

Let's look forward to some Great Athletics

After the phenomenal success of the 9th IAAF World Championships in Paris last summer, the inspirational solo Golden League Jackpot win for Maria Mutola, and the innovative spectacle of the inaugural World Athletics Final, Athletics can look forward with confidence to a great 2004.

In the months to come, the Olympic Games in Athens, and the IAAF's own top competitions, will bring athletics into the news for all the right reasons.

As I write these words, the indoor season is well and truly underway and track and field fans, all over the world, are looking forward with great anticipation to the latest edition of the IAAF World Indoor Championships in Budapest on 5-7 March. Although an Olympic year always makes special demands on athletes, I am confident that we will have many great stars at this exciting event, and that it will be organised with great efficiency by our Hungarian friends, who have been amongst the most active members of the IAAF and were one of the Association's founder members in 1912.

But the World Indoor Championships are the first major step in a journey that will take us not only to the Athens Olympic Games but other important milestones as well.

We can look forward to the World Cross Country Championships, the World Race Walking Cup, the World Junior Championships, the World Athletics Final, and the World Half Marathon Championships which will bring the season to an end in October.

I am more than pleased to welcome the return of the IAAF World Cross Country Championships to Belgium for the fourth time in the event's history. Of course, the country has a love affair with this running discipline which extends further back than the beginnings in 1973 of this the oldest of the IAAF's World Athletics Series. As long ago as 1923, Belgium first participated in, and then three years later in Brussels hosted the 'International Championships' which were the forerunner of the IAAF World Cross Country.

In this Olympic year we can look forward to new star names emerging across all the range of disciplines, and to the second IAAF World Athletics Final which will be celebrated in Monaco (and Szombathely for the Hammer Throw) just weeks after the conclusion of those competitions in Athens.

2004 will be the second year in which the IAAF World Rankings act as the qualification mechanism for the World Athletics Final and there is no doubt that the

individual Event and Overall IAAF World Rankings have enhanced the profile of each athlete and the sport as a whole.



Photo - President Lamine Diack in the IAAF HQ, Monte-Carlo

The "Road to Athens" will pass through the IAAF Golden League with the first of the six meetings being Bergen in June. As usual, you must win at all meetings to gain a share of the \$1 million Jackpot that was won so memorably last year by Maria Mutola.

The Golden League heads a four tier structure of one day meetings, along with the Super Grand Prix, Grand Prix and Grand Prix II providing a base to the pyramid of IAAF Permit meetings.

And let's not forget our sport's younger athletes. It seems remarkable that two years have passed since those fantastic World Junior Championships in Kingston, Jamaica where Carolina Klüft retained her title, emerging as world star in a broader sense.

On 13-18 July, the 10th edition of the championships will be celebrated in Grosseto, Italy and, as ever, we can expect six days of intense competition, from which as past editions have shown, we will be able to adjudge the future stars and trends of our sport.

Finally, we can also look forward to memorable editions of the two "World Road Championships" in the IAAF calendar, namely the World Race Walking Championships which takes place in Naumburg, Germany, on 1-2 May, and the World Half Marathon Championships, which will take place for the first time in Asia on 3 October, in the exotic city of New Delhi.

Let's all look forward to a great year and work together to ensure that competition becomes the focus of news about athletics.

Lamine Diack
IAAF President



The beginning of the new year has been a busy one at the IAAF HQ.

The first of the year's IAAF Committee and Commission meetings, the **IAAF Medical and Anti-Doping Commission**, took place at the end of January, and in mid-February a delegation from Helsinki 2005 also paid a most useful visit. Preparations are now being finalised for the **IAAF Council meeting** which takes place in Athens, 24-30 March, which will be followed in the Greek capital by the **IAAF World TV Seminar**.

news from IAAF Headquarters

In terms of competition we are less than two weeks away from the start of the **10th IAAF World Indoor Championships**, Budapest, Hungary (5-7 March). The stadium has been sold out since Christmas, and it will be the biggest ever championships for competing nations, as 144 had declared to take part by close of the preliminary entries. Following immediately on its heels we will then celebrate the **32nd IAAF World Cross Country Championships** in Brussels, Belgium (20/21 March).

