



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ULTRARUNNERS

REPORT TO THE IAAF ROAD RUNNING COMMISSION

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Introduction

This report covers the IAU activities between our previous meeting with the IAAF Road Running Commission in May 2013 in Prague and the 2014 edition of the IAAF Half Marathon World Championship in Copenhagen.

Competitions

It is a bit with mixed feelings that we reflect about the competitions during the past year. We had excellent championships in :

- Belvès / France (100 km European Championship)
- Steenbergen / Netherlands (24H World Championship)
- Llanrwst / North Wales (Trail World Championship)

but we didn't succeed to get our 100 km World Championship in place.

After the cancellation of the project on Jeju Island (Korea), we investigated other possibilities in Mexico, South Africa and the Emirates but unfortunately we couldn't finalize one of these projects in a successful and timely manner

Membership

We currently have 76 Member Federations which are affiliated to the IAU, amongst whom 6 are National Ultrarunning Associations (Australia, Canada, South Korea, Mongolia, Philippines and Serbia).

The relevant affiliation documents and the membership information package have been translated into French and Spanish in order to facilitate the communication with potential new members.

It was very useful to have our promotion stand during the IAAF Congress in Moscow in August last year. This was beneficial for our exposure, enabled face to face contacts with our current members and generated opportunities for new affiliations. Eventually 17 new Member Federations joined us during the Expo

Activities over the past months

- the various guidelines have been updated
- we are in the process of drafting a budget for this and the coming years, taking into account the major goals we want to achieve, including a travel budget for the Area Representatives to enhance the chances to get Continental Championships in place
- we maintain the Race Labelling System to ensure that the current IAU guidelines are observed and that the sanctioned events have been correctly measured and are recognised by the National Federation. The IAU Performance Rankings require that only performances in IAU labelled races will be recognised and the travel grants for IAU major events are based on these certified performances..These conditions have led to a considerable expansion of race organizers seeking IAU labels for their races and resulted in

a higher standard of ultradistance races across the globe. There are now IAU labelled races in six continents and the number of labels which have been issued has grown from 130 in January 2008 to 558 in March 2014

- statistics : a new database for statistics has been outlined
- the WBP's (track, road, indoor) will in the future be amalgamated into WBP's on any surface
- a "lifetime career award" has been put in place
- the efforts to add "trail" to the IAAF competition rules and also being included in the IAAF Constitution as an official part of athletics are moving in the good direction
- an IAU Trail Commission has been put in place, composed of representatives, appointed by our Member Federations
- we are more than happy to contribute to the activities of the IAAF Trail Working Group hoping that this will be conducive to sort out the discussion about the international governance for trail running

Objectives for the rest of this year

- having our major competitions in place, maintaining standards and ensuring the quality of conduct of these events
- marketing : we unanimously agreed about the urgent necessity to work out a marketing policy, starting with the creation of an appropriate portfolio . We need to work out an attractive marketing file and use this in an attempt to convert the ongoing negotiations with potential sponsors into real sponsorship agreements in order to improve our own operations as well as to offer financial incentives to athletes from poor countries to take part in our major competition :
- a working group has been established to re-design the website
- missing two of our core members (out of seven) was putting extra pressure on the other members and necessitated a re-allocation of tasks, but rather than co-opting extra council members, our Area Reps will be more involved in our MIAUC's to assist on site, also enabling fully attended council meetings at these occasions. At the same time this approach will improve the interaction with the Areas
- arbitration : the discussions leading to the finalization of an 'arbitration panel' have been re-activated. The draft rules in preparation of the reinstatement of a Panel have been made but are not yet finished
- the 50 km World Trophy will be transformed in a 50 km World Championship from 2015 onwards. The conditions for the Event Organizing Agreement for this event will need to be drafted
- establishing a worldwide network of "news agents" to ensure an updated eye on recent results and activities by updating our website on a regular basis
- trying to get closer contacts with international press agencies
- staying in close liaison with the aims of the IAAF, EA (and other Areas), WMRA and WMA

- maintaining good relations with the IAAF staff and the various IAAF departments

Future of the Major IAU Competitions (MIAUC's)

At one end we need to monitor the quality of our MIAUC's in order to secure championships which meet the requirements of our prevailing guidelines but on the other hand we also have to be vigilant that our events remain financially affordable for potential hosts

→ reflections about the organizational cost

We are currently looking for ways to limit the cost for our potential hosts. One of the possibilities is to review the amount of travel grant they have to bring in to assist the participating delegations. Another option (and one doesn't exclude the other) is to reduce the free full board accommodation offer from 3 male and 3 female athletes to two times two. This is on the agenda for our next council meeting

