Looking forward to the IAAF Combined Events Challenge

With the indoor season having ended, the focus is already beginning to shift to the outdoor season. Of the IAAF’s various outdoor track and field series, the IAAF Combined Events Challenge is the first that gets underway in 2018. With no senior global outdoor championships this year, it will fall to the IAAF Combined Events Challenge to determine the world’s best all-round athletes for this season.

The series comprises eight meetings this year and includes competitions in Europe, Oceania and North America. It begins in Florence with the prestigious Multistars meeting on 27-28 April and concludes at the Decastar meeting in Talence on 15-16 September.

April is also a big month for road running and some of the world's biggest marathons will be taking place over the course of the next five weeks. Many track and field athletes, meanwhile, will be heading to Australia for the Commonwealth Games. It's the start of what looks set to be a busy and exciting outdoor season of athletics.

IAAF HQ HEADLINE NEWS

COUNCIL TAKES STEPS TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN ATHLETICS

At the 213th IAAF Council Meeting, held from 5-6 March in Birmingham City's Council House and chaired by IAAF President Sebastian Coe, topics discussed included revised hyperandrogenism regulations, transfers of allegiance and the global calendar. Full story

FEATURED NEWS

Road running under the microscope at 2nd IAAF Global Road Running Seminar

On the eve of the IAAF/Trinidad Alfonso World Half Marathon Championships Valencia 2018, the people involved in the organisation of road running events around the world gathered in the Spanish city for the 2nd IAAF Global Road Running Seminar.

Gomez elected Athletes’ Commission Chair

Canada’s Íñaki Gomez was elected Chair of the Athletes’ Commission by Commission members and confirmed by Council on the first day of the 213th IAAF Council Meeting.
IAAF Heritage Collection launched in Birmingham
The ornate Banqueting Suite on the first floor of the historic Council House in Birmingham’s Victoria Square seemed a suitable venue in which to launch the IAAF Heritage Collection on the closing day of a thoroughly gripping 17th edition of the IAAF World Indoor Championships.

IAAF celebrates role of women in athletics with clear targets to increase representation across all areas of the sport
Starting from International Women’s Day on 8 March and for the duration of Women’s History Month, the IAAF has been celebrating the role of women in athletics.

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
An up-to-date list can be downloaded here.

WORLD RECORDS RATIFIED

Men’s indoor 60m
6.34 Christian Coleman (USA) Albuquerque 18 February 2018
Previous: 6.39 Maurice Greene (USA) Madrid 3 February 1998
6.39 Maurice Greene (USA) Atlanta 3 March 2001

Women’s half marathon
1:04:51mx Joycilaine Jepkosgei (KEN) Valencia 22 October 2017
Previous: 1:04:52mx Joycilaine Jepkosgei (KEN) Prague 1 April 2017

U20 men’s indoor pole vault
5.78m Emmanouil Karalis (GRE) Pireaus 11 February 2018
Previous: 5.75m Armand Duplantis (SWE) New York 11 February 2017

OBITUARIES

- Former mile world record-holder Roger Bannister
- Pioneer physiologist and coach David Martin
- Cuban jumps coach Milan Matos

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