

FALSE ACCUSATIONS CAN DAMAGE THE SPORT

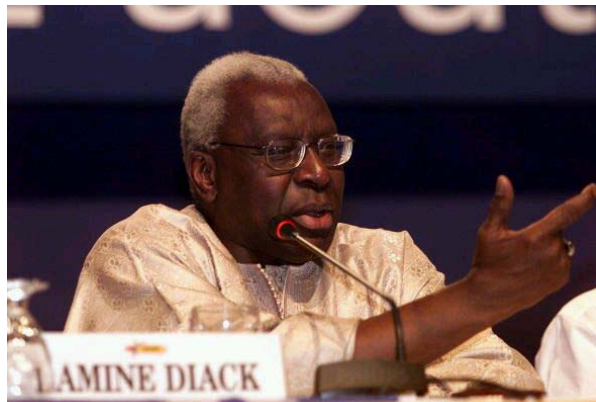
With the summer season soon upon us, this is a period of great optimism as we all look forward to watching the world's best athletes on the biggest stages.

But although I would prefer to write about today's athletes, I do also feel that it is appropriate to comment about recent allegations made about our sport – and one of our legends, Carl Lewis.

The sport of athletics has always been honest and serious about dealing with doping. But of course, the problem with that approach is that, even though the actual percentage of athletes who have tested positive is tiny – less than 2% of the total tested – our sport has gained a reputation as a “doping” sport. In the past, other sports were simply not testing, and therefore there were no positive tests and no headlines about them. I think the turning point was the 1998 Tour de France – and the big repercussions of that scandal, which led to the establishment of WADA. In the last few years, it has emerged that there is doping in all sports.

But nevertheless, athletics still seems to be singled out for special attention and the recent Carl Lewis “case” is a perfect example. This story was caused by revelations from a former USOC anti-doping official, Wade Exum, regarding an alleged cover up by the USOC of a number of doping cases in the period from 1988-2000. The big story was about Carl Lewis and some other athletes who tested positive at the US Olympic Trials in July 1988, but who were subsequently selected for the US Olympic Team for Seoul and competed at the Olympic Games later that year.

But what actually happened in 1988?



The IAAF has now investigated the matter thoroughly by reviewing the relevant documents from 1988. We found that, although the names of the athletes were not disclosed, the IAAF **had been** informed that there had been 8 positive findings at the US Olympic Trials in athletics, for ephedrine and ephedrine-related compounds in low concentration. Yet the IAAF Medical Committee felt satisfied on the basis of the information received that the cases had been properly concluded by the USOC as “**negative cases**” in accordance with rules and regulations in place at the time. So, rightly, no further action was taken.

For this reason, the athletes concerned who achieved the necessary qualification performances at the 1988 US Olympic Trials and who went on to compete at the Olympic Games in Seoul were eligible to do so in accordance with IAAF Rules.

So in summary, Carl Lewis, and those other athletes were perfectly entitled to be in Seoul after all. Let us hope that the Media will start to focus on athletics today, and the fantastic season to come.

Lamine Diack, IAAF President

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IAAF Council Meeting, 5-7 April 2003, Dakar, Senegal –

Following an Opening Ceremony hosted by the Sports Minister of Senegal Youssoupha Ndiaye, and the head of Senegal's Olympic Committee Abdoulaye Seye Moreau, and a visit to the President of the Republic Abdoulaye Wade, the IAAF began the first of three sessions with an activity report from IAAF President Lamine Diack.

IAAF Vice-President Arne Ljungqvist (SWE), architect of the IAAF's anti-doping strategy, was congratulated for being recently elected as the new Chairman of the IOC Medical Commission (see page 6).

During the three sessions a number of major decisions were made by Council which as General Secretary, I am now pleased to outline:

Future Competitions - 2003 IAAF World Championships in Athletics – Paris, FRA: with the Opening Ceremony having been moved to the afternoon session on 23 August, the morning session was also advanced by 45 minutes.

2003 IAAF World Athletics Final – Monte-Carlo, MON: the competition will take place on Saturday/Sunday, 13/14 September in Monaco where four attempts will be allowed in Field Events.

