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Registration of National Federation delegates

AFGHANISTAN	Messrs Abdul Sadiq Sadiqi, Ahmad Fazli Fazli
ALBANIA	Mr Halilas Redi
ARUBA	Mr Edwin Kelly
AUSTRALIA	Messrs Nicholas Green, Peter Bartels
AUSTRIA	Mr Otto Flum
AZERBAIJAN	Mr Farhad Aliyev
BANGLADESH	Mr MD. Mizanur Rahman Manu
BELARUS	Mr Vitali Zhmako
BELGIUM	Messrs Jules Vandergunst, William Van Aerde, Ms Carina Van Cauter
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	Mr Vladimir Luvalja
CANADA	Mr John Tolkamp
CHINA	Ms Han Ji Ling, Mr Wang Tingting
CHINESE TAIPEI	Ms Mei Hsiang Wang, Ms Li Chia Lee, Mr Kai Chih Lee
COLOMBIA	Ms Ana Maria Vivas
COSTA RICA	Mr William Corrales, Ms Evelyn Rodriguez Castillo
CYPRUS	Mr Nakis Michaelides
CZECH REPUBLIC	Messrs Vladimir Hokèck, Stanislav Kowbert
DENMARK	Mr Henrik Jess Jensen
ESTONIA	Mr Madis Lepajoe
ETHIOPIA	Messrs Solomon Tadesse Weldegerima, Gedion Haile Gogoto, W/Micael Ferede Teklehaymanot
FINLAND	Messrs Juha Aintila, Kjell Carlström, Harri Koponen
GERMANY	Messrs Martin Wolf, Antonius Kirsch
GREAT BRITAIN	Messrs Alasdair MacLennan, Jonathan Clay
GUAM	Ms Monessa Horton, Mr Eric Tydingco
HONG-KONG, CHINA	Mr Johnny Chan Chung Yu
HUNGARY	Ms Csilla Tam
INDONESIA	Messrs Raja Sapta Oktohari, Jadi Rajagukguk, Wira Dewantara
IRAN (ISLAMIC REP. OF)	Messrs Asghar Khaleghi, Khosro Ghamari
IRAQ	Messrs Mahmud Aziz Aziz, Ahmed Subri Radam
IRELAND	Messrs Jack Watson, Ciaran McKenna
ITALY	Ms Daniela Isetti, Mr Michele Gamba
JAPAN	Ms Naoko Kaizuka, Mr Tatsuo Hayashi
JORDAN	Messrs Jamal Faouri, Khalaf Al Hshoush, Qamar Al-Majali
KAZAKHSTAN	Messrs Tulpar Mansurov, Zhandos Baltin
KOSOVO	Messrs Avni Nuha, Njazi Berisha, Gani Nuhaj
KUWAIT	Messrs Abdullah Aldhummari, Joyce Jason Gmijs
LATVIA	Ms Laura Stepane, Mr Edvard Bowen
LEBANON	Mr Vatche Zadourian
LIBYA	Dr Nouredin Altareki, Mr Samir El Omrani
LUXEMBOURG	Messrs Camille Dahm, Edouard Buchette
MACAU, CHINA	Messrs Cheang Kuok Hang, Wong Hang Cheong
MALAYSIA	Messrs Amrun Misnoh, Dato Amarjit Singh Gill, Hami Abd
MAURITANIA	Mr Abderrahmane Ould Ethmane
MEXICO	Mr Petry Trejo Ruiz
MONGOLIA	Messrs Naran Zundui, Battor
MOROCCO	Messrs Samir Kjibou, Ibn Khaldoun Taoufiq, Cherqaoui Farsi Jed Najib

