

From C **Czech Triathlon Association**

RESOLUTION 1. From Czech Triathlon Association

Be it resolved that ITU establishes forthwith a Commission for Data Exchange and Information Systems.

Background

At present, there are many databases of triathletes, teams, race-calendars, with race results stored in different formats by NFs, organizers of races, organizers of series, timing companies. Yet, the Internet brings many possibilities to aid application for races and publishing of results.

To find the data, related to one athlete/club/country is nearly impossible due to the entropy impact. So from the athlete point of view, there is no simplicity, no correct evidence and history of their **results. Many of the same athletes' records are stored in one country's database as in other countries**, yet there are no data verification/validity procedures. The international licence number system is **missing, while every NF's ICT environment has its own licence numbering system.**

Furthermore, timing companies use and sell results of races/series and their address lists as their ownership, due to the NFs constitution gaps and/or due to lack of management by the NFs.

The goal can be described as follows

- ITU will bring the XML data exchange standardization and NFs/ETU/ITU databases will automatically replicate important data so there will be information exchange of member real names, their teams, international teams guesting (and related taxes payment), membership payment, doping control results, disciplinary situation and so on.
- ITU sets the structure of the international licence number (this may exist already?) and rules for **its implementing to the NFs' information systems**
- ITU, ETU, NFs clarify the data exchange format to the timing companies for start paper upload and results data download, as well as the principles to related agreements (organizers-timing companies).

To reach the goals, the ITU should establish a working group/commission/ project team, containing competent individuals in this area from NFs, ITU staff and key individuals with experience in this area, and dealing with the Data Exchange and Information Systems.

The first goal is to prepare the project documentation to describe the project goals, restrictions, sources, project plan etc. under the project methodology. The first period of the project should be completed by the end of February, 2013 in preparation for the upcoming season.

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The knowledge background is available thanks to the www.aquasoft.eu IT company, writing and providing information system and the data exchange between European Union countries in several fields (customs and state veterinary administration). The XML standardization was tested in Czech Republic thanks to new database systems with the front-end on www.czechtriserries.cz.