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ALBANIA	Messrs Skender Anxhaku, Alfred Tahiraj, Dashamir Rama
ALGERIA	Messrs Kerboua Mabrouk, Loucif Faouzi, Khieireddine Barbari
ANGOLA	Mmes Cremilde Rangel, Cristina Cunha
ARGENTINA	Mr Gabriel Curuchet
ARUBA	Ms Monique Leerdam
AUSTRALIA	Messrs Duncan Murray, Steven Drake
AUSTRIA	Mr Otto Flum
AZERBAIJAN	Messrs Sahib Alakbazov, Farhad Aliyev
BARBADOS	Messrs Charles Lynch, Peter Staffner
BELARUS	Ms Natalia Tsylynskaya, Messrs Alexei Ivanov, Vitali Zhmako
BELGIUM	Messrs William van Aerde, Wim De Geyter, Ms Carina Van Cauter
BENIN	Mr Romuald Hazoume
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	Mr Zlatko Berbic
BRAZIL	Messrs José Luis Vasconcellos, Antonio Carlos Silvestre
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	Mr Darrel Christopher
BULGARIA	Messrs Tador Kalev, Lyuboslav Venkov
BURKINA FASO	Mr Yasnémanégre Sawadogo
CAMBODIA	Mr Frank Zgoznic
CANADA	Messrs John Tolkamp, Louis Barbeau
CAPE VERDE	Mr Marques Mendes
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	Mr Bouba Pascal Toingar
CHAD	Mr Mahamat Akabar Mahamat
CHILE	Mr Germain Perez Barra
CHINA	Messrs Zheng Ruofei, Shen Jinkang
CHINESE TAIPEI	Ms Li Chia Lee, Mr Kai Chih Lee
COLOMBIA	Mr Agustín Moreno Aristizábal, Ms Ana Maria Vivas
COMORES	Mr Ibrahim Mze Mohammed
CROATIA	Mr Tomislav Zadro, Ms Ivana Ruzrowski
CUBA	Mr Pedro Frias Armenteros
CYPRUS	Mr Georges Apostolou
CZECH REPUBLIC	Mr Slavomir Svoboda, Miroslav Poche, Stanislav Kozubek
DENMARK	Mr Henrik Jess Jensen
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	Mr Jorge Blas Diaz
ECUADOR	Mr Oswaldo Amado Hidalgo Echeverria
EGYPT	Messrs Ayman Ali Hassan Soliman, Hesham Fakhry Ahmed Zeidan
ERITREA	Messrs Tewelde Yohannes, Misghina Haile
ESTONIA	Messrs Raivo Rand, Enn Veskimagi, Urmas Karlson
FINLAND	Messrs Harri Koponen, Ville Hyvärinen
FRANCE	Mr Michel Callot
GABON	Mr Maurice-Nazaire Embinga, Ms José Wildine Lewobi Andoua
GERMANY	Mr Martin Wolf, Ms Karine Pillon
GHANA	Mr Mohamed Sahnoon
GREAT BRITAIN	Messrs Robert Howden, Alasdair MacLennan, Darren Clayton
GREECE	Mr Vladimirov Petsas
GUAM	Mr Eric Tydingco
GUATEMALA	Mr Manuel Estuardo Rodriguez Valladeres
GUINEA	Ms Aminata Mara
GUINEA-BISSAU	Mr Sabino Nhasse
GUYANA	Mr Horace Burrowes
HAITI	Mr Kénelt Léveillé
HONG KONG	Messrs Alfred Li Chik Yuen, Thomas Su Yu Hong



