

Editorial

The news items in this newsletter will give you some impression of the great strides WMRA has made in the past year in bringing our sport of mountain running closer to the mainstream of athletics while at the same time retaining our very special identity.

What is it that makes the sport of mountain running special within the athletic family?

In common with other branches of athletics we are an endurance running sport; we are strictly against drugs; we operate within a set of rules; we pay strict attention to the safety of our athletes; we need money and depend on sponsorship; the majority of competitors are truly amateur in the sense that they have jobs to earn their living; we find our friends in the spheres of competition and training; we offer opportunities for travel and for young people to meet others of different cultures and faiths.

The thing that makes us special is the setting within which we enjoy our athletics. Track & Field requires sophisticated and expensive stadia facilities available to only a small proportion of the worlds population but is transmitted to a worldwide audience due to its popularity with the TV media.

Road running has a more universal appeal as can be seen by the popularity of the large city marathons, but it is nevertheless an urban based sport. We share in common with skiing and mountaineering a love of the remote (Alaska!) mountainous regions of the world where scenery inspires and the challenge lies in the terrain.

Our sport is largely indebted to hundreds of enthusiastic volunteers who organise mountain races where they live. The policy of WMRA is to offer mountain runners and their coaches a level of competition at the pinnacle of the sport. Our purpose is to provide the best mountain runners in each country with a 'mountain summit' of achievement towards which they can aspire.

2003 saw us make great progress in this direction.

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Danny Hughes (WMRA President)



WMRA Council. Back row (L to R) Wolfgang Muenzel (Technical), Carlos Cardoso (IAAF), Otto Klappert (IAAF), Pierre Weiss (IAAF), Tomo Sarf (Development, Front row (L to R) Bruno Gozzelino (Secretary), Danny Hughes (President), Nancy Hobbs (Treasurer), Raimondo Balicco (Organisation), Serge Moro (Marketing).

A message from the IAAF President

With the decision of the IAAF Congress last August that the IAAF should now be the World Governing Body, not only of track and field athletics, road running, race walking and cross country running but also for Mountain Running, it gives me particular pleasure to look forward to another exciting year of WMRA competition from a more involved perspective.

The 19th World Mountain Running Trophy races which were held in the coldest and snowiest of conditions last September in Girdwood, Alaska, were an outstanding success with 27 different countries in attendance despite the huge traveling distance which had to undertaken by many visiting teams. We can now look forward to the 20th celebration which will take place in Sauze d'Oulx, Italy at the beginning of September, and the 4th Masters Championships which precede it the weekend before.



Lamine Diack IAAF President

Also on the horizon at the beginning of July this year are the 3rd EAA Mountain Running Championships in Korbielow, Poland, and most excitingly the inaugural NACAC Mountain Running Championships in Vail, Colorado, USA, as this discipline's international wings flex ever more widely.

Yet before we reach any of these major championships we will first greet the start of the 2004 WMRA Grand Prix which opens on 16 May with the 15th Gara Internazionale Terlano in Meltina Italy. This six meeting annual series will conclude with the 25th Smarna Gora International in Ljubljana, Slovenia at the beginning of October, and I am certain will be another successful, season long, showcase for Mountain Running.

Lamine Diack, President IAAF

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WMRA NEWS

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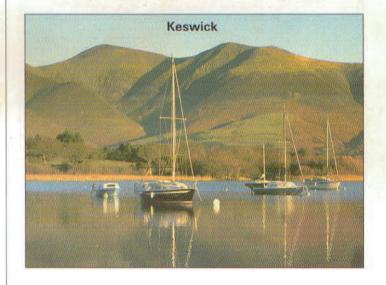
The 2003 Congress were presented with two strong bids by England and New Zealand to stage the 2005 World Trophy. A fine presentation by the New Zealand team consisting of Martin Macdonald (LOC chairman) Arthur Klapp (professional event organiser) World Champion, Melissa Moon won over many delegates who voted in their favour by 19 to 6, despite the forbidding cost of travel. This major hurdle was addressed by Athletics New Zealand who promised a \$120,000 US



travel subvention to be shared between visiting teams.

2005 MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

England's bid to stage the 2005 World Trophy was combined with a bid to stage the Masters championships one week before. It was therefore some small compensation, for the disappointment of failing to obtain the World Trophy, that the WMRA Council awarded England the 2005 Masters championships. Many of the impressive arrangements put in place for the Trophy apply to the Masters event which is assured of massive local support from athletes and the beautiful Lake District town of Keswick.



NACAC IAAF AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS

As you will see from an advert elsewhere in this newsletter, a second IAAF area association have introduced a mountain running championships in 2004. It will be held on the same weekend as the European Championships. The initials NACAC stand for the North & Central American and Caribbean areas.

MOUNTAIN RUNNING IS A BRANCH OF ATHLETICS

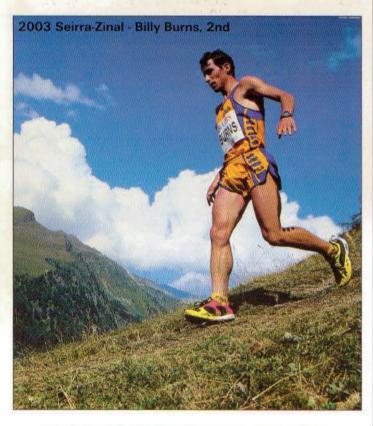
Yes, it is official at last. As WMRA enters its 20th year the 2003 IAAF congress in Paris approved a resolution to include Mountain Running as part of the definition of athletics in IAAF rule 1, thus taking its place beside Track & Field, Cross Country, Road Running and Race Walking. This was the logical conclusion of the IAF/WMRA seminar held in Innsbruck in 2002 entitled 'Mountain running as a branch of athletics'

The continuing work and policy of WMRA is to integrate mountain running activity throughout the world under the IAAF umbrella and therefore under the umbrella of the athletic federations.

LONG DISTANCE MOUNTAIN RUNNING

After several years of discussion in WMRA council, it has at last been decided to experiment with the idea of offering the worlds best long distance mountain runners the opportunity of having their own championships.

Initial ideas are that a world class long distance event (with a winning time between 2 and 5 hours) would be chosen each year as the championship event therefore encouraging all the worlds best runners to be present. The regulations for such an event have been drawn up and we have consulted with a few of the top level event organisers. The first event will be staged this year and incorporated into the Sierra Zinal race in Switzerland. Watch our web page for further announcements.



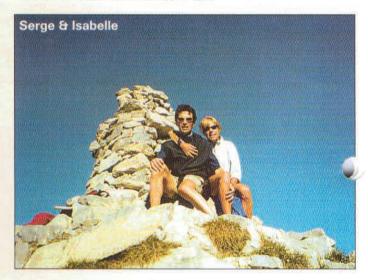
CROATIA INTRODUCE NATIONAL MOUNTAIN RUNNING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Croatian athletic federation (HAS) are the latest federation to introduce a national mountain running championships. It is scheduled to take place on May 16th on Mt Medvednica and will be organised by the club of Dragan Jankovic, the Croatian team manager.

WMRA COUNCIL MEMBERS PUBLICATIONS

Nancy Hobbs (WMRA treasurer) has published a book on Mountain & Trail running with her colleague Adam Chase. It contains much useful information for competing athletes from beginners to advanced. You can order a copy by sending a message to Nancy at her e-mail address.

Serge Moro (WMRA Marketing Director) and Isabelle Guillot (four times world mountain running champion) have published a book 'Courir Grandeur Nature'. It is in French and contains much of interest on training techniques for mountain runners. Order your copy my e-mailing Serge.



2003 WMRA CONGRESS ALYESKA-ALASKA (USA)

The annual congress of WMRA was attended by delegates from 26 member athletic federations in the small town of Alyeska, Alaska, USA

The following were elected to WMRA council for a period of 2 years:

Development Director: Tomo Sarf (SLO)

Organisational Director: Raimondo Balicco (ITA) Technical

Director: Wolfgang Muenzel (GER)

Marketing Director: Serge Moro-Sibilot (FRA)

Congress approved two technical changes to the World Trophy rules concerning course design. They also approved a new regulation that places a lower limit on the age of juniors competing in the junior categories of the World Trophy. This latter change follows a similar regulation by the IAAF for its junior competitions. These changes are now shown on our web page.

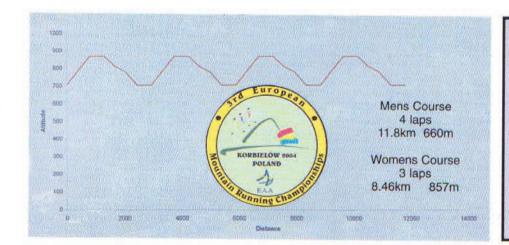
IAAF FINANCIAL SUPPORT

IAAF continue to encourage and support the development of mountain running by maintaining the levels of support at \$10,000 for WMRA administration and \$40,000 as a travel subvention to assist teams travelling to the 2004 World Trophy in Sauze d'Oulx (Italy).

Our thanks are extended to President Lamine Diack and his council, to General Secretary Istvan Gyulai, and General Director Pierre Weiss, and the IAAF office for their continuing encouragement and assistance.

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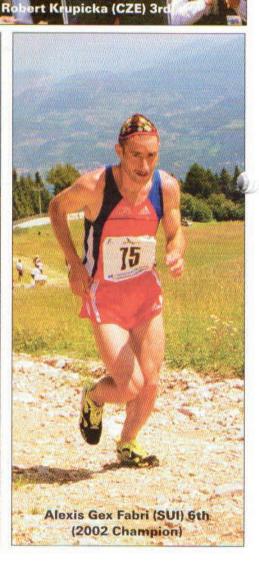
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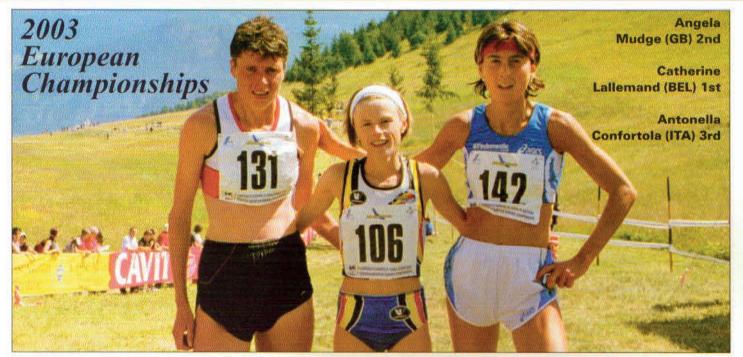
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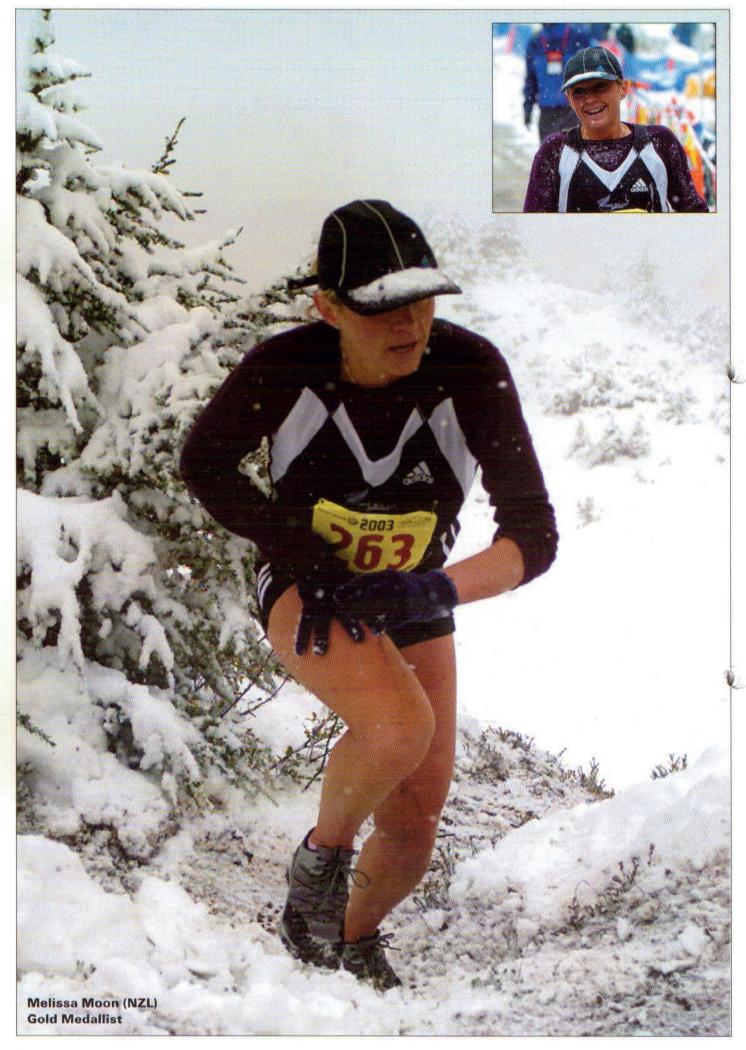


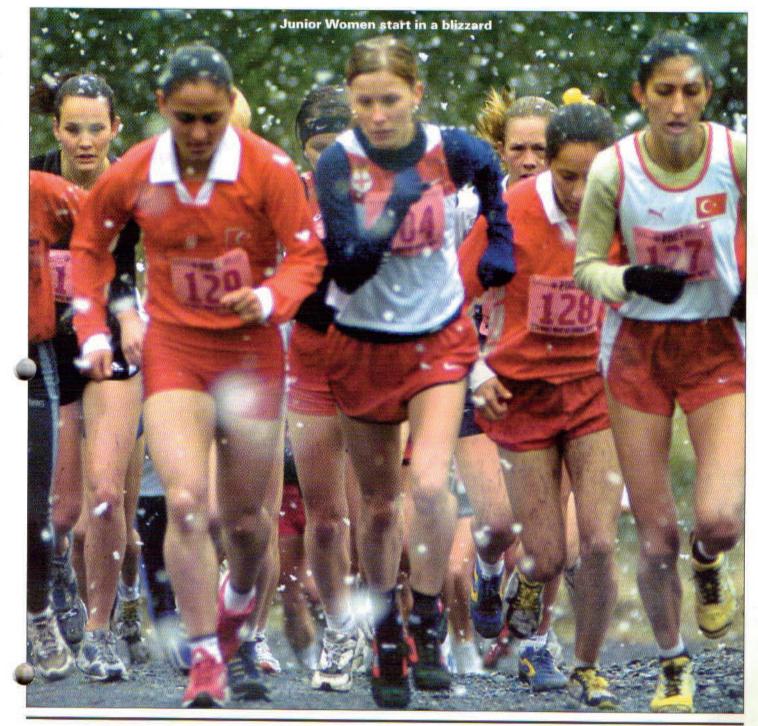












NIGERIA AND GIBRALTAR TAKE UP MOUNTAIN RUNNING

Two new races appear on the WMRA international calendar for 2004. The Gibraltar Amateur Athletic Association are organising an international mountain race on May 30th which finishes on top of the famous Rock of Gibraltar. Leading mountain runners have been invited to compete (all expense paid) and an impressive prize list has been assembled with winners (men and women) taking home £1,000 sterling. The race is in part of the Gibraltar 300 year aniversay celebrations. Visit their web page www.gaaa.gi for more details.

The Athletic Federation of Nigeria are involved in the organisation of their first mountain race in Cross River State, in concert with the Governor of the state who wants to show the world the tourist attraction of the Obudu region. The Obudu International Mountain Race (rescheduled to be held on November 27th) is open to all and there is a \$50,000 first prize on offer so it is bound to attract a high quality field. Here again travel expenses, for invited leading mountain runners, are being offered.

Further details can be found on their web page:

www.obudumountainchallenge.com or via the link on our web page.



His Excellency, Donald Duke, Governor of Cross River State, Nigeria, with WMRA President Danny Hughes.

