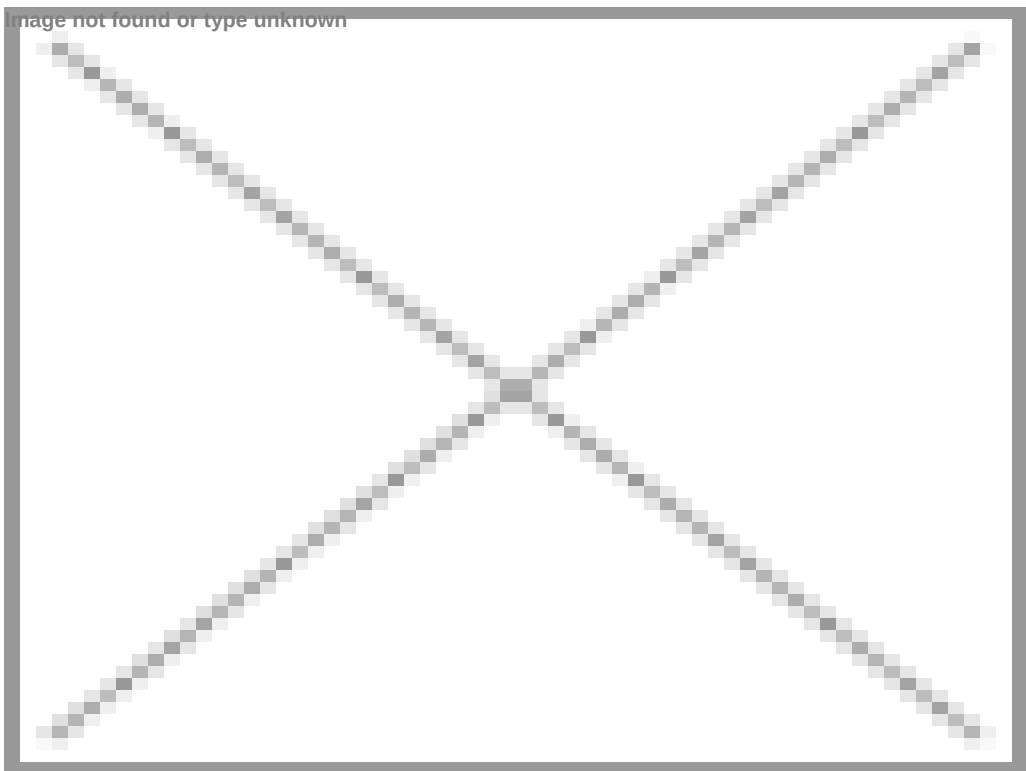


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UIPM 2016 YOUTH A WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: ITALY, KOREA AND RUSSIA CONTINUE GOLD RUSH

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Italy, Korea and Russia continued to dominate at the UIPM 2016 Youth A World Championships as the relay glory was split three ways.

All three nations had won individual or team gold medals earlier in the championships and extended their run of success on the final day of a successful championships at the University of Limerick.

In the Women's Relay, Italy (Aurora Tognetti & Elena Micheli) were successful as they consigned Germany to silver and Egypt to bronze. This followed the Women's Individual victory by Aurora Tognetti.

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The Men's Relay title went to Korea (JeongYoungjin & Kim Woocheol) as they held off Russia (silver) and Belarus (bronze). It created a clean sweep for Korea as they had already picked up Men's Individual (Jeong Youngjin) and Team gold.

The winners of the Mixed Relay were Russia (Andrei Zuev & Xaina Falcova), who beat off competition from Hungary (silver) and Egypt (bronze). Russia's second gold followed their success in the Women's Team event.

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Martin Dawe, the UIPM Executive Board Member for Marketing, paid tribute to the Local Organising Committee (LOC) after Ireland's first Category A UIPM event drew to a close.

"I came here two years ago, to a European Sports Summit, and I came to the University of Limerick and saw the venue and I said then that it would be a great venue for our sport," said Martin Dawe.

"Personally, I'm absolutely delighted that we have had an event here and I must congratulate Pentathlon Ireland for taking on the challenge of hosting.

"Pentathlon is a hard sport to organise, very complex, and Pentathlon Ireland have done a very good job. The dressing of the venue has been excellent and I think the thing I have liked most has been their attitude – they have been very kind and very helpful."