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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear ATFS Members

The World Championships will be in Beijing, China this year in August and hopefully some of you will be able to make it whilst the rest of us will hopefully see it on TV.

Our Secretary will be asking you all as to who will be in Beijing in the hope we could have an ATFS meeting if sufficient numbers go, otherwise we will continue to conduct our affairs by email.

Next year being Olympic year will also see an upcoming election for us, so those of you who may be interested in coming onto the Executive or standing for the key roles President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer you have time to think about it and consider.

The 1900-1910 Project continues and the project co-ordinator Tomas Magnusson has just informed me that the database now contains 59,246 marks. A fantastic effort by members of the Group. There is still a lot to do and all marks are double and triple checked.

There will be further information in this bulletin on Jonas Hedman's project 'World's Greatest in Athletics'.

There is also information further in this bulletin of John Brant and Janusz Wasko's latest publication on women's athletics 1911-1962.

Pino Mappa has done some great work on updating some of the 1960's rankings. He is always happy to have input from members.

I wish you all the best of health.

Kind regards,
Paul Jenes

FROM THE SECRETARY

15th IAAF World Championships

With the explosion of the internet and electronic reporting, amongst other matters, ATFS member attendance at Olympic, world and regional championships has been declining. However, I am sure that a number of members will be attending the Beijing event, and as such, if sufficient members are in attendance then a meeting could be arranged. So, if you are intending venturing to Beijing in August, can you please advise me accordingly so that suitable arrangement can be made. Thanks.

Nominations for Honorary Member status.

In accordance with the Constitution of the ATFS, nominations are hereby called for the position of Honorary Member of the ATFS. The relevant item within the constitution is as follows:

Article 5.3

***Honorary Member:** Any person whose service to the ATFS in particular, or to track and field athletics in general, may be granted the status of Honorary Member by nomination of the Executive Committee and vote of the Convention. Honorary Members are not subject to the payment of membership fees.*

Nominations for the status of Honorary Member of the ATFS, with supporting documentation, should be forwarded to President Paul Jenes no later than the 31st August 2015.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The balance in ATFS bank accounts as of 1 May is \$78,748.04: \$27,764.32 in cash and \$50,983.72 in deposit certificates, an increase of approximately \$1200 from our previous report. Thanks to all who have sent their 2015 subscriptions. *Athletics 2015* was recently mailed from the U.K., and yours should arrive soon. If you receive a book and have not yet sent your

subscription, please forward it as soon as possible. If there are problems, please contact me. Members with subs more than two years in arrears will be removed from the mailing list.

The Association will also subsidize the printing of the new book by members Jonas Hedman, Peter Matthews and Richard Hymans, "World's Greatest in Athletics," which will be available to you at a reduced price.

Best wishes to all for an enjoyable 2015 season.

Tom Casacky

MEMBER MENTIONS

New Members

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In Memoriam

The first half of 2015 has unfortunately been marked by the passing of two prominent ATFS members in James Dunaway (USA) and Sven Kuus (GER). I am indebted to Frank Litsky and Klaus Amrhein for providing the following obituaries.

James "Jim" Dunaway

James Dunaway's track and field credentials are overwhelming. He covered 13 consecutive Olympic Games (1956 to 2008), all but one world outdoor championships from 1983 to 2007 (he missed one because he was buying a home in Texas), at least 53 NCAA outdoor championships,

more than 100 AAU-TAC-USATF national championships indoors and outdoors, and more Penn Relays and Drake Relays than he could count. He never ran or jumped or threw or officiated in those meets, and never bought a ticket, but he always had the best seat in the house.

He got there with a press credential and an old Royal portable typewriter (and later a laptop). He was a prolific reporter who covered track and other sports, almost always on a freelance basis, for *The New York Times*, United Press International, ABC-TV, *Track & Field News* and many more outlets.

He was Eastern editor of *Track & Field News* from 1963 to 2004 and became editor of *American Track and Field* in 2004. He wrote more than 200 magazine articles on many subjects, not just sports. His writing has appeared in *The New York Times*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Reader's Digest*, *Esquire*, *MediaWeek*, *Advertising Age*, *BrandWeek*, *Runner's World*, *The Runner*, *American Track and Field*, *Track & Field News* and many other publications.

One of his books, "The *Sports Illustrated* Book of Track and Field: Running Events" (Lippincott, 1968) sold more than 100,000 copies and stayed in print for 20 years. Several coaches called it the best book of its type ever, and it still sells strongly on the Web.

He also wrote "The Four-Minute Mile, 1954-1967," a self-published, \$1-a-copy book with incredible detail after detail of the first 14 years of the four-minute mile. It served as a track statistician's dream. A review in *Sports Illustrated* carried this headline: "A Frustrated Five-Minute Miler Gathers the Facts About Sub-Four-Minute Miles." Actually, the headline was kind. He was a diligent but ungainly runner, and his fastest mile was 5:48.



James O'Dwyer Dunaway was born Aug. 17, 1927, in Houston. His love affair with track and field started as a student in college, where he was friendly with such celebrated runners as Horace Ashenfelter, later an Olympic steeplechase champion and Curt Stone, later a Pan American Games champion.

After college, he worked and travelled thru Europe before deciding to attend the 1956 Melbourne Olympics at his own expense. To obtain journalism credentials and pay for his adventure, he invented Hometown Features, a news agency that would service American

newspapers with Olympic stories on their hometown heroes, and solicited 34 newspapers., He was a one-man show, and he did so well that he kept writing at future Olympics for newspapers and wire services in the United States, Italy and Australia; *Esquire Magazine* and other magazines; television, the Web and the IAAF.

At later Olympics and elsewhere, deep into his 80's, he wrote for just about everyone, always with authority. In addition, he has served as a sports historian and consultant to ABC Sports,

Sports Illustrated, Runner's World, The Runner and The New York Times.

A long standing member of the ATFS, Jim was twice elected President of the Track and Field Writers of America (TAFWA, and was the long-time secretary of the New York Track Writers Association.

"Track and field is a very tough sport to cover," he used to say. "It's like 14 different sports, and you have to know about a lot of things. But it still has a lot of vitality. I love it. I just spent too much money on track most of the time, but I did some things that were good."

Ed: This is an edited version of the obituary by Frank, a full version appears on the ATFS website.

Sven Kuus

Born in October 1936 in Reval (now Tallinn/Estonia) Sven worked as a commercial clerk in Weimar (East Germany) in the 1950s before crossing to West Germany in 1955. Sven was a committed statistician who was a member of the "Deutsche Leichtathletik Statistker Gemeinschaft from the early 1960s and had compiled the German Yearly lists, published in Leichtathletik since 1984. In 1990 he help form the German Union of Athletics Documentation (DGLD) and was the compiler of the '100 Best German Year Lists and performances in various DGLD books. And excellent chess player, Sven never possessed a driver's license but enjoyed travelling, especially back to Tallinn and Cyprus. Sven, who was never married, passed away on the 11th April at home in Rastede after just having completed the German 100 List for 2014. The death of Sven is an enormous loss for the whole family of statisticians in Germany (DGLD) specifically.and the ATFS generally.

Klaus Amrhein advised that last month he was able to visit with Sven's sister and secure many of his books and statistical work for the archives of the Germany Athletic Federation and the DGLD.

325 And Counting !

Stan Greenberg's Amazing World Record Tally.

