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Minutes of the 9th Congress

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** ITU President, Mr. Les McDonald called the 9th Congress to order at 9:00 a.m., with sixty-five (65) national federations present:

Algeria	Denmark	Israel	Sierra Leone*
Argentina	Dominican Rep	Italy	Singapore
Aruba	El Salvador	Jamaica	Slovenia
Australia	Estonia	Japan	South Africa
Austria	Fiji	Kazakhstan	Spain
Belgium	Finland	Korea	St.Kitts & Nevis*
Bermuda	France	Latvia	Sweden
Brazil	Guam*	Luxembourg	Switzerland
Bulgaria	Germany	Malaysia	Tahiti
Canada	Great Britain	Mexico	Ukraine
Chile	Greece	Netherlands	USA
China, P.R.	Guatemala	New Zealand	Virgin Isles (US)
Chinese Taipei	Honduras	Pakistan*	Yugoslavia
Colombia	Hong Kong	Philippines	Zimbabwe
Costa Rica	Hungary	Portugal	
Cuba	India	Puerto Rico	
Czech Republic	Ireland	Russia	

***provisional member with observer status.**

2. **APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS:** The following were appointed as tellers:
 - Mr. Henning Mueller, ITU Credentials Committee (GER)
 - Mr. Antonio Alvarez, ITU Credentials Committee (MEX)
 - Mr. Robert Massdijk, ITU Credentials Committee (NED)

3. **SPECIAL RESOLUTION:** In order to comply with the agreement reached with the Court of Arbitration for Sport (Lausanne), the following resolution was presented to Congress as the first order of business:

Moved Executive Board. seconded Bill Walker (AUS): Whereas the Court of Arbitration for Sport (Lausanne), in a decision of August 22, 1996, has dismissed a request of USA Triathlon to rule on how Article 8.3 of the ITU Constitution should be interpreted, and whereas the Court of Arbitration for Sport invites ITU to put this question of interpretation of Article 8.3 of the ITU Constitution to the ITU Congress for a vote as the first point of the agenda, and to organise a secret ballot vote to settle this issue, i.e., "whether a secret ballot vote must be organised if one affiliated NF requests or if a simple majority of affiliated NFs is necessary." Therefore be it resolved that a secret ballot vote be organised if a simple majority of affiliated NFs decides it is necessary.

 - Jaime Cadaval (MEX) translated the resolution into Spanish.

THE RESOLUTION WAS CARRIED: 51 Yes, 8 No, 1 spoiled ballot

4. **REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:** Henning Mueller of the ITU Credentials Committee reported as follows:

a) **National Federations affiliated to ITU: 61 voting countries were present, which constituted a quorum:**

b) **Executive Board Members present:**

Table Officers

Mr. Les McDonald, President (CAN)
Dr. Sarah Springman, Vice Pres. (GBR)
Mr. Mark Sisson, Treasurer (USA)
Mr. Phil Coles (IOC), Secretary General, (AUS)

Board Members

Mr. Phil Briars (NZL)
Mr. Brian Hinton (AUS)
Mr. Joao Calazans (BRA)
Mr. Chiharu Igaya (IOC) (JPN)
Mr. Didier Lehenaff (FRA)
Mr. Kevin Net (RSA)

Regrets were received from:

- Honorary President, Mr. Gunnar Ericsson (IOC) (SWE)
- Lise Jahnsen, ITU Women's Executive Board Member (DEN)

c) **Council Representatives:**

(i) Representatives from the following standing committees were in attendance:

- Technical Committee
- Women's Committee
- Credentials Committee
- Duathlon Committee
- Medical Committee
- Constitution Committee
- Audit Committee

(ii) Representatives from the following commissions were in attendance:

- Coaching and Youth
- Doping Control
- Marketing
- Athletes

(iii) The following Regional Representatives were present:

- Asia: Mr. Rami Ramachandran (IND)
- Europe: Ms Erika Koenig (AUT)
- South America: Mr. Jorge Mejia (COL)
- CA v Carib: Mr. Guillermo Saenz (CRC)
- Oceania: Mr. Bill Walker (AUS)
- Africa: Mr. Jingles Ferreira (RSA), in place of Cyril Cure (MRI).

Regrets were received from:

- North America: Mr. Scott Zagarino (USA)

(iv) The following countries were admitted as provisional members with voice but no vote:

- Antigua
- Guam
- Pakistan
- Sierra Leone
- St. Kitts & Nevis

- (v) 61 affiliated National Federations (NFs) were present, which represented $\frac{2}{3}$ of the members affiliated to ITU, and a quorum according to the constitution.
- (vi) Rick Margiotta (USA) asked why there appeared to be a decrease in the number of NFs affiliated to ITU.
- (vii) Les McDonald, ITU President, responded that:
- some NFs had been refused affiliation because of USA's legal action against ITU at the Court of Arbitration for Sport, Lausanne.
 - the number of national federations that USA was working from was the ITU mailing list, and not the list of affiliated NFs. As ITU was encouraging the establishment of NFs in all countries, names were included on the mailing list which were not necessarily affiliated, but prospective nascent organisations. Also included were some NOCs who were acting to assist the creation of an NF, e.g. Jamaica.

5. **APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS:** President Les McDonald appointed the following as scrutineers:

- a) Bill Walker (AUS)
- b) Dr. Finn Jahnsen (DEN)
- c) Gerardo Zetina (MEX)

6. **MINUTES OF THE 1995 CONGRESS:** A motion to accept the minutes of the 1995 Cancun Congress was presented.

- a) Bill Walker (AUS) raised a concern about the team competition. He stated that he believed the minutes were incorrect, in that we had agreed to retain the team championships for the elite until a new format was established.
- b) Loreen Barnett (CAN), Technical Committee, stated that the intent of the Technical Committee's resolution was to eliminate the team standings for the elite category, but retain it for the Juniors.
- c) Didier Lehenaff (FRA), Executive Board, stated that he believed we retained the team standings but reduced the scoring team members to three (3). He also stated that we would be establishing a new format for Perth '97.
- d) Soren Kjaer (DEN), Technical Committee, stated that the resolution eliminated team standings in the elite category, but retained team standings for juniors. The purpose of this was because of the attempts to reduce the numbers in the elite wave, and many countries would not qualify sufficient athletes for the team standings.
- e) The minutes were accepted as presented.

7. **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- a) Leslie Beckerman (CAN) reported on behalf of the ITU Audit Committee. She stated that the Audit Committee endorsed the audited statement.
- b) Mark Sisson (USA), ITU Treasurer, presented the 1997 budget. (See attached).
- c) Moved by Mark Sisson, seconded by Jingles Ferreira (RSA) that the audited report and budget be accepted as circulated.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.

8. RESOLUTIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Resolution1: Moved by the Executive Board, seconded: Rami Ramachandran, (IND): Be it resolved that this Congress be a closed meeting of:

- Delegates representing National Federations (NFs)
 - Executive Board Members
 - Regional Representatives
 - Standing Committees
 - Invited guests
 - IOC members
 - World Cup organisers
 - ITU Commission members (Athletes, Coaching and Youth, Doping)
 - World Championship Local Organising Committee Members
- a) Mark Sisson, ITU Executive Board stated that this is normal procedure for international federations. The business being conducted at Congress is "our" business, and we have much to discuss without distractions.
- b) Phil Coles (IOC) (AUS), Secretary General, stated that all international federations connected with the IOC have a similar policy.
- c) Rick Margiotta (USA) asked for clarification on "invited guests" - were these people invited by NFs? Les McDonald responded on behalf of the Executive Board, stating that guests were invited by the Executive Board.

THE RESOLUTION WAS CARRIED: 58 votes in favour, 2 opposed.

