

## Marrakech and Helsinki

### The largest ever World Youth Championships, and the World Championships in Athletics, the planet's largest sports event of 2005

The 4th IAAF/Maroc Telecom World Youth Championships in Marrakech, Morocco (13-17 July) marks the first time this particular IAAF World Athletics Series event has been hosted on the African continent, although we have already been in Marrakech before for the IAAF World Cross Country Championships, and I am delighted that we will have around 1400 athletes representing close to 180 countries – a new record!



*PHOTO - Lamine Diack (C), poses with youth athletes (L to R) Ekaterini Stefanidi of Greece, Elisaveta Ryzih of Germany, Ebony Collins of USA, Abdelghani Ait Bahmad of Morocco and Halima Hachlaf of Morocco during the IAAF/Maroc Telecom World Youth Championships Press Conference on 12 July 2005 in Marrakech, Morocco.*

The beautiful and historic city of Marrakech, which has been rightly listed as a World Heritage site, offers all guarantees for the success of these World Championships. The support of his Highness, King Mohammed VI, who granted his royal supremacy to this competition, demonstrates the country's total support and is a great honour for us.

It is now seven years since the World Youth Championships took place in Bydgoszcz, Poland, and back in 1999, some believed it was not really necessary to create another major athletics event. On the other hand, there was also a feeling, which I myself shared, that teenagers have so many choices, so many distractions, not only when it comes to choosing a sport, but choosing other leisure activities as well, that our sport really needed to work to create future stars.

I believed then, and am even more convinced today, that our sport must reach out in an assertive way to this age group; we must encourage them to fall passionately in love with our sport.

When I myself was young, athletics formed the basis of our school sport curriculum. Sadly, athletics is no longer as omnipresent in schools, and it is a duty of the IAAF to plant seeds wherever it can. These World Youth Championships were never intended as just another athletics competition but as a unique opportunity for developing athletes to gain valuable experience, to improve personal bests, and to build friendships with their rivals from every corner of the world.

2005 is a very important year for our sport, because we also have the "jewel in our crown" - the 10th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, which take place in Helsinki, Finland at the beginning of next month (6 - 14 August). The first IAAF World Championships took place in 1983 in Helsinki, so it is going to be a real pleasure to go back to a country that truly loves athletics. We also have the IAAF World Athletics Final to look forward to, as the climax of our track season, in Szombathely, Hungary (3 Sep) - for the Hammer competitions - and Monaco (9-10 Sep) for the rest of the programme.

But the success of any IAAF World Athletics Series event is not only measured in terms of performance on the track, in the field or on the roads, but in broadcasting images, in newspaper headlines and stories and beautiful photographs. For this, I am very glad to have the support of our colleagues from the Media, whose genuine passion for athletics is often underestimated.

**Lamine Diack**  
**IAAF President**  
12 July 2005 - Marrakech



## 45th IAAF Congress

Just prior to the 10th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Helsinki, Finland (6 - 14 August) the **45th IAAF Congress** will take place at the Helsinki Fair Centre, from **Tuesday 2 to Thursday 4 August**.

The first of two IAAF Council meetings in Helsinki will take place the day before Congress opens, Monday 1 August, with a second gathering held on the morning (only) of Saturday 13 August, the penultimate day of competition. In between, there is also an IAAF Council / IOC Executive Board meeting on Friday 5 August.

Congress registration and the Opening Ceremony, including the presentation of Plaques of Merit, takes place on the first day (2 August), and is followed by two full day sessions of Congress deliberations, discussions and decisions (3 / 4 August).

As well as receiving written reports from the Area Group Associations, Committees and Commissions including that of the Honorary Treasurer and the Finance and Budget Commission, there will be an update of progress of the Athletics' World Plan.

Congress is the IAAF's highest decision making body, and there are some 300 Rule Change proposals on the table to be considered for approval in Helsinki. 28 of these proposals are Constitutional and 272 concern Competition Rules.

### Election of a 3rd Female Individual Council Member

One of the headline events occurring during the Congress will be the historic election of a 3rd Female Individual Council Member.