As it is not possible for the Hammer Throw to take place in the stadium in Monaco for technical reasons, this competition will be staged separately in Szombathely, Hungary, on 7 September.

Competition dates were also decided for the **2004 IAAF World Half Marathon Championships – New Delhi, IND** (Saturday 2 October 2004) and **2005 IAAF World Half Marathon Championships – Edmonton, CAN** (Saturday 1 October 2005).

2004 Olympic Games – Athens, GRE: Marathon races - At the request of the Local Organising Committee who presented further information on the climatic conditions, the Marathon races will start at 18:00 on Sunday 22 August for Women and Sunday 29 August for Men.

"4th athletes" - all four having achieved the "A" standard and been entered, will be issued accreditation and have access to the training facilities, but will not be accepted to stay in the Olympic Village.

Date of qualification for Relays - for the best 16 teams (based on two performances) will be 1 January 2003 to 21 July 2004.

Selection of future competition venue - Following a presentation by representatives of the Moroccan government and national athletics federation and the current World Champion at 400m Hurdles, Nezha Bidouane, the city of Marrakesh will host the IAAF World Youth Championships in Athletics in 2005. Competition is proposed for 14-17 July.

Other competition matters - IAAF Certification: The IAAF Certification System for athletic facilities, track products, equipment and implements used at IAAF events is being thoroughly reviewed and a new set of regulations is being prepared. The new system is expected to be finalised by 1 May 2003.

Penalties for late entries: As some Federations are late in sending their preliminary and final entries, which creates problems for the Organising Committees, the IAAF and the other competing teams, it was agreed to withhold 50% of the allocated travel grant in case of such infractions.

Athletes' Representatives: In view of the various benefits provided to registered Athletes' Representatives (ARs), Council increased to US\$ 500 the annual fee charged to ARs for registration.

International Course Measurement Administrator: Following the retirement of Pete Riegel as the Administrator for the Americas, Council decided that he be replaced by Bernie Conway (CAN).

Member Federations - Athletics in Zimbabwe: The situation of athletics in Zimbabwe has been clarified, following free and democratic elections on 9 March. Representatives of the former federation, and the interim committee of Athletics Zimbabwe, have now been elected (see page 4 for new officers and contact details), and have promised to work together for the benefit of athletics in that country.

The new three letter code PYF was approved for **Tahiti**, as was in principle the ISO code for **Serbia and Montenegro** as soon as it is announced.

Transfers of Allegiance - The transfers of **Christophe Fernandes**

from IAAF Headquarters

from FRA to POR; **Lamberte Nyabamikazi** from BUR to RWA; **Philipp Rist** from SUI to CAN, were noted with immediate effect.

Anti-Doping - Over 900 athletes are now in the IAAF's "Whereabouts" system. Details are updated every month so as to ensure viability of surprise out-of-competition testing. The recent case of some top Greek athletes, who turned up in Doha, Qatar when they were thought to be in Greece, was discussed and the Greek federation SEGAS was congratulated for immediately following up and reprimanding the coach, and informing him about future co-operation. It was noted that these athletes had been tested out-of-competition on three occasions in the recent past.

It was agreed that Council would support the adoption of the **WADA Code** by Congress. The situation with regard to the conduct of anti-doping control for the World Championships in Paris has been settled. A compromise has also been reached with the French authorities, regarding out-of-competition testing in France.

In the case of the athlete **Olivier Jean-Theodore (FRA)**, who was suspended for refusing a test in July 2001, Council agreed to early reinstatement, following a recommendation from the Anti-Doping Commission and the IAAF's legal counsel.

Two other athletes, **Andrea Longo (ITA)** and **Ali Saidi-Sief (ALG)**, also requested early reinstatement but both requests were rejected.

However, in the Longo case Council agreed that because there had been a 2 month delay in the reporting of the result from the laboratory, a slightly later qualification deadline would be accepted.

44th IAAF Congress - proposals to modify the **IAAF Constitutional Rules** were circulated to Member Federations four months prior to the IAAF Congress in Paris, i.e. by 20th April 2003.

Whereas proposals to modify the **IAAF Anti-doping rules** and **IAAF Technical rules** will be circulated to Member Federations three months prior to the 44th IAAF Congress in Paris, i.e. by 20th May 2003.

