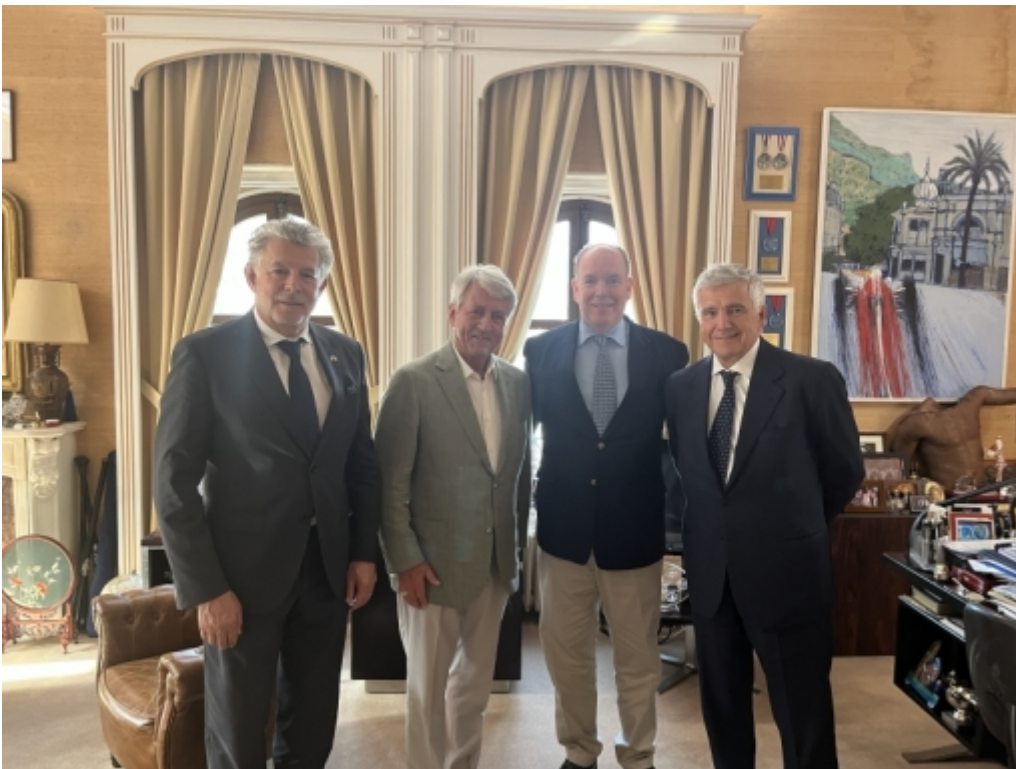


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## **UIPM PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENTS MEET HSH PRINCE ALBERT II OF MONACO**



The Palace of Monaco was the venue for a strategic meeting between HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and two UIPM Vice Presidents on July 18.

As Honorary President of UIPM, HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco has been an active ambassador for the Modern Pentathlon movement since 1997. His Highness has also been a Member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) since 1985.

UIPM President Dr Schormann travelled to Monaco for the meeting along with Juan Antonio Samaranch, UIPM 1st Vice President and IOC Vice President, and Joel Bouzou OLY, UIPM Vice President and World Olympians President.

Together they discussed issues of sporting politics relating to the future of Modern Pentathlon and general items concerning the Olympic movement ahead of the Paris 2024 and Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games.

They also discussed the global development opportunity presented by Modern Pentathlon's new format.



Earlier in his trip to Monaco, President Dr Schormann met Dr Harald Vervaecke (President of the Belgium Modern Pentathlon Federation) to discuss the development of Modern Pentathlon in Belgium based on the new format.

UIPM President Dr Schormann also presented Dr Vervaecke with a certificate as Member of the UIPM Commission for Culture & Education, to which Dr Vervaecke has contributed for a long time with his extensive experience.

The two Presidents also spoke during their July 15 meeting about the political situation based on the military occupation of Ukraine and the possibility of neutral athletes taking part in UIPM competitions.

On July 17 and July 18, President Dr Schormann attended UIPM Headquarters in Monaco and

met with several UIPM staff for operational briefings on ongoing actions linked to international competitions and development projects in Africa and Asia.



President Dr Schormann discussed with staff members important points relating to the UIPM 2023 Pentathlon and Laser Run World Championships in Bath (GBR) and key points around preparation for the Olympic Games Paris 2024.

The new format of Youth and Junior competitions with the integrated Obstacle discipline – which in 2023 has offered Under 19 and Under 17 athletes the chance to compete in a five-discipline Pentathlon at global level for the first time – was deeply discussed.