

# **1998 ITU CONGRESS**

**Beau Rivage Palace Hotel: Lausanne, Switzerland**

**28<sup>th</sup> August 1998**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** President McDonald called the 1998 Congress to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. **REMEMBRANCE:** Upon the request of President Les McDonald, the ITU Congress stood and observed a moment's silence in remembrance of athletes Gabor Markus (HUN), Judy Flannery (USA) and Bob McIntosh (CAN), who all died tragically in the past year.
3. **OPENING ADDRESS / WELCOME:** Welcome addresses were given by:
  - a) Mr. Gilbert Felli (IOC Sport Director)
  - b) Mr. Bernard Metreaux, Director Lausanne City
  - c) Mr. Mario Chirico, President Swiss Triathlon Federation
4. **ROLL CALL:** Henning Mueller, Credentials Committee reported that the following national federation (NF) delegates were present:

Country	Delegates
Argentina	Jose Daniel Gangli
Australia	Bill Walker, Ms. Cheryl Battaerd, Tim Wilson, Ms Robyn Scott
Austria	Hubert Koenig, Ms. Erika Koenig, Bernie Stefan
Belgium	Willy Luyckx, Jul Clonen
Bermuda	Neil de St. Croix
Bolivia	Ms. Agnes Eppers
Brazil	Gabio Goulart, Milton Ohata, Ms. Tercia Figueiredo, Ms. Mariana Ohata
Bulgaria	Emil Stoinev, Irena Tchoukanova
Canada	Bill Hallett, Patrice Brunet, Ms. Sheila O'Kelly, Ms. Pamela Fralick
Chile	Matias Brain
China	Li Xiaochung, Liang Shanshui, Ms. Chen Yan, Ms Mao Weifang
Chinese Taipei	Morrie Chiang, Fonchu Frank Kuo
Colombia	Ms. Virginia Prieto, Carlos Guerrero, Maxia Moralls, Jorge Mejia
Costa Rica	Ms. Laura Matta, Roberto Machado Jimenez
Cuba	Dr. Frank Perez
Cyprus	George Georgakis, Bambos Spanoudes
Czech Republic	Pavel Koran, Vaclav Marek, Ms. Alice Jirankova,
Denmark	Kent Magelund, Finn Jahnsen, Ms. Susanne Nielsen, Ms. Marie Overbye
Ecuador	Leonarde Morales
Finland	Risto Virtanen
France	Jacques Laparade, Ms. Lydie Reuze, Michel Gignoux
Germany	Dr. (Ms) Susanne Baur, Henning Mueller, Prof Greng Neimann
Great Britain	Philip Yarde, Dave Bellingham, Ms. Sarah Springman
Greece	Spiros Pitsimelis, Angelos Koutliaunos, Ms. Hara Samido
Guam	Ms. Kelly Brock
Hong Kong	Ms. Ruth Hunt, Ms. Ailsa R. Cuthbert, Ian Brownlee, Haston Liu
Hungary	Istvan Tompe, Peter Czencz, Dr. (Ms.) Andrea Sipos,
India	N. Ramachandran, Ms. Surekha Ramachandran
Ireland	Keith Burns, Rebecca Burns
Israel	Joe Pickel, Ido Mauri