THE NETHERLANDS	Messrs Vincent Luijendijk, Marcel Wintels, Frank Van Veenendaal
NEW ZEALAND	Mr Tony Mitchell
NIGERIA	Mr Giandomenico Massari
NORWAY	Messrs Hans Petter Gulbrandsen, Bjorn Saetre
OMAN	Mr Ali Humaid Al Saidi
PAKISTAN	Messrs Syed Azhar Ali Shah, Ahmed Nisar, Kokab Nadeem Warraich
POLAND	Messrs Wacław Skarul, Bogdan Rzepka, Marek Truchan
QATAR	His Excellency Sheikh Khalid Bin Ali Al Thani, Mr Abdulla Al-Hammadi
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	Ms Daria Kalem, Messrs Yuri Kucheryaviy, Sergey Nikitenko
SLOVAKIA	Mr Ludovit Lucanic
SLOVENIA	Messrs Tomaz Grm, Ales Kalan
SPAIN	Messrs José Luis López Cerrón, Alejandro Martin Garcia
SUDAN	Mr Khalid Bashir Khalid
SWEDEN	Messrs Ulf Flink, Stefan Klang
SWITZERLAND	Messrs Markus Pfisterer, Olivier Senn, Ms Doris Turin
THAILAND	Mr Suchai Driengder
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	Mr Robert Farrier
TUNISIA	Messrs Karim Chebil, Maoufel Merchaoui
TURKEY	Messrs Alper Kasapoglu, Berat Alphan
UGANDA	Messrs Sam Muwonge, Eriasafu Muwonge, Ms Anita Nambooze
UKRAINE	Messrs Alexander Bashenko, Alexander Artemiev, Nikolai Skorenko, Ms Nataliia Muraviova
URUGUAY	Messrs Julio Dorrego, Enrique Erramuspe
USA	Mr Derek Bouchard-Hall
UZBEKISTAN	Mr Karimov Ismoiljon

Present

Management Committee

Mr	B. COOKSON	- President
Dr	M. W. AZZAM	- Vice-President
Ms	T. GAUDRY	- Vice-President
Mr	D. LAPPARTIENT	- Vice-President
Messrs	M. BELMAHI	- Member
	R. DI ROCCO	- Member
	V. HOLECEK	- Honorary Vice-President
	R. GODKIN	- Honorary Vice-President
	A. LOPES	- Member
	I. MAKAROV	- Member
	E. MÜFTÜOĞLU	- Member
	J-M. PELAEZ	- Member
	M. PLANT	- Member
	M. STETINA	- Member
	H. TIEDEMANN HANSEN	- Member
	T. VAN DAMME	- Member
Messrs	B. TRAKSEL	- Co-opted member
	B.W CHOI	- Co-opted member

Apologies:

Mr	H.W. CHO	- Member
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UCI Staff:

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

Participating:

Mr	R. LEGGAT	- President of the Ethics Commission
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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. Decha Hemkasri (THA), Mr Nobuhiro Matsukura (JAP), Mr Abu Samah Wahab (MAS), Mr Khalid H. Al-Khalifa (BRN), Mr Lee Dae Hoon (KOR), Mr Onkar Singh (IND), Mr Alfred Li (HKG).

Europe, 14 voting delegates

Mr Robert Howden (GBR), Mr Toni Kirsch (GER), Mr Umberto Langellotti (MON), Ms Victoria Lesnikova (RUS), Mr Otto Flum (AUT), Ms Yvonne Mattsson (SWE), Mr Peter Privara (SVK), Mr Camille Dahm (LUX), Mr Branko Banovic (SRB), Mr Delmino Albano Pereira (POR), Ms Daniela Isetti (ITA), Mr Thierry Marechal (BEL), Ms Agata Lang (POL), Mr Stanislav Kozubek (CZE).

Africa, 7 voting delegates

Mr William Andrew Chrestian Newman (RSA), Mr Abderrahmane Ethmane (MTN), Mr Yao Jean-Marie Allah-Kouame (CIV), Mr Aimable Bayingana (RWA), Mr Michel Thioub (SEN), Mr Nouredin Ahmed Alarbi Altareki (LBA), Mr Hassan Samireh Sougueh (DJI).

America, 9 voting delegates

Mr Edgardo Hernandez Chagoya (MEX), Mr José L. Vasconcellos (BRA), Mr Rodolfo Palomino (COL), Mr Jorge Blas (DOM), Mr Gabriel Curuchet (ARG), Mr Artemio Leonett (VEN), Mr Trevor Bailey (VIN), Mr Waldo D. Ortiz Ramirez (PUR), Mr Keith E. Yearwood (BAR).

Oceania, 3 voting delegates

Mr Tony Mitchell (NZL), Mr Nicholas Green (AUS), Mr Eric Tydingco (GUM).

Total voting delegates: 42

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

The UCI President declared the Congress open and thanked the Qatar Cycling Federation and its President, His Excellency Sheikh Khalid Bin Ali Al Thani for the successful organisation of the 2016 UCI Road World Championships so far.

His Excellency Sheikh Khalid Bin Ali Al Thani, President of the Qatar Cycling Federation then took the floor to address a welcome speech to the Congress.

1. President's speech

Mr Brian Cookson, UCI President, welcomed the National Federations delegates representing UCI members and presented the apologies of Mr Cho, President of the Asian Cycling Confederation and member of the Management Committee.