→ frequency of the MIAUC's

We have been discussing this issue for some considerable time. . The 100 km World Championship has been "protected" as this is our only competition which is organized under the patronage of the IAAF and until last year, the majority of our annual IAAF grant was strictly expected to be used as travel grants for this championship. Thanks to the more flexible relations with the IAAF we can now spend this money according to our own policy views, as long as the latter can be justified as a part of our general policy. Hence the idea that this new kind of flexibility enables us to consider biannual World Championships for the 100 km and 24H, as both attract similar numbers of member federations to compete. We would combine this with Continental Championships in the alternate years. Africa might be a problem in the first years (as the 100 km is for them not really a standardized distance) but this should certainly be feasible in Europe, Asia and the Americas. If we reach this level one suggestion would be to no longer include the Continental Championships in the area where the World Championships take place, as in the long run the Continental Championships should become a bi-annual event, such as the World Championships (except for the 50 km, and maybe the trail, but the latter is another discussion which might take place beyond our control).

Forthcoming and future Major IAU Competitions

- 2014 IAU 50 km World Trophy Final – Doha (Qatar) – October 31
- 2014 IAU 100 km Asian Championship - Yilan (Taiwan) – October 18
- 2014 IAU 24H World Championship : tbd – ongoing negotiations with
- Soochow (Taiwan) – December 6
- 2014 IAU 100 km World Championship under the patronage of the IAAF :
Doha (Qatar) – November 28
- 2015 IAU Trail World Championship – Torino (Italy) – April 11/12
- 2015 IAU Trail World Championship – Annecy (France) – May 30

Major I.A.U. Competitions between May 2013 and March 2014

RESULTS

**100 km EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP
BELVES (FRA) – 27 April 2013**

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS MEN

1. CUEVAS Asier	ESP	6:53:14
1. BOCH Michael	FRA	6:56:49
3. REQUEJO José Antonio	ESP	6:57:02
4. VERMEERSCH Pieter	BEL	6:58:06
5. RISA Jarle	NOR	7:01:44

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS WOMEN

1. BERG Kajsa	SWE	7:38:52
1. ANTROPOVA Irina	RUS	7:42:52
3. HARRISON Sue	GBR	7:48:12
4. PANKOVSKA Irina	RUS	7:49:23
5. SUNDBERG Sophia	SWE	7:53:21

TEAM RESULTS MEN

1. ESP	20 :54 :52
2. FRA	21 :15 :57
3. RUS	21: 25: 58

TEAM RESULTS WOMEN

1 RUS	23 :28 :22
2. SWE	24: 02: 25
3. ITA	25: 24: 24

TRAIL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP LLANRWST (North Wales – GBR) – 6 July 2013
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INDIVIDUAL RESULTS MEN

1. LIGHTFOOT Ricky	GBR	5:36:03
1. NEUSCHWANDER Florian	GER	5:45:16
3. RANCON Julien	FRA	5:54:21

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS WOMEN

1. MAUCLAIR Nathalie	FRA	6 :38 :45
2. TRUEL Aurelia	FRA	6 :55 :51
3. PARIGI Maria Chiara	ITA	7 :00 :30

TEAM RESULTS MEN

1. GBR	17:47:59
2. FRA	17:58:14
3. GER	18:42:29

TEAM RESULTS WOMEN

1.FRA	20:46:16
2. ITA	21:28:22
3. GBR	21:43:01

IAU 24H WORLD & EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS STEENBERGEN (NED) - 11/12 MAY 2013
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INDIVIDUAL RESULTS MEN

1. OLSEN Jon	USA	269,675 km
2. DENNIS John	USA	262,734 km
3. REUS Florian	GER	259,939 km (1st European Championship)
4. KRUGLIKOV Anatoly	RUS	257,040 km (2 nd European Championship)
5. PONOMAREV Timur	RUS	256,666 km (3rd European Championship)

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS WOMEN

1. KUDO Mami	JPN	252,205 km
2. LITTLE Sabrina	USA	244,669 km
3. BON Suzanna	USA	236,228 km
5. VERNET Anne-Marie	FRA	229,393 km (1st European Championship)
7. NISSEN Cecile	FRA	227,618 km (2nd European Championship)
8. LAW Sharon	GBR	226,107 km (3rd European Championship)

TEAM COMPETITION MEN

1. USA	780,552 km
2. JPN	752,567 km
3. GER	752,007 km (1st European Championship)
4. RUS	748,162 km (2nd European Championship)
5. ITA	715,739 km (3rd European Championship)

TEAM COMPETITION WOMEN

1. USA	710,559 km
2. JPN	705,582 km
3. FRA	670,698 km (1st European Championship)
4. GBR	658,357 km (2nd European Championship)
5. GER	651,117 km (3rd European Championship)

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