**CANDIDATES:** (in alphabetical order)  
*Note. The summary of each career is based upon information provided by the CVs of each candidate. The descriptions are only an arbitrary selection of the many accomplishments achieved by each.*

#### **Ludmila Olijars (LAT)**

Former Russian and Latvian national team athlete, many times Latvian champion and record holder; former head coach of Latvian team; Athlete Representative; EAA Council Member; General Director of IAAF Accredited Training Centre, Riga; Former meeting Director of EAA meeting in Riga; Languages: Russian, Latvian, English.

#### **Belinda Prince-Agboajan (GHA)**

Physical Education (P.E.) teacher retired as Assistant Director of Education; former Regional Coordinator of P.E. for Ghana Education Service; Chaperone/ Coach to numerous national sports teams; Treasurer P.E. Association of Ghana,

and School and Colleges Sport Federation; Member of Ghana AA.

#### **Judith E. E. Simmons (BER)**

A Director of NACAC; member of CACAC Executive Council; President of The Bermuda Track and Field Association; Congress Delegate &/or Head of Delegation &/or Team Manager &/or Chaperone at numerous World, Olympic, Regional Champs and Games since 1997. Chair person of XXXIII Carifta Games.

#### **Irena Szewinska (POL)**

Seven Olympic medals, and ten European Championship medals and ten times World record holder (100m, 200m, 400m); Member of IAAF Women's Committee, EAA Council, and IOC; President Polish Athletic Association; Vice President Polish NOC; Languages: Polish, English, Russian.

#### **Ellen Van Langen (NED)**

1992 Olympic 800m champion, 4th 1990 European Championships, 6th 1995 World Championships; multiple Dutch champion and record holder; 1992 National Sportswoman of the Year; Athletes Representative; Athlete coordinator for Hengelo IAAF GP; Languages: Dutch, English, French, German.

#### **Othman Zaiton (MAS)**

A Sports Psychologist; Asian Games, SEA Games & Asian Championships medallist at various disciplines - sprints, Javelin Throw, Heptathlon; 1982 National Sportswoman of the Year; Committee Member - 'Women in Sports' Olympic Council of Malaysia, and of Malaysia Amateur Athletic Union; Languages: English and Malay.

### Competition rule change proposals

Of the Competition Rule changes proposed, 239 are Technical, and of these we have already highlighted in a previous edition of this Newsletter (News 73 - 22 April 2005; p3) the lively discussion concerning the False Start Debate and the New Change of Nationality Rule.

Now we give a summary of the discussion concerning two of the other interesting Rule change proposals which will be considered by Congress in Helsinki. These concern how to judge the validity of attempts taken in the horizontal jumps (LJ and TJ), and also the possibility of measuring the length of the Hammer implement after each throw during major competitions.

### **Horizontal Jumps – the "Touch" or the human eye?**

There are those who argue that there are many instances when, via TV and

/or stadium screens showing slow motion play backs of the horizontal jumps, the human eye clearly sees that part of the athlete's foot has passed the edge of the take-off board, even though no mark has been made on the plasticine. The argument continues that in such clear cases, shouldn't the human eye be the judge of whether a foul has been committed, even if there is no physical trace that the athlete has actually touched the plasticine?

#### The present Rule says:

*An athlete fails if he: (a) while taking off, touches the ground beyond the take-off line with any part of his body, whether running up without jumping or in the act of jumping*

In other field events - throws from the circle (touching the top of the rim or the ground outside) and the vertical jumps (touching the landing area or ground beyond the plain of the uprights without first clearing the bar) - the principle of judging a foul is left entirely to the human eye.

But in horizontal jumps we have a plasticine board set in the ground, immediately after the take-off line to prove if an athlete has "touched" and therefore fouled his or her jump.

