

## Women's Road and Track: two UCI World Cups in Australia

The 2004-2005 UCI «Classics» Track World Cup will close this weekend in Sydney with around thirty teams taking part in events which will be held from today until Sunday at the Dunc Gray Velodrome.

The UCI Women's Road World Cup will start next week, with the Geelong Women's World Cup, the traditional opening race of the women's road season. The race will be held on a 14.9 km circuit over a total distance of 119 km.

The Australians: Oenone Wood, who won the 2004 UCI Women's Road World Cup, and Sara Carrigan, Olympic Champion in Athens, as well as the German Judith Arndt, 2004 World Champion, will feature among the main favourites of this first race of the season, which will bring together the world's best athletes.

## 2004-2005 Cyclo-cross: Sven Nijs untouchable

With seven victories out of the eleven 2004-2005 UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup races under his belt (including the final, raced last Sunday in Lanarvilly, France), the Belgian Sven Nijs, also crowned World Champion in St-Wendel in January, has been the dominating rider of the Cyclo-cross season.

The outcome of the Cyclo-cross reform launched by the UCI to increase the practice and audience of Cyclo-cross in geographical terms, has proved very positive with a rise in participation figures and an increase in the number of races. These results look excellent for the development of Cyclo-cross in the next few years.

## The UCI ProTour logo on the jersey of UCI ProTeams

Fourteen UCI ProTeams have decided to put, in the correct place on their jersey, the UCI ProTour logo, demonstrating their commitment to the circuit. This initiative shows their motivation and reinforces what already seems to be a certainty: the 2005 Road season will be fantastic and have the full support of the teams.

## The 2005 UCI ProTour official guide soon available

The official guide will be published on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2005. The publication can be obtained from the UCI. Its contents however will be fully displayed on the UCI ProTour website, [www.uciprotour.com](http://www.uciprotour.com). The guide will contain details of the main people and features involved, namely:

- 20 UCI ProTeams,
- 522 riders,
- 27 races,
- 157 race days,
- 15 organisers.

## French downhill hopefuls on a training camp at the World Cycling Centre

From 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> February, the members from the national team of Junior Mountain Bike Downhill hopefuls

from the French Cycling Federation (FFC), stayed in Aigle to prepare their 2005 season. Their week at the WCC in particular enabled them to enjoy the use of the Centre's track, its multi-sport areas and its weights room.

## Meeting of International Panathlon at the World Cycling Centre

On 12<sup>th</sup> February 2005, the International Panathlon organisation met at the World Cycling Centre. International Panathlon depends on the voluntary help given by its members. At the service of sport and athletes, its aims are to «increase, spread and defend the values of sport considered to be a means of training and education of a person, and solidarity between men and nations». The International Panathlon belongs to the General Association of International Sports Federations (AGFIS) and the International Committee for Fair Play (CIFP). It has systematic relations with UNESCO, the Association of European National Olympic Committees (ACNOE) and is recognised by the International Olympic Committee.

## News in the fight against doping

Mario Zorzoli, Health Manager and UCI Doctor went to Monaco on 13<sup>th</sup> February last to meet the Medical Commission of the International Athletics Federation (IAAF). This visit was part of the regular exchanges that the UCI has with other International Sports Federations with the aim of improving the effectiveness of the fight against doping in sport.

On 1<sup>st</sup> March 2005, M. Zorzoli will travel to Cologne, Germany, to give information on the new features in terms of blood tests, at a meeting of anti-doping laboratories.

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

**Moises Alfredo MORAIS LEBOSO** (ESP19770704), tested positive with triamcinolone acetonide during the Circuito Montañas (ESP) on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2004, sanctioned by REAL FEDERACION ESPAÑOLA DE CICLISMO, fine of 601€ (art. 64 AER). **Markus FOTHEN** (GER19810909), tested positive with prednisolone during the GP Schwarzwald (GER) on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2004, acquitted by BUND DEUTSCHER RADFAHRER. **Shane PERKINS** (AUS19861230), tested positive with metamphetamine during the World Junior Track Championships (USA) on 29 July 2004, sanctioned by AUSTRALIAN CYCLING FEDERATION, suspension of 6 months from 16<sup>th</sup> November 2004 to 15<sup>th</sup> May 2005, disqualification of the race. **Iban UBERUAGA NATXIONDO** (ESP19791224), tested positive with triamcinolone acetonide during the race Bira (ESP) on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2004, sanctioned by REAL FEDERACION ESPAÑOLA DE CICLISMO, fine of 601€ (art. 64 AER).