

First International Excitement In Ataköy Athletics Arena

taköy Athletics Arena played host for the first time to an international event with the Balkan Indoor Championship. With the participation of the 11 Balkan countries, and additional participation of Azerbaijan and Slovenia, the Balkan Championship was organized for the first time outside of Greece, with 191 athletes from a total of 13 different nations; It also went down in history as the Balkan Championship with the highest participation ever. Albania, Bulgaria, Bosnia Herzegovina, Croatia, Greece, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Azerbaijan, Slovenia and Turkey attended the Balkan Championship and Turkey took the

1st place as team in the Women and won the 3rd place in the Men's category.

During the competitions, held in 24 different events, important and famous athletes such as Nevin Yanit, Kemal Koyuncu, Vania Stambolova, Venelina Veneva-Mateeva, Kostas Filippidis, Louis Tsatoumas and Marian Oprea competed. In 60 m. Hurdles Nevin Yanit, in 800 m. Merve Aydın and 3000 m. Dudu Karakaya won the gold medals for Turkey in the Women's category, and in Men's category Yavuz Can in 400 m., Halit Kılıç and the 4x400 m. Turkish Relay Team became the champions.

The ranking of the Balkan Championship for Women and Men is as follows:

MEN NATION POINTS	WOMEN NATION POINTS

Greece	93	Turkey	101
Romania	89	Romania	100
Turkey	88	Bulgaria	88
Bulgaria	67	Croatia	53
Moldova	39	Greece	53









Volunteers

VOLUNTEERS ARE WAITING FOR THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

he volunteers; the heroes in the background of the most important and greatest sport organizations in the world, are now ready for the Istanbul World Indoor Championships after a long and strenuous training.

The preparatory studies were started 1 year before the Championships. Reaching out to a total of 2327 persons; 1135 of them through online applications and 1192 persons as a result of the studies made in the major universities of Istanbul. After the eliminations and trainings, the number of volunteers who will serve during Istanbul 2012 World Indoor Championships is determined as 800.

For reaching to the volunteer we made cooperation with Yildiz Technical University, Istanbul University, Istanbul Technical University and Marmara University. The representatives have been determined from the universities to assist Istanbul 2012 Volunteers Unit. Stands have been established, playing fields are formed, and in Eurasia Fair activities have been organized to present the championship and having volunteer participations.

After the eliminations, the trainings of 800 volunteers who have been awarded to serve during the World Championships was realized in Ataköy Olympic House between 23-26 January. Additionally technical trainings have been made till the beginning of March for the volunteer units that they will act. The volunteers get the chance to make practical trainings during Turkey Championship, Balkan Championship and test races.



THEY TOOK OFFICE IN MAJOR ORGANIZATIONS

Through the major events that Turkey and Istanbul hosted in recent years, almost all of the volunteers who will serve during the World Indoor Championships have great experiences. The events in which Istanbul 2012 Volunteers worked during the recent periods are listed below:

