

CONGRESS GUEST SPEAKERS

Don BABBITT - (USA)

Has been at the University of Georgia for 12 years and has coached eight NCAA champions and 47 All-American certificates, including Jenny Dahlgren and Reese Hoffa. He has coached several Olympians, including former world champion and shot put silver medalist Adam Nelson, six-time U.S. Champion and current American record holder Breaux Greer (javelin), as well as Canadian record holders Jason Tunks (discus) and Brad Snyder (shot put).

Elio LOCATELLI - (ITA)

The Director of the IAAF-MSD is one of the greatest minds in the sport of Athletics. In the last 20 years he has raised the IAAF Development Department to be the number one in the World.

Gary WINCKLER - (USA)

Recently retired after 22 years at the University of Illinois, where his team won 11 Big Ten Championships as he has been named Big Ten Coach of the Year 11 times and National Coach of the Year once, his athletes won 265 individual Big Ten titles and 46 have earned All-American recognition 186 times. Over his career at both Illinois and Florida State, Winckler has turned out over 300 All-Americans, and has coached athletes to eight collegiate record-breaking performances, including Perdita Felicien's 60m hurdles time of 7.90 seconds set in 2002. Winckler has coached 13 athletes who have reached the Olympic Games in the sprints, hurdles and relays who have won gold, silver and bronze medals.

Klaus BARTONIETZ - (GER)

Biomechanist who was educated at the highest level in sport in Moscow and has worked at the Research Institute for Elite Sport in Leipzig since 1973. He is also a lecturer worldwide on the mechanics of throwing and strength training and is conducting research on the use of the glide and spin by world class shot putters. He coached javelin thrower Boris Henry and now coaches young athletes in the throws in Germany.

Tadeus KEPKA - (MEX)

was brought from Poland to Mexico in 1966 to prepare Mexican distance runners and marathoners for the 1968 Olympics. Although Kenyans dominated the Mexico City Olympic distance races, Latin American distance running and racewalking would never be the same. Kepka coached Mexican greats Rodolfo Gomez, Arturo Barrios, Dionicio Ceron as he exploited the tremendous resource of high altitude training in Mexico.

Vern GAMBETTA - (USA)

Is internationally known as a coach and consultant on four continents. He was involved in biomechanical analysis and product development with Nike, Converse, and Lycra for several years. He specializes in coaching Combined Events and is a consultant coach for Nike Oregon Project. He edited Track Technique, the technical journal of USA Track & Field, and was Associate editor of the IAAF technical journal, New Studies in Athletics and co-founder of USA Track & Field's coaching education program.

Wolfgang RITZDORF - (GER)

Senior lecturer at Institute of Motor Control and Movement Technique at the German Sports University Cologne, former national coach for Germany and senior lecturer for IAAF Coaches Education and Certification. He has coached 6 women over 1.90m in the high jump including Ulrike Meyfarth (1984 Oly Champion) and Heike Henkel (1992 Oly Champion). Director of new IAAF World High Jump Centre in Cologne.

CONGRESS PROGRAM

Thursday, October 8

1:00 - 5:00pm Arrivals & Registration
6:00 - 8:00pm Welcome Reception - Sheraton Old San Juan Hotel

Friday, October 9

9:00 - 10:00am Opening Ceremonies
10:30 - 12:00pm Keynote Presentation
Elio Locatelli - **Two Decades of Revolutions in Coaching**

12:00 - 1:00pm Luncheon - Sponsored by Nordic Sport
NACACTFCA 20th Anniversary

1:00 - 2:15 pm **Distances** - Tadeusz Kepka (MEX)

2:30 - 4:00 pm **Sprints/Hurdles** - Gary Winckler (USA)

4:15 - 5:30 pm **Advanced High Jump Training** - Wolfgang Ritzdorf - (GER)

5:30 - 6:00 pm Roundtable Discussion

7:00 pm Night in Old San Juan at your leisure

Saturday, October 10

9:00 - 10:30 am **Throws** - Don Babbitt (USA)

10:45 - 12:15 pm **Training in the New Millennium** - Vern Gambetta - (USA)

12:15 - 1:30 pm Luncheon - Sponsored by Mondo

1:30 - 2:45 pm (GER) **Biomechanics and Training of Throws** - Klaus Bartonietz

3:00 - 4:00 pm Panel Discussion - **Application of Technology in Modern Training**

4:00 - 5:00 pm NACACTFCA Congress, Elections, Raffle, and Closing

7:00 - 10:30 pm Banquet

Sunday October 11 Departures