Mr Cookson went on to present an update on the progress of the UCI's work since he took the Presidency in 2013. He expressed his pride in the restoration of the image of the UCI through the work accomplished in the recent years, notably in terms of governance and transparency, of anti-doping which is today independent from the Management of the UCI through the implementation of the Legal Anti-Doping Services (LADS), as well as the issue of technological fraud which has been successfully addressed, and the adoption of the Code of Ethics alongside the creation of the UCI Ethics Commission which constitutes a real step forward for the UCI. From now on, a greater number of individuals will be bound by the Code of Ethics, including all UCI staff, consultants and event organisers. The general rules of conduct set out under the new Code covers crucial issues, such as integrity, neutrality, non-discrimination and conflicts of interests. Moreover, the field of competence of the UCI Ethics Commission has been widened and the membership shall increasingly be composed of experienced professionals independent from the sport of cycling.

Mr Cookson also mentioned the launch of the UCI Women's WorldTour in 2016 and its expanded calendar in 2017 with a large media coverage thanks to the massive investments made by the UCI with regard to Women's cycling.

Mr Cookson went on to present the UCI Bike City which promotes cycling throughout the world, as well as the three cities and regions (City of Bergen (Norway); Region of Drenthe (The Netherlands); Region of Valkenburg (The Netherlands) which received the said label in 2016. In this regard, Mr Cookson emphasized the importance for the UCI to be close to governments, as well as national and local authorities, in order to promote the elaboration of cycling measures and events.

Mr Cookson followed by presenting the strong support provided by the UCI to its National Federations, as well as the training and education which is given at the World Cycling Centre in Aigle to young athletes from all over the world. In this regard, Mr Cookson mentioned the wish for the UCI to expand these opportunities beyond the Centre in Aigle with several satellite centres all over the world, with the existing ones in South Africa, Japan and Korea, as well as the newest Centre in New Delhi, India, which was launched in November 2015.

Mr Cookson then went on to present the UCI events of 2015 and emphasized their success, notably the Road World Championships in Richmond, the Cyclo-cross World Championships in Heusden-Zolder and the Track World Championships in London. Furthermore, Mr Cookson displayed the results of the cycling disciplines in the Olympic and Paralympic Games at Rio 2016. Mr Cookson congratulated the UCI for the success of this Olympic year, especially considering the difficulties related to the organisation. The cycling events were in fact a great success.

Mr Cookson expressed his deepest condolences to the Iranian Cycling Federation, as well as the family of Mr Bahman Golbarnezhad, who passed away following a crash during the Men C4-5 road race at the 2016 Rio Paralympic Games.

Mr Cookson presented the Newsletter for National Federations which was put in place and which ensures better communication between the UCI and its member federations.

Finally, Mr Cookson informed the Congress that he wishes to stand for a second mandate as President of the UCI, in order to continue the improvement process which has been launched since 2013. In this regard, Mr Cookson assured that the UCI will continue to work in true partnership with all National Federations and all stakeholders, notably to continue developing cycling all over the world and to organise great cycling events. Mr Cookson addressed his thanks to all the National Federations for the continued support and wonderful work.

2. Any admissions, suspensions, exclusion of National Federations

The Congress approved the definitive lifting of the provisional suspension on the Fédération Nigérienne de Cyclisme.

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

- Tajikistan Cycling Federation
- Commonwealth of Dominica Cycling Association

3. Management Committee report on UCI activities in 2015

Mr Martin Gibbs, Director General, provided a report on the UCI's activities in 2015.

Olympic and Paralympic Games

Mr Gibbs gave an overview of the success for the sport of cycling at the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. The Olympic Games were a great success with a record of 79 nations participating, an excellent television viewership, more than 90% of the tickets sold and a real increase of the UCI's global fan base. The Paralympic Games were also very successful with 10 World records, 20 paralympic records, over 85% of the tickets sold and an increase of more than 10% of followers on Twitter in 10 days.

2016 UCI Road World Championships in Doha

Mr Gibbs thanked the Local Organising Committee for the warm welcome in Doha, for the quality of the infrastructures and for the overall success of the competition.

Awarding of World Championships

Mr Gibbs presented the principal changes made in the awarding of events, notably better timing and more transparency. As a result, the UCI was able to award 15 World Championships at the meeting of the Management Committee in Doha; which is a record and will give more visibility to the UCI and all National Federations for the preparation of their athletes.

Improvements in the security of riders

Firstly, Mr Gibbs presented the Extreme Weather Protocol which was put in place by the UCI in January. Fortunately, the weather conditions in Doha did not make it necessary for the UCI to activate it. As a reminder, the purpose of this protocol is to determine if modifications are required in the running of a race in the event of extreme weather conditions and it seeks to ensure the safety and the health of riders.

Secondly, Mr Gibbs provided a presentation of the rules designed to ensure safety in races and which apply mainly to level crossings as well as cars' and motorbikes' drivers. In this regard, a new extensive race caravan guide on safety in races will soon be distributed to National Federations.

Furthermore, Mr Gibbs informed the Congress that the UCI has recruited two Managers who will be dedicated to safety in races. The UCI takes the problem of security in races very seriously and has ranked it as one of its main priorities. A lot of work has been done by the UCI up to now, and the UCI will continue to put in place new measures in order to ensure the highest level of security to riders.

UCI Women's WorldTour

Mr Gibbs presented the implementation of the UCI Women's WorldTour which has proven to be a great success. The 2017 UCI Women's WorldTour will be composed of 20 races taking place in 10 countries. All the events are broadcasted live, live streamed or highlighted on television. The UCI extended its contract with IMG for the production of highlights after each day's racing. Furthermore, the InCycle magazine programme, distributed to nearly 40 TV channels around the world, will have a feature on women's cycling in each edition throughout the season (24 in total as opposed to 12 last year). In terms of social media, there has been a boost of over 40% of followers on Twitter and over 300% on Instagram as well as an increase of over 19% of women riders registered in the past three years, which tends to demonstrate the growing interest for women's cycling, notably achieved through the investments made by the UCI in its development.

UCI WorldTour

Mr Gibbs presented the expansion of the UCI WorldTour throughout the world with a strategic expansion of the calendar, as well as the implementation of organisational criterion for teams and organisers. Furthermore, Mr Gibbs drew the attention of the Congress to the fact that next season will be the first year in which the cahier des charges will be compulsory for Teams.

Track

Mr Gibbs informed the Congress that the objective of the UCI was to modify the formats of some of the Track disciplines in order to render them more understandable and more attractive to the public. These changes notably include the creation of Women Madison and Women Omnium. In this way, these Track disciplines will provide better television coverage.

Moreover, Mr Gibbs mentioned that the UCI will announce a new title sponsor for the Track discipline in the next coming days.

UCI Hour Record

Mr Gibbs informed the Congress that the UCI Hour Record is still successful as it is attracting attention from different stakeholders, as much as from women, men and paracycling riders. As a reminder, the rules of the UCI Hour Record were amended in May 2014 and the current records are held by Sir Bradley Wiggins (Men) and Ms Evelyn Stevens (Women).

BMX

Mr Gibbs presented the format changes of the BMX discipline and the great success of the 2016 UCI BMX World Championships in Medellin, Colombia, which got together 2'453 riders from 36 countries. Today, the BMX discipline constitutes a better television product which is more attractive to watch. In this regard, Mr Gibbs thanked the National Federations for building BMX tracks in accordance with the new track building standards.

Mountain Bike

Mr Gibbs mentioned the great success of the Mountain Bike Cross-country World Championships in Nové Město Na Moravé (Czech Republic) which resulted in a record participation of 52 nations. It was also the first participation for Honduras and Iceland. The UCI registered an extra 8000 fans on Facebook the week of the event, which constitutes a record.

Cyclo-cross

Mr Gibbs presented the agreement signed between the UCI and Telenet, which runs until the 2019-2020 season and according to which Telenet became title sponsor of the UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup. Telenet broadcasts all rounds of the UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup on all of its channels and provides a dedicated offer on its digital platforms, as well as taking care of international TV production and providing images to all right-holders. In this regard, Mr Gibbs mentioned the consistent high-quality television production across the series. Mr Gibbs further presented the 2016-2017 season which will have nine rounds, while the previous season only had seven. Two rounds will take place in the USA (Iowa City and Waterloo).

Trials

Mr Gibbs presented the increase of Trials events on the UCI calendar (+17%) and the growth of the participation in Trial events (+14%), as well as the good coverage both on television and social medias.

BMX Freestyle

Mr Gibbs congratulated the UCI for the organisation of the first ever BMX Freestyle World Cup in 2016. This discipline was integrated to the UCI in May 2015 and at the UCI we remain at your disposal if you need any additional information or assistance on the process of integration.

Media platform

Mr Gibbs presented the media platform of the UCI which has widely expanded over the past three years. The UCI has made considerable efforts to engage with the fans and to provide fans with unique content such as behind the scenes videos. This strategy has received a very good welcome from the riders, Teams and organisers. Finally, the global fan base has reached 1'596'193, corresponding to an increase of over 68% year-over-year.

UCI brand

Mr Gibbs emphasized the quality of the image attached to the UCI brand, as well as the power it holds. The UCI has been making great efforts to promote the UCI brand through events, jerseys, etc. The logo of the UCI WorldTour and the UCI Women's WorldTour are present on almost every respective event. The organisation and the image of UCI events bear no comparison with the past, as one can feel the importance of the UCI's presence on its events.

Broadcast agreement

Mr Gibbs presented the agreement signed between the UCI and EBU / IMG in detail. The level of exposure which is guaranteed to UCI events is unprecedented and the media coverage is of better quality. This also results in substantial increase in revenues.

UCI DataRide

Mr Gibbs presented the UCI DataRide project which aims at bringing the management of cycling results and rankings in house, as well as rationalising multi data repositories in order to create a definitive source of information. Moreover, it will provide tools and resources to federations, commissaires and other cycling stakeholders. Finally, Mr Gibbs invited all members to attend tomorrow's workshop which will take place at 9 am.

UCI Bike City Label

Mr Gibbs presented the UCI Bike City Label which aims at rewarding cities or regions which encourage cycling. Mr Gibbs expressed the UCI's admiration in seeing the number of cities or regions which were interested in being granted this label.

For the year 2016, three cities or regions have been awarded the Bike City Label:

- City of Bergen, Norway

- Region of Drenthe, The Netherlands
- Region of Valkenburg, The Netherlands

UCI World Cycling Centre

Mr Gibbs presented the growing success of the training at the World Cycling Centre with 14 trainees participating in the 2016 Rio Olympic Games and winning two BMX bronze medals.

Furthermore, Mr Gibbs informed the Congress that a new World Cycling Centre logo linked to the one of the UCI has been approved.

2016 UCI Junior Track Cycling World Championships

Mr Gibbs reminded the Congress that the event was organised in house at the WCC by the staff of the UCI. The event has been a huge success, notably with a record participation (275 athletes from 40 countries) and the exclusive UCI live streaming. The UCI was in constant contact with local authorities. Moreover, there was a great collaboration with local schools to welcome children to the velodrome and the BMX track to promote cycling. This event was such a success that it has been re-awarded to Aigle for 2018 and 2020.

National Federations

Mr Gibbs was proud to announce the record number of national federations (187) and presented the improvements which have been made regarding the communication between the UCI and the National Federations, notably through the translation of the newsletter in Spanish, the development of the extranet and the new national federations' survey on women cycling. Moreover, Mr Gibbs made a brief presentation of the concept of UCI Sharing Platform which will be organised in 2017 on each continent.

Anti-Doping

Mr Gibbs presented the activities of the Anti-Doping Tribunal which has dealt with six cases this year with only one appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). Mr Gibbs informed the Congress that most of cases end in acceptance of sanctions by the riders (19 this year). This is a great success in the sense that it provides security to the jurisprudence of the CAS regarding the decisions of the Anti-Doping Tribunal.

Mr Gibbs then presented the intervention of WADA at the UCI 2016 Junior Track Cycling World Championships for the awareness of young riders. A young rider was also invited to share his experience as he witnessed doping in his team. This has a strong image as it demonstrates that the UCI works closely with WADA and is pro-active in the anti-doping fight and protective of the riders who come forth.

Mr Gibbs went on to present the collaboration strategy which has been adopted by the UCI, resulting in the sharing of data with other doping organisations. To this day, the UCI has concluded 15 collaborations, notably with USADA and CONI.

Mr Gibbs also made a brief summary of the Therapeutic Medical Exemption (TUE) policy of the UCI following the recent press coverage. He mentioned that the UCI has only issued 13 TUE in 2015 (in comparison, 55 TUE were issued in 2011) and emphasized the fact that the standards applied by the UCI follow a very strict process higher than any other international federation. In this regard, the UCI has always uploaded TUE onto ADAMS, meaning that WADA has access and can review the TUE issued by the UCI. In addition, the UCI has put in place a three members TUE Committee totally independent and administered by the CADF. In order to issue a TUE, the TUE Committee members' must be unanimous.

