



IAU Executive Council. Mid-Year Meeting, Leuven, Belgium. June 2014

With most of the IAU competitive action occurring at the end of the year in 2014, the Executive Committee agreed that it needed a face to face meeting mid-year to discuss and carry out the numerous activities that the IAU has underway. The meeting took place in Leuven in Belgium and the key actions and decisions at the meeting are summarised below.

IAU World Championships and Continental Championships 100Km, 24H, Trail and 50Km.

In the future the IAU 100K and 24H World Championships would be held in alternate years – starting from 2016 with the IAU 100K World Championships being held in 2016 and the IAU 24H World Championships being held in 2017.

For the new IAU World 50K Championships, the inaugural event will take place in Doha, Qatar in 2015, for the first three years (2015-2017) they will be held annually in Doha, then the situation will be reviewed. This annual championships is designed to attract fast marathon runners to the sport the situation will be reviewed after three years.

The IAU Trail World Championships have been developing over recent years and there is a boon in popularity in trail running. The IAU are working with ITRA (International Trail Running Association) and the IAAF to bring recognised regulation and competition to the sport and again for the next three years the IAU with ITRA will maintain an annual IAU Trail World Championships. The annual offering will also be reviewed after three years. For 2015, this will be held at the Maxi Race in Annecy, France.

Travel grants and accommodation costs for IAU Championships.

When attending IAU major championships, athletes selected by their IAU member federations benefit from travel grants provided both through the IAAF grant paid to the IAU and from the Local Organisation Committees. Also teams of 3 athletes both male and female have been accommodated free by the LOCs for an appropriate number of days. We are aware that our success in attracting new IAU Member Federations could impose greater financial burdens on the LOCs if we didn't reassess both the travel grants and the accommodation requirements.

We will therefore redistribute the value of the travel grants more equably to cover all our global championships and the continental championships that are already established. However, the

mechanism for calculating the grant on teams and on individual performances remain the same. Regarding the free accommodation requirement, we will be reducing that to 2 men and 2 women per team. These new arrangements will come into force in 2016 and will be reviewed at the end of that year. For 2015, the travel and accommodation arrangements will remain as present.

Bids for IAU Championships for 2016 – 2018.

We will soon be opening applications for the following IAU Championships:-

2016: IAU World 100K Championships, IAU Trail World Championships, IAU Continental 24H Championships

2017: IAU World 24H Championships, IAU Trail World Championships, IAU Continental 100K Championships.

2018: IAU World 100K Championships, Continental 24H Championships. Both IAU Trail World Championships and IAU 50K World Championships frequency will be reviewed in 2017.

We will soon be putting details on the website and are currently preparing the bid documents which will be made available to potential candidates. We will also be putting a summary of the technical and organisational requirements for the IAU Championships on the website as well. All bids will be scrutinized by the EC and will need to be up to standard for an IAU Championships to be awarded and with sufficient interest from IAU Member Federations to participate.

Review of the IAU labelling system – revised for 2015 and beyond

We have reviewed and revised the IAU labelling system to come into play for races applying for 2015 and beyond. The basic structure of gold, silver and bronze labels remain the same. However we have reinforced the requirements for course measurements and verifying the accuracy of the results but we have removed the costs of silver and gold labels. All label applications are free. There will be a separate label for trail races which can't reach the same level of course measurement accuracy as road races. The new IAU Labelling Guidelines will be placed on the website very soon however the application form on-line will remain the same.

IAU World Best Performances and (WMA) World Age Best Performances – amalgamation of surfaces.

We had decided in Monaco, after careful consideration of the relevant statistics, that it was right to amalgamate the world best performances on track, road and indoors, with the best performance being the absolute best performance and recognised as such. The "surface" is probably less of a contributing factor in securing a good performance than many other factors in an event. This will now start in 2015 with performance lists for 2014 and before "frozen" at the end of the year (or after any applications for 2014 best performances have been received). There will be more detail on this including the reasoning placed on the IAU website under results and statistics very soon.

IAU Congress 2014

The next full Congress with elections for the IAU Executive Council and Area Representatives will be in 2016. However there is a non-elective Congress held in the second year of the four year cycle. This is where any changes to the Constitution can be made and IAU matters reported on. This is early notice that for 2014 this will be held in Doha, Qatar, on Thursday November 20th before the IAU 100K World Championships .

..And finally – you will have seen the improvements to the IAU website. These will continue as we continue to populate some of the sections over the next few months. Please keep referring to it and feel free to contact us!

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