I first went to a major athletics meeting in 1948 - the second day of the London Olympic Games and though a keen soccer fan at the time, I have not been to a live football match since then. I was totally hooked by this new sport. For the next 16 years I attended virtually every meeting in the London area (I didn't get a car until 1964) and was lucky enough to watch every world record set in the that area in that time. May I state straightaway that I only include races and events that I specifically saw/witnessed - thus I don't count the current long jump record, as, though I was in the Tokyo arena, I had just been distracted by the senior BBC commentator, and thus didn't actually "see" the jump. I should also note that it was only due to being the BBC's statistician that I was able to travel the world attending all the major athletics meets from 1969 till 1994, when I retired . Incidentally, for the first 12 years that was just a hobby - I had a "proper" job with Lever Brothers, then the Greater London Council, and finally with the Guinness Book



of Records. Since 1995 I have been to many major events but as an ordinary travelling fan. I am aware that there are a number of others who have been at many major championships and important occasions, but in many of them, due to the conditions of their work, they were not necessarily watching the events "live", but on TV monitors in a room or vehicle somewhere. Luckily I rarely had to work that way, but did not count events "seen" that way, as being there. All the marks I have noted were ones that I actually watched live.

For the record, as at the end of 2014, Stan has actually seen 325 World Records, plus 3 more where the athlete was subsequently disqualified and an additional 28 unofficial records in non-official events. His event breakdown is as follows:

Men.

Indoors.

60m. – 2, 200m – 1, 800m. – 4, 1000m. – 2, 1500m. – 1, 2000m. – 1, 3000m. – 1, 2 Miles – 2, 5000m. – 2, 1600mRelay – 2, High Jump – 3, Pole Vault – 1, Triple Jump – 3, Heptathlon – 3, 5000mWalk - 3

Outdoors.

100m. – 8, 200m. – 1, 400m. – 2, 800m. – 3, 1000m. – 2, 1500m. – 5, 1 Mile – 4, 2000m. – 1, 3000m. – 2, 2 Miles – 4, 3 Miles – 5, 5000m. – 5, 6 Miles – 1, 10,000m. – 5, 10 Miles – 4, 30,000m. – 1, Marathon – 4, Steeple – 5, 110mHur. – 3, 400mHur. – 4, 440yHur. – 3, 400mRelay – 10, 800mRelay – 1, 1600mRelay – 4, 4x440yRelay – 1, 4x880yRelay – 8, 4x1500mReay – 1, 4x1 Mile – 2, High Jump – 2, Pole Vault – 4, Triple Jump – 4, Hammer – 4, Javelin – 6, Decathlon – 5,

Women.

Indoors.

60m. – 1, 200m. – 2, 400m. – 1, 800m. – 1, 1000m. – 1, 1500m. – 1, 3000m. – 3, 2 Miles – 1, 5000m. – 1, 4x400mRelay – 3, High Jump – 3, Pole Vault – 8, Triple Jump – 9, Pentathlon – 1, 3000mWalk – 4.

Outdoors.

60m. – 1, 100m. – 5, 200m. – 6, 400m. – 10, 440y. – 1, 800m. – 3, 880y. – 3, 1000m. – 1, 1500m. – 6, 1 Mile – 1, 2000m. – 1, 5000m. – 2, 10,000m. – 2, 80mHur. – 2, 100mHur. – 3, 400mHur. – 5, 400mRelay – 9, 4x110yRelay – 4, 800mRelay – 3, 4x220yRelay – 3, 4x400mRelay – 10, 3x800mRelay – 2, 3x880yRelay – 3, 4x800mRelay – 2, High Jump – 9, Pole Vault – 9, Long Jump – 1, Triple Jump – 2, Shot Put – 4, Discus – 4, Hammer – 3, Javelin – 6, Heptathlon – 1, Pentathlon – 2.

Unofficial World Bests.

Men.

300m. – 3, 1000y. – 1, ¾ Mile – 2, 4 Miles – 1, 5 Miles – 1, Steeple – 1, 5 Miles Walk – 2.

Women.

60m. 3, 440y. – 3, 1500m. – 1, 1 Mile – 5, 2000m. – 1, 3000m. – 1, 5000m – 1, 100mHur. – 1, 400mHur. – 1.

First World Record witnessed.

Men.

Marathon – Jim Peters (GBR) 2:20:42.2, Chiswick, 14th June 1952

Women.