2010 World Basketball Championship-Turkey

2011 WTA Championships-Istanbul

2011 Winter Universiade-Erzurum

2011 EYOF (European Youth Olympic Festival)-Trabzon

2011 World Wrestling Championship-Istanbul

2011 The Two Nations Cup Basketball

2011 Teams Championship-Izmir



World Indoor Records – Men

Discipline	Perf	Athlete	DOB	NAT	Venue	Date
50 Metres	5,56	Donovan Bailey	16.12.1967	CAN	Reno, NV	09.02.1996
60 Metres	6,39	Maurice Greene	23.07.1974	USA	Madrid	03.02.1998
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200 Metres	19,92	Frank Fredericks	02.10.1967	NAM	Liévin	18.02.1996
400 Metres	44,57	Kerron Clement	31.10.1985	USA	Fayetteville, AR	12.03.2005
800 Metres	1:42.67	Wilson Kipketer	12.12.1972	DEN	Paris (Bercy)	09.03.1997
1000 Metres	2:14.96	Wilson Kipketer	12.12.1972	DEN	Birmingham, GBR	20.02.2000
1500 Metres	3:31.18	Hicham El Guerrouj	14.09.1974	MAR	Stuttgart	02.02.1997
One Mile	3:48.45	Hicham El Guerrouj	14.09.1974	MAR	Gent	12.02.1997
3000 Metres	7:24.90	Daniel Komen	17.05.1976	KEN	Budapest	06.02.1998
5000 Metres	12:49.60	Kenenisa Bekele	13.06.1982	ETH	Birmingham, GBR	20.02.2004
50 Metres Hurdles	6,25	Mark McKoy	10.12.1961	CAN	Kobe	05.03.1986
60 Metres Hurdles	7,3	Colin Jackson	18.02.1967	GBR	Sindelfingen	06.03.1994
High Jump	2,43	Javier Sotomayor	13.10.1967	CUB	Budapest (SC)	04.03.1989
Pole Vault	6,15	Sergey Bubka	04.12.1963	UKR	Donetsk	21.02.1993
Long Jump	8,79	Carl Lewis	01.07.1961	USA	New York, NY	27.01.1984
Triple Jump	17,92	Teddy Tamgho	15.06.1989	FRA	Paris (Bercy)	06.03.2011
Shot Put	22,66	Randy Barnes	16.06.1966	USA	Los Angeles, CA	20.01.1989
Heptathlon	6568	Ashton Eaton	21.01.1988	USA	Tallinn (SH)	06.02.2011
(6.66 - 7.77 - 14.45 - 2.01 - / 7.60 - 5.20 - 2.34.74)						
5000 Metres Race Walk	18:07.08	Mikhail Shchennikov	24.12.1967	RUS	Moscow	14.02.1995
4x200 Metres Relay	1:22.11	Great Britain & N.I.		GBR	Glasgow	03.03.1991
(Linford Christie, Darren Brait	hwaite, Ade Ma	nfe, John Regis)				
4x400 Metres Relay	3:02.83	United States		USA	Maebashi	07.03.1999
(Andre Morris, Dameon Johnso	on, Deon Minor	, Milton Campbell)				
4x800 Metres Relay	7:13.94	Global Athletics & Marketing		USA	Boston (Roxbury), MA	06.02.2000
[Joey Woody, Karl Paranya, Rich Kenah, David Krummenacker]						

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World Indoor Records - Women

Discipline	Perf	Athlete	DOB	NAT	Venue	Date
50 Metres	5,96	Irina Privalova	22.11.1968	RUS	Madrid	09.02.1995
60 Metres	6,92	Irina Privalova	22.11.1968	RUS	Madrid	11.02.1993
60 Metres	6,92	Irina Privalova	22.11.1968	RUS	Madrid	09.02.1995
200 Metres	21,87	Merlene Ottey	10.05.1960	JAM	Liévin	13.02.1993
400 Metres	49,59	Jarmila Kratochvílová	26.01.1951	TCH	Milano	07.03.1982
800 Metres	1:55.82	Jolanda Batageli	12.09.1976	SL0	Wien	03.03.2002
1000 Metres	2:30.94	Maria de Lurdes Mutola	27.10.1972	MOZ	Stockholm	25.02.1999
1500 Metres	3:58.28	Elena Soboleva	03.08.1982	RUS	Moscow	18.02.2006
One Mile	4:17.14	Doina Melinte	27.12.1956	ROU	Rutherford	09.02.1990
3000 Metres	8:23.72	Meseret Defar	19.11.1983	ETH	Stuttgart	03.02.2007
5000 Metres	14:24.37	Meseret Defar	19.11.1983	ETH	Stockholm	18.02.2009
50 Metres Hurdles	6,58	Cornelia Oschkenat	29.10.1961	GDR	Berlin	20.02.1988
60 Metres Hurdles	7,68	Susanna Kallur	16.02.1981	SWE	Karlsruhe	10.02.2008
High Jump	2,08	Kajsa Bergqvist	12.10.1976	SWE	Arnstadt	04.02.2006
Pole Vault	5.00	Elena Isinbaeva	03.06.1982	RUS	Donetsk	15.02.2009
Long Jump	7,37	Heike Drechsler	16.12.1964	GDR	Wien	13.02.1988
Triple Jump	15,36	Tatyana Lebedeva	21.07.1976	RUS	Budapest (SA)	06.03.2004
Shot Put	22,5	Helena Fibingerová	13.07.1949	TCH	Jablonec	19.02.1977
Pentathlon	4991	Irina Belova	27.03.1968	EUN	Berlin	15.02.1992
[8.22 - 1.93 - 13.25 - 6.67 - 2:10.26]						
3000 Metres Race Walk	11:40.33	Claudia Stef	25.02.1978	ROU	Bucharest	30.01.1999
4x200 Metres Relay	1:32.41	Russia		RUS	Glasgow	29.01.2005
[Yekaterina Kondratyeva, Irina Khabarova, Yuliya Pechenkina, Yulia Gushchina]						
4x400 Metres Relay	3:23.37	Russia		RUS	Glasgow	28.01.2006
[Yulia Gushchina, Olga Kotlyarova, Olga Zaytseva, Olesya Krasnomovets]						
4x800 Metres Relay	8:06.24	Moscow		RUS	Moscow	18.02.2011

