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Work Experience

Event Manager

2016-2021

Project Manager EON Energy

1990 – 2012

PTI Armed Forces

1976 – 1988

Education

A-LEVELS

Maths, English, Geography

Introduction

I am a former Vice President of the IAU and have chaired IAU committees in the areas of Statistics and Records. Prior to that, I was Area European Representative on the IAU Executive Council.

As an endurance coach and licensed official, I have a strong understanding of the commitment ultra-runners give to our sport. Since 2019 I have been the race director of the Belfast 24-hour international road race.

As a runner, I am a former winner of the Berlin marathon and hold a personal best time of 2 hours-13 mins-17sec from the 1981 Boston marathon USA. Over the course of my life, I have had great respect for, and interest in, the cultural traditions of people all around the World.

I would relish the opportunity to directly contribute once again to the important work of the IAU.

Experience

IAU EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, CHAIRMAN OF THE IAU STATISTICS COMMITTEE

September 2012- 2016

Whilst in this role I undertook the responsibility for the IAU rankings and the position of Chairman of the IAU Records Committee.

IAU VICE PRESIDENT

September 2008- 2012

During this term, in addition to the functions of office of the Vice President, I was Chairman of the IAU Statistics committee, which undertook the responsibility for the IAU rankings, and the Chairman of the IAU Records Committee.

AREA EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVE

September 2004 – 2008

As a representative I was involved with the IAU Executive Council to ensure the IAU European 100K and 24 Hour Championship were held during this period of 4 years between Elections. In the same period, I became the IAU Chairman of Statistics with a committee which undertook the responsibility for the IAU rankings, and I was the Chairman of the IAU Records Committee

Further Notable Experience

In 2007 I met the Chief Executive of the Commonwealth Games Federation based in London, and gained permission for the first Commonwealth Championship for Mountain Running and Ultra-distance to be hosted in September 2009 in Keswick, England, with official Commonwealth Individual Medals. I was appointed the Event Manager for these Championships.

In 2009 the Chief Executive of the Commonwealth Games Federation sanctioned the second Commonwealth Championship to be held in North Wales in September 2011. I met with Welsh Athletics Ltd, the Welsh Assembly Government, and three Authorities and negotiated a contract of 300,000 Euros to host these Championships. I was appointed the Event Manager and was responsible for the event budget which included television rights for each Race.

In 2018 I was awarded the international careers award from the World Governing body in Croatia at the IAU Congress.

Since 2018 I have supported two countries in maintaining their Ultra-Distance Records and consulted with Andy Milroy on his ongoing work in the areas of statistics and records which he has undertaken for over 30 years.

Looking to the Future

I would relish the opportunity to make a contribution to the IAU with the experience I have gained over many years within the discipline of ultra-distance running.

For the future, it is vital that the IAU undertake the yearly rankings for IAU label races on a reliable and timely basis, manage a statistics process, and promptly sanction IAU Records.

I would like to work to ensure that every effort is made to hold an IAU 100k European Championship every two years.

I would like to see longer ultra-distance races, such as 100 Miles, 48 Hours and 6 Days, gain greater recognition, with the support of the IAU and through consultation with the IAU Federation Members. Following from that process, to hold a World Team or Individual Championship at least every four years.

I support the IAU Executive Council and Area Representative to consider approaching the IAAF for support for ultra-distance running becoming an Olympic event, and writing to the International Olympic Committee.

IAU Executive Council and Area Representatives Ultra-distance Running and the World Mountain Running Association to support the hosting of the 3rd Commonwealth Championship in 2024.