Those who propose a change state that even though the plasticine indicator board has an elevation of 7mm in relation to the take off board (with the plasticine at 45 degrees + 3mm horizontally), it can happen that the tip of the shoe (some purposefully designed by the manufacturer to avoid marking) sticks over the take-off line but does not leave a mark. In some other cases it might even touch the plasticine but still not leave a clear mark. Plasticine (e.g. when it is cool) can sometimes be too hard or a little uneven after smoothing out a mark from a previous jump.

The counter argument (from those who want the rule to stay as it is) is that if there is no mark, that's because there was no force whatsoever at that point of the jump, so it is irrelevant from the performance point of view. In other words, the jump is fair, even though it may not look that way when replayed on TV screens or on the stadium monitors.

Congress will consider then, whether we either leave the "touch" and trust the human eye to judge the vertical plane of the take off line (as in other field events), or we keep the "touch" and accept the argument of athletes and coaches who will never be convinced of a foul without a clear mark.

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When deliberating this matter, consistency with other rules must also be borne in mind. In other field events (even without the use of plasticine) 'touching' is also mentioned but that is judged by the eye of the official.

**Hammer – Rule 191.6**

The Technical Committee supported the proposal of several countries for the length of the hammer implement to be measured after each throw during a competition but there were some fears expressed that this measurement would delay the event. It is a fact that the overall length of a hammer may

slightly increase during throws depending on its construction, especially the shape and design of the handle. It is also a fact that using a longer Hammer gives an unfair advantage to the thrower and shouldn't be allowed.

Of course, before a competition, each hammer is checked, but presently this is not normally the case during the event itself.

If the implements were to be checked 'round by round' the device that would be needed to check the length would have to be purposed built to a very high precision.

To be measured, the implement would simply and quickly be hung on the device and a judge would check if it touched the base or not. If it did touch the base, it would prove the implement was not of the standard length anymore and would be removed from the pool. The whole procedure should not take more than a few seconds.

Of course, we could expect such in-competition measurement only at major competitions, and though the special stand would be an additional requirement at events, the time factor involved in the actual measurement would be insignificant.

**World Athletics Day 2005 Draw and Marrakech Class of Future Champions**

At IAAF HQ (Villa Miraflores) on Wednesday 15 June, Kajsa Bergqvist of Sweden, the European champion and former two-time World Indoor women's High Jump gold medallist, made the **Draw for the World Athletics Day 2005**.

From the names of the children from over 160 Member Federations who took part in the IAAF's annual worldwide festival of youth (7/8 May), one boy and one girl from each of the six Areas - Africa, Asia, Europe, NACAC, Oceania, South America - were drawn by Bergqvist. As we write

these 12 lucky winners (*names shown below*), along with those from the 2004 draw, are attending the 4th IAAF World Youth Championships in Athletics in Marrakech, Morocco, 13 - 17 July 2005 to which they were invited as their prize.

<b>Africa:</b> Boy - RANKGOMO, Gaone (BOT) 1500m 4:01.1 1988; Girl - CHAULUKA, Memory (MAW) 3000m 10:48.0 1989	<b>NACAC:</b> Boy - OHLSEN, Jack (CAN) 400mH 1:00.46 1988 Girl - GIJSBERTHA Licyanne (AHO) 200m 27.68/400m 61.50 1988
<b>Asia:</b> Boy - ALBISHI, M.Ali (KSA) 200m 21.97 1988; Girl - CAO, Kun (CHN) 800m 2:10.59 1989	<b>Oceania:</b> Boy - GREENELEE, Joshua (AUS) HJ 1.80m 1988; Girl - WISIL, Tora (PNG) 200m 26.6 1988
<b>Europe:</b> Boy - KRAKAUSKAS, Aivaras (LTU) 3000m 8:58.03 1988; Girl - ZAREMBSKA, Patrycja (POL) 100mH 14.59 1988	<b>South America:</b> Boy - MC FALANE, Jorge (PER) 110mH 14.1 1988 Girl - CHIARAVIGLIO, Valeria (ARG) HJ 1.60m 1989

One of the highlights of the WAD winners' Marrakech experience was to participate in the **Marrakech Class of Future Champions**. This clinic got off to a roaring start on Sunday 10 July, as over 700 youngsters from around the world attended an opening ceremony prior to two days of sessions with some of the greatest names in athletics.