Bike checks

Mr Gibbs provided the Congress with a comprehensive presentation of the case before the UCI Disciplinary Commission against Ms Femke Van den Driessche following the discovery of an engine concealed in the tube of her bike at the UCI 2016 Cyclo-cross World Championships in Heusden-Zolder. Mr Gibbs then presented the deployment of resources put in place by the UCI to check bikes, notably the development of a new testing method in 2016, and provides the number of bike checks carried out by the UCI over the year (nearly 20'000 bike checks by the end of the year). This new method is available to National Federations and they are invited to contact the UCI for any additional information. In addition, Mr Gibbs mentioned the good collaboration the UCI had with the French authorities regarding bike checks during the Tour de France.

Ethics

Mr Gibbs presented the new Ethics Code to the Congress and expressed his pride regarding this project as it provides the UCI with better transparency and places the UCI as one of the leading international federations regarding good governance.

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

4. 2015 Financial Report and Accounts

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

Mr Conrad-Pickles was proud to announce that the UCI is the first international federation to adopt and report on RPC 21 (accounting for non-profit organisations) and that for the first time the UCI's accounts are fully in accordance with Swiss GAAP RPC.

The Congress approved the financial report and the 2015 accounts as included in the Annual Report sent to members in advance.

No questions are asked or comments made.

5. Audit Committee and Auditor's Report

The Auditor's Report and the External Auditor's Report performed by KPMG as presented in the Annual Report and commented upon by Mr Mike Plant were approved by the Congress.

No questions were asked or comments made.

6. 2017 Budget

Mr Conrad-Pickles presented the 2017 budget which will be a post-Olympic year.

The 2017 budget will notably include the renewal of key sponsor agreements, increased project funding and support to Continental Confederations, investment in Women's Cycling, Para-cycling, bike testing, anti-doping, safety and UCI events.

The 2017 budget as presented by Mr Conrad-Pickles was approved by the Congress. No questions were asked or comments made.

7. National Federations' affiliation fees and classification

Mr Conrad-Pickles presented the National Federations' affiliation fees and classification revised system, as it has been approved by the Management Committee.

Mr Conrad-Pickles presented the affiliation fees for groups 1 to 4 and informed the Congress that the fees for groups 3 and 4 will be collected by Continental Confederations at their own discretion.

In accordance with the documents remitted to the National Federations in advance of the meeting, the Congress approved the revised system of National Federations' affiliation fees and classification.

8. Proposal for modifications to the UCI Constitution

Mr Cookson provided the Congress with a comprehensive presentation of the amendments' proposals to the UCI Constitution as well as the standing orders, as approved by the Management Committee.

Mr Cookson expresses his pride regarding the revised Constitution of the UCI, as it sets out new democratic processes and provides the UCI with better principles of good governance, such as the limit of the number of terms of office for the President. The revised Constitution also provides for a broader representation of the Continental Confederations (at least two members from each) on the Management Committee. In particular, voting delegates shall now be democratically elected at Confederation level and be identified in advance in order to ensure greater transparency.

The revision of the Constitution was a long process, elaborated in close collaboration with Presidents of Confederations and members of the Management Committee.

In accordance with the documents remitted to the members in advance of the meeting, the Congress unanimously approved the modifications to the UCI Constitution.

9. Ethics Commission

Mr Richard Leggat, President of the Ethics Commission, presented the revision of the Ethics Code.

Mr Leggat detailed the composition and role of the Ethics Commission. The proposal submitted to the Congress was that the Ethics Commission will be composed of 5 members, including the Chairman and with a minimum of 3 independent members. In this way, the membership of the UCI Ethics Commission shall increasingly be composed of experienced professionals independent from the sport of cycling.

Mr Leggat informed the Congress that he will step down from his position as Chairman of the Commission in place of Mr Bernard Foucher. However, Mr Leggat will remain a member of the Ethics Commission, alongside Mr Marcel Wintels, Mrs Urvashi Naidoo and Mr Marc Cavaliero. Mr John Tolkamp has decided to withdraw from the Ethics Commission.

Mr Leggat then went on to present the revised and strengthened Code of Ethics which now applies to a much broader base including all UCI and CADF personnel, consultants and race organisers. Furthermore, the general rules of conduct set out under the revised Code covers crucial issues, such as integrity, neutrality, non-discrimination and conflicts of interests.

In the process of revision of the Code of Ethics, the UCI worked in strong collaboration with the members of the Ethics Commission. The Code of Ethics was approved by the Management Committee in June 2016.