The year also began with the sad news that **Artur Takac**, Honorary IAAF Life Personal Member, had gone missing during a family ski holiday in Kopaonik, the highest mountain in central Serbia. Artur, 86, who has been an expert ski enthusiast all his life, went out on 28 January to ski in bad weather conditions, and did not return. On 16 February his family confirmed that no further news has been heard. The IAAF's sincerest thoughts and best wishes are with his family at this tragic time.

IAAF Council, Athens, Greece, 24 – 30 March 2004

The following General Programme has been set for the period surrounding the next IAAF Council Meeting in Athens, Greece:

24 March – Wednesday

15:00 – 18:00 Marketing Commission Meeting

25 March – Thursday

09:00 – 12:00 Finance Commission Meeting

14:00 – 18:30 Competition Commission Meeting (1st Session)

26 March – Friday

9:00 – 13:00 Competition Commission Meeting (2nd Session)

15:00 – 19:00 Advisory Board Meeting

20:00 – IAAF Dinner

27 March – Saturday

09:00 – 13:00 Council Meeting

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 18:30 Council Meeting

28 March – Sunday

09:00 – 13:00 Council Meeting

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 18:00 Council Meeting

29 March – Monday

09:00 – 17:00 TV Seminar

Visit to Olympia (Technical Delegates)

30 March – Tuesday

09:00 – 17:00 TV Seminar

17:00 – 19:00 TV Commission Meeting

IAAF World TV Seminar

The IAAF World Television Seminar, will take place at the Hotel Athenaem Intercontinental (89-93 Syngrou Avenue, Athens) on 29/30 March, starting a day after the end of the IAAF Council meeting. The Seminar aims to:

Introduce up-to-date, dynamic television coverage of Athletics to a new generation of TV producers so as to improve the status of the sport amongst viewers - - Harmonise the coverage of Track and Field Athletics worldwide - - Seek new ways to better inform the spectators in the stadium without harming the TV product - - Redefine Guidelines for Track and Field Athletics coverage and operations.

The Seminar is being organised by the IAAF Television Commission, headed by IOC Member Alex Gilady (ISR) and amongst the delegates will be Television producers and directors including representatives from Athens Olympic Broadcasting (AOB), IAAF Marketing Partner Dentsu as well as Timing and Data companies involved in the organisation of Athletics competitions.

Candidates for 2009 World Championships

The deadline for receipt of letters of intent from Member Federations interested in hosting the 2009 edition of the IAAF World Championships was 31 January, with the following cities as candidates, representing four different IAAF Continental Areas:

Berlin, GER; Brisbane, AUS; Brussels, BEL; Casablanca, MAR; Daegu, KOR; Delhi, IND; Split, CRO; Valencia, ESP

In these days, detailed documentation regarding the bidding and evaluation procedure will be provided to candidates, while the final decision as to who will host the 12th edition of the World Championships will be taken at the autumn meeting of IAAF Council.

World Athletics Plan Steering Board is formed

Following a recent meeting of the IAAF Advisory Board, it was agreed that the IAAF World Athletics Plan needed a Steering Board to ensure its implementation over the coming years. To this end, it was agreed that the

Steering Board would consist of the following individuals: Lamine Diack, Amadeo Francis, Dapeng Lou, Helmut Digel, Jean Poczubut, Hansjörg Wirz, Istvan Gyulai, Pierre Weiss and Cheikh Thiare. This group held its first meeting in Monaco on 14 February, and also received a detailed appraisal of the WAP from Staff Managers representing all IAAF departments.

Aldama Can Represent Sudan

Yamile Aldama, ranked number 2 in the 2003 IAAF World Ranking for Triple Jump, is now eligible to compete for Sudan in all international competitions. Aldama last represented her country of birth, Cuba, at the Sydney Olympic Games on 24 September 2000, finishing fourth in the Triple Jump final with 14.30m. Therefore, according to IAAF Rule 5.2c, her eligibility for Sudan can be enforced with immediate effect.

Following approval of the Israeli Athletic Association regarding the eligibility of *Attila Farkas*, he is now eligible to represent Hungary at all international competitions with immediate effect (IAAF Rule 5.2.d).

