

Competitions and Youth are priorities for 2006

I wanted to take the opportunity of the last newsletter of 2005 to inform you all of my decision to stand for a final term as IAAF President at the next election in Osaka in 2007, as announced to my colleagues at the recent IAAF Council Meeting in Moscow.



President Lamine Diack with fellow IAAF Council Members, Neville (Teddy) McCook and Alberto Juantorena, and students at International Physical Education and Sports School in Havana, Cuba.

Although this means that I will definitely not be President at the time of the IAAF centenary in 2012, I am absolutely determined to ensure that, with the support of all the IAAF Member Federations as well as the Areas, the goals outlined in our ambitious **IAAF Athletics' World Plan** can be achieved by this date.

A major priority will be to bolster the IAAF's already healthy financial resources. By targeting new markets and business opportunities we will raise more money, which can be immediately invested back into athletics for the benefit of all our 211 Member Federations. I am also totally committed to making sure that, with the help of the new IAAF School/Youth Commission, we continue to strive to make athletics the number 1 sport in schools. There is absolutely no doubt in my mind that we need to greatly enlarge the talent pool from which our future stars emerge.

I am also pleased that IAAF Council approved, at our recent meeting in Moscow, a new global circuit of one day athletics meetings, to be called the **IAAF World Athletics Tour**, with the aim of promoting high quality, entertaining competitions as a regular "show case" for the sport. With 24 IAAF Meetings in 2006 (This year there were 34), including the Golden League, we have

reduced the number of top quality competitions that are given the IAAF brand. At least one Meeting from each Continental Area will be included in the IAAF World Athletics Tour. This new World Athletics Tour, with a reduced number of higher quality Meetings, coupled with a well devised evaluation concept and scheme, will help us to maintain only the best Meetings in the World under the IAAF umbrella, while at the same time, helping to raise the standard of Area circuits around the world.

In the last 2 weeks, I made two trips, to the USA and Cuba, and both were highly appropriate in terms of the goals stated above. Attending the 27th USATF Annual Meeting for the first time since 1999, I wanted to pay tribute to the remarkable achievements of US athletics in 2005. This federation has shown that, despite some recent difficulties, the USA has a phenomenal ability to uncover young talent and nurture them to success at the highest level, as we all saw in Helsinki. I was also pleased to attend meetings of representatives of the US Youth and Schools' athletics programme, as well as Elite Athletes and Coaches' groups, who are keen to share their own experiences for the benefit of the World Athletics Family.

Following this visit, I flew to Cuba at the request of the Cuban Athletics Federation, to attend a Gala to commemorate 100 years of athletics competition on the Island. I visited the University of Havana, whose athletics team had competed with the Vedado Tennis Club in the first official athletics competition in 1905, to unveil a centennial plaque at the University Stadium in the company of my friends from the IAAF Council, Alberto Juantorena, who is President of the Cuban Athletics Federation, and Area Representative Teddy McCook. I joined him later for a really exceptional show, in the company of all the greats not only from Cuban athletics but other sports as well.

Earlier that day, our delegation visited the International Physical Education and Sports School, where more than 1500 students from 74 countries study sports for free.

It remains for me to wish you all a happy end to the year, in the company of your families and loved ones, and I look forward to working with you all for the good of our sport in 2006.

Lamine Diack
IAAF President



IOC disqualifies Young, and Women's Steeplechase is included in the Olympics

The IOC Executive Board at its meeting in Lausanne, Switzerland, on Thursday 27 October 2005 made the following decisions -

Women's 3000m Steeplechase: The IAAF's request to add the Women's 3000m Steeplechase to the programme of the Olympic Games already in Beijing 2008, was accepted, while the place of the Race Walking

events in the Olympic programme was endorsed.

Jerome Young (USA): Was officially disqualified from the Men's 4x400m Relay at the Sydney Olympic Games of 2000, and will be ordered to return his gold medal/diploma to the IOC. The decision follows the findings of two separate CAS Panels (in 2004 and 2005) that upheld IAAF Rules in

determining Mr. Young as ineligible for the Sydney event following his doping violation in June 1999. The IAAF Council had originally recommended to the IOC that the whole USA relay team be disqualified but CAS ruled against this recommendation in July of this year.

Owens posthumously awarded IAAF Golden Order of Merit



One of the most legendary athletes in history, **Jesse Owens (USA)**, was posthumously awarded the IAAF Golden Order of Merit at the beginning of December. Using the opportunity of his recent visit to the USATF Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, Florida, President Lamine Diack presented the award to a representative of the Jesse Owens Foundation. Owens died on 31 March 1980 at the age of 66.

While competing for Ohio State University, James Cleveland "Jesse" Owens achieved one of the finest feats in the history of athletics. At the Big-Ten Conference Championships in Ann Arbor on 25 May 1935, Owens set World records in the Long Jump, 220 yard dash, the 220 yard low hurdles, and equalled the World record in the 100 yard dash. His record leap in the Long Jump of 8.13m was not broken until 1960, 25 years later. The following year at the Olympic Games in Berlin, Owens captured gold medals in the 100m, 200m, the Long Jump, and ran the lead-off leg in the victorious 4x100m Relay. *Photo: Owens in Berlin.*

Saneyev honoured with IAAF Silver Order of Merit

Viktor Saneyev (URS/GEO), three time Olympic gold medallist, multiple World record breaker (3x), and European champion (2x), in the men's Triple Jump was honoured by the IAAF at the end of October, receiving the Silver Order of Merit. Saneyev, who turned 60 years of age on 3 October 2005, was presented the award by General Secretary Istvan Gyulai, who travelled to Tbilisi, Georgia, to make the presentation on behalf of the IAAF.

The Georgian athlete of the century, Viktor Danilovich Saneyev began his Olympic career in 1968, skipping to two World records in the process of winning his first Olympic title in Mexico City. After twice successfully defending his Olympic crown in the 1970's, in Moscow in 1980, aged 34, he came desperately close to a fourth gold when finishing second with 17.24m, just 11cm away from matching Al Oerter's gold medal record achievement of four Olympic titles in one event.



Photo: Saneyev with Silver Order of Merit

Anti-Doping news

Torri Edwards: The decision to reinstate the US sprinter was confirmed by the IAAF Council in Moscow, subject to her completing a mandatory final reinstatement test. Edwards had been suspended for 2 years in 2004 after testing positive for the prohibited stimulant, Nikethamide. However, in September 2005, WADA

downgraded Nikethamide in the Prohibited List to the category of "Specified Substances" for which the sanction, provided that the athlete can demonstrate no intention to enhance performance, ranges from a public warning up to one year's ineligibility. Following an earlier CAS decision that Edwards did not intend to enhance her performance, the IAAF confirmed her reinstatement on legal grounds (lex

mitior). Edwards has served a period of 15 months' ineligibility, 3 months more than the maximum sanction in such a case under the new Prohibited List.

Dr Louise Burke (AUS), a nutrition specialist, was nominated as Member of the IAAF Medical & Anti-Doping Commission.