HUNGARY	Dr Peter Princzinger, Mr Barnabas Vizer, Ms Csilla Tam
ICELAND	Messrs Maurice Zschirp, Robert Lee Tomasson
INDIA	Messrs Onkar Singh, Parminder Singh, Mahender Singh
INDONESIA	Messrs Toto Sugito, Big Solon Sihombing, Dadang Poernomo
IRAN (ISLAMIC REP. OF)	Messrs Asghar Khaleghi, Khosro Ghamari
IRELAND	Messrs Jack Watson, Ciaran McKenna
ISRAEL	Mr Yarden Gazit
ITALY	Mses Daniela Isetti, Maria Cristina Gabriotti
IVORY COAST	Mr Yao Allah-Kouame, Ms Marie Madeleine Aimée Guigui
JAPAN	Ms Naoko Kaizuka, Messrs Tatsuo Hayashi, Katsuki Sato
JORDAN	Messrs Jamal Mesleh Al-Fawaeir, Qamar Al-Majali
KAZAKSTAN	Messrs Raimbek Batalov, Tulpar Mansurov
KOREA	Mr Dae Hoon Lee
KOSOVO	Mr Gani Nuhaj, Avni Nuha, Njazi Berisha
KUWAIT	Messrs Abdullah Al-Shammari, Ahmed Al Fadhli
LATVIA	Messrs Igo Japinh, Ivo Cerbakovs, Armands Becis
LEBANON	Mr Vatche Zadourian
LIECHTENSTEIN	Mr Paul Kind
LITHUANIA	Mr Romualdas Bakutis
LUXEMBOURG	Messrs Camille Dahm, Ed Buchette
MACAO	Messrs Kuok Hang Cheang, Hang Cheong Wong
MACEDONIA	Mr Sasho Dimitrijoski
MALAYSIA	Messrs Datuk Haji Abu Samah Abd Wahab, Halmi Bin Abd Samad, Ms Lilan Kaur
MALTA	Mr Joe Bajada, Ms Petry Trejo Ruiz
MAURITANIA	Mr Abderrahmane Ethmane
MEXICO	Mr Edgardo Hernandez Chagoya
MOLDOVA (REPUBLIC OF)	Mr Igor Sorin
MONACO	Mr Umberto Langellotti
MONGOLIA	Mr Erdenebold Altansukh
MOROCCO	Messrs Lahcen Boutiyeb, Mohamed Said Benzekri
MYANMAR	Messrs Khin Maung Win, Aung Win Tun
NEPAL	Mr Gopal Sunder Lal Kashapati
THE NETHERLANDS	Messrs Marcel Wintels, Jak Dekker, Robert Slippens
NICARAGUA	Messrs Jader Antonio Grijalva Hernandez, Felipe Alberto Aragon Estrada
NIGER	Mr Hamidou Saley Amadou
NIGERIA	Mr Giandomenico Massari
NORWAY	Mr Jan Oddvar Sornes
OMAN	Mr Sahid Al Rashidi
PANAMA	Mr Edwin Pitty
POLAND	Mr Janusz Pozak, Ms Agata Lang
PORTUGAL	Messrs Delmino Albano Magalhaes Pereira, Sergio Sousa
QATAR	Messrs Mohamed Jeham Al Kuwari, Thamni Al Zaraa
ROMANIA	Mr Eduard Carol Novak
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	Mmes Daria Kalem, Victoria Lesnikova, Messrs Yuri Kucheryaviy, Viatcheslav Ekimov
RWANDA	Messrs Aimable Bayingana, Toussaint Nosisi
SAINT LUCIA	Mr Cyril Mangal
SAINT VINCENT & THE GRENADINES	Mr Trevor Bailey
SAN MARINO	Mr Valter Baldiserra, Ms Monica Stacchini
SAO TOME E PRINCIPE	Ms Rosalinda Barbosa



