

PRESS RELEASE



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IAAF-president Coe honors ISTAF Berlin: „Enormous impact on the development of track and field“

Berlin track and field meeting is honored with „IAAF World Athletics Heritage Plaque“

BERLIN. Big honor for the ISTAF: The oldest track and field meeting of the world, taking place at the Olympic Stadium in Berlin, is honored with the „IAAF World Athletics Heritage Plaque“. This was announced today by Sebastian Coe, President of the International Association of Athletics Federations, one day before the World Relays in Yokohama, Japan. The award, which honors the outstanding contribution for the development of track and field, was launched in 2008. The ISTAF and the “Weltklasse Zürich” are the first two one-day meetings which received the new „IAAF World Athletics Heritage Plaque“.

„The eleven recipients we honor tonight have each made an enormous impact in the historical development of the sport of athletics in their countries and beyond“, says Sebastian Coe. „We launched this new award last December and a public competition has since designed the plaque. Next year we will begin to unveil the plaques, permanent reminders of outstanding historic athletic achievement, in prominent locations around the world.“

ISTAF-Meeting Director Martin Seeber said: „This award is a big honor for everyone involved in staging the meeting as well as for our partners and fans who have all made the ISTAF an extraordinary event with a worldwide recognition and a real track and field party for many years. And they will continue to do so in the future“.

Germany’s best athletes versus the best athletes from all over the world

The „Internationales Stadionfest“ ISTAF took place for the first time on the 3rd of July 1921. The ISTAF is one of the world’s most renowned track and field meetings and always has one of the biggest crowds of any athletics meeting. At the 78th ISTAF on 1st September 2019, Germany’s best athletes will once again compete with the best athletes from all over the world at the Olympic Stadium in Berlin. In a compact program there will be 160 world-class athletes competing in 16 disciplines. It is planned to stage for example the 100 m, 100/110 m hurdles, 1,500 m, 3,000 m steeplechase, discus throw, javelin throw, long jump and pole vault.

This year’s event will have an additional significance: the ISTAF 2019 will be the dress rehearsal for the World Championship, which will take place around four weeks later in Doha. Will Gina Lückenkemper, Thomas Röhler and all others be ready for the unusually late championships?

Further information and tickets are available on www.istaf.de.

A list of the „IAAF World Athletics Heritage Plaque“: <https://www.iaaf.org/heritage/plaque>

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