Helsinki 2005 Delegation visit IAAF

A 17 person delegation representing the LOC of the IAAF World Championships in Helsinki 2005 visited the IAAF HQ between 10 -12 February to discuss details of organisation with various IAAF specialists. *Group photo - Helsinki 2005 and IAAF staff, outside Monaco's Stade Louis II.*

This 'fact finding' discussion was followed by what has become a traditional meeting between the LOC and a number of stakeholders including the IAAF Technical Delegates, who in the case of Helsinki 2005 are Dapeng Lou, Jean Poczubut and Cesar Moreno Bravo, EBU, and other major broadcasters as well as Dentsu, and relevant IAAF staff.



news from IAAF Headquarters

IAAF Committee and Commission Meetings in 2004

The new Medical and Anti-doping Commission headed by Juan Manuel-Alonso (ESP) met on 23 and 24 January in Monte-Carlo.

Among the order of business was a significant decision to change the emphasis of the IAAF's Anti-doping efforts and make the "police" role, whereby the IAAF is responsible

mainly for sanctioning athletes that commit doping offences, part of a much wider system whose emphasis is education and information.

IAAF web - Anti-Doping section

To this end, the new Commission plans to co-operate more directly with the IAAF Communications Department which has created a *special section of the IAAF website devoted to anti-doping education*, and also with the new IAAF Coaches' Commission,

since it was agreed that, as well as athletes, coaches, doctors, physios and other support staff must be involved in any educational initiatives.

It was also agreed that a new, more realistic approach to the issue of nutrition and food supplements should be considered, with more research conducted and advice made available to athletes.



The new Medical and Anti-doping Commission

Back row - left to right: Dr. Fumihiko Yamasawa (JPN), Dr. Frédéric Depiesse (FRA), Dr. Giuseppe Fischetto (ITA), Dr. Harmon Brown (USA), Dr. Brahim Baba (ALG), Dr. Karoly Piko (HUN), Dr. Herbert Elliott (JAM), Dr. Birgir Gudjonsson (ISL).

Front (seated) - left to right: Dr. Dato Manikavasagam Jegathesan (MAL), Prof. Christiane Ayotte (CAN) - Scientific Advisor, Dr. Juan Manuel Alonso (ESP) - Chairperson, Dr. Gabriel Dollé - Anti-Doping Administrator.

Prof. Eduardo Henrique De Rose (BRA) was unable to attend.

IAAF Committee and Commission meetings in 2004

Committee/Commission	Date	Location	Committee/Commission	Date	Location
Athletes' Commission	tbd		Marketing & Promotion Commission	24 March	Athens
Circuits Working Group	8 March	Budapest	Masters' Committee	15 March	Sindelfingen
Coaches' Commission	5 March	Budapest	Medical & Anti-Doping Commission	23-24 Jan	Monaco
Competition Commission	25-26 March	Athens	Press Commission	3 July	Rome
Cross Country & Road Running Committee	21-22 March	Brussels	Race Walking Committee	3 May	Naumburg
Development Commission	tbd		Technical Committee	27-28 Feb	Monaco
Finance Commission	25 March	Athens	Television Commission	30 March	Athens
Golden League Working Group	8 March	Budapest	Women's Committee	tbd	
Juridical Commission	tbd				

IAAF Staff Changes

A farewell party was organised in Monaco on 26 January to mark the departure of two Directors, *Bjorn Wangemann* and *Roberto Outeiriño*, who finished their work as Member Services Director and Corporate Services Director respectively, at the end of January. Bjorn had held this position, which was formerly Development Director, since 1987; Roberto joined us as Director of Finances in 1993. The President took the opportunity to praise both men for their years of service, and awarded them each with a Commemorative Plaque and a special IAAF watch.



Photo – Istvan Gyulai, Bjorn Wangemann, Lamine Diack, Roberto Outeiriño and Pierre Weiss..

Roberto as Director of Corporate Services, while Bjorn's replacement is the former IAAF Co-director of Development *Elio Locatelli*, who is returning to the IAAF from his position in the Turin LOC of the 2006 Winter Olympics, and starts work on 1 March 2004.

In other staff changes, *Sandro Giovannelli* continues working as IAAF Competitions Director but he is expected to focus more on the various circuits/one-day events where, with his immense experience, he is expected to enhance the 'universalisation' of Athletics. *Carlo De Angeli* has been appointed Senior Manager and, following a transition period when he will be "mentored" by Sandro, will be in charge of competition matters in all World Athletics Series events after the Olympic Games.

