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2011 / 2013 Evaluation – Next Stop Mombasa



(I to r) President of the Spanish Athletics Federation Jose-Maria Odriozola with Nawal El Moutawakel, Helmut Digel, Pierre Weiss and Cesar Moreno Bravo in the Olympic Stadium in Barcelona



Helmut Digel (I) & Cesar Moreno Bravo (r) are shown the stadium by Bum-Il-Kim (c) Mayor of Daegu



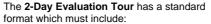
Helmut Digel, Nawal Moutawakel, Cesar Moreno, and Pierre Weiss brave the Russian winter at the warm up track of Moscow's Luzhniki Olympic Stadium



Brisbane's stadium at the Queensland Sport and Athletic Centre

The IAAF Evaluation Team has completed its on-site tour of candidates for the 2011 and 2013 IAAF World Championships in Athletics. The four cities in the race to host these editions of the IAAF's key event are (dates visited by Evaluation Team in brackets) Barcelona, Spain (23/24 Jan 07), Brisbane, Australia (20/21 Feb 07), Daegu, Korea (23/24 Feb 07), and Moscow, Russia (20/21 Jan 07).

The **Evaluation Team** was led by IAAF Vice-President Helmut Digel (GER) and consisted of Council Members César Moreno Bravo (MEX) and Nawal El Moutawakel (MAR), as well as IAAF General Secretary Pierre Weiss, Communications Director Nick Davies, Project Manager Rosie Pili, and representatives of IAAF Marketing Partner Dentsu and their agents AMS (on Barcelona / Moscow visits, Junko Shiota and Nigel Swinscoe, and on Brisbane / Daegu visits, Hiro Kuwabara and Stephan Brubacher).



- Visits to the Main Stadium and Training/warm up venues
- Visits to hotels which will be used for Athletes Accommodation (not in case of Brisbane and Daegu who propose to build Athlete Villages) and for IAAF Family
- Visit to IAAF Congress Venue
- Meeting with the Bidding Committee to discuss the Bidding Documents and procedures
- Press Conference

The Evaluation Team analyses the capabilities of each contender in a number of key areas based upon careful study of the bidding documents and on the site visits:

- · Stadium and surrounding facilities
- Broadcasting
- Support of Public Institutions
- Athletes Accommodation
- · Accommodation of IAAF Family
- Marketing and Promotions (Full stadium)
- Transportation
- Technical organization of the competition
- Anti-Doping and Medical
- IAAF Congress
- Security
 Communication
- Communications and Media Services
- Innovation
- Added Value

The hosts of the 2011 and 2013 World Championships in Athletics will be selected and announced on the occasion of the IAAF Council Meeting in Mombasa, Kenya, on 27 March 2007.



IAAF Area Representative for the Oceania Area, Bill Bailey (second from left) shows the Evaluation team around Brisbane's stadium



Cesar Moreno and Nawal El Moutawakel during the visit to the Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow



IAAF Council Member Jung-Ki Park (I) with Pierre Weiss (c) and Sang-Ha Park (r) in Daegu



Luis Saladie of the Spanish Federation goes over a plan of the Olympic Stadium in Barcelona with members of the Evaluation Team



IAAF Green Project for a healthier Earth

The Japanese city of Osaka which will host the 11th IAAF World Championships in Athletics this summer (25 August to 2 September 2007) was the launch venue on 19 February 2007 for the IAAF Green Project, the IAAF's first environmental programme.

The IAAF Green Project reflects a commitment to find ways to contribute to the well-being of the global environment at major events such as the IAAF World Championships in Athletics, and is supported by 2000 Olympic Marathon champion Naoko Takahashi, and 2004 Olympic Hammer Throw gold medallist Koji

Murofushi, and the world renowned British singer Sarah Brightman, who is a Green Ambassador for the IAAF Green Project.

