

Tour of Qinghai Lake: Chinese delegation welcomed at the UCI

On 5 May, an important delegation from the Qinghai Province (population of 5.5 million), in China, comprising in particular of Messrs. Zhao Leji, Secretary of the Party Provincial Committee and President of the Provincial Popular Assembly Permanent Committee, and Ma Peihua, Vice-Governor of the Province, were welcomed at the World Cycling Centre. The delegation had meetings with Messrs Pat McQuaid and Hein Verbruggen, UCI President and Vice-President, Dieter Schellenberg, Director General, and Frédéric Magné, Training and Development Manager.

Each year the Province of Qinghai organises the Tour of Qinghai Lake (2006 edition: 15 to 23 July), one of the two biggest stage races in the UCI Asia Tour. The subjects that were discussed were the development of the race, for which the organisers have great ambitions, the development of cycling in the Province, the creation of a UCI continental team, the training of riders and the creation of a cycling-for-all event.

UCI Live.com: cycling you want and when you want

The International Cycling Union together with the leader in cycling coverage on the internet, Cycling.tv have announced the launch of the site, UCI Live.com. This new site will give cycling fans the opportunity to see and review, live or on demand, throughout the world, UCI World Cups (BMX, Track and Cyclo-cross) and UCI World Championships (Road, BMX, Track, Mountain Biking and Cyclo-cross). Thanks to this partnership, UCI events are now accessible all over the world independently of TV broadcasts.

UCI Live.com already showed coverage of the last UCI Track World Championships in Bordeaux. The site will also show previous UCI World Championships and World Cups.

For a very reasonable yearly subscription fee, cycling fans will now have access to the most legendary footage and will be able to relive the most exciting moments in cycling.

Cycling.TV is the leader in the coverage of cycling races on the internet. Through this partnership, the UCI will be able to immediately reach the very wide audience of Cycling TV.

2006-2007 UCI Track Cycling World Cup «Classics» programme

The UCI Track Cycling World Cup «Classics» programme has been finalised for the 2006-2007 season. The series will include four rounds, which will take place as follows:

17-19 November 2006	Sydney (AUS)
15-17 December 2006	Moscow (RUS)
19-21 January 2007	Los Angeles (USA)
23-25 February 2007	Manchester (GBR)

Pat McQuaid visits the United Arab Emirates Federation

The UCI President, Pat McQuaid, visited the United Arab Emirates Federation, on 20 April in Dubai, and met its President, Mr Sheikh Faisal Bin Humaid Al Qassimi, and its Secretary General, Mr Juma Buosaiba Mansoor. Pat McQuaid visited an outdoor velodrome in the process of being built and had talks with the people in charge and authorities concerned about the possible construction of another velodrome, this one indoor.

Aéro Vélo: new exhibition on cycling at Geneva International Airport

The International Cycling Union presented its activities, in particular on cycling-for-all, the UCI Golden Bike series and the UCI Mountain Bike Marathon Club, at Aéro Vélo, a new exhibition on cycling (road and mountain biking) which was organised for the first time on 6 and 7 May in the halls of Geneva International Airport. Famous brands and several organisations involved in the promotion of cycling took part in it. The public was able to appreciate the various entertainments on display such as trials and BMX demonstrations as well as a photo exhibition. Some 25,000 people visited Aéro Vélo.

The following rider has been sanctioned for a doping offence:

Wilmer BRAVO (VEN), tested positive with Prednisolone and Prednisone during the race Vuelta al Tachira (VEN) on 9th January 2006 sanctioned by FEDERACION VENEZOLANA DE CILISMO, suspension of 4 months from 22nd February 2006 to 21st June 2006, disqualification of the race.