

Panathlon International conference at the WCC

The World Cycling Centre will today host a public discussion evening organised by the Panathlon International branch of the Aigle region, which the Director General of the UCI, Mr. Dieter Schellenberg, has recently joined. The mission of Panathlon International is to "promote the values of sport as a means towards the development and advancement of the individual and to encourage solidarity between people and nations". A talk by Mr. Gilbert Felli, Executive Director of the Olympic Games at the IOC, will open the event and precede the debate.

Track: spotlight on Australia

The fourth and final heat of the UCI Track World Cup Classics and the UCI Track World Championships will take place this month in Australia.

The first competition will be held in Sydney, from this evening until Sunday, and will be the deciding event in the World Cup, with the nations of Germany, France and Australia competing for the prize.

The spotlight will then move from the Olympic Velodrome to the Vodafone Arena in Melbourne, where the UCI Track World Championships will take place from the 26th to 30th of May 2004. Just a few months before the Athens Olympic Games, and with athletes competing for Olympic places in both these events, the races are sure to be of high quality, both in Sydney and Melbourne.

For more information on these events, visit our website: www.uci.ch.

2004 UCI Mountain Bike World Cup: they're off!

The 2004 UCI Mountain Bike World Cup will start on the weekend of the 22nd to 23rd of May in Madrid, Spain. Cross-country competitions for men and women will be on the agenda. For more information, visit our website: www.uci.ch.

2004 UCI Cycle-ball World Cup

The second heat of the 2004 UCI Cycle-ball World Cup will be held on the 15th of May in Gärtringen, Germany. The best teams in the world will be competing at this venue. Mrs. Sylvia Schenk, member of the UCI Management Committee, will attend the event.

UCI Golden Bike series in Italy

Now in its 9th year, the Gran Fondo Internazionale Felice Gimondi, the fourth event in the 2004 UCI Golden Bike series, took place on the 9th of May 2004 in the area of Bergamo, Italy, on three courses of 96, 135 and 165 km respectively. More than 4,300 cycle sport enthusiasts took advantage of the opportunity to ride in a magnificent alpine environment, in the presence of the former champion Felice Gimondi, winner among other events of a World

Championship, the Tour de France, the Vuelta, and the Giro on three occasions. For more information on the UCI Golden Bike series, visit: www.UCIGoldenBike.com

Test event for Olympic Mountain Biking

A real-life test will be held from the 13th to 16th of May 2004 on the Mountain Bike circuit of the Athens Olympic Games. Under conditions completely identical to those the athletes will encounter in the month of August, experienced riders will take part in the race. They will include the Swiss rider Katrin Leumann, a former trainee at the WCC and a cross-country specialist. Security and safety will be a primary focus. Similar tests have already been organised for road races and track tests will be held from the 9th to 12th of June 2004.

The UCI President welcomes students to the WCC

On the 4th of May 2004, Mr. Hein Verbruggen welcomed students from the AISTS (International Academy of Sport Science and Technology) at the EPFL (Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne) in the context of his role as President of the Coordinating Committee for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

News on the antidoping fight

Mr. Christian Varin, UCI Antidoping Manager, and Mrs. Carolyn Brassil, General Manager of Anti-Doping International (ADI), have drawn up a collaboration agreement to set up a workshop this summer, during which the two organisations will be able to share their experience on the antidoping fight and thus enhance their respective areas of knowledge. ADI is an institution bringing together various national antidoping organisations and provides its expertise to any organisation active in this area.

The following riders have been sanctioned for doping offences

Leonel JIMENEZ, sanctioned by the **Federacion Costarricense de Ciclismo**, disqualification of Vuelta a Costa Rica (CRC), 27th December 2003, suspension of 3 months from 20 February 2004 to 20 May 2004, fine of CHF 666.-.

José Miguel ARCE, sanctioned by the **Federacion Costarricense de Ciclismo**, disqualification of Vuelta a Costa Rica (CRC), 27th December 2003, suspension of one year from 20 February 2004 to 20 February 2005, fine of CHF 500.-.

Alberto MILANI, sanctioned by the **Federazione Ciclistica Italiana**, warning and 1% addition of the time realized at the 3rd stage of Giro delle Valle d'Aosta (ITA), 4th September 2004.

Marianna LORENZONI, sanctioned by the **Real Federacion Española de Ciclismo**, fine of CHF 50.- (art. 64/2).