Italy	Marco Sbernadori, Angelo Bonitsi, Alessandra Fantuzi, Manuelle Ianesis
Jamaica	Ms. Johanna Wynter
Japan	Masao Nakayama, Ken Iijima, Akiko Uchida
Kazakhstan	Yuri Silovye, Tatyana Suslova
Korea	Sangwoo Lee
Luxembourg	Eugene Kraus
Malta	Andrew Colburn
Mexico	Jaime Cadaval, Sergio Mucino, Ms Kelly Becerr, Ms Mary Carmen Ruiz
Netherlands	Joop van zanten, Robert Maasdijk, Alexandre Maasdijk
New Zealand	Terry Sheldrake, Ms. Jo Stallard, Ms. Kathy Sheldrake
Poland	Krzysztof Piatkowski, Wojciech Szyller
Russia	Anatoly Korobov, Valery Vilymouky, Ms. Rozalia Korobov
Sierra Leone	Moimusa Ahmadu, Andre Hope
Singapore	Lim Nghee Huat, Tay Yong Huee, Ms Cui Ru
Slovakia	Josef Jurasek
South Africa	Jingles Ferreira, Ms. L. Stoltz, R. Nieunstad
Spain	Jose Hidalgo, Manuel Chamorro, Ms. Marisol Casado, Carmen Diaz
St. Kitts & Nevis	Gregory Stine
Sweden	Michael Thoren, Erik Bjorkman
Switzerland	Mario Chirico, Ms. Doris Rechsteiner,
Tahiti	Yves Guerry
Ukraine	Dmitry Kalachov, Sergey Latcenko
USA	Ms. Celeste Callihan, Ms. Susan Bartholomew, Chris Larkin, Steven Locke
Uzbekistan	Leonid Blokhin
Venezuela	Ariel Canelon
Yugoslavia	Ms Dragana Pavlovic

5. **IOC SOLIDARITY CAMP REPORT:** Ms. Leslie Beckerman (CAN), Camp Manager reported on the recent IOC Solidarity Camp in Lausanne during the week leading up to the World Championships and Ms. Fiorella D'Croz (COL), camp athlete, shared her warm, positive perception and feelings on the camp experience. She also thanked both ITU and IOC Solidarity for providing such a wonderful opportunity for athletes from developing countries.
6. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST CONGRESS:** Phil Yarde (GBR) noted an error in the 1997 Congress minutes. The resolution from the Women's Committee should read "20% opposite gender members by the year 2000".  
**The 1997 Congress Minute change was approved as noted.**
7. **AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT:** Bill Walker (AUS) reported on behalf of the ITU Audit Committee with the recommendation that Congress adopt the ITU Audited Financial Statements for 1997/98.  
**Audit approved as recommended.**
8. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mark Sisson (USA), ITU Treasurer reported on the 1998 financial statements of ITU and new marketing initiatives, with written reports as circulated to the delegates  
**Treasurer's report accepted as presented.**

9. **WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORTS:**

- a) **1998 Triathlon Championships:** Loreen Barnett (CAN), ITU Technical Committee, reported on the 1998 World Championships. She expressed her confidence in the organising committee and spoke about various race issues and concerns.  
**Report accepted as presented.**
- b) **1999 Triathlon Championships:** Mike Gilmore (USA), ITU Managing Director, reported on the 1999 Triathlon World Championships. After last year's Congress in Perth the location was changed from Immenstadt, Germany to Munich, Germany. The race will be held on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July and the 1<sup>st</sup> of August. Competition will be held over two days. Exact schedule for competition will be finalised after discussions with German TV. Mike Gilmore recommended that all National Federations book their hotels early because of the competition for hotel rooms with the ISPO conference being held in Munich at the same time. President McDonald requested and received Congress approval for the World Championships in Munich, at the Olympic Park  
**Report accepted as presented**
- c) **2000 Triathlon Championships:** Mike Gilmore reported on the bidding process and selection of Perth as host of the 2000 World Championships. He outlined several of the bid proposals and the proposed date of the race (29-30 April). He requested that this bid be approved. Steve Locke (USA) questioned whether NFs had been consulted as to how to qualify age-groupers for such an early event. Gilmore pointed out that southern hemisphere countries have had to deal with this issue for the past 10 years, and in the Olympic Games for the past 100 years. Congress approved Perth, Australia as the host city for the 2000 Triathlon Championships.  
**Report accepted as presented.**
- d) **1998 Duathlon Championships:** Brian Hinton (AUS), reported on the recent Duathlon World Championships in St. Wendel, Germany. It was a very successful event with wonderful athletic performances by Irma Heeren (NED) and Yann Million (FRA). St. Wendel has indicated an interest in hosting the Duathlon Championships again, in 1999  
**Report accepted as presented.**
- e) **1998 Long Distance Duathlon Championships:** Brian Hinton (AUS) and Urs Linsi (SUI) reported on the Long Distance World Championships as well as the entire Duathlon World Cup season, plus the co-operative agreement between ITU and Powerman.  
**Report accepted as presented**
- f) **1998 Physically Challenged Athletes Championships:** Dottie Dorion (USA) reported on behalf of Clarinda Brueck (USA), Chair of the ITU PC Athlete's Commission. A very successful event was held in Sylvania, Ohio, USA. The PC Athletes' Commission met in Sylvania to plan next year's World Championships. President McDonald emphasised ITU's total commitment to Clarinda Brueck and physically challenged athletes.  
**Report accepted as presented.**
- g) **1998 Winter World Championships:** Michel Gignoux (FRA), ITU Technical Committee, reported on the successful 1998 Championships in Les Menuires, France. President McDonald reported on the possibilities for Winter Triathlon on the Olympic programme

