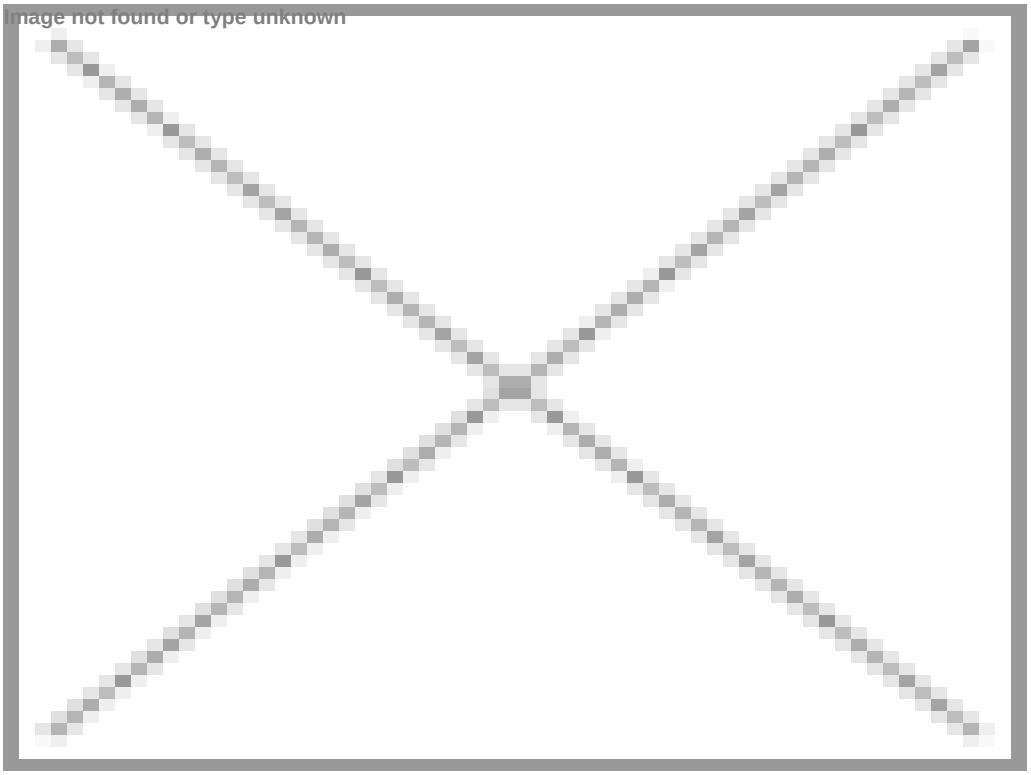
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UIPM PRESIDENT DR KLAUS SCHORMANN ATTENDS SPORT FOR ALL SUMMIT IN VATICAN CITY



The UIPM President, Dr Klaus Schormann, joined fellow leaders of international sport at the Sport For All Summit in the Vatican City on September 29/30.

UIPM President Dr Schormann attended along with the President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), Dr Thomas Bach, the President of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), Andrew Parsons, and numerous leaders of International Federations and National Olympic and Paralympic Committees.

The Summit programme featured high-level reports, speeches and discussions on inclusion and accessibility in sport. The Holy Father, Pope Francis, addressed the attendees before the signing of a Declaration on Sport.

President Dr Schormann said: “The Sport For All Summit in the Vatican City was based on the initiative of many stakeholders of world sport and linked to peace, education and better understanding of the possibilities of what we can do to make sport accessible to everyone,

regardless of physical and mental disabilities and social challenges.

“It was a global gathering of stakeholders across sport, church, society and education. IOC President Dr Bach gave a clear message to all, and there were very interesting debates about what it means to respect all parts of society in ensuring that we make a better world through sport. It was very important to come together in solidarity at this difficult time for the world linked to business, war and other challenges.”

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann is pictured above with (left to right) Lena Nussbaumer (Executive Assistant, UIPM), Marco Ienna (Chief Operating Officer, World Baseball Softball Confederation (WSBC)), Riccardo Fraccari (President, WSBC), Francesco Ricci Bitti (President, ASOIF), Dr Giovanni Malago (President, Italian Olympic Committee), Marco Maria Scolaris (President, International Federation of Sport Climbing), Sabatino Aracu (President, World Skate), Ivo Ferriani (President, International Bobsleigh & Skeleton Federation), Angelo Cito (Council Member, World Taekwondo), Tom Dielen (Secretary General, World Archery), David Carrigy (Chief International Relations and Participation Officer, World Rugby) and Sophie Roduit (Manager, Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation).