



INTERNATIONAL **TRIATHLON** UNION

Congress 2000 **MINUTES**

27 April 2000, Perth, Australia

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** ITU President Les McDonald, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with the following National Federations present:

ARGENTINA

Alberto Fonollosa

ARUBA

Jessy Beukenboom

AUSTRALIA

Bill Walker

Ms Mina Guli

Tim Wilson

Ms Cheryl Battaerd

AUSTRIA

Walter Zettnig

Hubert Koenig

Ms Erika Koenig-Zenz

BELGIUM

Jul Clonen

BOLIVIA

Ms Agnes Eppers

BRAZIL

Carlos Froes

Helio Takai

BULGARIA

Ms Irena Tchoukanova

Trifon Skortcha

CANADA

William Hallett

Patrice Brunet

Ms Sheila O'Kelly

Ms Pamela Fralick

CHINA PR

Li Ziaosheng

Wu Jian

CHINESE TAIPEI

Frank Kuo

COLOMBIA

Jorge Mejia

Ms Carmenza Morales

COOK ISLANDS

Ray Preston

Kevin Henderson

COSTA RICA

Guillermo Saenz

CROATIA

Goran Vrbanc

CYPRUS

Bambos Spanoudes

CZECH REPUBLIC

Pavel Koran

Martin Dvorak

DENMARK

Thomas Nielsen

Carsten Ditlefsen

ESTONIA

Urnd Raiend

FINLAND

Risto Virtenen

FRANCE

Jacques Laparade

Michel Gignoux

Ms. Christine Charle

GERMANY

Dr. Susanne Baur

Dr. Klaus Mueller-Ott

Dieter Brener

GREAT BRITAIN

Mick English

Graeme Kempson

GREECE

Sofia Konstantalou

Panos Toge

A.N.Other

GUAM

Ms Kelly Brock

GUATEMALA

Dr. Mario Rodriguez

HONG KONG CHINA

Ms Ailsa Cuthbert

Alan Clegg

Ian Brownlee

Ms Marlene Brownlee

HUNGARY

Ms. Erica Molnar

Peter Czencz

Gergely Markus

INDIA

N. Ramachandran

ITALY

Marco Sbernadori

Angelo Bonizi

Ms. Manuela Ianesi

KAZAKHSTAN

Uri Solvijen

Ms. Tayena Soloviyen

JAPAN

Shin Otsuka

Ms. Tomoko Wada

KOREA

Suk-Woo Lee

LITHUANIA

Bisius Abramatas

LUXEMBOURG

Eugene Kraus

MALAYSIA

Balwant Singh Kler

MEXICO

Antonio Alvarez

Gerardo Zetina

Ms. Nelly Becerra

NETHERLANDS

Robert Maasdijk

John Raddschelders

NETHERLAND ANTILLES

Roland Melis

NEW ZEALAND

Terry Sheldrake

Tom Pryde
 Ms Karen Sheldrake
NORFOLK ISLAND
 Martin Cross
PHILIPPINES
 Red Dumuk Jr.
PORTUGAL
 Jose Ferrera
 Ms Louren Viveirus
PUERTO RICO
 Dr. Edison Osorio
RUSSIA
 Anatoly Korobov
SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS
 Greg Stine
SLOVAKIA
 Josef Jurasek

SLOVENIA
 Simic Gustav
 Ms. Suzana Tkalc
SOUTH AFRICA
 Rodney Nieuwstad
 Ms. Libby Burrell
 Ms. Liesbeth Stoltz
 Ms Suzana Tkalc
SPAIN
 Ms Marisol Casado
 Jose Hidalgo
 Dr. Manuel Chamorro
SWEDEN
 Ola Silvadah
 Ms Ria Dangren
SWITZERLAND
 Ms. Anne-Marie Gschwend
 Ms. Doris Rechsteiner

