	Anita	SUI	1997 World bronze medallist at 1500m.
Dec 9	1973	Niyongabo	Vénuste	BUR	1996 Olympic champion at 5000m.
Dec 10	1961	McKoy	Mark	AUT	1992 Olympic champion at 110m hurdles.
Dec 10	1971	Sacramento	Carla	POR	1997 World champion at 1500m.
Dec 11	1974	Wami	Gete	ETH	1999 World champion at 10,000m
Dec 11	1976	Kotova	Tatyana	RUS	2000 IAAF Golden League jackpot winner at long jump.
Dec 12	1972	Kipketer	Wilson	DEN	Three times (95-97-99) World champion at 800m, 1997 World Indoor champion and 2000 Olympic silver medallist at 800m. World Outdoor and Indoor Record holder at 800m.
Dec 12	1974	Lagat	Bernard	KEN	2000 Olympic bronze medallist at 1500m.
Dec 12	1977	Macey	Dean	GBR	1999 World silver medallist at decathlon.
Dec 12	1977	Hernández	Yoel	CUB	2000 Olympic silver medallist at triple jump.
Dec 13	1969	Benvenuti	Andrea	ITA	1994 European champion at 800m.
Dec 13	1970	Buford-Bailey	Tonja	USA	1995 World silver medallist at 400m hurdles.
Dec 14	1967	Haugland	Hanne	NOR	1997 World champion at high jump.
Dec 14	1968	Hunter	C.J.	USA	1999 World champion at shot put.
Dec 14	1973	Henry	Boris	GER	1995 World bronze medallist at javelin throw.
Dec 14	1973	Balzer	Falk	GER	1998 World Cup winner and 1999 World Indoor bronze medallist at 110m hurdles.
Dec 15	1972	Bayissa	Fita	ETH	1991 World silver medallist and 1992 Olympic bronze medallist at 5000m.
Dec 16	1964	Drechsler	Heike	GER	1992 and 2000 Olympic champion and 1983 and 1993 World champion at long jump. 1988 Olympic silver medallist at 100m and 200m. 1987 World Indoor champion at long jump and 200m. Four times (86-90-94-98) European champion at long jump.
Dec 17	1972	Pedroso	Iván	CUB	2000 Olympic champion, three times (95-97-99) World champion and four times (93-95-97-99) World Indoor champion at long jump.
Dec 17	1973	Radcliffe	Paula	GBR	2000 World Half Marathon champion, 1999 World Champs silver medallist at 10,000m
Dec 17	1975	Jayasinghe	Susanthika	SRI	2000 Olympic bronze medallist at 200m.
Dec 18	1972	Balakhonova	Anzhela	UKR	1998 European outdoor and indoor champion and 1999 World silver medallist at pole vault.
Dec 18	1973	Roba	Fatuma	ETH	1996 Olympic champion at marathon.
Dec 19	1967	Austin	Charles	USA	1996 Olympic champion at high jump
Dec 19	1935	Park	Jung Ki	KOR	IAAFCouncil Member
Dec 20	1969	Ouaziz	Zahra	MAR	1999 World silver medallist at 5000m
Dec 20	1972	Rücker	Anja	GER	1999 World silver medallist at 400m.
Dec 21	1976	Manjani-Tzelili	Mirela	GRE	2000 Olympic silver medallist at javelin throw.
Dec 22	1971	Khannouchi	Khalid	MAR	World best performer at marathon.
Dec 23	1968	Shishigina	Olga	KZK	2000 Olympic champion at 100m hurdles
Dec 24	1976	Ferga	Linda	FRA	2000 European Indoor champion 60m hurdles and Olympic finalist at 100m hurdles.
Dec 25	1946	Bailey	William	AUS	IAAFCouncil Member and Area Representative for Oceania
Dec 25	1970	Ajunwa	Chioma	NGR	1996 Olympic champion at long jump.
Dec 26	1969	Vicioso	Isaac	ESP	1998 European champion at 5000m.
Dec 27	1956	Melinte	Doina	ROM	1984 Olympic gold medallist at 800m and silver medallist at 1500m
Dec 27	1973	Frazer	Merlene	JAM	1999 World bronze medallist at 200m and 4x100m relay.
Dec 27	1976	Pernia	Daimí	CUB	1999 World champion at 400m hurdles.
Dec 29	1978	Taylor	Angelo	USA	2000 Olympic champion at 400m hurdles.
Dec 30	1969	Maybank	Anthuan	USA	1996 Olympic champion at 4x400m relay.
Dec 30	1973	Boldon	Ato	TRI	2000 Olympic silver medallist at 100m and 1997 World champion at 200m.
Dec 30	1976	Al-Somaily	Hadi Soua'an	KSA	2000 Olympic silver medallist at 400m hurdles.
Dec 30	1977	Alozie	Glory	NGR	2000 Olympic silver medallist at 100m hurdles.

