

# IAAF Reports



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## IAAF Council

This has been a successful but challenging year for the IAAF. Most of the successes came from the competition program. The seven World Athletics Series events all went well. It was particularly gratifying to see that change of the venue of the World Athletics Final from Monaco to Stuttgart resulted in much larger and more enthusiastic crowds, as had been hoped, and the weather, which had been a matter of some concern, turned out to be ideal. The World Cup also had good attendance, as did the World Indoor Championships. And the competition at those events, as well as the World Cross Country Championships, the World Junior Championships, the World Race Walking Cup and the World Road Running Championships, was excellent.

But it was not an entirely positive year for the IAAF. The entire world of athletics was shocked and saddened by the death of our General Secretary, Istvan Gyulai, on the morning of the last day of the World Indoor Championships in March. Istvan was a passionate advocate of the IAAF and of the sport, and he will be missed, both as a leader and as friend to so many of us who knew him well personally.

In early April, at the IAAF's first Council meeting of the year, it was agreed that Pierre Weiss, who had been the organization's General Director, should assume the position of General Secretary, at least until the IAAF Congress in Osaka next year. The IAAF is currently looking to hire a Director of Competition who I expect will, among other things, be able to take charge of some of the duties that Pierre had performed when he was the General Director.

The other great challenge to the IAAF and to the sport this year arose from the persistence of doping as an issue that adversely affects us in many ways. Fortunately, the negative events in this area have been countered by many positive developments, including the success of an IAAF-sponsored anti-doping symposium that attracted 350 attendees, generated a great deal of favorable publicity for the organization, and enhanced the world-wide recognition of its leadership in addressing the doping problem.

The Council has met twice this year and will meet again in November, after the publication deadline for this report. I shall report to the USATF at our Annual Meeting in early December on major developments arising from the November Council meeting.

Thus far, it has been a relatively quiet year. Anti-doping is always an important focus at every Council meeting, and the Gatlin case and the Marion Jones 'A' sample positive were the subject of a serious discussion at the August meeting this year. There was some concern expressed over aspects of both of these cases, but I think the IAAF is satisfied that on a going forward basis, our country remains an effective leader in the fight against doping.

The question of age manipulation also continues to be of interest and was the subject of some critical discussions. It is clear that the Council is concerned about allegations that certain participants in our Youth and Junior Championships are older than they are claiming to be. The IAAF staff has actually been engaged in active dialogue with certain federations, seeking evidence that would enable us to disqualify athletes whose ages have been falsified.

The Kenyan federation, in particular, has been cooperating with the IAAF in this regard, as has the Kenyan government. The IAAF this year annulled the performance of a Kenyan athlete who competed in the Junior race at the World Cross Country Championships, and allowed three athletes from Bahrain to compete in the World Junior Championships in Beijing only after an extended inquiry into age allegations that had been brought to the IAAF's attention.

One problem, however, that makes this whole subject more difficult is that it seems that in some countries, it is possible to obtain birth certificates and passports that do not accurately reflect an individual's age. It is an issue that must continue to be addressed, but that may not have a completely effective solution.

At the USATF Annual Meeting last year in Jacksonville, there were some lively discussions of the change in the definition of the Masters category to begin at 35 years of age, and particularly the impact of that change on Long Distance Running. I raised this issue with the Council and urged that the age be raised back to

40 years, at least for Road Running. Although there was some opposition to re-visiting this question, the Council agreed to refer the matter back to the Masters Committee.

The site selections that have been made by Council this year include the following:

- The World Junior Championships for 2008 and 2010 were awarded to Bydgoszcz, Poland, and Moncton, Canada, respectively.
- The 2010 World Cup was awarded to Split, Croatia
- The 2008 World Road Running Championships were awarded to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- The 2007 World Race Walking Challenge Final was awarded to Saransk, Russia.

It is anticipated that the World Championships of 2011 and 2013 will be awarded at the first Council meeting of 2007 next March.

