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Registration of National Federation delegates

AFGHANISTAN	Messrs Abdul Sadiq Sadiqi, Fazli Ahmad Fazil
ALGERIA	Messrs Rachid Yann Fezouine, Jean-Michel Pommier
ARGENTINA	Mr Gabriel Curuchet
ARUBA	Mr Juelle Thodé
AUSTRALIA	Messrs Nicolas Green, Malcolm Speed
AUSTRIA	Messrs Otto Flum, Rudolf Massak
AZERBAIJAN	Messrs Sahib Alakbarov, Farhad Aliyev
BAHAMAS	Mr Keith Lloyd
BARBADOS	Mr Keith E. Yearwood
BELGIUM	Messrs Jules Vandergunst, Luc Fontaine
BENIN	Mr Franchy Rhétice Dagba
BERMUDA	Mr Peter Dunne
BOLIVIA	Ms Olivia Enriquez, Messrs. Edgar Herrera Caballero, Yuri Karl Guzman Herrera
BRAZIL	Mr Lucio Orlando Coser
BRUNEI	Mr Khalid Bin Hamad Al-Khalifa
BULGARIA	Messrs Peter Bontchev, Nikolay Kolev, Valentin Markov
CAMEROON	Mr Yossi Hondre
CANADA	Mr John Tolkamp
CAYMAN ISLANDS	Mr Craig Merren
CHINA	Ms Han Ji Ling, Mr Zheng Ruofei
CHINESE TAIPEI	Ms Chen Wang Mei Hsiang, Mr Lee Kai Chih
COLOMBIA	Messrs Agustín Moreno Aristizábal, Hernando Zuluaga Aristizábal, Eder Garcés Herrera, Sergio Urrego
CONGO	Mr Simon René Bokoko-Iloy
DENMARK	Messrs Niels Sorensen, Henrik Jess Jensen
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	Mr Jorge Blas Diaz
ECUADOR	Mr Oswaldo Hidalgo
EL SALVADOR	Messrs Enrique Antonio Araujo, Hector Ernesto Rivas Torres, Raul Tovato
ERITREA	Ms Sophia Tesfamariam, Messrs Asmerom Habtemariam, Berhane Solomon
ESTONIA	Messrs Madis Lepajoe, Urmas Karlson
FINLAND	Ms Anna Ronkainen
FRANCE	Mr Daniel Baal
GERMANY	Mr Martin Wolf, Mr Toni Kirsch
GHANA	Mr Mohammed Sahnoon
GREAT BRITAIN	Messrs Robert Howden, Alasdair MacLennan, Jonathan Clay, Charles Jackson
GUAM	Ms Monessa Horton, Mr Derek Horton
GUATEMALA	Messrs Geraldo Alfonso Vettorazzi, Jorge Mario Marroquin
HUNGARY	Mr Istvan Polony
ICELAND	Mr David Robertson
INDIA	Mr Onkar Singh
IRAN (ISLAMIC REP. OF)	Mr Asghar Khaleghi
IRAQ	Messrs Ahmed Al-Zubidy, Mikhalad Alwaed
IRELAND	Messrs Denis Toomey, Jack Watson, Geoff Liffey
ITALY	Ms Daniela Isetti
JAPAN	Ms Naoko Kaizuka, Messrs Tatsuo Hayashi, Nobuhiro Matsukura
JORDAN	Messrs Jamal Al-Fawaeir, Qamar Al-Majali
KENYA	Messrs Julius Mwangi, Roger Mwangi
KOSOVO	Messrs Avni Nuha, Njazi Berisha, Gani Nuha
KOREA	Mr Boo Woong Choi, Mr Lee Dae Hoon
LATVIA	Ms Dace Dimante, Messrs Igo Japins, Adrian Davis, Arnis Zvejnieks
LEBANON	Messrs Vatche Zadourian, Nazareth Habibian, Elias Bou Rachid