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IAAF WORLD RECORDS - MEN

AS AT DECEMBER 15 2000

100m	9.79	0.1	Maurice Greene	USA	Athinai	16 June 99
200m	19.32	0.4	Michael Johnson	USA	Atlanta	1 Aug 96
400m	43.18		Michael Johnson	USA	Sevilla	26 Aug 99
800m	1:41.11		Wilson Kipketer	DEN	Köln	24 Aug 97
1000m	2:11.96		Noah Ngeny	KEN	Rieti	5 Sep 99
1500m	3:26.00		Hicham El Guerrouj	MAR	Rome	14 Jul 98
1 Mile	3:43.13		Hicham El Guerrouj	MAR	Rome	7 Jul 99
2000m	4:44.79		Hicham El Guerrouj	MAR	Berlin	7 Sep 99
3000m	7:20.67		Daniel Komen	KEN	Rieti	1 Sep 96
5000m	12:39.36		Haile Gebrselassie	ETH	Helsinki	13 Jun 98
10,000m	26:22.75		Haile Gebrselassie	ETH	Hengelo	1 Jun 98
20,000m	56:55.6		Arturo Barrios	MEX	La Flèche	30 Mar 91
1 Hour	21,101		Arturo Barrios	MEX	La Flèche	30 Mar 91
25,000m	1:13:55.8		Toshihiko Seko	JPN	Christchurch	22 Mar 81
30,000m	1:29:18.8		Toshihiko Seko	JPN	Christchurch	22 Mar 81
3000m SC	7:55.72		Bernard Barmasai	KEN	Köln	24 Aug 97
110m Hurdles	12.91	0.5	Colin Jackson	GBR	Stuttgart	20 Aug 93
400m Hurdles	46.78		Kevin Young	USA	Barcelona	6 Aug 92
High Jump	2.45		Javier Sotomayor	CUB	Salamanca	27 Jul 93
Pole Vault	6.14		Sergey Bubka	UKR	Sestriere	31 Jul 94
Long Jump	8.95	0.3	Mike Powell	USA	Tokyo	30 Aug 91
Triple Jump	18.29	1.3	Jonathan Edwards	GBR	Göteborg	7 Aug 95
Shot Put	23.12		Randy Barnes	USA	Los Angeles	20 May 90
Discus	74.08		Jürgen Schult	GDR	Neubrandenburg	6 Jun 86
Hammer	86.74		Yuriy Sedykh	URS	Stuttgart	30 Aug 86
Javelin	98.48		Ján Zelezny	CZE	Jena	25 May 96
Decathlon	8994		Tomas Dvorak	CZE	Praha	3/4 Jul 99
(10.54, 7.90, 16.78, 2.04, 48.08, 13.73, 48.33, 4.90, 72.32, 4:37.20)						
20,000m Walk	1:17:25.6		Bernardo Segura	MEX	Bergen	7 May 94
2 hours Walk	29,572		Maurizio Damilano	ITA	Cuneo	3 Oct 92
30,000m Walk	2:01:44.1		Maurizio Damilano	ITA	Cuneo	3 Oct 92
50,000m Walk	3:40:57.9		Thierry Toutain	FRA	Héricourt	29 Sep 96
4 x 100m Relay	37.40			USA	Barcelona	8 Aug 92
			(Michael Marsh, Leroy Burrell, Dennis Mitchell, Carl Lewis)			
	37.40			USA	Stuttgart	21 Aug 93
			(Jon Drummond, Andre Cason, Dennis Mitchell, Leroy Burrell)			
4 x 200m Relay	1:18.68		Santa Monica Track Club	USA	Walnut	17 Apr 94
			(Michael Marsh, Leroy Burrell, Floyd Heard, Carl Lewis)			
4 x 400m Relay	2:54.20			USA	New York	22 Jul 98
			(Jerome Young, Antonio Pettigrew, Tyree Washington, Michael Johnson)			
4 x 800m Relay	7:03.89			GBR	London	30 Aug 82
			(Peter Elliott, Garry Cook, Steve Cram, Sebastian Coe)			
4 x 1500m Relay	14:38.8			FRG	Köln	17 Aug 77
			(Thomas Wessinghage, Harald Hudak, Michael Lederer, Karl Fleschen)			

Best Performances

Half Marathon	59:17		Paul Tergat	KEN	Milano	4 Apr 98
Marathon	2:05.42		Khalid Kannouchi	MAR	Chicago	24 Oct 99