*signing autographs, photo below- who were to guide each Class session.*



The questions were frank and ranged from how to prepare for competitions to the Stars' views on the fight against doping in sport, going into the champions' own experiences as youngsters, to asking for tips on how to handle stress before competition, to what it was like being in the spotlight at an early age.

After a welcome speech from IAAF Honorary Treasurer, Jean Poczobut, the champion stars were introduced, **Nezha Bidouane (MAR), Heike Drechsler (GER), Wilson Kipketer (DEN), Ana Fidelia Quirot (CUB) and Maksim Tarasov (RUS) -all shown**

Over the course of the next two days, the youngsters were split into groups and invited to attend questions and answers sessions with these stars.

All the subjects were answered with enthusiasm by the older athletes who all enjoyed the opportunity to give something back to athletics by sharing their knowledge and experience with boys and girls from around the world.

**Athletics for a Better World – Stars Unite to help those in need**



With the support of three United Nations' Humanitarian Associations – the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), the World Food Programme (WFP) and UNICEF – the **"Athletics for a Better World – The IAAF Stars' Donation Fund"** has been launched.

The aim of this Charity Project is to encourage our top athletes to increase awareness of and raise funds for humanitarian initiatives. Star athletes (past and present) have been invited to donate a significant item from their most memorable competition to the IAAF. These items will then be auctioned and the profits divided equally amongst our three Humanitarian partners: the FAO, WFP and UNICEF.

A special section of the IAAF website for "Athletics for a Better World - the IAAF Stars' Donation Fund", has been opened. Already we have some star auctions items - **Stefan Holm** (2.40m PB European Indoor gold medal spikes); **Carolina Klüft** (Olympic gold medal winning Swedish kit); **Liu Xiang** (Olympic gold medal winning Chinese kit); **Haile Gebrselassie** (1996 Atlanta Olympic bib number), **Asafa Powell** (the right spike from his 9.77 World Rec); **Debbie Ferguson** ('Golden Girls' silver coin), **Colin Jackson -photo left** (12.91 World record vest); **Roman Sebtle** (Olympic gold medal winning spikes)...and so the list will continue to grow week by week, so keep a watch out on www.iaaf.org

The projects patrons – representing different continental areas – who have volunteered with great enthusiasm, are: **Beatrice Faumuina (NZL), Carolina Klüft (SWE), Koji Murofushi (JPN), Debbie Ferguson (BAH) and Paul Tergat (KEN).**



## World Championships and Golden League get TV rights boost

### Helsinki Broadcasts to reach more territories than ever

The 10th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Helsinki, Finland, 6-14 August, (Photo right: Olympic stadium) has already broken one record. With the support of the IAAF's Marketing and Broadcasting Sales' partner Dentsu, broadcasting rights agreements for the 10th edition of the IAAF World Championships in Helsinki have been signed covering no fewer than 192 territories worldwide – compared to 182 for the last edition in Paris two years ago, which was the previous record.

But as well as these rights' holder agreements, multi-territory news access deals have also been signed with SNTV, Reuters, Deutsche Welle and ESPN Star, and agreements are also in place for clips to be included in TV sports magazines on Gillette World Sport, Trans World Sport and TV5.

### Three minute streaming highlight after each session on IAAF website

In addition to this extensive broadcasting coverage, for the first time ever, three minute video clips of the best action from each session will be available on the IAAF website shortly after the close of competition. In another breakthrough, the IAAF will produce 6 hours of live radio daily on FM networks and streamed on [www.iaaf.org](http://www.iaaf.org), working in collaboration with the Local Organising Committee and the Host Broadcaster YLE.

IAAF President Lamine Diack said: "I am very pleased to note that the broadcasting rights' sales for our biggest event demonstrates that our sport continues to gain in worldwide

appeal, since this is a fundamental pillar of the IAAF's long term strategy."



