

## The young Italian track prodigy, Elisa Frisoni, visits the WCC

From the 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> of January 2004, the World Cycling Centre (WCC) welcomed the young Italian champion, Elisa Frisoni, accompanied by the women's national track trainer of the Italian Cycling Federation, Dino Salvoldi. A track prodigy, winning three medals (keirin, sprint and 500 metres time trial) at the 2002 Junior World Championships in Melbourne, Elisa Frisoni prematurely ended her career at the end of a season in which she excelled. Keen to return to the top of the sport, she has undergone assessment tests with a view to being included in the Italian national team for the 2004 UCI Track World Cup starting on the 13<sup>th</sup> of February in Moscow.

## 2004 UCI MTB Marathon World Series: 2004 calendar

The MTB commission has named the host towns and set the dates for the heats of the 2004 UCI MTB Marathon World Series:

19 June: Oisans (France)

20 June: Mont-Sainte-Anne (Canada)

14 August: Kaprun (Austria)

22 August: Graz (Austria)

2 September: St-Wendel (Germany)

The World Championships of the discipline will take place on the 11<sup>th</sup> of July 2004 in Salzkammergut, Austria. The Marathon circuit is made up of races open to everyone and takes place over a course of at least 60 km.

## France... the land of cyclo-cross

The 5<sup>th</sup> and penultimate heat of the UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup will take place on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2004 in Nommay, France.

This competition will bring together all the best male and female specialists, two weeks before the World Championships which will also take place in France, on the Pont-Château circuit.

More information on the Nommay race is available on our website [www.uci.ch](http://www.uci.ch).

## Dutch sprinters at the WCC

From the 12<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> of January 2004, the WCC track is hosting three big names from Dutch track racing, who have come here to put the finishing touches to their preparation for the track World Cup. The sprinters Yvonne Hijgenaar (fourth in the 500 m. time trial of the last World Championships in Stuttgart), Theo Bos (second in the kilometre time trial at the World Cup in Moscow last year) and Teun Mulder (fifth in the team

sprint at the last World Championships) are riding with the trainees of Frédéric Magné, the track coach at the WCC.

## French road riders and mountain bike stars train in Aigle

The French Cycling Federation (FFC) set up its headquarters at the WCC from the 12<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> of January 2004. Downhill specialists (currently in the "winter sports class" at Gets, the nearby host town of the next mountain bike World Championships) and cross-country riders, together with some of the best road racers in France, took advantage of their time in Aigle to make use of the WCC facilities. Those athletes present included Fabien Barel, downhill bronze medallist in the last World Championships in Lugano, Anne-Caroline Chausson, with 17 World Champion titles to her name, Julien Absalon, winner of the 2003 cross-country World Cup, Miguel Martinez, cross-country Olympic Champion and Juliette Vandekerckhove, triple road and track Junior World Champion.

## News from the anti-doping commission

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> of January 2004, Dr Mario Zorzoli, the UCI's doctor, will take part in a meeting held at the Lausanne offices of the World Anti-doping Agency (WADA), together with representatives from international sports federations and various organisations connected with the sport. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the practical application of the Standards for Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUE). This day will be used to draw up a proposed strategy for implementing these standards, which should be useful for all parties involved.

## The following have been sanctioned for doping offences:

**Miguel Juan ADROVER RIGO**, penalised by the Federación Española de Ciclismo, disqualification from the Cinturón a Mallorca (ESP), on the 5<sup>th</sup> of April 2003, and 2-year ban from the 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2003 to 9<sup>th</sup> of September 2005. **Wang QIAN**, penalised by the Cycling Association of China, warning. **Florian MOSER**, penalised by the Österreichischer Radsport Verband, disqualification from the Trofeo Karlsberg (GER) on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June 2003, and 3-month ban from the 8<sup>th</sup> of October 2003 to 8<sup>th</sup> of April 2004. **Patrick KOFLER**, penalised by the Österreichischer Radsport Verband, disqualification from the 2003 Tour of Slovenia, 2-year ban from the 8<sup>th</sup> of October 2003 to 8<sup>th</sup> of October 2005 and a fine of CHF 2,000.