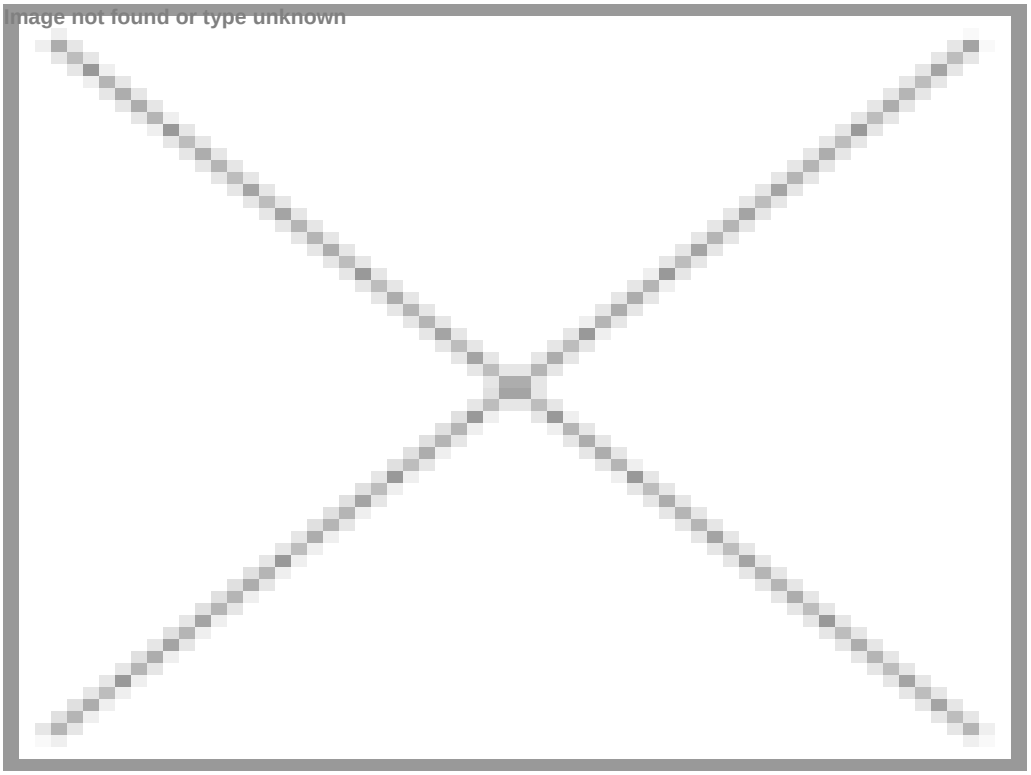
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TREE PLANTING AT SANDHURST CELEBRATES THE FOUNDATION OF THE UIPM



The UIPM was founded during the 1948 London Olympic Games at Sandhurst and before this time Modern Pentathlon was administered by the International Olympic Committee. To recognise this historic landmark the UIPM, the British Army and Pentathlon GB organised an event at Sandhurst on 24 August 2015, in the company of many notable guests. Among these were members of the family of Brigadier Leslie Wieler, who did so much at the time to facilitate and encourage the formation of the Union.

A seven foot oak tree was planted by Dr Klaus Schormann, President of the UIPM, Anthony Temple QC, Chairman of Pentathlon GB and General Sir Peter Wall GCB, CBE, ADC President of British Army Pentathlon. There followed a brief dedication by the Army Padre. The oak stands on the edge of a beautiful lake with a plaque appropriately commemorating and celebrating the founding of the Union.

Following the planting a reception was held at the Old College where Dr Schormann spoke of the

history of the UIPM and recognized the contribution Pentathlon GB has made to the sport over many years.

Dr Schormann presented the Royal Military Academy with a commemorative plate and Sir Peter Wall with the prestigious Pierre de Coubertin medal. Sir Peter competed in Modern Pentathlon from an early age and through university, becoming a junior international. He has always been a strong supporter of Modern Pentathlon and has helped ensure its continuation as a sport within the British Army.