and requested that NFs propose a site for the 1999 Championships. (Courmeyer, Italy has subsequently been proposed.)

**Report accepted as presented**

- h) **1998 Long Distance World Championships:** Masao Nakayama (JPN), ITU Technical Committee, reported on the progress of the upcoming Long Distance Triathlon World Championships on Sado Island. Japan National TV will broadcast the entire event. There will be two distinct courses, one for elite athletes and one for age-group athletes. So far they have registered over 300 age-group athletes and over 100 elite competitors.  
**Report accepted as presented**

10. **ITU WOMEN'S COMMITTEE:** The ITU Women's Committee presented a bouquet of flowers to Phil Briars (NZL) for his work at the first ITU Congress in Avignon, France in 1989, to ensure equal prize money for men and women.
11. **GUEST SPEAKER:** Dr. Thomas Bach (GER), IOC Executive Board, Addressed Congress. He emphasised the fact that Sydney 2000 would be a proving ground for Triathlon. He reminded the delegates that Triathlon was on the Olympic programme provisionally and that it was up to everyone at Congress to help make sure that Sydney was a huge success. He also spoke on the subject of Doping and Drugs and asked the delegates to continue their efforts against this problem. Dr. Bach suggested that Triathletes might be crowned the new King and Queen of the Olympics in Sydney 2000.
12. **HONOURS FOR THE HONORARY PRESIDENT:** Ms. Jill Newman (USA), Chair of the ITU Athletes' Commission, presented the Official Triathlon Coin to Mr. Gunnar Ericsson (SWE), (IOC), ITU Honorary President. She thanked him on behalf of the entire triathlon community for his work and support to bring Triathlon onto the Olympic programme.
13. **HONORARY PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Mr. Gunnar Ericsson (IOC), Sweden, ITU Honorary President, gave a moving speech about the History of Triathlon and it's path to acceptance on the Olympic programme. He expressed his confidence in the sport and it's future and emphasised the need for unity in order to do so. Mr. Ericsson was warmly received by Congress, as the principle person responsible for Triathlon's Olympic Programme Status.
14. **1998 WORLD MASTER'S GAMES:** Ms. Sarah Springman (GBR) reported on the recent World Master's Games in Portland, Oregon, USA. Triathlon was one of 15 core sports. There were over 12,000 athletes in total competing in the Games from 100 countries with 200 triathletes.
15. **'ADOPT A TRIATHLETE' REPORT:** Ms. Dottie Dorion (USA), ITU Women's Committee and Rupert Hendricks (RSA), an athlete from South Africa spoke about the 'Adopt A Triathlete' programme and how it has helped athletes in South Africa. They encouraged everyone in attendance to continue supporting this worthy programme. ITU was committed by unanimous resolution, against apartheid, at its first Congress in 1989.
16. **ITU VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Mr. Chiharu Igaya, (IOC), (JPN) ITU Vice President, expressed his admiration for Mr. Ericsson and triathlon's to inclusion on the Olympic programme.

- a) He also spoke about the IOC Executive Board's recent meeting concerning Doping Control and concerns that came up following the 1998 Tour De France.
  - b) The IOC has decided to hold an International Conference on Doping next February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Lausanne. They are aiming to devise a 'definition of doping'. He also illustrated the need for government authorities to assist in the fight against drugs, and emphasised the need to increase financing for Drug Testing.
  - c) The IOC has decided to set up an Anti-Doping Agency whose prime task will be to conduct out of competition testing for all sports. He encouraged all NFs to continue Doping Tests as it is very important that Triathlon continue to be identified as a 'clean' sport in order to maintain its Olympic Status and deliver a strong message against cheats.
17. **GUEST SPEAKER:** Mr. Adolf Ogi, Minister of Sport for Switzerland, addressed the Congress Delegates and welcomed them to Switzerland for the World Championships. He expressed his thanks to ITU for choosing to host two World Championships in Switzerland in 1998 (Lausanne & Zofingen). ITU Secretary General, Mr. Phil Coles, (IOC), (AUS), responded to Mr. Ogi's address. He thanked him and his government for supporting Triathlon and wished his country well in its bid to host the Winter Olympics in Sion, 2006.
18. **GUEST SPEAKER:** Dr. Hans Uli Keller (SUI), (Credit Suisse) addressed Congress. He presented a report on Credit Suisse's sponsorship strategies and a short video illustrating their current sponsorship strategies.
19. **DOPING CONTROL REPORT:** Mark Sisson (USA), Chair of the ITU Doping Commission, spoke in response to Mr. Igaya's report on the IOC's recent Doping Control meeting. He expressed great concern over recent leaks to the press concerning alleged positive tests. He also reported that the Australian Sport and Drug Association was donating 10 tests per year to ITU for "out of competition" testing. Triathlon Australia will donate further tests, ITU will buy some tests and some of the larger federations like the USA, will do so. He also explained the need to notify ITU of all athletes certified to use asthma medication and reported that a master list has been drawn up of those approved.
20. **GUEST SPEAKER:** Georges Kiehl (FRA), (ARENA) addressed Congress. He described some of ARENA's marketing strategies and manufacturing facilities.
21. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** President Les McDonald (CAN) reported to Congress on various issues.
- a) He thanked the delegates for their hard work throughout the year. He welcomed new delegates, Kelly Brock (Guam) and Agnes Eppers (Bolivia).
  - b) He thanked Joop van Zanten (NED) for all of his work for Triathlon as he is leaving his work with the Netherlands federation. He was instrumental in our Olympic status.
  - c) He spoke about the peace reached with Ironman and the separation with PSE.
  - d) He also gave a brief outline of the various meetings he has attended throughout the year with sponsors, TV broadcasters, GAISFS / ASOIF and the IOC.
  - e) He thanked the Lausanne LOC for their hard work on the coming event and wished all the NFs and their athletes well in the World Championships.
  - f) Rami Ramachandran (IND), (ITU Regional Rep: Asia) presented President McDonald with a gold shawl from India. He also presented a shawl to Mr. Gunnar Ericsson and

asked that he deliver it to President Samaranch on behalf of the Asian Triathlon Confederation.

22. **LUNCH BREAK:** 1:00 p.m. Congress adjourned for a lunch provided by the Lausanne Organising Committee for the 1998 World Championships.

23. **CONGRESS RECONVENED AT:** 2:00 p.m.

24. **GUEST SPEAKER:** Gilbert Felli (SUI), IOC Sport Director, addressed Congress on various issues pertaining to Triathlon's inclusion on the Olympic programme. He encouraged National Federations to make contact with their NOCs as soon as possible in order to prepare for Sydney 2000. He discussed the Olympic Games and the Qualification procedures for Triathlon. Mr. Felli emphasised Triathlon's need to impress the IOC and spectators world-wide in order to maintain its position on the Olympic programme after Sydney 2000.

25. **ATHLETE'S COMMITTEE ELECTIONS:** President Les McDonald announced the election of the new 8 member Athletes Committee, by their peers at the Athletes' meeting.

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| • Javier Rosas (MEX) | • Jill Newman (USA)      |
| • Greg Welch (AUS)   | • Jackie Gallagher (AUS) |
| • Jamie Hunt (NZL)   | • Iona Wynter (JAM)      |
| • Andy Kelsey (USA)  |                          |

An 8<sup>th</sup> member was elected, Laura Mata (CRC), however she did not meet the qualifying criteria which states that all candidates have a world ranking for 3 years. The athletes' Committee requested that the ITU Congress endorse Laura's election, despite her not having met this criteria. This requested was positively and unanimously endorsed by Congress.

26. **GUEST SPEAKER:** Mr. Jean Claude Schupp (FRA), Executive Director (GAISF) addressed Congress. Mr. Schupp extended a warm welcome to the Congress delegates on behalf of the president of GAISF, Dr. Un Yong Kim (KOR), (IOC). He spoke on several issues pertaining to the formation of GAISF and reason for its existence. He also informed the delegates about the new GAISF web-site. Mr. Schupp discussed the problems associated with ambush marketing, specifically surrounding TV broadcasts. He also spoke about the fact that many sports are faced with outside parties trying to infiltrate their sports by organising promotion events for large sums of money. Mr. Schupp's contribution was warmly received by Congress.

27. **RESOLUTIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD:**

**Resolution #1: (ITU Executive Board):**

**Whereas** the regional organisations of ITU conduct annual championships.

**Therefore be it resolved** that the regional organisation is granted the right to use the ITU logo and name for their regional championships.

**Moved, seconded, carried as amended.**

**Resolution #2 (ITU Executive Board):**

**Whereas** the generally accepted, and understood protocol, which prevails in all International Federations, is that communication with other International Federations, The

Association of National Olympic Committees, the IOC and other multi sport organisations such as GAISF, ANOC, ASOIF, the Commonwealth Games Federation, and the Goodwill Games, is through the International Federation;

Therefore be it resolved that all such communication is the sole responsibility of ITU.

**Moved, seconded, carried.**

**Resolution #3 (ITU Executive Board)**

Whereas the athletes commission appointed by the Executive Board has now matured to the point where athletes wish to and should have a voice in the affairs of ITU, and following the direction of the IOC on this question;

Therefore be it resolved that an Athletes' Committee be elected, comprised of 4 men and 4 women elected for a two year term of office, by their peers, the ITU Elite, world ranked athletes.

**Moved, seconded, carried.**

**Resolution #4 (ITU Executive Board)**

Whereas ITU is the sole body responsible for the production and distribution of the World Rankings of athletes;

Therefore be it resolved that, individual promoters or organisations producing self-declared international rankings or world rankings for commercial reasons be condemned, and subject to a policy of non-co-operation by ITU, its national affiliates and regional organisations.

Mark Sisson spoke on this resolution and explained the reasons for developing this resolution, specifically the self-proclaimed world rankings of Jack Caress (USA) and Katy Williams (USA).

**Moved, seconded, carried.**

**Resolution #5 (ITU Executive Board)**

Whereas the affiliated national federations of ITU are the primary and only constitutionally delegated members;

And whereas some national federations in the past have been suspended by their regional organisation, threatening their status and good standing with their National Olympic Committee and National Sport Council.

Therefore be it resolved that national federations suspended or penalised by their regional organisation have the right of appeal to the ITU Executive Board, the Congress, and subsequently the Court of Arbitration of Sport.

Mark Sisson spoke on this resolution, explaining the reason for its creation.

**Moved, seconded, carried.**

**Resolution #6 (ITU Executive Board)**

Whereas all sports organisations, international federations, the National Olympic Committees, the International Olympic Committee, have an obligation to be involved in questions of ethical and social questions affecting the future of the youth of the world;

And whereas marijuana has been proposed as a banned substance by the IOC;  
And whereas any substance which alters the mood of an athlete could be performance enhancing;

And whereas the legalisation of marijuana in those places where it has occurred has led to a dramatic increase in the use of "so called" hard drugs, such as heroin and cocaine, as opposed to the so-called "social soft drug", marijuana;

And whereas the IOC has led the campaign to eliminate the use of drugs in sport through the education of athletes and through suspension and lifetime bans of athletes;

And whereas ITU has an obligation to send a strong message to the athletes in the sports of triathlon, duathlon and its other related modern multi-sports to avoid at all cost performance enhancing and mind changing substances;

And whereas the smoking of marijuana is illegal in many countries of the world;

Therefore be it resolved that ITU comply with the IOC recommendation on marijuana and include it on the ITU list of banned substances.

