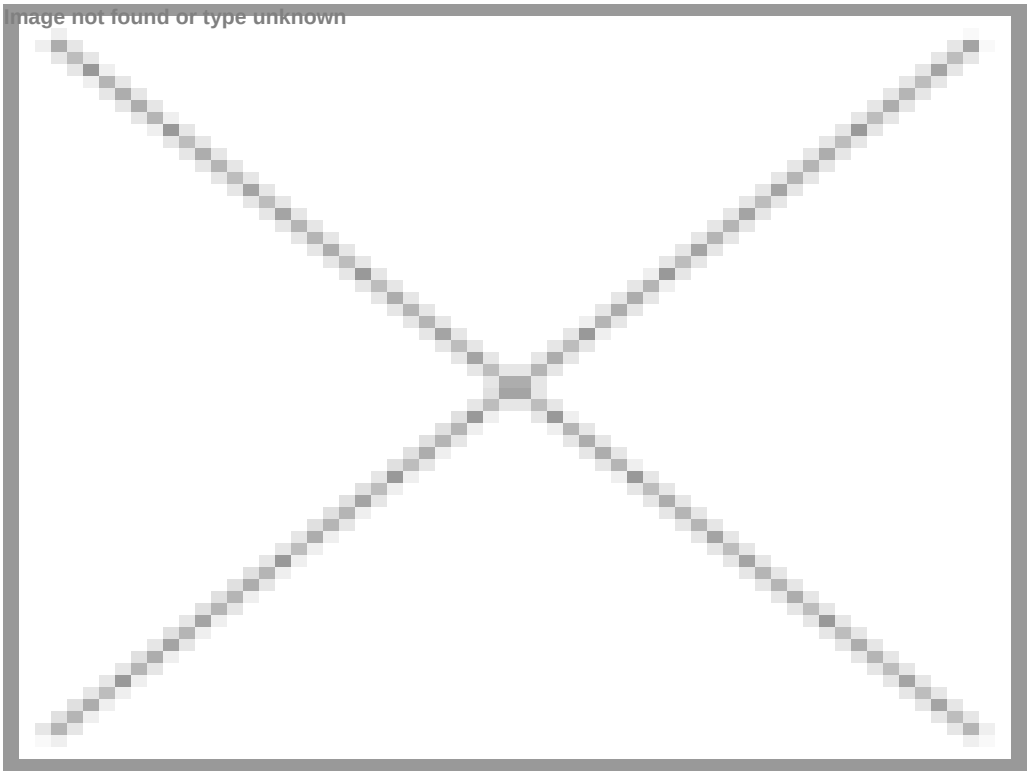
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UIPM APPOINTS ETHICS COMMISSION TO PROTECT GOOD GOVERNANCE AND TRANSPARENCY



The Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne (UIPM) has appointed its first Ethics Commission, a three-strong panel that will assist the President and Executive Board on all questions related to good governance.

Siegfried Brand, President of the Guatemala Modern Pentathlon Association, will chair the commission and will be joined by members Angela Ives (Canada), a member of the UIPM Sport for All Commission, and Hiltrud Reder (Germany), a former member of the UIPM Technical Committee.

All three nominations were proposed by the UIPM President, Dr Klaus Schormann, and approved by the Executive Board. The Ethics Commission came into being after a change to UIPM's Rules on Internal Organisation at its 2015 General Assembly.

Juan Antonio Samaranch, Vice President of UIPM and IOC Executive Board member, said: "The approval of the creation of our Ethics Committee is another demonstration of UIPM´s commitment

to transparency and good governance, very much in accordance with Agenda 2020 principles.

“It is an important responsibility to join the IOC in matters like ethics and compliance, so this is vital for the sustainability and future of the Olympic ideals.”

Dr Klaus Schormann, UIPM President, said: “Modern Pentathlon is about education, both in terms of the physical (running and swimming) and mental (fencing and shooting) and in terms of respect (fencing against another athlete and riding a horse).

“It is also about fairness, tolerance of different religious beliefs and ethnic groups.

“The ethics of Modern Pentathlon are founded on human respect and tolerance, based on the philosophy of our founder Pierre de Coubertin.

“The UIPM Ethics Commission will ensure that we do all that is possible to uphold those values in maintaining good governance across the world.”

The three founding members of the UIPM Ethics Commission will bring a wealth and diversity of experience to their roles. Here are their biographies:

Siegfried Brand (Guatemala, President)
President, Modern Penthatlon Guatemala (since 2013)
Member, Guatemala Olympic Committee
1st Vice-President, NORCECA Modern Pentathlon Confederation
Owner, President & CEO, Soluciones en Conectividad, S.A. Netsolutions International
Director, Fanibel, Grupo Netsolutions, SIWO, La Reunion Resort
Formerly Managing Director, Raychem International (Puerto Rico) and Tyco Electronics (Guatemala City)

Angela Ives (Canada, Member)
Member, UIPM Sport for All Commission
President, Pentathlon Canada (2000-2013)
Chair, Pentathlon Canada Technical Commission (1989-2000)
Co-chair in organisation of Modern Pentathlon competition at Pan American Games (2014-15) and member of organising committee (1998-99)
Various management positions with McGill University, Montreal within the Faculty of Engineering (1979-2006)

Hiltrud Reder (Germany, Member)
UIPM international judge (since 1990)
Long-serving Member of UIPM Technical Committee
Chairwoman, German women’s national fencing team (14 years)
Fencer on German national team
Vice-president, Hessen modern pentathlon federation (14 years); member of national commission for women’s sport (4 years)

Shiny Fang, UIPM Secretary General, said: “Ethics is an area of great importance not only in the sports community but in all industries.

“The International Olympic Committee (IOC) and Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF) have made strong recommendations in pursuit of better governance in Olympic sport.

“UIPM will deliver on those recommendations with rigid procedures and policies that ensure the

organisation continues to have optimum transparency.

“The Members of this Commission are experienced and senior administrators who will conduct their responsibilities with the utmost standards and this will help UIPM to keep growing with healthy, decisive and dependable leadership throughout the world.”