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El ruso Danil Lysenko (Matt Dunham - AP)

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El ministerio apeló a la prudencia, ya que existe el "riesgo" de echar por tierra los "esfuerzos" realizados por Matitsin desde que asumió el cargo en enero. World Athletics exigió al ministerio una explicación de lo ocurrido en el caso del saltador de altura Danil Lysenko, que provocó en noviembre la dimisión del entonces presidente de la Federación Rusa de Atletismo (FRA), Dmitri Shliajtin.

La Unidad de Integridad del Atletismo (AIU) denunció que altos funcionarios rusos habrían mentido y falsificado documentos a la hora de explicar el paradero del saltador cuando éste debía someterse a controles antidopaje sorpresa, detonante de la decisión de la WA de anular el estatus de neutralidad para los atletas rusos.

Además de dimitir el presidente de la FRA, Lysenko -oro en los Mundiales de pista cubierta de Birmingham (2018) y plata en los Mundiales al aire libre en Mónaco (2017)- y su entrenador fueron apartados.

El ministro de Deportes se reunió el domingo en las instalaciones del CSKA Moscú con varias de los principales espadas del atletismo ruso como los campeones del mundo María Lasitskene (Altura), Anzhélika Sí dorova (Pértiga) y Serguéi Shubenkov (110 metros vallas).

Lasitskene, triple campeona mundial de manera consecutiva, agradeció hoy a Matitsin su apoyo, aunque agregó que "aún hay mucho que hacer".

"En ningún caso hay que relajarse ni detenerse. Nosotros nos expresaremos en las reuniones del grupo de trabajo. ¿Perspectivas? Tengo grandes deseos de ver perspectivas y también quiero que los deportistas sean escuchados. Esperanza hay siempre, incluso de poder competir en la arena internacional", dijo a la prensa rusa.

Mientras, Shubenkov abogó por poner orden primero en la FRA con la celebración de elecciones y después entablar una cooperación constructiva con la WA. "Eso es lo más importante, ya que es la federación internacional la que decidirá nuestro destino", afirmó.

<https://www.mundodeportivo.com/atletismo/20200211/473453678094/el-ministro-de-deportes-ruso-responde-por-el-caso-lysenko.html>

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Jeptoo Urges Athletes to Take Responsibility After Serving Doping Ban

By Reuters

ELDORET, Kenya — Disgraced marathon champion Rita Jeptoo has resumed training after serving a four-year doping ban and urged fellow Kenyan athletes to be more vigilant about what goes into their bodies so that they avoid suffering the same fate.

The 38-year-old was initially suspended for two years by Athletics Kenya after she tested positive for the banned blood-booster EPO in 2014.

The ban was subsequently doubled to four years in 2016 after the global governing body of the sport (IAAF) successfully argued that the original punishment was too lenient to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

"I have resumed training. As per the rules, I have undergone mandatory dope testing. I hope to make a full comeback soon," Jeptoo, whose ban ended in October 2018, told Reuters in an interview in Eldoret, some 350km north west of Kenya's capital Nairobi.

She said athletes caught in anti-doping violations "are either complicit or very ignorant of the rules of the game".

"We were naive then and had very little knowledge on matters doping," she said.

"Athletes must know what medicine they take because they are ultimately responsible for what goes in their body. They cannot blame anybody for their actions and inactions."

Kenya, a powerhouse in long-distance running, has had a number of athletes banned in recent years after they failed drugs tests.

In 2016 CAS said it was obvious Jeptoo had used EPO "as part of a scheme or plan."

CAS said the evidence included Jeptoo's long relationship with her doctor, that her EPO use was "consistent with her competition calendar".

It added that her conduct was "deceptive and obstructive" throughout the proceedings.

Jeptoo was disqualified from all races she had taken part in since April 17, 2014, including first place finishes at the Boston and Chicago Marathons.

Jeptoo said the presence of EPO in her system was most probably because she was given a drip in a Kenyan hospital after a road accident.

She also said her blood was drawn for "cleaning" then returned back to her body in Italy.

In 2016 her Italian manager, Federico Rosa, had faced accusations in Kenya of administering banned substances to Jeptoo. But the accusations proved to be unfounded when CAS ruled that she hid visits to her doctor from her coach and manager.

She now admits: "I should have known better."

Rosa cut ties with Jeptoo after she failed the doping test.

Jeptoo lost several lucrative sponsorship deals and a jackpot in one series of competitions.

