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UIPM 2021 PENTATHLON WORLD CUP FINAL TO TAKE PLACE IN SZEKESFEHERVAR (HUN)



One of the biggest competitions of the Olympic Modern Pentathlon season, the UIPM 2021 Pentathlon World Cup Final, is to take place in Szekesfehervar (HUN).

Hungary was awarded hosting rights after stepping in to replace Seoul (KOR), which was unable to stage the competition because of strict quarantine rules resulting from the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic.

Szekesfehervar has hosted many UIPM competitions in the past, most recently UIPM 2019 Pentathlon World Cup Szekesfehervar, and its selection as World Cup Final venue was confirmed during a visit to the city by UIPM President, Dr Klaus Schormann, on Thursday (March 25).

The UIPM 2021 Pentathlon World Cup Final will take place from May 13-16 and will be contested by the 36 female and 36 male athletes who achieve the most qualification points in the current Pentathlon World Cup in Budapest (HUN), the next two in Sofia (BUL) and retrospectively UIPM 2020 Pentathlon World Cup Cairo.

President Dr Schormann said: “We are happy that one of our flagship Modern Pentathlon competitions will take place in a city which has already hosted a lot of competitions – Junior World Championships, European Championships, World Cups and many, many others going back more than 20 years.

“It was important to have an inspection of the facilities and especially the horses – they have their own horses, which provides us with guarantees about horse selection and this is important too.

“I congratulate the President of the Hungarian Modern Pentathlon Association, Dr Gyula Bretz, who is presenting us with an excellent organising team and we are looking forward to having a very successful World Cup Final as an important qualification competition for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 taking place in 2021.”

Joining Dr Schormann and Dr Bretz at the venue inspection were HMPA Vice President and Athens 2004 Olympic gold medallist Zsuzsanna Voros, HMPA Secretary General Istvan Gallai, Istvan Toth (President of Alba Volan SC) and Istvan Bozai (Managing Director of the City Guard of Szekesfehervar).

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