9. 1997 TRIATHLON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS - PERTH:

- a) Michael Gilmore (USA), ITU Marketing Director, reported on site visits and discussions with the local organising committee (LOC).
- b) The final draft of the contract is ready for signing by all parties
- c) All conditions for the event were rated as "excellent".

10. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: ITU President, Les McDonald presented his report to Congress. See Appendix A for a copy of this report.

THE REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT WAS ACCEPTED AS READ

11. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Sarah Springman reported on the work of the Vice President. She also read letters of greeting from IOC President Samaranch and IOC Member in Sweden, Gunilla Lindberg. See Appendix B & C for copies of these letters.

THE REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT WAS ACCEPTED AS READ

12. PACIFIC SPORT ENTERTAINMENT REPORT: Graham Lovett (AUS), PSE, reported as follows;

- PSE supports Triathlon as a sport within the Olympic movement
- The World Cup must be the showcase of ITU
- There should be no more than 14 World Cup events
- PSE will work to increase television, which will mean an increase in sponsorship
- The focus will be to develop the commercial potential of the World Cup.

- PSE is pleased to be working with ITU, and is optimistic for the future.

13. EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT, MEMBER CHIHARU IGAYA (IOC) (JPN): Chick Igaya reported as follows:

- He thanked Les McDonald for encouraging his involvement in this exciting new sport, both within Japan and internationally
- He congratulated ITU for acquiring a place on the Olympic programme. The number of athletes will be kept to 10,000 in the Sydney 2000 Games. Triathlon is added, provisionally. It must prove it has the right to stay in the Olympics for 2000 and beyond.
- Les McDonald and the Executive Board and all of the NFs were complimented for working so hard to get Olympic programme status
- He emphasized that to survive on the Olympic Programme means making television an exciting spectacle, with many, many spectators.
- Les McDonald congratulated Chick Igaya on his recent election to the Executive Board of the IOC.

14. ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT: Mark Sisson took over the chair for the election of the President. The business of Congress stopped while NFs filled in their ballots and the Credentials Committee counted the ballots. The result was:

Les McDonald (CAN)	55 votes
Steven Locke (USA)	5 votes

Les McDonald returned to the chair, as the floor gave him a standing ovation.

15. ELECTION FOR SECRETARY GENERAL: Phil Coles (AUS) (IOC), was elected unanimously.

16. ELECTION FOR VICE PRESIDENT: Chiharu Igaya was elected unanimously as Didier Lehenaff, Joao Calazans and Steven Locke all declined their nominations.

17. ELECTION OF TREASURER: The result was:

Mark Sisson (USA)	45 votes
Rick Margiotta (USA)	13 votes
Spoilt ballot	1
Abstentions	1

18. ELECTION FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD (7 to be elected): The results were:

Lise Jahnsen (DEN)	Elected unanimously (women's rep)
Brian Hinton (AUS)	53 - elected
Joao Calazans (BRA)	53 - elected
Dr. Martin Engelhardt (GER)	52 - elected
Phil Briars (NZL)	52 - elected
Didier Lehenaff (FRA)	50 - elected

Antonio Alvarez (MEX)

44 - elected

Jingles Ferreira (RSA)

16 - not elected

- Following the election, Les McDonald stated that the Executive Board will propose to Congress 1997 in Perth, a constitutional change which would increase the number of Vice President's positions to 3 from 1. The reason for this change is to give more positions of authority to the various regions of ITU, particularly to those regions where it was important to have a strong ITU presence.
- The President announced that following Congress the Executive would appoint Joao Calazans (BRA) and Didier Lehenaff (FRA) as "pro tern" Vice Presidents of ITU up to the 1997 Congress when an election would take place, if the Congress approved. This announcement was greeted with enthusiastic applause.

19. RESOLUTIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD (continued):

Resolution 2: Moved by the Executive Board, seconded by Bill Walker (AUS): Be it resolved that the 7 Regional Representatives of ITU be included in the Executive Board:

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| 1. Africa | 4. North America |
| 2. Asia | 5. Oceania |
| 3. Central America and the Caribbean | 6. South America |
| 4. Europe | |

THE RESOLUTION WAS CARRIED.

Resolution 3: Moved by the Executive Board, seconded by Jorge Mejia (COL): Be it resolved that the Congress of ITU reiterate its opposition to self-declared "world" events.

- Steve Locke (USA) proposed an amendment to refer the resolution to later on the agenda when Congress would be considering Resolution 31,32,33
- There was no seconder for the motion. The vote was called on the original resolution.

THE RESOLUTION WAS CARRIED.

Resolution 4: (Executive Board): Be it resolved that marijuana (cannabis) be included in the list of banned substances, in keeping with IOC recommendations, with a 3-month suspension for the 1st offence.

- ITU President Les McDonald withdrew this resolution on behalf of the Executive Board.
- Although the resolution was withdrawn, Cheryl Battaerd (AUS) spoke at length against the motion, emphasising that it was up to each IF to ban athletes for misuse of this substance, and that it was not currently on the IOC banned list. She also stated that it does not enhance performance, and studies have proven it to hinder performance.
- Dr. Doug Hiller (USA) spoke on behalf of the ITU Medical Committee, stating that the Medical Committee concurred with the decision to withdraw the resolution, pending further instructions from the IOC Medical Commission.

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN.

Resolution 5: Moved by the Executive Board, seconded by Jacques LaParade (FRA):

Be it resolved that the World Indoor Triathlon be organised in Bordeaux, France in 1997. Michael Gilmore, Marketing Director ITU, outlined the plans for Bordeaux, stating that it was possible to expand a series to Germany and other countries.

- Les McDonald stated that since we have Olympic Programme Status for the "Triathlon", it is now appropriate to expand our "world" property into areas such as the indoor events.
- Phil Yarde (GBR) inquired if we would hold "annual" Indoor World Championships, to which Les McDonald responded "probably", if they are successful.
- Jingles Ferreira (RSA) inquired about qualification criteria, to which Les McDonald and Michael Gilmore responded that it would be a task for the new Executive Board in conjunction with the new Technical Committee to identify a preliminary plan for the first year, which could possibly be based on the World Ranking, forexample.
- Phil Yarde, GBR proposed an amendment to the resolution, "that the World Indoor Championships be held every second year."
- The amended failed to get a seconder. The vote was called on the original resolution.

THE RESOLUTION WAS CARRIED.

Resolution 6: Moved by the Executive Board. seconded by Bill Walker (AUS): Be it resolved that ITU withdraw from the World Games Association and World Games 1997.

- Dr. Sarah Springman, ITU Vice President spoke on the resolution indicating that the World Games were for those sports not on the Olympic Programme, or not recognised by the IOC.
- Since we are on the Olympic Programme, it is no longer appropriate for us to participate in these Games.

THE RESOLUTION WAS CARRIED.

Resolution 7: Moved by the Executive Board. seconded by Freddie Carvalho (BRA): Be it resolved that a Race Directors Commission be created of 7 members appointed by the Executive Board.

- Mark Sisson stated that such a Commission is necessary because of the need for organising committees to stay abreast with the growth of the World Cup.
- He also stated that this Commission would be of great benefit to both ITU and the work of Mike Gilmore.
- Rick Margiotta stated that while he supported the resolution, he recommended that it be a one year experiment.
- Les-McDonald responded that all Commissions are short-term, usually one year, and are disbanded when their work is finished.
- Mark Sisson stated that this must be an appointed working body, with regional representation. The Commission's primary objective would be to enhance the World Cup Series, and all members of the Commission should be ITU friendly.

THE RESOLUTION WAS CARRIED.