LUXEMBOURG	Messrs Jean Regenwetter, Edouard Buchette
MACAU	Mr Cheong Kuok Hang
MALAYSIA	Messrs Datuk Haji Abu Samah Wahab, Ibrahim Omar
MEXICO	Messrs Edgardo Hernandez Chagoya, Gabriel Espinosa Castillo, Petry Trejo
MONACO	Mr Umberto Langellotti
MONGOLIA	Mr Naran Zundui
MOROCCO	Mr Mostafa Najari
THE NETHERLANDS	Ms Saskia Capello, Messrs Huib Kloosterhuis, Frank Van Veenendaal, Marcel Wintels
NEW ZEALAND	Ms Bernadette Sycamore, Messrs Graham Sycamore, Richard Leggat
NICARAGUA	Messrs Jader Grijalva Hernández, Felipe Aragon Estrada, Roger Cordoba Macanche
NIGERIA	Mr Giandomenico Massari
NORWAY	Messrs Harald Tiedemann Hansen, Hans Petter Gulbrandsen, Bjorn Saetre
PAKISTAN	Messrs Syed Azhar Ali Shah, Nisar Ahmed, Moazzam Khan Klair
PHILIPPINES	Mr Abraham Tolentino
POLAND	Messrs Wacław Skarul, Czesław Lang
PORTUGAL	Mr Delmino Albano Magalhaes Pereira
PUERTO RICO	Ms Rebecca A. Irizarry, Mr Waldo D. Ortiz Ramirez
QATAR	Mr Abdulla Al-Hammadi
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	Ms Daria Kalem, Ms Victoria Lesnikova, Messrs. Yuri Kucheryaviy, Alexander Gusyatnikov
RWANDA	Mr Thierry Rwabusaza
SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS	Messrs Winston Crooke, Graham Hallward
SAINT LUCIA	Mr Cyril Mangal
SAINT VINCENT & THE GRENADINES	Mr Trevor Bailey
SAUDIA ARABIA	Mr Bandar Mussaed Almazyad
SERBIA	Messrs Branko Banovic, Radisa Čubrić, Marko Procikevici
SEYCHELLES	Mr Lucas M. W. Georges
SLOVAKIA	Messrs Peter Privara, Rastic Zoller
SLOVENIA	Messrs Tomaz Grm, Ales Kalan
SOUTH AFRICA	Messrs William Newman, Gotty Hansen,
SPAIN	Messrs José Luis López Cerrón, Alejandro Martin Garcia, Miguel Morrás Mangado
SWEDEN	Ms Yvonne Mattsson, Ms Lena Alfven, Mr Ulf Flink
SWITZERLAND	Messrs Franz Gallati, Markus Pfisterer, Olivier Senn
THAILAND	Lt. Gen. Dr. Decha Hemkrasri
TUNISIA	Mr Karim Chebil, Mr Naoufel Merchaoui
TURKEY	Ms Pinar Arpinar Avsar
UGANDA	Mr Sam Muwonge
UKRAINE	Messrs Oleksandr Bashenko, Borys Ivanov
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	Mr Faisal H. Al-Qassimi
USA	Mr Derek Bouchard-Hall
UZBEKISTAN	Ms Elena Chernikova, Ms Kseniya Voynova
VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REP. OF)	Messrs Artemio Leonett, Francisco Pazos, José Manuel Zabala



Present

Management Committee

Mr	B. COOKSON	- President
Dr	M. W. AZZAM	- Vice-President
Ms	T. GAUDRY	- Vice-President
Messrs	D. LAPPARTIENT	- Vice-President
	V. HOLOCEK	- Honorary Vice-President
	R. GODKIN	- Honorary Vice-President
	M. BELMAHI	- Member
	A. LOPES	- Member
	I. MAKAROV	- Member
	E. MÜFTÜOĞLU	- Member
	J-M. PELAEZ	- Member
	M. PLANT	- Member
	M. STETINA	- Member
	T. VAN DAMME	- Member

