



# VIRTUAL COACHES' CLUB PARIS 24

1-11 AUGUST

## PANELLIST - PETER THOMPSON



"Fifty years a coach" is meaningless, if you've been doing the same thing each year but British-born Peter Thompson has been coaching athletes and coaching coaches since 1968, making practice and learning innovative, interesting and involving. This co-founder in 1982 of USATF coach education, former Director of IAAF global coaches education, innovated New Interval Training and, most recently, Biokinetics and The Fourth Energy System. He concentrates on synchronous development of athlete and coach competence. His post-collegiate athletes have set 6 world records.

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## PANELLIST - TERRY CRAWFORD



Director of Coaching at USA Track and Field since 2009.

In her over-20-year tenure as a head coach, throughout Crawford's 35-year coaching career, she has coached 12 Olympians, over 125 all-Americans, and won the NCAA women's triple crown title in 1986 (cross country, indoor track and field, and outdoor track and field), a feat never to have been done before.

On 27 June, 2024, Terry was honoured with the USATF Legend Coach Award for 2024. She was the first woman to win the award in its 10 year history.

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### PANELLIST - SUE HUMPHREY



3-time USA Olympic coach, Sue Humphrey served as the head women's coach in 2004. She is a Level 2 USATF certified coach in the jumps, sprints/hurdles/relays, throws, and youth U20 specialisation. She now teaches in the Level 2 USATF jumps program. Humphrey has coached professionally the 1996 Olympic high jump gold medallist, Charles Austin; collegiate level (The University of Texas, Arizona State University and Cal State Long Beach); and high school/youth levels. She has been named Nike Coach of the year, been a panellist on several GACA sessions, and serves on several USA High Performance committees.

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## PANELLIST - MARTIN BINGISSER



Martin Bingisser is the Swiss national hammer throw coach and a former 11-time national champion. In addition, he is the founder of HMMR Media, which publishes educational articles, podcasts, and videos for coaches about training for all sports.

Martin is an experience athletics clinician, who has worked with national federations in the USA, Switzerland, the UK, Scotland, Portugal, Belgium, as well as European Athletics.

Martin has published work in Modern Athlete and Coach, New Studies in Athletics, Track Coach, Leichtathletik Training and various well-known training websites.

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### PANELLIST - TERSEUS LIEBENBERG



Terseus Liebenberg is the former head of athletics at North-West University in Potchefstroom, SA where he still coaches Javelin. He is 3 x both SA Olympic coach and SA athletics coach of the year. In 2022, he was voted by the SAAS as SA's most successful coach since South Africa's re-admission to International participation in 1992. Coach of: Marius Corbett - 1997 WC and SA record holder (88.75m); Sunette Viljoen - 2016 Olympic silver medalist and WC - silver and bronze medalist and SA record holder (69.35m). Jo-Ané van Dyk - multiple SA champion and representing SA at the Olympic Games in Paris 24.

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### PANELLIST - CHARLES CLINTON



Charles has coached and worked with athletes and coaches in the sprint, hurdle and relay events at high school, college and professional level. His approach is intellectual, analytical and practical. Charles has worked, advised, and consulted with numerous track and field coaches at all levels, concerning the development of a strategic and tactical approach to the performance enhancement of elite sprinters and hurdlers of the USA. For over a decade, Charles has been a teaching clinician for USA track and field in the HPGroup and coaching education programme. Charles has spoken to ~1500 track and field coaches in various formats.

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PANELLIST - RITA ENGELBRECHT



Rita has coached national record holders in sprints and relays. Internationally, her athletes made SF and finals in WC and Olympic Games.

She has been the national coach for sprints, relays and hurdles at championships from 1990 – 2000 and has been a mentor to hurdles coaches from 2014 to the current day. She has published

several international articles on coaching and is the author of: A Basic Guideline for Hurdles Coaching; Hurdles and Sprints guidelines for ASA.

Rita has been a panellist for the GACA Coaches' Club for all six editions and was also one of the speakers at IFAC 21 presenting on 'The Evolving Hurdler.'

