

VTB becomes an Official IAAF Partner

“The sport of Athletics is a perfect partner”

Last month a major new sponsorship agreement was concluded with the Russian bank VTB which has become an Official IAAF Partner.



Following negotiations held between Russia's leading sports marketing agency, Sportima representing VTB and the IAAF's global Marketing partner Dentsu, the IAAF has been able to secure the first ever sponsorship agreement with an International Sports Federation by a Russian Corporation.

Second biggest bank in Russia

“I am really glad to note that VTB and the International Association of Athletics Federations have entered a stage of intensive cooperation which, I hope, will be most fruitful and rewarding,” confirmed VTB's Chairman and CEO Andrey L. Kostin. “The Bank as a sponsor of the IAAF is absolutely sure that our cooperation will spread worldwide and, especially, in Russia.”

VTB, the second biggest bank in Russia, has acquired the sponsorship rights to the IAAF's most important competition, the World Championships in Athletics (2007 Osaka, JPN, 2009 Berlin, GER, and 2011 Daegu, KOR editions), as well as to the World Indoor Championships (2008 Valencia, ESP and 2010, venue to be decided).

In addition, VTB will now have title sponsorship rights for the IAAF World Athletics Final (2007 - 2011) and the next edition of the IAAF World Cup, which will take place in Split, CRO in 2010.



Russia, a powerhouse of our sport

“I am delighted that the IAAF can now announce the first of what I expect will be a number of significant sponsorship agreements with Russian companies.”

“Russia has always been a powerhouse of our sport, producing hundreds of star athletes over the past decades, but now, the fast expanding Russian marketplace is also turning its attention to the appeal of international athletics.”

“This agreement demonstrates that the sport of athletics is a perfect partner for Russian companies who are aggressively expanding internationally.”

Lamine Diack
IAAF President



Jacques Rogge pays first ever visit to IAAF HQ

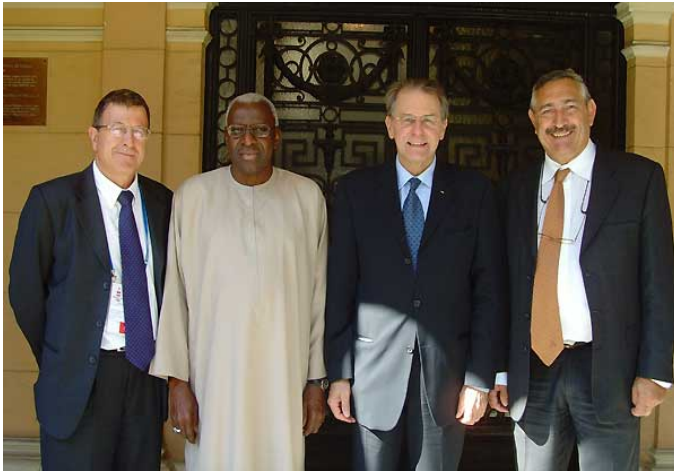


Photo: l to r: Gilbert Felli, Lamine Diack, Jacques Rogge, Pierre Weiss

International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Jacques Rogge made his first ever visit to the headquarters of the International Association of Athletics Federations in Monte-Carlo on 4 June, and held an informal meeting with President Lamine Diack.

President Rogge, who was in Monaco for the opening of the 12th Games of the Small States of Europe which took place in the Principality from 4 to 9 June 2007, was accompanied on his visit to Villa Miraflores to meet President Diack and IAAF General Secretary Pierre Weiss, by Olympic Games Executive Director Gilbert Felli.

At the meeting the two presidents discussed a number of topics including the Youth Olympics, arrangements for the traditional meeting between the IAAF Council and the IOC Executive Board which will take place on the day prior to the start of the IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Osaka, Japan (25 Aug – 2 Sep), and also general preparations for next year's Olympic Games in Beijing, China.

BEIJING 2008 - Games of the XXIX Olympiad

A General Site Visit was paid to Beijing, China on 17/18 May with regard to next year's Olympic Games. The Chinese capital will host the **Games of the XXIX Olympiad** in 2008 from the 8th August to 24th August 2008.