Apologies:

Messrs	H.W. CHO	- Member
	R. DI ROCCO	- Member

UCI Staff:

Mr	M. GIBBS	- Director General
Mr	J. CONRAD-PICKLES	- Chief Financial Officer
Mr	P. WILSON	- Legal Counsel (minutes)

Participating:

Mr	R. LEGGAT	- President of the Ethics Commission
Mr	P-H. PINGEON	- KPMG Expert Auditor
M	Agberto Guimarães	- Executive Director of Rio 2016



Registration of voting delegates

The names of the voting delegates were communicated to the President and recorded as follows:

Asia, 9 voting delegates

Mr Faisal H. Al-Qassimi (UAE), Ms Han Ji Ling (CHN), Lt. Gen. Dr. Decha Hemkrasri (THA), Mr Boo Woong Choi (KOR), Mr Nobuhiro Matsukura (JAP), Mr Datuk Haji Abu Samah Wahab (MAS), Mr Khalid Bin Hamed AL-Khalifa (BRU), Mr Lee Dae Hoon (KOR), Mr Cheong Kuok Hang (MAC).

Europe, 14 voting delegates

Mr Charles Jackson (GBR), Mr Toni Kirsch (GER), Mr Umberto Langellotti (MON), Ms Victoria Lesnikova (RUS), Mr Rudolf Massak (AUT), Ms Yvonne Mattsson (SWE), Mr Peter Privara (SVK), Mr Jean Regenwetter (LUX), Mr Marko Procikevic (SRB), Mr Delmino Albano Magalhaes Pereira (POR), Mr Daniel Baal (FRA), Mr Sahib Alakbarov (AZE), Ms Daniela Isetti (ITA), Mr José Luis Lopez Cerron (ESP).

Africa, 7 voting delegates

Mr Mohammed Sahnoun (GHA), Mr William Newman (RSA), Mr Naoufel Merchaoui (TUN), Mr Lucas M. W. Georges (SEY), Mr Thierry Rwabusaza (RWA), Mr Giandomenico Massari (NGR), Mr Franchy Rhétice Dagba (BEN).

America, 9 voting delegates

Mr Edgardo Hernandez Chagoya (MEX), Mr Derek Bouchard-Hall (USA), Mr Agustín Moreno Aristizabal (COL), Mr Gabriel Curuchet (ARG), Mr Artemio Leonett (VEN), Mr Trevor Bailey (VIN), Mr Waldo D. Ortiz Ramirez (PUR), Mr Keith E. Yearwood (BAR), Mr Gerardo Alfonso Vettorazzi (GUA).

Oceania, 3 voting delegates

Mr Graham Sycamore (NZL), Mr Malcolm Speed (AUS), Ms Monessa Horton (GUM).

Total voting delegates: 42

The decisions of the Congress were taken unanimously, unless indicated otherwise.



The UCI President declared the Congress open and asked for a minute of silence to be observed in the honour of Mr Peder Pedersen, former member of the UCI Management Committee who sadly passed away in January 2015.

Mr Derek Bouchard-Hall, President and CEO of USA Cycling took the floor to address a welcome speech to the Congress. Mr Derek Bouchard-Hall expressed his honour in welcoming the Congress and the UCI Road World Championships to the USA and outlined the evolution of cycling in the USA since the last time the event was organised in the country, in 1986.

1. President's speech

Mr Brian Cookson, UCI President, welcomed the National Federation delegates representing UCI members and presented the apologies of Mr Cho, President of the Asian Cycling Confederation, and Mr Renato Di Rocco, President of the Federazione Ciclistica Italiana, who were both unable to travel.