----Congress Adjourned for Lunch at 12:00 noon----



THE 1996 ITU CONGRESS RE-CONVENED AT 1:10 PM

20. ELECTION FOR THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE : The results of the election for Technical Committee were (7 to be elected) :

1. Loreen Barnett (CAN)	47 - elected
2. Soren Kjaer (DEN)	44 - elected
3. Michel Gignoux (FRA)	43 - elected
4. Masao Nakayama (JPN)	41 - elected
5. Roberto Landwehr (BRA)	29 - elected
6. Jaime Cadaval (MEX)	23 - elected
7. Fred Over (GER)	23 - elected
Paul Binnie (AUS)	21 - not elected
Paulo Vaglio (ITA)	18 - not elected
Guiselle Goyenega (CRC)	17 - not elected
Ed Morris (USA)	15 - not elected
Lyn Brooks (USA)	12 - not elected
Bertus Le Roux (RSA)	8 - not elected
Emil Stoinev (BUL)	5 - not elected

21. ITU RESOLUTIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD (continued): As the elections continued, Congress considered the following resolutions from the Executive Board

Resolution 8: Moved by the Executive Board, seconded Bill Waker (AUS): Be it resolved that this Congress is opposed to promoters, race organisers and those with a conflict of interest, having any elected position in ITU, in keeping with its "conflict of interest guidelines".

THE RESOLUTION WAS CARRIED.

Resolution 9: Moved by the Executive Board, seconded by Jingles Ferriera (RSA): Be it resolved that the incoming Executive be empowered to negotiate an agreement with Mr. Urs Linsi, Switzerland, and his Duathlon event in Zofingen, with the intention of creating a Duathlon Long Distance World Championships.

- Didier Lehenaff (FRA) explained the on-going discussions between ITU and Urs Linsi.

THE RESOLUTION WAS CARRIED.

Resolution 10: Moved by the Executive Board, seconded by Bill Walker (AUS): Be it resolved that the ITU President and Executive Board continue negotiations with the IOC Sports Director, Mr. Gilbert Felli, with the objective of finalising the criteria for athletes qualification for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games.

- Les McDonald explained that the qualification criteria is based on the IOC policy on qualification for the Olympic Games. The World Ranking should be a major factor in the criteria, with regional competitions and wild cards the other factors. There is a maximum of 3 athletes per country who may participate in the Games, according to the IOC Charter. Les McDonald confirmed that the Executive Board, Regional Representatives, and Technical Committee will meet with Gilbert Felli, IOC Sports Director, and Pere Miro, IOC Technical Director, before 1997, to find a common agreement

THE RESOLUTION WAS CARRIED.

Resolution 11: Moved by the Executive Board, seconded by Erika Koenig (AUT): Be it resolved that the incoming Executive Board conduct negotiations for the 1999 and 2000 Triathlon World Championships with the bid NFs, i.e., Germany, Denmark and Brasil.

- **GERMANY:** Dr. Martin Engelhardt stated that Hanover would bid for the World Championships in 1999. The bid had the strong support of Thomas Bach, IOC. and the 2000 World Expo.
- **DENMARK:** Soren Kjaer reported that Denmark would like to bid for the 1999 World Championships. There was very strong community support.
- **BRASIL:** Freddie Carvalho presented a bid on behalf of Ilheus-Bahia. The event is already well known based on the successful World Cup events which have been hosted there.
- **ITU MARKETING DIRECTOR:** Michael Gilmore outlined the procedure for acquiring an ITU World Championships event: NF submits their bid documents, which is followed up with a site inspection, then the Executive Board considers all the bids and makes a recommendation to Congress. This process will also be done in consultation with PSE.

THE RESOLUTION WAS CARRIED.

22. RESOLUTIONS FROM NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

Resolution 17: Moved Australia, seconded Great Britain: Be it resolved that the Junior B category (16 - 17 years) be contested at the sprint distance of 750 m x 20 km x 5 km at future World Championships.

AUSTRALIA: Bill Walker spoke in support of the motion.

COACHING AND YOUTH COMMISSION: Michael Thoren (SWE) Stated that the Coaching and Youth Commission were against the motion. The Commission would like to have an opportunity to review the concept.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE: Loreen Barnett (CAN) stated that regardless of the distance, it was absolutely essential that the junior competition be conducted separately from the age group event.

GERMANY: Dr. Martin Engelhardt spoke in support of the motion.

COACHING AND YOUTH COMMISSION: Barrie Shepley (CAN) spoke against the motion.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Phil Briars (NZL) spoke in support of the motion. He stated that the motion was really "housekeeping" because everyone assumed that the Junior Bs would be racing the sprint distance.

CANADA: Bill Hallett (CAN) spoke against the motion, asking instead that the motion be referred to the Coaching and Youth Commission and Medical Committee for proper guidance.

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE: Dr. Suzanne Baur (GER) spoke in favour of the motion, expressing the need to pass the motion so we could get the information out to athletes for the 1997 event

ACTION: The resolution was referred to the Coaching and Youth Commission and the Medical Committee with a 3 month deadline (November 23, 1996) to get back to the Executive Board with a firm proposal.

Resolution 18: Moved Germany, seconded France: Be it resolved that a limitation of the gear ratio on bicycles, to 7.5m, be imposed for male and female junior B competitors.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Phil Briars (NZL) spoke against this motion, stating that such a limitation was impossible to enforce.

GERMANY: Dr. Martin Englehardt and Dr. Suzanne Baur spoke in favour of this motion, stating that, although it would be difficult to enforce, such a resolution would show that ITU was, in principal, opposed to junior B athletes using a higher gear ratio than 7.5m.

THE RESOLUTION WAS CARRIED.

Resolution 19: Moved Austria, seconded Switzerland: Be it resolved that the Duathlon Grand Prix be renamed the Duathlon World Cup.

AUSTRIA: Erika Koenig spoke on behalf of the motion

ITU MARKETING DIRECTOR: Mike Gilmore spoke against the motion, expressing concern about confusion in the market place.

THE RESOLUTION WAS CARRIED: 25 in favour, 23 opposed

Resolution 20: Moved Brasil, seconded Spain: Be it resolved that ITU will provide National Federations with a minimum of 5 copies of the Competition Rules by January 31st of every year, and will also place it on the ITU Internet.

THE RESOLUTION WAS CARRIED.

Resolution 21: Moved Brasil, seconded Colombia: Be it resolved that all competitors must hold a valid membership in their National Federation (NF) in all races organised or sanctioned by ITU, as well as all official ITU competitions, i.e., ITU World Championships and ITU World Cup events.

BRASIL: Roberto Landwehr (BRA) spoke in favour of the motion stating that many NFs who host ITU events are confused about who is and who is not a member of a national federation affiliated to ITU.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE: Soren Kjaer (DEN) pointed out that this rule is already in the ITU Competition Rules, and therefore superfluous.

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN.

Resolution 22: (Moved Brasil): Be it resolved that competitors who have taken part in any races not sanctioned by their own National Federation (NF) or any other National Federation which is a member of ITU, will not be eligible to compete in ITU events, or its Regional Federation's events for two (2) years.

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN.

Resolution 23: (Moved USA): Be it resolved that a new ITU office be created to be known as chairman of the ITU Executive Board.

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN.

Resolution 24: (Moved USA): Be it resolved that the post of ITU Marketing Director be abolished.

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN.

Resolution 25: (Moved USA): Be it resolved that the Congress appoint 3 persons, who are not members of the ITU Executive Board, to meet with PSE to determine what contract implementation services will be required on ITU's part.

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN.

Resolution 26: Moved USA, seconded Switzerland: Be it resolved that Congress create a Calendar Commissioner to consist of race directors, ITU representatives and leading athletes to create an annual race calendar.

- Steve Locke (USA) stated that this was necessary because of conflicts with other events

ITU MARKETING DIRECTOR: Mike Gilmore stated that establishing the international calendar is the job of the International Federation and concerns of private promoters do not factor into the process

ITU EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER: Didier Lehenaff (FRA) stated that he supports the work of individual event organisers, but they will have to deal with the fact the ITU will set its calendar and they will have to work around that.

RESOLUTION DEFEATED.

Resolution 27: (Moved USA): Be it resolved that the ITU Congress appoint a three person committee to communicate directly with the IOC Executive Committee for the purpose of ascertaining its views with respect to requiring the Sydney Olympic Triathlon to be a draft-legal race.

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN.

Resolution 28: (Moved USA): Be it resolved that the athletes and directors of Triathlon be polled to obtain their views with respect to the draft-legal policy adopted by ITU at the 1995 Cancun Congress.

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN.

Resolution 29: (Moved USA): Be it resolved that Congress appoint USA Triathlon and two other members to devise a polling procedure and questionnaire to obtain the opinion of athletes and race directors with respect to the ITU draft-legal policy.

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN.

Resolution 30: (Moved USA): Be it resolved that the ITU Congress appropriate sufficient funds for the polling programme devised, implemented and reported by December 15, 1996

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN.

Resolution 31: (Moved USA): Be it resolved that Congress states that the correct way to deal with "self-declared World Championships" is to deal directly with the event itself, including where necessary a resort to the appropriate courts of arbitration.

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN.

Resolution 32: (Moved USA): Be it resolved that no athlete should ever be declared ineligible by ITU for competing in a "self-declared" World Championships.

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN.

Resolution 33: (Moved USA): Be it resolved that this Congress approves the decision of the ITU Executive Board in exempting the "Ironman Triathlon World Championships" from the scope of the resolution respecting "self-declared" World Championships.
NO SECONDER, RESOLUTION DEFEATED.

Resolution 34: (Moved USA): Be it resolved that the ITU Constitution 5.4 a) be amended to add two elite athletes to the ITU Executive Board in addition to the ITU Executive Board's present membership. Of the elite athletes, one shall be a woman. Both elite athletes shall be elected by the Congress as at-large members of the ITU Executive Board. In contested elections for the elite athletes at-large positions all male and all female elite athletes shall be grouped on separate ballots distinct from the ballots prepared for other at-large candidates for the ITU Executive Board. The 1996 ITU Congress shall define the meaning of an "elite athlete" eligible to be elected to the ITU Executive Board.
NO SECONDER, RESOLUTION DEFEATED.

Resolution 35: (Moved USA): Be it resolved that at the 1996 ITU Congress all properly submitted resolutions which are similar or substantially the same be grouped in a logical sequence and be considered together regardless whether such resolutions are submitted by the ITU Executive Committee, by an ITU Standing Committee or by ITU Member.
RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN.

Resolution 36: (Moved USA): Be it resolved that such grouped resolutions be considered by the 1996 ITU Congress immediately after the Roll Call of Members and the Admission of New Members.
RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN.

Resolution 37: (Moved USA): Be it resolved that the ITU Congress shall and it hereby does direct the incoming ITU Treasurer to retain a new and recognised outside accounting firm to audit the financial books and records of ITU for the year 1995 and forward.
RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN.

Resolution 38: (Moved USA): Be it resolved that member federations shall be represented by three voting delegates and may also be represented by up to three alternate delegates all of whom may sit together as one delegation at a meeting of Congress. In the of a member's voting delegates leaves the Congress meeting before it is concluded, one of the member's then present alternate delegates shall be designated by it as a voting delegate and the ITU President shall be so advised. Of the original three voting delegates, one shall be a woman, otherwise the member federation shall be permitted only two voting delegates. Of the original three alternate delegates, one shall be a woman, otherwise the member federation shall be permitted no more than two alternate delegates.
RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN.

Resolution 39: (Moved USA): Be it resolved that the entire proceedings of the 1996 ITU Cleveland Congress remain open to the public
RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN.

Resolution 40: (Moved USA): Be it resolved that each member be allowed to invite up to three persons who are not delegates to sit with the delegation during the 1996 ITU Cleveland Congress.

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN.

Resolution 41: (Moved USA): Be it resolved that upon receipt of this resolution and the letter accompanying it, the ITU President and ITU Secretary should make every effort to insure the presence of at least 2/3 of all the affiliated ITU members in good standing at the 1996 ITU Congress in order to ratify, confirm and approve all prior amendments to the ITU Constitution which were adopted without the requisite 2/3 majority of all the affiliated ITU members.

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN.

Resolution 42: (Moved USA): Be it resolved that in the event less than 2/3 of all affiliated members of ITU are present at the 1996 ITU Congress, the ITU President and the ITU Secretary report to the 1996 ITU Congress the efforts made by them to obtain the presence at the 1996 ITU Congress of at least 2.3 of the affiliated membership of ITU.

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN.

Resolution 43: (Moved USA): Be it resolved that if 2/3 of the affiliated members of ITU are present at the 1996 ITU Congress that ITU Constitution 8.3 be deleted in its entirety from the ITU Constitution and in its place and stead the following be substituted:

8.3 A two-thirds (2/3) majority of affiliated NGBs in good standing who are present and voting is required to pass resolutions concerning
(remainder of section remains the same)

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN.

Resolution 44: (Moved USA): Be it resolved that if two-thirds (2/3) of the entire affiliated ITU membership is not present at the 1996 ITU Congress that the business of the meeting of the 1996 ITU Congress proceed as usual with the proviso that an Extraordinary Congress be held within three months.

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN.

Resolution 45: (Moved USA): Be it resolved that in order to insure that at least two-thirds of the entire ITU affiliated membership is present at the Extraordinary Congress, the ITU pay for the transport and accommodation of one delegate from any ITU affiliated member to the Extraordinary Congress who requests a subsidy based on financial hardship.

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN.

Resolution 46: (Moved USA): Be it resolved that this Congress elect a parliamentarian for a term of four years who shall be charged with the responsibilities (i) of insuring all proceedings and actions taken by the ITU Congress, its Executive Board and its Council be in conformity with all applicable rules, regulations and Constitutions, (ii) of establishing such further procedures as may be necessary to correct the improper adoption of ITU Constitution amendments as herein described, and (iii) of working with any membership committee that may

be established to scrutinise the ITU membership rolls for the purpose of bringing all ITU membership into conformity with applicable rules, regulations and Constitutions.

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN.

Resolution 47: (Moved USA): Be it resolved that the 1996 ITU Congress create an ITU Membership Committee which shall have the mandate (i) to review the prior and future ITU membership application, (ii) to review the compliance of the ITU membership with the provisions of the ITU Constitution relating to membership, and (iii) to assist all present ITU members who are not in compliance therewith to achieve compliance.

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN.

Resolution 48: (Moved USA): Be it resolved that the 1996 ITU Congress appoint from among its members a Special Committee comprised of USA Triathlon and two other affiliated members in good standing for the purpose of recommending a parliamentarian and the members of the proposed ITU Membership Committee as aforesaid for the approval of the 1996 ITU Congress as a whole.

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN.

Resolution 49: (Moved USA): Be it resolved that the ITU President and the ITU Marketing Director disclose to the 1996 ITU Congress what efforts and communications have been made to date to obtain IOC approval of a qualifying plan for triathletes wishing to compete in the Sydney Olympics.

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN.

Resolution 50: (Moved USA): Be it resolved that in the absence of any IOC approval, the ITU President and the ITU Marketing Director refrain from stating that a plan presently exists respecting qualifying to compete in the Sydney Olympic Games triathlon programme.

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN.

Resolution 51: (Moved USA): Be it resolved that the ITU Marketing Director and the ITU President be, and they hereby are, admonished for declaring the existence of a qualifying plan before the same has been either submitted or approved by the IOC, or both.

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN.

Resolution 52: (Moved USA): Be it resolved that this Congress does hereby admonish the ITU Marketing Director and the ITU President for misleading this Congress with respect of outlawing "self-declared World Championships" in order to retain IOC recognition and a place on the Sydney Olympic Games Programme.

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN.

23. **NORTH AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE:** ITU President, Les McDonald stated his appreciation to USA Triathlon for expediting the business of Congress by withdrawing their numerous resolutions. He also said that USA Triathlon was a necessary ingredient to building the International Federation as an Olympic sport. In consultation with the other countries of North America, (Mexico, Bermuda and Canada,) he was happy to offer Rick Margiotta, President of USA Triathlon, a position on the Executive Board as the Regional Representative

for North America. Rick Mariotta accepted the appointment, and stated that USA Triathlon recognises the importance of unity within ITU.

24. ELECTION FOR CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE (3 to be elected): The results of the election for Credentials Committee were:

Henning Mueller (GER)	43 - elected
Sheila O'Kelly (CAN)	40 - elected
Freddy Carvalho (BRA)	33 - elected
Robert Maasdijk (NED)	not elected

25. ELECTION FOR WOMEN'S COMMITTEE (7 to be elected): Prior to the election, the following withdrew their names from the ballot: Gail Moore (USA), and Ruth Hunt (HKG). The results of the election for Women's Committee were:

1. Dr. Suzanne Baur (GER)	47 - elected
2. Cheryl Battaerd (AUS)	40 - elected
3. Lydie Reuz (FRA)	38 - elected
4. Dottie Dorian (USA)	34 - elected
5. Fiona Cribb (CAN)	32 - elected
6. Sureka Ramachandran (IND)	31 - elected
7. Liesbeth Stoltz (RSA)	30 - elected
Erika Carvalho (BRA)	29 - not elected
Christina Gonzalez (CRA)	26 - not elected
Mirella Gandellini (ITA)	18 - not elected

26. RESOLUTIONS FROM THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

Resolution 53: Moved Technical Committee, seconded Denmark: Be it resolved that Congress endorse the ITU Technical Committee's plan to harmonise official training programmes among all NFs.

- **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE:** Soren Kjaer (DEN) spoke on behalf of the Technical Committee, stating that if we are to build the technical side of the sport in preparation for being an Olympic sport in 2000, then we need the support of all NFs to develop the sport within their country, in harmony with the rules of ITU.

THE RESOLUTION WAS CARRIED.

Resolution 54: Moved Duathlon Committee, seconded Hubert Koenig (AUT): Be it resolved that Duathlon is allocated 5% of the total budget of ITU to protect and develop the property of ITU, namely the Duathlon.

- **ITU TREASURER:** Mark Sisson spoke against the motion, stating that without concrete plans and objectives this type of expenditure could not be justified.
- **DUATHLON COMMITTEE:** Dave Rudd spoke in favour of the resolution, stating that the development of the sport was dependent on ITU's support.

RESOLUTION DEFEATED.

Resolution 55: (Moved Duathlon Committee): Be it resolved that the Duathlon Long Distance event be defined as 10 km x 60 km x 10 km.

ITU PRESIDENT: Les McDonald stated that the Executive Board has moved non-concurrence with this motion because of negotiations which are on-going with Mr. Urs Linsi to create a Duathlon Long Distance World Championships event out of the existing event in Zofingen, Switzerland.

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN.

Resolution 57: (Moved Duathlon Committee): Be it resolved that 3 of the current 6 members funded to attend the Duathlon World Championships be from the Duathlon committee to enable a face to face planning session for the advancement of the sport.

- **ITU TREASURER:** Mark Sisson spoke against the resolution, stating that these funds are not in the budget, but that, in any event, the Executive Board reviews requests for travel subsidies from time to time and Congress is not the appropriate forum.

RESOLUTION DEFEATED.

Resolution 58: (Moved Duathlon Committee): Be it resolved that the ITU President be paid a salary with the amount to be decided by Congress.

- **ITU PRESIDENT:** Les McDonald stated that the Executive Board has moved non-concurrence with this resolution
- **DUATHLON COMMITTEE:** Dave Rudd spoke in favour of the motion.
- Patrice Brunet (CAN) spoke against the resolution.
- Rick Margiotta (USA) stated that he supports the resolution in principle, but felt the resolution requires a committee to define the conditions.
- Chick Igaya (IOC) (JPN) stated that this type of thing is not usual in the Olympic family.

RESOLUTION DEFEATED.

Resolution 59 (Moved Duathlon Committee): Be it resolved that the ITU President be empowered to hire a full time Executive Assistant at the accepted rate of pay for such duty.

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN.

27. **ELECTION FOR CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE (5 to be elected):** The results of the election for the Constitution Committee were:

1. Jacques LaParade (FRA)	45 - elected
2. Patrice Brunet (CAN)	37 - elected
3. Michael Thoren (SWE)	36 - elected
4. Sergio Mucino (MEX)	35 - elected
5. Rodrigo Salas (CHI)	29 - elected
Jingles Ferreira (RSA)	28 - not elected
Markham Leventhal (USA)	15 - not elected

28. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:** At 3:00 p.m. the following presentations took place:

- a) Mr. Bruce Cameron, vice-president of the New Zealand Olympic Committee, and avid supporter of Triathlon and ITU, brought greetings from New Zealand.
- b) A video presentation was made by Mr. John Bradbury, a representative from Events Corp., the Perth 1997 Organising Committee. This presentation was enthusiastically received.
- c) Ms. Clarinda Brueck (USA) presented a report on her progress in achieving status for physically challenged athletes in the Triathlon World Championships. Several of these athletes attended the presentation. Clarinda Brueck was warmly applauded by Congress and congratulated by President McDonald.
- d) A video presentation was made by Mr. Saito on behalf of the Sado Island (Japan) organising committee for the World Long Distance Championships in 1998. This presentation was enthusiastically received.
- e) A video presentation was made by a delegation from the Lausanne organising committee for the World Championships in 1998, led by Mr. Claude Thomas, of the Lausanne police sports club. This presentation was enthusiastically received.
- f) A video presentation was made by Mr. Renato Locatelli on behalf of the local organising committee for the Duathlon World Championships in Ferrera, Italy in September 1996. His report was enthusiastically received.
- g) A report was presented by Ms. Andrea Allen on behalf of the local organising committee for the World Long Distance Championships being held Muncie, Indiana, on September 7th, 1996. After several questions from the floor, her report was warmly received.
- h) A presentation was made by Mr. Alfredo Olebegoia on behalf of the Geurnica, Spain, Duathlon World Championships Organising Committee, 1997. His presentation was enthusiastically received.
- i) A video presentation was made to Congress by Ms. Birgit Frantz, on behalf of the Institute of Leipzig, Germany, concerning a multi-media project for the dissemination of information. Her presentation was warmly received.

- - - END OF PRESENTATIONS- - -

29. ELECTION FOR MEDICAL COMMITTEE (7 to be elected): The results of the election for the Medical Committee were:

1. Dr. Phillip Chateau (FRA)	45 - elected
2. Dr. Nina Gow (CAN)	42 - elected
3. Dr. Toshi Katsumura (JPN)	39 - elected
4. Dr. Sergio Migliorini (ITA)	36 - elected
5. Dr. Finn Jahnsen (DEN)	31 - elected
6. Dr. Doug Hiller (USA)	30 - elected
7. Dr Frank Perez (CUB)	29 - elected
Dr. Rachel Dankner (ISR)	22 - not elected
Mr. Gordon Waddington (AUS)	16 - not elected
Dr. Jean Claude Koenig (RSA)	not elected

30. MEDICAL COMMITTEE REPORT: Dr. Doug Hiller reported on the happenings and goals of the Medical Committee. See Appendix D for Medical Committee Recommendations.
MEDICAL COMMITTEE REPORT WAS ACCEPTED AS READ.

31. ELECTION FOR AUDIT COMMITTEE (3 to be elected): The results of the election for the Audit Committee were:

1. Bernie Stephan (AUT)	50 - elected
2. Bill Hallett (CAN)	46 - elected
3. Gerardo Zetina (MEX)	44 - elected
Bill Fiske (USA)	26 - not elected

32. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT: Loreen Barnett, Technical Committee (Chair), reported on the happenings and goals of the Technical Committee over the past, and upcoming year.
THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT WAS ACCEPTED AS READ.

33. ELECTION FOR DUATHLON COMMITTEE (3 to be elected): The results of the election for the Duathlon Committee were:

1. Alfredo Olebegoia (ESP)	36 - elected
2. Hubert Koenig (AUT)	33 - elected
3. Dr. Andreas Rudolph (GER)	33 - elected
Claude Meyer (FRA)	22 - not elected
Jim Jimison (USA)	14 - not elected
Dave Rudd (CAN)	14 - not elected
Carlos Garcia (ARG)	6 - not elected

34. WOMEN'S COMMITTEE REPORT: Cheryl Battaerd (AUS) reported on the happenings and goals of the Women's Committee over the last, and upcoming, year. She also paid tribute to Dr. Sarah Springman, as she was retiring from her position as ITU vice-president. Sarah was presented with a commemorative plaque from the Women's Committee for her meritorious work on behalf of women in sport by Liesbeth Stoltz (RSA).
THE WOMEN'S COMMITTEE REPORT WAS ACCEPTED AS READ.

35. CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE REPORT: Patrice Brunet (CAN) reported on the happenings and goals of the Constitution Committee over the last, and upcoming, year.
THE CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE REPORT WAS ACCEPTED AS READ.

36. COACHING AND YOUTH COMMISSION: Michael Thoren (SWE) reported on some of the work and goals of the Coaching and Youth Commission for 1996, and in the future.
THE COACHING AND YOUTH COMMISSION REPORT WAS ACCEPTED AS READ.

37. DOPING CONTROL COMMISSION: Mark Sisson (USA) reported on the work of the Doping Control Commission and their goals for the 1997 season.
THE DOPING CONTROL COMMISSION REPORT WAS ACCEPTED AS READ.

38. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Congress, President McDonald thanked the delegates for their hard work, their dedication to the Olympic ideals, and the unity

which was eventually achieved after much debate. He wished all of their athletes a good, safe, and fair race on the morrow, and bade them all a bon voyage and a safe journey home. The 1996 Congress adjourned at 5:30 p.m.



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Appendix A

ITU President's Report to Congress '96

The President of the United States, Bill Clinton, last week said,

"I believe we love the Olympics because they work the way we think the world ought to work. They are possible because all different kinds of people come together in mutual respect and mutual acceptance of the rules of the games. No one wins by breaking their opponents legs or by bad-mouthing their opponents in a public forum. Instead, victory comes from doing well in a good way, and all who strive are honored. Most individuals from the 197 competing nations did not win any medal, but they all had their chance, did their best and were better for their efforts."

That, I would suggest to you, is what we want for ITU, our International Federation, for our National Federations, and for all of our athletes, as we look forward to the World Championships here in Cleveland tomorrow and Sunday, and ultimately Sydney 2000, and the dawn of the new millennium.

The final scene of the Atlanta Olympic Games, an "exceptional Games" in the words of President Samaranch, was a television shot of the Sydney Harbour and the commentator who said, "This is the site of the next Olympic Games, in Sydney, Australia, and this is where the first event of the 2000 Games will be held at the Opera House, and it will be the Triathlon." That message, and the image went out to 3 billion telespectators world-wide.

Triathlon has come of age since its humble origins in Mission Bay, San Diego, California, September 25, 1974, when the first of many events was organised there by Jack Johnstone of the San Diego Track Club. We owe a debt of gratitude to those audacious pioneers. from a scant 22 years ago.

ITU traces its origins to its founding Congress, held April 1, 1989 in the Palace of the Popes, Avignon, France. Several of the delegates who attended that historic occasion are still with us here today. Dr. Philippe Chateau, France, Dr. Martin Engelhardt, Germany, Phil Briars, New Zealand, Mark Sisson, USA, Mike Gilmore, USA, and Loreen Barnett, Canada.

The question is often posed, "How did Triathlon succeed in its Olympic quest so rapidly, when other sports have failed?" My response is consistent and historically correct. President Samaranch invited a number of Presidents of National Federations to a meeting in Stockholm in 1988 specifically to create an International body, for the express purpose of trying to get into the Olympic Games. Mr. Gunnar Ericsson, the IOC member in Sweden and now our Honorary President was assigned by the IOC to guide us through the labyrinth of IOC protocol to success.

Mr. Ericsson sends you his heartfelt greetings, but is unable to be with us at this time. He is one of the leaders of the Stockholm 2004 Olympic Bid, and is very, very busy. But, it is

he who very cleverly caught the essence of what Triathlon is, and he repeats it whenever the opportunity occurs.

"It is the charismatic nature of Triathlon and the triathletes who are engaged in a modern multi-sport adventure which has gripped the imagination of millions of people."

I add to that, and never tire of repeating it, that the bedrock on which Triathlon has developed is as a result of the tireless volunteer work of you the officers of the National Federations. Without organisations, youth programmes, fund raising, and the hours and months of building, creating, and explaining, there would only be dreams.

ITU has been helped more than we'll ever know by the dreamer and pragmatist, Gunnar Ericsson, and the other two IOC members we are fortunate to have on our Executive Board, Mr. Chick Igaya, Olympian and now Executive Board member of the IOC, and Mr. Phil Coles, also an Olympian and a member of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Organising Committee.

As we prepare to enter into the 4 year period of the Olympiad, I would ask that you ponder again the words of President Clinton,

"The Olympics are successful because they work the way we think the world should, in mutual respect, no one wins by bad mouthing their opponents."

We are fortunate to have with us today, Mr. Graham Lovett and Ms Nicole Moore from Pacific Sport and Entertainment, our sponsors, from Australia. Graham will address the Congress this morning. Nicole will be working full time with ITU to maximise our mutual relationships.

We have new faces, and new friends who are appearing for the first time at our Congress. I want to recognise them at this time. And, I urge the veterans of ITU, if I could be so bold as to describe those with more than 5 years of service, to welcome the newcomers.

- Trevor Bailey, St. Vincent and the Grenadines in the West Indies, and Vice President of his National Olympic Committee. Trevor is Chairman of the St. Vincent Triathlon Association.
- Dennis Johnston, Jamaica, Member of his Olympic Committee, coach of the Jamaican Athletic Team, Atlanta Olympic Games, Olympian, and former world record holder, 100 yards sprint. Dennis is the Chairman of the Jamaican Triathlon Association.
- Colonel Zafar Ahmed of the Pakistan Triathlon Association
- Sadonu Lahcerne of the Algerian Triathlon Association
- Jose Gangli, the new President of the Argentina Triathlon Association
- Teresa de Boet, of the El Salvador Triathlon Association
- Kirk Jennings, of the Fiji Triathlon Association
- Arvanitis Andreas, of the Greek Triathlon Association
- John Donovan, of the Guam Triathlon Association

- Luis Segura, of the Honduras Triathlon Association
- Alexander Lapski, of the Latvia Triathlon Association
- Terry Sheldrake, the new president of the New Zealand Triathlon Association
- David Hoong, of the Singapore Triathlon Association
- Dimitry Kalachov, of the Ukraine Triathlon Association
- John Hawxby and Karen Green, of the Zimbabwe Triathlon Association

As we welcome the new, we lose one of the old - not in age, I hasten to add. Dr. Sarah Springman, ITU Vice President is retiring. She is leaving the lush pastures of Cambridge for the University of Zurich, and feels obliged to apply her intellectual attributes to her new career. She will not desert us completely and will continue to serve us in her roles with the World Masters Games, the Commonwealth Games and other assignments. Sarah has done more for the egalitarianism of women in our sport than anyone I know. Her recent foray has been to convince President Nelson Mandela to support ITU and Triathlon and Duathlon in South Africa.

Speaking of which, we also lose Kevin Nel, who is also retiring, due to a change in his career. Kevin will always be remembered by us as the symbol of the new South Africa. His steadfast voluntary opposition to apartheid whilst President of the Federation, and abiding by the Gleneagles agreement, and subsequently the IOC boycott, took courage and a commitment to humanism. As Robert Burns, the Scottish poet so eloquently wrote 200 years ago:

"It's coming yet for all that
That man to man the world over
Shall brothers be for all that."

Thank you Kevin!

I would like you to recognise Christine Brown. She began working for ITU in the Vancouver office one year ago, after graduating from university. She is an enthusiastic athlete in skiing, cycling, and more recently triathlon. She commands the day to day work of ITU. On a recent work trip to Lausanne, she managed to meet President Samaranch, Primo Nebiolo, and Prince de Merode, all in one day. Welcome to the new generation of computer literate whiz kids.

What of the immediate and long term - 4 year future?

- The World Cup Series, which began in 1991, with a modest budget, has grown to be most successful. Athletes status in the World Cup Series equals their world rankings. World Cup 1996 has been the best ever with total prize money awarded to participating athletes - the largest ever - thanks in large part to sponsor PSE and the TV Marketing contracts negotiated by ITU Marketing Director, Mike Gilmore.

- To this point, the most outstanding World Cup events in 1996 have been Ishigaki and Gamagori, Japan, thanks in large measure to the technical expertise of Masao Nakayama, who is in my opinion, the most advanced and competent technical race organiser in the world.
- The two Japan World Cup races also produced free airline tickets, hotel accommodation and food for many of the international athletes - thanks to the marketing skills of Shin Otsuka of the Japan Triathlon Union, and the guidance of Chick Igaya, IOC.
- The Cleveland World Championships is also a part of the World Cup Series. The best in the World are assembled here for tomorrow's event.
- After Cleveland there are another five World Cup events to conclude the season
- There will be two events in Brasil, coordinated by Joao Calazans, President of the Brazilian Triathlon Federation and ITU Executive Board Member
- After Brasil the athletes stay in the southern hemisphere, and travel to Auckland, New Zealand, and thanks to Executive Board member Phil Briars for this. Then to Sydney and Noosa in Australia, thanks to Triathlon Australia, President Bill Walker, and E Board members Phil Coles (IOC) and Brian Hinton.
- Besides the \$1 million dollars in prize money we have provided the participating athletes, ITU has also provided more than \$200,000 in travel expenses in this particular season. And, we are very proud of that.
- Immediately following Cleveland will be the ITU Long Distance World Championships in Muncie, Indiana. This event will have a stellar field of the best long distance athletes in the world. The folks in Muncie are very special and very caring. They are waiting with open arms to welcome the World of Triathlon on September 7th. Thank you to Andrea Allen.
- The Ferreira Duathlon World Championships in Italy promises to be more than "best ever", or "Nec plus ultra" as the Romans were wont to say. Ferrera is a renaissance city. The Italian Federation, led by Marco Sbernadori is a modern day renaissance man. Don't miss Ferrera and Duathlon '96.
- The World Championships '97 are in place, the contract is signed, on time and on budget, with the Perth Organising Committee backed by the Government of Western Australia.
- The World Duathlon Championships '97, Guernica, Spain are in place.
- The World Long Distance Championships '97, Nice France are in place.

- World Cup '97 promises to be better than ever, with proposed events in 10 locations and television exposure "beyond the beyond".
- We will conduct an Olympic Solidarity Training Camp in Madras, India in November, 1996. It will be funded by the IOC and ITU, and organised by Mr. Rami Ramachandran, President of the Indian Triathlon Association, with support from ITU and its coterie of assistants, coaches and medical support staff. An Olympic Games in Sydney 2000 without competent athletes from the developing 3rd world is not acceptable and could lead to our demise. What can we do to encourage and help create both elite and recreational athletes in the developing world? Not simply as a gimmick or token, but as a serious endeavor to help the youth in developing countries discover sport! If a generation of youth world-wide does not discover the joy of sport, and if that generation inherits the earth, it will be a joyless, sad earth.
- We have an obligation to explain to our age group athletes that the primary role of national federations is to produce elite athletes - men and women, to achieve their best through participation in all national and international events open to them. There is some misunderstanding and confusion by some on this question. ITU was created specifically with the help of the IOC to be a member of the Olympic family, and our constitution spells that out, "The objects of ITU are to support the aims, ideals and principles of the Olympic movement." Harmony between the age group athletes and elite athletes is vital. There is no other International Federation which includes age group athletes in its World Championships - we do! We are proud of our commitment to a healthy life style, but our mandate is the elite athlete.
- The IOC Charter limits the number of athletes in the Games to 10,000. In seven short years, with the help of the IOC, Triathlon has prospered. Triathlon, in the opinion of many, had peaked in 1990. They projected a decline of the trendy yuppie sport of the eighties. Recognition by the IOC, and eventual programme status has changed that hiatus. We have succeeded beyond anyone's wildest dreams. Thanks to the IOC.
- Triathlon has changed, as most sports have changed, to keep pace with modernization, and the drive for television and spectator friendly events. The only constant in sport, and life itself, is change. The change to drafting on the bike has improved its image, but more importantly has ended the hypocrisy of the past. The efficiency of today's triathletes in all 3 disciplines is such that it is no longer possible to separate them during competitions and forced to try. A new breed of super triathletes is emerging - international and cosmopolitan. In the current world rankings, there are 6 nationalities in the top ten men - the same for the women, with names we had not heard of even 3 years ago: Emma Carney, Australia, Alexandre Manzan, Brasil. They have adapted and they enjoy the challenge of learning to ride a bicycle. Without exciting competition there is no television audience - without television, no sponsors, which equals no money. The share of the television profits from Sydney 2000 given by the IOC to each of the 28 International Federations will be approximately \$3 million USD. Without sponsors in the so-called "new world order" we perish.

- I must acknowledge the support which we have received from Pacific Sports and Entertainment (PSE), with a special thanks to Graham Lovett and Nicole Moore who are here with us today. Their support of our federation has enabled us to take a much stronger position on the international sporting stage, and I look forward to many years of working together for the benefit of ITU and of course PSE.
- Just for the record, I have a personal sponsor which allows me to function for ITU without salary. This particular sponsor is a woman. As a result of which some have accused me of living off the avails of the fair sex. She is French, a University teacher, her name is Monique and I've been married to the woman for 40 years.
- Speaking of harassment, some of the script flying about which their author's, I'm sure believe is fair comment, has caused concern and bewilderment to some of the members of the Board, in receipt of the missives. They tell me it's a sign of success when people start to throw rocks your way. "Even the great holy men had their distracters and enemies," as the preacher lectured to his congregation. "We all have enemies, don't we? Is there anyone here who does not?" Asked the preacher rhetorically, not expecting a response. "I don't." said a white-haired old man. "Amazing." said the preacher. "Pray tell us how you have no enemies, when even Jesus himself, Moses, Mohammed, and Gandhi - they all had enemies." "It was easy," said the old man, "I outlived all the bastards."
- Finally, on a serious note - Atlanta had it's problems - all of the Games have had problems. But, the Olympics rise above the mundane - it is a state of mind. It can permeate a variety of expressions and dreams, and no race or era can claim a monopoly of it. the Olympic concept of placing sport at the service of men and women, in order to help create a respect for human dignity, and a world at peace, is simple, yet profound. The Olympic ideals, combining physical prowess with culture and intellect to produce a new man and woman, equally so. that's my dream - I hope it is yours.

As you know, or at least I hope you know, the work of the ITU President is a volunteer task which I have been happy to assume. However, I am extremely grateful when from time to time the National Federations or the various International Federations are able to invite me to participate in their affairs. Since the last Congress in Cancun, Mexico, 1995, I have attended the following important meetings, Congress, etc. on behalf of ITU:

- January 24-25, Tokyo, Japan: Received an award from the Japan Triathlon Union as the Most Valuable Person. The awards ceremony was attended by Mr. Chiharu Igaya (IOC), officials of JTU and athletes.
- February 15-20: Vancouver, Canada: Meeting of ITU Executive Board, Regional Reps, Council Members and PSE sponsor.
- March 1st, Toronto, Canada: Meeting of Executive Board of Triathlon Canada.
- March 3rd, Paris, France: Meeting with French Triathlon Federation, Paris World Cup Organiser, and Nice Long Distance World Championships organisers.
- March 3rd, Paris, France: Meeting with Arena sponsors and French Television.
- March 4th, Lausanne, Switzerland: Course inspection for 1998 Triathlon World Championships.

- March 5th, Lausanne, Switzerland: Meeting of the Summer Olympic Federations, ASOIF.
- March 6th, Lausanne, Switzerland: ASOIF meeting with the IOC Executive Board
- March 7th, Lausanne, Switzerland: Meeting of GAISF Executive Board and President Samaranch.
- March 11th, Guatemala: Pan American Games General Assembly - confirmed that Triathlon is on the programme of the Pan American Games, Winnipeg, 1999
- March 28th, Capetown, South Africa: Site visit, 2004 City Bid. Meeting with 2004 Bid Committee, Mayor of Capetown, site inspection
- April 4th to 7th, Athens, Greece: 100th anniversary of the First Modern Olympic Games. Meeting of ASOIF, plus IOC Executive Board.
- April 7th, Frankfurt: Meeting with DTU President Dr. Martin Engelhardt.
- April 25th, Montreal, Canada: Meeting of the Canadian Olympic Association Executive Board, and COA Congress.
- May 11th-19th, Ishigaki and Gamagori, Japan: World Cup events
- June 13, Paris, France: Meetings, Racing Club de France, Urs Linsi, Powerman, Paris World Cup organisers, and FFTri President Jacques LaParade.
- 21 June, Drummondville, Quebec: World Cup, meetings with mayor, provincial federation and athletes.
- July 3rd, Vienna, Austria: meetings with Bernie Stefan, ITU Medical Committee and ITU Marketing Commission
- July 4th to 7th, ETU Congress, Hungary. Meetings with ETU President, Didier Lehenaff and other European NFs.
- July 16, Atlanta, USA: Commonwealth Games General Assembly
- July 19th, Atlanta, USA: ASOIF meeting with the IOC Executive Board
- July 20th, Atlanta, USA: Sportel Meeting with Prince de Merode
- July 21st, Atlanta, USA: Pan American Games Meeting, Winnipeg host
- July 21, Atlanta, USA: Meeting with IOC Sports Director, with Phil Coles (IOC), and others
- July 21, Atlanta, USA: Meeting with Goodwill Games Organisers
- July 16-21, Atlanta, USA: Meetings with all eleven 2004 Bid Cities - signed contracts with all bid cities.
- August 8-9, Vancouver, Canada: PSE Meeting including Mike Gilmore, Mark Sisson, Keith Brodie, Graham Lovett, and Loreen Barnett.

Les McDonald, ITU President



Appendix B
Congress greeting from IOC member in Sweden
Mm. Gunilla Lindberg



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Arriving August 19th from
Canada


Mr. Les McDonald
Sheraton City Center Hotel
777 St. Clair Avenue
Cleveland

Stockholm, August 19th 1996

May I take the opportunity to wish all of you a very warm welcome into the new Olympiad which has just started after the Atlanta Centennial Games.

Sydney is waiting and the Olympic World is anxious to say welcome to a new sport. But Olympic Movement are so much more than the competitions every 4th year. We are a united family with one common interest that we all believe in. I hope you all are prepared to take olympism into you hearts and when you have done that you will be a believer forever because nothing in the world is like this movement.

Good luck with your congress, stay united and feel the Olympic Spirit.


Gunilla Lindberg
Secretary General Swedish NOC
IOC member in Sweden

Appendix C
Congress greeting from the IOC President
M. Juan Antonio Samaranch



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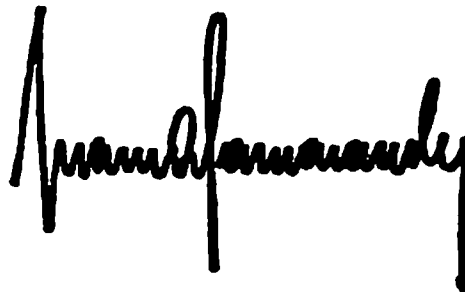
THE PRESIDENT

**Message from the President
of the International Olympic Committee
Juan Antonio Samaranch
Marqués de Samaranch**

On behalf of the Olympic Movement, I would like to convey my greetings and best wishes to each delegate taking part in the International Triathlon Union Congress.

The International Triathlon Union has deployed many efforts to develop its sport and prepare the best athletes for world championships. It was for these reasons that the IOC granted it provisional recognition in 1989.

I wish you all a successful Congress and hope that your contribution to the development of sport will continue to grow in the years to come.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Juan Antonio Samaranch'. The signature is stylized with a large initial 'J' and a long, sweeping underline.

Appendix D

Recommendations to the ITU Congress From the ITU Medical Committee

1. In the Interest of carrying out the 'Medical Care Guidelines', as stated in the ITU Manual, the ITU Medical Committee wishes to state that"
 - a) The health and safety of the athletes must be of paramount importance.
 - b) ITU Board activities directly or indirectly relating to the health of competitors should involve Medical Committee input in a pro-active manner.
 - c) The ITU Medical Committee wishes to adopt the IOC Medical Commissions role statement in that; "the ITU Medical Committee's action is based on three Basic Principles: 1. The defence of ethics. 2. The protection of the health of the athletes, and 3. Ensuring an equal chance for everyone."

"The ITU Medical Committee wishes to provide effective help to athletes and thus serving sport and the Olympic ideal."
2. That the position of 'Race Medical Reviewer' be included in the ITU 'Operations Manual' as an official. The Race Medical Reviewer has the responsibility to review the race Medical care plan, the qualifications of the physicians involved, and the race course of all ITU sanctioned races. Race Medical Reviewers should be appointed on a regional Bases, to differ costs. The local organising committee must send a medical care plan to the ITU Race Medical Reviewer within an appropriate time period, prior to the race. The Race Medical Reviewer will be present on race day for World Championships and all ITU sanctioned races (eg. Asian Games, Pan American Games.)
3. An approved 'Race Medical Director' shall be appointed to all ITU sanctioned races. These officers will be approved by the ITU Medical Committee, depending on qualification and experience.
4. The standard summary of medical care form shall be completed by the Race Medical Director or all ITU sanctioned races and returned to the designated member or the ITU Medical committee within four weeks of the event.