### US Athletics fans will enjoy record broadcast

In a ground breaking cooperative effort between IAAF, Dentsu Inc., USA Track & Field (USATF) and the World Championships Sports Network (WCSN), athletics' fans in the United States will have the opportunity to watch unprecedented coverage of the 2005 World Outdoor Track & Field Championships.

In total, more than 70 hours of event broadcast coverage will be available to US fans via national broadcast on the PAX national television network, Comcast Regional Sports Network (RSN), and online.

### Webcast Breakthrough

Fifty-plus hours of live coverage will also be webcast on a pay-per-view basis at [www.wcsn.com](http://www.wcsn.com), the website of the World Championship Sports Network (WCSN), with the site to be launched in late July.

All material on [wcsn.com](http://www.wcsn.com) will be archived, so fans can view the action

from Helsinki at any time – including live, during the World Championships from August 6-14.

### Golden League – TWI and IMG worldwide rights' distributor

The IAAF has appointed the world's largest independent sports producer and distributor TWI to distribute the exclusive worldwide TV rights for the IAAF's top tier of one-day athletics meetings, currently known as the TDK Golden League, for the period 2006-2009. It has also appointed sports marketing agency IMG to a sponsorship role.

Created in 1998, the Golden League brings together the most important one-day athletics meetings – which this year take place in Paris, Rome, Oslo, Zurich, Brussels and Berlin. All six meetings will continue in the Golden League in 2006, with the possibility that Monaco, a Golden League meeting from 1998 until 2002, will return. To preserve the highest quality of the product, the IAAF will establish a new annual promotion and relegation formula.

The new format will build on the traditions and excitement of the individual competitions to create a highly visible, unified platform for the greatest athletes in the world. The Golden League is designed to focus attention on athletics as a TV spectacular over a concentrated period of time during the traditional summer season in Europe. The Golden League stands for the 'best of the best' in athletics. The world's premier one-day meetings, each with its own unique flavour, combine to make the perfect recipe of world class sporting entertainment.

## Helsinki 2005 souvenirs are online



In commemoration of the world's biggest sporting festival of 2005, an extensive range of attractive products and souvenirs has been launched to mark the 10th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Helsinki, Finland (6-14 August 2005).

In the last edition of the IAAF NEWS no.74 (May 2005) we reported the announcement that Helsinki 2005 stamps and coins had gone on sale in Finland. Now athletics fans worldwide have the opportunity to buy over 100 different products which will steadily come on stream on the official on-line store - <http://www.helsinki2005shop.fi> - T-shirts with short or long sleeves, hats, glassware, pins, mascots, bags, watches etc...

During the championships themselves the Helsinki 2005 Official Licensed Product line will of course also be available to be bought at the Helsinki Olympic Stadium. There will be more than 10 shops in the stadium area, and special retail outlets in the Media Centre, VIP area, and Athletes' Village.

## 2003 World Championships 4 x 400m Relay golds presented to France

On Friday 1 July at the Meeting Gaz de France, Paris Saint-Denis, the opening fixture of the TDK Golden League 2005, there was an emotional and patriotic note to proceedings, with the presentation of the 2003 World Championships 4 x 400m gold medals to France, with Stéphane Diagana, Naman Keita, Leslie Djhone, and Mark Raquil (photo: right) being given their awards by IAAF Treasurer Jean Poczobut (FRA) in the Stade de France. *Note. the original winners USA were disqualified following the positive drugs test of one of their squad (Calvin Harrison).*



**The International Museum of Athletics – memorandum is signed**



On Sunday 19 June, an historic agreement was signed that will establish a world athletics museum in Athens, Greece, which will be called **The International Museum of Athletics**.

Fanni Palli-Petralia, the Alternate Minister of Culture, on behalf of the government of the Hellenic Republic (Greece), and President Lamine Diack

on behalf of the IAAF, signed a memorandum of cooperation.

The museum will be located in the Olympic Park of Athens (OAKA), Maroussi, northern Athens, and housed in 5000sq. metres of the building, which during the Olympic Games acted as the International Broadcasting Centre (IBC) – *photo left*.