"I was hurting, hiding my tears for the sake of my son." she said.

"My manager, my husband disowned me. Athletes called a press conference to disown me. Had it not been for my mental strength, I would have died."

She blamed "jealous people around me" for her troubles, adding that she has now forgiven her detractors.

<https://www.nytimes.com/reuters/2020/02/11/sports/11reuters-athletics-kenya.html>

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WADA and the Université de Sherbrooke launch a Research Chair on Anti-Doping in Sport

Today, at an event in Montreal, the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and the ‘Université de Sherbrooke’ (University) officially launched the University’s Research Chair on Anti-Doping in Sport (Chair).

The Chair and related graduate program in the field of humanities—which were developed in partnership by the two organizations, but which will be independently led by the University—aim to develop globally-recognized expertise in the field of anti-doping through an approach focused on advancing research and knowledge transfer.

In May 2019, WADA [announced](#) that its Foundation Board approved creation of the Chair; and that, as part of this partnership, the Agency committed to an investment of USD 200,000 per year for five years that the University would match. In order to ensure the long-term sustainability of the Chair, the University will work to raise additional funds from the public and private sectors.



From right to left, WADA Director General Olivier Niggli with representatives from the University of Sherbrooke: Jean-Pierre Perreault, David Pavot, Vincent Joli-Coeur, and François Coderre.

WADA Director General, Olivier Niggli, said: “Research and Education have long been strategic priorities for WADA. We believe that this partnership with the Université de Sherbrooke’s Research Chair on Anti-Doping in Sport will provide a big boost towards WADA’s mission to lead a collaborative worldwide movement for doping-free sport. Over the years, WADA has invested millions in social science research that specifically measures the effectiveness of existing anti-doping strategies and interventions; and, informs more effective doping prevention strategies. In parallel, WADA is increasing access to education and information

programs worldwide with the goal of preventing intentional or unintentional use of prohibited substances and methods.

"WADA is very proud of this partnership that strengthens the Agency's presence in our host community since 2002; and, reiterates our commitment to Quebec's research and academic communities. The Université de Sherbrooke is renowned in Canada and internationally for its capacity to create applied research programs and chairs with a variety of partners. We are confident that it is well positioned to bring unique expertise and a perspective to the anti-doping community that is supported by research; and, in so doing, contribute to making Montreal a global center of excellence for anti-doping."



The Chair will provide applied research to the anti-doping community. It will bring an interdisciplinary focus in anti-doping; particularly, in the field of humanities—most notably in management, law, education and sociology. In addition to the Chair, the graduate program—via a master's degree on anti-doping in sports -- will attract students and train anti-doping professionals from around the world, increasing the capacity of the anti-doping system. The launch date of these programs will be communicated by the University in due course

Professor David Pavot, holder of the Research Chair on Anti-Doping in Sport, said: "WADA's environment is made up of international organizations as well as national anti-doping agencies and sports federations. The fight against doping has an impressive number of levels. This association with WADA opens the door to a universe of remarkable depth."

Stéphane Paquet, CEO of Montréal International, said: "We are truly proud to have helped the World Anti-Doping Agency in creating this new research chair with the Université de Sherbrooke. The presence of a flagship organization like WADA helps to strengthen the leadership of Greater Montréal in the fight against doping, in addition to increasing the international prestige of our region."

About WADA

Formed in 1999, the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) is an international independent agency composed and funded equally by the Sports Movement and Governments of the world. As the global regulatory body, WADA's primary role is to develop, harmonize and coordinate anti-doping rules and policies across all sports and countries. Its key activities include: ensuring and monitoring effective implementation of the World Anti-Doping Code and its related International Standards; scientific and social science research; education; intelligence and

investigations; and, building anti-doping capacity with anti-doping organizations worldwide. WADA is headquartered in Montreal, Canada and has offices in Cape Town, Lausanne, Montevideo, Tokyo and Warsaw.

About the Université de Sherbrooke

The Université de Sherbrooke (UdeS) is one of Quebec's three major research hubs. Recognized for its innovation, UdeS is a leading partner of upper-level and regional governments to promote social, cultural and economic development. It also stands out through strong growth in its research activities in recent years, its success in technology transfer, as well as its initiatives in entrepreneurship and open innovation in collaboration with industry and the social sector.

<https://www.wada-ama.org/en/media/news/2020-02/wada-and-the-universite-de-sherbrooke-launch-a-research-chair-on-anti-doping-in>