

Record TV audience for the 2004 UCI Track World Cup "Classics"

The International Cycling Union was delighted with the media success of the UCI Track World Cup "Classics". The number of television viewers more than doubled compared with the previous year, rising from 11 million viewers in 2003 to 26.5 million in 2004. In addition, the total broadcasting time for the event, which was shown on television channels on every continent, increased significantly and was twice as long as in 2003, going from 76 hours to 152 hours in 2004.

The 2004 UCI Road World Cup is back

The 2004 UCI Road World Cup is back this weekend with the HEW-Cyclclassics-Cup taking place in Hamburg, Germany, on the 1st of August. The most recent event in the UCI Road World Cup, the race will be run over 251 km. The leader of the standings is the Italian Davide Rebellin. For more information: www.uci.ch.

Widespread enthusiasm for the 2004 UCI BMX World Championships

The 2004 UCI BMX World Championships, which took place from the 23rd to 25th of July 2004 in Valkenswaard (NED), were a great success. More than 20,000 enthusiastic spectators turned up to admire a breathtaking spectacle. The highly technical races were hotly contested, and the organisers succeeded in giving the event a festive feel which was greatly appreciated by both the public and riders. The women's races were also a fantastic success and captivated more than fifty accredited journalists.

UCI Junior Track World Championships in Los Angeles: strong representation of countries from North and South America

The 2004 UCI Junior Track World Championships are currently taking place in Los Angeles (USA) until the 1st of August 2004. The competition is being held in the magnificent velodrome of the "ADT Event Center" sports complex. More than 166 riders representing 33 countries from every continent will compete on the 250 metre track recently approved by the UCI. More than a quarter of the athletes are women and although the number of participating countries has not changed, the participation of countries from the American continent has risen from 4 nations in 2003 to 10 in 2004. A combination of top-level athletes, strong international representation and the speed of the new race-track all guarantee a hotly-contested sporting spectacle.

The UCI adopts a Rules of Good Governance and a Code of Ethics

On the 23rd of July 2004 in Salzburg (AUT), the UCI Management Committee approved the adoption of two fundamental texts: the UCI Rules of Good Governance and a UCI Code of Ethics. The first document provides the organisation with structural and process-related tools, allowing it to meet the challenges it is continuously faced with in a fair way, while complying with the most stringent criteria in terms of transparency, democracy and financial responsibility. The second document describes the major principles guiding the actions of its members. Both texts will be available very soon on the UCI website: www.uci.ch.

Francesco Moser inaugurates the Internet site of the CPA

Francesco Moser, President of Associated Professional Cyclists (CPA), an organisation working to improve the status of professional riders, officially inaugurated the association's Internet site on the 15th of July 2004. Mr. Daniel Malbranque, Secretary-General of the CPA, explained that the site, which is mainly intended for riders, will allow them to find out about the initiatives and objectives of the organisation, and to easily and quickly access essential information on the Regulations and decisions of the International Cycling Union. The UCI congratulates the CPA on the launch of its site, which will play an important role in improving the quality of its relationships with professional cyclists.

Website address: www.cpasite.org.

News on the antidoping fight

New UCI Antidoping Regulations

At its last meeting in Salzburg (AUT), the UCI Management Committee also approved the adoption of the organisation's new Antidoping Regulations. These take account of the standards of the Antidoping Code and the most recent general legal principles. These new Antidoping Regulations will come into force on the 13th of August 2004 and will be available on the website: www.uci.ch.

The following riders have been sanctioned for doping offences:

Andrei MANZOUROV, coach, sanctioned by the Fédération Cycliste de la Russie, suspension of 22 months from 1st July 2003 to 17 May 2005.