Let me conclude by reiterating my suggestion that if you are interested in the IAAF and its activities, you should check the organization's web site ([www.iaaf.org](http://www.iaaf.org)) regularly. They publish news releases and feature stories every day, including detailed reports from every Council meeting. They also include links to PDF files containing the IAAF Newsletter, a very useful source of IAAF information that is published every few months. There is no better way to keep up-to-date on the IAAF and on important matters affecting the sport on both a global and regional level.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Hersh  
IAAF Council Member

## **IAAF Cross Country and Road Running**

Fukuoka, Japan April 3, 2006

*Before I begin my report, I wish to thank all of you from in USATF for having supported me in my position of IAAF Cross Country and Road Running Committee member for the last twelve years. I truly appreciate it and hope to continue with my efforts on your behalf. AT*

## **OPENING-OTTO KLAPPERT, CHAIR**

Otto welcomed everyone to the meeting. After a few welcoming comments, he turned the floor to acting IAAF General Secretary, Pierre Weiss. Regarding the 2007 IAAF World Cross Country Championships, the Council has decided to meet at the site as the main IAAF sponsor contracts end in 2009, early renegotiations have started with Dentsu (2010-2019), EBU (2010-13) and a deal with NBC is under negotiation.

The General Secretary also reminded the Committee of that the Minutes of the Moscow Meeting of Council stated:

*"...insists that unless this even can be organized within the frame of an existing major road race, and restore prestige and meaning to this competition, then the Council should seriously consider canceling it. In this respect, the edition that will take place in Udine (ITA) in 2007 should be considered as a last test pending the evaluation of both the 2006 and 2007 editions."*

During the Council meeting which took place three days earlier in Osaka, he reported that no candidate Federation had sent a letter of intent for the 2008 event. During the meeting, however, Roberto Gesto de Melo, President of the Brazilian Federation, proposed the city of Rio de Janeiro. This was accepted by Council.

Meetings with IAU and WMRA were held in January to implement anti-doping controls in/out of competitions.

The Championships in Fukuoka had been a great success thanks to IAAF's efforts. It should be noted, however, that the participations was the lowest ever with only 572 athletes. Transponders were used as the principal timing system, a first, with a back-up system in place.

Minutes were approved of the Meeting in St. Galmier, March 2005

### Matters Arising

Pierre Weiss explained that questions regarding the revised Technical Regulations. The book had been published since 2004; a revised version is scheduled for Council's approval in 2006.

*Alan Stevens regretted that no Member of the Committee has been named to the Jury of Appeals for Fukuoka. Pierre*

Weiss explained that this was an oversight. It will be done in Mombasa as it is advantageous to have experience on the team. So does this mean we have inexperienced members for the remaining configuration?? AT

## CROSS COUNTRY

### Council's decisions regarding the format of women's events at the World Championships

Pierre Weiss explained that Council had decided on the format of the women's race, which will be composed of 6 athletes, 4 to score. An evaluation will take place in 2008. *This is DISCRIMINATION!!! I have fought this one hard. The men's teams are to be 9 athletes, with 6 to score. Unbelievable, unbelievable, unbelievable. BOB AND THE COUNCIL, do something about this!!!! Our woman and men are so good. Make it equal, for men and women for team sizes, regardless of overall numbers.* AT

## ROAD RACES

### Road Measurements

The IAAT is structuring a system so that all courses are evaluated and measured equally. Jean Francois Delasalle is acting on behalf of John Disley, recently retired. Gordon Rogers has been helpful in setting up administrative activities. Basically, too many measurers (65 'A and 100'B), which meant some qualifications need to be required from the panel to remain on it. Measurers now must measure at least 5 courses/year. Only 18 have met this requirement, thus far.

Marcos Oviedo said only one "A" measurer was available in Brazil. He could be removed with the fore mentioned conditions. What about Brazil's bid for the Road Race Champs???? AT

David Okeyo remarked that only John Velzian is an A measurer. The cost in Africa is an issue. It was explained that each RDC Board decides priorities for its region.

Several members asked how they could obtain recognition for measurers. Pierre Weiss answered that if the Federation is active, they can pressure the RDC Board.

### World Records Achieved in 2005

Otto Klappert/ in conjunction with David Beckford, if the subject of Haile Gerbreselassie's 25 km world record in a 20km race on 12 March could be addressed. It was felt that the record should be rejected. Rule 144 states information regarding assistance to athletes, there is, however, no specific detail for this infraction. Council will decide on this issue.

The Committee recommends to the President, that Haile Gerbreselassie's 25km World Record Application of 2 March is not ratified and that, the IAAF Rules should be clarified, as to avoid similar incidents in the future.

### Chip timing

As of present, chip timing is recognized as a valid system for race timing and records. However, it is not a valid means for recognizing World Records. This needs to be changed at the next IAAF Congress.

The IAAF Technical Committee will propose a new wording for Ekiden legs at the next Congress.

### 2007 World Championship Qualification System-Osaka

Pierre Weiss explained the criteria to be a qualifying event for the next World Championships. Extra races could be added if the reports were received by the deadlines (2007 only). It was brought up that the IOC will not consider a public list and that only the top 20 from the World Champs will be considered.

Hiroaki Chosa said that three Japanese races were on the lists, but JAAF did not wish them to be qualification races. Pierre Weiss said that Japan could choose races for its own athletes, but other athletes were in question (Asian). Dapeng Lou said that teams can be selected from those who have met Qualification Standards.

### IAAF Policy

Regarding road running, Dapeng Lou stated that the Council and the Competitions Commission are trying to improve the Competition Structure and Road Running in an important part of the IAAF Competition Program. A special working group from the World Plan is working on this aspect and they are closely examining how the IAAF and AIMS can collaborate more closely.

Perhaps area champs qualify for e.g. Asian Champs?

Otto Klappert suggested that a small working group should be created through the Council to examine and review the structure. The permit system needs to be reinforced. Linking Championships with a mass race would have to be carefully thought out to avoid a clash with race sponsors. It was recommended that it would be very useful to have a permanent IAAF Staff Liaison for Road Running to assist with administrative, permits, calendar and promotional events. *Anne Timmons agreed, saying that a similar post was created at USATF and has been very useful and successful internally.*

#### The Committee proposes to Council

The IAAF should hire a permanent staff member as Road Running Liaison.

A small working group should study the situation of Road Running. It should include: a Council Member; the Committee Chair; 2 Committee Members; 1 Marathon Major Representative; 1 Aims Representative; and the IAAF General Secretary (ex officio).

#### REPORTS FROM ORGANIZING COMMITTEES 2007

##### World Cross Country Championships- Mombasa

IAAF Council Member, Issiah Kiplagat represents the Kenyon delegation. An excellent technical video was shown. John Velzian (LOC) and Carlos Cardoso, Tech. Del., explained the course

Some discussion followed about the scheduling of the races. The initial plan was to have 2 races (women's) in the morning, to be followed by the two men's races in the evening. Note: *Anne Timmons raised serious objections regarding this format. Council and LOC later changed the race schedule to having all races to be contested in the afternoon/ evening.*

##### Future World Championships

##### Road Running Championships

Otto Klappert stated that participation numbers have dropped. Time differences, travel and calendar clashes for athletes have all contributed. The Chair felt important that entries are managed by the member federations and the IAAF should

involve the top 25 road races as potential candidates to host the Champs.

Anne Timmons thought that it might be a good idea to have a fixed venue (like the World Athletics Final) for several years. She also said that other considerations should include prize money, a Junior race and a Masters Race. She thought that Member Federations should be more closely involved and that to help them, the IAAF could place no limit on team size, but only the top 3 athletes per team would score.

Rabi Rajkarnikar thought that the event is not viable in rich countries, so perhaps it could focus on developing countries which have smaller budgets. Alan Stevens agreed, saying the IAAF could direct potential candidates.

Anne Timmons also said that the issue of the Calendar could be readdressed. The timing of the Competition could attract more elite competition.

The Committee proposes to Council that the IAAF World Road Running Championships should be held in conjunction to an existing race from 2010. Work on these preparations and contacts should be made as soon as possible.

##### Cross Country Championships

2007 Mombasa  
2008 Candidates from Great Britain, Edinburgh, Italy (Cinque Mulini...course will be changed).

David Bedford said that Edinburgh had hosted a very successful European Cross Country Championship. He also added that we should make more use of our successful courses (St. Galmier, for example).

Alan Stevens thought that Australia was keen to bid on the event...maybe 2010.

*Marcos Oievdo said that South America had never hosted the event and would like to get some support. Pierre Weiss replied that any member federation with interest should write to the IAAF.*

##### WMRA REPORT

Danny Hughes' (Chair) and Brun Gozzelino's (General Secretary) report was circulated. Progress has been made in Europe and Oceania

with North America improving (*I suppose this is true...our ladies' team finished numero UNO -1-1-1 and the guys were 5<sup>th</sup>-best ever...good job USA!*). South America ran for the first time and Africa is showing interest. Asia has little or no activity (China/ Japan).

Salih Munir Yaras thought the IAAF should upgrade the World Trophy to improve the image of the event. The Chair said that this was unlikely as the IAAF Competition Program is very full and has no place for more World Championships.

Hiroaki Chosa stated that many mountains are in Japan, but no mountain running. He suggested that WMRA write to JAAF requesting the creation of an appropriate body. Rabi Rajkarnkar confirmed that Japan had attended a seminar which took place in China, at which information was distributed as to how federations could do this.

#### IAU Report

Dirk Strumane (Chair), with on year in office, felt the organization was going well. An anti-doping plan has been implemented. A communications and marketing plan has been established within IAU.

Rabi Rajkarnkar wondered how difficult it would be to admit WMRA/ IAU to an online entry system.

David Okeyo said that member federations should push the RDC's to organize courses for the development of the event. Dirk Strumane agreed.

Otto Klappert summarized by saying, that the grass roots development of cross country has to be made at National and Area Level before impacting the World Level. Okay, IAAF, the Gauntlet has been thrown....area development a.k.a. grassroots.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Cross Country in a Box (sound familiar?) a sample kit which could be sent to federations/people interested in hosting a cross country event. Anne Timmons

David Okeyo was concerned with the drop in participation numbers with youth. He

recommended that the Committee study why this is happening. Children are our sport's future and they should be developed. *Proposal: The Committee should liaise with the School and Youth Commission. Jamel Simohamed's report to Council would be circulated to the Committee.*

Salih Munir Yaras felt that members of the Committee should have full accreditation access at their events as they could be of use during the event (remember Budapest??). This has not happened since our event in Dublin. Bob, can you help here??

Salih also thought that the meeting was too short and that two days would be better.

#### Age for Masters

Anne Timmons said the Road Running Community for USATF had asked her to take a stand concerning the age for Masters in Road Running, where the age is 40 for men and 35 for women. It is felt that this is unfair as some of the better "Masters" performances are achieved by persons above the Masters age. She asked the Committee to recognize that this is problematic and to ask the Masters Committee to review the age of Veterans of Road Running Events

Passed - all in Favor

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Timmons  
Member, IAAF Cross Country and Road Running Committee

### **IAAF Technical Committee**

Following the 2005 Rules year, the Technical Committee worked on several short and long term projects in addition to the interpretation of new and amended Rules from the Helsinki Congress. IAAF President Lamine Diack was able to join this years meeting where he emphasized that the Committee should focus on important issues like the zero false start, education, certification, and stadia matters including the problem of artificial turf in connection with the long throws.

The Technical Committee has several Working Groups (Rules, Stadia, Technology, Equipment & Implements, and Education) that assist with the evaluation of the technical aspects of Athletics. Following is a summary of the key issues addressed by the Committee in 2006

### Competition Rules

The Working Group presented a clarification of various rules accepted by the Congress in Helsinki. One of the most important rules discussed was Rule 146.4 (a): “*The right of protest and appeal shall apply whether or not a false start apparatus is used.*” The opinion of the Working Group was that the ruling of the appointed Referee should be final with no right of appeal applying. Several members of the committee (including me) expressed their opinion against this idea and proposed keeping the right of appeal. After a vote, the right of appeal was kept.

### Video Distance Measurements

Epson’s VDM system operation was reviewed and the Committee agreed that it is fast and accurate. It was determined that the use of this new technology did not require a rule amendment because it was already covered in Rule 148 as a “scientific measuring device”. Subsequently the VDM was used as a backup to the EDM for the long jump and triple jump at the IAAF World Indoor Championships in Moscow. The system proved to be highly beneficial when USA Triple Jumper Walter Davis correctly informed the Chief Judge that the break in the sand (nearest to the take off board) was not his. The Chief Judge had both marks measured. The VDM had a digital image on file of the jump and confirmed the accurate measurement. It was the longest jump of the competition.

### Hand Held Laser Measuring Devices

The Committee accepted the use of a handheld laser measuring devices to measure the high jump and pole vault.

### STADIA

### Facilities Manual

A special panel composed of Committee Members Al Guy (IRL), Kari Waukonen (FIN) Jorge Salcedo (POR), and myself along with IAAF Technical Manger Imre Matrahazi and Technical Consultant Denis Wilson (AUS) was charged with updating and editing the 2007 Edition of the

IAAF Facilities Manual. The new edition is due out in early 2007.

### Synthetic Turf

The Stadia Working Group is researching the possibility of hosting the long throws on these surfaces with the biggest problems being posed by the Hammer Throw.

### Latex Tracks (Plexitrac)

At the present time latex bound synthetic surfaces do not meet IAAF tensile properties requirements. However, such surfacing may be used for non-international competition and training facilities, provided all other IAAF performance standards (particularly with regard to thickness) and IAAF Rules are met. The Committee noted that the manufacturer of this surface is making efforts to bring all the characteristics of their surfacing product in line with IAAF specifications

### Technology

Working Group Chairperson Anna Riccardi (ITA) informed the Committee that the creation of a Calibration Handbook has not progressed.