Olympic Champions Honoured

On the occasion of the IAAF Dinner held on 11 November in Moscow on the eve of the Council meeting, Olympic champions Pyotr Bolotnikov (1960: 10,000m), Svetlana Masterkova (1996: women's 800m/1500m), and Irina Privalova (2000: women's 400m Hurdles), along with Russian Athletics Federation President Valentin Balakhnitchev, were presented with IAAF awards.

Top-Ten earners from IAAF events in 2005

World Athletics Series events, TDK Golden League, Super GP, GP, GPII, Race Walking and Combined Events Challenges

Men	\$	Women	\$
1. Justin Gatlin, USA	234,910	1. Tatyana Lebedeva, RUS	1,084,325
2. Kenenisa Bekele, ETH	232,770	2. Yelena Isinbayeva, RUS	364,908
3. Rashid Ramzi, BRN	170,136	3. Tirunesh Dibaba, ETH	215,235
4. Bernard Lagat, USA	153,306	4. Osleidys Menendez, CUB	197,990
5. Dwight Phillips, USA	133,838	5. Christine Arron, FRA	171,670
6. Bershawn Jackson, USA	128,320	6. Ivanova Olimpiada, RUS	160,000
7. Jeremy Wariner, USA	118,000	7. Zulia Calatayud, CUB	158,640
8. Benjamin Limo, KEN	114,311	8. Lauryn Williams, USA	154,994
9. Daniel Kipchircir Komen, KEN	113,850	9. Allyson Felix, USA	153,780
10. Virgilijus Alekna, LTU	112,613	10. Veronica Campbell, JAM	143,520

NOTE - Figures are in USD, and are based upon disclosed prize money and record bonuses from the IAAF events as stated above. Totals are effected by conversion from Euros to USD of some amounts, and do not take into account transport/accommodation payments, appearance fees, endorsement or sponsorship contracts etc... or athletes' own financial responsibilities to Federations, Athletes' Representatives fees, coaches etc..., and so should be viewed only as an approximate guide.

IAAF Council Meeting

The Council of the IAAF, presided over by President Lamine Diack, met in Moscow, Russia on 12 and 13 November 2005, and agreed on a new global circuit of one day athletics meetings, to be called the **IAAF World Athletics Tour**, with the aim of promoting high quality, entertaining competitions as a regular "show case" for the sport.

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IAAF World Athletics Tour

each Continental Area will be included in the IAAF World Athletics Tour. There will be two levels of Meetings within Tour. There will be twelve (12) (6 Golden League and 6 Super Grand Prix) meetings with minimum of US\$ 500,000 prize money each, and twelve (12) Grand Prix Meetings with US\$ 230,000 prize money each. The Tour will culminate in the IAAF World Athletics Final, which takes place in Stuttgart on 9/10 September, for which athletes qualify with points scored at the WAT Meetings plus, on a lower scale, at a number of continental permit meetings. The IAAF is

continuing to study a new Jackpot system for introduction in 2006.

See page 5, for full list of World Athletics Tour meetings.

President Lamine Diack, welcoming the new initiative, said: "The new World Athletics Tour, with a reduced number of higher quality Meetings, coupled with a well devised evaluation concept and scheme, will help us to maintain only the best Meetings in the World under the IAAF umbrella, while at the same time, helping to raise the standard of Area circuits around the world."

World Athletics Series venues decided

The following WAS events were awarded as follows:

2007 IAAF World Cross Country Championships
Mombasa, Kenya, Saturday, 24 March 2007.

2007 IAAF World Road Running Championships
Udine, Italy, Sunday, 14 October 2007.

2008 IAAF World Indoor Championships
Valencia, Spain, 7-9 March 2008.



Kenyan delegates applaud decision to award Mombasa 2007 World XC

IAAF World Championships in Athletics

'A' and 'B' standard athletes can now be entered in the same event

For the first time ever at a World Championships, at the 11th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Osaka, Japan (24 Aug-2 Sep 2007), Member Federations will be able to enter one 'B' standard athlete in the same event alongside one or two 'A' standard athlete(s) (3 in case there is a defending World Champion entered).

Full Entry Standards including Entry Rules and Conditions for the 11th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Osaka, Japan (24 Aug-2 Sep 2007), are now available in the Statistics-Standards section of the IAAF website - www.iaaf.org

Also available in the same section are Entry Standards for 2006 WAS events – 11th World Indoor Championships, Moscow, Russia (10-12 March 2006), and 11th IAAF World Junior Championships, Beijing, China (15-20 August 2006).

Timetable – 2006 World Race Walking Cup

22nd IAAF World Race Walking Cup, La Coruña, ESP

Saturday, 13 May as follows:

16:30 20km – Women's Senior Race
18:30 20km – Men's Senior Race
20:20 10km – Men's Junior Race

Sunday, 14 May remains unchanged:

08:00 50km – Men's Senior Race
13:00 10km – Women's Junior Race

Changes to women's race distance + team at World XC

World Cross Country Championships from 2007

>The distance of the Women's Senior Race will be 8000m.
> Women's Senior team size - 8 athletes per team can be entered, 6 can compete and 4 can score in 2007 and 2008. The issue may be reviewed after the World Cross Country Championships in 2008.

New Dates - World Athletics Series events

1st IAAF World Road Running Championships, Debrecen, HUN: 8 October 2006

5th IAAF World Youth Championships, Ostrava, CZE: 11-15 July 2007

ITOs

The evaluation and certification procedure of the International Technical Officials was approved. The new ITO Panel for 2006-2009 consists of 49 persons, the names of which were published on the IAAF website - www.iaaf.org - on 15 November 2005.

All participants of the evaluation and certification procedure, who are not included in the new ITO Panel, and had been on an Area Panel, remain Area Technical Officials.

26 Member Federations participated at all WAS

It was noted with satisfaction that 26 Member Federations participated in each of the four (4) World Athletics Series (WAS) 2005 Championships: Australia, Belarus, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Czech Republic, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, France, Great Britain, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, New Zealand, Puerto Rico, Qatar, Romania, South Africa, Spain, Russia, Uganda, USA.

Track Certification

As the IAAF Permit is a quality of guarantee of competitions, it was decided that it can be only issued to competitions which fully adhere to IAAF Rules. If requirements are not met, the permit will not be issued and any eventual Competition Grant will not be paid.

The next meeting of the IAAF Council will be held in Osaka, Japan, 28 - 29 March 2006



IAAF Athletics' World Plan

One of the great things about sport is that it is there; it is always there; over the years the rhythm of events and meetings replicates itself in a very predictable form. It feels safe and yet also exciting to look ahead knowing that the same collection of championships will appear with new faces and results. The World Championships in Helsinki absolutely fell into this scenario. We all know the Finns adore their athletics and those in the stadium and those watching TV shared their passion.

But something else was important. The World Athletics Championships has once again proved itself as a global entertainment up there with the Olympics and the FIFA World Cup. It is an event all of its own watched by those who otherwise have no particular interest in Athletics. Like the people who watch Wimbledon but never think of watching Tennis. So here is the challenge: how do we make sure our sport is visible for the other 356 days of the year?