The reappointment of *Nick Davies* as IAAF Communications Director was also confirmed following the expiry of his original two year contract in this position; the new title of *Gabriel Dollé* is IAAF Anti-Doping Administrator as from 1 February 2004; *Ernest Obeng* has been appointed Director of Broadcasting as from 1 February.

In other staff matters, it was confirmed that *Charline Hering* would replace

World Athletics Day

The 9th edition takes place on 8/9 May 2004 for youth athletes born between 1987 & 1988. The 12 drawn winners will be invited to 2005 World Youth Championships, Marrakesh (MAR).

World Rankings

The IAAF World Rankings will very shortly benefit from Event additions and an innovation to the service. Firstly, Road Running and Race Walking will be included in the Rankings as from 23 March 2004. Secondly, as from the World Indoor Championships in Budapest a 'Click-on-Service' will be available in the Rankings List. By clicking on the name of any athlete listed in an Event Top-20 or in the Overall Top-100 in the Rankings lists, their six best qualifying results will be viewed.

World Indoor Records

Finally, in 2004 we have already seen impressive competition this indoor season, with marvellous World records from Berhane Adere ETH (women's 5000m), Svetlana Feofanova & Yelena Isinbayeva RUS (women's Pole Vault), and Kenenisa Bekele ETH (5000m).

Istvan Gyulai
General Secretary

2004 began on a sad note with the deaths of some of Athletics finest names...

Obituaries

*Mel Watman (Athletics International) pays tribute to* **Fanny Blankers-Koen (NED)**

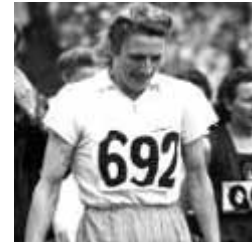
Imagine a woman who could sprint and long jump like Marion Jones, hurdle like Gail Devers and high jump like Hestrie Cloete? Impossible? And yet Fanny Blankers-Koen, who died in Amsterdam on January 25 aged 85, measured up in all those departments, and as an all-rounder was the Eunice Barber or Carolina Klüft of her day. Of course she didn't run as fast or jump as high or far as today's stars but during the 1940s she set World records for all those events...and became the only woman to win four gold medals at a single Olympics. No wonder, even though the ever modest "Flying Dutchwoman" herself was astonished, that she was honoured at the IAF's World Athletics Gala in 1999 as the foremost female athlete of the 20th century. Her funeral took place on Thursday 29 January 2004 in Hoofddorp 20 km from Amsterdam, where the IAAF

was represented by President Lamine Diack and General Secretary Istvan Gyulai.

Born Francina Elsje Koen in Baarn on April 26 1918, she started out as an 800m runner, setting her first Dutch record with 2:29.0 in 1935 at age 17. The following year she finished equal sixth in the High Jump and fifth in the sprint relay at the Berlin Olympics, but it was in 1938 that she first made waves as a sprinter by equalling the world 100 yards record of 11.0. Who knows what she might have achieved during the early and mid 1940s had the world not been at war. As it was, despite the privations of living under Nazi occupation and the absence of meaningful competition, Fanny established further World records and best performances in a bewildering variety of events.

Having married her coach, Olympic triple jumper Jan Blankers (1904-77), in 1940, Fanny Blankers-Koen kicked off with an 80m Hurdles record of 11.3 in 1942, while the following year – by then the mother of son Jantje – she high jumped 1.71m and long jumped 6.25m for records that would survive into the next decade. She was also timed at 11.5 for 100m in a race against men. In 1944 she clocked 10.8 for 100 yards. Daughter Fanneke was born in 1945, the year before Fanny won her first international title, the European 80m Hurdles championship.

Fanny was in fearsome form as the 1948 Olympics approached, running 11.5 again for 100m but this time for an officially approved new World record and 11.0 for 80m Hurdles. But it was an ill-judged comment by British Olympic team manager Jack Crump that really got her competitive juices flowing. He came to the absurd conclusion that she was too old to win at the Olympics! "It was just the thing to rouse me, to make me go out there and prove to them that, even if I was 30 years old and the mother of two children, I could still be a champion." How ironic that in all three individual events she won the runners-up were much younger British women.