Mr Cookson thanked the outgoing and current Presidents of USA Cycling, Mr Steve Johnson and Derek Bouchard-Hall, Mr Mike Plant, member of the UCI Management Committee, Mr Terry McAuliffe, Governor of Virginia, and Mr Dwight C. Jones, Mayor of Richmond, for their contribution and support to the organisation of the UCI Road World Championships in Richmond.

Mr Cookson went on to present an update on the progress which the UCI is making to rebuild trust and grow the sport throughout the world. Mr Cookson also expressed his thanks to all members present who have supported him over the past two years.

Mr Cookson reviewed the major events that had been organised by the UCI and thanked all National Federations who provided their support allowing for the organisation of these events. Mr Cookson then pointed out that cycling is not only a competitive sport and outlined the growing popularity of cycling as a means of transport and an everyday sport. In particular, more and more cities are implementing programs to increase cycling. In this context, Mr Cookson outlined the importance for the UCI to add everyday cycling to the bidding requirements for UCI major events. A further indication of the growth is the application for membership of four new National Federations that will take the membership to 185.

Mr Cookson then reverted to his mandate to restore trust and credibility and emphasised that the relationship with WADA was re-established immediately after he took office and the relations are now excellent. The anti-doping procedures are also fully independent and the relationships with National Anti-Doping Organisations have progressed, allowing for better efficiency in the fight against doping. The report by the Cycling Independent Reform Commission (CIRC) was also important as it made recommendations for the future and the UCI is now implementing them; namely establishing a storage and re-testing strategy, working with WADA and other experts to analyse new substances and trends and implementing appropriate night testing. The creation of the UCI Anti-Doping Tribunal is a further measure outlined by Mr Cookson and is in fact something that had been requested by the 2007 Congress. In this respect, Mr Cookson gave as examples for the growing confidence in the sport's reputation the live broadcasting of the Tour de France by ARD (Germany) and the broadcasting deal concluded with Universal Sports Network until 2018.

Mr Cookson mentioned further measures that have been taken, notably the increased transparency through publication of the President's salary and the interests of the Management Committee, the increased collaboration with Continental Confederations and National Federations and the re-launch of the Athletes Commission.

Mr Cookson stated that besides restoring trust and credibility, the UCI must also work on the growing and prospering. In this regard, the UCI World Cycling Centre welcomed this year the 1000th athlete since 2002 and current and former riders have achieved major successes. The WCC has also organised its first European Training Camp for athletes and coaches as well as the first Para-cycling training camp, has collaborated with COPACI to put in place a training clinic in Argentina and projects for two new satellite centres are advancing (India and Egypt). The creation of the UCI International Development Department is a further measure pointed out by Mr Cookson, through which UCI Sharing Platforms have been organised attracting a high number of National Federations.



The growth of the sport shall equally come through a willingness to embrace innovation, such as the use of onboard cameras, the investments in UCI digital and social media as well as the re-launch of the UCI Hour Record.

The creation of the UCI Cycling Gala is equally outlined as it adds to the narrative and puts an end to the Cycling year.

In terms of women's cycling, Mrs Tracey Gaudry was elected as the first woman to the Management Committee and each of UCI's Commission has a woman as member. The UCI has also invested for the first time to create new events and broadcast coverage for women races and the UCI is working towards the introduction of modern employment standards for women pro riders.

Mr Cookson followed by referring to the reform of men's Elite Cycling which was approved by the Management Committee and will provide the best possible foundation for the future development of the discipline. In particular, Mr Cookson mentioned that the Cahier des Charges for teams and the strict organisational standards which organisers shall have to comply with shall help laying solid foundations for a new era in men's elite road cycling.

Mr Cookson also referred to his pledge to protect and enhance cycling's place in the Olympic Games. In this regard, he assured that the road race route shall provide a fantastic experience for riders and spectators. He also mentioned that new innovative events shall be introduced to the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires and that cycling is one of the very few sports to have been awarded an extra medal.