In 2003 the President announced his Athletics' World Plan and teams drawn from around the world worked hard to establish new initiatives. Following the 2005 Congress the President has broadened the responsibilities for action to the Areas and National Federations. A very definite change of emphasis. Everyone must look in their mirror and see the face that must meet this challenge. Athletics does not have the intention to lose its place in the world of sport. We all know that we are thriving at the Olympics and at our World Championships, but how about quality athletics meetings shown on TV around the world? How do we may make sure that our star athletes are seen on TV away from the track? How can we be sure that young people are reaching out to Athletics as their chosen sport?

The World Plan is now focusing on empowering the whole athletics family. We are all in this together. There have been alarmist press stories that the

European Association is breaking with the IAAF and taking its own path. Nothing could be further from the truth. The fact is that the EAA has recognised that European athletes were falling behind, that the sport was fading. They are facing up to the challenge of re-invigorating the European athletics scene and moving ahead with new commercial partnerships to under-pin this change.

Other Area bodies need to follow the same course, appropriate to the needs of their athletes and their resources, supported by the IAAF but making their own decentralised decisions. So in future how the sport is managed in the Caribbean may be very different from Asia but each will focus on their priorities for youth recruitment and levels of competition.

Just before the recent IAAF Council meeting in Moscow, one expert pointed out that the events in an athletics meeting had not changed since he competed in the 1952 Olympics other than to extend to women the same access as men. Indeed, they have barely changed since 1924. But for spectators at a Grand Prix both in the stadium and watching TV, the 3 hours of advertised entertainment needs to contain a succession of exciting moments. Some sports facing IOC scrutiny, like Biathlon and Modern Pentathlon have completely revised their rules and found new audiences on TV. Sport is about competition and rather than rely on contrived record attempts with pace-makers, we need to focus on real racing, head to head, "mano a mano" which is what the public like to watch, and can understand.

The most important current project within the IAAF family concerns the outreach to youngsters. Athletics has the bold and important goal of becoming the key partner participation sport for school children all over the world. The IAAF has its own programme for the young called "IAAF Kids' Athletics" while USA, Cuba and

Jamaica have excellent youth and school programmes. Canada has also run a successful project – "Run, jump and throw" to attract the young to our sport. It is now essential that the IAAF focuses and targets the sports, health and education authorities throughout the world with the assistance of all the Member Federations.

It is a huge priority within the World Plan, led by IAAF Vice President Amadeo Francis and Jamel Simohamed, who is chairman of the new IAAF School / Youth Commission.

Finally, we have to realise that while we have some marvellous athletes we must all do more to try and make them genuine international celebrities. The annual World Athletics Gala in Monaco is a spectacular shop window, but it doesn't inform the public about our top names. For this reason, the IAAF has set up the Ambassadors programme, working with recently retired and active athletes. We want the world to know who they are, what they do outside their sport, what their future plans are, what makes them tick. The IAAF plans to put them on the world stage through the media outlets that exist; TV of course but also internet, radio, magazines, print, DVDs, respected for their sports achievements but interesting in themselves as people. This can be achieved both at international level by the IAAF and also on a national scale by approaching media outlets to showcase national athletics heroes and heroines in an entertainment environment.

2005 has in fact been a good year for Athletics. In 2006 look out for the new regular IAAF TV magazine show and for a spate of short, sharp MTV style 2-minute celebrity celebrations of our top athletes as they really are away from the track.

Adrian Metcalfe

New Constitution and Competition Rules are published

The new IAAF Constitution, and the IAAF Competition Rules 2006-2007, have been published on the IAAF website and are available to download in pdf format in both English and French. Printed copies are also available for purchase from IAAF HQ.

The new **IAAF Constitution** came into force on 1 November 2005. It defines and regulates the organisation of the IAAF, and contains all the amendments made at the 45th IAAF Congress, Helsinki, Finland, 2 - 4 August 2005. The **IAAF Competition Rules 2006-2007**, were also agreed at Congress, and bring together all the rules concerning the organisation of international competitions.

Forthcoming Meetings

January 2006	February	March
Sat 21-Sun 22 Medical & Anti-Doping Commission	Thu 2 Golden League Working Group	Tue 21 Masters' Committee
Fri 20-Sat 21 School/Youth Commission	Fri 3 Athletics' World Plan Steering Board	Tue 28-Wed 29 Council Meeting
Sun 22-Mon 23 Juridical Commission	Fri 17-Sat 18 Technical Committee	April
		Mon 3 XC & RR Committee

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IAAF WORLD ATHLETICS SERIES 2006



MARCH
 Fri 10 - Sun 12: 11th IAAF World Indoor Championships, Moscow, RUS
APRIL
 Sat 1 / Sun 2: 34th IAAF World Cross Country Championships, Fukuoka, JPN
MAY
 Sat 13 - Sun 14: 22nd IAAF Race Walking Cup, La Coruna, ESP
AUGUST
 Tue 15 - Sun 20: 11th IAAF World Junior Championships, Beijing, CHN
SEPTEMBER
 Sat 9 - Sun 10: 4th IAAF World Athletics Final, Stuttgart, GER
 Sat 16 - Sun 17: 10th IAAF World Cup, Athens, GRE
OCTOBER
 Sun 8: 1st IAAF World Road Running Championships, Debrecen, HUN



IAAF INDOOR PERMIT MEETINGS 2006

IAAF CROSS COUNTRY PERMIT MEETINGS 2005/2006

JANUARY
 Wed 25 Moscow, RUS
 Sun 29 Karlsruhe, GER
FEBRUARY
 Thu 2 Stockholm, SWE
 Fri 3 New York, USA
 Sat 4 Stuttgart, GER
 Sat 11 Valencia, ESP
 Sat 18 Birmingham, GBR
 Sat 25 Athens, GRE

FEBRUARY
 Sun 26 Gent, BEL
MARCH
 Fri 3 Lievin, FRA

NOVEMBER 2005
 Sun 20 Oeiras, POR
 Sun 27 Llodio, ESP
DECEMBER 2005
 Sun 18 Brussels BEL
JANUARY
 Sat 7 Belfast, GBR
 Sat 14 Edinburgh, GBR
 Sun 15 Sevilla, ESP
 Sun 29 Albufeira, POR

FEBRUARY
 Sun 5 San Vittore, ITA
 Sat 11 Nairobi, KEN
 Sun 19 Diekirch, LUX
MARCH
 Sun 5 Fukuoka, JPN
 Sun 19 Chiba, JPN

IAAF WORLD ATHLETICS TOUR 2006

MARCH
 Thu 9 Melbourne, AUS, GP
APRIL
 Sat 29 Dakar, SEN, GP
MAY
 Sat 6 Osaka, JPN, GP
 Fri 12 Doha, QAT, SGP
 Sun 21 Belem, BRA, GP
 Sun 28 Hengelo, NED, GP
 Sun 28 Eugene, USA, GP
 Tue 30 Ostrava, CZE, GP
JUNE
 Fri 2 Oslo, NOR, GL
 Sun 11 Gateshead, GBR, GP

JULY
 Mon 3 Athens, GRE, SGP
 Fri 7 Paris, FRA, GL
 Tue 11 Lausanne, SUI, SGP
 Fri 14 Rome, ITA, GL
 Mon 17 Madrid, ESP, GP
 Tue 25 Stockholm, SWE, SGP
 Wed 26 Helsinki, FIN GP
 Fri 28 London, GBR, SGP
AUGUST
 Fri 18 Zurich, SUI, GL
 Sun 20 Monaco, MON, SGP
 Fri 25 Brussels, BEL, GL
 Sun 27 Rieti, ITA, GP