Rene Kissling
 Dr. Rudi Bubenhofer
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
 Ms Kelly Monttek
UKRAINE
 Dmytro Kalachove
 Yevgen Romanyuk
USA
 Mike Highfield
 Steven Locke
 Ms Dottie Dorian
 Ms Linda Kassormis
YUGOSLAVIA
 Ms. Dragana Pavlovic
 Ms. Dragana Kamenica
ZIMBABWE
 Jason Gibson
 Dave Gardner

2. **WELCOME:** Bill Walker, President of Triathlon Australia welcomed the delegates to Congress on behalf of the Perth Organising Committee and the National Federation of Australia:
3. **ROLL CALL:** Sheila O'Kelly reported on behalf of the Credentials Committee.
4. **APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS:** President McDonald appointed the following as scrutineers of the minutes:
 - a) Anne Marie Gschwend, (Switzerland)
 - b) Martin Cross, (Norfolk Island)
 - c) Greg Welch, (Athletes Committee)
5. **APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS:** President McDonald appointed the following tellers to count ballots:
 - a) Kelly Brock, (Guam)
 - b) Thomas Nielsen, (Denmark)
 - c) Cathy Sheldrake, (New Zealand)
 - d) Joyce Payne, (USA)
6. **MINUTES OF 1999 CONGRESS:**
 - a) Didier Lehenaff, Slovakia requested that items from the 1999 Congress Minutes be corrected:
 - (i) The minutes of the 1998 Congress were not distributed at Congress, but by mail in September 1998. The minutes should have been distributed at the 1999 Congress. President McDonald responded that minutes from the previous Congress would be included with all future Congress material.
 - (ii) Resolution 1: The consolidation of PATCO: since the Montreal resolution an Extraordinary Congress had been held to overturn this resolution. Mark Sisson stated that this had no bearing on a resolution passed by ITU because regions only exist if ITU Congress rules so.

- (iii) Resolution 4: Court of Arbitration is missing. This will be added to the minutes.
- (iv) Resolution 5: Women's prize money: This resolution was amended – the last line will be deleted
- (v) Resolution 6: Eliminate words 'officers of ITU'
- (vi) Resolution 10: Team event: amended to 'event' and delete 'Olympic Games'.
- (vii) Resolution 11: take out 'World Cup' to 'Events'
- (viii) Resolution 12: Colombia was not present, therefore could not be withdrawn. Executive Board decided to withdraw – no debate because Colombia was not present
- (ix) Resolution 17/18: Should be one resolution.
- (x) Page 9: name correction, correct spelling, John Raadschelders
- (xi) Evaluation Commission: should not have been evaluate
- (xii) Name correction, Pamela Fralick, not Folick.
- b) Loreen Barnett, ITU staff responded that all of these items should have been forwarded to ITU Headquarters in a timely fashion following the circulation of the minutes in October 1999.
- c) The minutes were approved as amended.

7. AUDITORS REPORT:

- a) Graeme Kempson (GBR), Audit Committee reported on the work of the Audit Committee and the review of the Auditors Report and Financial Statements. (See report attached).
- b) A motion to accept the report of the Audit Committee was adopted.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT:

- a) Bill Walker, (Australia) ITU Treasurer reported on:
 - PSE contract
 - auditors report
 - Sportsworld agreement
 - Olympic revenues
 - Projected future expenditures with new revenues proposed for athletes from developing countries.
- b) Ray Preston, Cook Islands noted that the financial statements were not circulated 60 days in advance. Bill Walker reminded the Congress that it had been only 3 months since year-end and 7 months since the last audited report. Preparing financial statements within these time restrictions is very difficult, let alone 60 days before Congress. He emphasized that this will be an objective of the next Executive Board.
- c) Dr. Edison Osorio (Puerto Rico) moved the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Balwant Singh Kler (Malaysia) seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

9. ELECTIONS TIMETABLE:

- a) President McDonald suggested that the elections be moved to start at 11 o'clock to enable the incoming President to attend the Opening Ceremonies for the Triathlon World Championships and in view of the amount of work to be accomplished by

adjournment time. Moved by Patrice Brunet (Canada), seconded Antonio Alvarez (Mexico). The motion was carried.