Mr Leggat further informed the Congress that the Ethics Commission is currently instructing one case.

In accordance with the documents remitted to the National Federations in advance of the meeting and based on the presentation given by Mr Leggat, the Congress approved the composition of the Ethics Commission.

10. Remuneration Committee (RemCo)

Mr Mike Plant, Chairman, presented the activity of the Remuneration Committee which was approved by the Congress.

11. Awarding of World Championships

Mr Cookson presented the World Championships which were awarded by the Management Committee at its meeting in Doha.

- 2019 UCI Road World Championships: Yorkshire (England);
- 2019 UCI Mountain Bike and Masters Mountain Bike World Championships: Mont-Sainte-Anne (Canada);
- 2019 UCI BMX World Championships: Heusden-Zolder (Belgium);
- 2020 UCI BMX World Championships: Houston (USA);
- 2019 UCI Gran Fondo World Championships: Poznan (Poland);
- 2020 UCI Track Cycling World Championships: Berlin (Germany);
- 2018 and 2020 UCI Junior Track Cycling World Championships: Aigle (World Cycling Centre, Switzerland);
- 2017 UCI Mountain Bike Four Cross World Championships: Val Di Sole (Italy);
- 2018 UCI Indoor Cycling World Championships: Liege (Belgium);
- 2018 UCI Mountain Bike Marathon World Championships: Auronzo (Dolomites, Italy);
- 2020 UCI Mountain Bike Marathon World Championships: Sakarya (Turkey);
- 2018 UCI Para-cycling Road World Championships: Maniago (Italy);
- 2019 UCI Para-cycling Road World Championships: Emmen (The Netherlands);
- 2020 UCI Para-cycling Road World Championships: Oostende (Belgium).

12. Questions and proposals from National Federations (discussion)

Mr Sam Muwonge, President of the Uganda Cycling Association, thanked Mr Cookson and the UCI for all the work achieved, notably concerning women cycling in Africa, as well as the Qatar Cycling Federation for the successful organisation of the Road World Championships. Moreover, Mr Muwonge thanked Dr Azzam and invited the UCI to provide further assistance to African federations. Mr Cookson re-assured Mr Muwonge that the UCI will do as much as it can to increase its help to Africa, notably by welcoming African athletes to the World Cycling Centre.

Mr William Newman, President of Cycling South Africa, thanked Mr Cookson for his hard work and invited the UCI to further develop other disciplines than Road in Africa. In this regard, Mr Newman emphasized the importance to improve women cycling and the training of coaches. Mr Cookson thanked Mr Newman for his intervention and invited Mrs Tracey Gaudry to answer. Mrs Gaudry welcomed the comments made by Mr Newman and drew the attention of the Congress to the

necessity to promote equality between men and women in cycling. Moreover, Mrs Gaudry emphasized the fact that women leadership must be promoted by the UCI and national federations at all levels.

Dr Mohamed Wagih Azzam, President of the Egyptian Cycling Federation and member of the Management Committee, thanked the Congress for increasing the voting delegates of Africa. Dr Azzam expressed his gratitude for the collaboration between Confederations, as well as the ongoing efforts made for the development of cycling in Africa, notably through the organisation of the African Championships.

Mr Umberto Langellotti, President of the Federation Monegasque de Cyclisme, thanked Mr Cookson for the work achieved by the UCI in the area of technological fraud. Mr Langellotti emphasised the importance of establishing a drivers' guide to regulate the behaviour of drivers during races in order to ensure the highest level of security for riders. Mr Cookson thanked Mr Langellotti for his relevant intervention in regard to the safety issues, Mr Cookson came back on the unfortunate incidents which occurred in the past, and mentioned the work which has been achieved in this area, notably through numerous consultations, as explained by Martin Gibbs in his report.

Mr Jorge Ovidio Gonzales Longas, President of the Federacion Colombiana de Ciclismo, thanked the UCI, notably Mr Pelaez, for their support in the organisation of the 2016 BMX World Championships in Medellin. Mr Gonzales Longas also thanked the Qatar Cycling Federation for the organisation of the Road World Championships and the warm welcome. Finally, he drew the Congress members' attention to the fact that Colombia will continue to organise events of the highest standards, notably women cycling events.

Mr Parminder Singh Dhindsa, President of the Cycling Federation of India, thanked Mr Cookson and the UCI for the creation and the development of the Cycling Centre in New Delhi.