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Istanbul Meet With Athletics

Promotional activities for the World Indoor Championships were organised in Marmara Forum Shopping Center between 18 and 19th February.

On the activity area, which was set up is in one of the biggest shopping centres of Istanbul, the Marmara Forum AVM, first President of Turkish Athletics Federation Mehmet Terzi and Coach of Turkish National Team Muharrem Or held a press conference with the participation of national athletes. During the press conference, the President of Athletics Federation Mehmet Terzi gave information about World Athletics Championships and said that Turkey will bring almost 700 athletes from 172 different nations together in Istanbul and beat the participation record in Indoor Athletics. Terzi expressed that the Turkish sport fans will find the opportunity to watch the world famous athletes and highlighted the importance of the championship for Istanbul as a candidate for the 2020 Summer Olympic Games.

After the press conference our national athletes took photos with the visitors of the shopping centre and especially with the children and they played games with them

In the scope of the promotional activities; a mini athletics track was set up in Marmara Forum AVM both to promote the championship and meet the cuddly mascots Tik and Tak, to meet with the visitors of the shopping centre.

Young visitors participated in a 14 meters running race and entertaining athletics games on the mini athletics track. Through the photograph boards with "Championships Dais" and "Finish" themes, the shopping centre visitors have both experienced the championship excitement before the World Indoor Athletics Championship and also have cheerful moments together with their children. The symbolic Istanbul 2012 medals were also given to the young athletes after the competitions.

The visitors of Marmara Forum AVM also visited the photo exhibition called "Frames from World Athletics" of the sport photographer Yasin Yıldırım which brought the unforgettable moments of athletics into the shopping centre.

The promotional activities for the World Indoor Championships, first held on 18-19 February in Marmara, is made one more time in Marmara Forum AVM on 3-4 March when the championships are coming closer.





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Tik And Tak Were In Istanbul City Tour

he official mascots of the World Indoor Championships, who are waiting to entertain the world-famous athletes and sport fans in Istanbul; made an Istanbul CityTour.

For introducing Istanbul, one of the oldest cities of the world which is hosted three great emperorships to the fans of athletics, "Tik" and "Tak" visited the historical places and were welcomed especially by the tourists with a great interest

In Istanbul thathas a history of 8500 years, the city tour started from Ortaköy Square and Bosporus shore and continued with Dolmabahçe Palace. Tik and Tak went to Taksim Square which is known as the centre of Istanbul, they became "Simit" (savory rolls covered with sesame seed) Seller, get into the tramway, gave seeds to the birds. The two also angled with the fishermen on Galata Bridge and took lots of souvenir photos with the tourists in Sultanahmet Square.









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