AUGUST
 Thu 31 Zagreb, CRO, GP
SEPTEMBER
 Sun 3 Berlin, GER, GL
 Sat 9-Sun 10: 4th IAAF World Athletics Final, Stuttgart, GER

Index: GL - Golden League; SGP - Super Grand Prix; GP - Grand Prix

Other IAAF Permit Meets
 Sun 14 May Olympia GRE
 Sat 23 Sep Shanghai CHN

World Athletics Tour 2006 - Qualifying Continental Permit Meetings

DECEMBER 2005
 Wed 14 Hamilton, NZL Oceania
JANUARY 2006
 Thu 26 Canberra, AUS Oceania
MARCH
 Fri 3 Brisbane, AUS Oceania
MAY
 Sat 6 Abuja, NGR Africa
 Sat 6 Kingston, JAM North Am. & Caribbean
 Sun 7 Porto Alegre, BRA South America
 Sun 14 Rio, BRA South America
 Wed 17 Fortaleza, BRA South America
 Thu 18 Bangkok, THA Asia
 Sun 21 Carson, USA North Am. & Caribbean

MAY
 Mon 22 Bangalore, IND Asia
 Fri 26 Pune, IND Asia
JUNE
 Thu 1 Bydgoszcz, POL Europe
 Sat 3 Huelva, ESP Europe
 Sat 3 New York, USA North Am. & Caribbean
 Mon 5 Prague, CZE Europe
 Tue 6 Turin, ITA Europe
 Sat 10 Lille, FRA Europe
 Tue 13 Luzern, SUI Europe
 Sat 17 Rabat, MAR Africa
 Sun 18 Warsaw, POL Europe
 Tue 20 Zaragoza, ESP Europe

JUNE
 Thu 22 Alger, ALG Africa
 Sat 24 Kazan, RUS Europe
JULY
 Sat 1 Cork, IRL Europe
 Fri 21 Rethymno, GRE Europe
 Sat 22 Heusden, BEL Europe
 Mon 24 Thessaloniki, GRE Europe
 Fri 28 Tallinn, EST Europe
AUGUST
 Tue 22 Linz, AUT Europe
 Wed 30 Rovereto, ITA Europe

IAAF WORLD COMBINED EVENTS CHALLENGE 2006

IAAF RACE WALKING CHALLENGE 2006

WMRA GRAND PRIX MOUNTAIN RACES 2006

Individual Permit Meetings:
MAY
 Sat 13-Sun 14 Desenzano, ITA
 Sat 27-Sun 28 Götzis, AUT
JUNE
 Sat 3-Sun 4 Arles, FRA
 Sat 24- Sun 25 Ratingen, GER
SEPTEMBER
 Sat 16-Sun 17 Talence, FRA
Other International Comps:
MARCH
 Sun 19-Sat 25 Commonwealth Games, Brisbane, AUS

JUNE
 Thu 22- Sun 25 USATF Championships, Indianapolis
JULY
 Sat 1 & Sun 2 Combined Events European Cup (3 levels)
 Tue 25 - Sat 29 CAC Games, Cartagena, COL
AUGUST
 Mon 7-Sun 13 European Champs, Gothenburg, SWE
 Wed 9-Sun 13 African Champs Mauritius, MRI
 Tue 22-Fri 25 NACAC Champs Puerto Rico, PUR

MARCH
 Sat 25-Sun 26 Tlanepantla de Baz, MEX
APRIL
 Sat 1 Rio Major, POR
 Sat 22 Kunshan, CHN
MAY
 Mon 1 Sesto San Giovanni, ITA
 Sat 13-Sun 14 IAAF Race Walking World Cup, La Coruna, ESP

MAY
 Sun 14 Meltina, ITA
JULY
 Sun 23 Heiligenblut, AUT
AUGUST
 Sun 6 Telfes, AUT
SEPTEMBER
 Sun 24 Saillon, SUI
OCTOBER
 Sat 7 Ljubljana, SLO
 Sat 28 Gibraltar, GIB

Sat 9-Sun 10 September WMRA World Mountain Running Trophy, Bursa, TUR

Photos: Tirunesh Dibaba ETH (left) and Justin Gatlin USA (right)



SEIKO Extends IAAF Sponsorship until 2009 1985-2009: 25 Years of Partnership

It was announced on 7 December 2005 that SEIKO Corporation has reached a basic sponsorship agreement with the IAAF for a further 4 years, up to 31 December 2009 at the end of which an uninterrupted 25 years of technical service and financial support will have been completed.

SEIKO has supported the IAAF with timing and measurement services and financial contributions for 21 years, during which SEIKO has timed 9 World Championships and more than 110 other IAAF events.

The new agreement covers the period 2006-2009 and includes the World

Championships in 2007 in Osaka, Japan and in 2009 in Berlin, Germany, plus 21 other events, including the World Cross Country, the World Junior Championships, and the prestigious end-of-season World Athletics Final.

See the IAAF website for full details of announcement.

World records – recently ratified

Originally announced on 17 November 2005 on www.iaaf.org



Kenenisa Bekele ETH



Wenxiu Zhang CHN

Men – Senior

10,000m

26:17.53 Kenenisa Bekele ETH, Brussels, BEL, 26 Aug 05
Prev: 26:20.31 Kenenisa Bekele ETH, Ostrava CZE, 8 Jun 04

Men – Junior

3000m

7:28.78 Augustine K. Choge (87) KEN, Doha, QAT, 13 May 05
Prev: 7:30.67 Kenenisa Bekele ETH, Brussels BEL, 24 Aug 01

10,000m

26:41.75 Samuel Wanjiru (86) KEN, Brussels, BEL, 26 Aug 05
Prev: 27:04.00 Boniface Kiprop UGA, Brussels BEL, 3 Sep 04

Women – Senior

Hammer Throw

77.06m Tatyana Lysenko RUS, Moscow, RUS, 15 Jul 05
Prev: 76.07 Mihaela Melinte ROM, Rüdlingen SUI, 29 Aug 99

Women – Junior

Pole Vault

4.48m Silke Spiegelburg (86) GER, Münster, GER, 25 Aug 05
Prev: 4.47i Yelena Isinbayeva RUS, Budapest HUN, 10 Feb 01

Hammer Throw

73.24m Wenxiu Zhang (86) CHN, Changsha, CHN, 24 Jun 05
Prev: 72.37 Wenxiu Zhang CHN, Nanning CHN, 18 Apr 04



'A Day in the Life' Project with **Liu Xiang** was held on 19 to 24 October 2005 in China. Participating journalists first spent four days at the Chinese National Games in Nanjing, where they were able to see the competition and witness the super star

status of the Chinese Olympic Champion.

Interviews were held with the Secretary Generals of the Chinese Athletic Association (CAA) and the Chinese Olympic Committee as well as with the athlete and his coach. In Nanjing media also got to meet with Michael Johnson and Coach Clyde Hart, who with the CAA in 2005 began coaching their top 100-400m runners for 4 months in the USA.