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From IAAF Headquarters

Congress Agenda: the Agenda of the 44th IAAF Congress in Paris, will be circulated by 20th June 2003 to Member Federations, together with Committee and Commission Reports to Congress.

Committees and Commissions - IAAF Cross Country and Road Running Committee: The report was presented by Chairman Otto Klappert (GER). It was agreed that a proposal would be made to the IAAF Congress in Paris (August 20-21) so that the current IAAF World Bests in road running events should become official IAAF Road World Records.

IAAF Medical Commission: Council agreed that, because of the steady increase in numbers of IAAF professional staff specialising in anti-doping matters, the creation of the IAAF Doping Review Board and the closer relationship with WADA, a proposal would be made to Congress so as to create a new structure amalgamating the former IAAF's Medical Committee and Anti-Doping Commission into a new body, the IAAF Medical Commission, which would be appointed by Council. This Commission will work in association with the Doping Review Board.

IAAF Race Walking Committee: The chairman of the Committee, Maurizio Damilano (ITA) summarised the work of his committee and commented on the introduction of the *IAAF Race Walking Challenge in 2003*, with two successful events already concluded in Mexico and Portugal.

The nomination of Ruben Aguilera and Azzedine Trissa from South America and Africa respectively, to the Race Walking Judges' Panel was agreed, as was the decision that the same Chief Judge, Peter Marlow (GBR), should be present at the 2003 World Championships and the 2004 Olympic Games to ensure continuity.

It was also agreed that separate world records for road and track performances in Race Walking would be recorded in future - Men: road 20k & 50k, and track 20,000m, 30,000m & 50,000m. Women: road 20km, and track 5000m 10,000m & 20,000m. Jnr Men: road 10k, and track 10,000m. Jnr Women: road 10km, and track 5000m & 10,000m.

Technical Committee: Chairman Jorge Salcedo (POR) presented a report from the IAAF Technical Committee. 138 proposals for technical rule changes have been received by the IAAF and carefully studied by the

Technical Committee. Many are considered non-urgent and others are simply editorial changes to existing rules. A selected list of new rules will be presented to the Congress for consideration.

It was agreed that the "*new*" false start rule had worked well in practice. Nevertheless, it was agreed that a new line would be added to the rule to ensure there would not be a repetition of an incident at the World Indoor Championships, where a British sprinter competed "under protest" despite being disqualified. Council proposed adding a clause to the new rule to clarify that protests should NOT be allowed in competitions where there is automatic recall equipment, which clearly indicates false starts. This will need to be approved by Congress. The implementation of starting rules should be easier by the creation of an International Starters Panel which was approved by Council.

Pole Vault Pegs - Council also discussed the new rule related to the length of the supporting pegs in the Pole Vault and agreed that no changes were necessary, despite complaints from a group of elite athletes.

IAAF Medical Committee and Anti-doping Commission: Arne Ljungqvist presented a report summing up the activities of the two bodies. It was agreed that the new web-based anti-doping educational site, YADDIS, should be promoted on the occasion of the next IAAF World Youth Championships in Sherbrooke, Canada.

It was recommended that Member Federations be reminded that they need to apply for exemption to use any banned substances for medical reasons, and encouraged to develop educational programmes for athletes on health issues.

Veterans' Committee: The Committee's name change to "*Masters Committee*" was supported.

Judicial Commission: It was noted that Dr. Clemens Prokop would stand down due to work reasons, and would be replaced by Jack Agrios QC.

The new IAAF Constitution, consisting of 18 separate articles governing the essential purpose, legal status, division of powers and organisational provisions of the World Governing Body, was heavily studied and will now be presented to the next IAAF Congress in Paris (20-21 August). The

main aim of the reform is to make all IAAF rules correspond to the reality of the sport today by deleting and/or updating obsolete text.

Council also agreed to propose to Congress that IAAF Rules are regrouped into two separate groups: Constitutional Rules and Technical Rules including eligibility and anti-doping;

Council also accepted the proposal that the IAAF Code of Ethics, be observed by all persons acting in a position of trust within the IAAF or on behalf of the IAAF, and the appointment of a three-man Ethical Commission (drawn from external sources and including the Chairman of the Juridical Commission) to ensure that the Code is respected. The final draft of the Code of Ethics, and the Ethical Commission members, will be approved at the autumn meeting of the IAAF Council Meeting in Berlin.

