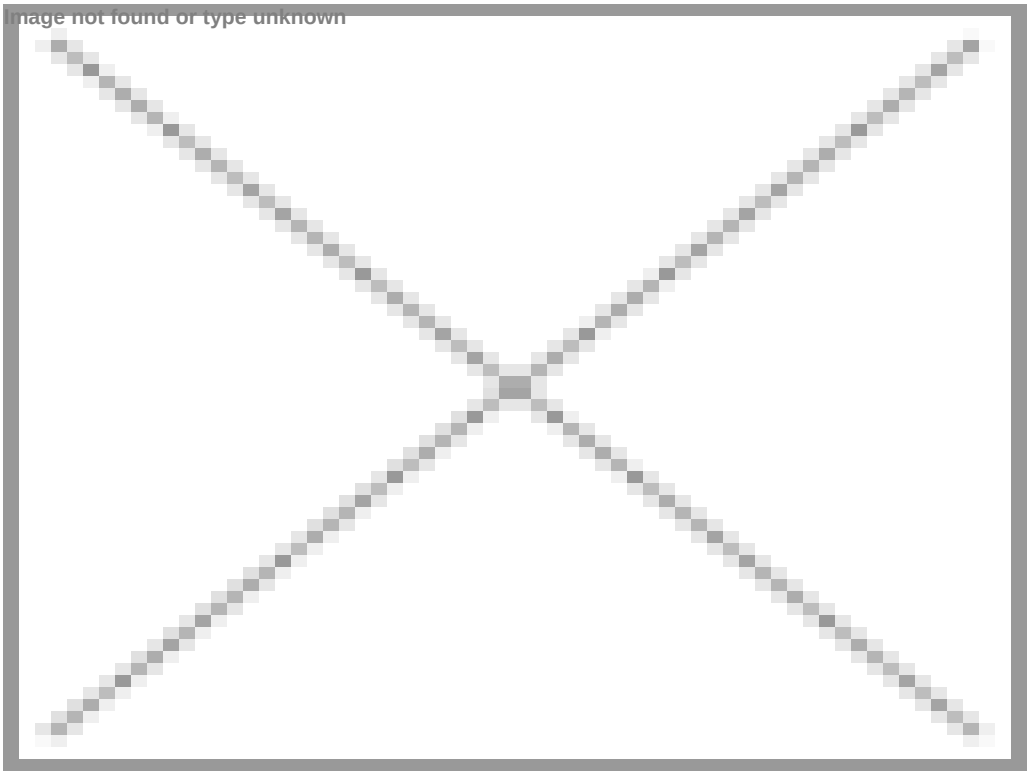
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UIPM 2015 BIATHLE/ TRIATHLE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: BATUMI SEES BIG RACES AT THE FIRST DAY OF COMPETITION

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Batumi, Georgia - Another successful new venture has dawned for UIPM after the opening day of the Biathle/Triathle World Championships in Batumi, Georgia.

On a sunny day at the beachside venue in Batumi there was a keenly contested Triathle Mixed Relay competition at all levels encompassing Youth A, B, C, D and E, Juniors, Seniors and Masters A, B.

Egypt was particularly successful with three gold medals, while the Czech Republic also won two golds and Georgia brought cheer to the excited local crowd with two silver medals.

The first day of this inaugural event served as a powerful demonstration of passion and teamwork from a group of committed athletes.

Batumi had already exhibited its hosting capabilities before competitive proceedings began with a colourful opening ceremony which featured athletes from all participating nations marching with their flags under the symbolic Alphabet Tower.

Dr Klaus Schormann, President of UIPM, said: "This is the first time we are here in Batumi and this competition will be a milestone for UIPM. We can already tell this by the number of athletes, supporters, families and the struggling for victory at this beautiful seaside."