It is hoped that this programme will contribute to a healthier earth, one that supports a future in which everyone can enjoy life's many and varied activities such as the innate human actions of walking, running, jumping and throwing which are encompassed by Athletics, the mother of all sports. Introduced for the first time in Osaka 2007, the IAAF Green Project, will continue at the next Championships in Berlin in 2009, and in further editions. Detailed plans are currently being

worked out based around the following two key concepts:

Green Management: Reducing Environmental Impact; Energy Saving / Resource Consumption Control; Waste Production Control / Utilization of Recycled Materials; Ecological Measures regarding Transportation; Raising of Environmental Awareness

Green Earth: Fundraising for and contributing to Greening Activities, and working together with sympathetic athletes, localities and corporate partners to build support.



Photo Left: IAAF Green Project launch. (I to r): Vice President of the JAAF, Koji Sakurai; IAAF Vice-President Helmut Digel; Olympic champion Naoko Takahashi; IAAF General Secretary Pierre Weiss; General Secretary of Local Organising Committee for Osaka 2007, Hiromasa Hammi

Photo Right: IAAF Green Project launch - Olympic champion Naoko Takahashi.



1st Africa International Sports Convention

The first-ever Africa International Sports Convention drew more than 200 delegates from all over the world to the Senegalese capital, Dakar, from 1 - 3 February 2007. The Sport Expo was also a veritable success with the participation of 14 companies and international sports organizations.

The conference examined issues involving the development of sport in Africa at which President Lamine Diack made a keynote speech.

Among the other notable speakers were Bob Elphinston, Australia, President of the International Basketball Federation (FIBA), Sam Ramsamy, South Africa, member of the Executive Commission of the IOC. Mustapha Larfaoui, Algeria, President of the African Union of Sports Confederations (UCSA), and President of the International Swimming Federation (FINA), Lassana Palenfo, Cote d'Ivoire, President of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA) and member of the IOC, Dr. Ching-Kuo Wu, Chinese Tapei, President of the International Boxing Federation (AIBA) and IOC member, Kelly Fairweather, South Africa, Sports Director of the IOC, and Michel Tchoya, Cameroon,

Director of the Supreme Council of Sport in Africa (SCSA).

The conference ended on 3 February with a Gala which saw the display of Senegalese culture with musical performances. There were moments of emotion when the contributions to sport of Judge Keba Mbaye, who passed away last month, were recalled.

Algerian Hassiba Boulmerka, World and Olympic champion, and Kenyan Kip Keino, double Olympic champion, were respectively immortalized in the African Sports Hall of Fame which was inaugurated at the Gala.

IAAF Regional Development Centre and Oceania Congress

In a recent visit to Australia, President Lamine Diack officially opened the IAAF's Oceania Regional Development Centre (RDC) in Brisbane (14 Feb).

At the Queensland Sport and Athletic Centre, President Diack spoke highly of the work of the RDC, which has been based in Brisbane since switching from Adelaide in March last year. "Athletics is for everyone so it is wonderful that all the 19 federations of the Oceania region can have access to such a wonderful facility."

President Diack also attended the Congress of the Oceania Athletic Association which was held at Broadbeach on Australia's Gold Coast (16 Feb), with the Member Federations of the Oceania Area Group enthusiastically supporting his candidacy for a further term in office of

IAAF President by acclamation.



During his welcome, Mayor of the Gold Coast, **Ron Clarke**, one of the world's greatest distance runners of the 1960's presented to President Diack a signed photograph (above) of a famous moment in sporting history when another great Australian athlete, John Landy, stopped racing to assist the fallen Clarke and then went on to

win the Australian Mile Championship. That single action has been recognised as one of the finest examples of sportsmanship in history.

The newly elected members of the OAA Council are: Geoff Gardner, President (NFI), Titaua Maurin (PYF), Robin Eugenio (NMA), Filimoni Vuli Waqa (FIJ), Lalau Willie Fong (SAM), Trevor Spittle (NZL) and Danny Corcoran (AUS).

The new OAA Council met for the first time on Monday 19 February 2007.

Current IAAF Area Representative for the Oceania Area, Bill Bailey (AUS) was re-elected for another four year term and continues as an ex-officio member of the OAA Council.



Broadcasting Deals and Major Research project announced

Greater than ever coverage of IAAF World Athletics Series competitions

Television rights agreements covering virtually all the key territories in Latin America were concluded in January. After negotiations handled by the Japanese corporation Dentsu Inc, the IAAF's exclusive worldwide partner for the exploitation of commercial rights, a total of 10 territories, including the three major economies of Brazil, Mexico and Argentina, will receive greater than ever coverage of IAAF World Athletics Series competitions.

As part of the IAAF strategy to pursue maximal "free to air" coverage, the new agreements include many new partners and mostly terrestrial broadcasting partners. For example, in seven Latin American territories, coverage of the IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Osaka 2007 will be assured through a deal with the Latin American broadcasting union OTI. In Mexico and Chile renewals have also been completed with leading terrestrial broadcasters Televisa and TVN

respectively, not only for Osaka but also for other IAAF World Athletics Series competitions.

In Brazil, which is the biggest economic market in South America, for the first time since Dentsu has been handling the sale of rights, the IAAF has secured a new long term deal with **Globosat**, the leading pay TV operator that will ensure coverage of all IAAF World Athletics Series competitions 2007-2009 throughout the territory.

Reviewing the global state of track and field

In February, the IAAF launched the biggest, most in-depth survey of the sport of track and field athletics ever conducted, in partnership with one of the world's leading companies in its field, **Sponsorship Intelligence** (SI).

The IAAF is keen to gather as much information as possible about the current state of the sport around the world in order to assist it in the planning and development of the sport. Supported by Dentsu/AMS, the IAAF's marketing partners, SI was

selected for this prestigious and farreaching project after an intensive selection process.

As part of a three-year contract through to 2009, SI, the IAAF's first research partner, will review the global state of track and field, with particular focus on the sport's commercial potential, as part of the IAAF's new strategy under its Marketing Director, Luis Carulla.

SI is part of the Publicis Groupe, the world's second largest media consultancy, and already works with a number of leading international sports federations, such as the International Olympic Committee, FIFA and UEFA. Its other clients include blue chip global brands Coca-Cola, MasterCard and Samsung, as well as leading sports agencies.

SI has already been conducting research on athletics for more than a decade, thus offering the IAAF access to an invaluable resource of data and experience in the field.

"Charming Smile" is Liu Xiang's "Best Weapon" - IAAF Media Training programme begins

World record holder and Olympic 110m Hurdles champion Liu Xiang, and compatriot Shi Donpeng, seventh at 2003 World Championships 110m Hurdles, attended an intensive 2-hour Media Training session in Stuttgart, Germany on 1 February 2007. This IAAF initiative which will be replicated around the world in the coming months aims at improving the communications skills of the world's best athletes and is the latest example of concrete projects that have been developed by the IAAF Athletics' World Plan

Managed by the IAAF and presented by a UK-based company called **Premier Cru**, Media Training includes tips on how to respond to magazine style and news interviews, body language techniques, and ways to counter more difficult questions that always project the real personality and character of the athlete.

"I believe it is really important to give our heroes and superstars the chance to be trained, always having in mind that how they are presented in the Media is not only to their own advantage but also a good promotion for athletics," commented IAAF Vice President Helmut Digel, who also leads the IAAF Athletics' World Plan task force devoted to improving **Recognition of Athletics** around the world.

The undisputed hero of Chinese Athletics, Liu Xiang commented, "the three main points that I will remember from today are to always look into the eyes of the interviewer and use my body language to give a positive message; to use my charming smile, which the teacher described as my best weapon and finally to give shorter answer so as to give a chance to the translator to relay my exact words."

The Chinese delegation was headed by Dr. Feng, Vice President of the Chinese Athletics Federation who declared we will "go back to China and tell all our other athletes about all the tips we were taught....All we've learned today will be very precious to us."



Dr Feng, Liu Xiang and Dr. Helmut Digel at the IAAF Media Training



Liu Xiang concentrates during the IAAF Media Training



Shi Dongpeng under goes IAAF Media Training



OBITUARIES - fuller tributes are available on the IAAF website: www.iaaf.org



Maria Cioncan (ROM) - 2004 Olympic 1500m bronze medallist (Born 19/06/1977) died in a car crash on 21 January 2007. The 2000 European Cup winner who had outdoor PBs of 1:59.44 (800), 3:58.39 (1500), was returning from a training camp when the accident happened in Bulgaria. Cioncan was the Romanian champion at both 800m and 1500m.

Ali-Gerritsen De Vries (NED) - died at her hometown Amsterdam on Saturday 20 January 2007. She was 92 years old. In 1936 she was a member of the Dutch 4 x 100metres team which finished fifth (48.8) in the final of the Olympic Games of Berlin (1936).

Helmut Ebert (GER) - German athlete manager and coach died at the age of 63 in Gera on 1 February 2007, after a six year battle with cancer. In the days of the GDR, Ebert represented his country in international matches on four occasions as a 400m runner. He guided the careers of notables such as Katrin Dörre-Heinig, Ilke Wyludda, Lars Riedel, Christina Obergföll, Steffi Nerius etc....

Ken Elexey (GUY) - Junior Vice President of the Athletics Association of Guyana (AAG) passed away on Saturday 6 January 2007, after a short illness with colon cancer. A dynamic member of the Executive responsible for the Finance & Fundraising Committee.

Bob Ehrhart (USA) - director of the prestigious Drake Relays for 31 years, died of cancer at his West Des Moines home on 7 January 2007. He was 75. Coach for USA at 1989 IAAF World Cup; Head manager for USA at 1993 World Championships, and 1997 Junior Pan American Games; President of the U.S. Track Coaches Association 1984-1985.

Johnny Gibson (USA) - The former World record holder at 400m Hurdles died on 29 December 2006 in a nursing home in Newton, New Jersey, aged 101. Coach at Seton Hall University (1946-72), he trained 1952 Olympic 200m champion Andy Stanfield.

Ursula Kaiser (GER) - who regularly reported for the IAAF website and IAAF Magazine, died in the early morning of 28 December 2006. The death of the 44-year-old prolific German athletics journalist came as a huge shock. Kaiser started writing for the Stuttgarter Nachrichten as well as for Germany's athletics magazine, Leichtathletik, and also regularly worked for Sonntag Aktuell and Rheinpfalz, and the German agency, DPA.





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Kéba Mbaye (SEN) - His Excellency Judge Kéba Mbaye (SEN), the Chairman of International Olympic Committee's (IOC) Ethics Commission and President of International Council of Arbitration for Sport (ICAS) died 11 January 2007 in the Senegalese capital Dakar at the age of 82. An Honorary Member of the IOC since 2002, and a former Vice-President of the International Court of Justice in The Hague, The Netherlands (1981-1993), he was a highly distinguished practitioner in international law. A member of the IOC from 1973 to 2002, Mbaye had spells on the Executive Board (1984 - 1988 / 1993 - 1998) and as Vice-President (1988 - 1992 / 1998 - 2002).

Liese Prokop (AUT) - 1968 Olympic silver medallist for Pentathlon died on 31 December 2006, aged 65, of a ruptured aorta. 1969 European Pentathlon champion and also set a World record of 5352 points (4727 on the 1971 tables) in Vienna on 4/5 October 1969. The 1967 World University Games Pentathlon champion, she won 21 national titles at individual events. Active in politics from 1969, becoming deputy governor of Lower Austria province and then Austrian minister of the interior in 2004.

Yelena Romanova (RUS) - 1992 Olympic 3000m champion died on 28 January 2007 in Volgograd at the age of 43 after suffering from heart-related problems for several years. Romanova (born 20 Mar 1963 née Malykhina) was 1990 European 10,000m gold and 3000m silver medallist, and in 1991 won the World silver medal.

