

# UPDATE



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## Creation of new working groups

# Cooperation and partnership lead to success

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Modern athletics is highly complex. Perhaps those who know this best are competition organisers seeking to meet the various requirements for a successful event. The European Athletic Association can be proud of the results of its efforts in recent years to increase the quality of its events, but there is still potential for improvement.

One area where development is possible is in the relationships between the different groups inside our movement, including the federations, athletes, managers, coaches, organisers and officials. Often difficulties arise because it is not clear to one party just how important the work of another is for the overall result. In addition, ongoing changes within the sport and society may lead to new expectations and needs on the part of some groups and thereby challenge the way we do things. As a result, cooperation is not always on the level it should be. In some cases this missing element is the factor that limits the quality of events and the success of our sport.

To reach a higher level of professionalism in what we do and to continue to build our

image, it will be necessary for all the forces inside the sport to work more closely and effectively. An important basis for steps forward will be a common understanding of the roles and needs of all the partners in the Athletics Family.

Recently the EAA brought the leaders of our Member Federations to Budapest for our biennial CEO Seminar. A key objective was to help integrate different groups that have been isolated for too long. The participants heard a series of presentations in which experienced representatives from key groups – athletes, managers, one-day meeting organisers and coaches – explained their roles and the views of their colleagues. The experience was enlightening and helped all those present to understand the position and concerns of others. From the discussions it was clear that there is a growing acceptance that each party is important for the success of European athletics and, therefore, there are certain standards that have to be respected.

Even before the seminar, the EAA Council had decided to create working groups to focus on a number of areas of interest and concern, including those represented by the speakers in Budapest. Our idea was to increase the input into the EAA's policy



EAA President Hansjörg Wirz congratulates triple jumper Christian Olsson, the winner of the «Waterford Crystal European Athlete of the Year Trophy 2003».

making procedure by bringing together some of the best minds in European athletics, focusing them on a topic and seeing what ideas for addressing the complexity of our sport emerged. The proposals and recommendations from the working groups will be considered by the Council and, where appropriate, brought forward into guidelines, regulations or new procedures.

The overall aim is to develop a widely understood and supported basis for fruitful cooperation in the future.

The complete list of working groups and their membership can be found on page 2 of this issue of UPDATE. I am happy to say that most of the groups have already begun their discussions and the chairpersons have reported a high level of motivation and enthusiasm among their group members.

We are all looking forward to the results of this innovative approach and to the implementation of the ideas that emerge from the process.

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## EAA working groups and Reflection Commission

# Questions to the Chairs

**At its June 2003 meeting in Frankfurt, the EAA Council added a new and innovative concept to the way the association works and prepares for the future. Aiming to generate ideas and proposals for improving all aspects of the sport in Europe, it created eight working groups and a Reflection Commission.**

Over the next months, a careful recruitment and selection process took place and the members of the nine new bodies have now been appointed for the 2003 to 2007 period.

The new working groups will be consultant bodies of experts and top thinkers focusing on specific issue areas such as «coaches» or «the development of athletics stadiums in Europe». Each will be chaired by a Council member or a senior member of an EAA committee and comprise a maximum of five members. Instead of a fixed schedule of meetings, these groups will develop their projects through a combination of written and electronic communications and ad hoc meetings coordinated by their respective chairs.

The role of the Reflection Commission will be to act as an annual think tank for the EAA, considering experiences and ideas from all possible sources before submitting proposals directly to the Council. The commission will be chaired by EAA Treasurer Karel Pilny.

To give a brief overview of how they see the roles of their respective groups, the nine new chairpersons have been asked to answer a standard set of questions. Their responses, together with the composition of the groups are presented here.

### EAA Legal Working Group

**Chair: Clemens Prokop GER**

**Members:** Antonios Dracos CYP, Till Lufft GER

**1** The working group provides the EAA Member Federations with information on legal matters, it is responsible for clearing legal issues within the EAA and it advises the EAA Council.

**2** It is our goal to fulfil our duties.

**3** The legal working group will work on a «case-by-case» basis.

### EAA Athletes Representatives Working Group

**Chair: Philippe Lamblin FRA**

**Members:** Ludmila Olijar LAT, Jos Hermens NED, Miguel Mostaza ESP, Attila Spiriev HUN

**1** As chairperson of the Athletes' Representatives Working Group I wish to propose a real collaboration between the group members for the development of athletics in Europe.

**2** My aim is to integrate the Athletes' Representatives more into the athletics family through some concrete actions to be started up for the next big events.

**3** For the four Athletes' Representatives who make up our small group, the first priorities are:

- To list the sectors in which they could take an active part
- To draft an ethical charter that could be the basis for a code of practice for Athletes' Representatives

### The questions

- What do you see as the main tasks for your group?
- What are the goals you would like to see your group achieve within the next three years?
- Is there a first priority for your group's work?

### EAA Meeting Organisers Working Group

**Chair: José Luis de Carlos ESP**

**Members:** Alfio Giomi ITA, Evangelos Meligounakis GRE, Norbert Rokita POL

**1** The main task for this working group is to establish a new system for EAA Meetings in order to improve their quality. We will also try to motivate the organisers and show them that the EAA is more than just an institution on whose calendar they insert the date of their meeting, it is also a resource that can help them from the organisational point of view. How can we do this? In our first meeting we want to discuss items that can benefit all the organisers such as:

- Event presentation system
- Calendar
- Participation of European athletes
- Relationships with European Athletes representatives
- Exchange of working and budget system

**2** The working group's main goals are to:

- Raise the quality level of EAA Meetings
- Increase the participation of European athletes
- Improve relations between organisers
- Organise the first EAA Meetings Seminar

**3** Our first priority is to be sure that this working group is and will be useful for our meeting organisers.

**EAA Stadium Working Group****Chair: Hansjörg Wirz SUI****Members:** Valentin Balakhnichev RUS, Ole Petter Sandvig NOR, Till Lufft GER

**1** To work out proposals to help our Member Federations secure the necessary stadium facilities for the future and to make sure that those facilities will be used for our sport.