- b) Susanne Bauer (GER) declared the elections could not be advanced without 2/3rds majority.
- c) Patrice Brunet (CAN), Constitution Committee pointed out that 2/3rds were needed only to ADD agenda items, not to move them within the same agenda.

10. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

a) ITU President Les McDonald, Canada reported on the work of ITU since the last Congress. He reported on the following:

- Success of the Sydney Olympic test event, with thanks to David Hansen, the Technical Committee and SOCOG
- New partnership with Sportsworld and SSM-Freesport
- The progress of Worldsport.com our website providers
- The success of the World Cup Series, with more NFs applying to stage such an event.
- The success of the Long Distance Triathlon, plus the Long and Short Distance Duathlon, the Aquathlon World Championships and the Winter Triathlon World Championships and its World Cup

President's Report: accepted as read.

11. **ELECTIONS: PRESIDENT:**

- Les McDonald, Canada - elected
- Erika Koenig-Zenz, Austria

12. **RESOLUTION 1: (Executive Board)**

Whereas the ITU Constitution lacks a provision that defines who may be a representative to Congress and who may stand for election.

Whereas most, if not all, International Federations have similar provisions in their Constitution, Statutes or by-laws that declare, for example, "A delegate shall be a citizen of the country or territory of the member (NF) which he/she represents." (International Athletics Federation – IAAF)

Whereas the International Skating Union (ISU) states in its Constitution that representatives of a National Federation (NFs) must be a member of the NF, of the same nationality of the NF or have been a permanent resident for more than one year.

Whereas the IOC, in respect to its members, includes the following in the IOC Charter: "IOC members must be nationals of a country in which they have their domicile. Members of the IOC are its representatives in their respective countries."

Therefore, be it resolved that, only those representatives of National Federations (NFs) affiliated and in good standing may attend Congress, and

Representatives must be of the same nationality as the country or territory they represent, or have resided in that country for at least 183 days over the preceding 365 days.

Resolution Carried unanimously

13. RESOLUTION 2: (Executive Board)

Whereas there is a void in the ITU Constitution wherein an elected officer may no longer be in 'good standing' with his/her National Federation, yet still hold a position as an officer of the International Federations.

Whereas candidates for office are proposed by their National Federation, and

Whereas it is elementary in the democratic procedure that the nominating body, a national sports governing body, has the right to withdraw the candidate from his/her position if it believes it has facts and evidence to justify doing so.

Therefore be it resolved that, each affiliated NF may withdraw an elected officer of ITU when it deems facts and circumstances justify.

Be it further resolved that each affiliated NF will include an arbitration process in their Constitution, which includes the right to appeal such decisions. Any officer removed from office by their NF has the right to appeal to the ITU Executive Board and, thereafter to the ITU Congress and thereafter to the Court of Arbitration for sport.

An amendment proposed by Ian Brownlee (Hong Kong) to add "Be it resolved that the Constitution Committee consider and propose an amendment to the Constitution a means by which Congress can remove from office any elected person who acts contrary to the rules and objects of ITU."

Resolution carried as amended

14. RESOLUTION 3: (Executive Board)

Whereas the invitation to Congress states that the invitation to NFs, officers and honorary members should be mailed at least 60 days before Congress (Chapter 5.3, ITU Constitution) and whereas the 60 days is insufficient.

Therefore be it resolved that the ITU Constitution be amended as follows:

The invitation to Congress will include the agenda. It will be mailed by electronic and ordinary mail at least 100 days before the Congress to:

- Affiliated NFs
- Executive Board members
- Honorary members
- Members of Standing Committees and Commissions

It was moved by the Executive Board to remove the word "/or" from the last sentence of the original resolution so this document would be sent by both electronic and regular mail..

