



INTERNATIONAL  
**TRIATHLON**  
UNION

# 1997 ITU CONGRESS

**14<sup>th</sup> November, Hyatt Regency Hotel**  
**Perth, Australia: 9:00am - 5:00pm**



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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The ITU President, Les McDonald, called the 9<sup>th</sup> ITU Congress to order at 9:00 a.m. with the following national federation delegates present:

**Argentina**

Jose Daniel Gangli  
Oscar Bernotene

**Australia**

Bill Walker  
Tim Wilson  
Ms Cheryl Battaerd  
Ms Melinda Farr

**Austria**

Hubert Koenig  
Bernie Stefan

**Belgium**

Wim Daveloose

**Bermuda**

Neil de St. Croix

**Brazil**

Fabio Goulart  
Alberto Kruschewsky

**Bulgaria**

Emil Stoinev

**Canada**

Bill Hallett  
Patrice Brunet  
Dr. (Ms) Nina Gow  
Ms Sheila O'Kelly

**China**

Li Xiaosheng  
Liang Shanshui  
Chen Yan

**Colombia**

Jorge Mejia  
Jorge Montano  
Ms Dora Rojo

**Costa Rica**

Guillermo Saenz  
Ms Christina Gonzalez

**Czech Republic**

Pavel Koran  
Jindrich Martinec  
Ms Drahomira Marincov

**Denmark**

Kent Magelund  
Dr. Finn Jahnsen

**Dominican Rep.**

Juan Luis Rodriguez

**France**

Jacques Laparade  
Dr. Philippe Chateau  
Ms Laurence Machercy  
Ms Christine Charle

**Great Britain**

Phil Yarde

**Germany**

Dr. (Ms) Susanne Baur  
Henning Mueller

**Hong Kong**

Bernard Ryan  
L. Chan Yin Ping

**Hungary**

Peter Czenz  
Ms Petra Harangi  
Frank Feher

**India**

N. Ramachandran  
Ms S. Ramachandran

**Ireland**

Ms Ann Cairns  
Guin O'Connell

**Italy**

Marco Sbernadori  
Angelo Bonitzi  
Ms Alessandra Fantuzi

**Jamaica**

Ms Iona Wynter

**Japan**

Shin Otsuka  
Toshi Nakayama  
Ms Tomoko Wada

**Kazakstan**

Yuri Solovev

**Luxembourg**

Eugene Kraus

**Malaysia**

Chen Chee Seng  
Richard Lupang

**Mexico**

Jaime Cadaval

**Mauritius**

Ms Marilyn Cadet

**Netherlands**

Robert Maasdijk  
Ms Mirjam Ribberink  
Ad Brouwers

**New Zealand**

Terry Sheldrake  
Ms Kathy Sheldrake  
Ms Jo Stallard  
Ms Jo Moysey

**Paraguay**

Aldo Florentin Mujica

**Russia**

Anatoli Korobov  
Ms Andrey Makoushin

**Singapore**

Alec Kuok Yau Yew  
Jim Ngee Huat

**Sierra Leone**

Moimusa Ahmadu

**Slovenia**

Grega Hocesvar

**South Africa**

Jingles Ferreira  
Ms Liesbeth Stoltz  
Rodney Niewstad

**Spain**

Jose Hidalgo  
Jose Hurtado  
Ms Marisol Casado

**Sweden**

Michael Thoren  
Goran Qvarfordt

**Switzerland**

Mario Chirico  
Ms Anne-Marie Gschwend  
Urs Linsi

**Tahiti**

Andre Lorfevre  
Charles Reia

**Chinese Taipei**

Morie Chiang

Frank Kuo

**Trinidad & Tobago**

Geoffrey Quesnel

**Ukraine**

Dmitriy Kalachov  
Sergey Iatchenko

**USA**

Rick Margiotta  
Ms Gail Laurence  
Ms Sharon Ackles  
Steve Locke

**Yugoslavia**

Ms Dragana Pavlovic  
Ms Sasa Bosiyoid

**Zimbabwe**

Rick Fulton

**The following ITU Council Members were also present:**

**Executive Board:**

Les McDonald, President  
Phil Coles (IOC), Secretary General  
Mark Sisson, Treasurer  
Antonio Alvarez, Executive Board  
Phil Briars, Executive Board  
Joao Calazans, Executive Board  
Dr. Martin Engelhardt, Executive Board  
Brian Hinton, Executive Board  
Ms. Lise Jahnsen, Executive Board  
Didier Lehenaff, Executive Board  
Jingles Ferreira, Regional Rep (Africa)  
Rick Margiotta, Regional Rep (North America)  
Jorge Mejia, Regional Rep (South America)  
Rami Ramachandran, Regional Rep (Asia)  
Bill Walker, Regional Rep (Oceania)  
Guillermo Saenz, Regional Rep (Cent Am&Carib)  
Ms. Dragana Pavlovic, Regional Rep (Europe)

**Other:**

Mike Gilmore, ITU Managing Director  
Christine Brown, ITU Staff  
Scott LeDrew, ITU Staff (volunteer)  
Leslie Beckerman ITU Staff (volunteer)

**Council:**

Ms. Cheryl Battaerd, Women's Committee  
Dr. Susanne Baur, Women's Committee  
Patrice Brunet, Constitution Committee  
Jamie Cadaval, Technical Committee  
Ms. Marisol Casado, Duathlon Committee  
Dr. Phillipe Chateau, Medical Committee  
Ms. Melinda Farr, Technical Committee  
Michel Gignoux, Technical Committee  
Ms. Anne-Marie Gschwend, Event Directors' Comm.  
Dr. Finn Jahnsen, Medical Committee  
Jacques Laparade, Constitution Committee  
Robert Maasdijk, Credentials Committee  
Dr. Sergio Migliorini, Medical Committee  
Henning Mueller, Credentials Committee  
Ms. Sheila O'Kelly, Credentials Committee  
Bernie Stefan, Audit Committee  
Ms. Liesbeth Stoltz, Women's Committee  
Dr. Nina Gow, Medical Committee  
Bill Hallett, Audit Committee  
Hubert Koenig, Duathlon Committee  
Ms. S. Ramachandran, Women's Committee  
Masao Nakayama, Technical Committee  
Michael Thoren, Coaching & Youth Commission  
Barrie Shepley, Coaching & Youth Commission

2. **MEDIA REPORT:** David Culbert (PSI) made a visual presentation to Congress. In this presentation, he outlined various aspects of his work with the media on behalf of ITU:

- a) increasing the print and electronic media's involvement in ITU events
- b) press releases
- c) increasing use of the web-site
- d) primary goal is to raise the awareness of triathlon world-wide.

Ms Marisol Casado (ESP) stated that the press releases were too long for non-English speaking countries. David Culbert responded that he is aware of this problem and is working on it.

The report was accepted as presented

3. **PERTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Don McGrath (Perth LOC) welcomed all of the Congress delegates to Perth and the World Championships. Dr. Susanne Baur (GER) asked whether delegates would receive VIP accreditation into the transition area. Don McGrath said he would check into it. (ITU later decided to purchase awards banquet tickets for all delegates in attendance).

The report was accepted as presented

4. **SOCOG REPORT:** Phil Coles (IOC) and David Hansen (AUS) showed Congress a number of short videos on the Olympic Games.

- a) Phil Coles reported to Congress on the facilities, programme, and organisation of Sydney 2000. He also welcomed the appointment of David Hansen as competition manager and Ms Loreen Barnett as Technical Director.

- b) Phil Coles provided an illustration of the Olympic Movement: and how the Olympic Family operates in conjunction with the local organising committees for the Olympic Games including, the Olympic programme, events, participation quotas, and organisation. He also described the relationship between the IOC, the IFs, the NOCs, and SOCOG. He stressed the importance of teamwork and unity within ITU leading up to Sydney 2000.
- c) David Hansen gave an update on the Olympic Triathlon. It will be the first event of the Olympic Games.
- d) Key dates to remember are: a) 1992: Triathlon was included in SOCOG's bid proposal, b) 1993: Sydney won its Olympic Bid, c) Sept 1994: Triathlon is included on the Olympic programme for Sydney 2000, d) 1995: The Sydney World Cup is developed, and e) 1997: the Sydney World Cup is a huge success and SOCOG's plans are well underway for the Sydney 2000 Triathlon.
- e) David Hansen also briefly described the proposed Triathlon course for Sydney 2000 and indicated that several changes were sure to take place

Report accepted as presented

- 5. **BREAK:** At 10:30 the Congress broke for a 15min coffee / tea break.
- 6. **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT:** Henning Mueller (GER) reported that 47 National Federations were present and voting at Congress.  
Report accepted as presented
- 7. **ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS:** President McDonald welcomed the admission of a new NF in Moldavia, through contact with the Moldavian NOC.
- 8. **APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS:** President McDonald appointed Ms Sheila O'Kelly (CAN), Ms Liesbeth Stoltz (RSA), and Ms Dragana Pavlovic (YUG) as the three tellers for the Congress elections.
- 9. **MINUTES OF LAST CONGRESS:** The Minutes of the 1996 Congress in Cleveland, USA were accepted as circulated.
- 10. **AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT:** Bill Hallett (CAN) reported on behalf of the Audit Committee. After meeting with the ITU Treasurer, Mark Sisson, and reviewing ITU's finances, the Audit Committee found no errors or omissions in the ITU accounts. Bill Hallett moved that Congress approve the 1997 ITU financial statements. Henning Mueller (GER) seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Congress.
- 11. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** ITU Treasurer, Mark Sisson (USA), reported to Congress on the 1997 financial statements and 1998 proposed budget. Upon conclusion of his report, he requested that Congress approve the proposed budget for 1998. Phil Yarde (GBR) questioned whether some Regional Representatives were funded to attend ITU meetings and asked which they were. President McDonald explained that funding was given to three of the seven Regional Reps (Africa, South America, and Central America & the Caribbean) based on financial need, in the spirit of universality.  
The Treasurers' Report and 1998 Budget were approved by Congress

**12. ATHLETES' COMMISSION REPORT:** Ms Jill Newman (USA) and Miles Stewart (AUS) reported on behalf of the ITU Athlete's Commission.

- a) Jill Newman indicated that two of the most important issues facing elite triathletes today are:
  - Polarization
  - Communication.
- b) To prevent 'polarization', she stated that time and money must be spent to promote triathlon world-wide (Olympic Triathlon) and that there is a need to attract corporate sponsors. She believes ITU's aim at bringing other countries on par with the development in Australia through support to elite triathletes, increased prize money, and sponsorship should be emphasized more strongly.
- c) Jill Newman also stressed the need for developed nations to support and share with less developed nations. She requested that elite athletes have input in the decision making process and asked that they be well informed of all decisions taken.
- d) She concluded by thanking ITU for the increasing role of the ITU Athletes' Commission and encouraged ITU and the NFs to continue the flow of information to their elite athletes.
- e) Miles Stewart (AUS) outlined some problems facing elite triathletes. One problem was coaching. He suggested there are a lot of great athletes but not enough great coaches.
- f) He emphasized the need for countries like Australia to share their wealth of experience through programs like coaching training camps. Miles Stewart also spoke on some technical aspects of Triathlon courses and the need to make them harder (specifically the cycle section).
- g) He spoke in support of the new handlebar rules but requested that 'aero bars' not be eliminated as they are part of the heritage and uniqueness of Triathlon.

**Discussion:**

- a) ITU Secretary General, Phil Coles (IOC) pointed out that all NFs have the right to request coaching grants from their NOCs.
- b) President McDonald acknowledged Jill Newman's comments re polarization and emphasized the need to ensure universality in our sport to secure our position in the Olympic Games beyond 2000.
- c) Ms Ann Cairns (IRE) requested help from Triathlon Australia re coaching. Bill Walker (AUS) said Triathlon Australia would be happy to provide that help.
- d) President McDonald questioned the idea of shorter laps proposed by Miles Stewart, fearing that fast swimmers would eventually 'lap' the entire field. Miles Stewart responded that fast swimmers are no longer as far ahead as they have been in the past. Jill Newman pointed out that this is more of a problem on flat courses.
- e) Steve Locke (USA) questioned whether elite athletes' had appropriate bike handling skills. Miles Stewart responded that bike skills had improved in recent years but that there was still a long way to go and that coaches would have to spend more time on this.
- f) Ms. Iona Wynter (JAM) questioned how elite athletes from developing countries could access funds and help from other countries. Miles Stewart (AUS) pointed out that NFs from developing countries should not be embarrassed to ask for help from more developed countries, like Australia, the USA, and Japan.
- g) President McDonald addressed the need for more money to assist developing NFs and athletes. Phil Yarde (GBR) suggested money should be allocated to coaching. President McDonald pointed out that money had been spent on programmes such as

ITU's annual IOC Solidarity Camps. Guillermo Saenz (CRC) proposed an exchange programme with elite athletes and coaches from developing countries.

The Athletes' Commission report was accepted as presented

- 13. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** President McDonald reported to Congress on several issues pertaining to triathlon, the various 1997 World Championships, the 1997 World Cup, the 1998 Goodwill Games, and his role as president during the 1997 year.

The president's report was accepted as presented

- 14. SOLIDARITY CAMP REPORT:** Scott Ledrew (CAN) reported on the ITU / IOC Solidarity Camp held in Cottesloe, Australia a week prior to the World Championships. Over 50 athletes attended from 11 countries throughout the world. He outlined the need for ITU to stage the same sort of camp for coaches as well.

Report accepted as presented

- 15. COACHING REPORT:** Barrie Shepley (CAN), ITU Coaching & Youth Commission, reported on various coaching related issues. He reported that a coaching meeting was held during the Solidarity Camp in Cottesloe. He stressed the need for coaches and athletes to make themselves heard. The goals established during the coaches meeting in Cottesloe are as follows:

- a) The development of a one week camp supported by IOC Solidarity and ITU for coaches (possible date February or March). This camp should not be oriented around a race.
- b) The organisation of an annual one day coaching conference AFTER the World Championships in 1998
- c) The need for a coaches / athletes representative sitting on the major committees of ITU.
- d) Increased communication. The coaches assembled in Cottesloe met with Andrew McNaughton (ITU Web-site manager). During this meeting he promised to help coaches through the ITU Web-site.
- e) Barrie Shepley stressed the need to share knowledge and coaching tools throughout the world and requested funds from ITU in order to do so.
- f) Moimusa Ahmadu (Sierra Leone) asked who the smaller NFs could contact with concerns regarding coaching and development? Barrie Shepley suggested that there was a need to create a Committee to pool resources and ideas (pertaining to sponsorship, development, and coaching concerns) for developing countries, an NF / Athletes' Development Committee, for example.
- g) Rami Ramachandran (IND) indicated that the Indian Triathlon Federation would be pleased to host a week long coaching camp in 1998.
- h) Ms. Dragana Pavlovic (YUG) spoke in favor of the coaching camp, based on her experience with a coaching camp in Yugoslavia in 1997.

Report accepted as presented

- 16. WOMEN'S COMMITTEE 'FLOWERS & BRICKS' AWARDS:** The Women's Committee decided to initiate 'Flowers & Bricks' awards. Flowers were awarded to Ms. Anne-Marie Gschwend for her contributions to the women's Triathlon movement in 1997. 'Bricks' were awarded to:

- a) NFs who do not pay equal prize money.
- b) NFs who didn't fund their Women's Committee reps to attend Congress.
- c) The Monaco TV crew who took a lunch break during the ITU World Cup women's event.

**17. LUNCH BREAK:** 12:30pm

**18. CONGRESS RECONVENED:** 1:30pm

**19. PRESENTATIONS:**

- a) 1998 Triathlon World Championships: The Lausanne LOC reported to Congress on the 1998 Triathlon World Championships. Including in their presentation was a highlight video of the city of Lausanne.
- b) 1998 Long Distance Duathlon World Championships: Urs Linsi (SUI) made a presentation on behalf of the 1998 Zofingen Long Distance Duathlon World Championships organisation. Included in his presentation were a video and slides explaining the Powerman organization.
- c) 1998 Long Distance Triathlon World Championships: Ms Tomoko Wada (JPN) translated on behalf of the Sado Island LOC, who presented an up-dated report.
- d) 1998 Winter Triathlon World Championship: Jacques Laparade (FRA) reported on the organisation of the Winter Triathlon Championships being staged in Les Menuires, France on the 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> of March.
- e) 1999 Triathlon World Championships Bid (Immenstadt, GER): Henning Mueller (GER) and the LOC reported to Congress on their bid for the 1999 World Championships. Included in their presentation was a video. Gifts, typical of Bavaria, were also handed out to all delegates.

**20. PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED ATHLETES COMMISSION:** Ms Dottie Dorion (USA) and John McLean (AUS) reported on behalf of Ms Clarinda Brueck (USA), chair of the ITU Physically Challenged Athletes Commission, who was unavoidably absent.  
Report accepted as presented

**21. DOPING CONTROL COMMISSION:** Mark Sisson (USA), chair of the ITU Doping Control Commission, reported:

**Discussion:**

- a) "Out of Competition" testing may be initiated in the future by creating a pool of accredited ITU testers to be made available on an international basis, funded by the IOC. Guidelines are to be developed by the ITU Doping Control Commission. Doping Control Sampling Officers will be accredited by ITU.
- b) The high legal cost of defending a positive result was raised as a potential drain on NF's. It was stressed that at ITU events the athlete waiver refers these matters to the IOC Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) based in Lausanne, Switzerland, a quick and inexpensive sport court of law.

Report accepted as presented

**22. MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mike Gilmore reported to Congress the highlights of his work during the 1997 season.

- a) several productive meetings with SOCOG.
- b) a presenter at the recent GAISF Congress in Germany.
- c) the primary focus in 1997 was raising the quality of the World Cup events, preparation of the ITU World Cup Operations Manual, working on selecting and improving race presentation, and several aspects of media coverage.

Report accepted as presented

**23. ZURICH WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL TRIATHLON:** Ms Anne-Marie Gschwend (SUI) reported to Congress on the Women's race she organises in Zurich each summer. She reported that the race has grown from small beginnings to 823 competitors in 1997. The 1998 goal is to exceed 1000 women participants. ITU is considering awarding world ranking points for Olympic Qualification to this race in 1998.

Report accepted as presented

**24. ITU HEADQUARTERS REPORT:** Ms. Christine Brown (CAN), ITU Headquarters Staff, reported to Congress on the activities of the ITU Office in 1997.

- a) She stressed the importance of NF e-mail addresses and requested that all NFs ensure their e-mail addresses are on record with the ITU Office.
- b) She also outlined many of the on-going tasks of the ITU Office such as weekly updates (e-mailed weekly and regular mailed bi-weekly), the organisation of all ITU meetings and the yearly Congress, the co-ordination of the annual ITU Solidarity Camps, revision and production of the ITU Manual and other official documents, and assisting the ITU Managing Director with World Cup arrangements, including athlete subsidies and travel.

Report accepted as presented

**25. RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution 1 (From the Executive Board):** Be it resolved that ITU reaffirm its commitment to equal prize money for women and men, in terms of amount and depth, in all ITU events

- a) Ms Lise Jahnsen, ITU Executive Board, spoke in favour of the resolution.

Resolution Moved / Seconded / Carried

**Resolution 2 (From the Executive Board):** Be it resolved that ITU not recognise the so-called 'Professional Triathlete's Guild (PTG)' or communicate with them in any way.

- a) This resolution was withdrawn because it was no longer deemed necessary.

**Resolution 3 (From the Executive Board):** Be it resolved that the ITU Executive Board and Congress empower President McDonald, and ITU Managing Director, Mike Gilmore, to continue negotiations with Urs Linsi in order to formulate an agreement that will allow the ITU Duathlon World Cup to be organised by the Powerman organising committee:

- a) Mike Gilmore, ITU Managing Director, spoke in favour of the resolution.
- b) Phil Yarde asked for clarification that all contracts would still be processed in co-operation with the National Federations. Mike Gilmore confirmed this.

Resolution Moved / Seconded / Carried

**Resolution 4 (From the Executive Board):** Be it resolved that all ITU affiliated National Federations adapt their Doping Rules to comply with the ITU Doping Control Rules and Procedural Guidelines, as published in the 1997 ITU Manual.:

- a) Mark Sisson, chair of the ITU Doping Control Commission, spoke in favour of the resolution.
- b) Robert Maasdijk (NED) requested an amendment to read; "rules to agree with current ITU Doping Control Rules".

Resolution Moved / Seconded / Carried as amended

**Resolution 5 (From the Executive Board):** Be it resolved that an amendment to the ITU Doping Control Rules and Procedural Guidelines be added to protect athletes from the possibility of slander or libel in cases of suspected drug use.

a) Mark Sisson spoke in favour of the resolution.

**Resolution Moved / Seconded / Carried**

**Resolution 6 (From the Technical Committee):** Presented as amended. Be it resolved that the time for an elite competitor, or official team representative, to file a protest is not later than 15 minutes after finishing and the time to file an appeal is not later than 15 minutes after finishing or the posting of the infraction, whichever is later. (reference: 11.1 - pg. 22 - ITU Comp Rules)

a) Mike Gilmore spoke in favour of the resolution.

**Resolution Moved / Seconded / Carried**

**Resolution 7 (From the Technical Committee):** Be it resolved that, when available, video tapes may be used by ITU officials to acquire data on rule infractions.

a) Mike Gilmore spoke in favour of the resolution.

**Resolution Moved / Seconded / Carried**

**Resolution 8 (From the Women's Committee):** Be it resolved that if an NF doesn't have equal prize money for men and women at their National Championships, they will not qualify for an ITU World Cup or World Championships event in their country. Compliance with this resolution must be met by December 1998.

a) Dr. Susanne Baur (GER), ITU Women's Committee, spoke in favour of the resolution.

b) An amendment to this resolution was requested by the Women's Committee to include 'equal value of all prizes' as well as prize money.

c) Dr. Susanne Baur requested that compliance date be July 1998, not December 1998..

**Resolution Moved / Seconded / Carried as amended**

**Resolution 9 (From the Women's Committee):** Be it resolved that the ITU Executive Board and ITU Standing Committees be composed of at least 20% women by the year 2000.

a) Ms Lise Jahnsen spoke in favour of this resolution.

b) Patrice Brunet (Can), ITU Constitution Committee, requested an amendment to read that this resolution should be complied with by Congress 2000.

**Resolution Moved / Seconded / Carried as amended**

**Resolution 10 (From the Medical Committee):** Be it resolved that the Race Medical Director attend the pre-race managers meetings.

a) Dr. Phillipe Chateau (FRA), ITU Medical Committee Chair, spoke in favour of the resolution.

**Resolution Moved / Seconded / Carried**

**Resolution 11 (From the Medical Committee):** Be it resolved that the attendance of a doctor or Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) on a boat during the swimming race is mandatory.

a) Dr. Phillipe Chateau spoke in favour of the resolution.

**Resolution Moved / Seconded / Carried**



**Resolution 12 (From the Medical Committee)** Be it resolved that;

- i) A water quality test must accompany all bids for ITU Competitions.
  - ii) This test must take place during the same month as the proposed event.
  - iii) The test must be repeated the month prior to the event.
  - iv) Test results must be given to the ITU Medical Committee chairperson who shall be responsible for decisions pertaining to this test prior to the event.
- a) Dr. Phillipe Chateau spoke in favour of this resolution.
  - b) Alec Kuok Yau Yew (SIN) requested that the resolution be amended to read, "Such tests will be taken in the same month of the event, one year prior, and one month prior to the event"

**Resolution Moved / Seconded / Carried as amended**

**Resolution 13 (Medical Committee)** Be it resolved that a minimum of two ambulances are mandatory at all ITU competitions, with a third available if one of the two leave the race site. Further, it is the responsibility of the Race Medical Director to increase the number of ambulances, if needed, according to the specific competition.

- a) Dr. Phillipe Chateau spoke in favour of this resolution.
- b) President McDonald explained that the number of ambulances required varied with each race.

**Resolution Moved / Seconded / Carried**

**26. ELECTIONS (Due to Vacancies):**

**Technical Committee (2 to be elected): (47 delegates voted)**

**David Coles (AUS): Elected**

**Goran Qvarfordt (SWE): Elected**

**David McGillivray (USA)**

**Andreas Petermann (GER):**

**Credentials Committee (1 to be elected): (43 delegates voted)**

**Robert Maasdijk (NED): Elected**

**Angelo Bonitzi (ITA)**

**Women's Committee (1 to be elected): (44 delegates voted)**

**Ms Alessandra Fantuzi (ITA): Elected**

**Ms Pam Fralick (CAN)**

**27. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT:** Michel Gignoux (FRA), Technical Committee, reported on behalf of Ms. Loreen Barnett (CAN), chair of the ITU Technical Committee. In this report he spoke about various issues pertaining to the 1997 Triathlon season and issues faced by the Technical Committee. (The report by Ms Loreen Barnett, unavoidably absent, is attached in annex)

**Report accepted as read.**

**28. MEDICAL COMMITTEE REPORT:** Dr. Phillipe Chateau (FRA), chair of the ITU Medical Committee, reported to Congress on the activities of ITU Medical Committee throughout the 1997 season.

**Report accepted as presented**

**29. WOMEN'S COMMITTEE REPORT:** Ms. Cheryl Battaerd (AUS), chair of the ITU Women's Committee, reported to Congress on the activities of the ITU Women's Committee throughout the 1997 season. Ms. Dottie Dorion (USA) spoke about the 'Adopt a Triathlete' programme. Dr. Susanne Baur spoke about initiatives to increase women in sports administration (from the NOC in Germany).

Report accepted as presented

**30. DUATHLON COMMITTEE REPORT:** Brian Hinton reported on behalf of the Duathlon Committee. In his report he emphasized the re-structuring of the Duathlon World Cup and the ITU Committee in co-operation with Urs Linsi.

Report accepted as presented

**31. CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE REPORT:** Patrice Brunet (CAN), chair of the ITU Constitution Committee, reported on behalf of this committee. He reported no proposed additions to the Constitution in 1997. He suggested the possibility of increasing the mandate of the Constitution Committee to include the legal activities of ITU.

Report accepted as presented

**32. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) Kent Maglund (DEN) requested that all Committee reports be published prior to Congress in the Congress package next year. The request was agreed to by President McDonald and all Committee Chairpersons were reminded to submit their reports to ITU Headquarters at least 60 days in advance of the 1998 Congress, Lausanne, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 1998.
- b) Robert Maasdijk (NED) asked when the new uniform guidelines would be released to NFs. Mike Gilmore said he was awaiting input from the Athletes' Commission before releasing the new guidelines.
- c) Ms Gail Laurence (USA) commended the Executive Board for including the Athletes' Commission in the uniform process.

**33. CLOSING REMARKS:** President McDonald thanked the delegates for their hard work and attention during this most united and harmonious 10<sup>th</sup> Congress. He wished all of their athletes a safe, fair, and fun Triathlon World Championships on Sunday and wished all athletes, delegates, and officials a safe 'bon voyage' and God speed home.

**34. CONGRESS ADJOURNED AT 4:30PM**

**RECORDING SECRETARY:**

  
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Christine Brown, ITU Staff