

2005 UCI Trials World Cup: cancellation of the 3rd round in Lausanne

The organizers of the 2005 UCI Trials World Cup took the decision to cancel the 3rd and final heat of the series scheduled for 10th and 11th September.

The UCI very much regrets having to take this decision and will do all it can to ensure that the 2006 UCI Trials World Cup runs without a hitch.

After the 1st heat, which took place in Madrid from 7th to 9th May this year, the second and therefore last round of the UCI Trials World Cup will be held in Graz (AUT) from 8 to 10 July this year.

Survey of European cycling fans: the UCI ProTour makes cycling more attractive and the races more competitive

Last month, the agency Sport Marketing Survey asked cycling fans from 6 different European countries, Germany, Belgium, Spain, Italy, France and the Netherlands, for their views on the UCI ProTour, a label bringing together the best riders in the world to take part in the greatest races and aiming to maintain the success of professional road cycling by ensuring the highest possible standard.

Overall, the fans think that the UCI ProTour, by guaranteeing participation by the best riders in great races, makes cycling events more attractive. They are considered to be more competitive.

The characteristics most commonly associated with the UCI ProTour are "competitive", "elite", "exciting" and "world class".

A majority of cycling fans (88%) plans to follow the UCI ProTour races throughout the season. The figure rises to 94% in Spain.

The most popular riders are Lance Armstrong (USA), Tom Boonen (BEL), Alessandro Petacchi (ITA), Oscar Freire (ESP) and Jan Ullrich (GER). However, preferences vary enormously depending on the country concerned, national heroes generally being the most popular.

Visit by the International Sailing Federation (ISAF)

On 27th June, Mr Göran Petersson, President of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) and Mrs Luissa Smith, Director of Communications, met Messrs Hein Verbruggen and Dieter Schellenberg, President and Director General of the UCI. During their visit to the World Cycling Centre (WCC), they learned how the structures of the UCI operated and how its training and development programmes were carried out.

Breton delegation received at UCI headquarters

On 29th June, Mr Jean-Yves Le Drian, Chairman of the Regional Council of Brittany (France), Mr Daniel Gilles, Vice-Chairman in Charge of Sports, Mr Olivier Bonsart, Assistant Director of the newspaper Ouest-France and Mrs Anne Serrand, Manager of the Promotion Department, met Messrs Hein Verbruggen, President of the UCI, Dieter Schellenberg, Director General, Pat McQuaid, President of the road commission and Olivier Quéguiner, Sports

Coordination Manager. After visiting the World Cycling Centre, the organization of the future Tour de Bretagne Cycliste was discussed. The reason was that the Regional Council of Brittany wishes to acquire the Ruban Granitier Breton, a well-known event that has been running for nearly 40 years, in order to develop it. This project is part of a campaign to promote the sport of cycling in Brittany and to promote the region through sport. Brittany is a region with a long cycling tradition, being home to a continental team, Bretagne-Jean Floc'h, the third French team in the UCI Europe Tour ranking.

2008 Olympic Games in Beijing: the UCI is confident

The UCI delegation that went to Beijing at the beginning of June to visit all of the sites staging the cycling events was extremely satisfied with the progress made on the projects. The cycling competitions will be based around two sites: The road events (road race and time trial) will be run according to a new and grandiose format: starting in the centre of Beijing near the Forbidden City and finishing at the foot of the Great Wall, for a course running in a straight line with a circuit at the end. The track events, mountain bike and BMX will take place at an identical site in Laoshan, to the west of Beijing, at the headquarters of the Chinese Cycling Association.

The outline of the mountain bike route has been finalized, and the UCI will support the Beijing Organizing Committee for the Games (BOCOG) in the construction of the BMX track. UCI delegates were also impressed by the progress of the work on the Olympic velodrome, which will be one of the greatest in the world.

Between now and the Olympics in 2008, the UCI will set up a programme for training Chinese national commissaires, in collaboration with the National Federation and BOCOG.

The following riders were sanctioned for doping offences:

Yeisson DELGADO (VEN), tested positive with EPO during the Vuelta a Guatemala on 27th and 29th October 2004, sanctioned by FEDERACION VENEZOLANA DE CICLISMO, suspension of 2 years from 10th November 2004 to 9th November 2006, disqualification of the race, fine of CHF 1'000.-. **Jorge NOGALEDO GARICA** (ESP), tested positive with triamcinolone acetonide during the race G.P. Ciudad de Vigo (ESP) on 22nd August 2004, sanctioned by REAL FEDERACION ESPANOLA DE CICLISMO, warning. **Sara LINDMAN - PORTER** (SWE), tested positive with cannabis during the World Masters Championships (CAN) on 5th September 2004, sanctioned by CANADIAN CYCLING ASSOCIATION, warning. **Lubos KEJVAL** (CZE), tested positive with HCG during the Hessen Rundfahrt on 2nd September 2004, sanctioned by CZECH CYCLING FEDERATION, suspension of 2 years from 05th October 2004 to 5th October 2006, disqualification of the race, fine of CHF 1'000.-.