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To: MEMBER FEDERATIONS

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Committee/Commission Chairpersons
Area Associations
RDCs / HPTCs
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Dear General Secretary,

Re. WORLD ATHLETICS DAY 2006

The “World Athletics Day” has now been in existence for over ten years and has become an important means of promoting our Sport worldwide among youngsters.

After the setting up of the School/Youth Commission and in compliance with its World Development Programme, the IAAF wants to increase and promote the practise of Athletics at school.

Therefore the objective is to organise this World Athletics Day with, for the first time ever, the close and joint cooperation of your Federation with the School Sport Ministry (or any other organisation of the Board of Education in charge of School Sport in your country).

The World Athletics Day will be held on 6 & 7 May 2006.

The competition programme for the Athletics Federation will comprise events for boys and girls born in 1989 and 1990, whereas the one for School Children will be for all pupils belonging to the category of “Minimes” (born in 1991 and 1992).

The organisation of these two days planned is left to your best judgement depending on the specific conditions in each country, but for this first edition, we encourage you to organise the competition jointly with the authorities in charge of school sport, following a common programme including individual events listed respectively in the attached pages and according to the guidelines enclosed.

As in the past, there will be a draw for the Youth Age Group, but for the first time it will be extended to the “Minimes” school children. The “lucky winners” will be invited to the famous IAAF Super Grand Prix Meeting “Herculis” in Monaco on 20 August 2006; their travel and full-board accommodation costs will be covered by the IAAF.

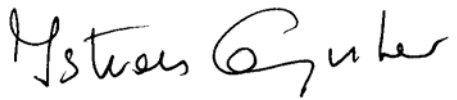
Thank you for joining us in this important new initiative which needs careful planning, preparation, organisation and publicity.

To help you promote the new-style WAD in 2006, we also send you herewith the IAAF and the WAD 2006 logos for your perusal.

Should you require further information or assistance, do not hesitate to contact Sandrine Steva, who is coordinating this project, at the following email address: wad@iaaf.org.

We wish you a successful World Athletics Day and look forward to receiving the results.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Istvan Gyulai". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the left of a vertical red line.

Istvan Gyulai

Enclosures: Organisational Guidelines
Participation Reply Form
Results Form – Age Group 1989-1990
Post-Event Report Form – Age Group 1989-1990 (2 pages)
Results Form – Age Group 1991-1992
Post-Event Report Form – Age Group 1991-1992 (2 pages)
Logos



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WORLD ATHLETICS DAY 2006

Organisational Guidelines

1 The World Athletics Day which this year in many countries, will be organised jointly with schools will take place on 6 & 7 May or during the preceding week. The event will be for two age groups :

- 16-17 years of age (children born in 1989-1990) in which club athletes will participate;
- 14-15 years of age (children born in 1991-1992) in which school children will compete.

2 Member Federations wishing to participate in this important project should inform the IAAF by returning the Participation Reply Form enclosed later than 21 February 2006.

Member Federations are invited to contact the organisation in charge of School Sport in their country to convince them to join in the World Athletics Day 2006.

3 Upon receipt of the participation confirmation, a parcel containing promotional items will be sent to you. It will include T-shirts, pins, posters and diplomas. No parcel will be sent if the confirmation is received after the deadline of 21 February. Please, clearly indicate the address to which the parcel should be sent: PO Boxes will not be accepted. Also check that there are no customs limitations in your country to receive such items. Should these conditions not be complied with and the parcel be returned, the related costs will be charged to your account at the IAAF.

In case of confirmation of school participation, the number of promotional items will be doubled so that the winning school teams also receive a souvenir.

4 The competition shall be organised in accordance with IAAF Rules for Youth Athletes and the date of birth of each participant must be verified at entry.

The recommended programme for the two age categories is as follows:

- Participants born in 1989 & 1990;

Boys		Girls	
100m	Pole Vault	100m	Pole Vault
200m	Long Jump	200m	Long Jump
400m	Triple Jump	400m	Triple Jump
800m	Shot Put: 5kg	800m	Shot Put: 4kg
1500m	Discus: 1.5kg	1500m	Discus: 1kg
3000m	Javelin: 700g	3000m	Javelin: 600g
110m Hurdles	Hammer: 5kg	100m Hurdles	Hammer: 4kg
400m Hurdles	5000m Race Walk	400m Hurdles	2000m Race Walk
High Jump	10,000m Race Walk	High Jump	3000m Race Walk

- Participants born in 1991 & 1992;

Boys		Girls	
80m	Long Jump	80m	Long Jump
150m	Triple Jump	150m	Triple Jump
1000m	Shot Put: 4kg	1000m	Shot Put: 3kg
100m Hurdles	Discus: 1.5kg max	80m Hurdles	Discus: 1kg max
High Jump	Javelin: 600g max	High Jump	Javelin: 500g max
Pole Vault	Hammer: 4kg max	Pole Vault	Hammer: 3kg max
	2000m Race Walk		1000m Race Walk

5 The Competition Results and the Post-Event Report relevant to each age group must be received by the IAAF no later than 31 May 2006 by fax or e-mail at: wad@iaaf.org. Only results and reports submitted on the official forms enclosed will be considered.

6 The winners of the specified events (listed on the Result Forms) from each country will be considered for qualification to participate in the "IAAF World Athletics Day Draw".

7 The IAAF will credit USD 500 (USD 1,000 if schools also participate) for financial support to each Member Federation which:

- **Return the Reply Form by 21 February 2006;**
- **Send the fully completed Result Forms and the full Post-Event Report to arrive at IAAF by 31 May 2006.** (Each Federation's report should be accompanied by photos and press clippings and incorporate as much information as possible about the competition, number of spectators, media coverage, weather, etc.).

FINANCIAL SUPPORT WILL BE CREDITED TO YOUR ACCOUNT IN OUR BOOKS ONLY IF ALL CONDITIONS MENTIONED HERE ABOVE ARE COMPLIED WITH.