



ITU Congress Minutes
Spanish Olympic Committee, Madrid, Spain
29 November 2008

1. **Call to Order:** Les McDonald called the 21st Congress to order at 9:30am with the following delegates present.

Argentina

Alberto Raul Fonollosa
Gustavo Otto Svane

Australia

Ken Bonham
Andrew Hamilton

Austria

Helmut Kaufmann
Herwig Grabner
Julius Skamen

Barbados

Naomi Springer

Belgium

Jef Konings
Werner Taveirne

Bermuda

Steven Petty
Patty Petty

Bolivia

Nimia Hurtado Oliver

Brazil

Roberto Menescal
Jose Rentao Silva

Bulgaria

Emil Stoynev
Irena Chukanova

Canada

Stephen Holmes
Pamela Fralick

China, P.R.

Wang Xuanqing
Wang Jianguo
Qi Jun

Chinese Taipei

Morrie Chiang
Andrew Tai

Chile

Enrique Retamal
Andres Cristi

Colombia

Diana Marcela Osorio

Costa Rica

Sylvia Gonzalez
Cristina Gonzalez

Croatia

Neven Savora
Goran Vrbanac

Cyprus

Bambos Spanoudes
Andri Poyiatzi

Czech Republic

Vaclav Bunc
Antonin Bauer

Denmark

Morten Fenger
Anna Karin Jørgensen

Dominican Republic

Luis Lopes Suarez
Ivonne Hernandez

Ecuador

Cornelio Serrano R.
Piedad Ulloa C.

Estonia

Tõnu Kõiv
Tiina Pallas

El Salvador

Adonay Mancía
Henry Saz

F.Y.R.O. Macedonia

Fidanco Popovski
Stojan Popovski

Finland

Timo Pennanen
Olli-Matti Vanhatapio

France

Philippe Lescure
Jacques Laparade

Germany

Rolf Ebeling
Claudia Wisser
Dr. Suzanne Mortier

Great Britain

Jem Lawson
Tom Chambers
Dr. Sarah Springman
Zara Hyde Peters

Greece

George Yerolimpos
Manolis Garefalakis

Grenada

Marc DeCaul

Guatemala

Roberto Vergara
Carlos Friely

Honduras

Leslie Poujol Brown
Tania Casco Rubi

Hong Kong China

Philip Penaloza

Hungary

Dr. Gabor Markus
Peter Czencz

Indonesia

Mark Sungkar
Arfenilla Bauty

Iran, I.R

Sabour M. Ali
Amiri Ciamak



Ireland

Jag Gunawardana

ItalyEmilio DiToro
Aldo Lucarini
Gabriella Lorenzi**Jamaica (W.I.)**Leroy Cooke
Alan Beckford
Hazelyn Brown**Japan**Shin Otsuka
Kiriyo Suzuki
Tomoko Wada**Kazakhstan**Yuriy Solovyev
Lyubov Shpariy**Korea**Yu, Kyung-Sun
Kim, Jin-ho**Liechtenstein**Philip Schaedler
Michael Schaedler**Luxembourg**Michel Knepper
Eugene Kraus**Macau**Chin Nam Chang
Ting Hung Ma**Malaysia**

Balwant Sing Kler

MauritiusAlain St.Louis
Daniel Mc Kay**Mexico**Jaime Cadaval
Gerardo Gutierrez
Nelly Becerra**Mongolia**Byambaa Tsagaanbaatar
Dashdorj Khorolsuren**Netherlands**

Henk Van Lint

New ZealandGary Boon
Dave Beeche**Nigeria**Dr. Lanre Glover
Marie Fatayi-Williams**Norway**

Kare J. Grotta

PanamaEladio Quintero
Ivette Bourette**Paraguay**Edgar Leon
Alcides Martinez**Philippines**Tomas Carrasco
Aaron Altura
Lourdes Carrasco
Rachel Ribo**Poland**Krzysztof Piatkowski
Jan Gulczewski**Portugal**David Vaz
Fernando Carmo
Teresa Rocha**Puerto Rico**Fernando Delgado
Luis Jimenez**Russia**Anatoly Korobov
Oleg Dmitrusenko
Liudmila Saraeva**St. Kitts/Nevis**Winston Crooke
Greg Phillip**Serbia**Dragan Nikolic
Marija Bjelan**Singapore**David Hoong
Mohamed Ashiq Bin
Mohamed Idris**Slovakia**Anton Ihring
Josef Jurasek**Spain**Jose Hidalgo
Jorge Garcia
Alicia Garcia**Sweden**Jan Nilsson
Ria Damgren Nilsson
Charlotta Svard**Switzerland**Oliver Imfeld
Iwan Schuwey**Thailand**

Vijitr Sitinawin

UkraineAndriy Bilda
Eduard Panarin**USA**Rob Kasper
Scott Schnitzspahn
Melissa Merson
Celeste Callahan**Uzbekistan**Momindjanov Sharipdjan
Blokhin Leonid**Venezuela**Renzo Catulini
Julio Segovia
Mayrim Leon

2. **Welcome:** Marisol Casado introduced Alejandro Blanco, President of the Spanish National Olympic Committee, who welcomed everyone to Madrid for the Congress.

Les McDonald welcomed everyone.