**2** We would like to achieve a situation in which all countries in Europe have at least one national athletics stadium that is recognised and supported by the political institutions.

**3** We will first investigate, together with the federations, the situation in each country and the existing problems they face.

**EAA Coaches Working Group****Chair: Agoston Schulek HUN****Members:** Ludmila Olijar LAT, Frank Dick GBR, Dino Ponchio ITA, Petteri Jousto FIN

**1** To help coaches in a variety of ways including:

- a) Improving the image of coaches on the national and international levels.
- b) Supporting the education of coaches.
- c) Helping coaches obtain insurance and legal protection.
- d) Giving coaches more specific materials and information.

**2** The main goals I would like to achieve within the next years include:

- a) Provide, through a close cooperation with the IAAF, more teaching materials to coaches, such as videos, scientific analysis and information from other coaches.
- b) Create a web site for coaches.
- c) Create a data base for those coaches who want to work abroad.
- d) Create European coach recognition awards.

**3** The first priority will be to develop better cooperation between all the bodies who are responsible for assisting coaches such as the European Athletics Coaches Association, the IAAF-EAA RDC Moscow, national level coaches committees and working groups, etc in order to fulfill the above mentioned goals.

**EAA Youth Working Group****Chair: Toralf Nilsson SWE****Members:** Alfio Giomi ITA, Ildikó Dornbach HUN, Adam Walker GBR

**1** The Youth Working Group has been asked to look at the following areas:

- a) Implements for different age groups
  - b) Competition Programme (national/international)
  - c) Motivation to continue in athletics
  - d) Situation of athletic education in Europe (schools/clubs)
  - e) Co-operation with schools (curricular and integration)
  - f) Appropriate competition forms
- In addition to this the group itself has added the task of looking at:
- g) The local environment (club structure)

**2** We would like to find and deliver to the Member Federations relevant tools that could help them to help themselves improve their situations concerning the pathway from kids at the age of seven up to athletes at the age of 22.

**3** We will give first priority to two of the tasks above: (c) motivation to continue in athletics and (g) the local environment. The first step will be to find out where we (athletics in Europe) are. Therefore, we need to collect and analyse various facts and figures before we create a strategy. This work must be co-ordinated with the other working groups that are linked to the Development Committee.

**EAA Education Working Group****Chair: Jonas Egilsson ISL****Members:** Bill Glad GBR, Curt Högborg SWE, Vadim Zelichenok RUS

**1** Our group has interpreted our brief to include the following tasks:

- a) Gathering information on educational activities in the sport
- b) Creating a prioritised «wish list» of proposals for the Development Committee
- c) Developing and managing partnerships in the area of education
- d) Designing and delivering specific educational projects
- e) Developing structures for the on-going management of follow-up actions

**2** One goal for the next three years is to make sure that through cooperation with the other Development Committee working groups we gather information on the developmental needs of federations in a coordinated and effective way. With so many working groups all requiring basic data, we could find the Member Federations getting overloaded with an endless series of questionnaires. A second goal will be to plan and organise the CEO seminar in 2005.

**3** I would like to see improved understanding and uptake in Europe of services offered by the IAAF. Even though we are at the heart of the athletics world we have managed to remain isolated from a lot of available development activities over the years. We have to make sure that the federations take advantage of opportunities such as the RDC Moscow and the new IAAF Academy.

**EAA Member Services Working Group****Chair: Nick Davis IRL****Members:** Jorge Salcedo POR, Jean Gracia FRA, Anna Kirnova SVK

**1** Our group's tasks will include:

- a) Development of an information system for the improvement of communication lines between the EAA and the Member Federations
- b) Creation of a platform for communication among the Member Federations
- c) Provision of information
- d) Support for the EAA office

**2** Our goals for the next three years are to make the EAA a key player in the development of European Athletics and ensure that Member Federations are supported in their activities through effective administrative and information systems.

**3** The first priorities will be to put in place an effective communications strategy and strengthen the support structures.

**EAA Reflection Commission****Chair: Karel Pilny CZE****Vice-Chair: Valentin Balakhnichev RUS****Members:** Valery Borzov UKR, Anthony Chircop MLT, Johannes Gloggnitzer AUT, Frank Hensel GER, Philippe Housiaux BEL, Dobromir Karamarinov BUL, Sargis Khachatryan ARM, Harry Lemberg EST, Milan Pedalo BIH, Levy Psavkin ISR, Kari Saarinen FIN, Jorge Vieira POR

**1** A Reflection Commission is a completely new idea and I have to say I like it. The commission comprises 16 members from very different federations and they have some very different perspectives on the sport. I believe our tasks are to keep our eyes open and then, after each season, meet to think through and evaluate the experiences that European athletics has had during the year (including our major and smaller events, meetings, development, promotion, administration and many other aspects). Once we have done this, we will try to formulate

▶ proposals, thoughts, ideas, comments, remarks etc. The results of our efforts will be given to the Council and the other committees and commissions so that they can act on any appropriate ideas.