Project participants then travelled to Shanghai to spend more time with Liu Xiang and visit the Sport School where

he lives and trains.

Media represented were: El Mundo, ESP; The Times, GBR; The Daily Mail, GBR; Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, GER; Sud Ouest, FRA; Gazzetta dello Sport, ITA; Agence Shot, JPN; USA Today, USA.

The IAAF's "A Day in the Life" Projects aim to give media an insight into the 'home' lives of our stars.

Photo: Xiang fan with banner of his hero at the Chinese National Games.

Obituaries

Fuller tributes are available on www.iaaf.org



Torsten Carlus (SWE) - on 24 November 2005 the tragic news was received that the much appreciated member of the IAAF Masters' Committee and General Secretary of the World Masters' Association (WMA), had suffered a fatal heart attack. He had been on holiday visiting his son Erik in Shanghai, China. Torsten, 66, had been active all his life in athletics and held various offices in the Swedish Athletic Association over the course of about 40 years. As well as his WMA and IAAF positions, he was a Member of the Board of Governors of IMGA (International Masters' Games Association), and a co-opted member of the Council of EVAA (European Veterans' Athletic Association).

Nadja Kotseva (BUL) - on 9 November 2005, Dobromir Karamarinov, the President of the Bulgarian Federation relayed the sad news of the death of Nadja Kotseva, the International Secretary of the Bulgarian Athletic Federation. After attending the previous weekend's European Coaches' Conference in Sofia, Nadja went on holiday with her husband to Italy, where they were killed in a car crash. A delegate at many IAAF and EAA Congresses, she was working on next year's Calendar Conference, which will be in Bulgaria.

Adrian Wallace (JAM) - on 5 December 2005 in Florida, died after a long illness. Wallace had been receiving treatment in the United States for some time. He served one term as Jamaica Amateur Athletics Association (JAAA) President between 1996 and 2000. Wallace, a former Calabar Old Boy and former member of the Schools' Past Students Association, also served for many years as JAAA Treasurer under Herb McKenley, and Neville 'Teddy' McCook, the current Area Representative on the IAAF Council.

IAAF World Rankings



Although the World Athlete of the Year is officially decided by a combination of public vote on www.iaaf.org and the final opinion of a panel of experts from the International Athletic Foundation, once more the leaders in the Overall category of the IAAF World Rankings became World Athletes of the Year. Kenenisa Bekele (ETH) and Yelena Isinbayeva (RUS) (*photo left*), who retained their titles, have again been multiple World record breakers this year and also captured the ultimate title on offer in 2005, that of World champion.

Emphasising that the World Rankings are the keenest determinant of the current strengths of world athletics it is also not surprising to find, as the year draws to a close, that the world's two premier athletes are joined by 20 of their fellow Helsinki World champions at the head (or equal head) of their respective Event Rankings. The Rankings assess an athlete's whole year ensuring that the IAAF World Rankings are the most accurate barometer in comparing the merits of each elite athlete and of gauging the year-round strengths overall and event by event on a weekly basis.

To view the full **IAAF World Rankings** go to www.iaaf.org where they are published weekly during the height of the season and fortnightly in the quieter months of the year.

IAAF World Rankings as at 6 Dec 2005

Event Ranking	1 st position	2 nd position	3 rd position
Overall - Men	Kenenisa BEKELE ETH 1451	Justin GATLIN USA 1435	Saif Saaeed SHAHEEN QAT 1433
- Women	Yelena ISINBAYEVA RUS 1453	Tirunesh DIBABA ETH 1445	Carolina KLÜFT SWE 1421
100m - Men	Justin GATLIN USA 1405	Aziz ZAKARI GHA 1353	Dwight THOMAS JAM 1340
- Women	Christine ARRON FRA 1376	Veronica CAMPBELL JAM 1364	Laurn WILLIAMS USA 1356
200m - Men	Tyson GAY USA 1343	Wallace SPEARMON USA 1342	Justin GATLIN USA 1339
- Women	Allyson FELIX USA 1367	Veronica CAMPBELL JAM 1331	Christine ARRON FRA 1324
400m - Men	Jeremy WARINER USA 1362	2nd EQ - Tim BENJAMIN GBR 1330 / Brandon SIMPSON JAM 1330	
- Women	Sanya RICHARDS USA 1394	Tonique WILLIAMS-DARLING BAH 1383	Ana Gabriela GUEVARA MEX 1329
800m - Men	Yuriy BORZAKOVSKIY RUS 1341	Mbulaeni MULAUDZI RSA 1329	Wilfred BUNGEI KEN 1324
- Women	Zulia CALATAYUD CUB 1359	Hasna BENHASSI MAR 1333	Tatyana ANDRIANOVA RUS 1325
1500m - Men	Daniel Kipchirchir KOMEN KEN 1399	Bernard LAGAT USA 1367	Ivan HESHKO UKR 1349
- Women	Maryam Yusuf JAMAL BRN 1332	Olga YEGOROVA RUS 1298	Bouchra BENTHAMI-GHEZIELLE FRA 1296
5000 -10,000m - Men	Kenenisa BEKELE ETH 1451	Eliud KIPCHOGE KEN 1366	Benjamin LIMO KEN 1351
- Women	Tirunesh DIBABA ETH 1445	Meseret DEFAR ETH 1397	Berhane ADERE ETH 1395
110mH - Men	1st EQ - Dominique ARNOLD USA 1401 / Ladji DOUCOURÉ FRA 1401		Allen JOHNSON USA 1390
100mH - Women	Michelle PERRY USA 1380	Brigitte Ann FOSTER-HYLTON JAM 1357	Delloreen ENNIS-LONDON JAM 1339
400m H - Men	Bershawn JACKSON USA 1408	James CARTER USA 1377	3 rd EQ - L.J. VAN ZYL RSA 1334 Naman KEITA 78 FRA 1334
- Women	Lashinda DEMUS USA 1402	Yuliya NOSOVA-PECHONKINA RUS 1378	Sandra CUMMINGS-GLOVER USA 1374
Men's 3000m SC	Saif Saaeed SHAHEEN QAT 1433	Paul Kipsiele KOECH KEN 1370	Brimin KIPRUTO KEN 1354
- Women	Dorcus INZIKURU UGA 1331	Mardrea HYMAN JAM 1226	Korene HINDS JAM 1223
High Jump - Men	1st EQ - Yaroslav RYBAKOV RUS 1346 / Stefan HOLM SWE 1346		Victor MOYA CUB 1325
- Women	Kajsa BERGQVIST SWE 1360	Anna CHICHEROVA RUS 1275	Chaunte HOWARD USA 1259
Pole Vault - Men	Brad WALKER USA 1376	Tim LOBINGER GER 1330	Rens BLOM NED 1298
- Women	Yelena ISINBAYEVA RUS 1453	Monika PYREK POL 1284	Anna ROGOWSKA POL 1275
Long Jump - Men	Dwight PHILLIPS USA 1394	Miguel PATE USA 1294	Ignisius GAISAH GHA 1292
- Women	Tatyana KOTOVA RUS 1325	Grace UPSHAW USA 1241	Oksana UDMURTOVA RUS 1236
Triple Jump - Men	Marian OPREA ROM 1338	Jadel GREGÓRIO BRA 1324	Walter DAVIS USA 1322
- Women	Tatyana LEBEDEVA RUS 1367	Trecia SMITH JAM 1347	Anna PYATYKH RUS 1311
Shot Put - Men	1st EQ - Joachim OLSEN DEN 1332 / Adam NELSON USA 1332		Reese HOFFA USA 1318
- Women	Nadezhda OSTAPCHUK BLR 1307	Valerie ADAMS-VILI NZL 1238	Olga RYABINKINA RUS 1231
Discus Throw - Men	Virgilijus ALEKNA LTU 1408	Gerd KANTER EST 1342	Aleksander TAMMERT EST 1274
- Women	Natalya SADOVA RUS 1286	Franka DIETZSCH GER 1281	Vera POSPIŠILOVÁ-CECHLOVÁ CZE 1244
Hammer Throw - Men	Ivan TIKHON BLR 1341	Vadim DEVYATOVSKIY BLR 1318	Olli-Pekka KARJALAINEN FIN 1263
- Women	Yipsi MORENO CUB 1283	Tatyana LYSENKO RUS 1260	Kamila SKOLIMOWSKA POL 1259
Javelin Throw - Men	Tero PITKAMÄKI FIN 1372	Andreas THORKILDSEN NOR 1343	Sergey MAKAROV RUS 1341
- Women	Osleidys MENÉNDEZ CUB 1341	Steffi NERUIUS GER 1272	Sonia BISSET CUB 1224
Road Running - Men	Jaouad GHARIB MAR 1330	Martin LEL KEN 1305	Haile GEBRSELASSIE ETH 1301
- Women	Paula RADCLIFFE GBR 1380	Constantina DITA-TOMESCU ROM 1361	Chunxiu ZHOU CHN 1331
Race Walking - Men	Francisco Javier FERNÁNDEZ ESP 1345	2nd EQ - Trond NYMARK NOR 1297 / Chengliang ZHAO CHN 1297	
- Women	Margarita TURAVA BLR 1330	Susana FEITOR POR 1296	Elisa RIGAUDO ITA 1254
Decathlon - Men	Roman ŠEBRLE CZE 1335	Attila ZSIVOCZKY HUN 1283	Bryan CLAY USA 1274
Heptathlon - Women	Carolina KLÜFT SWE 1421	Eunice BARBER FRA 1376	Kelly SOTHERTON GBR 1300