Progress Report from IAAF World Championships in Athletics - Paris 2003 St Denis: The report was presented by Jean Dussourd, President of the Organising Committee. The transition from planning to operational readiness is now approaching and Council were updated about Promotions and Marketing. Sales of tickets have been excellent, with 235,000 – or half the target – already been sold in pack format, with sales of single tickets now just beginning. Competition, Logistical and Financial matters were also discussed. The final budget for the event has been confirmed at 57,000,000 euros.

In an effort to enhance the spectators' enjoyment of the event, the Stade de France will have 4 video screens and an enhanced sound system. A number of out-of-stadium promotional activities are also planned to create a party atmosphere.

Next Council Meetings - are scheduled to be held as follows: Monday 18 August 2003 in Paris, France; Saturday 30 August 2003 in Paris, France, with past and new Council Members; Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 November 2003, in Berlin, Germany.

István Gyulai
IAAF General Secretary



Toyota to be Official IAAF Partner for IAAF World Championships in Paris St Denis



On 22 April, it was announced that the Toyota Motor Corporation will be an official partner for the 9th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, which takes place in the Stade de France, Paris St Denis between 23-31 August.

On top of the official partnership agreement, Toyota is also supporting the IAAF World Record Programme in women's events. Any woman athlete breaking a world record in Paris St Denis will receive \$100,000. As part of the agreement, Toyota is providing a fleet of 200 official cars, which will be used for a variety of purposes including transporting athletes and officials. Athletes in the men's and women's Marathon races will be particularly pleased that the latest version of the Toyota Prius, the first mass produced hybrid vehicle, will be making its first European appearance in the role of Lead Vehicles

African Athletics Confederation elects new President to succeed Lamine Diack

At the **18th Congress of the African Athletic Confederation** (13-15 April) in Cairo, Egypt, **Colonel Ahmed Kalkaba Malboum (CMR)** won the election for the Presidency by a majority of 24/41 votes, so **succeeding IAAF President Lamine Diack**.

The IAAF President who had held the area role since the confederation's creation in 1973, announced in Tunis last August his decision to step aside in order to give fuller attention to his leadership of all the continental federations, following the confidence expressed in his IAAF presidency in Edmonton in 2001, and now becomes **AAC Honorary Life President**.

President – Hamad Kalkaba MALBOUM (Cameroon); **Vice-President** - Younes CHETALI (Tunisia); Idrissa BAH (Mali), Vivian GUNGARAM (Mauritius), Dr. Alaa GHEITA (Egypt); **General Secretary** - Abdoul WAHAB (Senegal); **Treasurer**: Doudou JOOF (The Gambia); **IAAF Council African Area Representative**: Leonard CHUENE (South Africa); **Individual Council Members** - Siddig Ahmed IBRAHIM (Sudan), Aurelio France LEBON (Mozambique), Belaid ABDERRAHMANE (Algeria), David OKEYO (Kenya); Khaled AMARA (Tunisia), Pascal SAWADOGO (Burkina Faso), Theophile MONTCHO

(Benin), Hissein NGARO (Chad), Frank FREDERICKS (President of the African Athletes Association). **Regional Presidents** - South: Giovanna ROUSSEAU (Seychelles); Central: Juvenal NIYONGURUZA (Burundi); West: Frederick Lloyd EVANS (The Gambia); Bisrat GASHAWETENA (Ethiopia); North: Younes CHETALI (Tunisia).

African IAAF Council Members - Leonard CHUENE (South Africa); Isaiah KIPLAGAT (Kenya); Nawal EL MOUTAWAKEL (Morocco); Jamel SIMOHAMED (Algeria).



World Records and World Best Performances recently ratified

Men: World Best Performance - **10km Road Race:** 27:02 Haile Gebrselassie ETH, 11 December 2002, Doha, QAT

Women: World Indoor Record - **Pole Vault:** 4.76 Svetlana Feofanova RUS, 2 February 2003, Glasgow, GBR.

