

## Looking forward to IAAF World Cross Country Championships, Guiyang 2015

In 2015, the focus of the athletics world will fall on China; not once, but twice as the world's biggest country hosts two major international championships.

The main event, of course, is the **IAAF World Championships** in Beijing in August, but before that, Guiyang will stage the **IAAF World Cross Country Championships** on 28 March. It will be the first time that China has hosted the event and just the third time that it has been held on Asian soil.

The World Cross – the finale of the **IAAF Cross Country Permit** season which began back in November – will welcome the world's best distance athletes as they compete for individual and team honours.

Next month also sees the beginning of the **IAAF World Challenge** and **IAAF Hammer Throw Challenge**. Both series begin in Melbourne on 21 March and will pass through numerous countries – including China – throughout the course of 2015.

### IAAF HQ HEADLINE NEWS



### TOP CHINESE ATHLETES MARK 200-DAY COUNTDOWN TO IAAF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, BEIJING 2015

With 200 days to go until the Chinese capital hosts the IAAF World Championships, Beijing 2015, seven athletes were made ambassadors of the championships. [READ MORE](#)

*Photo: Liu Xiang, Chen Ding and Wang Yu at the 200-day countdown press conference*

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### FEATURED NEWS



#### Official Bulletin – IAAF World Cross Country Championships, Guiyang 2015

The Local Organising Committee of the IAAF World Cross Country Championships, Guiyang 2015 have published the Official Bulletin concerning the forthcoming championships, which will be held on 28 March. [READ MORE](#)



#### Oceania Athletics Association re-elects Gardner as President

The Oceania Athletics Association Election Congress was conducted at Tweed Heads on Australia's Gold Coast on 6 February. President Geoff Gardner (NFI) was unanimously re-elected unopposed to the President's position for a third term. [READ MORE](#)

#### IAAF general site visit takes place with just over six months to go until World Championships

A two-day IAAF general site visit for the IAAF World Championships, Beijing 2015, led by IAAF Council member Helmut Digel, concluded in the Chinese capital on 10 February. [READ MORE](#)



### Summary of IAAF medical and anti-doping media conference call

The IAAF held a medical and anti-doping conference call with the international media on 16 February to help offer a better understanding of the IAAF's leading work in this complex, specialist and often confusing field.

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