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20/21 September, Alaska /USA

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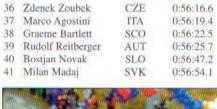
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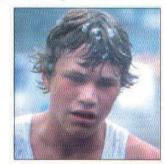
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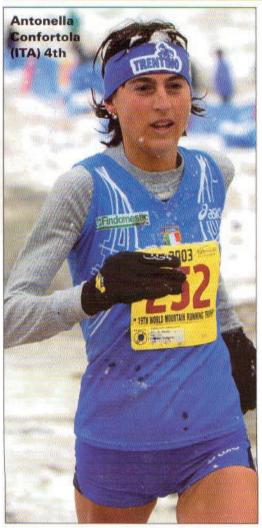
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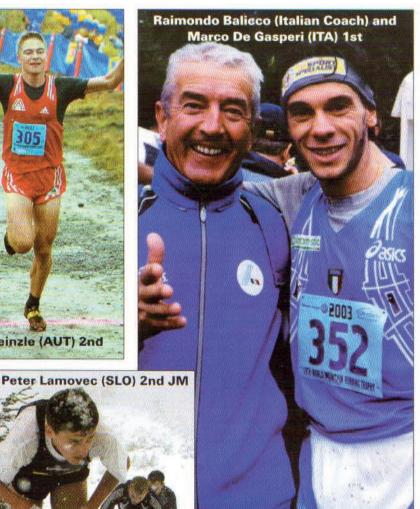


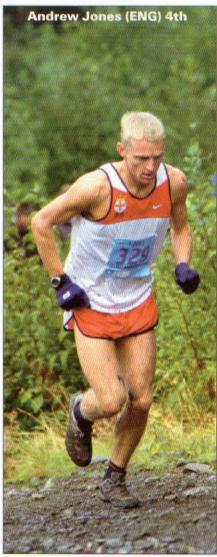


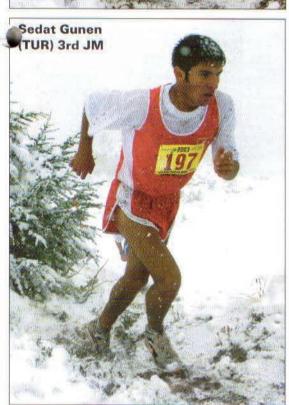


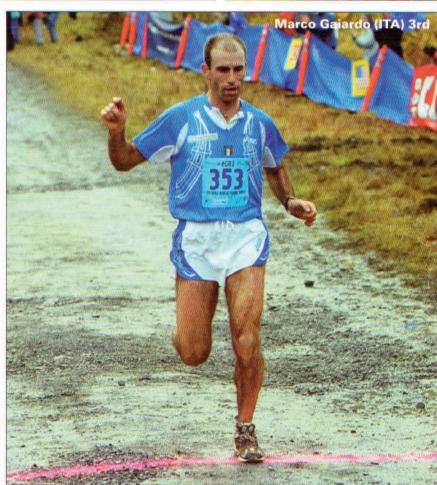
WORLD TROPHY ALASKA 2003











THE 19TH WORLD MOUNTAIN RUNNING TROPHY. GIRDWOOD, ALASKA, USA. SEPTEMBER 20TH - 21ST 2003

When selecting Alaska as the venue for the 2003 World Trophy races, the World Mountain Running Association (WMRA) were well aware that some risks were involved. We had no doubt that the organisation would be of a high standard and this proved to be the case. However, the cost of reaching the venue threatened to deter many countries from participating, and the weather was an unpredictable factor since, after all, we knew that Alaska was a rather cold part of the USA. With many assurances that it never snowed on the competition mountain in mid September (!) all plans went ahead.

The problem of travelling costs was mitigated by generous travelling grants from the IAAF and WMRA and we had a satisfactory attendance from 27 different countries.

In the days, before the competition Girdwood (about 40km from Anchorage) enjoyed blue skies with cold frosty mornings turning into warm pleasant days as the sun rose.

The day of the races dawned with overcast skies and before long, about 3 hours before the first race, the snow started to fall! A 'crisis solving' group was convened by the LOC and a plan of action agreed with WMRA officials. A large team of volunteers was rapidly assembled, armed with rakes for removing the snow from the race track in the steepest most difficult parts of the course. Options to introduce a delay or change the courses were considered, rejected, and the races went ahead as planned and on schedule.

The junior ladies race (4.2km & 285m up & down) was won

by Karissa Hawitt, a national cross country champion in her age group in England, in 17 minutes 24 seconds, followed closely by Turkan Bozkurt (TUR) and Mateja Kosovelj (SLO). The team gold went to Slovenia and 10 countries finished full teams.

The junior mens race (7.7km & 600m up & down) proved an even greater triumph for Slovenia as they took gold and silver individual medals with Mitja Kosovelj (35 minutes 41 seconds), and Peter Lamovec (36.01). They were followed by 15-year-old Sedat Gunen of Turkey in bronze medal position, a favourite for more medals in the junior age group in the future. Slovenia again carried off the team award and thus enjoyed the rewards for their encouragement of mountain running in Slovenia by starting with their youth. 11 countries finished full teams.

By the time the senior ladies race (7.7km & 600m up & down) started a blizzard was in full swing but the course volunteers worked at full stretch to keep the course clear. With several past World Trophy medallists and champions competing (Mudge SCO, Moon NZL, Guillot FRA, Zatorska POL, Pichrtova CZE, Confortola ITA,) their race appeared wide open. The medals would go to the ones wearing the correct footwear and brave enough to overcome the difficult conditions. Melissa Moon of New Zealand, champion in 2001, and Angela Mudge of Scotland, champion in 2000 fought it out in close company until Melissa charged ahead of Angela at the start of the descent to establish a lead, which she kept up with great determination until the finish line. This victory capped a wonderful weekend for New Zealand whose bid to stage

the 2005 World Mountain Running Trophy had received the approval of the WMRA annual congress. Scotland, with Angela in silver medal position and team mate Tracey Brindle, having a brilliant descent to take bronze, carried off the team gold medal. After all, the weather in Scotland is not so much different to that in Alaska at times, so their team no doubt felt at home in the prevailing conditions! 15 countries finished full teams

The final race for senior men (11.48km & 900m of up & down) was held the following day, by which time the snow had ceased and the track reasonably clear but it was still a winter wonderland on the mountain.