18th EAA Congress in Athens: Three new Council Members

Alfio GIOMI (Italy), Jonas EGILSSON (Iceland) and Ludmila OLIJAR (Latvia) are the new Council Members, elected at the **18th EAA Congress** on Saturday, 12 April 2003, in Athens.

The EAA Council in the period 2003 - 2007 will now have three women (OLIJAR and the re-elected Irena SZEWINSKA/Poland and Erika STRASSER/Austria). Al GUY/Ireland was the only Council Member not being re-elected. Two Council Members (Ilkka KANERVA/Finland and Gianni GOLA/Italy) were not standing for re-election.

President & IAAF Council European Area Representative - Hansjorg WIRZ (Switzerland); **Vice Presidents** - Valentin BALAKHNICHEV (Russia) and Agoston SCHULEK (Hungary); **General Secretary** - Till LUFFT (Germany) **Treasurer** - Karel PILNY (Czech Republic), and **Council Members** - Janez ALJANCIC (Slovenia), Georgios, CONSTANTOPOULOS (Greece), Jose Luis DE CARLOS (Spain), Antonios G. DRACOS (Cyprus), Jonas EGILSSON (Iceland), Alfio GIOMI (Italy), Philippe LAMBLIN (France),

John LISTER (Great Britain), Ludmila OLIJAR (Latvia), Clemens PROKOP (Germany), Jorge SALCEDO (Portugal), Erika STRASSER (Austria), and Irena SZEWINSKA (Poland).

The 19th EAA Congress will be held in spring 2005 in Ljubljana / SLO.

It was also announced that the **2004 SPAR European Cup** will take place in Athens (June 19-20) as part of the Olympic Games test events. Teams: Greece, Germany, Spain, Russia, Great Britain, France, Italy and Poland.

IAAF Member Federation Elections

President

Barbados - Mr. Steve C. Edwards (re-elected)
Botswana - Mr. Tobokani Mosekwa (re-elected)
Niger - Mr. Marou Ali
Uruguay - Mr. Jose Maria Lombardo
Zimbabwe - Mr. Albert Muyambo

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General Secretary

Barbados - Mr. Gordon Bispham
Botswana - Mr. Moses Moruisi (re-elected)
Niger - Mr. Hama Chino
Panama - Lic Carmina Porras de Aleman
Uruguay - Mr. Juan Carlos Siepcke (re-elected)
Zimbabwe - Mr. Daniel Leboho

Stones' 2.30, approaches 30!

"At the time I didn't realize the significance of 2.30, but the crowd let me know and the next day when it was all over the media I thought, "wow!"
Wow, indeed writes *Keijo Liimatainen*

It is now nearly 30 years since the American Dwight Stones became the first man to successfully clear 2.30m in the High Jump. The date was July 11, 1973. The circumstance the international meet between West Germany, USA and Switzerland at the Olympic Stadium in Munich.

Stones, 19, had no intention of breaking any records that day. In fact, the night before, he downed some rum and cokes!

"To be honest, I was pretty tipsy when I left, but I didn't want to skip my habit of always practicing the day before a meet, so they drove me back to town and at 12.30AM I worked out in the street."

He wanted to do some 100 metre strides "to get my knees up and my arms working". "The only person who saw me and my six heads was a cop, who didn't bother me."

The next morning was spectacular with an electric blue sky.

"I had a big breakfast and really couldn't wait for the day to go by." Time passed slow as molasses. Remember, this was in 1973 - way before MTV, CNN, cell phones and laptops.

"I didn't read books in those days, so I played cards, hung around the hotel

and decided to leave early for the Stadium. It is my favourite stadium, so I kind of liked to take in the atmosphere."



A USA trainer messed up his taping job (measuring the approach to the uprights). Stones cut it off, got a roll of tape and did it again himself. "I was irritated and that was good for me." He felt great during warm-up.

Dwight started at 1.95m and cleared this in his first attempt with a straddle. Then, 2.00m in the first with a flop. After that 2.03 in his first, (straddle), 2.06m in his first, (flop). At 2.09m and 2.12m he needed two jumps - missing a straddle, then clearing both heights with his back against the bar. He passed 2.15m. "That was very unusual for me. I don't know why I did it, maybe just to psych out the others and to watch them."