**'Big Five' meet with IAAF**

In the IAAF Constitution, Road Running is a part of Athletics which the IAAF is supposed to govern worldwide but it is an area of our sport where contacts have been traditionally difficult, especially at a Member Federation level.

Acknowledging this fact and in an effort to improve relationships with the road running community, the IAAF and a group which has become known as the 'Big Five', the marathons in

Boston, Berlin, Chicago, London and New York, have twice met for meetings. The first meeting was at the Olympics last August and the second at the World Cross Country Championships last March.

The figures speak for themselves. The 'Big Five' are shown on television in 150 countries to over 250 million viewers. They have over 300,000 entry applicants of whom 150,000 finish races. They pay over 10,000,000USD

in prize money and appearance fees, with a yearly income of 90,000,000USD, and 80,000,000USD is spent on Charity, and they alone control over 100 Road Races over the world.

A joint working group is to be set up, with the aim to improve relationships between the IAAF and Road Races, and more details of its principles and proposals will follow.

**Obituaries**



**Artur Takac (YUG / CRO)** - The funeral of Honorary IAAF Life Personal Member, who went missing at the end of January 2004 during a family ski holiday in Kopaonik, the highest mountain in central Serbia, took place in Belgrade's Central Cemetery on Monday 4 July 2005. The IAAF was represented by General Director Pierre Weiss and Honorary Life Member Igor Ter-Ovanesyan - Artur's old friend and colleague. President Lamine Diack and General Secretary Istvan Gyulai were already in Singapore for the IOC Session at the time.

Takac, who was 86 and had been an expert ski enthusiast all his life, in bad weather conditions, after riding a ski lift to the 2000m summit of Kopaonik, on the boundary between Serbia and Kosovo, failed to return, and until last Monday (27 June) his body had not been found. Born in 1918 in the town of Varazdin in southern Hungary, which later became part of Yugoslavia, Takac, after an active sporting career which was cut short by the Second World War, became an international sports administrator. There followed a long and distinguished career with the IOC, IAAF and EAA, during which he was elected Honorary Life

Member of the IAAF (1999) and EAA (1987).

In 1960, he became a member of the then IAAF European Committee, and in 1968, at Congress in Mexico, he was elected on the IAAF Council. In 1970 he resigned from his position as IAAF Council Member, as he had accepted the post as IOC Technical Director, and later became a personal adviser to IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch. In the same year, the IAAF Congress ratified the rules of the European Athletic Association, which was the former European Committee of the IAAF, and Takac became a member of the EAA Council. In 1976, he came back on the IAAF Council as Area Group Representative for Europe until 1987. In this capacity on the IAAF Council he actively contributed to the creation of the World Cup, the first step towards the IAAF World Championships in Athletics, the inaugural edition of which was held in 1983. In 1987, he was elected as an individual IAAF Council Member until 1999. From 1999, at IAAF Congress in Seville, Spain, he became an IAAF Honorary Life Personal Member. In 1991, he was nominated as a member of the IAAF Marketing Commission, until 1999. He was also a member of the IAAF Working Group 2000, which was set up by the IAAF Council in November 1993.

**Boris Acquadro (SUI)** - IAAF Press and TV Commission member, who was on the verge of his 76th Birthday, died on Thursday 9 June 2005, after a long battle with cancer. Born 18 June 1929, Acquadro had been a TV journalist since 1954, covering in the course of his distinguished career 18 Olympic Games.

A former Head of Sport at Swiss Television and EBU (European Broadcasting Union) Sports Group and a member of the IAAF Press and TV Commission since 1987, Acquadro was a former chairman of the Sports Programme Commission of the EBU. He was awarded the 1978 International Olympic Committee Prize for his teaching activities in Switzerland and his considerable work as Head of Sport in Swiss Broadcasting. An internationally respected and well loved figure in sports' broadcasting, his beaming smile and warm personality will long be remembered.