During the visit a memorandum of understanding was signed by

President Lamine Diack on behalf of the IAAF with the local organising committee, BOCOG. The relationship between the two bodies is excellent.

The IAAF hotel during the Olympics will be the Westin Hotel which is brand new having opened in March 2007 in the finance district of Beijing. The Olympic Green (Stadium and Village)

is about 30 minutes away from the hotel by car.

With regard to entries/statistics the ORIS agreement has been signed, and it is also confirmed that a Statistics Handbook, Daily Programme, and Final Results Book will be published.

List of Officials - 11th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Osaka, Japan

Organisational Delegates	Photo Finish Judge
Lamine DIACK SEN; Helmut DIGEL GER	Johannes CHMIELEWSKI GER
Technical Delegates	International Technical Officials (ITOs)
Dapeng LOU CHN; Nawal EL MOUTAWAKEL MAR; Brian ROE AUS;	Gabriel ABAD SAN MARTIN ESP; Jane EDSTROM CAN; Sigyn EKWALL SWE; Ahmed ETTANNANI MAR Peter HAMILTON AUS; Ong Kek HEANG MAS; David LITTLEWOOD GBR; Jose Paulo MOREIRA POR Frederico NANTES BRA; Eric ZEMPER USA;
Jury of Appeal	
Council Members by rotation	
Anti-Doping Delegate	Race Walking Judge-Chief
Gabriel DOLLE FRA	Ronald DANIEL USA
Medical Delegate	Race Walking Judges
Juan Manuel ALONSO ESP	Ochieng Joseph OCHIENG KEN; Khoo CHONG BENG MAS; Shande YANG CHN; P. Wayne FLETCHER AUS; Jens GRUENBERG GER; Can KORKMAZOGLU TUR; Dolores ROJAS ESP; Stephen (Steve) TAYLOR GBR.
Press Delegate	
Yannis THEODORAKOPOULOS GRE	
TV Delegate	Recorder
Manuel ROMERO ESP	Luis SALADIE ESP; Nicola MAGGIO ITA
Statisticians	Assistant Chief Judges
Ottavio CASTELLINI ITA; Carlos FERNANDEZ CANET ESP; Tatsumi SENDA JPN	Peter MARLOW GBR; Yoshio MORIKAWA JPN;
Announcers	Course Measurer
<i>English</i> - Robert HERSH USA; E. Garry HILL CAN <i>French</i> - Marc MAURY FRA; Jean-Francois RAFFALLI FRA	Dave CUNDY AUS
Photo Commissioner	Athletes' Commission Representative
Juha NOUSIAINEN FIN	Michael CONLEY USA; Frank FREDERICKS NAM

Towards Osaka - IAAF World Athletics Day 2007



Of the total of 158 IAAF Member Federations who took part in the **IAAF World Athletics Day 2007** (12 – 13 May), 131 submitted their results by the deadline, and accordingly their event winning boys and girls (born 1990 and 1991) were entered for the traditional IAAF World Athletics Day Draw which took place this year in Monte-Carlo on Monday 18 June.

From these national winners, the names of twelve lucky children - one boy and one girl for each of the IAAF Areas - were drawn out and have been invited to the **11th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Osaka, Japan** (25 August-2 September 2007), with their travel and full board accommodation costs covered by the IAAF.

For the second year, six youths (born 1992 and 1993) were also invited to Monaco as part of the IAAF Schools' Activities project.

The Draw was made by IAAF Council Member Roberto Gesta De Melo, Consuladte President, under the scrutiny of IAAF General Secretary Pierre Weiss.

Yet it is not just these selected athletes who gain from the experience, as thousands of gifts such as T-Shirts, posters and pins were distributed to each competing Member Federation, with an IAAF World Athletics Day Diploma presented to all participants, helping to encourage enthusiasm for Athletics, the world's most international sport.

And the Winners are...