Of Stones' competitors Tom Woods made the height for third and Reynaldo Brown negotiated 2.21 for second place.

For his ten last jumps Dwight used the flop: 2.18m: 1; 2.21m: 1; 2.24m: 2; 2.27m: 3; 2.30m: 3.

Dwight cleared the 2.30m high bar in his third attempt - and the eighteenth jump of the evening at 21.53hrs - and became the first World record holder using the flop technique that 1968 Olympic gold winner Dick Fosbury had introduced.

"I will never forget it. I was already pleased with my new personal best of 2.27, but to set a world record was truly amazing. There is a great photo of me, sailing over the bar and in my face you can see me reacting, 'Oh, my God, I think I might have just cleared this'." The crowd went nuts.

During his remarkable career Stones was to set three outdoor World records and seven indoor World bests, winning two Olympic bronze medals (Munich 1972 and Montreal 1976) and was fourth in Los Angeles (1984), and was US Champion nineteen times. He ranked number one in the world between 1973-1976, second in 1977, third 1972, 1978 and 1982 and fifth 1984.

Dwight Stones now at the age of 49 has a youthful appearance. His passion for the sport is as genuine and burning as when he was competing and his memory is remarkable. Knowledge that landed him work as a respected commentator on US networks. Stones has lived in Orange County, south of Los Angeles, for the past 21 years.

NB. This article is an extract from a fuller story which was published on the IAAF internet on 22 April 2003 – www.iaaf.org

Obituaries

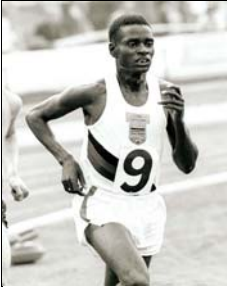


Christopher William Brasher CBE (photo left) - 1956 Olympic 3000m Steeplechase champion and co-founder of the London Marathon died 27 February 2003 aged 74 after a lengthy battle against pancreatic cancer.

One of the three principal participants in one of the greatest sporting achievements of all time, Roger Bannister's first sub-four-minute mile at Oxford's Iffley Road track nearly 50 years ago, Brasher (GBR) had led two expeditions to the Arctic before he was 22; as a mountaineer, he was a reserve for Edmund Hillary's expedition that conquered Everest; he won the Olympic gold medal at 3,000 metres steeplechase in 1956; co-founded the London Marathon with his friend John Disley in 1981; he had an award-winning career as a print and television journalist; he developed orienteering in Britain; he worked tirelessly for nature conservation, spending tens of thousands of his own money to preserve Britain's diminishing wildernesses; and for good measure, through his various business interests, he made himself a millionaire several times over.

Zdzislaw Krzyszkowiak - 1960 Olympic 3000m steeplechase champion died on 24 March aged 73 at his Warsaw home. Krzyszkowiak (POL) captured the 3000m Steeplechase World record when he timed 8:31.4 at Tula in Poland on June 26, 1960. His Olympic gold was won in 8:34.2. He also starred at the 1958 European Championships in Stockholm, taking gold in the 5000m and 10,000m.

"His death is a big loss for sport," said Irena Szewinska, President of the Polish Athletics' Federation. "He was a great sportsman and a man of stature," she added.



Naftali Temu (photo left) - 1968 Olympic 10,000m champion died on 10 March 2003 aged 58 after a long illness. Temu (KEN) became his country's first Olympic gold medallist in the 1968 Mexico City games when he led an African sweep in the men's 10,000m, defeating Ethiopia's Mamo Wolde - who would later in those Games win the Marathon - in a close sprint finish. Their times in the altitude of Mexico City were 29:27.4 and 29:28.0. Temu was admitted to the state-run Kenyatta National Hospital in January 2003 suffering from prostate cancer and had been unable to pay a 50,000 shilling (660 dollars) medical bill which the government waived.

David Kimani - collapsed and died on 16 April 2003 aged 25 in South Alabama, USA. The cause of death at this time is unknown. Kimani (KEN) "collapsed while eating lunch and was transported to DCH Regional Medical Centre" confirmed University of Alabama team physician, Dr. Jimmy Robinson. Kimani won the NCAA 1999 cross county title, and became the first runner in NCAA history to win both the 3000 and 5000m in the same indoor championship meet in March 2000, a feat he repeated in 2001. He also won the 5000m outdoor

championship in 2002.