High Jump. – Sheila Lerwill (GBR) 1.72m, London, 7th July 1951

A full list of all World Records witnesses by Stan has been included on the ATFS website.

If you think you can better, or at least come close to Stan's record, please send me (Michael McLaughlin) the details and we'll publish them in the next Bulletin and on the website.

1987 World Championships - Rome

Member Michelangelo Granata (Italy) has sent along a picture of ATFS members at the 1987 Rome World Championships.



From Left:

Richard Hymans (GB), Donald H. Potts (USA), Roberto L. Quercetani (Ita), Gabriele Manfredini (Ita), Pino Mappa (Ita), Giorgio Malisani (Ita), Michelangelo Granata (Ita) and Nejat Kok (Tur).

New Reference Website

In collaboration with the British Library, and with the support of the IAAF and European Athletics a new website - Athlos - has recently been launched and is a dedicated on-line teaching and research resource for the history of athletics. An initial tranche of 20 books has been selected covering the 1800-1920 period and more will be added. Some of these books are so rare that only one or two copies still exist. All are free to access.

The links are: <http://athletics-archive.com> or <http://trackandfield-archive.com>

RESULTS SERVICES

EMS News

One of our European members, Alfons Jack produces a daily email information service covering all parts of our sport including road racing, walks, combined events, sports politics etc. During the peak season it is published also twice a day. Yearly subscription costs 250 USD or 200 EUR. If you are interested please contact Alfons at perinvestsk@gmail.com. Trial period is also possible.

Malaysian Annual Best Performances

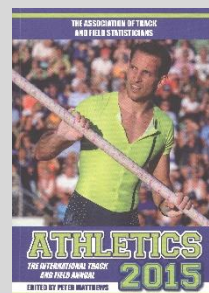
Our intrepid member Jad Adrian has produced the Malaysian Annual Best Performances for 2014. The document is in a PDF format and Jad is happy to provide it to any member requesting it and separately is keen to collaborate with members in exchanging national lists, etc. His email is: jad_adrianwashif@yahoo.com

PUBLICATIONS

Members who produce publications that could be of interest to other members and the general track and field population can send a copy of their work to the Secretary. These will then be publicized in the next Bulletin and included on our website in anticipation of potential sales. Please be sure to include your name and contact details for purchase as well as the cost.

Athletics 2015

The indispensable annual guide and essential reference work, giving details of performers and performances throughout the world in track and field athletics detailing the 2014 has again been produced by SportsBooks Ltd, led by Editor Peter Matthews. Copies of this annual work are available from Sportsbooks Limited, 9 St Aubyns Place, York, YO24 1EQ, United Kingdom. Email: randall@sportsbooks.ltd.uk



World's Greatest In Athletics

Produced by ATFS members Jonas Hedman, Peter Matthews and Richard Hymans, this 664 page publication is broken into three parts: a unique world Top 10 ranking in all standard events for men and women based on honors won, records and results level, deep all-time lists and decade lists 1900-2010. The publication will be available by the end of June 2015 and all financial ATFS members can obtain a copy at a 25% discount (at \$US36 plus taxes, postage) by using the code "ATFS" when ordering the book at www.worldsgreatestinathletics.com

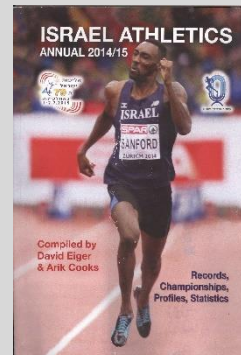
World Women's Athletics 100 Best Performers Year Lists 1911-1962

The fourth edition from authors John Brant and Janusz Wasko has been expanded to include year lists from 1911 to 1925, a decade in which there was a very gradual expansion of female athletics – the first time that such lists have ever been published. The deep research of the authors and their helpers has resulted in over 2000 changes and additions being made to the lists that go up to 100 deep for the main events from 1926 to 1962. The book is available from co-author John Brant at john195@john195.karoo.co.uk or john.brant@imperialtankers.co.uk at a cost of £25 plus postage.