Sydney Wooderson (GBR) - World Mile and 800m record breaker in the late 1930s, died on 21 December 2006, aged 92. "The Mighty Atom" won European titles that straddled WWII (800m – 1938; 5000m 1946) and set World records for the Mile, 800 metres and 880 yards, the latter with a time, 1:49.2 that would remain unbeaten for 17 years.



Chuang-Kwang Yang (TPE) - 1960 Olympic Decathlon runner-up died in Los Angeles on 27 January 2007 of a brain hemorrhage at the age of 73. He was Chinese Taipei's first Olympic medallist, and was also 8th in 1956 Olympics, and took the 1954 and 1958 Asian Games titles. First man to exceed 9000 pts with his World record 9121 (8009 on the current tables) at Walnut in 1963.

Willye White (USA) - Two-time Olympic medallist died on 6 February 2007 in Chicago, USA, of pancreatic cancer. She was 67-years-old. The first woman to compete for the USA in five Olympics, Willye White was the top American long jumper during the 1960s, taking 1956 Olympic silver medal. In Tokyo 1964, she won a silver medal in the 4x100m relay.

ATHLETES SANCTIONED FOR A DOPING OFFENCE SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE IAAF AS OF 20 February 2007

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BOOTHBY Scott	USA	National OOCT 26.6	6+6.9.06	8 years ineligibility (1.8.06-31.7.14)
IVANOVA Lyubov	RUS	IAAF World Athletics Final, Stuttgart	8.9.06	2 years ineligibility (2.11.06-1.11.08)
CHEROMEI Lydia	KEN	IAAF OOCT, Eldoret (KEN)	24.2.05	2 years ineligibility (20.5.05-19.5.07)
ESSAROHK Latifa	FRA	DN GALAN, Stockholm	25.7.06	2 years ineligibility (18.10.06-17.10.08)
GEZZAR Nordine	FRA	Strasbourg Meeting, Strasbourgt (FRA)	19.6.06	2 years ineligibility (15.12.06-14.12.08)
		Championnat de France, Tomblaine	22.7.06	
VARGA Roland	HUN	National competition in Debrecen	22.7.06	2 years ineligibility (18.9.06-17.9.08)
PAUER Geza	HUN	National competition in Debrecen	22.7.06	2 years ineligibility (18.9.06-17.9.08)
HORVATH Gergely	HUN	National competition in Debrecen	22.7.06	2 years ineligibility (18.9.06-17.9.08)
EL GHAZI Hayat	MAR	15th African Athletics Chmps, Mauritius	10.8.06	2 years ineligibility (13.9.06-12.9.08)
KIRAME Nabil	MAR	15th African Athletics Chmps, Mauritius	10.8.06	Public Warning
FERREIRA Sebastiao	BRA	24h de Roche, Roche la Molière (FRA)	12.6.05	2 years ineligibility (18.8.05-17.8.07)
DGHOUGHI Aïssa	MAR	IAAF OOCT, St Moritz, Switzerland 28-	-29.7.06	3 years ineligibility (28.12.06-27.12.09)
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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.



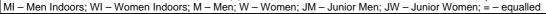
ALL World Record Performances in 2006 – Ratified