**Sandy Duncan (GBR)** – Athletics and Olympic administrator died last month at the age of 93. Kenneth Sandilands Duncan (Born April 26, 1912; Died June 18, 2005) ran the British Olympic Association as its General Secretary for 26 years. Chef de Mission for the British team at 12 Olympics, summer and winter, between 1952 and 1972. He also worked as honorary secretary of the Commonwealth Games Federation from 1954 to 1982. *A fuller obituary is available on the IAAF website.*

**Calvert Woods (VIN)** – General Secretary of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Amateur Athletics Association died suddenly last month. *NB. More details will be published as and when we receive them.*



### Member Federation officers – recent elections

Federation	President	General Secretary
AFG	--	Abdul Khalil Baig
ALG	--	Nacer Chiri
BAH	Michael Stands (Vice Pres. standing in until AGM)	--
GBS	--	Imberique Faustino
ROM	Ilie Floroiu	Traian Badea
TJK	Rashid Saidov	Gayrat Nigmatov (re-elected)

### Asian Athletics Association – Suresh Kalmadi (re-elected)

### Getting to know the Officials

**Ilie Floroiu ROM <> President <>** - member of Romanian Olympic Committee; 25 times national champion; 13 national records; still holds the Romanian national records at 5000m flat (13:15.00, Bucharest, 23 July 1978) and at 10,000m flat (27:40.06, Prague, 29 August 1978); 21 times Balkan Champion; 1976 Olympic Games, Montreal - 10,000m 5th place; 1974 European Championships, Rome - 5000m 5th place; 1978, Prague - 5000m 5th place and 10,000m 7th place; since 1990 a member of the Federal Board and of the Federal Council of the Romanian Athletic Federation; 1990-2005 the General Director of "FARUL" Constanta Sportive Club.

**Traian Badea ROM <> General Secretary <>** 1977-1980: Administrator of '23 August Stadium'; 1980-1987: Organiser at the Romanian Athletic Federation; 1987-1 Feb 1990: Director of the Bucharest Olympic Centre; 1 Feb 1990-Nov 1992: Dep. Gen. Sec. Romanian Athletic Federation; Nov 1992-Nov 1996: Gen. Sec. Romanian Athletic Federation; Nov 1996-Oct 2000: Dep. Gen. Sec. Romanian Athletic Federation; Oct 2000- Sep 2003: Gen. Sec. Romanian Athletic Federation; Sep 2003- May 2005: Dep. Gen. Sec. Romanian Athletic Federation.

### Magnanimous Grant from ONOC to HPTC – Oceania

The Oceania National Olympic Committees (ONOC) have recently awarded a grant of US\$20,000 to the IAAF High Performance Training Centre – Oceania. The grant is the result of an application that was made to ONOC under the Olympic Solidarity funding criteria.

Steve Hollings, the Director of the HPTC – Oceania stated, "We are overwhelmed by the generosity of the financial support of ONOC. This grant

will be well used to enhance both the athletics and vocational careers of those scholarship athletes who currently reside at the HPTC – Oceania. With this enhanced funding from ONOC we can now make further headway towards achieving our stated aim of "Creating an Environment of Excellence" and in providing a holistic programme of personal development."

In commenting on the announcement of the ONOC Grant, the Chairman of

the Board of the HPTC - Oceania, Bill Bailey, IAAF Council Member, was quick to praise the generosity of ONOC. "We have a wonderful relationship with ONOC... Now ONOC has stepped in to help us develop more comprehensive programmes for the athletes at the HPTC. We are enormously appreciative of both the moral and financial support that ONOC continues to provide to us."

### El Guerrouj, Faumuina and Kogake are honoured



**Hicham El Guerrouj (MAR)** - the multiple World record holder, double Olympic champion (1500m/5000m) and four-time World 1500m gold medallist, received two prestigious honours in June.

Firstly, he received an honorary Master's Diploma from the University Al Akhawayn d'Ifrane (*photo*) in recognition of his promotion of the image of Morocco abroad thanks to his great sporting achievements. This was the University's greatest award since they honoured Hillary Rodham Clinton in 1999.