Several studies were proposed to check the accuracy of wind gauges, false start apparatus, finish systems, timing, EDM, and VDM.

The Working Group emphasized that a single standardized false start detection method is preferred rather than the different methods currently used. A system that only uses a change in pressure is not acceptable to the Committee.

The Committee reviewed the current use of Transponder Timing Systems as they are known. I provided a detailed explanation regarding the current use of active and passive transponders considered official by the Rules. The Committee was informed that an active transponder attached to the bib would be used for official times in the 2006 World Cross Country Championships.

### Equipment and Implements

In 2005, 112 Certificates were issued for equipment and implements, of which 50 were new and 62 renewals. Currently there are 392 items of competition track equipment and 317 types of throwing implements on the list.

Hammer Handle Design testing continues. There is the ongoing problem of how to mark the new handles to differentiate them from the old ones.

## EDUCATION

### International Starters Panel:

The Panel is still in its formative stages. The Committee has urged that training should be an important part of the implementation of the plan to maintain an international panel. International seminars would help to standardize starting procedures and techniques on a global basis.

### International Photo Finish Panel:

David Littlewood (GBR) was nominated by the Committee to propose the names to the International Photo Finish Panel and plan the proposed seminars.

Respectfully submitted,

David Katz

## IAAF Women's Committee

The IAAF Women's Committee held their meetings in conjunction with the Grand Prix Finale in Stuttgart, Germany on September 9-10. Our focus is on opportunities and participation for female athletes, coaches, officials, and administrators at all levels in our sport.

The Women's Committee shares serious concerns relating to gender equity, the opportunities provided within member federations, and the programming at RDS' toward the development of leadership, administration, coaching and officiating. A proactive strategy that encourages, recruits, mentors, and educates women to successfully integrate into all areas of our sport is needed. We recognize that current barriers include culture, economics, access to training, and the encouragement of former athletes with experience and a passion for our sport. However, member Federations that do nothing need be held accountable. Without consequences, change will likely take place even more slowly.

A glimpse at where we are:

### *Female participation at the 10<sup>th</sup> IAAF World Championships*

At the World Championships in Helsinki, there were 790 male Team Officials and only 122 female Team Officials. At the Congress, 346 Congress Delegates were male while only 42 were female.

Athlete representation shows 976 male athletes and 693 female athletes.

*Female participation at the World Youth Championships*  
At the World Youth Championships in Marrakesh, there were 697 male athletes and 553 female athletes. These numbers are encouraging. Data for Team Officials was not presented.

### *Women's Committees*

The necessity for Member Federations to establish a Women's Committee to promote the development of Athletics among women and girls, and to address the barriers obstructing participation and achievements of female athletes, coaches, officials and decision-makers is imperative.

### *Female Coaches*

In addition to training/seminars, a mentoring program would provide an excellent opportunity to facilitate the transfer of information. Programs implemented at the member Federation level would provide less time away from family responsibilities and less costs associated with travel. Our committee plans to discuss this further with the Coaches' Commission.

### *Increase of female representation in the Council*

At the IAAF Congress in 2007, four women will be elected to the IAAF Council creating a 20% female representation.

### *Increase of female representation in Committees*

At the IAAF Congress in 2007, two women will be elected to all IAAF Committees. The Technical Committee will have three female members. This will create a 20% female representation. Likewise, the Women's Committee will have two men elected to our committee.

### *Status of Recommendations*

1. The Women's Committee recommends that the IAAF Council consider Women's Committee Members for selection to action groups of the World Athletics Plan as created by the Council. APPROVED
2. The Women's Committee recommends that the IAAF support the integration of modules based on the Female Athlete Resource Book into all coaching education. APPROVED

3. The Women's Committee recommends that the size of Women's Cross Country teams be 6 with 4 to score for 2007, 7 with 5 to score by 2009 and 9 with 6 to score by 2011, so as to have the same size women's team as the men's team by that time. APPROVED teams be 6 with 4 to score.
  
4. The Women' Committee recommends that the IAAF Council support a project proposal for a specialist training course for coaches of female athletes, carried out by the IAAF Academy. SUPPORTED

The wide variance of opportunities for women in the world reinforces how fortunate we are in the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Jensen  
IAAF Women's Committee