The London Olympics produced many memorable champions, but Fanny was the undisputed star of the Games. First she won the 100m by the gaping margin of almost three metres. Next came the hurdles. Off to a dreadful start, she succeeded in drawing level with Maureen Gardner approaching the fifth hurdle, only to hit the barrier and lose her balance. "What happened after that is just a blurred memory. It was a grim struggle, in which my hurdling style went to pieces. I staggered like a drunkard." Fanny prevailed by inches as both she and her British rival were timed at 11.2.

The inaugural Olympic women's 200m was next, although she had pleaded to go home as she was feeling so exhausted and was missing her children. Husband Jan persuaded her to continue ... and the outcome was that she won by an almost indecent six metre margin. Finally, she produced a spectacular anchor leg in the relay, moving from fourth to first. Four gold medals – and it might have been six had she been able to fit in the High Jump (won at 1.68m) and Long Jump (a very modest 5.69m) as well!

Fanny went on to set further official World records at 220 yards and Pentathlon, brought her total of European titles to five and was shaping up nicely for the 1952 Olympics until a series of misfortunes restricted her to just the hurdles, where she failed to finish in the final. That wasn't quite the end, as she captured her 58th individual Dutch title in 1955, aged 37, and has remained an icon in athletics history ever since.

Charley Dumas (USA) - 1956 Olympic High Jump champion died of cancer on 5 January 2004 in California, USA, aged 66.

Charles E. (Charley) Dumas (DOB: Feb. 12, 1937) at 19 years of age became the first man to clear 7 feet in the High Jump when he set the World record of 2.15m on 29 June 1956 at the US Olympic Trials in Los Angeles. A straddle jumper, Dumas' mark improved the 2.12m record of compatriot Walt Davis which had stood since 1953. He won the 1956 Olympic title in an Olympic record of 2.12m.

Lennart Strand (SWE) - 1948 Olympic 1500m silver medallist passed away on Friday 23 January 2004, aged 82, having been seriously injured back in November 2003 in a motor car accident. Strand who competed in the 'golden age' of Swedish running became the 1946 European 1500m champion, and in the following year in Malmö (15 July 1947) equalled compatriot Gunder Hägg's World record (3:43.0 / 7 July 1944) for the distance.

Sunday Emmanuel (NGR) - a Nigerian Olympian in 2000 had an accident on his way to Kaduna, Nigeria on 15 January 2004. Emmanuel, 25, left Lagos and was in a public bus that had an accident in Niger State and he was rushed to a hospital in Kaduna, the city where his family resides. Second at 1998 African Championships' 200m. Father of a new baby, born in December 2003.

Josiah Bembe (RSA) - who ran for South Africa in the 2001 World Championships and the 2002 Commonwealth Games, died on 12 January 2004, after a shooting incident. Bembe, 29, is survived by his wife and two children. Won 2001 Dong-A Marathon in Seoul in 2:11:49, his personal best time. In the 2002 Commonwealth Games he placed eighth in 2:18:16. He failed to finish the 2001 World Championships Marathon in Edmonton.

Shirley Strickland de la Hunty (AUS) - 1952 and 1956 Olympic women's 80m Hurdles champion has died at her Perth home aged 78, the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) announced on 16 February. With a total of seven Olympic podium finishes in her career she is the most medalled Australian track and field athlete in Olympic history. As well as her two Hurdles crowns, she was a member of the quartet which won the 4 x 100 metres relay gold at the 1956 Melbourne Games, took a silver (relay) and two bronze (Hurdles and 100m) in 1948, and a bronze at the 1952 Helsinki 100m.

It was in the 1952 Olympics where Strickland blazed her brightest in individual World record terms, first equalling Fanny Blankers-Koen's mark for the 60m Hurdles (11.0) in the heats, and then improving the time to 10.9 seconds when winning the final the following day. In 1955, Strickland broke fellow Australian Majorie Jackson's World record for the flat 100m sprint (11.4, 1952) with a 11.3 clocking which was to stand for three years. As a member of the Australian Olympic sprint relay teams of 1952 and 1956, she also played her part in three World records at 4x100m.



