

Partnership contract signed with Schenker

On the 19th of May 2004, the International Cycling Union signed a partnership contract with the company Schenker Stinnes Logistics. Schenker is an international firm based in Germany. With more than 130 years' experience in integrated logistical services, Schenker has established itself as one of the leading companies in this market. It has a workforce of more than 36,000 employees based at 1,100 sites throughout the world and transports goods by plane, boat, road and rail. The contract is for a period of 3 years and covers the supply of services to the UCI at international level.

Mario Vázquez Raña visits the World Cycling Centre

Mr. Mario Vázquez Raña, IOC member and President of ANOC (Association of National Olympic Committees) and the Olympic Solidarity Committee, was received by Messrs. Hein Verbruggen and Dieter Schellenberg, President and Director General of the UCI. Mr. Vázquez Raña was able to observe the success generated by the UCI's cycling development policy, particularly in the areas of coaching young athletes and training coaches from countries hoping to join the world's elite cycling nations.

Hein Verbruggen, new President of GAISF

Mr. Hein Verbruggen, UCI President, has been appointed the new interim President of GAISF (General Association of International Sports Federations). Until now, he held the post of Vice-President. The decision was taken at the 38th Annual General Meeting of GAISF, which was held on the 20th of May in the context of SportAccord, in Lausanne (Switzerland).

Road and Mountain Bike: from Montreal to Houffalize

The UCI Track World Championships which are currently taking place in Melbourne (AUS) will not be the only major cycling event this weekend.

The sixth heat of the UCI Women Road World Cup will take place this Saturday in Montreal (CAN). This is a true classic of women's cycling, and once again has excellent numbers taking part; the race will be contested over a distance of 99.6 km, on the very beautiful circuit of Mont Royal.

Cross-country specialists will be meeting at Houffalize (BEL) for the second event in the 2004 UCI Mountain Bike World Cup. A week after the first heat in Madrid, Spain, where the competitions were followed by huge numbers of people, this will be another important highlight of the Mountain Bike season, one week before downhill and 4 Cross specialists take the stage in Fort William (GBR).

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CIES students visit the UCI headquarters

On the 18th of May 2004, some thirty students from the CIES (Centre International d'Etudes du Sport - International Sport Studies Centre) were received at the UCI headquarters. The CIES was founded among others by FIFA and the University of Neuchâtel. It is active in teaching, training, research and the provision of services to the world of sport. Several managers from the UCI presented the federation's activities to their guests in areas such as professional cycling and also discussed several legal issues.

Diplomas awarded to coaches training at the WCC

The advanced training course for coaches, organised from the 1st of March at the World Cycling Centre, came to an end on the 18th of May 2004. At a ceremony held to mark the occasion, the 19 coaches (from 15 countries) who followed the course, were awarded a UCI-Olympic Solidarity diploma by Mr. Dieter Schellenberg, Director General of the UCI, which will allow them to practise their craft with more in-depth knowledge.

Mountain Bike: a single race number for the best riders

The UCI Management Committee has decided that the best riders will keep the same race number for all cross-country and downhill events throughout the 2004 UCI Mountain Bike World Cup. This new approach will facilitate their identification.

The following riders have been sanctioned for doping offences :

Mario JIMENEZ, sanctioned by the **Union Ciclista Republica Argentina**, disqualification of Vuelta Ciclista Lider al Sur 2004 (CHI), 7th February 2004, suspension of 1 month from 1st March 2004 to 1st April 2004. **José Alfredo REYNOSO-SIMONI**, sanctioned by the **Federacion Deportiva Peruana de Ciclismo**, disqualification of the race Doble Copacabana GP Fides (BOL), 9th November 2003, suspension of 6 months from 4th February 2004 to 3rd August 2004. **Ghader MIZBANI IRANAGH**, sanctioned by the **Cycling Federation of the I.R. Iran**, suspension of 1 month from 25th February 2004 to 25th March 2004 (art. 132).

Aitor KINTANA ZARATE, sanctioned by the **Real Federacion Española de Ciclismo**, disqualification of the race Volta Ciclista a Catalunya (ESP), 21st June 2003, suspension of 18 months from 16 August 2003 to 15 February 2005.