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WORDS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

It was on 3 April 2017 that the Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) was launched and in the two years of our existence, I do believe that we have made a very positive and strong impact. The effect of our work has been seen and felt not only within athletics but across the sport movement.

Credit is due to the IAAF for setting up a robust governance structure and providing adequate funding for the AIU which laid the foundations for the AIU to become one of the leading organisations in managing anti-doping and other integrity-related programmes in elite sport. However, we cannot be complacent despite our successes and have to strive to constantly move forward.

In this respect, the initiative announced this month between the AIU and the Abbott World Marathon Majors is an important advance in our activities. We hope this will spur other event organisers to come on board and contribute to our quest for higher integrity standards in athletics.

We strongly believe that transparency and integrity go hand in hand. One of our key goals is to proactively engage with the athletics community and ensure that it has a good understanding of the AIU and how it operates. This



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Chairman of the Athletics Integrity Unit

quarterly newsletter, the first to be published by the AIU and which will complement our regular press releases on specific issues, is a step in that direction.

GOVERNANCE AND STRATEGY

AIU AND ABBOTT WMM ANNOUNCE GROUNDBREAKING ANTI-DOPING INITIATIVE

The AIU and the Abbott World Marathon Majors (AbbottWMM) have embarked on a groundbreaking anti-doping investigation and intelligence-driven testing programme covering the six marathons in the latter's series: the Tokyo Marathon, Boston Marathon, Virgin Money London Marathon, BMW BERLIN-MARATHON, Bank of America Chicago Marathon and TCS New York City Marathon.

With the integrity of marathon running a critical concern, the AbbottWMM, which was formed in 2006, began working with the former IAAF Medical and Anti-Doping Department in 2013 and the AIU has continued the operations since its inception in 2017.

Additional funding is now being invested by the AbbottWMM to support AIU activities following on from last year when the AIU conducted an extensive analysis of the risks to the integrity of athletics and road running, following it up by devising this programme which puts a higher focus on the best elite athletes.

Following the announcement, which emphasised road racing's continuing trust in the AIU, support came from across the globe with many leading figures in the sport and opinion formers in the media applauding the partnership.



Seb Coe ✓
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Fantastic news. Thank you @aiu_athletics and #AbbottWMM 🙌🙌 #CleanSport

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Iñaki Gomez ✓
@InakiGomezG

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This partnership is great news, as it sets a precedent. It would be great for other races and meetings to follow and contribute. @aiu_athletics continues to show leadership in the fight for clean sport. #athleticsintegrity

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Chris Chavez ✓
@ChrisChavez

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The World Marathon Majors & Athletics Integrity Unit have announced a partnership to advance “intelligence-driven” testing to stop doping cheats like Jemima Sumgong or Rita Jeptoo from happening again. What does it all mean? How about those close to them?

Marathoners to face intelligence-driven testing

The AIU and the Abbott World Marathon Majors are partnering for an intelligence-driven testing program to catch drug cheats.

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[Read the full media announcement.](#)

CASES UPDATE

Some key decisions listed here demonstrate the AIU’s strong capabilities to investigate and prosecute high-profile cases. Proactive public communication ensures that the reputation of athletics for integrity is being enhanced, rather than hindered, by information about these cases being in the public domain.



AIU PROVISIONALLY SUSPENDS KENYA'S HALF-MARATHON WORLD RECORD HOLDER KIPTUM

The Athletics Integrity Unit has provisionally suspended Kenya's world half-marathon record holder Abraham Kiptum following an Athlete Biological Passport (ABP) violation under the IAAF Anti-Doping Rules. Following the suspension, the 29-year-old was withdrawn from the London Marathon where he was due to compete at the weekend. In a press statement, London Marathon Event Director Hugh Brasher said: "We have a zero-tolerance policy on doping. London is part of the Abbott World Marathon Majors and we recently announced a groundbreaking extensive intelligence-driven testing program. This shows the program is working. Cheats will be caught and there is no place for them in marathon running."



UKRAINIAN SPRINTERS POVH AND ZEMLIAK SANCTIONED

The AIU has welcomed the recent Court of Arbitration in Sport (CAS) decision against Ukrainian sprinters Olha Zemliak and Olesia Povh, sanctioning them for eight years and four years respectively for the use of a prohibited substance on the basis of abnormal variations of testosterone in their blood samples that were collected in June 2016 prior to the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. This was an innovative case initiated by the AIU. The CAS was satisfied that the evidence brought forward by the AIU via the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) was robust enough to support an anti-doping rule violation against both athletes with serious consequences. The CAS decision is historic, as it is the first time that athletes have been sanctioned based on testosterone measurements in blood serum. With this decision confirming the reliability of the methods used (sample collection, analysis and interpretation), the AIU intends to intensify steroid profiling in blood serum samples.



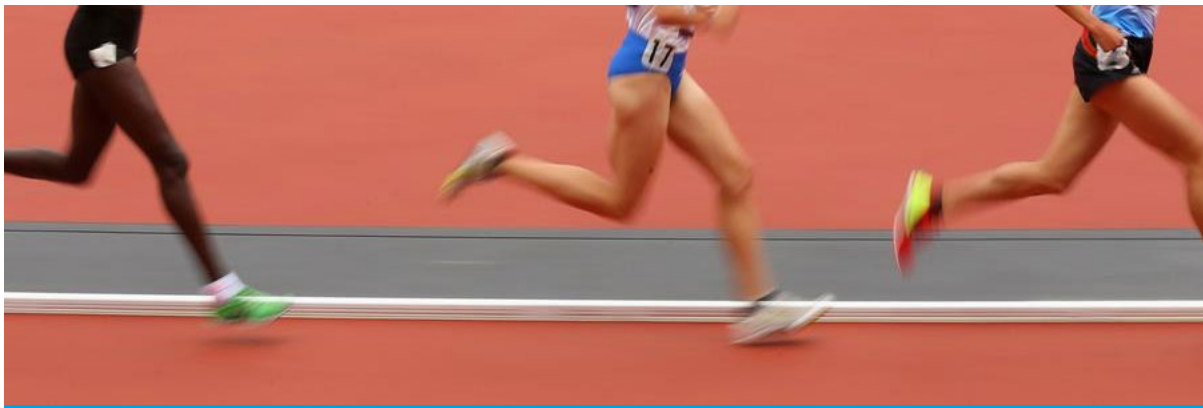
IAAF DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL BANS KIPROP FOR FOUR YEARS

Former Olympic 1500m champion Asbel Kiprop of Kenya has received a four-year ban for doping from the IAAF Disciplinary Tribunal (IAAF DT) having tested positive for erythropoietin (EPO) in an out-of-competition test in November 2017. In the course of these proceedings, Kiprop had made a number of public allegations in relation to the sample collection process and at various times and in various formats proposed a number of possible explanations for the presence of EPO, however the AIU successfully defended all allegations to the comfortable satisfaction of the Tribunal, which concluded that the case against Kiprop had been convincingly made out. The IAAF DT also ruled his results and any points, prize and appearance money from November 2017 to February 2018 should be disqualified. The period of ineligibility begins from the day of his provisional suspension 03 February 2018.



IAIU PRESS TAMPERING CHARGES AGAINST SAVINA AND HER COACH

The Athletics Integrity Unit has issued a further notice of charge against Russian middle-distance runner Kseniya Savina for tampering and complicity under the IAAF Anti-Doping Rules. The athlete is already under provisional suspension since June 2018 on a separate charge of having the presence of a prohibited substance. Her coach and husband Aleksei Savin has also been provisionally suspended and has been issued a notice of charge, also on the grounds of complicity and tampering under IAAF Anti-Doping Rules.



IAAF DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL BANS SUMGONG FOR TAMPERING

The IAAF Disciplinary Tribunal banned Kenyan distance runner and Rio 2016 Olympic Games marathon champion Jemimah Sumgong for eight years starting 17 January 2019. In a joint investigation conducted with the Anti-Doping Agency of Kenya (ADAK), the AIU produced evidence to the Tribunal that the athlete had fabricated hospital records in the course of attempting to provide an explanation for her EPO violation. The Tribunal found her guilty of tampering with the evidence and doubled her existing suspension to eight years. The decisions in this case, and the reasoning behind them, were widely publicised and sent a strong message worldwide that the AIU has strong investigative capabilities and will not tolerate attempting to provide false evidence in doping cases.