And further be it resolved that the ITU Anti-Doping Commission will implement urinary levels which reflect significant recent exposure to marijuana.

Mark Sisson explained the amendment to this resolution.

**Moved, seconded, carried**

## **28. RESOLUTIONS FROM THE STANDING COMMITTEES:**

### **Resolution #7: (Medical Committee)**

Whereas the affect of atmospheric conditions are critical to medical care at long distance events

Therefore be it resolved that the ITU Medical Committee insert the additional required items as Appendix A of the ITU Operations Manual. (see attached)

**Moved, seconded, carried**

### **Resolution #8 (ITU Medical Committee)**

Whereas there is a separate section of the ITU Manual developed for Doping Control;

Therefore be it resolved that section XVII 4. Doping Control of the Operations Manual be deleted.

**Moved, seconded, carried**

**Resolutions #9a: (ITU Women's Committee)**: Cheryl Battaerd (AUS) reported to Congress on the findings of a recent survey on Women's involvement in Triathlon distributed by the Women's Committee in June 1998.



Whereas ITU has agreed that by the year 2000 there should be 20% women on elected committees and appointed commissions, and in many cases there already are;

And whereas critics of this proposal claim that promotion to positions of leadership should be proven by skills and accomplishments and not by gender;

And whereas the obvious historical barriers to advancement for women have, in most countries, ameliorated or are on the way to becoming so;

And whereas it is the responsibility of both men and women to address the issue of equality between men and women;

Therefore be it resolved that each NF of ITU immediately establish a women's committee to address women's issues.

**Moved, seconded, carried**

**Resolutions #9b: (ITU Women's Committee)**

Whereas it is important that each NF and ITU Regional organization have at least one woman on their Executive board on the occasion of the ITU Congress in the year 2000.

Therefore be it resolved that each NF develop an ongoing mentor training programme for potential committee members to ensure their successors are experienced and educated to make a smooth and efficient transition to fully fledged participating member status.

**Moved, seconded, carried**

**Resolutions #10: (ITU Women's Committee)**

Whereas equality is a basic human right

And whereas ITU endorsed the **Brighton Declaration** where a series of actions and targets were agreed upon to develop equality between men and women;

And whereas it is important that this declaration should not just be adopted but that it should also be implemented.

And whereas some persons have been elected to decision-making positions to satisfy the 10% requirements of the Brighton Declaration, but in reality they have been sidelined, marginalized and discriminated against.

Therefore be it resolved that persons in ITU, Regional and National Federations who are in decision making positions, and who discriminate against women serving on committees or commissions will be reported to the ITU Executive Board for action.

**Moved, seconded, carried**

**Resolutions #11 (ITU Women's Committee):**

Be it resolved that ITU adopt the Windhoek Declaration, adopted at the 1998 Namibia Conference on Women.

**Moved, seconded, carried**

**Resolution #12 (from Portugal)**

**Whereas** the criteria for the ITU World Cup is very restricted and not every country is represented in the ITU World Rankings

**And whereas** this is harmful with respect to Olympic universality Therefore be it resolved that the Olympic Qualifying Criteria be revised, with the objective of at least one athlete per country represented at the Olympic Games, independent of the ITU Triathlon World Rankings.

**Withdrawn**

**Resolution #13 (from Austria)**

**Whereas** National Olympic Committees and Federation Sports Organisations request the presentation of a completely planned new triathlon season already in November of the preceding year;

**And whereas** financial means for Triathlon NFs are connected with this presentation;

**And whereas** ITU has announced its 1998 calendar only on March 20;

**And whereas** this calendar leads to 5 major calendar clashes only in Europe;

**Therefore be it resolved** that an annual Calendar Conference be held end of October to fix the calendar of next year by October 31 latest

In alternative to the above proposal, be it resolved that an Advisory Board be created, composed of 1 representative of each of the 7 ITU regions, 1 athlete's representative, the ITU Marketing Director and 2 members of the ITU Board, to fix the calendar of next year by October 31 latest.

**The ITU Executive Board and Council moved non-concurrence with this resolution.** Mark Sisson spoke on this resolution, describing the difficulties with this resolution.

**The resolution was defeated**

**Resolution #14 (from Austria)**

**Whereas** ITU is the world governing body for triathlon, duathlon and related multi-sports

**And whereas** its races have to display highest possible standard

**And whereas** sponsorship income and TV exposure is only connected with highest possible standard

**And whereas** the ITU logo is the official sign to the world that races carrying this logo abide to this high standards

**Therefore be it resolved** ITU "International" races have to live up to a minimum standard, which is determined by the quality (technically and financially) of the highest level race (or series) of the respective region.

**Moved, seconded, carried**

**Resolution #15 (from Australia)**

**Whereas** the ITU Executive Board at the Sydney Executive Board meeting on Friday 24 April 1998, resolved to add marijuana to the ITU banned list, should the IOC include marijuana to the list of prohibitive substances.

**And whereas** since the decision was made, the IOC has resolved to add marijuana to the IOC list of banned substances as of 1 January, 1999 for the Olympic Games, leaving the decision to the International Olympic Sport Federations (IFs) to determine if it should be a banned substance outside the above mentioned Games

**And whereas** marijuana is not classified as a performance enhancing substance, and in fact may be a legal substance in many nations

**And whereas** the ramifications of passive smoking of marijuana are yet to be fully understood in regards to an athlete who could test positive and not in fact be found to have directly consumed the substance in mention

**And whereas** it can be determined to be a very expensive exercise for a national federation (NF) to conduct a hearing and an appeal process should an NF be confronted with a positive test to marijuana

**Therefore be it resolved** that as of 1 January, 1999, marijuana be included on the ITU banned list of substances and be tested at future ITU World Championship events and Olympic Games only.

**The resolution was withdrawn**

29. **SOCOG Report:** David Hansen (AUS), Competition Manager for Sydney 2000, reported on the progress of the Sydney 2000 Olympic preparations and his job as the full-time competition manager for Triathlon in Sydney.

30. **BID COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a) **Edmonton, Canada, 2001:** The Edmonton 2001 Bid Committee made a presentation to Congress. After their presentation, President McDonald requested Congress approval of their bid for the 2001 Championships. **Congress unanimously approved the bid.** The 2001 World Championships will be held in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada on the 18 and 19 of August in 2001.
- b) **Sater, Sweden, 1999:** The Sater LOC made a presentation to Congress on their event, scheduled for July 1999. President McDonald requested Congress approval for this bid. **Congress unanimously approved the bid.**
- c) **Denmark 2001:** Dr. Finn Jahnsen made a presentation on behalf of the Danish Bid Committee, proposed for the second Saturday of August, 2001. **Congress unanimously approved the bid.**

31. **NOMINATIONS FOR THE ITU AUDIT COMMITTEE:** 3 to be elected. 2 Candidates elected by acclamation. (Note: Phil Yarde, GBR, was nominated but, as he previously held this position in 1998, was not eligible for re-election.

a) Bill Hallett, Canada

b) Istvan Tompe, Hungary

32. **1999 World Cup Report:** Mike Gilmore reported on the progress of the 1999 World Cup schedule and recent sponsorship deals that ITU has signed.
33. **Closing Address:** Mr. Gunnar Ericsson made the closing remarks and wished all athletes a good and safe competition and all delegates and their athletes a 'bon voyage' home.
34. **Adjournment:** President McDonald adjourned the Congress at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes taker:



Christine Brown, ITU Vancouver Staff