Mr Cookson then turned his attention to the work to be done in the following two years of his mandate. He stated that he shall continue pushing women's cycling forward with the creation of the UCI Women's WorldTour as from the 2016 season. In addition, Mr Cookson affirmed his support for hosts of major events to promote everyday cycling, which is why the UCI Bike City label has been re-launched. This will have a profound impact on major event legacy, getting many more people on their bikes. Mr Cookson also vowed to keep on embracing change and innovation, notably through the integration of BMX Freestyle and the UCI Urban Cycling World Championships as from 2017. Mr Cookson added that further work will be done towards improving the governance, notably through revision of the Constitution and a new Code of Ethics. Mr Cookson also pointed to the continued support for National Federations. In this respect, he stated that the Management Committee had accepted to invest an extra 1 million CHF into the Continental Confederations for the development of National Federations over the next three years. A development fund for National Federations shall also be put in place with grants of between 5,000 CHF and 20,000 CHF available for cycling development projects with potential long term legacy benefits.

The President maintained that his vision is to work in true partnership to create great cycling events across the world and to inspire young people to be part of cycling. There is much to look forward to and the focus shall be put on delivering the remainder of the manifesto and creating an environment where Cycling can flourish and prosper. The President addressed his thanks to all present for the continued support and wonderful work.

2. Any admissions, suspensions, exclusion of National Federations

The Congress approved the applications for membership of the following National Federations:

- Vanuatu Amateur Cycling Federation (VAN);
- Fédération Mauritanienne de Cyclisme (MTN);
- Cycling Federation of Kosovo (KOS);
- Icelandic Cycling Union (ISL).

3. Management Committee report on UCI activities in 2014

Mr Martin Gibbs, Director General, provided a report on UCI's activities based on the nine pillars established by the Management Committee as the global strategy of the UCI.

Development of the sport



In this regard, Mr Gibbs gave an overview of the successes and major changes in the different disciplines. Reference was notably made to the UCI Hour Record, the successful changes to Cyclo-Cross and Mountain Bike, the creation of the BMX Freestyle World Cup and Urban Cycling World Championships and the consensus found in respect of the reform of men's professional cycling.

Clean sport

The CIRC has enabled the UCI to achieve several objectives and allowed the UCI to become a credible partner for WADA and NADOs. This has enabled the signature of sharing agreements that are an efficient tool in the fight against doping. The creation of the Anti-Doping tribunal and the introduction of the new Anti-Doping rules were also highlighted.

Promoting UCI and cycling

The viewing figures of the website and on social media are excellent. The current TV distribution figures are at a maximum and shall continue increasing with the restored credibility of the sport. A new branding has also been created which stands out much more forcefully.

UCI Events

The strategy for the search of host cities needed restructuring. All bidding documents have been revised and a seminar to provide potential host cities with information shall be organised here in Richmond.

Innovation

Mr Gibbs recalled the necessity for the UCI, as the regulator, to keep moving forward. In this regard, reference was made to the different areas that are being examined, ranging from disc brakes to motor tests, in-race communication, wheel tests and weight restrictions.

Advocacy

Mr Gibbs recalled the UCI's role in terms of everyday cycling and explained the relevance to include such notions in the bidding processes for major events and the importance to reward cities and regions for making a legacy out of the organisation of events.

International Development

The organisation of the Sharing Platform and the National Federations' Newsletter were pointed out as examples of the UCI striving to maintain closer contact with National Federations.

Performance and Athlete development

Mr Gibbs outlined the significant investments made by the UCI through the WCC and the support in relation to women's cycling.

Transparency

Mr Gibbs referred to the 2014 activity report as an example of the enhanced transparency and to the reinvigorated Ethics Commission and the re-launch of the Athletes' Commission which illustrate the work continuous work on governance.

The Management Committee Report, as presented in the Annual Report that was part of dossier sent out to members in advance of the Congress and commented by Martin Gibbs, Director General, was approved by the Congress.