Commission and Committee News

Coaches' Commission

On Saturday, 29 October 2005, the Coaches' Commission gathered in Monaco and discussed the problem of accountability of coaches that have gone through the Coaches' Education and Certification System (CECS).



PHOTO: Anthony Rice of Australia (r), Member of the IAAF Coaches' Commission, who could not be in Helsinki on 3 August 2005, receives the IAAF Veteran Pin from IAAF Member Services Dpt. Director Elio Locatelli at the Commission meeting.

Talking about the progress of the IAAF Academy course programme, the Commission regarded it "as a very valuable tool for the future of the overall long term development of Athletics especially due to the cooperation with universities and educational institutions because this guarantees professional education," stated Chairperson Victor Lopez (PUR).

Other matters/proposals discussed:

<>Satisfactory work of the Area Coaches' Associations (ACA); goal to make the ACA's financially self-sufficient;
 <>Organisation of World Coaches' Club at major athletics events and encouragement of ACA's to put the same concept in place for different area championships and events;
 <>The participation of the IAAF Coaches' Commission in any technical rule changes proposals;
 <>Recognition and honouring of coaches' excellence at Area and world level.

Women's Committee

The Women's Committee meet for a one and a half day meeting in Monaco on 29/30 October 2005 to discuss various topics with the objective to "increase the number of women in coaching and administration positions" as laid out in the Athletics' World Plan.

The IOC's decision to include the Women's 3000m Steeplechase in Beijing 2008, marked another historical victory for the IAAF and the Women's Committee. "It is a real success," said Chairperson Ilse

Bechthold. "Years of determination have led us to this day where gender equality in the competitions programme is almost a reality. But our task is not over."

Other matters/proposals discussed:

<>At least one activity in RDCs be designed specifically for women;
 <>IAAF Academy course "Coaching Women";
 <>Size of the women's World Cross Country team. Suggested it should be 6 with 4 to score for 2007, 7 with 5 to score by 2009 and 9 with 6 to score by 2011;
 <>Giovanna Rousseau's project for Africa and other needy Areas;
 <>Gwenda Ward's UKA inspired research called 'Female Athlete Resource book'.

Joint Meeting: Coaches' Commission & Women's Committee

A greatly appreciated joint meeting of the Coaches' Commission and the Women's Committee, an idea initiated by General Secretary Istvan Gyulai, took place on Saturday afternoon (29 October) with the aim to get both parties to get to know each other better and to foster closer working ties on matters of joint concern.



PHOTO: Coaches' Commission and Women's Committee Members together.

During the joint meeting, the Women's Committee raised their concern regarding a lack of involvement of women's coaches around the world. The Coaches' Commission agreed that more female coaches are needed and promised that they would put their best effort in to encourage and enhance the women's involvement and participation in coaching. The Women's Committee will strive to install special women's classes at the RDC's with the support of the Area Associations and MF's. It was also agreed on to organize another Level I coaching clinic at the 2009 Islamic Women's Games after the great success at this year's games. Gwenda Ward's presentation of her UKA inspired research called 'Female Athlete Resource Book' got very positive feedback; incorporating parts of the presented modules into the

Coaches' Education Programme was recommended.

Both parties look forward to another joint meeting.

Development Commission

The Development Commission held its annual meeting in Moscow on Thursday 10 November.

After a recap of last year's development activities, the Commission determined to:
 <>Undertake an evaluation of the High Performance Training Centres to ascertain whether they were accomplishing their Purposes.
 <>Respond to the underutilization of several Accredited Training Centres by starting an aggressive campaign promoting the services available, explaining the access requirements and the incentives/assistance available from the IAAF to the Member Federations.

Chairman Amadeo Francis, IAAF Vice President, informed that in 2006, expenditures for development will account for one out of every four dollars spent by the IAAF. "In the past 15 years, the Federation has invested over \$94 million in the development programme, and I want to stress the importance of assuring that these resources were well utilized. The successes of the programme were amply demonstrated in the performances of athletes from the less developed countries at our Youth, Junior and Senior Championships," said Francis.

Other matters/proposals discussed:

<>Formal approval of operational Policy and Guidelines for the IAAF's Regional Development Centres and High Performance Training Centres;
 <>Endorsement of the new overall structures of the Education and Certification Systems for Technical Officials and Race Walking Officials;
 <>Chairman entrusted an Advisory Group composed of members Helmut Digel, Hansjörg Wirz and Teddy McCook to examine the operations of the Academy and report on their findings at the next Commission meeting;
 <>Jamel Simohamed, Chairman of the School/Youth Commission reported that Abdel Malek El-Hebil had been appointed as the full-time coordinator for the programme effective 1 October 2005 and that the World Athletics Day would become the World School Athletics Day commencing in 2006.

