

## Looking forward to the IAAF World Indoor Championships and IAAF World Half Marathon Championships

The first two major events of 2016 are just one month away.

First up is the **IAAF World Indoor Championships Portland 2016**. It will be the first time since 1987 that the event has been held in the USA and comes just 19 months after the US state of Oregon hosted a tremendously successful IAAF World Junior Championships.

Following the conclusion of the **IAAF World Indoor Tour**, 11 athletes have already booked wildcards for Portland. National federations will finalise their teams over the coming weeks as they stage their national indoor championships, so there is still plenty of top-level indoor athletics to be enjoyed before Portland.

Less than a week after the World Indoor Championships closing ceremony, the focus of attention will shift to the other side of the Atlantic for the **IAAF/Cardiff University World Half Marathon Championships Cardiff 2016**.

As with the World Indoor Championships, this year's World Half Marathon Championships will be returning to the country that hosted the inaugural edition. Some major names – including defending champion Geoffrey Kamworor and double world and Olympic champion Mo Farah – have already confirmed their intention to compete in Cardiff, so it will most likely be another memorable event.

### IAAF HQ HEADLINE NEWS



### AREA ASSOCIATIONS DECLARE UNEQUIVOCAL SUPPORT TO SEB COE AND REFORM PROCESS

At the annual meeting between the IAAF and its Area Associations, the six continental presidents issued a signed statement offering their full, unequivocal support of Sebastian Coe in his role, his reform proposals and actions as IAAF President now and in the future.

The annual meeting took place on Wednesday (24) at the Marriott Riviera La Porte de Monaco hotel in Cap d'Ail, France on the border with Monaco.

#### Full story

*Photo: IAAF President Sebastian Coe with representatives from all six Area Associations (Phillippe Fitte / IAAF)*

### OTHER NEWS

- **IAAF Technical Committee holds 2016 annual meeting in Monaco**
- **Interim CEO / General Secretary Jean Gracia welcomed by IAAF staff**
- **IAAF Ethics Board provisionally suspends Mwangi**
- **With one month to go, athletes' Portland preparation gathers pace**
- **Logo unveiled for IAAF World U20 Championships Bydgoszcz 2016**
- **IAAF World Half Marathon Championships video highlights series launched**
- **Jackson promotes ABW500 initiative for the IAAF World Half Marathon Championships**
- **Official bulletin published for IAAF World Indoor Championships Portland 2016**
- **Competition details – IAAF World Race Walking Team Championships Rome 2016**
- **Brazil's athletics timeline leading to Rio 2016**

## FEATURED NEWS



### IAAF World Indoor Tour winners book their place on the plane for Portland

With the inaugural season of the IAAF World Indoor Tour having come to a close after the last of its four meetings, 11 athletes – six men and five women in 2016 – have booked their place at the IAAF World Indoor Championships Portland 2016.



### IAAF President Sebastian Coe attends AAA Council Meeting in Doha

IAAF President Sebastian Coe, accompanied by interim IAAF CEO and General Secretary Jean Gracia, attended the 84th Asian Athletics Association Council Meeting in Doha.



### IAAF and European Athletics delegations visit Albania

IAAF President Sebastian Coe held meetings with the Albanian Prime Minister Edi Rama and the country's Minister of Education and Sports Lindita Nikolla during a two-day visit to the Albanian capital Tirana.



### NACAC backs IAAF President Coe's reform process

The NACAC Council has put its full support behind IAAF President Sebastian Coe, the Area Association's Council announced in a signed resolution during its meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

## FOR THE RECORD

### ATHLETES SANCTIONED FOR A DOPING OFFENCE

An up-to-date list can be downloaded [here](#).

### NEW MEMBER FEDERATION OFFICERS – RECENT ELECTIONS / APPOINTMENTS

An up-to-date list can be downloaded [here](#).

## WORLD RECORDS RATIFIED



#### Men's U20 indoor 60m hurdles (99cm)

7.50 David Omoregie (GBR) Cardiff 9 Mar 2014  
*Equals: 7.50 Konstadinos Douvalidis (GRE) Peania 11 Feb 2006*



#### Men's U20 indoor shot put (6kg)

22.48m Konrad Bukowiecki (POL) Torun 8 Jan 2016  
*Previous: 22.35m David Storl (GER) Rochlitz 20 Dec 2009*



#### Women's U20 pole vault

4.64m Eliza McCartney (NZL) Auckland 19 Dec 2015  
*Previous: 4.63m (i) Angelica Bengtsson (SWE) Stockholm 22 Feb 2011*

## OBITUARIES

- **Former discus world record-holder Yuriy Dumchev**
- **Co-founder of London Marathon John Disley**

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