BOYS - Aged categories 1990-1991	GIRLS - Aged categories 1990-1991
Africa - IYELI Mboyo COD 1990 1500m 4.09.72 Asia - PANIN Vladimir UZB 1990 200m 23.43 Europe - DAN Lucian ROM 1990 TJ 13.77m N. America - FEARON Sidney GUA 1990 100m 11.32 Oceania - KAROSICH Kenneth GUM 1990 400m 53.72 S. America - DA SILVA WOLSKI Allan BRA 1990 HT 56.62m	Africa - MEDHAT MAHMOUD Heba EGY 1990 JT 39.41m Asia - BELOKLEITSEVA Mariya TKM 1991 800m 2:25.30 Europe - GARA Angelina RUS 1990 400mH 1:05.9 N. America - NETTEY Sabrina CAN 1990 100m 12.21 Oceania - DROTINI Akesa FIJ 1990 3000m 11:03.27 S. America - BENDEZU Cynthia PER 1991 1500m 4:57.10
SCHOOL - Aged categories 1992-1993	
Africa - MTHOMBANI W RSA 1992 80m 9.43 Asia - TSAI Wen-Tin TPE 1992 HJ 1.63m Europe - PICCHIETTI Matteo SMR 1992 LJ 6.03m	N. America - DILLON Simon DMA 1993 DT 47.40m Oceania - HAULANGI Niga NRU 1992 80m 9.4 S. America - NUNEZ Joselyne PAN 1993 1000m 3:20.0

Murofushi hammers home promotion of Osaka 2007 and World Athletics Day message



Photo: Murofushi in Osaka

A week before the global Athletics family celebrated the **2007 IAAF World Athletics Day**, one of the star names of Japanese and world athletics Koji Murofushi took part in an

IAAF Kids' Athletics event in Osaka on 6 May.

The venue for this promotion of youth sport was the city's Nagai stadium which from 25 August to 2 September this year will host the **11th IAAF World Championships in Athletics**.

Murofushi, the Olympic Hammer Throw champion, was the star guest coordinator of the Kids' Athletics at which 80 young boys and girls from 6 different primary schools in the Osaka region got a unique chance to meet their hero.

For the 32-year-old Asian record holder, who twice has been a World Championship medallist, the occasion reminded him how he felt as a teenager 16 years before in Tokyo at the time of the 3rd IAAF World Championships in Athletics when he got the chance of watching legends like Carl Lewis and Mike Powell.

Kids' Athletics is a project of the IAAF Development Programme, and it aims to introduce children to the basic skills of athletics – running, jumping and throwing – making sure that the experience remains fun.



Osaka World Championships Commemorative Stamps issued

In Tokyo on 8 June 2007, the official commemorative stamps for the **11th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Osaka, Japan** were launched.

In attendance were Hiroaki Dan (Vice-President, Japan Post), Keisuke Sawaki (General Secretary, Japan Association of Athletics Federations), Hiromasa Hemmi (General Secretary, LOC), and the following athletes, Shingo Suetsugu (200m), Kumiko Ikeda (Long Jump), Naoyuki Daigo (High Jump), and Kenji Narisako (400m Hurdles).

Athletics on the streets of Tokyo



On 27 May a temporary track was laid down on one of the main streets in the Japanese capital Tokyo, to help promote the **11th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, Osaka, Japan**. A group of local children and an audience of 2500 - on "Marunouchi" in front of Tokyo Station - were introduced to some athletics disciplines, by among others two-time World 400m Hurdles medallist Dai Tamesue (*photo above*).

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There have been encouraging TV sales by the IAAF's commercial partner IMG/TWI, who is responsible for international TV sales for the **IAAF Golden League**.

TV sales are up from 2006, with over 60 TV contracts now concluded which will ensure that the 2007 edition of the

IAAF Golden League will be seen in excess of 160 countries worldwide.

Although the IAAF Golden League was already visible in the key markets in 2006, this year sees improved coverage in territories such as the USA and Italy.

As for 2008, there is also a groundbreaking agreement in the Middle East that will ensure global terrestrial coverage for the first time.