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World Records set in 2005 as at 8 Dec 2005

MEN

Ratified by IAAF

World

100m 9.77 POWELL Asafa JAM Athens 14-6-2005 Wind 1.6
 10,000m 26:17.53 BEKELE Kenenisa ETH Brussels 26-8-2005
 Road 30Km 1:28:00 MATSUMIYA Takayuki JPN Kumamoto 27-2-2005

World Indoor

400m 44.57 CLEMENT Kerron USA Fayetteville 12-3-2005

World Junior

3000m 7:28.78 CHOGE Augustine KEN Doha 13-5-2005
 10,000m 26:41.75 WANJIRU Samuel KEN Brussels 26-8-2005

Waiting for Ratification by IAAF (or Application to the IAAF awaited)

World

Half Mar 59:16 WANJIRU Samuel KEN Rotterdam 11-9-2005
 Road Relay 1:57:06 Kenya KEN Chiba 23-11-2005
 NDAMBIRI Josphat Ndambiri (13:24/5K)
 MATHATHI Martin (27:12/10K)
 MWANGI Daniel (5K/13:59)
 MOGUSU Mekubo (10K/27:56)
 NYERRE Onesmus (5K/14:36)
 KARIUKI John (7.195K/19:59)

World Junior

Road 10Km Walk 39:32 SÁNCHEZ Eder MEX Helsinki 6-8-2005

Not ratified by IAAF

World

Road 15Km 41:22 GEBRESELASSIE Haile ETH Tilburg 4-9-2005. Not officially timed
 Half Mar 59:05 TADESSE Zersenay ERI South Shields 18-9-2005. Aided course

World Junior

Road 10Km Walk 39:52 PROKHOROV Aleksandr RUS Sochi 13-3-2005. No doping control

WOMEN

Ratified by IAAF

World

Pole Vault 4.93 ISINBAYEVA Yelena RUS Lausanne 5-7-2005
 4.95 ISINBAYEVA Yelena RUS Madrid 16-7-2005
 4.96 ISINBAYEVA Yelena RUS London 22-7-2005
 5.00 ISINBAYEVA Yelena RUS London 22-7-2005
 5.01 ISINBAYEVA Yelena RUS Helsinki 9-8-2005
 Hammer Throw 77.06 LYSENKO Tatyana RUS Moscow 15-7-2005
 Javelin Throw 71.70 MENÉNDEZ Osleidys CUB Helsinki 14-8-2005
 Decathlon 8358 SKUJYTE Austra LTU Columbia 15-4-2005 (100m 12.49/1.6, DT 46.19, PV 3.10, JT 48.78, 400 57.19; 100H 14.22w/2.4, LJ 6.12/1.6, SP 16.42, HJ 1.78, 1500 5:15.86)
 Road 20Km Walk 1:25:41 IVANOVA Olimpiada RUS Helsinki 7-8-2005

World Indoor

5000m 14:32.93 DIBABA Tirunesh ETH Boston 29-1-2005
 Pole Vault 4.87 ISINBAYEVA Yelena RUS Donyetsk 12-2-2005
 4.88 ISINBAYEVA Yelena RUS Birmingham 18-2-2005
 4.89 ISINBAYEVA Yelena RUS Liévin 26-2-2005
 4.90 ISINBAYEVA Yelena RUS Madrid 6-3-2005
 4x200m Relay 1:32.41 Russia RUS Glasgow 29-1-2005
 KONDRATYEVA Yekaterina; KHABAROVA Irina; PECHONKINA Yuliya; GUSHCHINA Yuliya

World Junior

Pole Vault 4.48i SPIEGELBURG Silke GER Münster 25-8-2005
 10,000m Walk 43:11.34 SOKOLOVA Vera RUS Kaunas 21-7-2005
 Hammer Throw 73.24 ZHANG Wenxiu CHN Changsha 24-6-2005

Awaiting Ratification by IAAF (or Application to the IAAF awaited)

World

Road 25Km 1:22:13 NOGUCHI Mizuki JPN Berlin 25-9-2005
 Road 25Km 1:21:57 KASTOR Deena USA Chicago 9-10-2005
 Road 30Km 1:38:49 NOGUCHI Mizuki JPN Berlin 25-9-2005
 Road 30Km 1:38:29 KASTOR Deena USA Chicago 9-10-2005

World Junior

400m Hurdles 54.40 WANG Xing CHN Nanjing 21-10-2005

Not ratified by IAAF

World

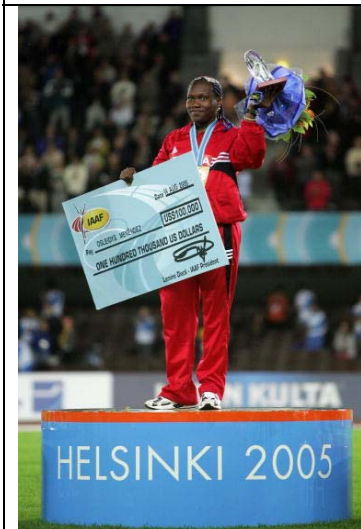
Road 25Km 1:21:03+ RADCLIFFE Paula GBR London 17-4-2005. Aided course
 Road 30Km 1:37:27+ RADCLIFFE Paula GBR London 17-4-2005 Aided. course



Yelena Isinbayeva



Olimpiada Ivanova



Osleidys Menendez



Commission and Committee News continued...

Press Commission

On Saturday 26 November 2005, the Press Commission held its annual meeting in the Cagnoni Theatre in the historic northern Italian town of Vigevano, the home of Chairman



Gianni Merlo, who is also AIPS President.

The meeting began with a minute's silence in tribute to the memory of Boris Acquadro (SUI), IAAF Press and TV Commission Member who died on Thursday 9 June 2005, after a long battle with cancer.

General Secretary Istvan Gyulai joined the meeting for the morning session of discussions which concentrated on general issues effecting the promotion and general public appeal of our sport including the transfer of national allegiance by athletes for economic reasons; uniformity of design/colour of

athletes' kit; regulation of Athletes' agents.

After lunch and a tour of the town's picturesque Sforzesco Castle and Piazza Ducale, the meeting concentrated on specific media issues, including the Communications Dept's work; press facilities at IAAF events in 2005; media relationship with the IOC.

The day ended with the Commission members being warmly invited to a splendid buffet dinner at the home of the Chairman.

Photo: Press Commission meeting in session in the Cagnoni Theatre.

EAA welcomes Milz, as Lufft retires

Till Lufft, the General Secretary of the European Athletic Association (EAA) retires at the end of 2005 after ten years of service. Acknowledging Lufft's contribution to the sport and the good working relationship with the IAAF, General Secretary Istvan Gyulai said: "On behalf of the IAAF President Lamine Diack, the IAAF Council and friends and colleagues in Monaco I would like to thank Till for 10 years of excellent cooperation."

With Till's departure a new position of EAA Director General has been created, to replace that of General Secretary, and on 5 September Christian Milz took up this new role. For the past six years Milz has been employed by IMG Suisse as Vice President, responsible for the contract with the International Ski Federation, and he has also worked with other sports.

Photo: Left to Right - Christian Milz, EAA President Hansjörg Wirz, Till Lufft.