SAUDI ARABIA	Mr Sobah Alkradees
SENEGAL	Mr Michel Thioub
SERBIA	Mr Branko Banovic
SEYCHELLES	Mr Lucas M. W. Georges
SLOVAKIA	Mmes Katarina Jakubova, Livia Hanesova, Mr Peter Privara
SLOVENIA	Messrs Tomaz Grm, Ales Kalan
SOUTH AFRICA	Mr Michael Bradley
SPAIN	Messrs José Luis López Cerrón, Alejandro Martin Garcia
SUDAN	Mr Tarig Mohamed Ahmed Hassan Giha
SWEDEN	Messrs Stefhan Klang, Leif Karlsson, Thomas Baehteman
SWITZERLAND	Mr Franz Gallati, Ms Annina Buhler
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC	Mr Mohamed Khuder
TAJIKISTAN	Mr Andrey Mironov
THAILAND	Lt. Gen. Dr. Decha Hemkrasri, Messrs Khattiya Srisoda, Nuthapong Lohitnavy
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	Mr Robert Farrier
TUNISIA	Messrs Karim Chebil, Naoufel Merchaoui
TURKEY	Messrs Erol Küçükbakirci, Bayram Akgül, Berat Alphan
TURKMENISTAN	Mr Vitaly Zasepin
UGANDA	Mr Sam Muwonge
UKRAINE	Ms Nataliia Muraviova, Messrs Oleksandr Bashenko, Artemiev Oleksandr
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	Messrs Omar Al Shaffar, Abdalnasser Amran, Hareb Alali
USA	Messrs Derek Bouchard-Hall, Bob Stapleton, Steve McCauley
UZBEKISTAN	Messrs Kozimkhuja Urinboykhujayev, Djuraev Ravshankhon, Kopadze Orkhan
VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REP. OF)	Messrs Eliezer Rojas Rios, Jose Manuel Zabala Carnedas

Management Committee

Mr	D. LAPPARTIENT	- President
Messrs.	M. W. AZZAM	- Vice-President
	J.-M. PELAEZ	- Vice-President
	R. DI ROCCO	- Vice-President
Ms	T. GAUDRY	- Member
Messrs.	O. A. A. AL SHAFAR	- Member
	R. CATTANEO	- Member
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	A. LOPES	- Member
	J. L. LOPES CERRON	- Member
	T. KIRSCH	- Member
	H.T. HANSEN	- Member
	I. MAKAROV	- Member
	M. BELMAHI	- Member
	A. S. G. DARSHAN SINGH	- Member
	B. STAPLETON	- Member
	T. MITCHELL	- Member

Apologies:

Ms	K. NASH	- Co-opted member
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Staff:

Ms	A. LANAYA	- Director General
Mr	J. CONRAD-PICKLES	- Chief Financial Officer
Mr	X BIGARD	- Medical Director
Mr	F. MAGNE	- UCI WCC Director
Ms	M. GUILLAUME	- Director of Cabinet and International Relations
Mr	P. WILSON	- Legal Counsel (minutes)

Participating:

Mr	R. ANDERSEN	- CADF Foundation Board President
Ms	F. ROSSI	- CADF Director
Mr	P-H. PINGEON	- KPMG Expert Auditor
Mr	B. FOUCHER	- President of the UCI Ethics Commission

Guest Speaker:

Mr	F. RICCI BITTI	- ASOIF President
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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 Tatsuo Hayashi (JPN), Mr Lee Dae Hoon (KOR), Mr Khosro Ghamari (IRN), Mr Jamal Mesleh Al-Fawaeir (JOR), Mr Vatche Zadourian (LBA), Mr Raimbek Batalov (KAZ), Gen Decha Hemkasri (THA), Mr Parminder Singh Dhindsa (IND), Mr Urinboythujaev Kozim (UZB).

Africa, 9 voting delegates

Mr Hesham Zidan (EGY), Mr Mohammed Sahnoun (GHA), Mr Yao Allah-Kouamé (CIV), Mr Amadou Hamidou Saley (NIG), Mr Lahcen Boutiyeb (MAR), Mr Naoufel Merchaoui (TUN), Mr Michel Thioub (SEN), Mr Massari Giandomenico (NGR), Mr Yasmanegre Sawadogo (BUR).

America, 9 voting delegates

Mr Gabriel Curuchet (ARG), Mr Etelberto Hernandez (MEX), Mr Jorge Blas (DOM), Mr Manuel Estuardo Rodriguez (GUA), Mr José Luis Vasconcellos (BRA), Mr Eliezer Rojas (VEN), Mr Steve McCauley (USA), Mr Edwin Pitty (PAN), Mr John Tolkamp (CAN).

Oceania, 3 voting delegates

Mr Duncan Murray (AUS), Mr Eric Tydingco (GUM), Mr Steve Drake (AUS).