2 We want to be a group that is thinking all the time about athletics in Europe and, ideally, identifying possibilities for the EAA to do things better, to use the

experience and strength we have for the good of the sport. For example, in our first meeting we came up with a concrete idea: To show how the EAA works, promote cooperation and improve our systems, we have proposed giving possibilities to Member Federations and LOCs to send a person for 1-2 weeks (at the EAA's expense) to observe the workings of the EAA Office.

3 To establish a system for the commission to work. After our first meeting, I think we all know and agree what this means. Now I will have a look to create specific tasks for the commission members to think about throughout the coming year.

## European Winter Throwing Challenge in Marsa, Malta

# Some winners likely to shine also in Athens

**Vita Pavlysh (UKR), Franka Dietzsch (GER), Gerd Kanter (EST), Kristian Pars (HUN): remember those names for you'll be hearing a lot more of them when the medals are handed out at next summer's Olympic Games.**

Paul Grech

Sadly, not many people took up the opportunity of seeing those Olympic hopefuls in action when they were competing here in Malta. Although throwing events aren't particularly popular with the Maltese, the relatively low attendance figures were perhaps the only disappoint-

ment of the European Winter Throwing Challenge that was held in Marsa. Otherwise, the event was undoubtedly a success even if the strong winds greatly limited the possibility of seeing bigger throws than those registered.

The women's discus, which opened the competition, saw a tight battle between

the German Franka Dietzsch and last year's leading athlete, the Russian Natalya Sadova. In the end it was the German who emerged as the winner by just 4 cm with a throw of 60.32 metres.

As expected, the women's shot put was dominated by Ukrainian thrower Vita Pavlysh, one of the world's leading athletes in this discipline. Her throw of 19.39 m was easily the best effort of the day.

Significantly, the best results were registered in the hammer throw where the wind's influence is minimal. Hungary's Kristian Pars confirmed his undoubted potential by winning with a throw of 79.69 m to register a new personal best.

Gerd Kanter from Estonia nailed 63.21 m in his first throw in the men's discus and held on to the lead until the end to repeat last year's top placing.

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Men	
<b>Shot Put:</b>	
1. Rutger Smith (NED)	20.23
2. Miran Vodovnik (SLO)	19.65
3. Grigoriy Panfilov (RUS)	19.43
- 14 participants	
<b>Discus:</b>	
1. Gerd Kanter (EST)	63.21
2. Mario Pestano (ESP)	62.00
3. Rutger Smith (NED)	59.84
- 24 participants	
<b>Hammer:</b>	
1. Kristian Pars (HUN)	79.69
2. Esref Apak (TUR)	77.76
3. Alex. Papadimitrou (GRE)	77.13
- 19 participants	
<b>Javelin:</b>	
1. Vadims Vasileysius (LAT)	82.44
2. Ainars Kovals (LAT)	82.13
3. Teemu Wirkkala (FIN)	80.87
- 16 participants	

Women	
<b>Shot Put:</b>	
1. Vita Pavlysh (UKR)	19.39
2. Nadine Kleinert (GER)	18.17
3. Assunta Legnante (ITA)	17.96
- 14 participants	
<b>Discus:</b>	
1. Franka Dietzsch (GER)	60.32
2. Natalya Sadova (RUS)	60.28
3. Melina Robert-Michon (FRA)	58.69
- 18 participants	
<b>Hammer:</b>	
1. Andrea Bunjes (GER)	67.99
2. Shirley Webb (GBR)	67.52
3. Sini Poyry (FIN)	67.49
- 32 participants	
<b>Javelin:</b>	
1. Valeria Zabruskova (RUS)	63.84
2. Steffi Nerius (GER)	62.80
3. Ekaterina Ivakina (RUS)	61.34
- 13 participants	

## 2nd European Indoor Cup 2004, Leipzig / GER

# Like outdoors: France & Russia

The men from France and the women from Russia were the winners of the 2nd European Indoor Cup in Leipzig. In a closely fought battle, the French team, who were also first in last year's SPAR European Cup in Florence, finished just two points ahead of the Russian men. On the women's side, the winners remained undefeated as a team since 1997 and dominated the competition with seven individual wins.

To no one's great surprise, the leading sprinter Jason Gardner (GBR) fashioned a solid lead after just 20 m of the men's 60 metres before coasting to a 6.51 win. Christian Olsson (SWE) quickly separated himself from the men's triple jump field by leaping 17.31 m on just the second attempt in the competition, a mark that stood as the best of the day. Other top performances were achieved by Daniela Rath (GER) who cleared 2.00 m for the second time this year to win the women's high jump and Demitriy Forshev (RUS) who breezed to a pb of 46.46 after winning the dash for the lead at the 200m point of the men's 400 metres.



High jump winner Daniela Rath (GER) and 60 m winner Jason Gardener (GBR)

Final Cup standings	
<b>Men (9 events)</b>	
1. France	50
2. Russia	48
3. Germany	46
4. Italy	45
5. Netherlands	43
6. Great Britain & NI	35
7. Poland	35
8. Sweden	29
<b>Women (10 events)</b>	
1. Russia	82
2. Germany	64
3. Ukraine	46.5
4. Poland	41
5. Spain	39.5
6. Great Britain & NI	35
7. Greece	33
8. France	28

Individual winners			
<b>Men</b>			
60 m	Jason Gardener	GBR	6.51
400 m	Dmitriy Forshev	RUS	46.46
800 m	Bram Som	NED	1:48.79
1500 m	Mounir Yemmouni	FRA	3:49.82
3000 m	Gert-Jan Liefers	NED	7:49.70
60 m Hurdles	Andrea Giaconi	ITA	7.72
Pole Vault	Björn Otto	GER	5.70
Triple Jump	Christian Olsson	SWE	17.31
Relay	RUS		4:12.56
<b>Women</b>			
60 m	Larisa Kruglova	RUS	7.27
400 m	Olesya Krasnomovets	RUS	51.31
800 m	Olga Raspopova	RUS	2:00.41
1500 m	Irina Lishchinska	UKR	4:09.82
3000 m	Yelena Zadorozhnaya	RUS	8:53.45
60 m Hurdles	Flóra Redóúmi	GRE	7.97
High Jump	Daniela Rath	GER	2.00
Long Jump	Irina Simagina	RUS	6.72
Shot Put	Irina Khudoroshkina	RUS	18.75
Relay	RUS		4:46.14



400 m winner Dmitriy Forshev (RUS).



## The Europeans at the World Indoor Championships in Budapest

# More than the half of the medals

**If moving the World Indoor Championships to an Olympic year was viewed as a calculated risk, the European representation in Budapest did its share of easing fears with superb performances.**



The Swedish high jumper  
Stefan Holm (SWE)

**Ed Gordon**

Although some of the big names opted not to interrupt their Athens preparation, those who attended carried on the European indoor tradition at much the same level as in recent seasons.

In all, European athletes took 49 of the 86 medals awarded (57%), essentially the same as last year in Birmingham (48 of 85, or 56%). And Europeans won 14 of the 28 events, just one less than its 15 victories a year ago.

The weekend represented the best showing ever for the Russian team, as they led all competing nations with eight wins and 19 total medals in their seventh outing since emerging from the Soviet umbrella.

Podium awards found their way to 17 European countries compared with 14 in Birmingham, but the redistribution saw some of the traditionally powerful federations come up strikingly short. The teams of Spain, France, Great Britain and Germany, which had collectively taken home twenty medals in 2003, could amass only four in 2004.

After a drought of no individual world records in the previous two

editions of the World Indoor Championships, the Budapest competition produced three, all of which came from European jumpers.

The most spectacular of the trio was Tatyana Lebedeva, who rewrote the women's triple jump in a most decisive way. The Russian, who amazingly won the world title last summer in Paris less than a year after the birth of her daughter, garnered superlatives by first equalling at 15.16 m, and then twice breaking the existing world record with jumps of 15.25 m and 15.36 m. Never before had any indoor triple jumper produced more than a single attempt over fifteen metres within a series. Lebedeva had four.

One day later, the Volgograd resident became the first to win both horizontal jumps at the World Indoor with a season-leading 6.98 m in the long jump.

Russia also claimed a new world record in the women's pole vault, as Yelena Isinbayeva jumped 4.86 m to take the global standard back from her teammate, Svetlana Feofanova, who finished third at 4.70 m behind another former world-record holder, Stacy Dragila of the US, at 4.81 m.



**Tatyana Lebedeva (RUS) set a new world record in triple jump**

The third record of the weekend found Sweden's Christian Olsson finally taking a big hop, step, and jump to the top in the men's triple jump by equaling the existing world record of 17.83 m. Ever since his 17.80 m only two days after winning the European Indoor in 2002, this record been at the top of his list of goals awaiting accomplishment.

Jason Gardener of Great Britain solidified his claim as the indoor season's fastest man with a 6.49 victory in the men's 60 metres, thereby returning this title to Europe after a seven-year absence.

Sweden's Stefan Holm, with a 2.35 m leap, continued his hold on the world indoor high jump crown with a third consecutive win as European jumpers captured four of the five medals awarded in the event.

The men's pole vault saw a European medal sweep, headed by Russia's Igor Pavlov at 5.80 m.

In a discipline never won by a non-European at the World Indoor Championships, Yelena Slesarenko of Russia took the women's high jump with a brilliant 2.04 m performance to equal the season's best.

Vita Pavlysh of Ukraine easily won the women's shot put at 20.49 m, as this event has only once fallen out of European hands at the World Indoors.

Although perhaps disappointed by not breaking fifty seconds, Natalya Nazarova of Russia was still the class of the women's 400 with 50.19 in her successful title defense from last year.

Not to be overlooked was the Russian women's sixth consecutive victory in the 4x400 relay, as the quartet produced a world-record 3:23.88 with final runner Nazarova managing to plunge below fifty seconds at 49.89, the fastest recorded relay interval ever.

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# EVENTS

## European Medal Standings

by Country

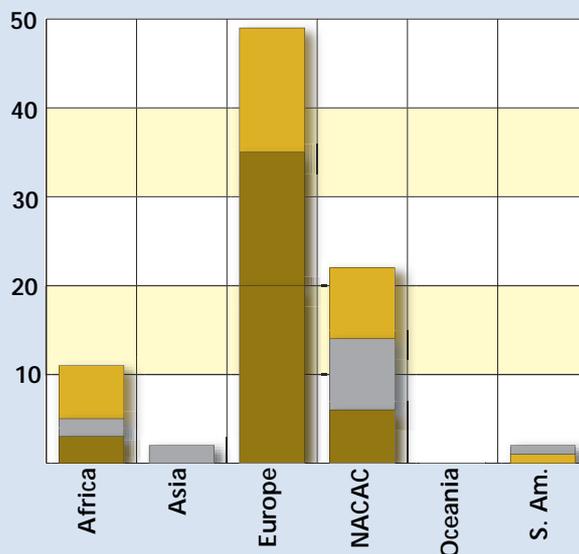
	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Russia	8	6	5	19
3	Sweden	2	1	1	4
7	Ukraine	1	2	1	4
8	Czech Republic	1	1	1	3
9	Portugal	1	1	0	2
11	Great Britain & N.I.	1	0	1	2
16	Belarus	0	2	1	3
18	Belgium	0	1	0	1
18	Slovenia	0	1	0	1
23	Greece	0	0	2	2
23	Romania	0	0	2	2
26	Croatia	0	0	1	1
26	Denmark	0	0	1	1
26	France	0	0	1	1
26	Germany	0	0	1	1
26	Ireland	0	0	1	1
26	Lithuania	0	0	1	1
<b>Total European Medals (17 countries)</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>European Medals out of Total</b>		<b>14/28</b>	<b>15/28</b>	<b>20/30</b>	<b>49/86</b>
<b>Percentage of European Medals</b>		<b>50.0%</b>	<b>53.6%</b>	<b>66.7%</b>	<b>57.0%</b>

by Area

Area	Gold	Silver	Bronze*	Total	Percentage
Africa	6	2	3	11	12.8%
Asia	0	2	0	2	2.3%
Europe	14	15	20	49	57.0%
NACAC	8	8	6	22	25.6%
Oceania	0	0	0	0	0.0%
S. America	0	1	1	2	2.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Countries winning medals	32
European Countries	17
Percentage of European Countries	53.1%

\* 3 bronze medals in Men's High Jump



## Enhanced capacity in the headquarters

# New EAA Staff Members

**The EAA's office staff is now going through a period of rapid and major change. With February's relocation of the Headquarters to Switzerland and the EAA Council's decision to change the office structure and increase working capacity we have to say goodbye to old friends and hello to new faces.**

Although all staff members from both Darmstadt and London were invited to be a part of the new office in Lausanne, for personal reasons Sarah Davies, Cécile Sabron and Helga Vielmuth have chosen not to make the move. **Tamara Paul** has also decided to stay in Germany but was kind enough to come to Lausanne until the end of June to help with the build up of the new office and to train her successor. Sadly, we must bid those leaving us farewell and wish them all the best for the future.

On a happier note, **General Secretary Till Lufft**, **Joanne Dick** (Event Co-ordination Manager) and **Ivan Khodabakhsh** (Technical Manager) have all agreed to relocate to Switzerland and form the core of our new team.

We have also been recruiting new personnel to join them in our beautiful office on Avenue Louis-Ruchonet and cover both the existing work load and newly created positions. With the following short sketches we would like to welcome our new staff members and introduce them to the EAA Family.

### **Marcel Wakim**

#### **Competition Department Technical Co-ordinator**

Marcel has a Brazilian mother and a Lebanese father but he holds German passport. He has already worked for the EAA as an auxiliary in the competition department in the Darmstadt office for 10 months while obtaining his masters degree in sports science at the University of Darmstadt. Now that he has accepted an offer to join us

on a regular basis he will work closely with Ivan Khodabakhsh.

### **Peter Nordenström**

#### **Event Management Department Event Co-ordinator**

Peter has a Swedish passport but has lived in Switzerland since he was a child. In the past he has worked for T.E.A.M. as venue and event manager for the UEFA

Champions League and for CWL Marketing AG. Peter, who had his first experiences with working with us at the European Indoor Cup in Leipzig this year, takes over the duties of Sarah Davies.



**Bill Glad****Member & Corporate Services Department**

Bill was born in California, USA but has lived most of his life in England and holds a British Passport. A Director of his own consulting company, Sport Development Resources, for the last 10 years, his work has included a number of projects for the EAA. Prior to that he worked at the IAAF for 9 years where he was Deputy Director of their Development Department. Bill joined us in March and leads our new Member and Corporate Services Department.

**Christiane Maillard****Member & Corporate Services Department, assistant to the General Secretary**

Christiane is Swiss and, so far, the only person in the office who has French as her native language (she also speaks both English and German fluently). Christiane, who has recently taken a break to travel around the world, last worked as an Executive Assistant to IOC Director Gilbert Felli. Prior to that she worked on several projects for the IOC and was involved in the organisation of the 1997 World Figure Skating Championships. Christiane will start with us in May and take over the responsibilities of Tamara Paul.

**Stefan Kleine Erfkamp****Event Management & Marketing Department**

Stefan is German but has lived in Switzerland for many years. He worked as Project Manager for PROGNOS AG in Basel, as Manager for Business Development,

Research & Controlling of UEFA and as CEO for the Anschutz Entertainment Group Europe Inc. When he joins the EAA staff in April, Stefan will lead our new Event Management and Marketing Department.

**Other key working relationships**

The EAA will also continue to work closely with three very important collaborators who live away from Lausanne:

**EAA Media & Internet Manager**

**Nicolas Russi** and his company medi-asprint, based in Zofingen, Switzerland, will provide the EAA with services in the areas of communication and IT. He will work from the headquarters in Lausanne 2-3 days per week.

**EAA Marketing Consultant Tony**

**Webb**, based in West Sussex, UK, will advise and assist the Event Management and Marketing Department on projects in areas such as sponsorship sales and sponsor services. Tony will join us in Lausanne on an ad hoc basis.

**EAA Top Events Manager Luciano**

**Barra**, based in Tuscany, Italy, will advise and assist the Event Management and Marketing Department with the operation of our major events focusing on television relations. As with Tony, it is expected that Luciano will work in the Lausanne office from time to time.

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## Congratulations Erika Strasser

The EAA's longest serving Council Member Erika Strasser celebrated her 70th birthday on 17 March and the EAA joins her family and many friends in sending its very best wishes. The former javelin thrower who became the first woman on the Council with her election in 1987 has had long and successful career in many aspects of the sport. She has worked as a technical official, served as President of the Austrian Federation for 10 years and has been a member of several EAA and IAAF committees. She currently chairs the EAA Mountain Running Commission.



## Armenian Federation President honoured

Sargis Khachatryan the President of the Armenian Athletic Federation recently received one of his country's highest awards from the President of the Armenian Republic Robert Kocharyan (pictured on left). The Certificate of Honour and Gratitude was presented to Khachatryan in recognition of the work of the federation for the development and popularisation of the sport in Armenia.

## Klüft receives her trophy

World heptathlon gold medallist Carolina Klüft has picked up her award for being named the 2003 European Athlete of the year. Klüft, who was unable to attend the official ceremony in Leipzig prior to the European Indoor Cup, was presented the beautiful «Waterford Crystal European Athlete of the Year 2003 Trophy» on the occasion of the Swedish Indoor Championships at the Friidrottens Hus in Gothenburg.





## SPAR European Cup 2004 in Bydgoszcz / POL

# Biggest sports production this year for Polish TV

**For the Polish hostbroadcaster «Telewizja Polska» the SPAR European Cup 2004 in Bydgoszcz will be the biggest sports production in the year 2004.**

«We will be able to cover and record every single jump and throw. So we will not miss any important performance», Stanislaw Snopek from TVP explained at a recent EAA site visit the philosophy for the great effort the hostbroadcaster has planned to do on 19/20 June in the Zawisa stadium.

Never before the Polish TV invested so much for an athletics event: 40 cameras and six OB-Vans for the production of five feeds are the key figures of the production set up. Even with the tight schedule having four different field events on the same time TVP can show the most important attempts between the track races.

### Amended Media Infrastructure

Also in other areas of the media the LOC

in Bydgoszcz is willing to provide excellent conditions. Currently a new part of the media tribune is under construction (see photo), and behind the finish line a sector of the tribune has been removed to get space for a covered mixed zone. Already last year the new tribune building, which was constructed for the European Championships «under 23», has been amended with additional rooms for technical needs (e.g. data processing and timing).

### Lane Draw by Aurelia Trywińska

Two and a half months before the event the Polish hurdler Aurelia Trywińska (5th at the World Champs 2003) and Konstanty Dombrowicz, Lord Mayor of the City of Bydgoszcz, proceeded the lane draw of the teams. The presence of TV,

two radio stations, a half a dozen of photographers and of more than ten journalists proved how big the interest for this event is.

More on the web:

[www.european-athletics.org](http://www.european-athletics.org)

[www.bydgoszcz2004.pl](http://www.bydgoszcz2004.pl)

### The teams

#### Men

A	Poland
B	Sweden
C	Netherlands
D	Great Britain & NI
E	Germany
F	Italy
G	Russia
H	France

#### Women

A	France
B	Ukraine
C	Russia
D	Greece
E	Spain
F	Germany
G	Poland
H	Great Britain & NI

**3rd Science Awards**

# EAA invites applications from scientists

**To encourage scientific and academic study leading to the promotion and development of the sport of athletics, the European Athletic Association is inviting scientists to apply for its 2004 Science Awards. The awards include prize money to a total of 20'000 Swiss Francs.**

The biennial competition is being held for the third time and is open to individuals or project teams from European countries that have carried out original research on any aspect of athletics.

Awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places will be made by an EAA appointed Jury after careful consideration of the quality and relevance of the scientific papers submitted.

In 2002, the top award, and a prize of CHF 7'000, was given to Alexander Streltsov of Belarus for his paper entitled «The Endurance Reserves».

All EAA Member Federations have been requested to inform relevant institutions in their country about the competition and encourage potential applicants to visit the EAA website or contact the EAA Member Services Department for further information.

Applications must be received by 1 July 2004 at the EAA Headquarters.

Notification of the winning projects will be given in UPDATE and posted on the EAA website. The individual or team leader of the winning project will be invited to receive their award in a ceremony at the EAA Calendar Congress in Tallinn, Estonia in October.

## New Member Federation Presidents ...

### ... in Sweden

Yngve Andersson has been elected President of Swedish Athletics by the association's General Assembly. Andersson, who has a background in banking and finance, has been a board member of the association since 2003. Madeleine Melander was elected Vice President. Former President Bengt Weserberg and Vice President Christina Liffner did not stand for re-election.

### ... in Switzerland

Patrick Magyar is the new President of the Swiss Athletic Federation. The former deputy meeting director of Weltklasse Zürich had been Vice-President until he resigned in spring 2003. With the election of an almost completely new council, Magyar has come back to fill the top position. Verena Weibel and Jacky Delapierre, the director of Athletissima Lausanne, were elected as Vice-Presidents.

### ... in Denmark

At its annual Congress - held in Odense - the Danish Athletic Federation elected Martin Roald-Arbøl, who has been General Secretary, as its new President, after Thomas Thomsen - President since 1996 - decided to step down from his position. The Executive Board appointed Thomas Christensen as the new General Secretary.

### ... in Macedonia

The General Assembly of the Athletic Federation of Macedonia elected Zoran Radic as its new President. Georgy Vuckov was elected General Secretary.

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## EAA Directory Changes

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## EAA Member Federations

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#### ■ ROM (page 40)

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#### ■ TUR (page 36)

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## Birmingham candidate for hosting the European Indoor Championships 2007

Birmingham (GBR) announced its candidature for hosting the European Indoor Championships in 2007. Birmingham was the organiser of the World Indoor Championships in 2003. The allocation of the event will be made at the EAA Council meeting on 24 April in Lausanne.

## Candidates for

### SPAR European Cup 2005

Sweden and Italy are two possible hosts for the SPAR European Cup 2005. The Swedish Federation has indicated its interest in staging this event in Stockholm. The Italian Federation is thinking about hosting this event a second time in Florence. The allocation will be made after this year's edition, taking into consideration the results.

### Jolene Byrne in Edinburgh not eligible for Ireland

The IAAF has informed the EAA that Jolene Byrne, who was entered by the Irish Athletic Federation and finished 57th in the SPAR European Cross Country Championships 2003 in Edinburgh, was not eligible to compete for Ireland. At the time of the competition Mrs Byrne did not have the Irish citizenship. Byrne will be deleted from the ranking. This does not affect the Irish team scoring because she was among the top four of her team.

## Navigator provides marketing support

Following a new marketing strategy under which it will have direct control over its commercial rights, the EAA has signed an agreement with the marketing agency Navigator for marketing support and assistance in securing the commercial objectives. Navigator, which recently joined the Real Affinity Group of companies, regards this agreement as an important signal to the market of its intent to compete at the top level of business involving the world's most prestigious sports federation and their events.

## ECCC Meetings 2004

Date	Name of Meeting	City	Ctry
29.-30.05.	ECCC Track and Field Men & Women Group A	Moscow	RUS
29.-30.05.	ECCC Track and Field Men & Women Group B	Maribor	SLO
29.-30.05.	ECCC Track and Field Women Group C	Gent	BEL
18.09.	Track and Field Juniors Men Group A / Women	Ostrava	CZE
18.09.	Track and Field Juniors Men Group B / Women	Izmir	TUR
18.09.	Track and Field Juniors Men Group C1 / Women	Madrid	ESP
18.09.	Track and Field Juniors Men Group C2 / Women	Gateshead	GBR

## EAA Indoor Meeting Ranking 2004

based on IAAF Scoring Tables of Athletics, 2003 edition by Bojidar Spiriev

Place	Name of Meeting	Venue	Date	Evaluation
1.	Gubernator Cup	Samara/RUS	29.01.	34414
2.	Jumping Gala	Tallinn/EST	25.02.	33588
3.	Eduard Grigoryan Memorial (Juniors only)	Moscow/RUS	07.02.	29418
	European Indoor Cup	Leipzig/GER	14.02.	34907

Not considered in the evaluation are the following EAA Meetings:

- Reval Hotels Cup, Tallinn/EST, 07-08 February (combined events)
- Pole Vault Stars, Donetsk/UKR, 15 February (pole vault only)

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## New Athletics Books 2003-2004

### EAA Yearbook 2003-2004

The new EAA Yearbook 2003-2004 appeared just before the IAAF WICH in Budapest. The order forms can be downloaded from the EAA web site (see [www.european-athletics.org](http://www.european-athletics.org)).



### Best Lists 2003 for Combined Events

The 2003 Annual Combined Events Book edited by Hans van Kuijen (NED) is now available. This statistics book contains all relevant statistics of the 2003 and all-time combined events best lists including a chapter on the European combined events history and results.

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### Human Walking Encyclopaedia

«Mir Atletov» (Athlete's World) Publishing House (Moscow, Russia) has issued the book «Long Live Walking! - Human Walking Encyclopaedia» written by G.I. Korolyov. Mainly in Russian, this book provides detailed information (prospectus, annotation, contents) in English. 538 pages.

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## European 10'000 m challenge

### Martinez and Maury the winners

Spain achieved a double win in the men's race of the 8th European 10'000 m Challenge in Maribor (SLO). José Manuel Martínez won in 28:11.11, just 16 hundredths of a second ahead of his teammate Carlos Castillero. In the women's race, last year's winner Fernanda Ribeiro (POR), a

former Olympic, World and European Champion, came 3rd in 32:23.10, behind Margaret Maury (FRA), who run 32:01.01 and Mihaela Botezan (ROM), who run 32:15.43.

**Men:** 1. Jose Manuel Martinez (ESP) 28:11.11. 2. Carlos Castillejo (ESP) 28:11.27. 3. Kamiel Maase (NED) 28:20.30. 4. Ioannis Kanelopoulos (GRE) 28:27.02. 5. Ignacio Caceres (ESP) 28:39.14. 6. Giuliano Battocletti (ITA) 28:52.21. - 30 participants, 21 ranked.  
**Women:** 1. Margaret Maury (FRA) 32:01.01. 2. Mihaela Botezan (ROM) 32:15.43. 3. Fernanda Ribeiro (POR) 32:23.10. 4. Helena Javornik (SLO) 32:31.36. 5. Patrizia Tisi (ITA) 32:34.04. 6. Maria Protopappa (GRE) 32:46.17. - 28 participants, 19 ranked.