Mr Khalaf Al Hshoush, Vice-President of the Jordan Cycling Federation, thanked the UCI for its work and suggested to create a new event called "Cycling for peace" in order to show the UCI's support to war victims. Mr Cookson thanked Mr Al Hshoush for this relevant suggestion, as he considers that sport is a power for good which brings people together. In this regard, Mr Cookson mentioned his annual participation in the Peace and Sport event in Monaco. Moreover, Mr Cookson emphasized the enthusiasm of the UCI to promote peace as much as possible.

Mr Yao Allah Kouame, President of the Fédération Ivoirienne de Cyclisme, thanked the President and his Management Committee for having increased the number of voting delegates for Africa. Mr Allah Kouame also thanked the UCI for the training of commissaires in Africa. Finally, Mr Allah Kouame suggested the possibility of allowing coaches to travel throughout Africa to coach riders instead of only permitting riders to train at the Cycling Centres in South Africa and Egypt. In his opinion, this would enable the training of more riders at reduced costs. Mr Cookson responded by explaining that the UCI is seeking to widen as much as possible the access to satellite centres to young riders. In this regard, National Federations are invited to suggest the creation and promotion of new satellite centres to the UCI. Mr Cookson concluded by mentioning that this view is part of the UCI's strategy in regard to satellite centres, as more resources have been invested for that purpose.

Mr Keith E. Yearwood, President of the Barbados Union Cycling, thanked Mr Cookson for the work achieved by the UCI. As vice-president of COPACI, Mr Yearwood invited the UCI to consider the creation of a satellite centre in the Caribbean. Mr Cookson took note of this demand and assured Mr Yearwood that the UCI will help as much as it can to support the National Federations of COPACI.

Mr Camille Dahm, President of the Federation du Sport Cycliste Luxembourgeois, emphasised the importance of sanctioning riders who behave incorrectly during races as they blemish the image of

cycling and set a bad example for young riders. Mr Cookson took note of this relevant intervention and invited the UCI Road Commission and the UCI Commissaires Commission to analyse this demand in detail in order to determine if any regulatory changes could be made in order to further protect the image of cycling.

Mr Waldo D. Ortiz, President of the Federacion de Ciclismo de Puerto Rico, congratulated Mr Cookson and the UCI for the work achieved, notably the efforts made for young riders. Mr Ortiz would like to see an even greater expansion in the participation of young riders in UCI events of all disciplines. Mr Cookson thanked Mr Ortiz and assured that this comment will be referred to the World Cycling Centre to find a way to improve the support to young riders.

Mr Hassan Samireh Souguez, President of the Fédération Djiboutienne de Cyclisme, presented the importance of Africa in the sport of cycling and believed Africa should be given the chance to host Road World Championships. In this regard, Mr Samireh Souguez thanked Dr Azzam for his work for cycling in Africa. Mr Samireh Souguez also invited the UCI to make further investments for cycling in Africa, notably through the donation of cycling equipment and the development of more satellite centres. Moreover, Mr Samireh Souguez also called for a better collaboration between Confederations. Mr Cookson confirmed to Mr Samireh Souguez that we would be delighted if Road World Championships were held in Africa and kindly invited African National Federations to submit bids for the years 2020 onwards. Mr Cookson then went on to support the financial support for Africa, as well as the support for additional satellite centres. Finally, Mr Cookson assured that the UCI would make a follow-up to ensure that sufficient equipment is provided in the future.

Mr Raja Sapta Oktohari, President of the Indonesian Cycling Federation, informed the Congress that Indonesia wishes to host the 2018 Asian Games and asked for the UCI's support. Mr Cookson took note of this point and assured that the UCI will follow it up.

Mr José M. Pelaez, President of the Federacion Cubana de Ciclismo, COPACI President and member of the Management Committee, thanked Mr Cookson and the UCI for the work accomplished, which permitted the Pan-American Confederation to organise events in all disciplines.

Mr Tony Mitchell, member of Cycling New Zealand, thanked the UCI for the calendar changes, notably for Track, as it creates a better television product and enhances the affordability as well as the quality of the hosting.

13. UCI Merit awards

The UCI Merit awards recognises outstanding contribution to cycling.

The 2016 recipients of the UCI Merit awards were:

- Dr Mohamed Wagih Azzam (EGY)
- Mr Igor Viktorovich Makarov (RUS)
- Mr Peter Bartels (AUS)

14. Any other business

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

Close of Congress

Mr Cookson thanked the Congress for the trust shown and support offered throughout the past year.

Mr Cookson declared the Congress closed.