

## Looking forward to the upcoming Olympic year

An outstanding IAAF World Championships Beijing 2015, which played out over nine days to full stadiums and a huge global TV audience, was the highlight of a busy competition year for athletics. Yet as 2015 draws to a close, another packed programme is on the horizon.

The 2016 season will culminate with the **Rio 2016 Olympic Games** where athletics will take centre stage at the world's largest sporting event.

There will also be four IAAF World Athletics Series events next year: the **IAAF World Indoor Championships Portland 2016**, the **IAAF/Cardiff University World Half Marathon Championships Cardiff 2016**, the **IAAF World Race Walking Team Championships** and the **IAAF World Junior Championships**. The venues for the latter two events **will be decided on 7 January**.

And of course, throughout the year the world's leading athletes will compete in various annual series such as the **IAAF Diamond League**, the **IAAF World Challenge**, **IAAF Label Road Races**, the **IAAF World Indoor Tour**, the **IAAF Combined Events Challenge**, the **IAAF Hammer Throw Challenge**, the **IAAF Race Walking Challenge** and **IAAF Cross Country Permit** meetings.

### IAAF HQ HEADLINE NEWS



### EATON AND DIBABA ARE CROWNED 2015 IAAF WORLD ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

USA's Ashton Eaton and Ethiopia's Genzebe Dibaba have been named the male and female IAAF World Athletes of the Year for 2015.

Both athletes set world records during 2015, Eaton in the decathlon and Dibaba in the 1500m, and won gold medals in these events at the IAAF World Championships Beijing 2015.

Ashton Eaton became the first decathlete to win the male World Athlete of the Year award after his spectacular performance in the Chinese capital when he set a world record of 9045.

Genzebe Dibaba, after setting a world indoor 5000m record of 14:18.86, was then unbeaten in her five 1500m races during the summer, including a stunning world record of 3:50.07 in Monaco to beat a mark that was set in 1993. [READ MORE](#)

*Photo: Ashton Eaton and Genzebe Dibaba*

### OTHER NEWS

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## FEATURED NEWS



### **ARAF accepts full suspension – IAAF Council meeting, Monaco**

The full suspension of ARAF and the formation of an IAAF Integrity Unit were confirmed on 26 November at the 202nd IAAF Council Meeting in Monaco.

*ARAF had been provisionally suspended on 13 November.*



### **Sebastian Coe meets partners in Tokyo**

IAAF President Sebastian Coe arrived in Tokyo on 4 December at the start of long-planned two-day visit to Japan for a first meeting with the IAAF marketing partner Dentsu and several of the official IAAF partners.



### **Six Athletes' Commission members appointed**

Six members of the IAAF Athletes' Commission have been appointed by IAAF Council. The six new members who have been appointed to join the Athletes' Commission for the period 2016-2019 are Fabiana Murer (BRA), Paula Radcliffe (GBR), Alina Talay (BLR), Ashton Eaton (USA), Michael Frater (JAM) and Ezekiel Kemboi (KEN).



### **IAAF World Indoor Tour launched**

The 2016 IAAF World Indoor Tour was officially announced on Monday 7 December and will consist of four competitions which have regularly staged IAAF Indoor Permit meetings in previous years.

## FOR THE RECORD

### **ATHLETES SANCTIONED FOR A DOPING OFFENCE**

An up-to-date list can be downloaded [here](#).

### **NEW MEMBER FEDERATION OFFICERS – RECENT ELECTIONS / APPOINTMENTS**

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## OBITUARIES

- **Former world record-holder Houston McTear**
- **Two-time Olympic 800m champion Mal Whitfield**
- **Oldest surviving Olympian Guo Jie**
- **Swaziland Athletics president Themba Makhanya**
- **US athletics writer Bert Rosenthal**
- **Athletics writer Norman Harris**

## PUBLICATIONS



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Top-10 world ranking in all standard events with career details, best performances and annual progression 500-deep world all-time lists, including top 100 performances Decade lists, top 10 in all events for every tenth year 1900–2010.

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