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# **UIPM 2019 GLOBAL LASER RUN CITY TOUR: CIRCUIT COMES HOME TO TBILISI (GEO)**



The Global Laser Run City Tour returned to its original home, the Georgian capital of Tbilisi, on April 7 when hundreds of participants competed at a location steeped in symbolism and tradition.

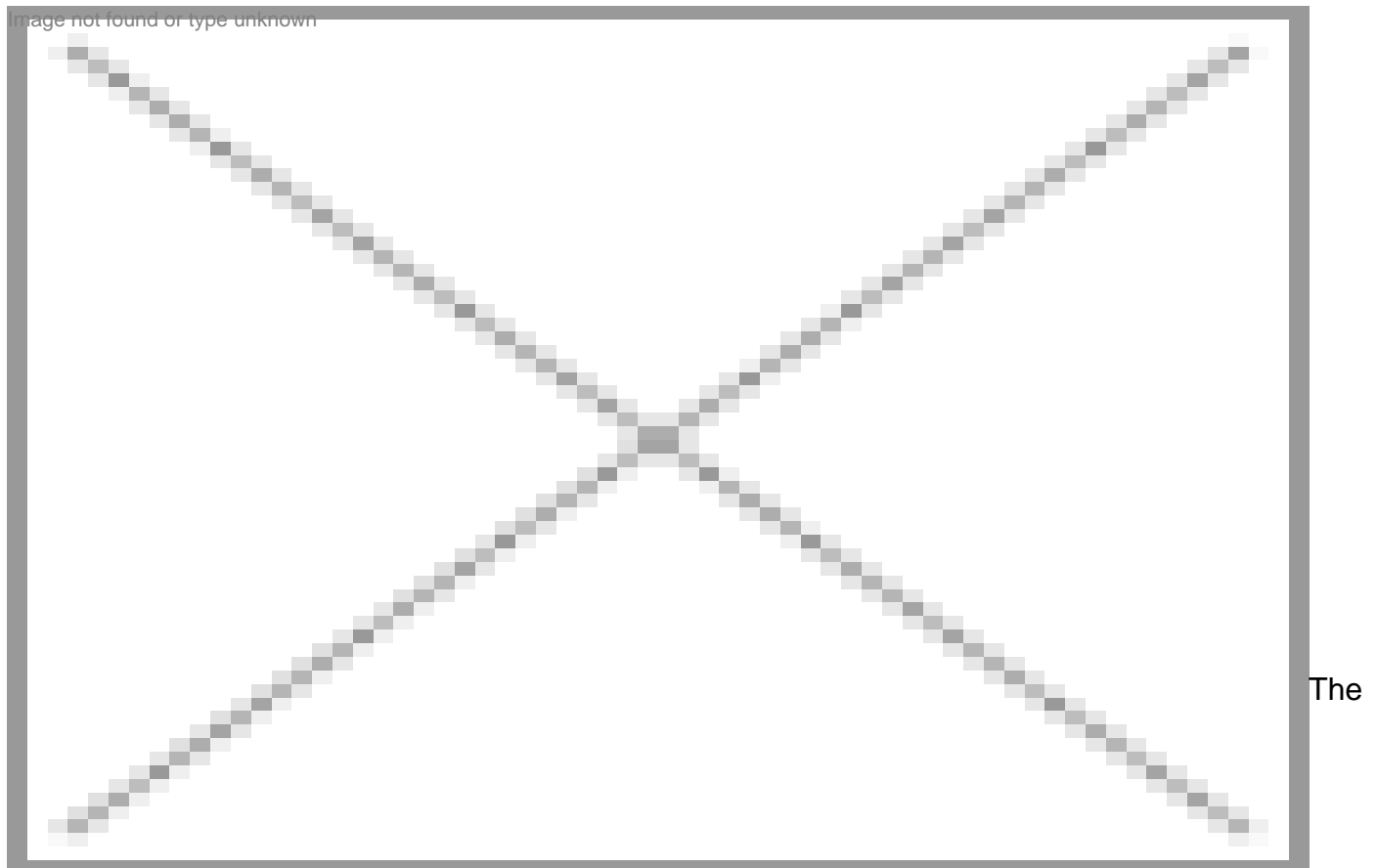
The competition took place at the site where UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann planted an oak tree – a historic Pentathlon tradition – and where international youth athletes gathered in 2018 to compete for qualifying places at the 3rd Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires.

Tbilisi is also famous in Laser Run terms for having hosted the first-ever GLRCT on April 1, 2017. Since then, the circuit has spread and flourished around all corners of the world.

Participants came from Tbilisi, Sachkhere, Poti, Rustavi, Gori and Chiatura, which will host Georgia's next GLRCT, to hone their Laser Run skills and further their development as pentathletes.

Competition director Kakha Gotsiridze said: "The event was a great success and it will help to

recruit young pentathletes. We are looking forward to the next UIPM Global Laser Run City Tour in Georgia, which will be held in Chiatura on 12 May.”



GLRCT was created to provide an entry point to UIPM Sports for people of all ages in urban communities around the world.

Another 100 cities have been selected in 2019 as hosts of the GLRCT or the Biathle/Triathle National Tour. The full calendar can be viewed at the UIPM website, where you can also find more information on UIPM’s various multi-discipline sports.

In September, the UIPM Laser Run World Championships will be incorporated into the Pentathlon World Championships for the first time in Budapest (HUN), where Laser Run is also on the programme for the 1st World Urban Games.

In December, Laser Run and Triathle will both feature for the first time in the 30th Southeast Asian (SEA) Games in the Philippines.

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