Secondly, Mr. Michel Cambanis, the Ambassador for the Hellenic Republic (Greece) in Rabat, Morocco, on behalf of the mayor of Athens Madame Dora

Bakoyannis, declared El Guerrouj to be an Honorary Citizen of Athens, noting that the middle distance runner and his deeds exemplified the glory and the spirit of the Olympic Games.

**Beatrice Faumuina (NZL)** - the 1997 World Discus Throw gold medallist and reigning Commonwealth champion, was awarded the title of Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit (ONZM) for her services to Athletics in Queen Elizabeth II's Birthday's Honours List, which was released by the New Zealand Government on 6 June.



**Teruji Kogake (JPN)** - Member of IAAF Masters' Committee (Honorary

Vice President of JAAF, Honorary Vice President of the Japanese Olympic Committee) was awarded the "Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon" for his outstanding contributions in the athletics and other sport fields by the Japanese Government on 23 May 2005. This order is awarded only to individuals who have made distinguished contributions in their specific fields. There have only been a few people who have been awarded this kind of order in sport.

In this connection, JAAF (promoters were Hanji Aoki and Yohei Kono) and the Japanese Olympic Committee organised a congratulatory party for him in Tokyo on 27 June 2005, with the participation of 450 people including Yoshiro Mori (former Prime Minister), Yohei Kono, Hanji Aoki, and a number of Diet members, as well as Koji Murofushi Olympic Gold medallist for the Hammer Throw at Athens.

*Photo: Murofushi presents Kogake with a bouquet of flowers at the party on 27 June.*



### ATHLETES SANCTIONED FOR A DOPING OFFENCE SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE IAAF AS OF 14 July 2005

LIEDTKE Klaus	GER	WK National Competition, Lübeck	11.9.05	2 years ineligibility (until 2.11.06)
LEWIS-FRANCIS Mark	GBR	EAA European Indoor Champs	5.3.05	Public Warning
OTOSSON Daniel	SWE	National OOC	6.12.04	2 years ineligibility (until 27.5.07)
MIRONOVA Elena	RUS	National Indoor Champs	10.2.05	2 years ineligibility (10.3.05-9.3.07)
ANDREYEV Vladimir	RUS	IAAF OOC	27.1.05	1 year ineligibility (15.4.05-14.4.06)**
KLIMENKO Igor	RUS	National Indoor Champs	11.2.05	2 years ineligibility (10.3.05-9.3.07)
SAFONOVA Darya	RUS	National Indoor Champs	10.2.05	2 years ineligibility (10.3.05-9.3.07)
MEZHEVOV Andrey	RUS	National Champs – long throws	19.2.05	2 years ineligibility (20.3.05-19.3.07)

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

\*\*First offence specified substance (Salbutamol)

### World records – recently ratified

Originally announced on 14 June 2005 on [www.iaaf.org](http://www.iaaf.org)

#### Women - Indoor



#### 4x200m Relay 1:32.41: Russia, RUS - Glasgow, GBR 29 Jan 2005

Team members - Yekaterina KONDRATYEVA, Irina KHABAROVA, Yuliya PECHONKINA, Yuliya GUSHCHINA

Previous –

1:32.55: SC Eintracht Hamm, FRG - Dortmund, GER, 20 Feb 88

Team members - Helga Arendt, Silke Knoll, Mechthild Kluth, Gisela Kinzel.

1:32.55: LG Olympia Dortmund, GER - Karlsruhe, GER, 21 Feb 99

Team members - Esther Möller, Gabi Rockmeier, Birgit Rockmeier, Andrea Philipp.

Photo - Yuliya Gushchina (on left) takes over on final leg from Yuliya Pechonkina (on right)

**NEWS 76** - In the next edition of the IAAF Newsletter (autumn 2005) – there will be coverage of all the major news and decisions from Congress, and a report from the two Council meetings in Helsinki, plus all the regular items including the latest Member Federation news and a selection of book reviews...

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