Member Federation officers – recent elections

Federation	President	General Secretary
AFG	Jan Alam Hassni (re-elected)	---
AND	---	Francesc Checa
ARU	---	Samuel Dumfries
BHU	---	Karma G. Wangchuk
FIN	Antti Pihlakoski	---
GHA	Sandy Osei-Agyeman	E.K. Oteng-Aboagye
PRK	Paek Hyon Bong	---
MAS	Syed Mohamad Aidid Syed Murtaza (re-elected)	A. Hamid Barkat (re-elected)
MGL	L. Bold	Khorloo Rentsendorj (re-elected)
NZL	Colin Maclachlan	---
ESA	José Benjamin Ruiz Rodas (re-elected)	Erick Vladimir Rivas
SLE	Andre Thomas Hope	Dauda Sundufu-Sowa
SRI	Derwin Perera	---
SYR	Mohsen Abbas	Mahmoud Kamel Abdullah
TUR	---	Nihat Doker
UGA	Daniel Tamwesigire (re-elected)	Beatrice Ayikoru (re-elected)

Suhail Q. Al-Zawawi (KSA) has been elected as the new Vice President of the Asian Athletics Association

<>Helsinki 2005 CEO becomes FIN President<> Antti Pihlakoski, the CEO of last summer's IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Helsinki 2005 has been elected as the new President of Finnish Athletics - Suomen Urheiluliitto RY (FIN) on Sat 26 Nov. A former General Secretary, Pihlakoski was chosen to follow Mr. Ilkka Kanerva, who led the federation between 1990 and 2005. Kanerva becomes Honorary President and will continue as a Member of the IAAF Council.

<>Polish Prime Minister is fast out of the blocks<> Aleksander Kwasniewski, the head of the Polish Government has a PB for 100m of 11.1 seconds. But his Sport Minister Tomasz Lipiec has even better athletics credentials. He was 5th at the 50km Race Walk at the 1997 World Championships. He is a Vice-President of the Polish Athletic Federation.

<>Sri Lankan President's athletics credentials<> The new Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapakse was sworn into office in a state ceremony in the capital Colombo, Sri Lanka, on 19 November 2005. In 1997, Rajapaksa was the President of the Athletics Association of Sri Lanka, the year in which Susanthika Jayasinghe sped to the World Championship women's 200m silver medal in Athens. This was the first ever medal for Sri Lanka at the World Championships in Athletics.

EVAA/EMSA President Dieter Massin receives the highest DLV award



At the European Masters Sports Association (EMSA) Council meeting in Rüsselsheim, GER, on 21 October the EVAA/EMSA President Dieter Massin received the DLV Honorary Plaque, from the DLV Honorary President Theo Rous for his outstanding services to German athletics (*see photo left*). The award is the highest honour that the German Federation can bestow.

World Junior Championships - Alteration to Decathlon Entry Standard

With the introduction of the 0.99m hurdle for junior men's events, it became necessary to make some adjustment to the Decathlon Entry Standard for 11th IAAF World Junior Championships, Beijing, China, 15-20 August 2006, something which has already occurred for the men's individual 110m Hurdles event. This change means that for Beijing there are now three standards for the Decathlon, as follows: Either 6875 (1.067m H / 7.26kg SP / 2Kg DT) or 7050 (1.067m H / 6Kg SP / 1.75Kg DT) or 7090 (.995m H / 6Kg SP / 1.75Kg DT).

**ATHLETES SANCTIONED FOR A DOPING OFFENCE SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER
ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE IAAF AS OF 9 December 2005**

KAZIMIEROWSKI Jacek	POL	Norrtaälje Galan (SWE)	11.7.05	Public Warning
SHAROVA Galina	RUS	National Chmps (Tula, RUS)	24.6.04	2 years ineligibility (30.7.04-29.7.06)
FEDOSEVA Elena	RUS	National Chmps (Tula, RUS)	24.6.04	2 years ineligibility (30.7.04-29.7.06)
LISOGOR Ilya	RUS	National Chmps (Tula, RUS)	23.6.04	2 years ineligibility (20.7.04-19.7.06)
IOSIFIDI Natalya	RUS	National Meeting (Krasnodar, RUS)	23.5.04	2 years ineligibility (22.6.04-21.6.06)
ESER Senem	TUR	Turkey MR Chmps (Bursa, TUR)	25.6.05	2 years ineligibility (7.9.05-6.9.07)
SALMI Nabil	ALG	Gaz de France (Bugeat, FRA)	14.6.05	2 years ineligibility (5.10.05-4.10.07)
ESEN Nilay	TUR	Turkey MR Chmps (Bursa, TUR)	25.6.05	2 years ineligibility (31.8.05-30.8.07)
VIVIERS Innis	RSA	National Out-of-Competition	11.2.05	Life Ban
PISKUNOV Vladyslav	UKR	10 th IAAF World Chmps Helsinki	8.8.05	Life Ban
BORCHIN Valeriy	RUS	National Chmps (Adler, RUS)	13.3.05	1 year ineligibility (1.6.05-31.5.06)
RAMOS Rosario	VEN	Juegos Bolivarianos (Armenia, COL)	19.8.05	2 years ineligibility (6.9.05-5.9.07)
PAVLYUCHENKO Sergiy	UKR	Meeting de Tenerife (La Laguna, ESP)	30.7.05	2 years ineligibility (7.9.05-6.9.07)
ERREBBAH Mostapha	ITA	Fort de France Half Mar., Martinique	28.11.04	2 years ineligibility (31.3.05-30.3.07)
BOOKMAN Leo	USA	Jamaica International Meet	7.5.05	Public Warning
WADE Larry	USA	IAAF OOC	1.5.04	2 years ineligibility (12.7.04-11.7.06)
NJOKU Ekpa Simon	NGR	15 th AFN/MOBIL chmps	8.7.05	Public Warning
VOLKOVA Anna	RUS	Russian Cup in Sochi	12.9.05	2 years ineligibility (21.10.05-20.10.07)
KONONCHIK Natalya	RUS	Russian Cup in Sochi	12.9.05	2 years ineligibility (17.10.05-16.10.07)
YARYGINA Oksana	RUS	National OOC in Stavropol	31.5.05	2 years ineligibility (8.8.05-7.8.07)
KASUMU Ahmed	NGR	National Championships	11.5.04	2 years ineligibility (18.6.04-17.6.06)
EL AMINE Badr	MAR	EWE Meeting (Cuxhaven, GER)	9.7.05	2 years ineligibility (2.9.05-1.9.07)
BERNARDELLI Michal	POL	Meeting national d'Albertville (FRA)	06.7.05	Public Warning
PAPADOPOULOU Maria	GRE	IAAF OOC	29.07.05	2 year ineligibility

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.



Sue Richardson, one of the IAAF's longest serving Staff Members has been absent for a considerable length of time with health problems.

Sue, who is currently recuperating from her long hospital stay, would like to thank all her well-wishers for the cards, emails, calls and flowers she has received. After a short break in the UK, Sue returned to Monaco where she is undergoing some more treatment before returning to work, hopefully, early in 2006.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY OFFICE SHUTDOWN

The IAAF HQ Offices will be closed: Sat 24 Dec 2005 to Mon 2 Jan 2006 inclusive.

NB. During this period the IAAF website - www.iaaf.org - will be updated on a daily basis as usual.

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