Europe, 15 voting delegates

Ms Daniela Isetti (ITA), Ms Victoria Lesnikova (RUS), Mr Farhad Aliyev (AZE), Mr Joe Bajada (MLT), Mr Michel Callot (FRA), Mr Umberto Langellotti (MON), Mr Thierry Marechal (BEL), Mr Alejandro Martin Garcia (ESP), Mr Eduard Carol Novak (ROU), Mr Delmino Albano M. Pereira (POR), Mr Vladimiro Petsas (GRE), Mr Peter Privara (SVK), Mr Slavomir Svoboda (CZE), Mr Vitali Zhmako (BLR), Mr Camille Dahm (LUX).

Total voting delegates: 45

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

1. Opening by UCI President

Mr David Lappartient, UCI President, opened the Congress by welcoming the National Federation delegates.

2. Speech by the President of the Austrian Cycling Federation

Mr Otto Flum, President of the Austrian Cycling Federation, presented his introductory speech. He expressed his pride in welcoming the UCI Road World Championships in Austria and for being part of the cycling family for so many years. This is the last Congress he will attend before resigning from the presidency of the Austrian Cycling Federation. He wished the members a successful Congress meeting.

3. Speech by the UCI President

Mr Lappartient started by thanking the members for their presence and mentioned that the attendance at this Congress shall reach the record figure of 130 National Federations present.

Mr Lappartient referred to the work undertaken since his election at the 2017 Congress and the implementation of his programme “Our Passion” into a strategic roadmap for the next four years. This has come to fruition with the “Agenda 2022” approved by the Management Committee and presented today to the Congress.

The first objective of the Agenda 2022 is to reinforce the status and service to National Federations. This has already been shown by the number of visits made over the past year (56 visits to 29 different countries on all 5 continents) as well as the efforts to ensure a record attendance at the present Congress. Further progress has also been made with the integration of new National Federations, increased investment in the International Relations’ department to better serve the UCI’s members and the future creation of a ranking amongst National Federations which will reward the best National Federations with a prize handed over at the UCI’s Congress.

Mr Lappartient also referred to the efforts made in terms of support, with the increased contribution to the UCI WCC and financial support to the Caribbean National Federations hit by the hurricane Irma in the Autumn of 2017. The total amount distributed for the development of cycling is of 4 Mio CHF in 2017, including the contribution to the UCI WCC, and the objective shall be to have a comprehensive solidarity fund of 4 Mio CHF by 2022, exclusively for development projects within National Federations or Continental Confederations.

In relation to gender parity and the promotion of women’s cycling, Mr Lappartient outlined the envisaged modifications to the UCI Constitution aiming at consolidating the position of women within the UCI, the proposal to provide the President of the UCI Athletes’ Commission (Ms Katherina Nash) with a full seat on the Management Committee, the reform of the organisation of women’s cycling approved by the Management Committee, the increased investment for TV production of the UCI Women’s WorldTour, the inclusion of the Team Time Trial Mixed Relay in the UCI Road World Championships’ programme as from 2019, the objective of ensuring parity in terms of participation as from the 2024 Olympic Games and the gender parity for prize monies which will be ensured for all UCI World Cup events.

He also referred to the major achievement of agreeing to a reform of the organisation of men’s professional cycling with the Professional Cycling Council and its stakeholders. This shall provide a sustainable platform for the sporting and commercial development of the sport as shall be presented under point 18.



Regarding the objective of improving the sporting fairness and equal chances, he stated that the fight against technological fraud is no longer a subject in professional cycling and the UCI shall now concentrate on providing appropriate tools to National Federations. He also referred to the recent regulation changes which aim at ensuring availability of equipment for all riders and thus guaranteeing a level playing-field.

In relation to the Olympic Games, he referred to the importance of maintaining all cycling disciplines in the Olympic programme as well as the number of medals. A major success was achieved last year with the inclusion of two new events in the Olympic program (BMX Freestyle Park and Madison in Track Cycling).