Samson Kitur - the second Kenyan to win an Olympic medal at the 400 metres, died on 25 April 2003 aged 37 at his rural home in Eldoret from an undisclosed ailment. Kitur complained of a headache before succumbing. Winner of a bronze medal in the 400m at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, 20 years after Julius Sang's bronze in Munich '72, Kitur took another bronze at the 1993 World Championships in Stuttgart, and also anchored Kenya's quartet to a 4x400m silver. In 1991, Kitur won gold at the All-Africa Games held in Cairo, Egypt. He retained the title four years later in Harare, Zimbabwe.

Juha Tiainen - the 1984 Olympic Hammer Champion, died suddenly on 27 April 2003 aged 47. The cause of death is as yet unknown. A Policeman by profession he threw a Scandinavian and national record of 81.52m on 11 June 1984, which lasted as a national record until 2002. Tiainen (FIN) competed in three Olympics, and two World Championships, and two European championships. He won the 1984 Olympic gold medal in Los Angeles with a throw of 78.08m.

Former Finnish stars increase their success in Parliamentary elections

The Finnish parliamentary elections took place on the 15 and 16 March, and once more some of the country's former top athletes, and two current national athletics officials, were elected to represent the people of Finland.

The elected athletes are: **Lasse Viren** (National Coalition Party). 5000m & 10,000m Olympic Champion in Munich 1972 and Montreal 1976. Re-elected; **Arto Bryggare** (Social Democratic Party). 1983 World silver and 1984 Olympic bronze medallist at 110m

Hurdles. Previously a member of Parliament between 1995-1999, but out of office since 1999; **Antti Kalliomäki** (Social Democratic Party). Olympic Pole Vault silver medallist in Montreal 1976. Re-elected; **Sari Essayah** (Christian Democratic Party) - women's World 10km Race Walk champion in Stuttgart 1993. IAAF Race Walking Committee member. Elected to Parliament for the first time.

The elected officials are: **Ilkka Kanerva** (National Coalition Party). Current President of Finnish Athletics

and a former EAA Council member. Re-elected; **Jan Vapaavuori** (National Coalition Party). Current Chief Executive of Track & Field Finland marketing company. Elected to Parliament for the first time.

Some Government success for Athletics too: The Foreign Minister of Finland **Mr. Erkki Tuomioja** (Social Democratic Party) was re-elected to the Finnish Parliament, too. Mr. Tuomioja is a Finnish U45 Masters 3000m Steeplechase champion.

Book Review - 'TISIC HVIEZD' by Ladislav Krnac

The first part (men) of a two volume 20th century history of track and field athletics written by one of the most respected athletics journalists and ATFS members, Ladislav Krnac has been published by TIMY, Bratislava, Slovakia. A4, 272 Pages, over 250 photos in the Slovak language. Stories, personalities, short interviews, analysis and quotes from greatest competitors and moments of 1900-2000. Photos of all reigning World record holders at the end of 2000, as well as many memorable images including Emil Zatopek playing his beloved game of soccer and the author himself doing an interview with Jesse Owens.

Price: 45 USD. To order contact the author at: Ladislav Krnac, Zalzne 47, 919 04, Smolenice, Slovakia, tel/fax 421-33-5586274.



Italy's 1980 Olympic women's High Jump champion **Sara Simeoni** who is a member of

the IAAF Women's Committee, celebrated her 50th Birthday on 19 April 2003.

Simeoni's 1.91m clearance at the 1976 Montreal Olympics was to be the first of three Olympic medals that she would win in her illustrious career. Gold was to follow at the 1980 Moscow Games in an Olympic record of 1.97m, and another silver medal in 1984 with a 2.00m leap behind West Germany's Ulrike Meyfarth (2.02 Olympic record).

However, Simeoni's year of years was 1978, when on two occasions she

jumped the World record of 2.01m. Employing an immaculate Fosbury Flop technique she first improved Ackermann's 2.00m mark, to set the new World record on her second attempt at 2.01m in Brescia, Italy on 4 August.

