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Minutes of Congress

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Wednesday, September 12th, 1990, Orlando, USA

1. **Call to Order:**

ITU President Les McDonald called the Congress to order. McDonald introduced Michael Gilmore, President of Tri-Fed/USA (the host NGB), Kathy Glasser, the head of Disney World Marketing, and David McGillivray, 1990 Triathlon World Championships Race Director, who all addressed the Congress with words of Welcome.

2. **Appointment of Scrutineers:**

President Les McDonald appointed Tom O'Donnel, Ireland, Jane Guardia, El Salvador and Ray Lichtwark, New Zealand as scrutineers, and charged them their major responsibility,, which is to scrutinize the accuracy of the minutes.

3. **Appointment of Tellers:**

President Les McDonald appointed David Torrance, Canada, Svend Brettschneider, Denmark and Masao Nakayama, Japan as tellers.

4. **Minutes of the Last Congress:**

The minutes of the August Avignon Congress were accepted as circulated.

5. **Roll Call of Members:**

38 of the 51 member countries were recorded as being present.

6. **Examination of Proxies:**

The following proxies were presented and accepted:

- a) Belgium by Holland
- b) Israel by Sweden

7. **Financial Report:**

- a) Treasurer Carl Thomas presented the financial report. It was agreed that approval of the report would be tabled until copies could be distributed to delegates.

8. **Admission of New Members:**

The following new NGBs were admitted as members of ITU: German Democratic Republic, (GDR), Guatemala, USSR, El Salvador, Bulgaria, Tahiti, India, Zimbabwe, Costa Rica, Netherlands Antilles.

9. **President's Report:**

President McDonald began his report by reading letters of greetings from: Professor Arne Lundquist, Chair IAAF Medical Committee, Mr. Emile Jarrot, Vice President, Modern Pentathlon (UIPMB), Margaret Talbot, Carnegie Professor, European Sports Conference Women in Sport, Mr. Gunnar Ericsson, IOC, Hanne Petersen, Vice President, Danish Sports Federation, Mr. Sam Ramsamay, Chairman, South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee, Mrs. Carol Ann Letheran, IOC, and President of Canadian Olympic Committee, Ms. Gunilla Lindberg, Secretary General, Swedish Olympic Committee, Mr. Nikolai Lents, Secretary General, Olympic Committee of the Soviet Union, Mr. Alexandr Emelyanov, President USSR Triathlon Federation.

Regrets at being unable to attend were received from Mr. Uzi Ron, Israel, due to the political situation in the Middle East.

President McDonald reviewed the past year's performance of ITU and plans for the future. He thanked the executive Board Members and Standing Committees for their work.

As well, President McDonald reviewed the status of our bid for IOC recognition and programme status following his recent discussions with IOC officials in Stockholm.

President McDonald noted the significance of a Triathlon Federation in India, and introduced Anita Sood, who presented a short, but well prepared account of the nature of triathlons in India.

10. **Triathlon World Championships:**

- a) Didier Lehenoff, France, presented a summary report on the 1989 Avignon Triathlon World Championships.
- b) Mark Sisson, USA, presented an update on the Orlando 1990 Triathlon World Championships.
- c) 1991 Triathlon World Championships: Congress voted unanimously to award the competition to Australia
- d) 1992 Triathlon World Championships: Congress voted unanimously to award the 1992 competition to Canada.