In addition, the IAAF is pleased that TV sales for 2007 for **Athletix**, the official IAAF TV Magazine, in its second ever season, are up by more than 40% compared to 2006.

With coverage now expected in more than 50 territories, the new series of Athletix is already making a major impact with track and field fans around the world.



Fanny Blankers-Koen statue unveiled by Sebastian Coe

Outside the FKB Stadium in Hengelo, The Netherlands, on 9 May, a statue was unveiled to commemorate the life and achievements of Fanny Blankers-Koen.

This is the latest honour to be bestowed on Fanny Blankers-Koen (NED), the IAAF Athlete of the Century, as at the 2004 edition of the Hengelo Grand Prix Blankers-Koen was posthumously awarded with the IAAF Golden Order of Merit, the sport's world governing body's highest honour.

The 2 metres high bronze statue which depicts Blankers-Koen hurdling was made by Antoinette Ruiter, a local artist, and was unveiled by Fanny's son Jan Blankers and Lord Sebastian Coe, a two-time Olympic 1500m champion and multiple World record breaker, who is now an IAAF Council Member and head of the 2012 London Olympic Organising Committee.

PHOTO: From left to right: Bart Blankers (grandson of Fanny, son of Jan Blankers the son of Fanny), Jan Blankers (son of Fanny) Seb Coe, Antoinette Ruiter (sculptor), Mieke Blankers (wife of Jan Blankers), Monique Blankers (daughter of Jan and Mieke Blankers) (Roderik Zwanenburg)

Sport business communication strategy enhanced

In an effort to enhance the visibility of the IAAF and the sport of Athletics in the world of sports business, the IAAF has signed a new agreement with two leading players in this field, Sportcal and Sports Business International.

This is part of a new strategy to enhance and re-define the IAAF advertising/communications policy to specifically target stakeholders and

professionals as well as consumers in general.

The new agreements with Sportcal and Sports Business International will ensure that the IAAF receives considerable exposure throughout the summer months on influential platforms such as sportcal.com, sportbusiness.com, Sport Business International and TV Sports Markets.

As well as purchasing on-line banners and full page adverts, the IAAF will also assist the relevant editorial teams in sourcing interesting editorial and news content to publicise IAAF and IAAF Partner activities as well as major competitions such as the IAAF Golden League and IAAF World Athletics Series events.

Ostrava Masterclass - Seven IAAF ambassadors to meet young athletes



Nearly 1500 youth athletes will travel to Ostrava to take part in their first ever World Championships and yet it won't all be about winning medals and improving personal bests. It will also be about building friendship with their rivals from all over the world, and learning about the ethical values that enhance our sport.

With this in mind, another unique experience has been organized for all the youth athletes who will take part in **5th IAAF World Youth Championships, 11-15 July 2007** – Ostrava, Czech Republic. For 2 days, the young athletes will have the pleasure of being with, talking to and learning from athletes who have been Olympic winners, World champions or World record holders.

The **Ostrava Masterclass** will take place on 9 and 10 July and will include motivational speeches from no fewer than seven **IAAF Ambassadors**, an Anti-Doping Workshop and a couple of warm up sessions with some of the sport's all-time greatest athletes.

Global champions, Ludmila Formanova (CZE), Sarka Kasparikova (CZE), Wilson Kipketer (DEN), Svetlana Masterkova (RUS), Steve Ovett (GBR), Marie José Pérec (FRA), and Jan Zelezny (CZE) will be in Ostrava with no other purpose than that of sharing their experience and knowledge with the next generation.

They will address topics such as: Training – short term targets and long term planning; Life after Athletics – don't sacrifice your studies; Coping with obstacles – how to overcome injuries and difficult times; World Championships and Olympic Games – how to cope with the pressure and much more.

Hardy (CAN) is appointed as IAAF Events and Competitions Director

Paul Hardy (*photo*) was born in Canada, has a university degree in Kinesiology, is 45 years old and is married with three children. He has an extensive background in Athletics having first joined the IAAF staff in 1987, working seven years in a wide range of positions including Doping Control Officer, Technical Officer, and Deputy Director of Competitions. He was the Director of Competitions for the 2001 IAAF World Championships in Athletics, the 2003 IAAF World Youth Championships, and has also worked with Athletics Canada. Hardy worked with ISL Marketing for five years where he was involved in the 1998 FIFA World Cup competition in France and many other events.