Resolution Carried Unanimously as Amended:

15. RESOLUTION 4: (Technical Committee)

Whereas athletes from the following events are still owed prize money;
1996 World Triathlon Championships (Cleveland, USA)
1998 World Duathlon Championships (St. Wendel, Germany)
1999 International Event (Isla Margarita, Venezuela)

Therefore, be it resolved that the host National Federation be responsible for paying those athletes who are still owed prize money.

Resolution Withdrawn

16. ELECTIONS CONTINUED: VICE PRESIDENT: Mr. Chiharu Igaya (IOC), (Japan) elected by acclamation.

17. RESOLUTION 5: (Aruban Triathlon Federation)

Whereas in accordance with chapter two of the ITU Constitution and the rules of eligibility,

Only the competitors that are selected in accordance with the eligibility rule of the ITU, will be allowed to participate in the ITU or regional federation competitions in accordance with the rules of eligibility which are included in the Competition rules: Eligibility World Championships Elite qualifying criteria.

Requirements: We have in the competition rules of the Central American and Caribbean Championships, South American Championships which are regional championships with maximum points of seven hundred and fifty.

Therefore, be it resolved that the ITU Executive Committee and Congress grant the maximum amount of Regional Championships which are seven hundred and fifty points to the Central American and Caribbean Championships of February twenty six, held in Margarita Island, Venezuela and also the same amount of points to the South American Championships of March twelve in Mar Del Plata, Argentina

Mark Sisson, Secretary General spoke against the resolution on behalf of the Executive Board. Executive Board recommending non-concurrence.

Resolution Defeated.

18. RESOLUTION 6: (Australian Triathlon Federation)

Whereas, certain individuals unable to get nominations for a position in ITU, have resorted to obtaining a nomination from another federation / country to which they do not belong, which brings ITU into disrepute and is undignified.

Therefore, be it resolved, and in keeping with the practice of other International Federations, that candidates for office must be a citizen of the country nominating him or her or must have resided in that country for at least ***183 days over the preceding 365 days.***

Amended by Executive Board to meet International legal definition of residence, i.e., 183 days over the preceding 365 (section in italics). Seconded. Tim Wilson (AUS). Ms Mina Guli (AUS) spoke in favour of the resolution.

Resolution carried as amended.

19. **ELECTIONS CONTINUED: SECRETARY GENERAL:** Candidates:
- Mark Sisson, (USA) - elected
 - Martin Engelhardt, (Germany)
20. **ATHLETES' COMMITTEE REPORT:** Greg Welch (AUS). Congratulated and thanked Les McDonald and the ITU "Team" for the leadership they had provided, and stated that on behalf of the Athletes' Committee he was looking forward to working actively with the new board towards developing the sport and ensuring a permanent spot on the Olympic Programme.
21. **SPORTSWORLD MEDIA GROUP REPORT:** Shaun Whatling, director, SSM Freesports provided an introduction to Sportsworld, SSM-Freesport and the new ITU partner responsible for television, marketing and sponsorship.
22. **ELECTIONS CONTINUED: TREASURER:**
- Bill Walker, (Australia) - elected
 - Joao Calazans, (Venezuela)
23. **WORLDSPORT.com:** John Boulter, Olympian, provided an introduction to Worldsport.com and Worldsport.org and the services available to ITU, NFs and athletes.
24. **ELECTIONS CONTINUED: WOMEN'S POSITIONS Two (2) ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD:**
- a) Libby Burrell, South Africa - elected
 - b) Marisol Casado, Spain - elected
 - Gisele Goyenega, Costa Rica

25. **RESOLUTION 7: (Austrian Triathlon Federation)**

Whereas no formal procedures for appeals against decisions of the ITU Executive Board are existing and whereas the ITU Executive Board itself is an instance to appeal to, and whereas clear arbitration procedures are existing in National Federations,

Be it resolved that the ITU create an arbitration process for all appeals based on the following principles;

NFs, officers, athletes have the right to an arbitration hearing with an advocate of their own choice.