4. 2014 Accounts

Jeremy Conrad-Pickles, Chief Financial Officer, described the key point of UCI's financial situation with the aid of a visual presentation.

After information and explanations were given on the 2014 accounts, the Congress approved the financial report and the 2014 accounts as included in the Annual Report sent to members in advance. The Congress granted the Management Committee and the UCI Management discharge. No questions were asked or comments made.

5. Auditor's report

The Auditor's Report as presented in the Annual Report and commented upon by Mr Pierre-Henri Pingoen, KPMG Expert Auditor, was approved by Congress. No questions were asked or comments made.

Mr Pingeon followed by giving a presentation on the work and constitution of the Audit Committee. The objective of the Committee is to have a group of specialists concentrating on aspects of audit and risk assessment. The Audit Commission is composed of Messrs Mike Plant, Igor Makarov and Marian Stetina and they are appointed for a period of four years. The tasks of the committee are:

- to review all questions related to corporate reporting;
- overview all aspects of fraud and financial mismanagement;
- report to the Management Committee and to the Congress.

6. 2016 Budget

The 2016 budget as presented by Mr Conrad-Pickles was approved by Congress. No questions were asked or comments made.

7. Appointment of the auditor

The Congress approved the Management Committee's proposal to renew the mandate for KPMG Lausanne as auditor of UCI for a further 4 years, i.e. until the Congress of 2019.

8. National Federations' affiliation fees and classification

The Congress approved the continuation of the current system of financial obligations for National Federations. In accordance with the documents remitted to the National Federations in advance of the meeting, contributions regarding Continental Confederations shall be raised as of 2016, whilst the allocations to first and second group National Federations will not change in 2016.

In connection with this subject, Mr Cookson informed the Congress that the Management Committee has delegated the task of reviewing the contribution system to the International Development and National Federation Commission. The objective is to present a revised system to the Congress in 2016.

9. Election a new management committee member

UEC was the only Continental Confederation to put forward a candidate, namely Mr Harald Tiedemann Hansen, President of the Norwegian Cycling Federation.

The Congress approved the nomination of Mr Harald Tiedemann Hansen as member of the Management Committee by acclamation.

10. Ethics Commission

Mr Richard Leggat, President of the Ethics Commission, provided an overview of the past and future activities of the Ethics Commission. Mr Leggat outlined that the Commission wishes to be composed of six members amongst which three would be fully independent from the world of cycling and one would be a woman. He also exposed the main objective of the Commission for the coming months which is to proceed to a full revision of the Code of Ethics, in particular, on the following points:

- Persons governed by the Code;
- Procedural rules allowing the Commission to recommend sanctions to a competent body;
- Election process;
- Independent secretariat to be enshrined in the Code;
- Creation of a whistle blower line.

Mr Leggat stated that the issues raised during the 2014 Congress regarding the apparent lack of transparency of entities linked to the UCI (WCC, CMC Exploitation SA and GCP), have now been clarified and that the Commission is satisfied with the situation. Mr Leggat then referred to the Commission's work in relation to the CIRC report. Mr Leggat pointed out that two persons had been found to have acted in breach of the Code of Ethics. The first case concerned a non-declaration of a conflict of interest (articles 8 and 9 of the Code) and the second concerned

an act of interference (articles 2 and 3). The Commission is still investigating on certain matters raised by the CIRC report.

The Congress approved the composition of the Ethics Commission for a period of four years as follows:

- Mr Richard Leggat;
- Mr Bernard Foucher;
- Mr John Tolkamp;
- Mr Marcel Wintels.

In this regard, Mr Cookson mentioned that applications for two additional independent members to the Ethics Commission shall be presented in due course.

11. Remuneration Committee (RemCo)

Mr Mike Plant (President) presented the activity and roles of the Remuneration Committee and stated that no modifications to the remuneration of the Management Committee were being proposed.

The Remuneration Committee activity report was approved by the Congress.