Strickland de la Hunty was later an Australian Olympic team official at the 1968 and 1976 Games, and in 2002 was awarded the Olympic Order by the IOC, and was part of the "Magnificent Seven" torch relay at the opening of the Sydney 2000 Games. A former maths teacher and university lecturer in physics, Strickland de la Hunty is survived by four children and 15 grandchildren.

World Records - recently ratified

Originally announced on 21 January 2004 on www.iaaf.org

Junior Record – Men

100m 10.01 (0.0) Darrel Brown (1984, TRI), Paris-Saint-Denis, 24 Aug 2003

Previous mark - 10.06 (2.0) Dwain Chambers (GBR), Ljubljana 25 July 1997

200m 20.13 (0.0) Usain Bolt (1986, JAM), Bridgetown 20 Jul 2003

Equals earlier mark - 20.13 (0.4) Roy Martin (66, USA), Indianapolis, 16 Jun 1985

Mile 3:50.25 Alex Kipchirchir (1984, KEN), Rieti, 7 Sept 2003

Previous mark - 3:50.39 James Kwalia (KEN), Hengelo, 1 June 2003

Discus 65.88 Omar Ahmed El-Ghazaly (1984, EGY), Cairo, 7 Nov 2003

Previous mark - 64.51 Wu Tao (CHN), Kingston, 18 July 2002

Junior Record – Women

10,000m 30:31.55 Huina Xing (1984, CHN), Paris-Saint-Denis, 23 Aug 2003

Previous mark - 30:39.41 Lan Lixin (79, CHN), Shanghai, 19 October 1997

Javelin 62.93 Xue Juan (1986, CHN), Changsha, 27 October 2003

Previous mark - 61.99 Wang Yaning (1980, CHN), Huizhou, 14 October 1999



Summary of all outdoor World Records set in 2003

Senior Record - Men

Marathon 2:04:55 Paul Tergat KEN Berlin 28 Sep 03

30km 1:28:36 Takayuki Matsumiya JPN Kumamoto, 16 Feb 03

20km Race Walk 1:17:21 Jefferson Perez ECU Paris-Saint-Denis, 23 Aug 03

50km Race Walk 3:36:03 Robert Korzeniowski POL Paris-Saint-Denis, 27 Aug 03

Senior Record - Women

30,000m 1:45:50 Tegla Loroupe KEN Warstein 6 Jun 03

3000m Steeple 9:08:33 Gulnara Samitova RUS Tula 10 Aug 03

400m Hurdles 52.34 Yuliya Pechonkina RUS Tula 8 Aug 03

Pole Vault 4.82 Yelena Isinbayeva RUS Gateshead 13 Jul 03

10km 30:21 Paula Radcliffe GBR San Juan 23 Feb 03

Marathon 2:15:25 Paula Radcliffe GBR London 13 Apr 03

20km Race Walk 1:26:22 Yelena Nikolayeva RUS Cheboksary 18 May 03, equals earlier mark - 1:26:22 Yan Wang CHN Guangzhou, 19 Nov 01

