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**Meeting Director**



### MESSAGE FROM THE MEETING DIRECTOR

For the fifth year in a row we have been able to gather a group of world class athletes, many of them Olympic and World medalists, to participate in the Ponce Grand Prix, a world renowned meeting and a favorite of many elite athletes.

For us it is an honor to be able to present to the Puerto Rico fans this world class event, where they can enjoy quality performances from some of the best athletes in the world. The only opportunity to see a large number of this type of world athletes that are here in Ponce is by attending Olympic Games or World Championship.

I would like to express my appreciation, first of all, to Voluntarios Por Ponce, Inc. for the excellent organization of the Grand Prix and for their passion on doing it. Also, to the City of Ponce and its Mayor, Maria "Mayita" Melendez, for her support and contribution on making sure that the Grand Prix stay in Ponce year after year. To the sponsors and patrons, especially to the Puerto Rico Sport and Recreation Department and its Secretary Henry Neumann and to the IAAF and its President Mr. Lamine Diack, for the significant contribution which ensure the success of the event. And to all the individuals and enterprises who together contribute with us to offer a world class event to Ponce and to Puerto Rico.

To the athletes and their representatives who are visiting us from abroad, many of them for a fifth year in a row, our appreciation for trusting and believing in us.

To the fans and lovers of track and field, thank you for your attendance and I hope you enjoy the show...

Best wishes,

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