12. Awarding of World Championships (communication)

The Congress took note of the World Championships since the previous Congress, as described by the document entitled "*Award of World Championships*" that was part of the dossier sent out to the members in advance of the Congress.

- 2016 Para-cycling Track World Championships: Montichiari (Italy);
- 2017 UCI Para-cycling road World Championships: Pietermaritzburg (South Africa);
- 2017 and 2018 UCI Masters Track Cycling World Championships: Los Angeles (USA);
- 2017 UCI Gran Fondo World Championships: Albi (France).

13. Presentation by ROCOG (Rio 2016 Organising Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games)

Mr Agberto Guimarães, Executive Director of Rio 2016 gave a presentation on the status of preparations, providing information regarding venues, courses and information on test events for all cycling competitions at next year's Olympic and Paralympic Games in Rio.

14. Questions and proposals from National Federations (discussion)

The delegations were invited to speak

Mr Sam Muwonge, President of the Uganda Cycling Association, made reference to the difficulties in Africa to develop women's cycling and the lack of equipment. Schools in Africa have an essential role in the development of sports and should therefore be provided with equipment and not only coaching staff. A further issue raised concerned the weather conditions in Qatar, where the next Road World Championships will be held. Mr Cookson asserted that the development of the sport in Africa and other developing parts of the world is a priority for the UCI and that the issues raised shall be looked into and discussed.

Mr Umberto Langellotti, President of the Monaco Cycling Federation, remarked that all presentations and slides were in English only and hoped this would be rectified in future. Mr Langellotti equally noted that the communication made by the UCI on the subject of electronically assisted bicycles is not sufficient. According to Mr Langellotti, the criticism against Chris Froome at the 2015 Tour de France could have been avoided with better communication regarding the bike controls that are done and the sanctions put in place. Mr Cookson explained that the provision adopted does not only concern electrical assistance but any kind of technological fraud. The new provision was adopted at the beginning of 2015 with a minimum sanction and a maximum that is very serious. Although the UCI does not wish to react to exaggerated remarks, the subject is taken very seriously by the UCI.

Mr Waldo D. Ortiz Ramirez, President of the Cycling Federation of Puerto Rico, raised concerns regarding the complexity of the selection criteria for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires. It is important that the



complexity for selection does not prevent small federations from being represented at such an event. Mr Ortiz Ramirez therefore submitted the request for the UCI to create a working group that would be responsible to address this issue. Mr Cookson thanked Mr Ortiz Ramirez for his remark and affirmed that this is something that will be discussed by the Commissions of each discipline.

Mr Agustín Moreno Aristizábal, President of the Colombian Cycling Federation, expressed his thanks to the President, the Management Committee, USA Cycling for their welcome and Mr José Manuel Peláez for his continued support. Mr Moreno Aristizábal also mentioned that they are looking forward to welcoming UCI with open arms for the 2016 UCI BMX World Championships in Medellín.

Mr Keith Yearwood, President of the Barbados Cycling Union, started by endorsing the remark made by Mr Waldo D. Ortiz Ramirez, regarding the selection criteria for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games. Mr Yearwood followed by stating the opinion that all National Federations should, at least, be entitled to vote for the President of the UCI and that the system of voting delegates should be amended. Mr Yearwood hopes the UCI Constitution shall be amended in this sense in time for the next presidential election. Mr Cookson confirmed that the UCI Constitution shall be revised and presented to the UCI Congress in 2016. These aspects need to be looked into in detail and a revised Constitution shall be in force by the time of the next elections in 2017.

