

The UCI Management Committee at the World Cycling Centre

The UCI Management Committee will meet on 6 and 7 July in Lausanne. On this occasion, its members will travel to the World Cycling Centre, headquarters of the UCI in Aigle, around forty kilometres away. They will be able to visit the Federations' offices, meet its staff and have a tour of the facilities used by trainee riders in Aigle as part of the UCI development programmes. It will be the first time that members of the Management Committee elected at the Congress in Madrid, in September 2005 have visited the centre.

UCI ProTour: Liberty Seguros-Würth Team becomes the Astana-Würth Team

The team Liberty Seguros-Würth has changed its name following the withdrawal of its main sponsor. Its name is now the Astana-Würth Team. This new title was approved on 22 June 2006 by the President of the UCI ProTour Council (UPTC), Vittorio Adorni. The team will now be able to continue its involvement in the UCI ProTour.

The new sponsor is the Kazakhstan railway company, of which Astana is the capital. Kazakhstan has some very good riders, in particular, Alexandre Vinokourov, Andrey Kashechkin and Serguei Yakovlev.

Website for the 2006 IPC Cycling World Championships

On 4 July the International Cycling Union will open the website for the 2006 IPC Cycling World Championships, www.2006IPC-cycling.com. Those visiting the site will find all useful information on this event, which will be held at the World Cycling Centre in Aigle and its surrounding area, from 9 to 18 September 2006 including a detailed programme, circuit, results and other practical information. Cycling for riders with disabilities has been included in the disciplines governed by the UCI following the signing of a cooperation agreement between the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) and the UCI in 2002. For the first time, it is the UCI which is in charge of the organisation of the World Championships in this speciality.

New look for the UCI Golden Bike series website

The International Cycling Union has revamped the UCI Golden Bike series website (www.ucigoldenbike.com). Its new version, which now offers improved navigation, will be launched on 4 July. This revamp is part of a huge development programme in the provision of UCI information and

services on the internet, which will culminate with the launch of a completely new look UCI website (www.uci.ch).

The UCI welcomes the Korean National Olympic Committee

A delegation from the Korean National Olympic Committee, comprising of Messrs. Kim Jung Kil, President, and Kim Sang Woo, Secretary General, was welcomed at the World Cycling Centre (WCC) on 21 June. The delegation visited the WCC and discussed with Messrs. Dieter Schellenberg, UCI Director General, and Frédéric Magné, Training and Development Manager, about development possibilities for cycling in Korea.

News in the fight against doping

On 26 June, Mr Pat McQuaid, UCI President, took part in a conference entitled «The doping crisis in sport» at UNESCO headquarters (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization), in Paris. Those involved in the conference were in particular Mr Koïchiro Matsuura, Director General of UNESCO, Mr Rune Andersen, Director of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), Professor Jacques de Ceaurriz, Director of the French National Anti-Doping Laboratory and Mrs Jane Madden, Minister Permanent Delegate of Australia to UNESCO. The speakers spoke about ethics, the consequences of doping on health, means of testing, the role of governments in the fight against doping and the need for the harmonisation of national legislation. Mr Pat McQuaid gave a presentation on the UCI's strategy in the fight against doping implemented more than forty years ago.

The following rider has been sanctioned for doping offence :

Santos GONZALEZ CAPILLA (ESP), tested positive with triamcinolone acetonide during the race Vuelta a Murcia (ESP) on 4th March 2006, sanctioned by the REAL FEDERACION ESPAÑOLA DE CICLISMO, warning and reprimand, disqualification of the race.