As regards antidoping activities, Mr Lappartient affirmed that cycling is the sport which fights doping the hardest. The recent case involving Christopher Froome was disastrous for the public opinion even though the World Anti-Doping Agency confirmed that there had been no anti-doping violation. The UCI shall keep working on requesting that Tramadol and Glucocorticoids be included on the list of forbidden substances. A presentation shall be given by the UCI Medical Director, Mr Xavier Bigard, in particular regarding the objective of implementing rules which shall sanction the use of Tramadol and Glucocorticoids by riders. The UCI shall thus be the first International Federation to regulate the use of substances for purely medical purposes.

Mr Lappartient then presented the UCI's efforts in terms of innovation, with the first edition of the e-bike Mountain Bike World Championships which will take place in Mont-Sainte-Anne, Canada, and the envisaged creation of connected cycling events with the collaboration of specialised software providers.

The UCI continues to work on promoting cycling as a means of transport and Mr Lappartient congratulated the work undertaken by the Mass Participation / Advocacy Commission in collaboration with holders of the UCI Bike City Label.

Mr Lappartient concluded by stating that the UCI is in a very good situation, looking forward to future challenges and implementing the Agenda 2022.

4. Any admissions, suspensions, exclusions of National Federations

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

- Chad Cycling Federation (Fédération Tchadienne de Cyclisme);
- Cape Verde Cycling Federation;
- British Virgin Islands Cycling Federation;
- Cook Islands Cycling Federation.

Mr Lappartient congratulated the Confédération Africaine de Cyclisme, chaired by UCI Vice-President Dr Mohamed Wagih Azzam, for becoming the Continental Confederation with the most National Federation members, with a total of 52.

5. Report on UCI activities in 2017

Ms Amina Lanaya, Director General, presented the report on the UCI's activities in 2017.

The report included a comprehensive review of the governance and organisation of UCI's events across all nine disciplines of the UCI.



Ms Lanaya further presented information regarding the internal organisation of the UCI and areas on which the UCI is concentrating its efforts, in particular regarding women's cycling, the integration of new mountain bike formats and e-biking, the future development of connected cycling events, the launch of the UCI website and implementation of the UCI DataRide platform. The report also concentrated on the efforts made to increase the transparency of the UCI, with the publication of a comparison of women and men's salaries, and the work undertaken to protect the integrity of cycling, including anti-doping, the fight against technological fraud and the investment made to allow major road races to be monitored by a TV/Support commissaire.

The Congress approved the report on the UCI's activities in 2017 as presented by Ms Amina Lanaya, UCI Director General.

6. UCI World Cycling Centre report

Mr Magné, Director of the UCI World Cycling Centre (UCI WCC), presented a report on the activities of the UCI WCC.

The members of Congress acknowledged the report.

7. UCI Cycling Anti-doping Foundation report

Mr Rune Andersen, CADF President, and Ms Francesca Rossi, CADF Director, presented a report relating to the activities of the CADF.

Mr Xavier Bigard, UCI Medical Director, followed with a presentation of the activities of the UCI Medical Commission.

The members acknowledged these reports.

8. Report on the fight against technological fraud

Mr Stapleton, President of the Equipment and Fight against Technological Fraud Commission, presented a report on the activities relating to the fight against technological fraud.

The members acknowledged the report.

9. 2017 Financial Report and Accounts

Mr Jeremy Conrad-Pickles, Chief Financial Officer, described the key points of the UCI's financial situation with the support of a visual presentation and as included in the 2017 Annual Report.

The Congress approved the 2017 financial report and accounts as included in the Annual Report sent to members in advance of the Congress.

There were no questions presented by the members.

10. Audit and Finance Committee report and Auditor's report

Mr Rocco Cattaneo, President of the Audit and Finance Committee, provided an introductory presentation of the activities of the Commission.

Mr Pierre-Henri Pingeon, External Auditor (KPMG), presented his report and the audit performed.

The Congress approved the External Auditor's Report as included in the 2017 Annual Report.

There were no questions presented by the members.

11. 2019 Budget

The Congress approved the 2019 budget as presented by Mr Conrad-Pickles and as provided to the members in advance of the Congress.