Israeli Annual 2014/2015

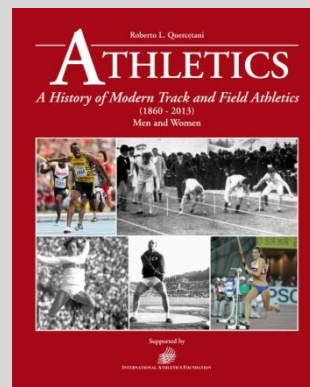
The latest edition of the Israeli Annual from David Eiger is now available. The 54-page publication features Records, Ranking Lists, Championship Reports and Profiles is just \$9.00US or 8 Euros.

It is available from David at eigerdavid@gmail.com Previous editions (from 1986) are also available at a reduced cost



Athletics: A History of Modern Track and Field Athletics (1860 - 2013)

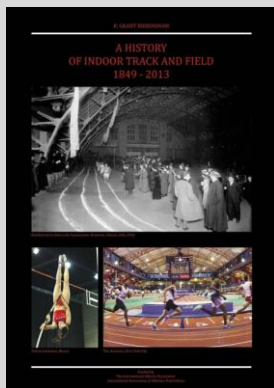
Esteemed ATFS member **Roberto L. Quercetani** has produced another monster publication and one that all athletics followers must have in their library. This book tells the story of track and field from 1860 to date, not without hints on previous endeavours which are part of what we may call the pre-history of the sport. Each chapter covers a given period of time and recalls facts and figures in their multiform human, competitive and technical aspects, for both men and women. Periodically through the book one finds little asides devoted to curious episodes emanating from the myriad of facts of this most varied of sports.



The book is available from publisher Roberto Vallardi [roberto.vallardi@editvallardi.com] and the listed price, postage included, is \$US65, Euro 40, Far East and Australia \$US70. However with the current global financial markets in a bit of a tailspin one should check first for the most accurate cost.

A History of Indoor Track and Field (1849-2013)

Launched in conjunction with the 16th IAAF World Indoor Championships, Grant Birkinshaw (NZL) has authored a must have book for all Indoor track enthusiasts. The book spans the era from 1849 to 2013 and is some 500 pages on the history of this aspect of the sport. It includes commentary on the milestones in the sports history as well as profiles on the history makers



and contains rare data and some never before seen images. A website is being developed which will contain videos from as far back as the 950s. The cost of the book is expected to be \$US40 plus postage and can be obtained from the author at: grant.birkinshaw@gmail.com

2015 FAST Annual

The 37th edition of the **FAST Annual** is expected to be available in the coming weeks and will include the 2014 USA year lists, 50-70 deep for men and women, expanded all-time lists, all-time college, junior and walk lists, and index information on more than 2000 athletes, including resident foreign nationals who compete for US colleges and universities. This is the essential reference book for everyone who is interested in USA track and field. Further details and availability can be obtained from Tom Casacky at tom@interis.com.

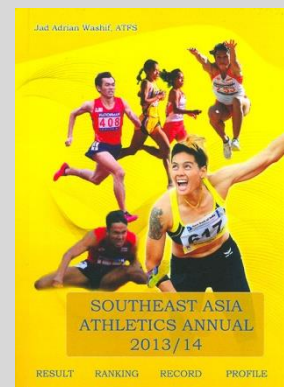
L'athlétisme Africain/African Athletics 2014

This is the 33rd edition of Yves Pinaud's **African Athletics** and an absolute must for statisticians. Complete details are given for the 2013 season with 100+ deep lists for men and women, all-time lists, records, results of international meetings, and much more. This is certainly the definitive work on the subject. 152 pages. You can order from Yves at pinaudy@wanadoo.fr.

South East Asia Athletics Annual 2013/14.