Then on the 31 August in Prague, Czechoslovakia, Simeoni again on her second attempt at 2.01m, leapt clear to equal her own record and take the European Championships gold medal.

IAAF Vice President and Chairman of Medical Committee Arne Ljungqvist (SWE) was appointed at the beginning of April as Chairman of the International Olympic Committee's Medical Commission which oversees the fight against banned drugs, succeeding the late Prince Alexandre de Merode. The 72-year-old medical doctor and professor has served on the medical panel since 1987. A former high jumper, who competed for Sweden at the 1952 Helsinki Olympics, he became a full IOC member in 1994.

**POSITIVE CASES IN ATHLETICS, SANCTIONED DEFINITELY,
ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE IAAF AS OF 30 April 2003**

BRITS Okkert	(22.08.1973)	RSA	Absa Series II, Potchefstroom (RSA)	31.01.03	Public Warning
FARGET Patricia	(01.01.1965)	FRA	Meeting Stanislas Nancy Tomblaine (FRA)	17.09.02	6 months suspended sanction
ZEREG Salah	(16.11.1971)	ALG	Foulée Vénissiane, Vénissieux (FRA)	24.11.02	Public Warning
WELLS Renward	(23.02.1970)	BAH	BAAA National Open Chmps 2002 (BAH)	22.06.02	2 years ineligibility
SEMI Lorena Rosa	(15.09.1982)	DOM	XIX Juegos Centroamericanos y Del Caribe	2+6.12.02	2 years ineligibility
RIGAUDO Elisa	(17.06.1980)	ITA	CAS Marcia Femm	22.09.02	Public Warning
VENTURELLI Luigi	(veteran)	ITA	Master Italian Championships, Fiuggi (ITA)	16.06.02	2 years ineligibility
SERDYUK Alina	(22.01.1975)	BLR	EAA Meeting Nitra 2002	24.08.02	2 years ineligibility
NERI Cristina	(13.02.1966)	ITA	Camp. Ital. Master Maratona	10.11.02	Public Warning
COERTZE François	(23.02.1979)	RSA	Absa Series II, Bloemfontein (RSA)	07.02.03	2 years ineligibility
VIVIERS Innis	(28.06.1980)	RSA	Absa Series II, Bloemfontein (RSA)	07.02.03	2 years ineligibility
JOSYFYSZYN David	(11.10.1968)	FRA	Champ. Haut Rhin 10 km sur route (FRA)	31.08.02	3 months suspended sentence
BLACODON Marie-Catherine	(26.09.1964)	FRA	Tour de Basse-Terre (FRA)	19.07.02	3 months suspended sentence
AWERE Marc	(16.07.1971)	GHA	Meeting National Mulhouse (FRA)	13.06.01	3 months suspension

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.

1st IAAF Area Coaches Association Conference

The 1st IAAF Area Coaches Association Conference will be held 2nd - 5th May at CREPS Boulouris, near Cannes, France.

This inaugural event will be officially opened on Saturday 3 May by IAAF President Lamine Diack (SEN), and will be attended by representatives of all six Area Coaches Associations. In total there will be over 40 delegates including IAAF Vice President Amadeo Francis (PUR) and fellow IAAF Council Member Igor Ter-Ovanesian (RUS), IAAF General Secretary Istvan Gyulai (HUN), IAAF General Director Pierre Weiss (FRA), and the General

Secretary of the International Athletic Foundation Cheikh Thiare (SEN).

There will be *key note speeches* given by Bjorn Wangemann (GER), Director, Member Services Department - "From Development to Member Services" - Elio Locatelli (ITA), IAAF Project Leader - "Beyond the CECS Horizon" - and Frank Dick (GBR), IAAF Project Consultant - "Design for Quality Coaching" and "Increasing Coaching Effectiveness".

As well as a number of group workshops held during the weekend, there will be three main plenary

sessions during the conference, with the last round of discussions and debate on the afternoon of Sunday 4 May leading to a final conference communiqué being issued which will detail the weekend's findings.

Two evening receptions will be held for delegates, the first on Saturday 3 May hosted by Amadeo Francis, who is also Chairman of the IAAF Development Commission, and the second on the final night of the conference, given by the European Athletics Coaches Association.

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