CAS SANCTIONS 12 RUSSIAN ATHLETES IN CONNECTION WITH McLAREN REPORT

The CAS sanctioned 12 Russian athletes for anti-doping rule violations based on findings in the reports of Professor Richard H. McLaren into doping in Russia and its related evidence. The CAS rulings confirm that the evidence underlying the McLaren Reports is reliable and can be used to establish Anti-Doping Rule Violations (ADRVs). It should be noted that some of these cases were fought solely using the McLaren evidence, while others were combined with analytical evidence gathered through re-testing. The decisions have reaffirmed the IAAF's lead in the fight against doping in Russia. The 12 CAS decisions noted here, which were adjudicated by Sole Arbitrators, are subject to appeal to a three-person panel of the CAS Appeals Division. Five Russian athletes have launched an appeal against their decision.

[Know more about the AIU Disciplinary Process](#)



ACTIVITIES UPDATE

NATIONAL FEDERATIONS OBLIGATIONS – IMPLEMENTATION

The National Federations Obligations (Rule 15 of the IAAF Anti-Doping Rules) came into force on 1 January 2019. The new rules make National Federations accountable for assisting in the fight against doping and for ensuring appropriate anti-doping measures are in place in their respective jurisdictions. All IAAF Member Federations were notified of the 2019 anti-doping requirements – including a clear action plan and deadlines for achieving certain targets – in November 2018 as per their category (A, B or C). Many one-on-one orientation sessions have been held since then with a priority being to assist and advise federations in Group A and B. The AIU will continue to work closely with the National Federations throughout 2019 to ensure that the compliance standards are met.

2019 ASIAN ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS – DOHA

In partnership with the Qatar National Anti-Doping Commission and the Organising Committee of the 23rd Asian Athletics Championships held in Doha on the 21-24 April, the AIU put together a strong testing and education programme for the Championships. The programmes offered a good rehearsal for the IAAF World Championships Doha 2019, which will be held from 28 September to 6 October.



PLANS FOR IAAF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS DOHA 2019

The AIU in partnership with the Doha 2019 Local Organising Committee (LOC) has started planning for a robust anti-doping programme at these IAAF World Championships. This will involve the collection of over 700 blood samples prior to the championships for the purpose of continuing to build Athlete Biological Passport (ABP) profiles and to detect prohibited substances, such as human Growth Hormone (hGH). A further 600 urine tests will also be conducted during the competition in order to detect a wide range of substances including EPO and steroids.

In addition, the AIU is going to work closely with the IOC, the Group of Copenhagen (covering Europe), Sportradar and other stakeholders and partners for the purpose of monitoring the odds-on betting markets, identifying betting patterns and any betting anomalies, and to exchange information in order to prevent or identify any market manipulation. The AIU will also run an education programme that will include awareness of anti-doping, competition manipulation and betting issues, among others.

INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT

THE AIU BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF CONTINUE TO REPRESENT ATHLETICS AT KEY INDUSTRY GATHERINGS RELATING TO SPORT INTEGRITY. HERE IS A QUICK SNAPSHOT OF RECENT AND

FORTHCOMING KEY SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:

WADA SYMPOSIUM: The AIU was represented by a high-level delegation at the annual WADA Symposium, which is the main event on the global anti-doping calendar and offers anti-doping organisations and other stakeholders the opportunity to gather, interact and learn from one another. This year's Symposium was held in Lausanne on 13-14 March. Board Member Andrew Pipe and Deputy Head of the Unit Thomas Capdevielle made a presentation on behalf of the AIU at an iNADO Workshop held in conjunction with the Symposium. Three members of the AIU team – Thomas Capdevielle, Tony Jackson and Aditya Kumar – were panellists during the sessions dedicated to the International Standards for Testing and Investigations, Results Management and Education.

PCC CONFERENCE: AIU Board Chairman David Howman was the keynote speaker at the Partnership for Clean Competition (PCC) Conference, held on 16-18 April in London, while AIU Head Brett Clothier presented at the event during a panel discussion on Intelligence in Anti-Doping.

SYMPOSIUM ON MATCH MANIPULATION AND GAMBLING: David Howman was also the keynote speaker at the Symposium on Match Manipulation and Gambling organised by the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sports (CCES) and McLaren Global Sports Solutions Inc. (MGSS) in Toronto, Canada on 24-25 April.



The **Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU)** is the independent body created by the IAAF that manages all integrity issues – both doping and non-doping – for the sport of athletics. The remit of the AIU includes anti-doping, the pursuit of individuals engaged in age or competition results manipulation, investigating fraudulent behaviour with regards to transfers of allegiance, and detecting other misconduct including bribery and breaches of betting rules. It is the AIU's role to drive cheats out of our sport, and to do everything within its power to support honest athletes around the world who dedicate their lives to reaching their sporting goals through dedication and hard work.

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