

The President of the UCI meets the new Sports Director of the IOC

On the 4th of November 2003, Mr Hein Verbruggen had the pleasure of meeting Mr Kelly Fairweather, Sports Director of the IOC. Their discussion focused on the current situation of the Olympic Games in Athens, the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games and the preparations for 2012. Accepting the invitation of the UCI, Mr Fairweather enjoyed a brilliant initiation on the WCC track, making full use of his abilities as an accomplished sportsman doing several laps next to the guard rail.

Training course for international commissaires: 26 nations present

From the 8th to the 15th of November 2003, the World Cycling Centre is hosting a training course for road and track international commissaires organised by the UCI. Forty commissaires covering 26 different nationalities and representing the 5 continents, are taking part in a course which, on completion of the final exam, will allow them to hold the title of UCI international commissaire.

The next training course, this time for MTB commissaires, will take place at the WCC from the 1st to the 5th of December 2003.

The UCI visits the German Federation

In the context of its programme to meet the different National Cycling Federations, Mr Olivier Quéguiner, Manager of the Sports Coordination Department of the UCI, travelled to Frankfurt on the 5th of November 2003 to visit the headquarters of the German Federation and meet the President, Mrs Sylvia Schenk, and the Secretary-General, Karsten Schütze. Their discussions, which among other things focused on management of the international calendar and procedures for the modification of regulations, prepared the way for a fruitful relationship.

The Flemish Sports Minister at the World Cycling Centre

The Flemish Sports Minister, Mr Marino Keulen, visited the World Cycling Centre in Aigle on the 12th of November 2003.

The Belgian delegation, which also included Eddy Merckx and Patrick Sercu, was welcomed by the President of the UCI, Mr Hein Verbruggen, who explained the principles of the solidarity and training programmes held at the WCC.

The following riders have been sanctioned for doping offences:

Gianluca MOI, sanctioned by the **Federazione Ciclistica Italiana**, disqualification of Giro delle Regioni 2003, suspension of 1 month from 30 July 2003 to 30 August 2003 and fine of CHF 500.-. **Raimondas RUMSAS**, sanctioned by the **Lithuanian Cycling Federation**, disqualification of Giro d'Italia 2003, suspension of 1 year from 17 July 2003 to 17 August 2004 and fine of CHF 2'000.-. **Samuel FARUHN**, sanctioned by **Bund Deutscher Radfahrer**, fine of CHF 400.- (art. 64 AER). **Markus WIMMER**, sanctioned by the **Oesterreichischer Radsport Verband**, disqualification of Wiesbauer Tour 2003, suspension of 2 years from 5 September 2003 to 5 September 2005 and fine of CHF 2'000.-.