Conference concludes with IAAF Consensus Statement on Sports Nutrition

Two and a half days of vigorous scientific discussion and debate ended on 20 April 2007 as the **2007 IAAF Nutritional Consensus Conference** which took place in Monte-Carlo came to a close with the drafting of the **IAAF Consensus Statement on Sports Nutrition**.

Twenty-eight of the world's leading experts in the field of nutrition debated many topics specifically relating to Athletics, providing advice on the nutritional needs for each of the specific athletic disciplines, as well as other areas such as competition day, travel, illness, and supplements.

DAY ONE of the conference concentrated on nutritional recommendations for many of the specific athletics disciplines. Topics covered included the sprints, middle distance, long distance, jumps, throws

and multi-events. In each section speakers provided evidence based advice and research and conclusions for implementation into the daily lives of the athletes. The day was wrapped up with presentations on physique and performance of athletes and discussions on the "female athlete triad" which constitutes a serious health problem in female athletes when energy availability is insufficient.

DAY TWO concentrated on providing advice for situations that all athletes find themselves involved with or in at some stage during their careers whether they are elite, sub-elite, or juniors. Nutrition for the young athlete, fluid needs for competition and training, fatigue and illness, supplements and nutrition for travel were just some of the discussions. There was new material and research

presented and some great practical, and up-to-date advice for athletes.

The first result of the two days of discussions was the unanimous agreement on the **IAAF Consensus Statement on Sports Nutrition** which is downloadable from the IAAF website in pdf format -

www.iaaf.org/newsfiles/38451.pdf

"This Consensus Statement is an important document for our sport," commented President Lamine Diack. "Not only does it help define and guide the nutritional needs for elite track and field athletes but it also promotes safe and healthy nutritional habits. I strongly encourage all athletes and their support personnel to read both this Consensus Statement and the forthcoming educational products."



President Diack with IAAF Nutritional Consensus Conference delegates

Quotes from IAAF Consensus Statement on Sports Nutrition

- "Good food choices will contribute to success in athletics and to health and enjoyment of life"
- "Athletes must respond to changes in needs for energy, nutrients and fluid in new situations such as hot or cold environments, altitude and travel across time zones"
- "When everyday foods are impractical, specialised foods can help athletes achieve nutrition goals. Supplements do not compensate for poor food choices"
- "An adequate carbohydrate intake is necessary to support intensive and consistent training with lowered risk of illness and injury"

Representatives from 17 countries attend Road Course Measurement Seminar

Twenty participants from 17 countries attended the **Road Course Measurement Seminar** held in the **IAAF Regional Development Centre (RDC)** in **Cairo** from 3-5 June.

The accurate measurement of road courses is one of the fundamental requirements for IAAF approval (and for membership of AIMS), and is essential for ratification of records and recognition of qualifying times for participation in the IAAF World Championships and Olympic Games.

For road running to expand successfully it is essential that an international pool of qualified measurers is built up, with each of



them able to accurately measure a course and document that measurement. Africa lacks qualified measurers and this seminar for measurers from the Arab-speaking countries was part of the IAAF response to this need.

IAAF/AIMS 'A' measurer Hugh Jones, General Secretary of AIMS (Association of International Marathons and Distance Races), who is the International Measurement Administrator for English speaking Europe and Africa, was the course lecturer.

Participants had various degrees of experience, but all were taken through the full range of procedures required to accurately measure first a simple and then a more complex course and a typical 'lap' as used for race walking competitions.