There were no questions presented by the members.

12. Solidarity and Emerging Cycling Countries Commission report

Dr Wagih Mohammed Azzam, President of the Solidarity and Emerging Cycling Countries Commission, presented a report on the activities of the Commission.

Ms Marjorie Guillaume, Director of Cabinet and International Relations, presented the strategic roadmap for future years in relation to the development of cycling in Cycling Emerging countries.

The members acknowledged these reports.

13. National Federations' affiliation fees and classification

The Congress approved the national federations' affiliation fees & classification for 2019 as provided to the members in advance of the Congress. The document remains without amendments from the previous year.

14. Proposal for modifications to the UCI Constitution

Mr Lappartient presented the proposals for modification of the UCI Constitution and Standing Orders.

The Congress approved the modifications to the UCI Constitution and Standing Orders as provided to the members in advance of the Congress.

15. Ethics Commission

Mr Bernard Foucher, President of the UCI Ethics Commission, presented the activity report of the Ethics Commission.

He first informed the members of the modifications made to the UCI Code of Ethics as approved by the Management Committee, relating to the protection of mental and physical integrity and the prevention of manipulation of cycling events.

He provided a summary of the cases submitted and examined by the Ethics Commission.

He further reflected on the necessity for National Federations to adequately adopt a Code of Ethics and create an appropriate judicial body. He stated that the Ethics Commission shall work with the UCI with a view to ensuring that National Federations and/or Continental Confederations adopt adequate regulations and integrate competent judicial bodies.

There were no questions presented by the members.

16. World Championships Awards (communication)

The President presented the World Championships which have been awarded by the Management Committee since the 2017 Congress in Bergen, Norway, namely:

- 2020 UCI Road World Championships to Aigle-Martigny, Switzerland;
- 2021 UCI Road World Championships to the region of Flanders, Belgium;
- 2024 UCI Road World Championships to the German part of Switzerland;
- 2021 UCI Mountain Bike World Championships to Val di Sole, Italy;
- 2022 UCI Mountain Bike World Championships to Les Gets, France;
- 2024 UCI Mountain Bike World Championships to Vallnord, Andorra;
- 2021 UCI Marathon World Championships to Manizales, Colombia;
- 2022 UCI Marathon World Championships to Haderslev, Denmark;
- 2021 UCI Track World Championships to Ashgabat, Turkmenistan;
- 2019 UCI Junior Track World Championships to Frankfurt on the Oder, Germany;
- 2020 UCI Junior Track World Championships to Cairo, Egypt;
- 2021 UCI BMX World Championships to Papendal, Netherlands;
- 2021 UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships to Ostende, Belgium;
- 2020 UCI Para-cycling Track World Championships to Milton, Canada;
- 2024 UCI Para-cycling Road World Championships to the German part of Switzerland;
- 2019, 2020 and 2021 UCI 4X World Championships to Val di Sole, Italy;
- 2021 UCI Gran Fondo World Championships to Banja Luka, Bosnia;
- 2022 UCI Gran Fondo World Championships to Trentino, Italy;
- 2019 and 2020 UCI Masters Cyclo-cross World Championships to Mol, Belgium;
- 2020 and 2021 UCI Masters Mountain Bike World Championships to Pra Loup, France.

17. Presentation of Agenda 2022

Mr Lappartient presented the Agenda 2022 and invited the National Federations and Continental Confederations to assist in its implementation and adopt an agenda based on its content.

The Congress approved the Agenda 2022 as presented by the UCI President.

18. Presentation of the organisation of professional road cycling

Mr Tom Van Damme, President of the Road Commission and Professional Cycling Council, presented a report regarding the reforms of the organisation of professional road cycling for both women and men, approved respectively by Management Committee and the Professional Cycling Council.

The members acknowledged the report.

19. Speech by guest speaker

Mr Francesco Ricci Bitti, President of the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF) made a presentation to the Congress regarding the activities of the ASOIF's task force on governance and, in particular, the results of the survey on governance within International Federations for which the UCI has been classed in the top group of International Federations and made significant progress between the surveys of 2016 and 2017.