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PANELLIST - HERBERT CZINGON



Herbert Czington is a leading strategist in high performance coaching development across all events. He has previously had roles as head of field events and national pole vault coach in both Germany (pole vault national coach, jumps head coach, head coach of education and head coach of field events until 2012) and Switzerland (pole vault head coach from 2012 - 2020), where he developed many Olympic athletes. After retiring in 2020, he continues to consult with World Athletics on coaches' education.



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PANELLIST - GÜNTER LANGE



Günter is an experienced coach in endurance events and an expert in high performance strategic planning. He currently holds the position of a Special Presidential Assistant (Education and Sports) at Uganda Statehouse.

Gunter is a sports development expert, with a demonstrated global history of project management in the sports industry. He is also a strong community and social services professional with a DOSB Coach Diploma / University degree in Sports and Education focused on „SPORTS MADE IN NN“.

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PANELLIST - GABBY PIERACCINI



Gabby Pieraccini is a specialist combined events writer and founder of the Decathletes of Europe website. Her coverage of combined events is in demand internationally, and highly regarded for its combination of analysis and storytelling. Gabby's work has been published by WA, EA, and other athletics platforms. She made her presenting and commentating debut in 2021 Arona WA Combined Events Challenge. Gabby is acknowledged as one of the leading advocates for the interests of combined eventers and is an adviser on strategy to the Athletics Association, "We Are the Sport."

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### PANELLIST - GASPAR EPRO



Dr Gaspar Epro is a high jump coach from Estonia, with over 12 years of coaching experience. He has worked with numerous athletes at various performance levels and countries, including those competing at the Olympic Games—specifically for Estonia in 2012 and for Puerto Rico in 2024.

Gaspar's primary role is serving as a researcher and senior lecturer in biomechanics / strength and conditioning at London South Bank University (United Kingdom). His academic and research efforts are closely tied with his practical coaching experience, focusing primarily on human performance capacities and muscle-tendon function, as well as their adaptability to exercise.

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## PANELLIST - RENÉ SACK



René Sack is a sports scientist and performance coach at the German Olympic Training Center in Sachsen-Anhalt. Prior to that, he was German national coach for discus, as well as national junior coach for the discus throw and hammer throw. He has coached athletes at Halle Olympic Training Center for more than a decade, including athletes such as World Championships discus medalist Nadine Müller.

As an athlete, René competed in the shot put with a best of 19.84 meters, placed second at the German championships, and representing Germany at the World University Games and several European age group championships.

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GUEST PANELLIST - MALCOLM FENTON



Fenton has coached throwers one to one for 50 years. He is a former UK national hammer coach. former throws lead for both England Athletics and UKA.

Head throws team England, 2014 Commonwealth Games.

Coach to Mark Proctor, shot putter at 2000 Olympics.

Strength coach to British bobsleigh team, including Olympic bronze medal in 1998.

Strength coach to Netherlands bobsleigh team. Senior Visiting Fellow, Sports Coaching, University of Suffolk.

3 time World Masters hammer champion.



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MODERATOR - FRANK DICK



Frank is the chair of the Global Athletics Coaching Academy, an organisation dedicated to coaching, working to ensure its coaches are competent, regulated, supported and represented to properly exercise their role professionally.

His expertise derives from years of research into individual success and achievement. Frank combines this knowledge and experience into an informative and motivational approach to achieving long-lasting transformation of both individual and team performance.

Frank is the author of four publications: 'Winning Matters,' 'Sports Training Principles,' 'Winning' and 'Winning Lines.'

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DATA ANALYST - KEVIN ANKROM



Kevin Ankrom is a high-performance coach and sports executive, with a history of leading teams to success at the Olympic Games and major international championships. With over 25 years of experience as a performance director and head coach, he has been instrumental in transforming national teams into medal-winning powerhouses, through strategic planning, innovative coaching, and advanced data analytics.

A pioneer in the application of sports science and performance analytics, Kevin developed the 'Performance Funnels,' a data analytics software used by track and field federations and multiple government sports organizations worldwide.