Marco De Gasperi (ITA) already 3 times senior champion in the up/down event started as the favourite to repeat his previous triumphs. He had to be in the very best of form to beat the

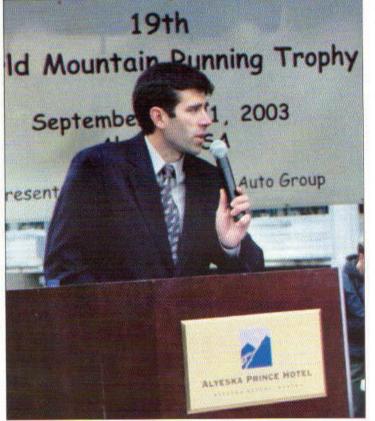
young, and rapidly improving, Florian Heinzle (a member of the

Florian Heinzle (a member of the famous Heinzle family of mountain runners in Austria) by a mere 16 seconds. With the 2003 European champion, Marco Gaiardo in bronze medal position, Emanuele Manzi in 7th and Claudio Cassi in 13th the Italian men, for the 19th consecutive occasion, comfortably won the team event from England and Germany. 18 countries finished full teams.

So the two senior champions, Marco De Gasperi and Melissa Moon repeated their 2001 victories, which were won in entirely different conditions in Italy, proving that championship talent will out, whatever the situation and conditions.

This was a truly Alaskan wilderness experience which all who took part in will always remember.

This report by Danny Hughes appeared in the IAAF 2003 magazine, 'Review of the Year'



Brad Precosky, Event Director

PROFILE OF A JUNIOR CHAMPION

KARRISSA HAWITT

Wining the 2003 junior World trophy by the comfortable margin of 24 seconds proved to be the highlight of Karrissa's short but successful athletic career. Her previous best World Trophy result was 8th place in Arta Terme in 2001.

Aged 17 she has two more years in the junior ranks.

She started mountain running in very easy hill races at the age of 12 until in 2002 she won the English Fell running championships (Under 16) consisting of a 6 race series.

In the winter, she turns her attention to cross country running were she has proved herself to be a great talent in winning the under 17 British National Cross country Championships, coming 4th in the English schools championships and recording other notable wins in regional events in 2003.

ready this winter she has won the under 20 Northern England cross-country championships.

She will concentrate on track running in the early part of the

coming summer, training for the 3km and the Steeplechase She lives in Runcorn, Cheshire, which is quite close to the Welsh mountains. She has two older sisters and a brother. She finishes school in July and in September hopes to study dentistry at Sheffield University (a hilly town that will provide plenty of opportunity for further mountain race training) I was delighted to discover that she is a member of my (Danny Hughes's) old club, Warrington Athletic Club.

When preparing for major mountain running events her training during a week consists of 1 hill session of short repetitions of about 2 minutes, 1 longer hill run lasting about 75 minutes, 1 track session, and two steady runs. She has just introduced a weekly gym session into her programme.

Her coach is Mike Hancock who has coached her for the past 7 years.



Karrissa Hawitt (ENG)

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Fabiola Rueda Oppliger (COL & SUI)

World champion 1987 & 88

Fabiola came to Europe from Columbia in 1987, together with a number of outstanding Columbian athletes such as Jairo Correa and Francisco Sanchez. They came to compete in the classic European mountain races. That same year she became world champion in Lenzerheide, beating Christina Fladt (FRG). She repeated this victory in 1988 at Keswick and in December that year celebrated by marrying Daniel Oppliger (Switzerland), another mountain runner, whom she had met in Sao Paulo in 1987, and so settled down in Switzerland.

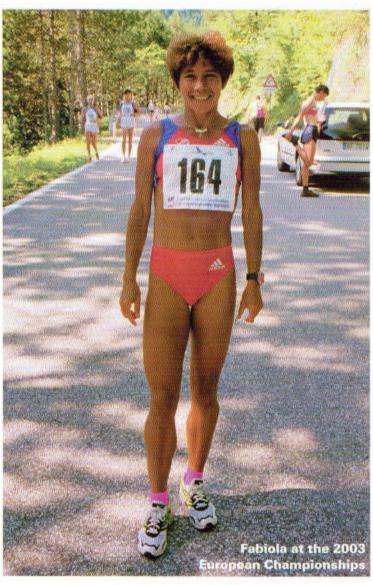
She has pursued her athletic career ever since. Her record continues to be impressive as she finished in silver medal position in the Masters World Championships in 2002 (W35) and 2003 (W40).

Before that she represented Columbia again in the 1999 World Trophy (Malaysia) finishing 16th.

By 2001 she was representing Switzerland and came 43rd in Arta Terme and in 2002 came 33rd in Innsbruck.

The latest photo shows a very fit and shapely Fabiola at the 2003 European championships in Trento when she came 19th and second counter for the 5th placed Swiss team.

She works with husband Daniel in their Post office in Corsier.





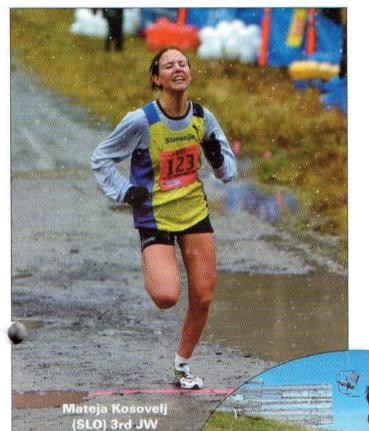
Obituary - Mauro Fogu (ITA) Born 13.06.64 Died 08.11.03



Mauro Fogu, one of Italies most respected mountain runners, died from cancer last year aged 39. He represented his country on several occasions, in Malaysia, Llanberris, Stellina Challenge, and Mt Tibor in Israel. As he approched the Masters age he was to be found officiating at races and encouraging young mountain runners even when he had been diagnosed with cancer. He belonged to the well known mountain running club 'Atletica Monte Rosa' of

which his father Giuseppe is president. He will be sadly missed by his many mountain running friends

Junior success for Slovenia in the 2003 World Trophy.