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EAA Events 2004	Others
SPAR European Cup Bydgoszcz / POL (19 - 20 June) <a href="http://www.bydgoszcz2004.pl">www.bydgoszcz2004.pl</a>	IAAF World Race Walking Cup 2004 Naumburg / GER (01 - 02 May) <a href="http://www.walkwc2004.com">www.walkwc2004.com</a>
European Cup First League Group B Istanbul / TUR (19 - 20 June) <a href="http://www.ecistanbul2004.org">www.ecistanbul2004.org</a>	Olympic Summer Games Athens / GRE (Athletics 18 - 29 August) <a href="http://www.athens2004.com">www.athens2004.com</a>
European Cup Combined Events Super League Men - First League Women Tallinn / EST (03 - 04 July) <a href="http://www.ekjl.ee">www.ekjl.ee</a>	World Mountain Running Trophy Sauze D'Oulx / ITA (04 - 05 September) <a href="http://www.wmrt2004.org">www.wmrt2004.org</a>
European Cup Combined Events Super League Women - First League Men Hengelo / NED (03 - 04 July) <a href="http://www.ecce2004.com">www.ecce2004.com</a>	
European Cup Combined Events Second League Riga / LAT (03 - 04 July) <a href="http://www.lat-athletics.lv">www.lat-athletics.lv</a>	
European Mountain Running Championships Korbiewo / POL (04 July) <a href="http://www.ksdiament.pl">www.ksdiament.pl</a>	



#### Analysis of Isinbayevas 2004 indoor competitions

**Jan 24 Glasgow** – 1st 4.76m  
(4.31/2, 4.46/1, 4.56/1, 4.66/1,  
4.76/1, 4.81/xxx) – 9 jumps: 5/4

**Jan 31 Stuttgart** – 1st 4.68m  
(4.25/1, 4.40/1, 4.50/1, 4.60/1, 4.68/3,  
4.75/x, 4.81/xx) – 10 jumps: 5/5

**Feb 15 Donetsk** – 1st 4.83m (4.32/1,  
4.42/1, 4.52/1, 4.62/1, 4.72/1, 4.77/1,  
4.81/1, 4.83/1) – 8 jumps: 8/0

**Feb 22 Athens** – 2nd 4.50m (4.40/2,  
4.50/1, 4.60/xx, 4.70/x) – 6 jumps: 2/4

**Mar 5 Budapest** – 2q 4.40 (4.40/1) –  
1 jump: 1/0

**Mar 6 Budapest** – 1st 4.86m (4.40/1,  
4.50/1, 4.60/1, 4.70/1, 4.76/1, 4.81/2,  
4.86/1, 4.91/x, 5.00/x) – 10 jumps: 7/3

#### Summary

- 44 jumps: 28/16
- 3 world records (all on first attempt)
- 7 unsuccessful attempts at world records (5 x 4.81m, 1 x 4.91m, 1 x 5.00m)
- 5 competitions, 4 wins
- 4:1 score with Feofanova (RUS)

### Female athlete of the 2004 indoor season?

# Yelena Isinbayeva is the clear choice

**Five competitions, four wins, three world records, the first female in history to attempt to vault over five metres. Russian Yelena Isinbayeva's 2004 indoor season was not short of highlights. In fact, it was nothing short of excellent.**

Alfons Juck

With her popular triumph at the World Indoor Championships in Budapest, the native of Volgograd extended a string of world level pole vault medals that starts with a gold at the 1999 IAAF World World Youth (U17) Championships and includes a bronze at last year's World Championships in Paris. And she is also the holder of all the world records for the event – indoor, outdoor and junior.

In Budapest, Isinbayeva created a sensation when, having won the competition and made an unsuccessful first attempt

at 4.91 m, she ordered the bar moved up for a try at five metres, a full 14 centimetres above the world record 4.86 m she had set just minutes earlier. Why? «I wanted to give the crowd a show,» she recalled, «I was not thinking about the economical side. Of course I knew that all the bonus possibilities I could have had by bettering the record a centimetre each time would be lost, but fourteen bonuses mean less to me than being the first to jump five metres.»

«After consulting with my coach, Yevgeniy Trofimov, I decided to raise the bar. It was very special, but we need to get



used to it,» she said. «Five metres is a magic barrier and I have already said that I want to be the first. I have jumped 4.95 m in practice and after Budapest I think it could come sooner than the experts expect. I don't see anybody being closer to it than me.»

Many observers are already predicting a very special career Isinbayeva. From the time of the first official world record for the pole vault in 1912, it took male jumpers 51 years to achieve five metres. But now, just 12 years after the first official record for women, she is already knocking on the door. Leading Czech vault coach Boleslav Patera even thinks she has the potential for 5.20 m.

A former gymnast, Isinbayeva came to athletics at the age of 15. «I was shocked when a coach at our sports gymnasium said that I should switch» she explained, «but it was because I had grown to 170 cm and I was too tall for gymnastics. But

the change to the pole vault went quickly and after the first year I was taking part in international competitions.»

A loss for gymnastics has turned into a big gain for athletics as Isinbayeva, known for her smiles and up-beat mood when competing, has become a great partner for the media.

«After fulfilling my goal to win in Budapest and break the record, my main priority now is the Olympic Games.», said Isinbayeva, taking a break from training in Kislovodsk prior to starting her summer preparation in the beginning of April.

Explaining that she will stick to a familiar routine and has no plans for special training abroad, she said «this winter we had very good training at my home base in Volgograd. We got a new landing area and I was able to get used to harder poles.»

Isinbayeva's first outdoor competition in 2004 will be in Ostrava, Czech Republic on June 8 at the Golden Spike IAAF Super Grand Prix Meeting. Will the Ostrava crowd witness an attack on her outdoor world record of 4.82 m, which is clearly behind her indoor standard of 4.86 m? «I hope so,» she said, «I want to break records and if the training goes well, I can do it.»

«Before Athens I will probably compete 4 or 5 times, not more» she added, but in every competition. «I will try to go as high as possible. Maybe I will be able to attack the world record in every competition.»

And maybe her remarkable indoor season will prove just the beginning of the story of 2004 for Isinbayeva.

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