- e) 1993 Triathlon World Championships: Congress voted unanimously to accept a provisional bid from the Federal Republic of Germany. FRG will respond within 90 days if they can meet the ITU Criteria for Triathlon World Championships.
 - f) 1994 Triathlon World Championships: New Zealand moved that the 1994 World Triathlon Championships be awarded to New Zealand. 22 in favour, 10 opposed. Carried
 - g) 1991 Triathlon Long Course Triathlon Championships: The Executive Board recommended that Nice be awarded the 1991 Long course competition. Discussion for and against the motion ensued.
 - h) The resolution on the Long Course Championships was tabled until the next day's session.
11. Lunch recess: Congress recessed at 12:45 p.m. for a lunch provided by Tri-Fed/USA. The September 12th session of Congress resumed at 1:50 p.m.
12. Duathlon World Championships:
- a) Les McDonald reported on the status of the 1990 Duathlon World Championships in Palm Springs, California, USA.
 - b) Germany bid for the 1992 Duathlon World Championships, (Koblenz.) They agreed to ensure that there would be a 27 day window of non-conflict with the 1992 Triathlon World Championships. The bid was accepted unanimously.
 - c) Congress agreed unanimously to give the Executive Board the mandate to solicit bids for the 1991 Duathlon World Championships.
13. World Cup Series:
- a) Les McDonald reported on the status of the Triathlon World Cup Series.
 - b) A preliminary report on the series includes:
 - (i) Ten (10) potential events, with a minimum of six (6) in 1991.
 - (ii) Suggested sanction fee: \$5,000(US) and minimum prize money of \$15,000 (US) plus guaranteed T.V.
 - c) There was a wide ranging debate on the series.

14. **Financial Report:**

- a) Copies of the Treasurer's Report were distributed.
- b) The Audit Committee reported on their findings.
- c) The Financial Report was accepted as presented and circulated.

15. **Special Audit Committee Report:**

- a) Phil Briars, Chair, Rafael Quiroga and Frank Schatz had been appointed by President McDonald to investigate the financial problems experienced by the Host NGB and the Organizing Committee of the 1990 Triathlon World Championships.
- b) The findings of the Special Audit Committee were:
 - (i) No money has been paid to the "joint venture partners", (Cat Sports and DMSE) for their efforts;
 - (ii) Only seven (7) countries have bought T.V. rights. All NGBs were urged to encourage T.V. companies in their country to purchase the "take up" rights. This is the only additional form of revenue available.
 - (iii) The host NGB and the Organizing Committee have requested a 50% reduction in prize money, (from \$100,000(US) to \$50,000(US)) and sanction fee, payable to ITU, (from \$60,000(US) to \$30,000(US))
 - (iv) The projected net loss is \$60,000(US) for the host NGB and the Organizing Committee. This is after the proposed reduction of the sanction fee and the prize money.
 - (v) The committee proposed that there be a legal contract signed by ITU, the host NGB and the Organizing Committee, for all future ITU sanctioned events.
- c) The discussion emphasized the following:
 - (i) NGBs were concerned that they were not forewarned of the potential reduction;
 - (ii) The most important factor in the ITU World Championships is the prestige of competing in the official World Championships, and not the prize money.

MOTION: That the financial obligations of the 1990 host NGB and

Organizing Committee (Tri-Fed/USA/DMSE/Cat Sports) be reduced to \$30,000(US) Sanction Fee and \$50,000(US) Prize Money, with the proviso that when the accounts are finalized and a break even point reached, extra revenue is shared 1/3 ITU, 2/3 Tri-Fed/USA/TWCOC.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16. Constitutional Amendments:

a) Chapter Four: Organization

- (i) 4.1 add "Constitution Committee"
Carried
- (ii) 4.1 add "Credentials Committee"
Carried
- (iii) 4.6 Medical Committee: change to "...seven (7) members" from two (2).
Carried
- (iv) 4.7 Audit Committee: change to "...three (3) members elected by Congress. They are elected for a one (1) year term. They will submit a report on the financial affairs of ITU to each Congress."
Carried

b) Chapter Five: Congress

- (i) 5.1 add
 - (v) Constitution Committee
 - (vi) Credential Committee
 - (vii) The quorum for Standing Committees shall be at least 1/3 plus one (1) of its members.**Carried**
- (ii) 5.4 The Executive Board: add "(xiv) shall create new Commissions when deemed necessary."
Carried
- (iii) 5.5 The ITU Congress Elections:
 - change d) (i) "Seven (7) members of the Technical Committee." from eleven (11)
Carried
 - change d) (ii) "Seven (7) members of the Medical Committee." from two (2).
Carried
 - add (iv) "Three (3) members of the Constitution Committee."
Carried

- add (v) "Three (3) members of the Credentials Committee."

Carried

- change e) "The Audit Committee: Three (3) honourary auditors are elected at each Congress for a one (1) year term."

Carried

- add "They will support the efforts of ITU to develop triathlon and duathlon and its related multi-sports, within the geographic areas assigned to them by Congress."

Carried

c) Chapter 6: Duties of the Officers:

(i) 6.5 The Executive Board: add "b) appoints, pro-tem replacements on the Executive Board and Standing Committees, until the next Congress, which shall elect the vacated positions."

Carried

17. Motions to Congress:

a) Be it resolved that ITU will pursue a policy of non-cooperation with any race organization which declares itself a "world" event of any description without approval or sanction of ITU.

Carried

b) Be it resolved that the Athlete's Commission have the right to two (2) delegates at Congress with voice and no vote.

Carried

c) Be it resolved that a new Executive Board position be created for a representative of the elite athletes, and further that the Athlete's Commission be permitted to nominate a person for that position, and further the Congress also be permitted to do so and that it be for a one (1) year term only.

Carried

18. Adjournment: The September 12th Session of Congress adjourned at 5:30 p.m. The delegates then attended a reception provided by the ITU Women's Commission and sponsored by Danskin Ltd.

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1. **Call to Order:** The September 13th Session of the 1990 ITU Congress was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by President Les McDonald. The President asked the Executive Board to vacate the platform, thus handing the meeting over to the Women's Commission.
2. **Report of Women's Commission:**
 - a) Lyn Brooks (USA) chaired the session. Flo Bryan, Co-Chair of the Women's Commission introduced the keynote speaker, Olympian and Television Broadcaster, Donna deVarona. The key points of her address were: (Thank you to Richard Graham (Triathlete Magazine) for providing a transcript of the speech. See attached.)
 - b) Co-Chair of the Women's Commission, Sarah Springman outlined the goals of the Commission. They are:
 - (i) increase the number of women participating in the sport; and
 - (ii) strive for equality of opportunity and reward in the sport.
 - c) The following resolutions were presented:
 - (i) Be it resolved that NGBs be requested to appoint a liaison member (Male or female) to work with the ITU Women's Commission, and to set up a Women's Committee to continue the development of "Women in Triathlon" in their own country.
Carried Unanimously
 - (ii) Be it resolved that NGBs selecting National Teams for ITU sanctioned competitions should choose and equally fund (whether partially or fully) an equal number of women and men. And that this principle should be applied to age group teams whenever possible.
Carried Unanimously
 - (iii) Be it resolved that NGBs be encouraged to develop support for "Women in Triathlon," in particular their Women's Commission, in the form of Women's Only Triathlons, training camps and coaching course.
Carried Unanimously

- (iv) Whereas the principle of equal prize money in terms of depth and amount has not been adhered to by some race organizers, be it resolved that ITU urge NGBs to comply with this principle for all NGB sanctioned competitions, and particularly at Regional and National Championships.

Carried Unanimously

- (v) Whereas enormous efforts have been made to ensure the fullest equality for women in the 1990 Triathlon World Championships, i.e., separate wave start, separate finish, etc., and whereas we would like to congratulate the race director and the Organizing Committee of Tri-Fed/USA for creating these conditions, be it resolved that future ITU sanctioned competitions be required to implement the same criteria for future Triathlon World Championships.

Carried Unanimously

- (vi) Be it resolved that a new Executive Board position be created for a woman, and further that the Women's Commission be permitted to nominate a person for that position, and further the Congress also be permitted to do so, and that it be for a one (1) year term only.

Carried Unanimously

- (vii) Be it resolved that the Women's Commission have the right to two (2) delegates at Congress with voice and no vote.

Carried Unanimously

- (viii) Whereas the Executive Board has approved a budget of \$1,000 to the Women's Commission, be it resolved that a further sum of \$1500.00 be granted.

Carried

3. Recess: Congress recessed from 10:45 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

4. Medical Committee Report:

- a) Dr. Doug Hiller, Chairperson of the ITU-MC presented the report to Congress.
- b) He recommended the following physicians to fill the seven places on the expanded Medical Commission:
- (i) Dr. Doug Hiller, USA, Chairperson
 - (ii) Dr. Carlos deVega, Spain
 - (iii) Dr. Pam Douglas, USA
 - (iv) Dr. Iwane, Japan

- (v) Dr. Mary Jane Fitzpatrick, Australia
- (vi) Dr. Phillipe Chateau, France
- (vii) Dr. Martin Engelhardt, Germany

The nominations were adopted by Congress unanimously.

c) Dr. Hiller presented the following resolutions to Congress:

- (i) That NGBs be urged to send a physician to the Triathlon World Championships.
Carried
- (ii) That the International Medical Triathlon Commission be recognized by ITU.
Carried
- (iii) That the ITU Medical Committee be supported by ITU for research when funds are available.
Carried

5. Apartheid:

- a) Tom O'Donnell, Gosta Mittag-Leffler and Camilo Cammetti were appointed by Congress to rewrite the ITU policy statement on Apartheid. They presented the statement to Congress:

Be it resolved that no formal or informal contact will occur with South Africa until the IOC lifts its embargo.

Offenses are:

- (i) A visit to South Africa to participate in sports activities, (competitions, conferences, training, meetings of officials, administrators or medical people.)
- (ii) Any NGB and/or race organizer who knowingly accepts participation of South African athletes.

Penalties:

- (i) For the participants concerned:
First Offence - 2 years suspension
Second Offence- lifetime ban
- (ii) First Offence: The offending NGB will receive a warning. The organizer shall have its event blacklisted for a period of two (2)

years, and licensed athletes will be forbidden to take part in that event. Athletes who knowingly take part in such an event shall be suspended for two (2) years.

Second Offense: The offending NGB is suspended from ITU membership for two (2) years. The offending organizer will be blacklisted for life time.

Carried

6. Long Course Championships:

a) The Executive Board moved to withdrawn Resolution #1 from the order paper, which cleared the way to deal with Resolution #34: Be it resolved that ITU establish a Long Course Championships for Triathlon in 1991. (Submitted by France)

b) Amendment add Long Course"/Ultra Distance" Championships for Triathlon, and delete "in 1991".

Amendment Carried: 23 in favour, 6 opposed.

c) Vote on amended resolution: Be it resolved that ITU establish a Long Course/Ultra Course Championships for Triathlon.

Carried

First vote: 14 in favour, 14 opposed

Second vote: 18 in favour, 16 opposed

7. Reigning World Champions: The following resolution was put forward:

That ITU will, at its discretion invite the reigning World Champions (woman and man) back to the following years World Championship and the NGB of the reigning World Champion includes that person as a member of their national team.

Defeated: 21 opposed, 8 in favour

8. Congress recessed for lunch at 12:20, and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

9. Elections: The following elections were held for vacated positions:

a) Vice-President:

Nominations: Antoine Flumigani (France) - accepted Sarah Springman (Great Britain) - declined with thanks.

Elected: Antoine Flumigani by acclamation

b) Secretary: Geoff Frost (Australia) elected by acclamation

- c) Executive Board (2) positions: Frank Schatz (FRG) and Mike Gilmore (USA) elected by acclamation
 - d) Women's Commission: (1) to be elected: Sarah Springman was elected by acclamation.
 - e) Constitution Committee: (3 to be elected):
Nominated: Dr. Antoinio Fontes, Portugal, Mark Sisson, USA and Walter Cortina, Austria. All were elected by acclamation.
 - f) Credentials Committee: (3 to be elected):
Nominations: Svend Brettschneider, Denmark, Jorge Mejia, Columbia and Henning Muller, Germany. All were elected by acclamation.
 - g) Information Committee: (3 to be elected):
Nominations: Ian Sweet (Great Britain), Camillo Cametti (Italy), Bernard St. Jean (France), Richard Graham (USA) and Joachim Ballesteros (Spain).
Elected: Ian Sweet, Richard Graham and Joachim Balesteros
 - h) Audit Committee: (3 to be elected)
Nominations: Camillo Cametti (Italy), declined, Rud Dulmus, (Netherlands), Emile Stoinev (Bulgaria), Rud Dulmus and Emile Stoinev were elected by acclamation.
One place remains vacant. It will be filled by appointed by the Executive Board.
10. **ITU Logo:** Congress received over 10 submissions. The following motions were put to Congress:
That the selection of a new logo be decided by ballot, without discussion.
Carried:
That the selection of a logo be referred to the Executive Board for further study.
Carried
11. **Technical Committee Report:** Lyn Brooks (USA) chairperson of the ITU-TC presented the report.
- a) Be it resolved that the drafting zone for elite teams and junior teams be 10 metres by 3 metres, with a 30 second time limit to pass through the zone, and further that this rule be implemented in the 1990 Triathlon

World Championships.

Carried

- b) Be it resolved that the draft zone for age group competitors be 7 metres long by 3 metres wide with a 15 second time limit to pass through the zone, and further that this rule be implemented in the 1990 Triathlon World Championships.

Carried

- c) Be it resolved that the upper and lower limits for the use of wetsuits be according to the following table:

<u>Swim Length</u>	<u>Wetsuits Forbidden at or above:</u>	<u>Wetsuits Mandatory at or below</u>	<u>Maximum Stay in Water</u>
2000m or less	22°C	14°C	1h 10min
2000m to 3000m	23°C	15°C	1h 40min
3000m to 4000m	24°C	16°C	2h 15min

And further, that if changing weather conditions dictate, the organizing committee may waive the limits on wetsuit use.

- d) Be it resolved that when water temperatures are above the limits designated, elite and junior competitors not be allowed to participate with a wetsuit.

Withdrawn

- e) Be it resolved that when water temperatures are above the limits designated, age group competitors are allowed to participate with a wetsuit, but their finish time will not be included in the results.

Withdrawn

- f) Be it resolved that the age eligibility rule be changed to read, "competitor's age in all classes and age groups will be determined on January 1st in the year of the competition."

Amendment: add "and further that this be applied only at Triathlon World Championships."

Amendment defeated

The original resolution was Carried.

- g) Be it resolved that team placing be determined by the order of the top three (3) finishers, i.e., the first team to have their first three competitors across the finish line first. In the event of a tie the second finishers place in relation to the overall winner will be used.

Defeated: In favour: 11 Opposed: 20

The existing ITU rule on Team placing will prevail.

- h) Be it resolved that the following be added to the Operations Manual: That the first three women's and men's teams be awarded a team trophy, and further that all six designated team members be given medals, (except for disqualifications.)

Amendment: Change top six to top "three".

Defeated

The original motion was Carried.

- i) Be it resolved that during the awards presentation for elite and junior men and women, the flags of the first three (3) finishers be raised and the anthem of each first place finisher be played.

Carried

This resolution was amended by clarifying that this applied to the elite and junior men and women.

- j) Be it resolved that the wearing of wetsuit bottoms only be prohibited.

Carried

- k) Be it resolved that the wave start for Junior National Teams be separated from the start of the Elite National Teams.

Carried

- l) Be it resolved that standard distances for triathlon and duathlon be set as follows:

Triathlon

	<u>Swim</u>	<u>Cycle</u>	<u>Run</u>
<u>Sprint</u>	< 1.5km	< 40km	< 10km
<u>Olympic</u>	1.5km	40km	10km
<u>Long</u>	2-4km	40-180km	10-42km
<u>Ultra</u>	> 3.8km	> 180km	> 42km

Duathlon

	<u>Run #1</u>	<u>Cycle</u>	<u>Run #2</u>
<u>Sprint</u>	<5km	<30km	<5km
<u>International</u>	5km	30km	5km
<u>Long</u>	10km	60km	10km
<u>Ultra</u>	>10km	>60km	>10km

Amendment: Change Triathlon Long Course to: 4km swim, 120km cycle, 30km run. Ultra: >4km Swim, >120km Cycle, >30km run.

Amendment to amendment: That Congress vote only on Olympic and Long Course standards.

The ITU Technical Committee agreed to withdraw the motion and refer it back to the Technical Committee.

12. 1990 Duathlon World Championships:

- a) Tony Harnett, TRIATHLON CANADA presented a formal bid from the City of Ottawa, and the National Capital Commission to host the 1991 Duathlon World Championships. The bid was unanimously accepted, with the provision that the ITU Criteria would be met.

13. Regional Representatives Reports:

- a) Europe: Tom O'Donnell, Ireland, reported that 17 of the 26 affiliated countries within the European Region are in attendance with delegates at Congress. There are several new NGBs affiliated from the region this year. The region is committed to the future development of the sport. Communications, as it is the key to our success.
- b) South America: Marco Ripper, Brazil, reported that a lot of work has been done in the region, with the result that Brazil has 80 athletes competing in the 1990 Triathlon World Championships, 30 of whom are women. In 1991 a South American Championships has been proposed to take place at San Andreas, Colombia. The region would like to work toward having a race in the Triathlon World Cup Series. He hopes that work that is taking place in south America will contribute to ITU's bid for IOC Recognition and Programme Status.
- c) Asia: Masao Nakayama, Japan, reported that last year a "Japan Triathlon Committee" was formed at the international level. Over 50,000 triathletes and 100 events are sanctioned in Japan. Two events were organized in China; (Beijing and Shanghai.) An event is planned for Korea. As well events are held in Guam and Saipan. There is very good television coverage of the sport in Japan. JTC is working to have Triathlon included

in the Asian Games. One day the region will bid to host the Triathlon World Championships.

- d) North America: Jerry Gomes from Aruba, on behalf of Peter Kelswick from Antigua, reported that the Caribbean and Central American Region are attempting to form a Triathlon Region there. There is an International Triathlon in Aruba each year. They are proposing a North American Championships in Aruba in 1991.
- e) Oceania: Phil Briars reported that there is no regional organization as yet. Within the region, Tahiti, Fiji, Cook Islands and Tonga have associations. One of the largest events this year was in New Zealand where the Triathlon was a demonstration sport in the Commonwealth Games. The NZTA has proposed a Trans Tasman Cup on March 3rd, 1991. This could be expanded to a Regional Cup. Erin Baker won the New Zealand Sportsperson of the Year award. Two international events are held in Tahiti and Noumea. Phil closed by recommending that NGBs send their race calendars to the Regional Reps.

14. Other Business:

- a) A fax was received from Dr. Martin Engelhardt, President of the German Triathlon Union stating that DTU was guaranteeing \$100,000.00(US) prize purse for the 1993 Triathlon World Championships.
- b) 1991 Long Course Triathlon World Championships: The bid from Nice was reviewed.
 - (i) John Harper, Australia, stated that Australia will have to reconsider hosting the 1992 Triathlon World Championships if there is also a Long Course World Championships in the Northern Hemisphere.
 - (ii) Rud Dulmus, Netherlands, expressed the concern of those NGBs which bid in 1989, but were not given the opportunity to bid in 1990.
 - (iii) Carl Thomas suggested that the host NGB be given more financial flexibility in terms of prize money, entry fee, travel, accommodations, etc.
- c) The motion was: that Nice host the 1991 World Long Course Triathlon Championships.
Defeated: 13 in favour, 16 opposed.
- d) The Technical Committee put the following motion to Congress: That the time limit for appeals be extended from 30 minutes to 60 minutes.
Carried

- e) The Technical Committee put the following motion forward: That all items related to Competition Rules or the Operations Manual be removed from the Constitution.

Carried

15. Adjournment: President Les McDonald thanked the delegates for their hard work and continued unity, and he wished all of their athletes the best of good fortune in the forthcoming Triathlon World Championships. The next Congress of ITU will convene in Australia in October, 1991.

16. Post Conference Activities:

- a) The host NGB for the 1992 Triathlon World Championships, Canada presented a video on what NGBs can expect when the World Championships come to Canada.
- b) Tri-Fed/USA hosted a dinner at 7:00 p.m.
- c) A reception was hosted by Royal LePage, Sponsors of the 1992 World Triathlon Championships in Canada.



Geoff Frost, ITU Secretary

These minutes were approved by:

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Tom O'Donnell, Ireland
Ray Lichtwark, New Zealand