During this time it is especially important to find the best ratio between work and rest to be in the best shape for races and to avoid injuries. This is the skill one must have when working with youth. Mitja started his sport career as a young boy playing football and running with his father was a part of his training. It was soon realised that he had a special talent for running and he started training for athletics at the age of 14, running cross-country races. Living close to Italy, he raced mostly against Italian runners and many times ran shoulder to shoulder, with Stefano Scaini (ITA) world junior champion in 2001 and 2002.

He prefers running in the hilly countryside around his grandparent's farm rather than on athletic tracks.

In 2003 he commenced study at the technical university of Ljubljana. He is sharing a room with his Peter Lamovec who finished just 20 seconds behind him in silver medal position in Alaska. They are good friends until the starting pistol goes!

Mateja was born in 1988. Her brother and father sparked her interest in athletics when she was 12, so she started receiving coaching from her father from an early age. Like her brother, she prefers running out of the stadium. She likes to run with her friend Lucija Krkoc - they are competitors all the time - Lucija was just one place and 9 seconds behind Mateja in Alaska. Mateja is still at school where she is an excellent pupil.

We must not forget that behind the successful Kosovelj family is mother who takes care for her athletes day after day.

Tomo Sarf

Slovenian male juniors won gold and silver in the individual and gold in the team competition. Slovenian female juniors won bronze in the individual and gold in the team competition. What is the secret to this unprecedented success for such a small country?

One family name appears twice - Mitja

Kosovelj who won the junior men's race and Mateja Kosovelj bronze medallist in the junior opmen's race, both coached by their father Edvin

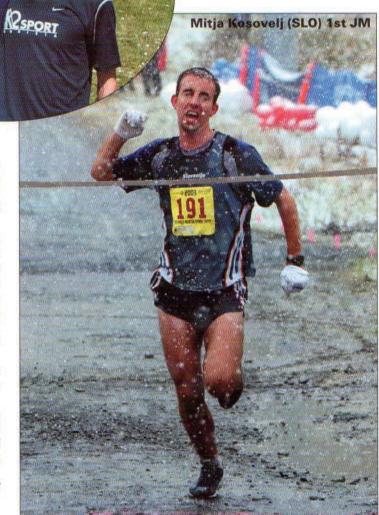
The Kosovelj family live in Nova Gorica, just few kilometres from Italian border. They spend a lot of time in the countryside with their grandparents working on a farm. The region is called Slovenian Karst and is known for its fine weather and good wine.

Father Edvin Kosovelj has been involved into mountain running since the early days of World Trophy events. In his competitive days he was a marathon and mountain runner. He was a member of Yugoslavian team for the 1989 World Trophy in Die (France) finishing 46th on the long course. In 1991 (Zermatt) he was 37th on the short course, and in 1993 53rd. His best time for the marathon is 2:25:57. He is a mechanical engineer, but now works as a teacher in mathematics and physics at a local primary school.

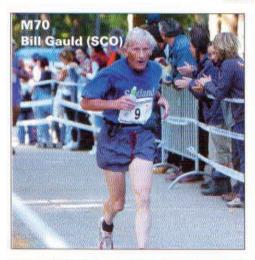
His coaching knowledge is a product of his personal experience of competition and reading coaching literature. He has had no special formal education in coaching.

His children work in a group together with some other young runners. In wintertime they concentrate on good basic preparation - aerobic long distance runs, changing tempo and course type. They also work to prepare the whole body, which is in very important for up and down mountain running

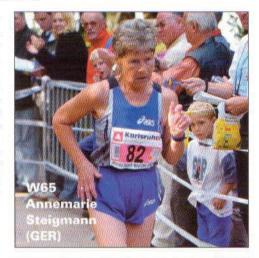
As the time for competition comes closer, the quantity of training decreases and the quality increases.

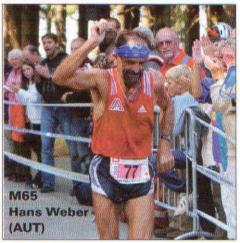


MASTERS WORLD MOUNTAIN RUNNING CHAMPIONSHIP ZELL am HARMERSBACH - GERMANY



A record number of competitors (651 finishers) enjoyed a magnificent Masters World Championships staged by the distinguished sports club TVU (Turnverein Unterharmersbach) which was founded in 1898. Led by Ludwig Borsig and Alfred Siegesmund, hundreds of willing volunteers put on an event which will be remembered for many years by those who enjoyed their hospitality and professional organisation. They were enthusiastically supported and encouraged by Mayor Hans-Martin Moll. We will surely return to Zell am Harmersbach for future mountain running events.