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100m	10.49	0.0	Florence Griffith Joyner	USA	Indianapolis	16 Jul 88
200m	21.34	1.3	Florence Griffith Joyner	USA	Seoul	29 Sep 88
400m	47.60		Marita Koch	GDR	Canberra	6 Oct 85
800m	1:53.28		Jarmila Kratochvílová	TCH	München	26 Jul 83
1000m	2:28.98		Svetlana Masterkova	RUS	Bruxelles	23 Aug 96
1500m	3:50.46		Qu Yunxia	CHN	Beijing	11 Sep 93
1 Mile	4:12.56		Svetlana Masterkova	RUS	Zürich	14 Aug 96
2000m	5:25.36		Sonia O'sullivan	IRL	Edinburgh	8 Jul 94
3000m	8:06.11		Wang Junxia	CHN	Beijing	13 Sep 93
5000m	14:28.09		Jiang Bo	CHN	Shanghai	23 Oct 97
10,000m	29:31.78		Wang Junxia	CHN	Beijing	8 Sep 93
20,000m	1:06:48.8		Izumi Maki	JPN	Amagasaki	19 Sep 93
1 Hour	18,340		Tegla Loroupe	KEN	Borgholzhausen	7 Aug 98
25,000m	1:29:29.2		Karolina Szabó	HUN	Budapest	22 Apr 88
30,000m	1:47:05.6		Karolina Szabó	HUN	Budapest	22 Apr 88
3000m SC	9:40.20*		Cristina Iloc-Casandra	ROM	Reims	30 Aug 00
Previous	9:43.64*		Cristina Iloc-Casandra	ROM	Bucuresti	9 Aug 00
100m Hurdles	12.21	0.7	Yordanka Donkova	BUL	Stara Zagora	20 Aug 88
400m Hurdles	52.61		Kim Batten	USA	Göteborg	11 Aug 95
High Jump	2.09		Stefka Kostadinova	BUL	Roma	30 Aug 87
Pole Vault	4.63		Stacy Dragila	USA	Sacramento	23 July 2000
Long Jump	7.52	1.4	Galina Chistyakova	URS	Leningrad	11 Jun 88
Triple Jump	15.50	0.9	Inessa Kravets	UKR	Göteborg	10 Aug 95
Shot Put	22.63		Natalya Lisovskaya	URS	Moskva	7 Jun 87
Discus	76.80		Gabriele Reinsch	GDR	Neubrandenburg	9 Jul 88
Hammer	76.07		Michaela Melinte	ROM	Rüdlingen	29 Aug 99
Javelin	69.48		Trine Solberg-Hattestad	NOR	Oslo	28 July 2000
Heptathlon	7291		Jackie Joyner-Kersey	USA	Seoul	23/24 Sep 88
(12.69,1.86,15.80,22.56,7.27, 45.66, 2:08.51)						
5000m Walk	20:13.26		Kerry Saxby-Junna	AUS	Hobart	25 Feb 96
10,000m Walk	41:56.23		Nadezhda Ryashkina	URS	Seattle	24 Jul 90
20,000m Walk	1:35:23.7*		Kristina Saltanovic	LIT	Kaunas	3 Aug 2000
4 x 100m Relay	41.37			GDR	Canberra	6 Oct 85
(Silke Gladisch, Sabine Rieger, Ingrid Auerswald, Marlies Göhr)						
4 x 200m Relay	1:27.46*			USA	Philadelphia	29 Apr 2000
(LaTasha Jenkins, LaTasha Colander-Richardson, Nanceen Perry, Marion Jones)						
4 x 400m Relay	3:15.17			URS	Seoul	1 Oct 88
(Tatyana Ledovskaya, Ilrina Nazarova, Mariya Pinigina, Olga Bryzgina)						
4 x 800m Relay	7:50.17			URS	Moskva	5 Aug 84
(Nadezhda Olizarenko, Lyubov Gurina, Lyudmila Borisova, Irina Podyalovskaya)						

Best performances

Half Marathon	66:43	Masako Chiba	JPN	Tokyo	19 Jan 97
Marathon	2:20:43	Tegla Loroupe	KEN	Berlin	26 Sep 99

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3000m SC	9:40.20*	Cristina Iloc-Casandra	ROM	Reims	30 Aug 00
Previous	9:43.64*	Cristina Iloc-Casandra	ROM	Bucuresti	9 August 00
Previous	9:48.88	Yelena Motalova	RUS	Tula	31 Jul 99
20,000m Walk	1:35:23.7*	Kristina Saltanovic	LIT	Kaunas	3 Aug 2000
Previous	1:37:19.1	Ailing Xue	CHN	Xi'an	18 Sep 99
Pole Vault	4.63	Stacy Dragila	USA	Sacramento	23 July 2000
Previous	4.60	Emma George	AUS	Sydney	20 Feb 99
Equal	4.60	Stacy Dragila	USA	Sevilla	21 Aug 99
Equal	4.60	Stacy Dragila	USA	Modesto	14 May 00
Javelin	69.48	Trine Solberg-Hattestad	NOR	Oslo	28 July 2000
Previous	68.22	Trine Solberg-Hattestad	NOR	Rome	30 June 2000
Previous	67.09	Mirela Manjani-Tzelili	GRE	Sevilla	28 Aug 99
4 x 200m Relay	1:27.46*		USA	Philadelphia	29 Apr 2000
(LaTasha Jenkins, LaTasha Colander-Richardson, Nanceen Perry, Marion Jones)					
Previous	1:28.15		GDR	Jena	9 Aug 80
(Marlies Göhr, Romy Müller, Bärbel Wöckel, Marita Koch)					



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