Photo: course participants in Cairo

'Healthy lifestyle and social responsibility' - Canberra Marathon secures AIMS award

The initiative of the Canberra Marathon, Australia in utilising a weekly running programme in schools to encourage a healthy lifestyle in children has successfully claimed the inaugural World AIMS/ChampionChip Award for Innovation in road running, securing a prize of US\$10,000. The Canberra Kids Marathon encourages school age children to complete the 42.195km marathon distance over a number of weeks. A basic programme is to run 1km each day from Monday to Friday for eight weeks. This can be done in the child's own time or as part of a school or sporting club programme. The innovative programme which aims to encourage a healthy lifestyle and social responsibility defeated strong competition from the 235 races across 85 countries in AIMS membership.



African Congress elects new Council

The **20th Congress of the African Athletics Confederation (CAA)** concluded on 28 April 2007, with the nomination, by unanimous acclamation, of the new officers who will represent the CAA Council for the period 2007-2011.

The Congress, which took place in Dakar, the capital of Senegal, was attended by 50 of the 53 IAAF Member Federations representing Africa, and Congress unanimously supported the

resolution of the CAA Council to support Lamine Diack in his quest for re-election as IAAF President at the next Congress in Osaka, Japan.

During the first day's sessions, it was agreed that the statutes of the CAA would be amended so that the President of the CAA would now automatically gain a place on the IAAF Council as Area Representative for Africa. The CAA also agreed that one

of the five Vice-Presidents should be a woman.

Although there had been a number of candidates for the various positions, on the morning of the elections it was announced that, in the interests of African Unity, all the official positions would be approved in a consensual manner, without the need for elections. As a result, the following positions were approved:

African Athletics Confederation (CAA) Council, 2007- 2011

President and IAAF Area Representative:

Hamad Kalkaba MALBOUM (CMR)

Vice Presidents:

Younes CHETALI (TUN)
Vivian GUNGARAM (MRI)
Theophile MONTCHO (BEN)
Violet ODOGWU-NWAJEEI (NGR)
David S OKEYO, HSC (KEN)

General Secretary:

Abdoul Wahab Barka BA (SEN)

Honorary Treasurer:

Alhaji Dodou JOOF (GAM)

Council Members:

Abderrahmane BELAID (ALG)
Siddig Ahmed IBRAHIM (SUD)
Sarifa Abdul MAGIDE FAGILDE (MOZ)
Emmanuel MPIOH (CGO)
Hissein NGARO (CHA)
Sandy OSEI-AGYEMAN (GHA)
Giovanna ROUSSEAU (SEY)
Komyaba Pascal SAWADOGO (BUR)
Athletes' Representative:
Frank FREDERICKS (NAM)

Other

Honorary President:

Lamine DIACK (SEN)

Hon Life Vice President:

Hassan AGABANI (SUD)
Abdul Karim AMU (NGR)
P. MOUASSIPOUSSO-MACKONGUY (CGO)

Current African IAAF Council Members:

Leonard CHUENE (RSA)
Nawal EL MOUTAWAKEL (MAR)
Isaiah KIPLAGAT (KEN)
Jamel SIMOHAMED (ALG)

New Level 1 Coaching system demonstrated in Nairobi

48 Primary School Children divided equally by gender were given an opportunity at the St Mary's Sportsview Academy, Nairobi, Kenya on 23 May 2007 to take time out from their studies in the classroom and enjoy the activities of the new IAAF Level 1 Coaching system which was being introduced to a selected participant from each of the English speaking countries of Africa.

This IAAF programme is the first of an entirely new 5 tier coaching structure. As such it brings to senior events a simplification of rules and equipment, all of which can be improvised, to allow children to take part in a full competition of athletic activities. Here fun and enjoyment are key elements of the competition, and every pupil who took part was given a specially designed Certificate acknowledging their participation in this event. The course participants, who acted as Officials conducting the event, were happy to put in practice what they had learned on the course from the IAAF's Abdel Malek and Assistant lecturer Joel Severe.

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



Parry O'Brien (USA) - the 1952 and 1956 Olympic Shot Put champion and multiple World record holder for the event died at the age of 75 on 21 April 2007. O'Brien (USA) (b. 28 Jan 1932 Santa Monica, Calif), who was widely regarded as the greatest shot putter of all time, died while competing in a masters' swim meet in Santa Clarita, California. His wife, Terry, said he had suffered a heart attack.