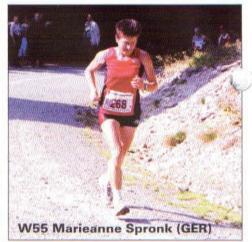


Mens Champions:

H.Schmuck	AUT	42.42
C.Doll	GER	43.56
A.Rungger	ITA	46.29
	BEL	48.06
	GER	50.20
	53.46	
W.Gauld SCO	60.54	
	C.Doll A.Rungger O.Van Noten P.Lessing H.Weber AUT	C.Doll GER A.Rungger ITA O.Van Noten BEL P.Lessing GER H.WeberAUT 53.46

Womens Champions:

35-39	D.Grassman	SUI	49.18
40-44	M.Heilig-D.	GER	49.41
45-49	O.Brakebusch-L	FRA	52.36
50-54	L.Muschler	GER	56.23
55-59	M.Spronk	GER	57.59
60-64	E.Schneider	GER	65.05
65-69	A.Stiegmann	GER	78.33





Medal Table:

Nation Bronze	Gold	Silver	
Germany	7	6	7
Austria	2	0	0
Switzerland	1	3	0
Italy	1	0	3
Scotland	1	0	0
France	1	0	0
Belgium	1	0	0
Czech.R	0	1	1
Australia	0	1	0
N.Ireland	0	1	0
Slovakia	0	1	0
Poland	0	0	1
England	O	0	1





Number of Competitors per country

Germany	380
England	44
Czech R.	40
Italy	40
Slovakia	25
Austria	22
Slovenia	22
Scotland	20
N.Ireland	14
Poland	11
Switzerland	11
Belgium	10
Countries less AUS, NED,US	than 10: FRA, WAL, NZL A













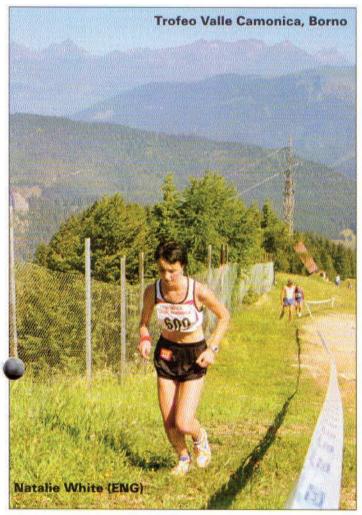


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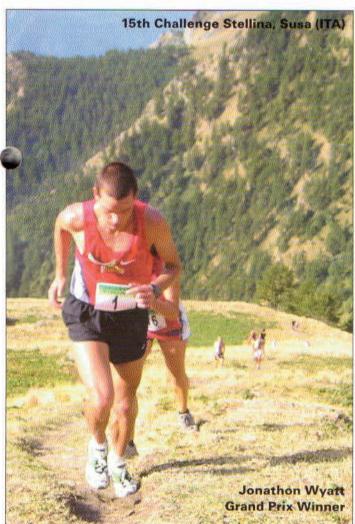
MEN					Race	2	3	4	5	6	Races	TOTAL
RANK	Surname	Forename	Year	Nat.	M-A	G-H	S-T	M-Z	C-S	H-B	No.	POINTS
1	Wyatt	Jonathan	72	NZL	815.55	100	100	100	100	100	5	400
2	Gaiardo	Marco	70	ITA	80	80	80	1.430	60	80	5	320
3	Krupicka	Robert	78	CZE		50	60		80	45	4	235
4	Blaha	Jan	71	CZE		45	50	60	43.43	50	4	205
5	Schieffl	Helmut	72	GER			40	80		60	3	180
6	Cox	Martin	69	GBR	11	60	45		18	4	3 5	134
7	Jenne	Markus	76	GER		29	29		32	18	4	108
8	Kröll	Markus	72	AUT	22	26	29 36		22 24	6	4 5	106
9	Brown	John	69	GBR		36			24	6 26	3	86
10	Reitberger	Rudolf	71	AUT		24	26	16		15	4	81
11	Heigl	Thomas	80	AUT		8	14	20	7	22	5	64
12	Skalsky	Roman	75	CZE		0			1	22 32	4	53
13	Zingl	Wolfgang	71	AUT	1	3	20 5				4.	9
WOMEN												
1	Confortola	Antonella	75	ITA	100		80		100	100	4	380
2	Zatorska	Izabela	62	POL		100	100	100		60	4	360
3	Gassmann	Daniela	64	SUL		60	60	80		80	4	280
4	Jurisic	Veronika	77	CRO		45	40	45	50	36	5	180
5	Melicherova	Ludmila	64	SVK		32	50	36		50	4	168
6	Kapuscinsky	Marion	67	AUT	32	36	32		40	40	4 5 3	148
7	Buss	Steffi	75	GER			45	50		45		140
8	Bellorini	Ombretta	67	ITA	20	16		13	18	16	5	70
9	Orlic	Antonija	77	CRO			13	8	15	11	4	47
KEY												
Race												
1	M-A	Monte Altiss	sino	22 1	lune		Bor	no		Italy		
2	G-H	Grossglockn	ier	20 1	July		Hei	ligenblut		Austria		
	S-T	Schlickeraln	n	3 A	ugust		Telf	es		Austria		
4	M-Z	Matterhorn		17 /	August		Zen	matt		Switzerland		
5	C-S	Challenge S	tellina	24 /	August		Sus	a		Italy		
6	H-B	Hochfelln		5 O	ctober		Ber	gen		Germany		