Mr Franchy Rhétice Dagba, President of the Benin Cycling Federation, stated his satisfaction regarding the increase to the contributions for Continental Confederations. He also applauded the Sharing Platform in Pietermaritzburg in August 2015 as it allowed for major progress in Benin and permitted the creation of a women's cycling academy. Mr Dagba asked that similar measures be taken for the development of Mountain Bike in Benin. Furthermore, Mr Dagba remarked that receiving the documentation regarding the Congress one month prior to the meeting does not give African delegates sufficient time to obtain visas. Lastly, the objective to develop cycling worldwide should also bring events to Benin. Mr Cookson hopes he will be able to visit Benin and help in the development of cycling. Regarding the issues of visas, Mr Cookson acknowledged the existence of difficulties and shall be asking the legal services to look into this aspect.

Mr Mohammed Sahnoon, President of the Ghana Cycling Association, raised his concern in relation to the 2013 presidential election and stated that the incumbent President should be allowed to be presented by any National Federation, not only the National Federation of his nationality. Mr Sahnoon also pointed to a slight incoherence in the UCI statutes which refer in article 65 to the position of General Director and in article 70 to the Director-general. Mr Cookson thanked Mr Sahnoon for his remark and confirmed that both the Ethics Commission and the panel reviewing the UCI Constitution shall not fail to address the issue raised regarding the presidential election.

Mr William Newman, President of Cycling South Africa, addressed his thanks to the President and the Management Committee members for their support to African cycling. Mr Newman raised his concern regarding the fact the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Durban, South Africa, do not include Track cycling. The reason for this situation is the absence of a suitable velodrome and lack of funds to build one. Mr Newman asserted that Cycling South Africa is doing all it can to have Track cycling included in the programme and called for support in these endeavours. Mr Cookson affirmed the UCI will do all it can to support the presence of track cycling at the Commonwealth Games.

Mr Lucas M. W. Georges, President of the Seychelles Cycling Association, raised the issue of a clash on the calendar between the Indian Ocean Island Games and other competitions and called for the UCI to look into the issue of clashes between competitions. Mr Georges also suggested that the age limit for commissaires be changed and that the UCI should contact airlines to ask for reductions on the cost of transporting bicycles. Mr Cookson confirmed that the remarks shall be considered and that the UCI shall do all it can to support cycling in the Seychelles and in Africa.

Mr Rachid Yann Fezouine, President of the Algeria Cycling Federation, explained that in the context of the 60 non-professional cycling events organised in Algeria over the past few years, doping tests were always undertaken but only once by the UCI. Mr Fezouine therefore asked about the UCI's strategy regarding doping tests in non-professional races. A second point raised by Mr Fezouine, as raised in letters respectively four years ago and one year ago, concerned the necessity to amend the UCI Constitution in order to allow each National Federation to take part in the presidential election. Unfortunately, article 36 of the UCI Constitution requests a three-quarter majority of the Congress in order to be amended, which is why its latest letter requested the



members of the UCI Congress to refer to their sporting conscience with a view for the Congress to become democratic at last. Mr Cookson responded that in accordance with the WADA code, the UCI is responsible for anti-doping tests at elite level and National Anti-Doping Agencies are responsible for testing at non-elite level. UCI concentrates on the elite level and at the same time collaborates as much as possible with National Anti-Doping Agencies. As regards the issue related to the presidential election, Mr Cookson reiterated that the Constitution review panel will continue working on the pending issues and will be coming forward with proposals.

15. UCI Merit awards

On behalf of the Management Committee, the President awarded the "UCI Merit" to the following individuals:

- Mr Daniel Baal, France;
- Mr Boo Woong Choi, South Korea;
- Mr Pehr Gotthard Bernhard Hansen, South Africa;
- Mr Graham Sycamore, New Zealand;
- Mr Delmino Albano Magalhaes Pereira, Portugal;
- Mr Hernando Zuluaga Aristizabal, Colombia;
- Mr Peder Pedersen, Denmark (awarded posthumously);
- Mr Mohamed Zegloul, Morocco (awarded posthumously).

16. Any other business

No further subjects were added to the agenda of the Congress.

Close of Congress

The President thanked the Congress for the trust shown and support offered throughout the past year. The President declared the Congress closed.