Performances shown in ITALICS were NOT Ratified, and reason is given

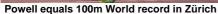
EVENT		Athlete/Team	NAT	Date in 2006	Location	Mark	Date Ratified or reason why NOT Ratified
INDOORS							
4 x 400m	WI	Russia (2)	RUS	28 Jan	Glasgow, GBR	3:23.37	9 May 06
High Jump	WI	Kajsa BERGQVIST	SWE	4 Feb	Arnstadt, GER	2.08	9 May 06
4 x 400m	MI	United States (3)	USA	11 Feb	Fayetteville, USA	3:01.96	no EPO test
Pole Vault	WI	Yelena ISINBAYEVA	RUS	12 Feb	Donetsk, UKR	4.91	13 Apr 06
3000m	WI	Liliya SHOBUKHOVA	RUS	17 Feb	Moskva, RUS	8:27.86	9 May 06
1500m	WI	Yelena SOBOLEVA	RUS	18 Feb	Moskva, RUS	3:58.28	9 May 06
			OUTI	DOORS			
20km Road (1)	М	Haile GEBRSELASSIE	ETH	15 Jan	Phoenix, USA	55:48	10 Jul 06
Half Marathon	М	Haile GEBRSELASSIE	ETH	15 Jan	Phoenix, USA	58:55	10 Jul 06
10km Walk Road	JM	Sergey MOROZOV, 1988	RUS	19 Feb	Adler, RUS	39:45	no EPO test
25km Road	М	Haile GEBRSELASSIE	ETH	12 Mar	Alphen aan den Rijn, NED	1:11:37	no EPO test
15km Road (4)	W	Kayoko FUKUSHI	JPN	5 Feb	Marugame, JPN	46:55	10 Jul 06
100m	M=	Justin GATLIN	USA	12 May	Doha, QAT	9.77(=)**	doping case**
5000m	W	Meseret DEFAR	ETH	3 Jun	New York, USA	14:24.53	25 Jul 06
100m	M=	Asafa POWELL	JAM	11 Jun	Gateshead, GBR	9.77(=)	25 Jul 06
Hammer Throw	W	Gulfiya KHANAFEYEVA	RUS	12 Jun	Tula, RUS	77.26	20 Sep 06
Hammer Throw	W	Tatyana LYSENKO	RUS	24 Jun	Zhukovsky, RUS	77.41	20 Sep 06
110m H	М	Xiang LIU	CHN	11 Jul	Lausanne, SUI	12.88	1 Aug 06
Hammer Throw	JM	Yevgeniy AYDAMIROV, 1987	RUS	22 Jul	Tula, RUS	82.62	20 Sep 06
4 x 100m	JW	"United States "Blue" (5)	USA	8 Aug	Eugene, OR, USA	43.29	7 Nov 06
Hammer Throw	W	Tatyana LYSENKO	RUS	15 Aug	Tallinn, EST	77.80	1 Oct 06
Discus Throw	JM	Margus HUNT, 1987	EST	15 Aug	Beijing, CHN	66.35	12 Sep 06
Discus Throw	JM	Margus HUNT, 1987	EST	16 Aug	Beijing, CHN	66.68	12 Sep 06
Discus Throw	JM	Margus HUNT, 1987	EST	16 Aug	Beijing, CHN	67.32	12 Sep 06
100m	M=	Asafa POWELL	JAM	18 Aug	Zürich, SUI	9.77(=)	1 Oct 06
4 x 800m Relay	M	Kenya (6)	KEN	25 Aug	Bruxelles, BEL	7:02.43	9 Nov 06
20km Road	W	Lornah KIPLAGAT	NED	8 Oct	Debrecen, HUN	1:03:21	7 Nov 06
10km Walk Road	JM	Chu YAFEI	CHN	21 Oct	Xi'an	39:00	not enough qualified judges
25km Road (7)	W	Constantina TOMESCU	ROM	22 Oct	Chicago, USA	1:21:31	no doping control
30km Road (7)	W	Constantina TOMESCU	ROM	22 Oct	Chicago, USA	1:38:30	no doping control
50km Walk Road	М	Nathan DEAKES	AUS	02 Dec	Geelong, AUS	3:35:47	15 Jan 07
10km Road	М	Eliud KIPCHOGE	KEN	31 Dec	Madrid, ESP	26:54	separation and elevation rule
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NOTES:

- (1) intermediate time in Half Marathon; (2) "Yuliya GUSHCHINA, Olga KOTLYAROVA, Olga ZAYTSEVA, Olesya KRASNOMOVETS" (3) "Kerron CLEMENT, Wallace SPEARMON, Darold WILLIAMSON, Jeremy WARINER"; (4) as intermediate time in Half Marathon (5) "Bianca KNIGHT (89), Jeneba TARMOH (89), Elizabeth OLEAR (88), Gabrielle MAYO (89)"; (6) "Joseph MUTUA, William YIAMPOY, Ismael KOMBICH, Wilfred BUNGEI"; (7) as intermediate time in Half Marathon (The Company of the Com









Margus Hunt - one of his three World Junior records

World record - recently ratified

Men - Senior

50km Race Walk

3:35:47 Nathan Deakes AUS, Geelong, AUS, 02 Dec 06 (photo right) Previous: 3:36:03 Robert Korzeniowski POL, Paris, FRA 27 Aug 03





Kids' Athletics in Chile, Congo, and UAE

Kids' Athletics Event Organizers' Seminar

Former IAAF Development Dept Director Björn Wangemann, who is currently leading a German Athletics Development Programme in Uruguay, travelled from 15 to 21 December 2006 to Santiago de Chile.

In cooperation with the IAAF Member Federation FEDACHI and the German NOC a Kids' Athletics Event Organizers' Seminar was held which was attended by over 50 PE Teachers and Students. An important part of the seminar was a special practical workshop where the participants learned how to construct the necessary event equipment, and as always, the seminar finished with a final exhibition event which involved 80 kids between 7 and 12 years. Kids Athletics has been made extremely popular under the name Mini-Atletismo also in many other South American countries such as Ecuador, Brazil and

Wangemann will return to Chile in March to direct two further similar seminars in a northern and southern region of the country. The German government is also sponsoring two delegates from the Athletics Federation of Venezuela to participate in these activities.

Kids' Athletics Exhibition

An IAAF Kids' Athletics Exhibition was held during the first International Olympic Forum devoted to Youth, Sport and Peace. This forum was organised by the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA) and took place in Brazzaville, Congo from 9 to 11 January 2007.

The IAAF provided Kids' Athletics kit and athletics equipment to the local organisers, and commissioned an IAAF Consultant to lead the Kids' Athletics Competition in Brazzaville, with the assistance of the athletics Federation of the Republic of Congo.

The competition was preceded by a course for the 24 'Educators' taking part in the event, which presented the IAAF Educational Project for the development of youth athletics in clubs and schools.

IAAF Educational programme launched in UAE

The Ministry of Education of the UAE has solicited the IAAF to implant its new Athletics Educational Programme for kids and youth in 1500 schools. 36 PE Teachers took part in the course (including 20 women) at which all Emirates' regions were represented. The course was conducted by Dr Azza Elemari and Abdel Malek El Hebil (IAAF) from 4 to 11 February in Abu Dhabi.

The course concluded with a very exciting competition in which 64 kids participated (including 32 girls) in 8 mixed teams. As usual, all the children received IAAF Diplomas, and the competition was so full of fun that one declared "it is the happiest day in my life!"

The closing ceremony was attended by the President of the UAE Athletics Federation and the chief of the PE Department of the Ministry of Education, and all the participants left the course with a deep will to implement the new IAAF programme in their respective areas.



Participants of Kids' Athletics Event Organizers' Seminar in Santiago de Chile



A demonstration at the IAAF Kids' Athletics Exhibition in Brazzaville



Kids with their IAAF Diplomas in Abu Dhabi

Council meetings of the IAU, and the WMRA

Over the weekend of 14 / 15 January 2007, both the Council of International Association of Ultrarunners (IAU) and the Council of the World Mountain Running Association (WMRA) held their annual meetings in Monaco.

The IAU, which works under the Patronage of the IAAF, made a number of important decisions at its Executive meeting, which included adapting its competition labelling system, and confirming that out of competition doping controls will be carried out in co-operation with the IAAF. The Council also confirmed that the Final of the IAU 50km Trophy will be run again in Palermo, Sicily, Italy on 14 October 2007.