3. **Roll-call of National Federations:** Sheila O'Kelly reported that 71 National Federations were in attendance as follows:

4. Appointment of three scrutineers and tellers: Les McDonald appointed the following:

- 4.1. Scrutineers:
a.) Gary Boone, NZL
b.) Zara Hyde-Peters, GBR
c.) Geraldo Zetina, MEX
- 4.2. Tellers:
a.) Tinna Pallas, EST
b.) Pamela Fralich, CAN
c.) Iwan Schuwey, SUI

5. Minutes of the last Congress:

- 5.1. Sarah Springman, GBR pointed out that Christoph Dubi's name needs to be corrected on the 2007 ITU Congress Minutes.

Minutes approved as amended.

6. Report of the Audit Committee

- 6.1. David Hoong, SIN presented the report of the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee met and reviewed the financial statements prepared by `auditors KPMG. Everything complied with the ITU Constitution.
- 6.2. The Audit Committee recommended that we accept the report and that we continue using KPMG for the next fiscal year.

7. President's Report

- 7.1. Les McDonald gave a status report on the sport of Triathlon. He commented on the success of the television show and Stephen Bourdeau's attendance at the IF Forum in Lausanne.
- 7.2. He commented on the request for more athletes at the Olympic Games.

8. Treasurer's Report:

- 8.1. Marisol Casado introduced Bill Walker who then presented the financial report.
- 8.2. Bill Walker reviewed the key elements of the 2007 Audit Financial Statements as prepared by KPMG. He advised Congress that KPMG conducted the audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing best practice.
- 8.3. David Hoong, Singapore reported on behalf of the ITU Audit Committee. He stated that according to the opinion of the Audit Committee ITU's financial report is in order.
Motion: That the 2007 Audit Financial Statements be accepted as presented.
Moved: Leroy Cooke (JAM), seconded Balwant Singh Kler (MAS)
Carried.
Motion: That KPMG be engaged to prepare the 2008 Financial Statements.
Moved: Tom Carrasco, (PHI), seconded Rob Kasper (USA)
Carried.
- 8.4. Olympic Revenue: Les McDonald announced that we received close to 8 million dollars from the IOC from the revenues of the Beijing Olympic Games.

9. Budget:

9.1. Bill Walker presented the 2009 Projected Budget. The total revenue is expected to be \$5,370,980, with projected expenses at \$7,352,820. This will result in a projected loss of \$1,981,840.

Motion: Rob Kasper (USA) moved that the 2009 budget be accepted.
Seconded: Greg Phillip (SKN)

Discussion: Sarah Springman asked about support for the continental confederations. Bill Walker responded that most of the support is included in the Sport Development budget, with some additional support in the areas of event development and administration.

Rob Kasper asked about the 219 million dollars that the IOC gives to the IFs, and wondered if it was accounted for in the overall revenue.

Bill Walker responded that we only budget and account for the revenue in the year of receipt but we earned it from the previous four years.

Carried.

Les McDonald stated that we are in a group of sports who get the least amount of money from the IOC because we are a single medal sport (two medals – men's and women's). We need to lobby for more medals and a different distribution.

10. Report on the ITU World Championships Series (WCS): Paul Coleman reported on the World Championship Series emphasizing:

- World Class Partnership.
- Vision
- Key Success Factors
- Host Cities
- Title Sponsorship – Dextro Energy and other proposed Sponsorship packages
- 2009 Prize Money
- 2009 Series
- Developing a World Class Team
- A promotion video on WCS produced by ITU Media and Television was shown.

Loreen Barnett thanked Paul for the tremendous work accomplished in a very short time..

Henk Van Lint (NED) asked about the relationship between WCS and the World Cup Series. He expressed the concern that the World Cup events would become like second class citizens.

Les McDonald answered that we need more events, and the World Cup events will still be qualifiers for new athletes coming into the elite ranks.

Sarah Springman stated that she supports the World Championships Series and is happy that London is a part of the Series. The tie-in to mass participation is wonderful. She thanked Les for supporting the athletes.

11. **World Cup Series:** Sheila O’Kelly, ITU Director of World Cup Series reported.
- The calendar will be announced in early December with an expected 6 events.
 - The focus will be on emerging athletes, the bridge between U/23’s and elites. There will also be specific Sport Development programme associated with the series.

Discussion: Richard Stannard (GBR) asked about the timing for the series – what month will the World Cup start and end.

Sheila O’Kelly responded “March to November.”

12. **Multi-Sport Events:** Gergely Markus, ITU Director of Events reported on the restructuring of the events department and plans for the Multi-sports.
13. **Sport Development:** Libby Burrell, ITU Director of Sport Development reported on Sport Development, and presented the Sport Development Video, produced by ITU Media and Television.
14. **Media and Television:** Brian Mahoney, ITU Director of Media and Television reported on the successes of the past year. He also congratulated Libby Burrell on the success of the Sport Development, and the positive impact this success has on media.
15. **Anti-Doping:** Leslie Buchanan reported on Anti-Doping, and the importance of the ITU Doping Rules and our compliance with the WADA Code.

Marisol Casado thanked Leslie and mentioned that David Howman of WADA made a very positive report about Leslie at the European Federation Meetings with WADA.

16. **Resolution #1: ITU Executive Board (Adoption of ITU Anti-Doping Rules)**

Whereas Anti-Doping Rules, like Competition rules, are sport rules governing the conditions under which sport is played.

And whereas athletes and other persons accept these rules as a condition of participation and shall be bound by them.

And whereas these sport-specific rules and procedures, aimed at enforcing anti-doping principles in a global and harmonized manner, are distinct in nature and, therefore, not intended to be subject to or limited by any national requirements and legal standards applicable to criminal proceedings or employment matters.

Therefore be it resolved that at the ITU Congress held on November 29th, 2008 in Madrid, Spain, the ITU accept the revised (2009) World Anti-Doping Code (the "Code") and the revised ITU Anti-Doping Rules.

And further be it resolved that these ITU Anti-Doping Rules are adopted and implemented in conformance with the ITU’s responsibilities under the Code, and are in furtherance of the ITU’s continuing efforts to eradicate doping in the sport of Triathlon.

Carried Unanimously.

17. Resolution #2: ITU Executive Board (Compulsory Age of Retirement)

Whereas ITU feels strongly about aligning its policies with the Olympic movement,

And whereas the compulsory age of retirement for officers within the IOC is 70 years of age;

Therefore be it resolved that ITU implement a compulsory age of retirement **of 70 years** for all elected officers.

Carried

18. Resolution #3: ITU Executive Board (Name change for Duathlon Committee to Multi-sport Committee)

Whereas Triathlon is the primary focus of ITU, but Duathlon, Winter Triathlon, Aquathlon, LD Triathlon and Cross Triathlon all have an important role within the evolution of ITU,

And whereas Duathlon is the only discipline of ITU which its own elected committee of three,

Therefore be it resolved that the section 4.11 of the ITU Constitution be changed from 4.11 Duathlon Committee: shall consist of three (3) individuals elected by Congress. To 4.11 Multisport Committee: shall consist of seven (7) individual elected by Congress.

Discussion:

Sarah Springman (GBR) spoke in favour of the motion but asked if we could deal with it in conjunction with the other resolutions (on winter triathlon) as well.

Emilio DiToro (ITA) asked question about what would happen with the election. Loreen Barnett explained that the incoming Executive Board would appoint 4 additional members after the election and then an election would take place at the Gold Coast Congress.

Carried.

19. Resolution #4: ITU Executive Board (World Championship Entry Fee)

Whereas the 2006 ITU Congress unanimously passed a Resolution 8 stating “commencing in 2007 a limit of \$200 US/ competitor be charged to all categories in the Triathlon World Championships.”

And whereas economic changes in global financial matters has changed the value of the US dollar relative to other currencies;

And whereas the staging of the ITU World Championships does require a substantial revenue from entry fees to stage an event at the standards required by ITU,

Therefore be it resolved that the 2006 Resolution 8 be rescinded, and further that all future entry fees for the Triathlon World Championships be approved by the Executive Board of ITU.

Discussion:

- Rob Kasper (USA) asked that the athletes be notified when they qualify what the entry fee is going to be.
- Marisol Casado suggested that it be part of the bid procedure that it would be set 3 years in advance.

Carried.

20. Reports from Standing Committees;

20.1. Technical Committee – Enrique Quesada (ESP) reported

- a.) Close cooperation with the ITU Events Dept.
- b.) ITOs and NTOs provided for Beijing Olympic Games
- c.) Beijing Officials attended the test event in 2007 and World Championships in Vancouver in June, 2008.
- d.) Technical Officials vests as a legacy from Hamburg World Championships
- e.) Assistant Technical Delegate program successfully conducted.
- f.) Technical Delegate subsidy
- g.) Revision of the Competition Rules
- h.) Revision of Rankings criteria
- i.) Revision of Qualification criteria
- j.) Creation of the World Championships Series
- k.) Support ITU events by appointing and sending TDs to all ITU events
- l.) Future Plans:
 - Technical Official certification program
 - Sport equipment certification program

Enrique thanked all of the National Federation Technical Officials for their help, and closed by thanking Les McDonald for the last 20 years.

Discussion:

Jef Konings, (BEL) asked why the competition rules changed in June of 2008 and not in January, at the beginning of the season. Enrique Quesada answered that ITU hung on so that it wouldn't effect the Olympic Qualification. He also stated that normally changes will come into effect as of January 1.

20.2. Medical Committee: Dr. Sergio Migliorini (ITA) reported.

- a.) The first goal of the ITU Medical Committee is to have safe races at the events.
- b.) Medical care at the 2008 Vancouver World Championships was very well conducted under the direction of Dr. Sam Gutman.
- c.) Things went well at the Beijing Olympic Games thanks to Doug Hiller and Dr. Mario Rodriguez.
- d.) We need support to have a budget to meet, organize an international conference and do research.
- e.) We created a medical plan for Olympic distance events.
- f.) We need to update a medical page on the Website site.

20.3. Constitution Committee: Patrice Brunet (CAN) reported

- a.) Last Congress we reviewed the Bylaws, under the laws of Canada and the Constitution that is our internal governing document.

- b.) In February 2008, the Executive Board approved the Bylaws. The major change is that we are increasing the number of Board of Directors.
- c.) We reviewed the minutes of the Congress and the Committee didn't see any changes that need to take place to the Constitution, other than the resolutions.

20.4. Athletes Committee: Kris Gemmell (NZL) reported.

- a.) It was great to see the awarding of the medals at the Beijing Olympics Games. It was a big year for athletes. ITU Athlete Committee members, Jessica Harrison (FRA), Richard Stannard (GBR) and Kris Gemmell (NZL) are looking forward to working with the newly elected Executive Board.
- b.) Thanks to Les McDonald for his help in always putting athletes first.
- c.) Les McDonald asked if there was any objection for putting an athlete on the Executive Board. There was no discussion.

20.5. Credential Committee: Sheila O'Kelly (CAN) reported.

- a.) There are 128 fully affiliated National Federation, five more than 2007. We are confident that with the work of Libby Burrell, ITU Sport Development, and the Regional Representatives that we will continue to grow.
- b.) Les McDonald reminded us that there are 205 NOCs so we still have work to do.
- c.) Loreen Barnett asked National Federations to take more responsibility for keeping their affiliation documents up to date. There were too many NFs who did not submit the annual requirements for affiliation.

20.6. Women's Committee: Pamela Fralick (CAN) reported.

- a.) Pamela introduced Nelly Becarra (MEX), Kiriyo Suzuki (JPN) and Rachel Ribo (PHI). She also mentioned the other member of the committee.- Naida Freitas (BRA), Monika Birk (GER), and Manuela Ianesi (ITA)
- b.) They have transferred the day to day duties to the ITU. They are on call if there is work to be done. There was no call for help.
- c.) Pamela made reference that 16 of 64 people standing for election, other than the Women's Committee, are women. We can do better.
- d.) Pamela recognized the first members of the ITU Women's Commission who were in the room, Sarah Springman and Loreen Barnett.
- e.) Les responded by saying that we have many women in leadership in our sport. We have three women – President Marisol Casado, Secretary General Loreen Barnett, Vice President Sarah Springman. His grandmother went to jail fighting for women's rights. Les named the women who were running for election and encouraged them to work the floor to make sure that they get elected.

20.7. Duathlon/ Multisport Commission: Chris Kitchen (GBR) reported.

- a.) Long Distance Triathlon matters: there were 5 events culminating in Almere this year. We had a conflict of dates which we aim to never have again.
- b.) Thanks to Enrique Quesada for keeping all the rankings and entries up to date.
- c.) Chris named the World Champions and the World Ranking Series.
- d.) He mentioned next year's World Championships and the European Championships that are sure to be exciting.

- e.) They have similar challenges to other sister sports and he looks forward to what the Multi-sport committee is going to do.
- f.) Clive Faine resigned as the Chair of Duathlon Committee. He wanted to be here but he broke his elbow earlier this year and he decided to step down from the Committee. Chris extended a big “thank you” on behalf of ITU to Clive for the many years of guidance that he provided to Duathlon.

20.8. AWAD Commission: Grant Darby (CAN) reported.

- a.) Grant asked for every National Federation to complete their AWAD surveys.
- b.) Grant mentioned the other members of the Commission.
- c.) Goals – Increase participation of AWADs.
- d.) Inclusion into the Paralympics.
- e.) AWADs have to overcome obstacles and challenges every day.
- f.) The AWAD Commission met 6 times this year. They met with IPC Representatives and invited the IPC to our World Champs.
- g.) The number of events are growing:
 - The New York Triathlon hosts a very large event with 48 athletes.
 - European Championships – 14 athletes (up from 3)
 - Australia Regional Race
 - Participation rates at the World Championships have been increasing every year.
- h.) We lose athletes in a paralympic year as athletes compete in other sports.
- i.) Grant gave some NF examples about increased participation.
- j.) www.triathlon.org has had more communication.
- k.) Streamlined from 9 to 6 categories in 2007, redefined the categories in 2008 to be more in line with the Paralympics, TRI 1-6. They seem to be a good fit with the Paralympics.
- l.) 2008 Activities:
 - Worked with IPC for inclusion in 2016
 - Developed classification procedures
 - Updated the ITU AWAD webpage.
 - Produced and circulated an AWAD print Brochure.
 - Increased communication with the physically challenged athletes.
- m.) Timelines of Paralympic Inclusion.
 - 2012 –Possibility of exhibition sport for London. LOGOC must apply to IPC in the next few months.
- n.) Next Steps
 - Resolution about moving the AWAD Commission as a Committee.
 - Collect Background information form NFs
 - Increase awareness
 - Complete IPC application
 - Approach LOGOC with regards to 2012
 - Complete AWAD Classification manual
 - Identify classifiers

Grant stated that one person can make a difference. Please be that person.

Discussion:

- Zara Hyde-Peters (GBR) thanked all those that have worked so hard on this and congratulations on the meetings that were held this week. What Sport Development programmes will be focused on AWAD? Grant suggested that there needs to be more coordination between the two groups.
- Alan Beckford (JAM) suggested that a line be put in the budget.
- Geraldo Zetina (MEX) suggested that we change the name to Athletes with Different Capabilities.
- Loreen suggested that many IFs are changing their names to a Para- sport name so we would have paratriathletes. It was left for the incoming Executive Board to consider a name change. Grant said that he and the other Commission members were available for feedback.

21. Appointment of Tellers and Scrutineers. The following

21.1. Scrutineers:

- a.) Pamela Fralick (CAN)
- b.) Iwan Schuwey (SUI)
- c.) Tiina Pallas (EST)

21.2. Tellers:

- a.) Zara Hyde-Peters (GBR)
- b.) Gary Boone (NZL)
- c.) Geraldo Zetina (MEX)

22. Resolution #7: British Triathlon Federation (Honorary Member)

Whereas Professor Chiharu Igaya held the office of the ITU Vice President from 1996-2008, following on from triathlon being awarded and having enjoyed programme status as a sport in the summer Olympic Games;

And whereas the ITU has benefited from his wise guidance through his experience as an IOC member, member of the IOC Ethics Committee, IOC Executive Board and mostly recently as IOC Vice President;

Therefore be it resolved that ITU Congress recognizes, with acclaim, the enormous contribution of Professor Chiharu Igaya (IOC) to the ITU by appointing him an Honorary Member of the ITU.

Les told the story of how Chiharu Igaya came to the USA and how he helped to get triathlon onto the Olympic programme.

Discussion:

- Mr Igaya conveyed that the triathletes represent the true values of Olympism. He wished Marisol Casado good luck in the future.
- Marisol Casado thanked him and said that her two teachers were Mr. Igaya and Les McDonald.

Carried

23. Resolution #5: British Triathlon Federation (World Championships Entry Fee)

Whereas the Age Group events have always formed an important part of ITU World Triathlon Championships, contributing to the event's success, viability and appeal;

And whereas ITU wishes to remove the barriers to entry and achieve a broader mix of participants from all around the world, and to diversify to ensure equal access, to reflect the Olympic ideal of universality, and to support developing nations in triathlon;

And whereas the ITU wishes to encourage increased numbers of entrants for age group events at the ITU World Triathlon Championship Series, especially from those countries currently under-represented;

And whereas age group competitors comprise a significant portion of the entrants to the World Championships, funding their own entry, travel, subsistence, and uniform costs;

And whereas, age group competitors may wish to take part in more than one event - aquathlon, sprint distance triathlon, and /or standard distance triathlon;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of directors review the cost of entries for the ITU World Triathlon Championships Final Event and agree with the Championship's LOC for each event an age group entry fee, which is affordable, recognises that individuals may wish to enter more than one discipline, encourages increased entries and widens the number of nations competing in the age group events.

Carried

24. Resolution #8: British Triathlon Federation (Paralympic Committee)

Whereas, ITU established a temporary Commission for Physically Challenged (AWAD) Competition, with a mandate to work towards developing a classification of competition categories and framework as well as outstanding AWAD triathletes, who should always be a focus of our sport;

And whereas the numbers of athletes in AWAD triathlon are growing, and 10 or more nations were represented at the last two ITU AWAD Triathlon World Championships;

And whereas several countries are investing in development of suitable championship events, promotion of an increased profile within the sport and in the media, athlete support within clubs, coaching and infrastructure development squads, which is reflected in increased participation in such races worldwide;

And whereas ITU Congress has aspirations that the sport should pursue programme status in the Paralympic Games;

Therefore be it resolved that the Commission is elevated to becoming an ITU Committee, with a mandate to redouble their efforts in conjunction with the ITU Board of directors and Staff, to plan the campaign for, and deliver the inclusion of triathlon as a Paralympic sport;

And be it resolved that on the occasion of acceptance of this resolution that voting should proceed on candidates put forward from the floor of Congress.

Les McDonald moved the amendment from the Executive Board, which was to remove the final paragraph regarding nominations from the floor of this Congress, and instead stated that the incoming Executive Board should work with the existing commission to appoint the committee of seven, and that an election for the Committee will take place at the 2009 ITU Congress.

Carried as amended.

25. Resolution #9: Liechtenstein Triathlon Federation (Winter Triathlon Commission and Staff)

Whereas it is the strategy of ITU to bring Winter Triathlon to the Winter Olympic Games an official request was undertaken recently by ITU to IOC to include Winter Triathlon into the Winter Olympic Games in 2014. Unfortunately this request was denied by saying that there must be at least 35 NFs involved in the sport from at least from 4 continents.

Whereas there is continuous effort by ITU and the Continental Federations to hold Winter Triathlon championships and cup-events, nevertheless the number of athletes as well as the number of races is stagnating and even falling.

Whereas there is no global master-plan and no official commission to stop the negative development worldwide and no task-force to take care of the strategic goal in order to achieve the numbers requested by IOC in due time

It shall be resolved that

1. ITU is setting up a Winter Triathlon commission with people knowing the sport which serves as a counsel and think-tank for the ITU Executive Board; and
2. ITU makes more efforts to lobby Winter Triathlon in IOC and reporting yearly to ITU Congress which efforts has been realised.
3. ITU is appointing an ITU staff officer who is responsible for Winter Triathlon and member of the Winter Triathlon commission.
4. ITU is having a reasonable official budget to promote Winter Triathlon in order to achieve the standard set by IOC.

Discussion:

- Loreen Barnett said that Kare Grotta (NOR) suggested that we take Resolution #9 with Resolution #13 Norwegian Triathlon Federation (Winter Triathlon).
- Marisol said that if you table this Resolution the Executive Board would put together a Winter Triathlon Commission.
- Kare Grotta withdrew resolution #13.
- Philip Schadler (LIE) withdrew resolution #9.

Resolution referred to the incoming Executive Board.

26. Resolution #10: Nederlandse Triathlon Bond (Draft Zone for LD Triathlon.)

Whereas Rule E.2.3. of the ITU Competition Rules states that the drafting zone is a rectangle of 7 meters long and 3 meters wide. The center of the leading 3 meter edge is measured from the leading edge of the front wheel.

And whereas the new drafting zone has been reduced to the extent that athletes now do derive an unintentional advantage from each other and this advantage can not be adequately assessed by the officials.

And whereas the difficult judging situation that this is causing has resulted in ITU granting permission during international events to make exceptions to this rule (for instance during the WC Lorient, where the drafting zone was 3 by 10 meter);

And whereas at several events and via internet, a growing number of athletes have expressed concern that the drafting zone as specified by the new Competition Rules leads to unwanted advantage and as such negatively affects the character of the LD races.

And whereas this new drafting zone has not even been effectively implemented in many countries;

And where as many athletes, officials and organization committees have requested this change,

Therefore be it resolved that ITU Competition Rule E.2.3 be changed to adjust the drafting zone for national and international race to 12 by 3 meters, starting from Jan 1st 2009 which will create an effective drafting zone with a net distance between the bikes of 10 meters.

Discussion:

- The Executive Board voted in concurrence with this motion, but felt that they should leave to it the incoming Technical Committee.
- Chris Kitchen spoke in support of the resolution.
- Henk Van Lint (NED) asked when the new Technical Committee would make a decision.
- Loreen suggested that the new TC have a rule in place for the 2009 season.

Carried.

27. Resolution #11: Nederlandse Triathlon Bond (Cross Triathlon World Championships)

Whereas the board of the NTB has observed that the relatively young discipline of Cross Triathlon has great potential for the rejuvenation of the triathlon sport.

And whereas In the Netherlands, the participation to Cross Triathlon events is growing rapidly and we feel that an active support strategy of the combined National Federations will lead to a strong position for Cross Triathlon in the world.

And whereas The European Championship of September 13th which was held on the island of Ameland (NLD) was a great success and it is the NTB's opinion that the establishment of a World Championship is the next logical step in the globalization of this discipline.

Therefore be it resolved that ITU organize a Cross Triathlon World Championship which will take place every year, starting in 2010 or 2011 at the latest.

And further that ITU establish the conditions under which this 2010 or 2011 World Championships should be organized.

Note: The Local Organization Committee of Tri Ambla Ameland (NLD), that successfully organized the 2008 European Championships, has offered to organize this first World Championship in 2010 or 2011 on the island of Ameland (NL) under conditions to be agreed between the parties.

Discussion:

The Executive Board voted in concurrence with this resolution.

Carried.

28. Resolution #12: Nederlandse Triathlon Bond (Long Distance Triathlon)

Whereas the world-wide success of the Ironman distances illustrates that there is a lot of interest among the triathletes for the longer distances.

And whereas Ironman does not have a monopoly to this success, as illustrated by the large number of participants to the World Championships LD 2008 in Almere (NLD);

And whereas the website www.k226.com lists 41 classic distance events that are not linked to Ironman.

And whereas there are numerous successful events around the O3 distance.

And whereas many athletes have expressed their disappointment concerning the new, reduced ITU LD distances and they feel abandoned by the ITU and are forced to resort to the commercial organizations for long distances races.

And whereas it can be concluded that Long Distance triathlon is not unhealthy and that there is a large community of aficionados and specialists for this distance and a high availability of races.

And whereas it is the opinion of the NTB that it is the moral obligation of those that represent the organized triathlon sport under the flag of the ITU to provide a platform for these athletes, events and their federations and to offer to them an alternative to the commercial organizations of the Ironman and WTC.

Therefore be it resolved that ITU considers the Long Distance triathlon to be distances of O2 or longer

And further that ITU will organize a World Championship Long Distance for the O3 distances and beyond (up to 4-180-40) as of 2010

And further that ITU organizes her World Championships LD during even years, whilst the Continental Championships LD will be organized during uneven years, in order to avoid the redundancy that happened in 2008

The Executive Board asked Congress to defer the resolution to the new TC for the 2010 season.

Discussion:

- Les talked about the Ironman and how the IOC said that we couldn't have any Ironman distance events.
- Emilio Di Toro (ITA) asked that we look at the last paragraph as it should be a political choice.

Carried.

29. Resolution #6: British Triathlon Federation (Honorary President)

Whereas Mr Les McDonald is not standing for re-election to the position of President of the International Triathlon Union, a position he has held since the inauguration of this body in Avignon, France in 1989;

And whereas during Mr McDonald's term as President, together with His Excellency the Marques de Samaranch (IOC President) and IOC Executive Board member Gunnar Ericsson, he led the successful campaign to gain recognition for Triathlon firstly as an Olympic Sport in 1994 and then its introduction to the programme of the Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia in 2000;

And whereas the sport of Triathlon has under his leadership continued as an Olympic sport in subsequent Olympic Games, namely Athens 2004 and Beijing 2008, and programme status has been extended to other major regional and Commonwealth Games as well;

And whereas Mr McDonald has overseen the global spread of the sport of Triathlon to some 120 countries;

And whereas Mr McDonald has promoted the Olympic ideals within the sport of triathlon including encouraging gender equity within the ITU, its member federations and its athletes, and supporting the fight against doping in sport;

And whereas under Mr McDonald's leadership the sport has developed a highly successful series of World Championships and Cups in Triathlon, Long Distance Triathlon, Duathlon, Aquathlon and Winter Triathlon, together with global television coverage and sponsorship;

Therefore be it resolved under clause 11.3 (b) of the constitution that Congress confers the title of Honorary President to Mr Les McDonald to mark the occasion of his retirement, and to recognise, with acclaim, his huge contribution to the sport of Triathlon during his 19 years as President of the International Triathlon Union.

Discussion:

- Sarah Springman spoke in favour of the motion.

Carried.

- The meeting welcomed Les McDonald back into the room with a standing ovation.
- Les McDonald said that he couldn't accept this honor because Gunnar Ericsson was the Honorary President. Ria Damgren said that Gunnar Ericsson would like to stand until he turned 90 in 6 months time, when he would step down. Les agreed that he would gladly share this honor with Gunnar until his 90th birthday.

30. Elections:

President: Marisol Casado (ESP) – acclamation.

Secretary General: Loreen Barnett (CAN) – acclamation.

Treasurer: Tom Carrasco (PHI) – acclamation

Vice Presidents:

- a.) Antonio Alvarez (MEX) - acclamation
- b.) Sarah Springman (GBR) – acclamation
- c.) Bill Walker (AUS) – acclamation
- d.) Kyung-Sun Yu (KOR)) – acclamation

31. Executive Board Nominations: Seven to be elected

Fernando Carmo (POR)

Lanre Glover (NIG)

Stephen Holmes (CAN)

Anatoly Korobov (RUS)

Philippe Lescure (FRA)

Xin Li (CHN)

Melissa Merson (USA)

Ria Damgren Nilsson (SWE)

Shin Otsuka (JPN)

Jose Yucra Paredes (BOL)

Mario Rodriguez (GUA)

Terry Sheldrake (NZL)

Executive Board elected:

Anatoly Korobov (RUS) – 31 votes

Philippe Lescure (FRA) – 28 votes

Xin Li (CHN) – 51 votes

Melissa Merson (USA) -40 votes

Ria Damgren Nilsson (SWE) –28 votes

Shin Otsuka (JPN) – 50 votes

Mario Rodriguez (GUA) -41 votes

Terry Sheldrake (NZL) – 41 votes

There was a tie between:

Philippe Lescure (FRA)

Ria Damgren – Nilsson (SWE)

Sequence of actions that occurred to ensure compliance with the constitution:

- Les McDonald suggested that the two individuals who tied, leave the room so that there could a vote by a show of hands.
- GBR objected and so there was a paper secret ballot.
- The results of the second ballot were:
 - Philippe Lescure (FRA) – 36 votes
 - Ria Damgren – Nilsson (SWE) – 37 votes
- Therefore, Ria Damgren – Nilsson (SWE) is elected to the Executive Board.
- Patrice Brunet of the ITU Constitution Committee reported that Chapter 10.7 of the ITU Constitution required that to be elected, officers required more than 50% of the

votes cast; and if no candidate receives more than 50% of votes, the candidates with the lowest vote drops off and another election is held.

- 77 votes were cast. So 39 votes are required for the 50% needed to be elected. The original vote was the following:
 - Fernando Carmo – 15 votes
 - Lanre Glover – 26 votes
 - Stephen Holmes – 30 votes – drops off based on the 4 spots for the Pan American Region have already been filled. (Barnett (CAN), Alvarez (MEX), Merson (USA), Rodriguez (GUA).)
 - Anatoly Korobov – 31 votes
 - Philippe Lescure – 28 votes
 - Xin Li – 51 votes
 - Melissa Merson – 40 votes
 - Ria Damgren Nilsson – 28 votes
 - Shin Otsuka – 50 votes
 - Jose Yucra Parades – 3 votes– drops off based on least number of votes.
 - Mario Rodriguez – 41 votes
 - Terry Sheldrake – 41 votes
- Therefore, the following needed to stand for election: (two to be elected.)
 - Fernando Carmo (POR)
 - Lanre Glover (NGR)
 - Anatoly Korobov (RUS)
 - Ria Damgren- Nilssen (SWE)
 - Philippe Lescure (FRA)
- The next ballot was the following:
 - Ria Damgren-Nilsson – 39 votes
 - Anatoly Korobov – 37 votes
 - Philippe Lescure – 34 votes
 - Lanre Glover – 18 votes
 - Fernando Carmo – 6 votes
- There were 76 votes were cast so 38 votes were needed to get elected.
- Ria Damgren-Nilsson was elected.
- Fernando Carmo drops off with the least amount of votes.
- Another ballot was cast with one to be elected
 - Lanre Glover –12 votes
 - Anatoly Korobov- 33 votes
 - Philippe Lescure – 27 votes
- There were 75 ballots cast, with 3 spoiled ballots.
- Lanre Glover drops off with the lowest number.
- Philippe Lescure withdrew his name so Anatoly Korobov is elected to the Executive Board.

32. Committee Elections

32.1. Technical Committee: Seven to be elected

Jaime Cadaval (MEX)
Joyce Donaldson (USA)
Jasmine Flatters (GBR)
Dominique Frizza (FRA)

Stuart Fuller (AUS)
Eugene Kraus (LUX)
David Markham (CAN)
Helmut Menger (GER)
Oscar Petroboni (ITA)
Jun Qi (CHN)
Enrique Quesada (ESP)
Sergio Santos (POR)
Emil Stoynev (BUL)
Kiriyo Suzuki (JPN)
Bela Varga (HUN)

Technical Committee elected:

Jaime Cadaval (MEX) – 36 votes
Joyce Donaldson (USA) – 38 votes
Jasmine Flatters (GBR) – 46 votes
David Markham (CAN) – 33 votes
Jun Qi (CHN) – 37 votes
Enrique Quesada (ESP) – 56 votes
Kiriyo Suzuki (JPN) – 49 votes

32.2. Medical Committee: Seven elected by acclamation

Dr. Joao Paul De Almeida (POR)
Dr. Doug Hiller (USA)
Dr. Toshihito Katsumura (JPN)
Dr. Jon King (AUS)
Dr. Sergio Migliorini (ITA)
Dr. Mario Rodriguez (GUA)
Dr. Lothar Schwarz (GER)

32.3. Constitution Committee: Five to be elected.

Gale Bernhardt (USA)
Patrice Brunet (CAN)
Vera Carvalho (POR) - withdrawn
Alicia Garcia (ESP) - withdrawn
Jin Ho Kim (KOR)
Patricia Petty (BER)
Eduardo Diaz Romero (BOL)
Bernard Saint-Jean (FRA)
Ola Silvdahl (SWE)

Constitution Committee elected:

Gale Bernhardt (USA) – 52 votes
Patrice Brunet (CAN) - 59 votes
Jin Ho Kim (KOR) – 40 votes
Patricia Petty (BER) – 50 votes
Bernard Saint-Jean (FRA) 37 votes

32.4. Women's Committee: (Seven to be elected)

Nelly Becarra (MEX)
Candyce Cheatham (USA)
Lori Ebbesen (CAN)
Sylvia Gonzalez (CRC)
Rachel Ribo (PHI)
Agnes Kay Eppers Reynders (BOL)
Teresa Rocha (POR)
Tomoko Wada (JPN)

Women's Committee: Elected

Nelly Becarra (MEX) – 59 votes
Candyce Cheatham (USA) – 48 votes
Lori Ebbesen (CAN) – 52 votes
Sylvia Gonzalez (CRC) – 49 votes
Rachel Ribo (PHI) – 58 votes
Teresa Rocha (POR) – 39 votes
Tomoko Wada (JPN) – 66 votes

32.5. Credentials Committee (Three to be elected)

Irena Chukanova (BUL)
Alicia Garcia (ESP)
Sheila O'Kelly (CAN)
Nimia Hurtado Oliver (BOL)
David Vaz (POR)
Goran Vrbanac (CRO)

32.6. Credentials Committee (Three to be elected)

Alicia Garcia (ESP) – 46 votes
Sheila O'Kelly (CAN) – 65 votes
Goran Vrbanac (CRO) – 25 votes

32.7. Multisport Committee: (Three to be elected.)

Lino Barruncho (POR)
Jeff Dyrek (USA)
Dominique Frizza (FRA)
Brian Hinton (AUS)
Christopher Kitchen (GBR)
Ali Murarram (PAK)
Juan Rodriguez (ESP)
Jianguo Wang (CHN)

32.8. Multisport Committee: Elected:

Brian Hinton (AUS) – 39 votes
Christopher Kitchen (GBR) – 48 votes
Juan Rodriguez (ESP) – 30 votes

33. **Presentations:** During the elections, the Congress heard presentations from:
- 33.1. Philip Davis (CAN) 2009 Whistler ITU Cross Triathlon Proposal
 - 33.2. Jorge Garcia (ESP) 2011 Vitoria ITU Long Distance Triathlon World Championships
 - 33.3. Tom Chambers (GBR) 2010 Edinburgh Duathlon World Championships
 - 33.4. Mr. Takai, (JPN) 2009 Yokohama International Triathlon Event and the World Kids' Sport Summit in Yokohama
 - 33.5. Andrew Hamilton (AUS) 2009 Perth ITU Long Distance Triathlon World Championships.
 - 33.6. Sheila O'Kelly (CAN): 2009 Gold Coast ITU Triathlon World Championships.
 - 33.7. Emil Stoinev (BUL) presentations to retiring President Les McDonald from the Bulgarian Triathlon Federation, Bulgarian Olympic Committee and the Bulgarian Sport Agency for Youth and Sport.
34. **Continental Reports:** The Continental Representatives gave reports summing up their written reports which were included in the Congress documentation.
- 34.1. Africa - Liesbeth Stoltz (RSA)
 - 34.2. Americas - Mario Rodriguez (GUA) spoke on behalf of Carlos Froes (BRA)
 - 34.3. Asia - - Tom Carrasco (PHI)
 - 34.4. Europe - Emilio Di Toro (ITA) spoke but gave credit to Gergely Markus (HUN) as he had done the job.
 - 34.5. Oceania - Terry Sheldrake (NZL)
35. Marisol Casado, the incoming President, presented Congress with a detailed speech about her vision for ITU. The key points of the address are:
- She gave thanks to the ITU staff and their leader, Loreen Barnett, who will stay with us.
 - Thank you to the Congress as well.
 - Thank you to Joachim Ballesteros, the first President of the Spanish Federation and her husband.
 - Les McDonald
 - Enrique Quesada
 - Jose Hidalgo, President of the Spanish Federation.
 - Our great strength is to be part of the Olympic family. There are a great number of NFs who couldn't be at the Olympic Games. We will have to convince the IOC that we can have a second medal with these Youth Olympic Games. Hopefully, the NOCs will help this
 - Lausanne office which will benefit our technical staff and our relationships with the IOC.
 - We will strengthen our participation and prize money.
 - We will continue to have zero tolerance for doping. With WADA and IOC helping we will be successful.
 - The competitions are the backbone
 - For Technical Delegates, we have had Loreen Barnett in Sydney, Michel Gignoux in Athens, and Gergely Markus and Enrique Quesada in Beijing. They are the major pillars, with the officials, to convey this information throughout the world. Safety, fair play and safety are the backbone of our sport.
 - The TD will train the EOs and we will give them the resources to carry out their work in an efficient work.

- I am not only talking about triathlon but all the multi-sports. The multi-sport committee will have the resources that they need to make improvements to events in ITU.
- Something about AG. They need full monitoring for safe and fair competitions.
- I have a positive legacy when I had the honour of representing my NF at the inaugural Congress in Avignon.
- The number of NFs in the Olympics

Marisol Casado was welcomed to her new position as ITU President by a standing ovation at the end of her speech.

36. Adjournment: The meeting was closed at 7:06 pm.

Minutes recorded by Leslie Buchanan (CAN)