For many years this strong and fast man (he ran 10.8 for 100m in 1953) utterly dominated shot putting. Between July 1952 and June 1956 he won 116 consecutive competitions, in the process becoming the first to achieve 18 metres and 60 feet, while later in 1956 he crashed through the 19 metre barrier and retained his Olympic laurels.

In addition to his Olympic achievements O'Brien set the following World records: 18.00 on 9.5.1953, 18.04 on 5.6.1953, 18.42 on 8.5.1954, 18.43 on 21.5.1954, *18.43, 18.44 & 18.54* on 11.6.1954, 18.62 on 5.5.1956, 18.69 on 15.6.1956, 18.97 & 19.06 on 3.9.1956, *19.10 & 19.25* on 1.11.1956, *19.26* on 18.7.1959, *19.30* on 1.8.1959. (Italics - not officially ratified).

Inez Jacquemart (BEL) – the top ultrarunner died in a diving accident on 22 April 2007. Jacquemart (DOB 8 June 1962) was 4x Belgian Champion at 100km, the winner of the Night of Flanders '05, and was 9th at the European Champs 100Km in 2002.

Beat-Marie Homen (FIN) - wife of M. Carl-Olaf Homen, IAAF Honorary Life Personal Member, passed away on Thursday, 17 May after having bravely fought cancer for more than two years. She departed peacefully in Forsbacka, surrounded by her entire family.

Peter Heidenstrom (NZL) (DOB 20 June 1929), a world renowned authority on athletics, died aged 77 on 15 June 2007. He was New Zealand's most perceptive and widely published writer on athletics and he put his extensive records and encyclopedic knowledge into the most comprehensive book on New Zealand athletics ever written. 'Athletes of the Century' was published in 1992 containing detailed information covering 100 years of men and women's track, field and long distance events.

Bucher, Darsha, and Guerni retire – Three high profile retirements have recently been announced: 2001 World 800m Andre Bucher (SUI), 2003 World 800m champion Djabor Said Guerni (ALG), and three-time Asian Games gold medallist Damayanthi Darsha (SRI).

Kanerva is appointed as Finnish Foreign Minister



IAAF Council Member and Honorary President of Finnish Athletics, Ilkka Kanerva (photo) is the new Minister of Foreign Affairs of Finland.

Finnish President Tarja Halonen, herself the recipient of the IAAF's highest honour, the Golden Order of Merit (2005), approved the list of proposed ministers on 19 April in a ceremony held in the Finnish capital.

Ilkka Kanerva, 59, (National Coalition Party) holds a master's degree in political science and has been a member of the Finnish Parliament since 1975. He previously worked as Minister of Transportation and Communications from 1990 to 1991,

and as Minister of Labour from 1991 to 1995.

Kanerva's career in athletics is long and successful. From 1981 to 1982 and from 1989 to 1990 he held the chair in Finnish Athletics' National Assembly. In 1990 Kanerva was named as the President of Finnish Athletics, a post he held for 15 consecutive years until the 2005 IAAF World Championships in Helsinki, where he also worked as the President of the Local Organising Committee.

New Member Federation officers – recent elections (r) = re-elected; (n) = nominated

MF	President	Gen Sec	MF	President	Gen Sec
BRU	---	Yahya Hj Sirat	NRU	---	Rosie Harris
JPN	Yohei Kono (r)	Seietsu Yamamoto (r)	ROM	Sorin Matei	Ion Buliga
LIE	---	Silfriede Marxer	SOL	James Iroga	---
MAC	---	Weng Chi Leong	SRI	Palitha Fernando	Prima Pinnewale
NAM	---	Mike Haimbondi	Other – Keisuke Sawaki, elected as Senior Director JPN		

Getting to know the Member Federation Officials

◀ Prima Pinnewale ▶ SRI Gen Sec. Present – Sports Administrator for over 30yrs. Past – Sec Gen AA SRI, 1998-2005; Sec Gen NOC SRI, 1983 to 1997; Retired General Manager Insurance Corp; former hockey, cricket and rugby player and boxer.

