

## Management Committee in Lausanne: various events awarded

The UCI Management Committee met in Lausanne on 6 and 7 July. Opened by Mr Jacques Rogge, President of the International Olympic Committee, the session in particular awarded the following UCI World Championships:

- 2007-2009 Masters Mountain Bike Pra Loup (FRA)
- 2008 Mountain Bike/Trials Val Di Sole (ITA)
- 2009 Cyclo-Cross Hoogerheide (NED)
- 2009 Track Pruszkow (POL)

Furthermore, 8 rounds of the 2007 UCI Women's Road World Cup were accepted:

Womens World Cup – Geelong (AUS)  
Ronde van Vlaanderen / Tour des Flandres (BEL)  
Ronde van Drenthe (NED)  
La Flèche Wallonne (BEL)  
Berner Rundfahrt / Tour de Berne (SUI)  
La Coupe du Monde Cycliste Féminine de Montréal (CAN)  
GP de Plouay (FRA)  
Rund um die Nürnberger Altstadt (GER)

In September the Management Committee will decide whether three races will be included or not in the 2007 UCI Women's Road World Cup, the files of which still have to be evaluated.

## Cycling at the Olympic Games in Beijing: on the road to 2007 test events

A UCI delegation, comprising in particular of various sports coordinators, went to Beijing from 25 to 30 June. The outcome of this visit is very positive since the mountain bike circuit has now been finalised, the construction of the velodrome is going ahead according to plan (end of construction: August 2007) and the test events planned at the venues where the Olympic competitions will take place, grouped together in one venue, in Laoshan, 30 km west of the centre of Beijing, will be organised in 2007. The UCI is pleased with the excellent welcome received and the excellent relations that it has with the Chinese Cycling Association and the 2008 OG Organising Committee (BOCOG).

## Mr Rudolf Scharping welcomed at the UCI headquarters

On 4 July, M. Rudolf Scharping, President of the German Cycling Federation and former Federal Minister for Defence (1998-2002) was welcomed at

the UCI headquarters by Messrs. Pat McQuaid, President, Dieter Schellenberg, Director General, and Olivier Quéguiner, Sports Coordination Manager. Mr Scharping stressed that Germany was one of the countries in which cycling was extremely popular. 45 million people regularly use their bike and 7 million practice cycling in a competitive environment. Furthermore, each year, some 25 million people watch Road and Mountain Biking events. These figures demonstrate Germany's interest in cycling and enable a race like the Tour of Germany, a UCI ProTour race, to envisage its future with great optimism. Mr Scharping's visit ended with a visit of the World Cycling Centre.

## New Zealand Cycling Federation Course at the World Cycling Centre

From 9 to 30 July, the Juniors Track New-Zealand specialists took camp in Aigle for three weeks, as part of their preparation for the UCI Juniors Track World Championships in Gand (Belgium) from 4 to 8 August 2006. Ten athletes, including, Rushlee Buchanan, silver medallist in the points race at the last World Championships, Westley Gough and Shem Rodger, World Champion titleholders in team pursuit took part in the course.

## Lithuanian National Federation Course at the World Cycling Centre

The Track team of the Lithuanian National Federation spent three days (8-10 July) at the World Cycling Centre to prepare for the European Championships in this discipline, which will take place in Athens from 19 to 23 July.

## The following rider has been sanctioned for a doping offence :

**Sandro RODRIGUEZ** (BOL), tested positive with Norandrosterone during the race Doble Copacabana GP Fides (BOL) on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2005, sanctioned by the FEDERACION BOLIVIANA DE CICLISMO, suspension of 2 years from 18<sup>th</sup> February 2006 to 18<sup>th</sup> February 2008, disqualification of the race.