

**Minutes ITU Congress
Gamagori, Japan – 9 September 2005**

1. **Call to order:** ITU President Les McDonald called the 2005 Congress of ITU to order at 9:20 a.m. with the following countries and delegates present:

Argentina Alberto Fonoloso	Edgar Herrera	Norfolk Col Stewart
Australia Bill Davoren Karen Collis	Hong Kong Andrew Patrick Ruth Hunt	Philippines Ramon Marchan Lea Lamgit Rachel Ribo Tom Carrasco
Belgium Els Vandeneede	Hungary Dr. Gabor Markus Peter Czencz	Poland Krzysztof Piatkowski
Bermuda Neil de Ste Croix	Israel Michael Katz Michael Ziv	Portugal Jose Luis Moreira Ferreira Fernando Manuel Baptista Carmo
Brazil Roberto Menescal	Italy Aldo Lucarini	Russia Anatoly Korobov Andrey Gudalov
Bulgaria Emil Stoynev Stoyan Zaykov	Japan Kenji Arai Masao Nakayama Tomoko Wada Noriko Tsubokura	Singapore David Hoong Norihayti Dauo
Canada Pamela Fralick Sheila O'Kelly Alan Trivett	Kazakhstan Solovyev Yuriy	South Africa Liesbeth Stoltz Geerrie Van Heerden
China Wang Xuandring Chen Xiadran	Korea Kyung Sun Yu Choi Yoon	Spain Enrique Quesada Jose Hidalgo Andreu Alfonso
Chinese Taipei Morrie Chiang Ching-Shang Chen Kuang-Yen Cha	Luxembourg Michel Knepper Eugene Kraus	Sweden Ria Damgren
France Philippe Lescure Jacques Laparade Bernard Saint-Jean	Macau Chi Wai Sou Tin Hung Ma	Switzerland Andreas Mehr Michael Machacka
Germany Dr. Klaus Mueller-Ott Rolf Ebeling Irene Sebens	Mexico Javier Rosa Nelly Becerra Ricardo Gonzalez	USA Brad Davison Skip Gilbert
Great Britain Jasmine Flatters	Netherlands Rudy Graman Rob Barel	Uzbekistan Leonid Blokhin Victor Zarodov
Greece Vasilis Krommidas	New Zealand Adair Craik Gary Boon Tom Pryde	
Guatemala Dr. Mario Rodriguez		

Also in attendance were::

President: Les McDonald (CAN)
Vice President: Chiharu Igaya (JPN)
Secretary General: Bill Walker (AUS)
Executive Board:
Ria Damgren (SWE)
Jackie Fairweather (AUS)
Mario Rodriguez (GUA)
Dr. Klaus Mueller-Ott (GER)

Shin Otsuka

Regional Representatives

Africa: Liesbeth Stoltz (RSA)

Asia: Tom Carrasco (PHI)

Europe: Gergely Markus (HUN)

Oceania: Brian Hinton (AUS)

ITU Legal Advisor: Patrice Brunet

2. **Appointment of three (3) tellers** : ITU President Les McDonald appointed Jasmine Flatters, (GBR), Yoon Choi (KOR), Skip Gilbert (USA)
3. **Audit Report**: Adair Craik (New Zealand) reported on behalf of the ITU Audit Committee regarding the review of the financial statements and reported that they found every thing in order and recommended the financial statements be accepted..
4. **Financial Report**: Bill Walker, ITU Secretary General reviewed the audited Financial Statements, the budget for the next fiscal year.

The Financial Report was approved by Congress.

5. **President's Report**: Les McDonald reported:
 - a) **Event income** : is down because we have turned most of the sponsorship categories over to our events. We are now in a position to take back some of those categories for a global sponsor for ITU.
 - b) **USAT**: We need to hear from the leadership of the USAT to clarify the situation with the Ironman Corporation.
 - c) **Doping**: Four positive tests, 3 from Ironman. We are working closely with WADA to make sure that we have the best testing possible.
 - d) **Double Points for World Cup Finale in New Plymouth** :
 - e) **Criteria for Olympic Qualification**: will be finalised in October. We have asked for an increase in the quota
 - f) **Asian Games**: This is an important event on the 2006 Calendar. All of the Asian countries have to ensure that they have a full quota on the start line in Doha next year. We have a lot of work to do in the middle east, and Jordan is a country that is interested in taking a leadership role.
 - g) **Italian Federation** : Welcome to Emilio DiToro , the new President of FITri, who has taken over from Marco Sbernadori. Marco has been appointed to the Marketing Commission, and he feels that he is in a position to look for sponsorship for triathlon.
 - h) **Athletes Commission**: Richard Stannard has been acting in the role as ITU Executive Board . A new Executive Board member will be elected for the next 2 years, and it will be a woman.
 - i) **Beijing Olympic Games**: We will have a co -Competition Manager who is from our technical team. The venue is outside of the city in the Changping District and about 15 minutes from the Athletes Village.
 - j) **Honolulu World Championships** : This will be the first and last time that we will separate the elite and age group competitions. It was because of the lack of hotel space in Gamagori.
 - k) **AWAD** : We need to focus on the inclusion of Triathlon in the Paralympic Games. The president of PGC is Phil Craven, IOC Member, Great Britain
 - l) **Chairs of Committees**: The following have been appointed to chair the various ITU Committees and Commissions:

Technical Committee	Enrique Quesada, ESP
Medical Committee	Dr. Doug Hiller, USA
Duathlon Committee	Clive Faine, GBR
Women's Committee	Pamela Fralick, CAN
Constitution Committee	Patrice Brunet, CAN
Credentials Committee	Sheila O'Kelly, CAN
Audit Committee	Graeme Kempson, GBR

6. **World Championships :**

- a) Lausanne 2006: Andreas Mehr reported on behalf of Claude Thomas and the Lausanne Triathlon World Championships.
- b) Klaus Mueller-Ott reported on the 2007 Hamburg Triathlon World Championships
- c) Sheila O'Kelly reported on the 2005 Age Group and AWAD Triathlon World Championships.

7. **Resolutions from the Board of Directors**

Resolution 1: World Triathlon Corporation: Submitted by USA Federation

WHEREAS the World Triathlon Corporation (WTC – Ironman) does not recognize the International Triathlon Union (ITU) as the world-governing body for triathlon;

WHEREAS the WTC is developing property that is in conflict with ITU property (e.g., long and Olympic distance world championships, with their own set of rules);

WHEREAS the WTC has set up their own private International Federation;

WHEREAS the WTC is a profit-driven organisation;

WHEREAS the WTC does not follow World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) rules;

WHEREAS the ITU requires that its members strictly follow International Olympic Committee (IOC) Charter rules, or otherwise face the possibility of being ejected from the Olympic Programme.

WHEREAS WADA has advised ITU that confusion in the application of WADA rules within a sport threaten the execution and integrity of the WADA anti-doping control rules;

WHEREAS it is in the common interest of all ITU members that there be unity in the application of WADA anti-doping control rules in the sport, and that all members and the races they sanction recognise the ITU as the world governing body for the sport of triathlon;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

ITU members not sanction any event attached to the World Triathlon Corporation (Ironman)

Discussion :

Skip Gilbert, USAT Executive Director explained the historical sequence behind what has occurred within USA.

- a) The move to establish the Global Triathlon Group is to strengthen their global footprint and ensure everything that WTC (Ironman) is consistent with their brand including competition rules, event management, insurance, etc. They stated that they would take the USAT rule book and add the “crawling rule” (to allow crawling during the run.) and the “stand down rule” (a 2 minute penalty administered by “draft busters” during the bike.).

Race Director's are very worried about the insurance aspect.

USAT was not able to agree with their rule variation that were required by WTC, so were informed by WTC that they would not be sanctioning any of their events with USAT. They then came out with the half Ironman World Championships and the Iron Girl World Championships. They are concerned about driving the bottom line only.

- b) For another company to take out a business to create a competing IF against FIFA or any other Olympic IF just wouldn't happen.
- c) If WCT decided to leave the half Ironman and move back to the Ironman distance only, we could consider returning to a mutually acceptable sanctioning programme, but that will not happen.

Rolf Ebling asked "What are you going to do to combat this and how does this resolution help you?"

Skip Gilbert responded, "We can't compete with WTC, so we are strengthening our national programme. It will be equal in pomp and circumstance to the events and series of WTC, GTG and Iron Girl.

Patrice Brunet stated "I am very concerned about the non-compliance with WADA rules. Affected by the positive test. Congress must send a clear message that we are completely detached from the Ironman events. This resolution gives a tool to the federations to say, "sorry" we can't sanction an Ironman event because we passed a resolution stating that we have nothing to do with those events.

Jackie Fairweather stated, "If you think of any other sport and if there was a series – that series would be sanctioned by the IF. How silly would it be to help by sending officials and thereby endorse that federation. They are not there for the athletes, for the Olympic Games, they are not even there for the elite athletes. They are there to make money. They have the money and an incredibly strong brand. We can't squash them – we need to protect our sport – we're not going to help them increase their profit – why assist them to compete against us. We need to clearly know what we are about before we go out to the tri population and the non-tri population.

Skip Gilbert stated: WCT has already set up their global federation (Global Triathlon Group – GTG). They are looking forward to being your national federation. One of the best New England race directors – will be a 70.3 event because Ironman went to him and said, "either you put an event on with \$20,000 prize money and \$250 entry fee, or we'll go into competition with you and put on an event.

Carried Unanimously

Resolution 2: ITU Executive Board

Whereas the annual Audit of the ITU Financial Statement is done by KPMG, one of the most reputable accounting firms,

And whereas the KPMG recommended in the 2003 Financial Statements that the term of the Audit Committee be increased to 2 years;

Therefore be it resolved, that clause >>> of the ITU Constitution be amended to read "for a 2 year term".

And be it further resolved that the change take effect immediately in terms of the 2005 election for the Audit Committee.

Carried Unanimously

13. **Election of Honorary Members:** David Curnow (USA) was elected as an honorary member, as per Resolution 12 from the ITU Executive Board.

14. **2008 and 2009 Triathlon World Championships:** Gold Coast (Australia), Mazatlan (Mexico) and Vancouver (Canada) presented bids for the 2008 Triathlon World Championships.

The decision of the Executive Board was to refer the decision to Congress. Gold Coast also bid for the 2009 Triathlon World Championships and as they were the only bid, the championships were awarded to them.

Congress was asked to decide between Vancouver and Mazatlan for the 2008 Triathlon World Championships, which went to Vancouver in a secret ballot.

15. **Visit by Princess Takamado:** The Congress was honoured by a visit from Her Imperial Highness Princess Takamado, who has been a long time friend of ITU. The Princess in her remarks emphasized the ideal nature of Triathlon and the importance of all doing our part to protect the environment.

16. **2007 LD Triathlon World Championships :** Almere, Netherlands and Lorient, France presented bids for the 2007 LD Triathlon World Championships. The decision on the bids was referred to the ITU Executive Board to follow-up on the bids and the report by Chris Kitchen, Chair of the LD Triathlon Commission.

The decision of the Executive Board was to refer the decision to a vote of the Congress. Lorient, France was voted as the successful bid.

17. **Election of Audit Committee:** The following were elected for a 2 year term:
Graeme Kempson, GBR
Silvia Gonzalez, CRC
Skip Gilbert, USA

18. **Commonwealth Games:** Bob Newman presented an overview of the Commonwealth Games Triathlon to be held in Melbourne, Australia in 2006.

19. **Reports from Standing Committees:** See Committee reports attached

20. **Appeals :** There were no appeals

21. **Adjournment:** Les McDonald adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.