At their Council meeting the WMRA executive appointed an Anti-Doping Commission who will be responsible for implementing the WMRA Anti-Doping regulations, the details of which will be finalised in the near future. The members of the Commission are Danny Hughes (GBR), Tomo Sarf (SLO), Bruno Gozzelino (ITA), Dr Sonja Ambrosy (GER) and Thomas Capdevielle (IAAF). The first meeting of the Commission will take place on 9 March 2007 when the final text of the regulations will be agreed and arrangements for both 'in competition' and 'out of competition' Anti-Doping tests will be announced. The WMRA Council also appointed Isabelle Marechal (FRA) as Organisational Delegate for the 2007 World Trophy in Ovronnaz (Switzerland).

IAAF PRESS COMMISSION – information held over from NEWS 83 (DEC 2006)

The **IAAF Press Commission** met at Grand Prix 1 room, Fairmont Hotel, Monte-Carlo, on 13 November 2006.

Nineteen members were present with proceedings held under the chairmanship of Gianni Merlo. IAAF General Secretary Pierre Weiss gave a welcome on behalf of IAAF President Lamine Diack who was unavailable due to preparations for the two-day IAAF Council meeting in Monaco which began that same day.

Members stood for a moment's silence in honour of the memory of four members (Press Commission / or its precursor IAAF Press Working Group) who had died since their last meeting - Istvan Gyulai, Robert Pariente, Matti Salmenkylä and Rolf von der Laage.

As usual the topics discussed in the meeting were many and varied. These included the Media Facilities and Services at World Athletics Series and

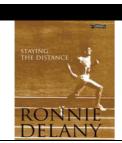
World Athletics Tour events, the role and purpose of the IAAF website, and under the topic of The Well-Being and Future of Athletics a varied selection of subjects - Athletes identification; Falsification of Ages; African names, Competition Clothing and the identification of athletes; Four Attempts in throws and horizontal jumps; the validity of current World records.



New Member Federation officers – recent elections (r) = re-elected								
MF	President	Gen Sec	M	F	President	Gen Sec		
AFG		Hewad Akbari	TK	М	Nuryev Annaguly	Hadji Rahmanov		
ALG	Amar Bouras		TF	Ξ	Ephraim Servette	Alan Baboobal (r)		
BAR	Catherine Jordan (r)	Esther Maynard (r)	TU	Z	Younes Chetali (r)	Bechir Elloumi (r)		
BIH	Zoran Vuksic		VI	7	Keisha Sutherland			
GBR	Edmond Warner	Niels De Vos (CEO)						
MAR	Abdeslam Ahizoune	M'Hamed Nouri			Acting President	Acting General Sec		
NRU		Olympia Zacharias	UA	E	Mohammed Helel Al Kaa'abi	Mohamed Al Sallaqi		

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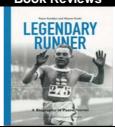
- <> Abdeslam Ahizoune <> MAR President. Present President of the Board of Directors of Maroc Telecom; Member of Board of Directors of Vivendi Universal; Honours: Knight of the Order of the Legion of Honour (2003); Past - Minister of Telecommunications. Mark Dompig <> SUR Gen Sec. Present – Marketing Representative, Fuel and Gasoil (State Oil Company) 1995 to present; Track and Field Coach (IAAF Level 1 course) 1989 to present, trained athlete Tommy Asinga to PAN-AM Bronze; Past - Commercial Business Manager, Suriname Water Producing Company 1991-1993; High School Teacher 1991-1993; University Lecturer 1994-1995. Keisha Natasha Sutherland <> VIN President. Present – Career: Accountancy; Volunteer with Team Athletics St. Vincent and the Grenadines: Past - Teacher 2003: Receptionist 2000-2002.
- Mubanga Kennedy Kabangu<> ZAM Gen. Sec. Present Career: Researcher; Past ZAAA Administrative Secretary 2004-2006; Team Manager at following: World Youth Champs 2005 and World Junior Champs 2006.



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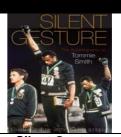
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