Junior Record - Men

100m 10.01 (0.0) Darrel Brown (84, TRI) Paris 24 Aug 03

200m 20.13 (0.0) Usain Bolt (86, JAM) Bridgetown 20 Jul 03

equals earlier mark - 20.13 (0.4) Roy Martin (66, USA), Indianapolis, 16 Jun 85

1 Mile 3:50.25 Alex Kipchirchir (84, KEN), Rieti 7 Sep 03

Previous 3:50.39 James Kwalia (84, KEN), Hengelo 1 Jun 03

5000m 12:52.61 Eliud Kipchoge (84, KEN), Oslo 27 Jun 03

Discus 65.88 Omar Ahmed El-Ghazaly (84, EGY), Cairo 7 Nov 03

Junior Record - Women

5000m 14:39.94 Tirunesh Dibaba (85, ETH), Oslo 27 Jun 03

10,000m 30:31.55 Huina Xing (84, CHN), Paris 23 Aug 03

Javelin 62.93 Xue Juan CHN Changsha, 27 Oct 03

World Road Records - Running and Race Walking as of 1 January 2004

Senior Men

10km 27:02 Haile Gebrselassie ETH Doha, 11 Dec 02

15km 41:29 Felix Limo KEN Nijmegen, 11 Nov 01

20km 56:18 Paul Tergat KEN Milan, 4 Apr 98

Half Marathon 59:17 Paul Tergat KEN Milan, 4 Apr 98

25km 1:13:14 Rodgers Rop KEN Berlin, 6 May 01

30km 1:28:36 Takayuki Matsumiya JPN Kumamoto, 16 Feb 03

Marathon 2:04:55 Paul Tergat KEN Berlin, 28 Sep 03

100km 6:13:33 Takahiro Sunada JPN Lake Saroma, 21 Jun 98

20km Race Walk 1:17:21 Jefferson Perez ECU Paris, 23 Aug 03

50km Race Walk 3:36:03 Robert Korzeniowski POL Paris, 27 Aug 03

Road Relay 42.195km 1:57:56 Jabbour, Khattabi, El Guerrouj, Hissou, Boutayeb, Skah MAR Litochoro, GRE 17 Apr 94

Senior Women

10km 30:21 Paula Radcliffe GBR San Juan, 23 Feb 03

15km 46:57 Elena Meyer RSA Cape Town, 2 Nov 91

20km 1:03:26 Paula Radcliffe GBR Bristol, 6 Oct 01

Half Marathon 66:44 Elena Meyer RSA Tokyo, 15 Jan 99

25km 1:22:31 Naoko Takahashi JPN Berlin, 30 Sep 01

30km 1:39:02 Naoko Takahashi JPN Berlin, 30 Sep 01

Marathon 2:15:25 Paula Radcliffe GBR London, 13 Apr 03

100km 6:33:11 Tomoe Abe JPN Lake Saroma, 25 Jun 00

20km Race Walk 1:26:22 Yan Wang CHN Guangzhou, 19 Nov 01

and 1:26:22 Yelena Nikolayeva RUS Cheboksary 18 May 03

Road Relay 42.195km 2:11:41 Jiang, Dong, Zhao, Ma, Lan, Lin

CHN Beijing, CHN 28 Feb 98

Junior Men

10km Walk To be confirmed at a later date.

Junior Women

10km Walk 41:57 Hongmiao Gao 74 CHN Beijing, CHN 8 Sep 93

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Member Federation and Area News

Mexico to host 2004 CAC Juniors

-The coastal city of Coatzacoalcos in the beautiful state of Vera Cruz, Mexico will be the site of the 2004 CAC Juniors on June 25-27, 2004. Coatzacoalcos just inaugurated a brand new Mondo track and has all the facilities to make this CAC Juniors a memorable event. Mexico is the CACAC's

CACAC news

permanent alternate site and after El Salvador not being able to confirm the repairing of their track to obtain a Class I IAAF Certification, the CACAC decided to move the championship to Mexico.

Mondo and CACAC renew four year agreement - MONDO/USA and the CACAC renewed a new

four-year partnership after their original contract ended in December 2003. Nicolo Bagni, Mondo's representative for Latin America and the Caribbean, informed the CACAC of the renewal at the beginning of the 2004. Mondo agreed on underwriting the awards for the CAC Hall of Fame.

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Elections

Federation	President	General Secretary
Bulgaria	Dobromir Karamarinov	Nadya Kotseva (Int. Sec)
Nauru	Jima Harris	Shani Kakiouea
Togo	General Poutoyi Nabede (re-elected)	Kanfitine Douti-Gbague

Luxembourg Federation celebrates 75th Anniversary



On 8 December 2003, in the photograph (left), Luxembourg Federation President Mr. Alex Bodry is seen addressing the invited guests on the occasion of the Luxembourg Athletic Federation's 75th anniversary. Among those in attendance were General Secretary Georges Klepper, EAA General Secretary Till Luft, Mr. Marc Theisen, the President of the National Olympic Committee, Mrs Anne Brasseur, the Minister of Education and Sports, Mr. Alex Bodry, President of the FLA, and Mr. Theo Rous Vice-President of DLV.

USA Hall of Fame opens

The eight million dollar National Track and Field Hall of Fame at New York's famous 168th Street Armory which houses one of the most famous indoor tracks in the world, was officially opened on 24 January 2004.