The ITU will have an advocate of their own choice

A third party will be named and agreed upon by both parties.

Be it further resolved that the arbitration panel shall be final, except for the possibility of an appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

Resolution Defeated.

26. RESOLUTION 8: (Cuban Triathlon Federation)

Whereas by having a technical committee consisting of qualified professionals, the ITU as a whole and this includes athletes, coaches and others involved can rely on carefully prepared and well studied cases regarded to all related technical and improvement aspects of our sport.

Be it resolved that the technical committee should consist of qualified personnel with scientific knowledge, such as coaches, pedagogues physical education professors, nutritionists and psychologists.

Elsa Cuthbert (HKG) suggested an amendment to the resolution as follows; "be it resolved that all committees have 50% relevant 'qualified' members and that the chair of each committee be 'qualified'."

Dr. Osorio (Puerto Rico) spoke against the resolution stating that the resolution was too limited, and excludes certain qualified people.

Resolution Defeated

27. RESOLUTION 9: (Cuban Triathlon Federation)

Whereas in order to take charge of all aspects of rules, regulation, officiating and organization of events.

Be it resolved that the ITU should create a rules and arbitration committee.

Resolution Defeated.

28. RESOLUTION 10: (Cuban Triathlon Federation)

Be it resolved that Spanish be included as a working language of ITU.

Resolution Carried

29. RESOLUTION 11: (German Triathlon Federation)

Be it resolved that ITU form a working group of 20 persons. This working group would develop a new structure for ITU. The results have to be delivered to the ITU Congress as a resolution in 2001 or 2002.

Be it further resolved that members of this working group have to be nominated by the NFs and will be assigned by the ITU Executive Board.

Resolution Defeated

30. RESOLUTION 12: (German Triathlon Federation)

Be it resolved that ITU establish an annual Calendar Conference till 15 October at the latest. The conference will be called in by ITU members. Participants are:

One representative of each region of Africa, America, Asia, Europe and Oceania.

The President, Secretary General and the chairman of the TC of ITU.

Other parties involved may also be invited to participate.

Resolution Defeated.

31. **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT:** Loreen Barnett (Canada) reported on:
- The assignment of regional technical coordinators to monitor the technical quality of ITU International events.
 - The success of the Sydney Test Event
 - The preparation of the team of officials for the Olympic Games Triathlons
32. **ATHENS 2004 REPORT:** Andreas Arvanitis from the Hellenic Triathlon Federation addressed Congress to dispel rumours about Athens not being ready for the Olympics 2004.
33. **SOCOG REPORT:** David Hansen reported on the progress of the Sydney Olympic Games and on the Olympic test event on April 19th.
34. **ELECTIONS CONTINUED: EXECUTIVE BOARD (Five (5) TO BE ELECTED):**
- Rami Ramachandran (India) - **elected**
 - Brian Hinton (Australia) - **elected**
 - Jacques Laparade (France) - **elected**
 - Mick English (Great Britain) - **elected**
 - Antonio Alvarez (Mexico) - **elected**
- Angelo Bonizi (Italy)
 - Martin Engelhardt (Germany)
 - Jorge Mejia (Colombia)
 - Ray Preston (Cook Islands)
35. **RESOLUTION 13: (German Triathlon Federation)**
Be it resolved that the ITU-HQ be moved from Canada to Switzerland and to establish a 'new' Headquarters with professional and multi-lingual people (English, French, Spanish, Russian).
Resolution Defeated
36. **RESOLUTIONS 14 TO 19:** Susan Baur (Germany) withdrew resolutions 14 to 19 on behalf of the German Federation.
37. **RESOLUTION 20: (Japan Triathlon Federation)** Be it resolved that the next quadrennial election of ITU be conducted following the Athens 2004 Olympic Games.
Referred to the Constitution committee.
38. **Resolution 21: (Polish Triathlon Federation)**
Whereas many delegates at the ITU Congress have difficulty with understanding english language presented by EB members, and whereas all ITU official documents should be known worldwide. