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SIX 2021 HOST NATIONS TAKE PART IN TWO-DAY UIPM EVENT ORGANISERS WORKSHOP



As the global UIPM Sports community continues preparations for the 2021 season, a major organisational step has been completed.

The second UIPM Event Organisers Workshop was held online on November 19 and 20, bringing representatives of six National Federations together for 12 hours of coordination and preparation.

Participants from **Belarus** (UIPM 2021 Pentathlon and Laser Run World Championships host nation) joined colleagues from **Korea**, **Bulgaria** and **Hungary** (UIPM 2021 Pentathlon World Cup host nations) as well as organisers from **Egypt** and **Germany**, who will stage the UIPM 2021 Youth / Junior World Championships and UIPM 2021 Biathlon-Triathlon World Championships respectively.

The COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic caused the cancellation of the entire UIPM 2020 season, with the exception of UIPM 2020 Pentathlon World Cup Cairo and continental events such as the European Under 24 Championships currently taking place in Drzonkow (POL).

The Event Organisers Workshop was designed to provide clarity and reassurance to competitions hosts about the procedures that will be needed to ensure competitions are held safely in 2021. The workshop also enabled the sharing of knowledge and best practice and facilitated round-table conversations.

As well as UIPM staff members who are working closely with the local competition organisers throughout this process, the workshop was attended by Executive Board members along with colleagues from the UIPM Medical, Technical and Business Affairs Committees.

Alexandre Franca, UIPM Operations Director, said: "This was the second edition of the UIPM Event Organisers Workshop and focused on how all of our competition organisers are adapting to the pandemic situation.

"We are proud to be working closely with all organisers to ensure that preparations are solid and professional for these important competitions in 2021, many of them forming part of the qualification process for the rescheduled Olympic Summer Games Tokyo 2020.

"Aspects discussed at operational level related to sport operation, logistics, medical, marketing, media, sustainability and human resources. The knowledge shared among organizers will assist all of them in adopting best practice."

UIPM is also finalising a set of COVID-19 Prevention Guidelines in preparation for the 2021 season in collaboration with the UIPM Medical Committee. The Guidelines will be published soon.