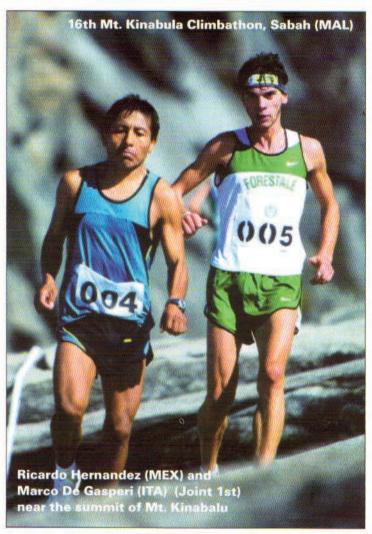
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Major Eve					ffiliated events in Europe (cont)		
Date 04.07.04	Event 3rd EAA Mountain Running Championships	City Korbielow	Country Poland	Date	Event	City	Country
04.07.04	apuch@poczta.onet.pl andrzej-puchacz@wl.pl		roland	30.05.04	1st International "Rock of Gibraltar" Mountain francar@gibnynex.gi	Race	Gibraltar
04.07.04	1st NACAC Mountain Running Championships mortiz@vailrec.com	Vail-Colorado	USA	24.07.04	29th International Snowdon Race ken.jones@snowdon-race.freeserve.co.uk	Llamberis	Wales
08.08.04	WMRA Long Distance Mountain Running Championships (Sierre-Zinal) Zinal@sierre-annivers.ch info@sierre-zinal.com	Zinal	Switzerland	22.08.04	22nd Matterhornlauf matterhornlauf@zermatt.ch	Zermatt	Switzerland
28.08.04	4th WMRA Masters World Championships comsauze@tin.it	Sauze d'Oulx	Italy	22.08.04	26th International Kitzbueheler Horn info@kitzbuehel.com	Kitzbuehel	Austria
0405.09.0	420th World Mountain Running Trophy	Sauze d'Oulx	Italy	29.08.04	5th Hog's Trail Marathon dragan.jankovic@zg.hinet.hr	Zagreb	Croatia
	comsauze@tin.it ufficio.segreteria@comune.sauzedoulx.to.it			24.10.04	47th Trofeo "E. Vanoni" (International relay) bottafamily@tiscali.it	Morbegno	Italy
WMRA Gr 16.05.04	rand Prix 2004 15th Gara Internazionale Terlano - Meltina	Meltina	Italy		giacbot@hotmail.it		
10,02,04	info@berglaufmoelten.com	Metuna	naiy	WMRA A 19.06.04	WMRA Affiliated events outside of Europe 19.06.04 44th Mt. Washington Hill Climb		USA
18,07.04	5th Groffglocknerlauf International info@heiligenblut.at	Heiligenblut	Austria	12.00.04	racetime@gsrs.com	New Hampshire	UBA
	heide.pichler@heiligenblut.at			21.08.04	49th Pikes Peak Ascent ron.ilgen@mci.com	Manitou Springs (Colorado)	USA
01.08.04	14th Schlickeralm-Berglauf	Telfes	Austria	av a maravnavno	A APPROXIMATE TO COMMENT OF STATE OF ST	a conscionate air.	
	E.Kuenz@tirol.gv.at			22.08.04	49th Pikes Peak Marathon ron.ilgen@mci.com	Manitou Springs (Colorado)	USA
22.08.04	16th Challenge Stellina info@atleticasusa.it Staff@atleticasusa.it	Susa	Italy	02.10.04	18th Mt. Kinabalu Climbathon (Women) balwant@sabahtourism.com	Sabah	Malaysia
26.09.04	31st Hochfelln-Berglauf SC-Bergen@gmx.de	Bergen	Germany	03,10,04	18th Mt kinabalu Climbathon (Men) balwant@sabahtourism.com	Sabah	Malaysia
09.10.04	25th Smarna Gora International webmaster@smarnagora.com tomo.sarf@helios.si	Ljubljana	Slovenia	27.11.04	Obudu International Mountain Race ng@infoweb.abs diigerem@yahoo.com	Calabar	Nigeria
	filiated events in Europe						
20.05.04	24th La MontÉe du Grand Ballon p.jah@dna.fr	Willer sur Thur	France				
23.05.04	20th Intern. Gamperney Berglauf rmueller@physioweb.ch	Grabs	Switzerland				











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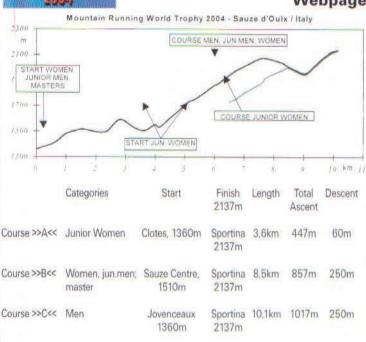
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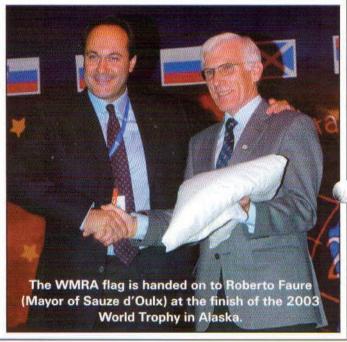
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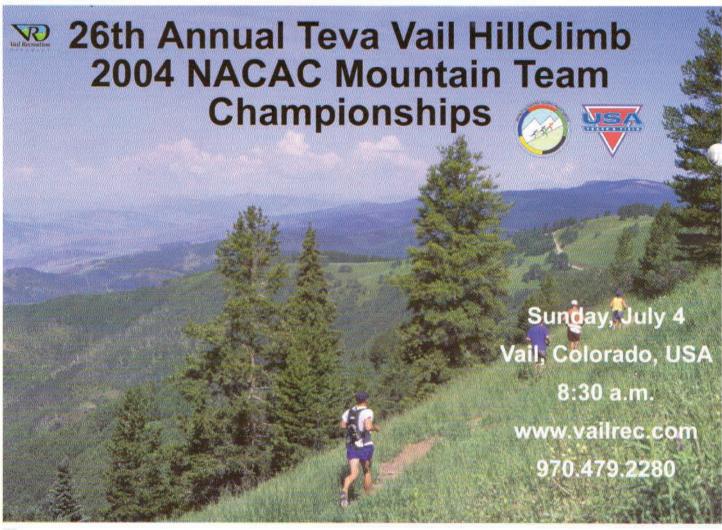
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