ATHLETES SANCTIONED FOR A DOPING OFFENCE SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE IAAF AS OF 21 June 2007

BENIWAL Mukesh	IND	Nat OOC, IND	10.7.06	2 years ineligibility (16.08.06-15.08.08)
		12 th Asian Jr Ch	18.7.06	
OHORUOGU Christine	GBR	Missed Tests	2006	1 year ineligibility (6.8.06-5.8.07)
SCOTT Dorian	JAM	Gen. Amer Games, Cartagena	29.7.06	Public Warning
POUSTCHI KHORASAN	IRI	Nat ICT, Shiraz	20.7.06	2 years ineligibility (2.9.06-1.9.08)
ASADI Mehdi	IRI	Nat ICT, Shiraz	21.7.06	2 years ineligibility (2.9.06-1.9.08)
SOLTANI MOHAMMADI Farid	IRI	Nat ICT, Shiraz	21.7.06	2 years ineligibility (2.9.06-1.9.08)
GHANBARI Sapour	IRI	Nat ICT, Shiraz	21.7.06	2 years ineligibility (2.9.06-1.9.08)
SHIRIAN Reza	IRI	Nat ICT, Shiraz	21.7.06	2 years ineligibility (2.9.06-1.9.08)
MOGHADAM Mohsen	IRI	Nat ICT, Shiraz	22.6.06	2 years ineligibility (14.8.06-13.8.08)
GOUDARZI Mohammad	IRI	Nat ICT, Shiraz	22.6.06	2 years ineligibility (6.9.06-5.9.06)
MEHR SEFATI Alireza	IRI	Nat ICT, Shiraz	22.6.06	2 years ineligibility (2.9.06-1.9.08)
DONG Dingrui	CHN	Nat OOC	11.5.06	2 years ineligibility (30.5.06-29.5.08)
DE LIMA Matusalem	BRA	Nat ICT	22.10.06	2 years ineligibility (29.12.06-28.12.08)
SIMUNIC Bostjan	SLO	Ljubljana	10.6.06	2 years ineligibility (28.6.06-27.6.08)
ES-SAADID Ridouane	BEL	Nat ICT	15.01.06	Life Ban
BHANDARI Rajendra	NEP	S. Asian Games	25-26.8.06	2 years ineligibility (21.9.06-20.9.08)
ZOUBAA Khalid	FRA	Military XC Ch	27.1.07	3 years ineligibility (22.2.07-21.2.10)
DEHIBA Hind	FRA	IAAF OOC, Vincennes, FRA	23.1.07	2 years ineligibility (15.2.07-14.2.09)
SHMOGAYLO Vadim	RUS	Pushkino, RUS	21.4.07	2 years ineligibility (25.5.07-24.5.09)
USLU Binnaz	TUR	IAAF OOC, Antalya, TUR	13.3.07	2 years ineligibility (24.3.07-23.3.09)
SEVUKTEKIN Yahya	TUR	IAAF OOC, Antalya, TUR	13.3.07	2 years ineligibility (11.4.07-10.4.09)
OFENTSE Mogawane	RSA	CAA GP, Alger	22.6.06	Public Warning

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

Honours for Gilady and Hansen

Alex Gilady, IOC member and the Chairman of the IAAF Television Commission, has received an honorary doctorate from the University of Haifa for his work in promoting television coverage in Israel, his dedication to sport worldwide and his support for the Center for Sports Research at the university. A veteran

reporter and sport television producer, Gilady moved into management at the NBC television network, becoming Vice President of NBC Sports in 1981. He has won Emmy awards for coverage of the Barcelona, Atlanta, Sydney, Salt Lake City and Athens Olympics.

Svein Arne Hansen, the long-time Director of the ExxonMobil Grand Prix, Oslo, Norway was honoured by the City, at the IAAF Golden League meeting's world famous 'Strawberry Party'. Hansen was named a City Ambassador, in recognition for his life-long work for Oslo.

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