



Key Features from the Monaco 2014 IAU Executive Council meeting in January.

IAU Championships 2014/2015

Most of the issues discussed at the meeting regarding the championships in 2014 have been subsequently addressed and the latest information has already been placed on the website. This work was considered the key priority which is why we are belatedly updating you on other key discussions..

Budget

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

Race Labelling System.

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.

However at the Monaco meeting we agreed to review and revamp the IAU labelling system for 2015 onwards so keep an eye on the website for the new conditions which will apply for IAU Labelling applications for 2015 and onwards.

Statistics and World Best Performances.

Having reviewed the IAU World Best Performances and the World Age Best Performances, we have decided to remove the separation based on surface i.e. Track, Road and Indoor. All such records will be frozen as of December 2013 and recorded and only the superior performance for each recognised distance/time will be taken forward for future IAU world best performances. Current requirements for performances to be recognised as world best performances remain in place.

Life time Career Award.

The Executive Council has agreed to implement Article 15.9 of the new IAU Constitution to recognise suitable performances and activity for ultrarunning:-

“ Article 15.9

In addition, the Congress on the recommendation of the Executive Council may grant the following awards for long and meritorious members to the cause of International Ultrarunning:

- a. IAU Veteran Diploma to those who dedicated their efforts within IAU activities;
- b. IAU Diploma of Merit to those who were involved within IAAF Continental Associations (to be proposed by thee Associations);
- c. Admittance to the IAU Hall of Fame for exceptional performances of outstanding athletes and other persons within the IAU activities. ”

We will be setting up a committee to work on these proposals and the criteria. There will be two IAU Executive Council members and we hope to attract a member from each of the areas to join the committee. Nadeem will make an announcement soon on the website.

International Trail Developments.

The IAU has held 4 successful IAU Trail World Championships over the last 8 years. Currently we and the other trail organisations are working with the IAAF with a proposal to add trail to the IAAF Constitution as an official part of athletics and work is progressing well.

Website.

We have been developing a new updated IAU website.....watch the website for further details!