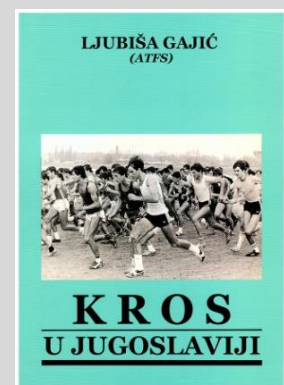
This 3rd edition features the 2013 season and encompasses the 27th Southeast Asian Games and Pune Asian Championships and the 2013 World Championships. The handbook provides comprehensive details of performances and performers of athletes from the South East Asian region, particularly countries like Malaysia, Singapore, The Philippines and Malaysia.

The 170-page publication has again been produced by **Jad Adrian Washif** and details and orders can be directed to Jad at info@adriansprints.com



Cross Country in Yugoslavia

Member Ljubisa Gajic (Ser) has authored a new book on the history of Cross Country in Yugoslavia. It is a 64 page A4 style booklet. It is available from Ljubisa at Vukasina Stefanovica 9, 35000 Jagodina, Serbia at a cost of 25Euro or \$US30 - cash only. His email address is: akvozd@open.telekom.rs

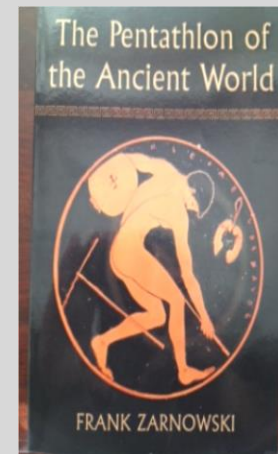


Combined Events Annual 2012.

ATFS member **Hans van Kuijen** (NED) has produced the 20th edition of the definitive events yearbook. This superb book contains the 2012 world rankings for men and women, the top 200 men and women and all results down to 7272 points for men and 5325 for women, results of major meetings in 2012, all-time men's and women's performers and performances, national and international records, indoor rankings for 2012, the 2012 and all-time rankings for junior athletes and much more. The book is a must for all fans of the multi events. The price is 30 Euros or equivalent for European orders and \$US50 elsewhere. Order from Hans at de Bergen 66, 5706 RZ, Helmond, Netherlands. Or contact him at jkuijen4@upcmail.nl. A few back copies are still available.

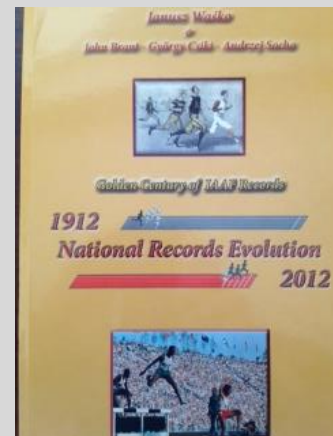
The Pentathlon of the Ancient World.

Dry Frank Zarnowski (USA) has departed from his usual realm of decathlon statistics to write this definitive history of the pentathlon, beginning with its origins in ancient Greece and extending to the present day. This is a scholarly study, complete with citations, notes and references, as well as photographs, drawings and tables. If you want to know how the modern multi-events evolved, and why the characterization of a superior athlete is important, this fascinating book should be on your list. It is 216 pages, soft cover, and can be obtained for \$35 from the publisher at www.macfarlandpub.com.



National Records Evolution 1912-2012.

Our Polish colleague **Janusz Wasko**, along with John Brant, Gyorgy Csiki and Andrzej Socha has produced another monumental (458 pages) publication, this time detailing the evolution of national records in all men's and women's events for the current top 34 athletics nations (but also including two past entities, the GDR and Yugoslavia). The criteria for selection: a sustainable level of development in all events. Every entry includes the athlete, the mark, the venue and date. Relays and multi-events are fully detailed. There are also lists of the "top 30" national records by decade, beginning in 1940. To obtain this valuable publication, write to Janusz at rwasko@onet.eu, or at Aleje Wyszynskiego 28/48, 22-400 Zamosc, Poland.



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