20. Questions and proposals from National Federations (discussion)

Mr Allah Kouamé, President of the Côte d'Ivoire Cycling Federation, confirmed that Mr Lappartient has started implementing his programme. Africa shall host the 2025 UCI Road World Championships and a Commission dedicated to the Emerging Cycling Countries has been created. Mr Kouamé then referred to the UCI WCC and suggested that rather than creating a new Centre in Africa, it would be



more appropriate to send instructors to African countries to provide training programmes to coaches and athletes.

Mr Lappartient confirmed that this strategy of providing training through courses is being implemented as it is interesting from a financial point of view and makes better use of the human resources in the respective countries. The UCI WCC shall continue to operate in this manner and level 1 training shall be given in the National Federation's respective countries.

Mr Romuald Hazoume, President of the Benin Cycling Federation, referred to the difficulties to obtain travel authorisations. He referred to the Pétanque World Championships and the fact that several qualified nations did not obtain visas. He considered this to be a regrettable and discriminatory situation. He asked the UCI to ensure that measures are taken to avoid any kind of similar situation in relation to cycling events.

Mr Lappartient acknowledged that there are many difficulties in obtaining travel authorisations. He referred to the work undertaken by the International Relations department to assist National Federations with their visa requests. The UCI is working on this subject, in particular for the UCI Congress and World Championships.

Mr Maurice-Nazaire Embinga, President of the Gabon Cycling Federation, referred to the statutes of the Tropicale Amissa Bongo which foresee that the organiser shall pay a fee to the National Federation. Such amounts remain outstanding since several years.

Mr Lappartient confirmed that National Federations may provide for such taxes in their national regulations. Regarding this particular situation, he assured that the UCI will enter into contact with the organiser of the event to clarify the situation.

Mr Sam Muwonge, President of the Ugandan Cycling Federation, asked for assistance in relation to the development of women's cycling and assistance for women riders to train at the UCI WCC.

In this regard, Mr Lappartient confirmed that the development of women's cycling in Emerging Cycling countries is a priority in terms of development and efforts shall be made by the UCI WCC in this respect.

Mr Bouba Pascal Toingar, President of the Central African Republic Cycling Federation, raised a query regarding the lack of African representatives among the UCI staff and Management Committee.

In response, Mr Lappartient affirmed that the Director General, Ms Amina Lanaya, is Moroccan and Africa is represented by two members on the Management Committee, Dr Azzam and Mr Belmahi.

Mr Giandomenico Massari, President of the Nigerian Cycling Federation, referred to the World Cycling Day and asked if the UCI should not participate in this program to a greater extent.

Mr Lappartient assured that in future the UCI will make sure that the day is adequately celebrated. Regarding the first edition of the event, belated publication of the date made it impossible for the UCI to make the most of the celebration although an official delegation was present at the United Nations' presentation.

Mr Mohamed Sahnoon, President of the Ghana Cycling Federation referred to the dispute between his National Federation and his country's Minister of Sports and thanked the UCI for their assistance in resolving the dispute. He suggested that the UCI Regulations clarify the fact that intervention from public authorities is forbidden.



Mr Lappartient affirmed that the UCI is aware of the dispute and will examine it in detail with a view to taking appropriate measures to provide assistance in situations of this kind.

21. UCI Merit awards

Mr Lappartient presented the UCI Merit Award to the following recipients:

- Mr Chayol Koo, President of the Korean Cycling Federation;
- Ms Hadja Aminata Mara, President of the Guinean Cycling Federation;
- Mr José Luis Lopez Cerron, President of the Spanish Cycling Federation and member of the Management Committee;
- On behalf of the Tour de France: Ms Marie-Odile Amaury, Chairman of Amaury Sport Organisation, and Mr Christian Prudhomme, Director of the Tour de France;
- Mr Eddy Merckx, the greatest cycling champion of all time.

22. Closing of Congress by UCI President

Mr Lappartient announced the closure of the Congress.

Done in Aigle, 5 October 2018.