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## UIPM WORLD CUP IV: DRZONKÓW (POL) LAST STOP ON ROAD TO FINAL



The women's Olympic champion from London 2012, Laura Asadauskaite (LTU) is sure to be podium contender in Poland as a high-class field competes for ranking points ahead of the World Cup Final in Vilnius (LTU) in June.

Also on the start line will be two silver medallist from the last Olympic Games in London 2012 and Rio 2016: Samantha Murray (GBR) and Elodie Clouvel (FRA). Other possible contenders will be Kim Sunwoo (KOR) and Annika Schleu (GER) while Anna Maliszewska (POL) is a local athlete to keep an eye on.

In the men's event, Pavlo Tymoshchenko (UKR) will start as the most likely favourite after completing the set of gold, silver and bronze in the first three rounds of the 2017 World Cup.

His main challengers are likely to be James Cooke and Joe Choong (GBR), Jun Woongtae (KOR), Patrick Dogue (GER) and the 2016 world champion Valentin Belaud (FRA).

Much will be expected from the home crowd of Rio 2016 Olympian Szymon Staskiewicz (POL), while Arthur Lanigan-O'Keeffe (IRL) makes his first appearance of the season, as does female

compatriot Natalya Coyle (IRL).

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: “Drzonków is an important destination for our flagship competitions. It is known worldwide as one of the best Modern Pentathlon training centres with excellent facilities and horse environment.

“This is a favoured destination for many nations to prepare athletes for international championships and I know the athletes will perform at a high level with the World Cup Final in Vilnius now very near on the horizon.

“I am sure the sporting community and public of Drzonków will enjoy this competition and will give the athletes strong support in these beautiful sporting facilities.”

The first medals will be decided in the Women’s Individual final (May 27), followed by the Men’s Individual Final (May 28) and Mixed Relay (May 29), with qualifying taking place on May 25-26. For the individual finals, the schedule sees the Fencing Ranking Round take place a day before the other disciplines (Swimming, Fencing Bonus Round, Riding and Laser-Run).

The live stream video will be available on UIPM TV according to the schedule below:

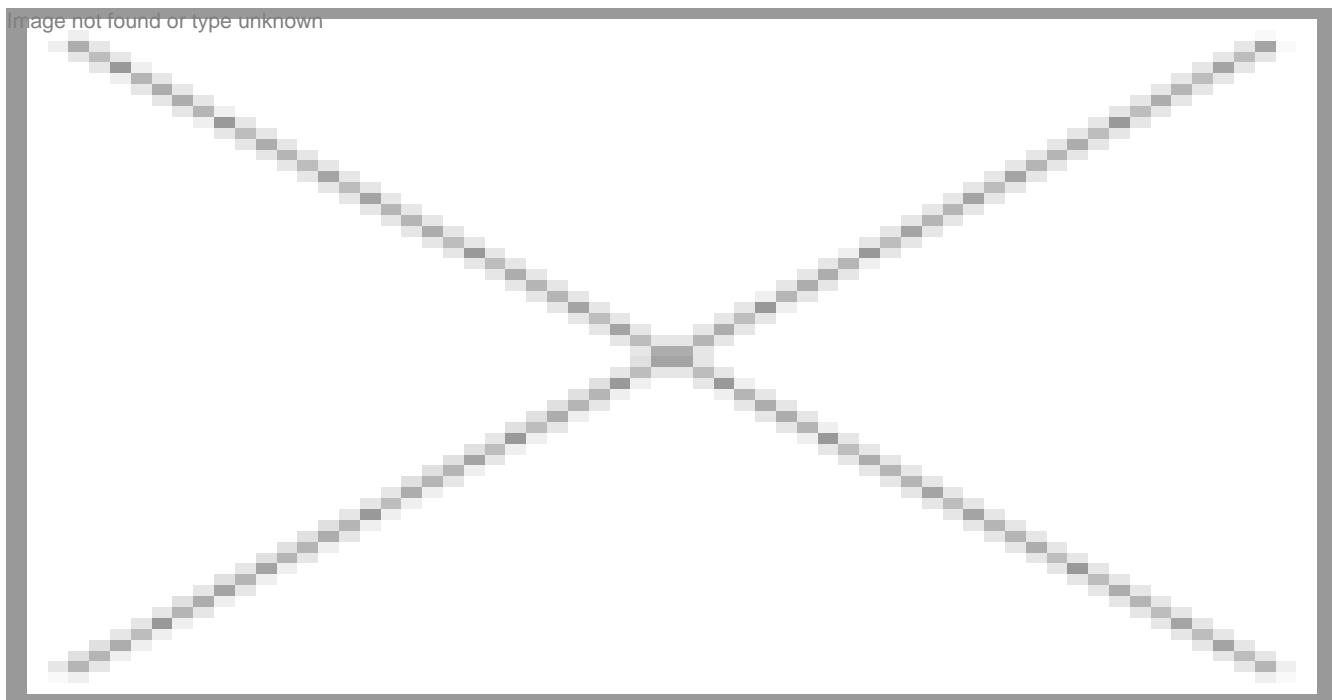
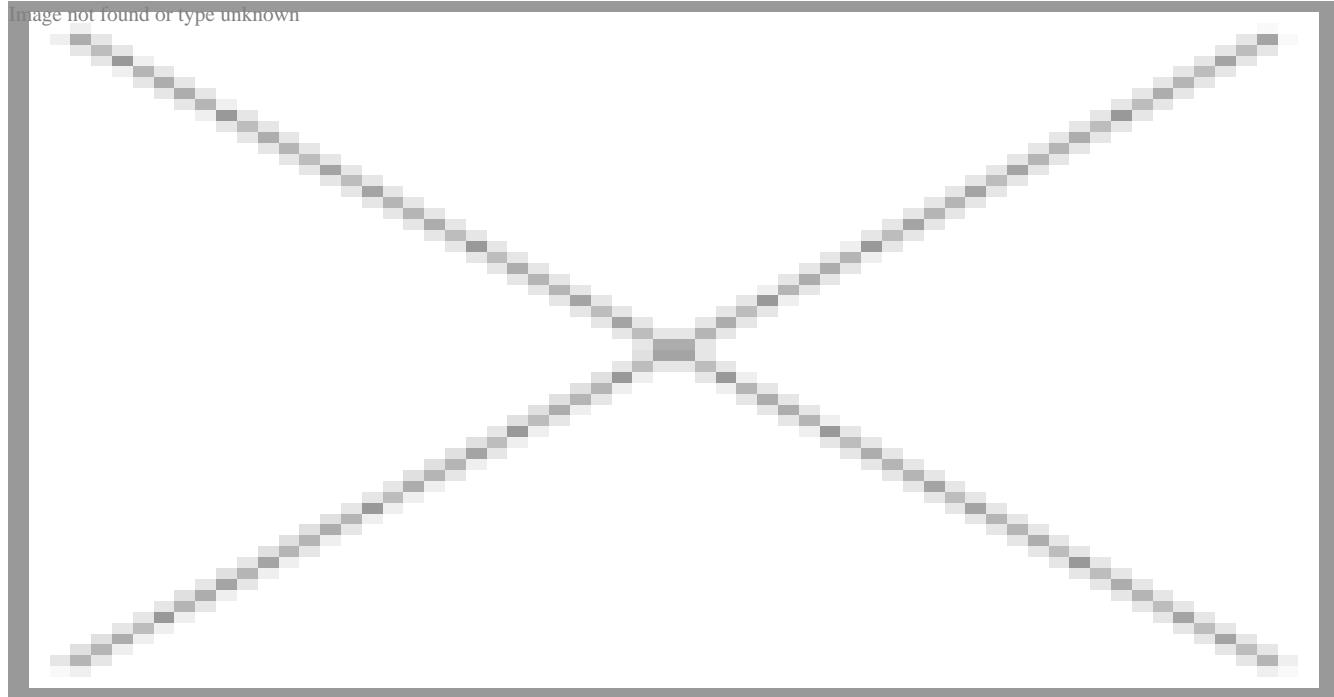


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The 2017 UIPM World Cup circuit has already visited Los Angeles (USA), Cairo (EGY) and Kecskemet (HUN), and the series culminates with the World Cup Final in Vilnius (LTU, Jun 23-25) **which will be televised live on Eurosport**.