

## **2004 Athens Olympic Games: track test event in the presence of important figures from the world of sport**

Two weeks after the fabulous 2004 UCI Track World Championships in Melbourne which captivated the large audience attending them, the pre-Olympic track competitions were successfully held from the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> of June 2004 on the track of the superb Athens velodrome. Organised with a view to making any last-minute technical and organisational adjustments before the Games, this event included the participation of two World Champions. Also present were Mr. Felli, Executive Director of the IOC, Mr. Terzis, President of the Greek Cycling Federation, Mrs. Angelopoulos-Daskalaki, President of the Games Organising Committee, Mr. Assimakopoulos, Sports Managing Director of the Games Organising Committee, and his counterpart for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, Mr. Qiuping.

## **2004 Athens Olympic Games: training seminar for UCI International Commissaires**

The UCI is organising a training seminar for the 15 International Commissaires appointed to officiate in the different Olympic cycling disciplines (road, track and mountain bike) in the coming Athens Olympic Games. The training will take place on the weekend of the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of June at the World Cycling Centre, led by Mr. Olivier Quéguiner, General Coordinator of the Olympic Games at the UCI, and in the presence of Mr. Hein Verbruggen, UCI President, and the UCI Technical Delegates of each discipline.

## **2004 UCI Trials World Cup: 1<sup>st</sup> heat this weekend**

Among the many cycling competitions taking place this weekend, there are two major events on the UCI world calendar: the first heat of the UCI Trials World Cup, which will take place in Graz, Austria, and the classic event at Mont Sainte-Anne, Canada, where the fourth cross-country and third downhill and 4-Cross competitions will be disputed, in the context of the UCI Mountain Bike World Cup. For more information visit our web site: [www.uci.ch](http://www.uci.ch).

## **The UCI listens to American National Federations**

Mrs. Dominique Raymond, Head of NF relations at the UCI, took part in the Conference of the Pan American Cycling Confederation, which was held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June in San Carlos, Venezuela. Nineteen countries were present at the conference. Mrs. Raymond used her time there to strengthen the already close ties between the UCI and NFs, and in particular to identify any new requirements they might have in terms of improving the services offered to them. The discussions also included the possibility of sending trainees to the World Cycling Centre. The Pan American Conference preceded the Pan American Road and Track Championships which will finish on the 27<sup>th</sup> of June.

## **UCI Golden Bike: record numbers take part in the Quebrantahuesos**

The fifth event in the 2004 UCI Golden Bike Series, the Quebrantahuesos (Spain) saw record numbers of participating cyclists when it was held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June 2004. More than 5,300 riders set off on two magnificent routes through the heart of the Spanish Pyrenees, one of which was 205 km long and included 3,700 m of height difference. This version was marked by the introduction of a new route measuring 90 km (UCI Golden Bike format), which allows less experienced riders to participate in the event on an adapted course. The 6<sup>th</sup> event in the UCI Golden Bike Series, the Ariègeoise, will take place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> of June in France. For more information visit the website: [www.UCIGoldenBike.com](http://www.UCIGoldenBike.com).

## **Cycling for All International Colloquium at the World Cycling Centre**

At the invitation of the International Cycling Union, the different parties involved in Cycling for All will meet at the WCC on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of July 2004. Focusing on the theme of "Developing Cycling for All Together", the participants will work in particular on drawing up joint regulations and structuring the international calendars of Cycling for All.

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Bike Festival at the World Cycling Centre: champions at the service of bike lovers**

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of July at the WCC in Aigle, Switzerland, the Bike Festival will allow cycling fans to benefit from the experience of champions such as Daniel Gisiger, a former road cycling professional, and Chantal Daucourt, a finalist in European Mountain Bike Championships, who will run training workshops adapted to the level of each participant. Robert Dill-Bundi, Olympic Champion in 1980 on the track at Moscow, and Hervé Krebs, a finalist in BMX World Championships, will help fans discover the sensations of these two disciplines. Everyone will be able to benefit from the advanced facilities of the WCC, where the best track and BMX riders in the world carry out their training. Cycle-sport, family rides and mountain biking, as well as children's events, will also be on the agenda. Programme and registration: [www.bikefestival.ch](http://www.bikefestival.ch).

## **News on the antidoping fight**

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June 2004, the Antidoping Services of the UCI ran a workshop with the collaboration of Antidoping International (ADI). Participants were able to share their experiences and learn about the requirements of the Antidoping Code and international standards. This allowed the UCI to see that it is already fulfilling the great majority of the obligations required by the Antidoping Code.

## **The following riders have been sanctioned for doping offences:**

**Ismail MOHD SAZLEE**, sanctioned by the **Malaysian National Cycling Federation**, disqualification of the race Tour of Langkawi (MAS), 8th February 2004, suspension of 4 months from 16 February 2004 to 16th June 2004.

**Duran MARCONI**, sanctioned by the **Federación Costarricense de ciclismo**, disqualification of the race Vuelta a Costa Rica (CRC), 23 December 2003, suspension of 3 months from 20 February 2004 to 20 May 2004. Fine of 666 CHF

**Juan Pablo ARAYA**, sanctioned by the **Federación Costarricense de ciclismo**, disqualification of the race Vuelta a Costa Rica (CRC), 26 December 2003, suspension of 3 months from 20 February 2004 to 20 May 2004. Fine of 666 CHF

**Carlos SALAZAR**, sanctioned by the **Federación Costarricense de ciclismo**, disqualification of the race Vuelta a Costa Rica (CRC), 25 December 2003, suspension of 3 months from 20 February 2004 to 20 May 2004. Fine of 666 CHF