"Finally, the National Track and Field Hall of Fame has a home in the United States that's worthy of the name," said quadruple Olympic Discus champion Al Oerter, looking around at the exhibits and historic artifacts that cover three floors of the indoor venue. Oerter, a 67-year-old native New Yorker living in Florida, struck Olympic gold in 1956, 1960, 1964 and 1968, and all four medals are on permanent display at the Hall of Fame, along with the wood and metal discus he threw for his fourth victory in Mexico City.



Mildred "Babe" Didriksen's 1932 leather spikes share a cabinet with Michael Johnson's gold four-ounce Nikes. They sit alongside Wilma Rudolph's singlet and Jim Thorpe's javelin. Great prominence is given to the marathon, with a hall named in honour of one of the driving forces behind the city's race, Fred Lebow. The names of all 197 inductees are etched into a vast glass wall that stands at one end of the track. *Photo: Al Oerter*

African Athletic Confederation announce track circuit

Africa will pay host to a new track meeting circuit this year, the President of the African Athletics Confederation (AAC – CAA) Ahmed Malboum Kalkaba announced on 9 January.

The eleven meeting series will commence on 3 April 2004 in Dakar, Senegal, and will end with

a meeting in the Tunisian capital of Tunis on 27 June. "It is crucial to create a circuit of meetings in Africa otherwise Europe will get the exclusivity of organising all athletics meetings," said Ahmed Malboum Kalkaba (CMR) who succeeded IAAF President Lamine Diack, as the head of the CAA in April 2003, in Cairo.

The full programme of meetings is as follows - Dakar 3 April; Bamako 6 April, Nairobi 14 April, Maurice 18 April, Johannesburg (date tbc), Yaoundé 8 May, Ndjaména 12 May, Brazzaville 16 May, Casablanca 19 June, Alger 24 June, and Tunis 27 June.



"Joyous but dignified" opening to HPTC - Oceania



Over 100 guests attended the Official Opening ceremony of the HPTC-Oceania on 3 December 2003.

Proceedings were organised by Mr. Steve Hollings, HPTC Director-Oceania. Amongst the guests were IAAF Honorary Life Personal Member, Mr Arthur Eustace, Oceania Athletic Association President, Mrs Anne Tierney, IAAF Athletes' Commission Member, Ms Beatrice Faumuina, IAAF HPTC Senior Manager, Mr Abdelmalek El Hebil, officials from the local community and national sporting organisations, Oceania AA Council Members, HPTC-Oceania Board members, and athletes from 12 countries in the Oceania Area.

Bill Bailey, an IAAF Council Member and Oceania Area Representative officially opened the centre on behalf of the IAAF, along with Mr. Graeme Avery, the Chairman of the Millennium Institute of Sport & Health (photo left). Mr. Bailey described the ceremony as being "conducted in a joyous but dignified manner...a wonderful spirit of eager anticipation and co-operation was evident which will, I am sure, carry over to the operation of the High Performance Training Centre when it takes in its first scholarship holders."

**POSITIVE CASES IN ATHLETICS, SANCTIONED DEFINITELY,
ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE IAAF AS OF 16 February 2004**

ZOUAK Mohamed ESP	XVI Media Maraton Bajo Pas Carrera Nocturna Alcaide de Aguilas	07.09.02 24.08.02	2-yr ineligibility
OKGCHKWU Raymond Ejoqu NGR	Reunion Nacional de Rivas	12.06.03	3-month ineligibility
ARAUJO Rafael BRA	Campionati Mondiali Militari, Roma (ITA)	05.09.02	2-yr ineligibility
SCHNEIDER HEROLD Maria Salete BRA	XX Porto Alegre Marathon (BRA)	01.06.03	2-yr ineligibility
KLIESCH Eberhard GER	Deutsche Seniorenmeisterschaften II (GER)	02.08.03	2-yr ineligibility
GRIMES Mickey USA	XIV Juegos Panamericanos	06.08.03	Public warning

This list represents the athletes who have been sanctioned for a doping offence by their Federation since the last issue of the IAAF News. A Public Warning also entails disqualification from the competition in which the positive sample was provided. Dates correspond to the positive doping control test and not the beginning of the ineligibility period.

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