

International Keirin Event in Manchester

An International Keirin Event is being organised in Manchester, United Kingdom, for the 9th of January 2005, following hot on the heels of the races in the 2004-2005 UCI Track World Cup "Classics" to be held there. The event is being jointly organised by the International Cycling Union, the Keirin Association and the Organising Committee of the UCI Track World Cup "Classics" Manchester heat. This will be a first in Europe, which already hosts International Sprint Grands Prix races, but has not yet seen its equivalent for the keirin. The event has attractive prizes, which should appeal to the best riders in the discipline. Riders, who are limited to 24 in number, can already register for the competition at www.uci.ch.

Many more visitors to the UCI Internet site

In 2003, the International Cycling Union Internet site had already recorded more than 3 million visits (a monthly average of approximately 250,000). The figures available for this year show a big increase in this number (+20%). This encouraging result is no doubt connected to the new version of the website going online in February 2004.

A wider range of services and information in 2005 will make it even more appealing and should attract yet more visitors.

In addition to all the results of the World Cups and World Championships in all disciplines, www.uci.ch also includes, among other things, all UCI classifications, calendars, registered Trade Teams, various online services, the TV broadcasting times of big events, many articles and press releases, and an e-shop.

Italian track specialists at the World Cycling Centre

Italian pursuit and points race specialists, together with the young prodigy Elisa Frisoni (silver medallist in the keirin at the 2004 UCI Track World Championships in Melbourne, triple 2002 Juniors World Champion in the sprint, keirin and 500m time trial), visited Aigle from the 25th to 29th of October 2004 to prepare for the 2004-2005 UCI Track World Cup "Classics", the first heat of which will take place in Moscow from the 5th to 7th of November. The Italian Cycling Federation is a regular visitor to the WCC as its athletes often come here to put the finishing touches to their preparations.

The 2004-2005 UCI Track World Cup "Classics" kick off in Moscow

Almost 200 riders from 33 countries will be taking part in the first competition of the 2004-2005 UCI Track World Cup "Classics" being held until Sunday in the Olympic Velodrome in Moscow, Russia.

The 2004-2005 season will see the completion of track reform measures, and international events in this discipline will now take place between the months of November and March.

The next events in the World Cup will take place in Los Angeles (USA) from the 10th to 12th of December, Manchester (GBR) from the 7th to 9th of January and Sydney (AUS) from the 18th to 20th of February, while the World Championships will be held in Los Angeles (USA) in March.

First Track Tour of the World at the World Cycling Centre

On the 3rd and 4th of December 2004, the WCC is organising the first Track Tour of the World, in collaboration with Dom Cycle (www.domcycle.ch) and Commençal (www.commençal.com).

This is a popular race run in teams of 4 or 5 riders, who take turns in cycling for 24 hours to try and cover the greatest distance possible.

The registration of some forty teams should allow the participants to reach a combined total of approximately 42,000 kilometres, i.e. roughly the circumference of the earth.

More information available at www.cmc-aigle.ch.

The following riders have been sanctioned for doping offences:

Hernani BROCO, sanctioned by the **Federacao Portuguesa De Ciclismo**, fine of CHF 2'000.-.

Guillermo CUESTA BELTRAN, doctor, sanctioned by the **Federacao Portuguesa De Ciclismo**, warning and fine of CHF 3'500.-.

Geneviève JEANSON, sanctioned by the **USADA**, warning and fine of CHF 500.-.

Robert SASSONE, sanctioned by the **Fédération Française de Cyclisme**, disqualification of the race 6 Jours de Nouméa, Nouvelle-Calédonie (FRA), 2 December 2003, suspension of 2 years from 6 July 2004 to 5 July 2006.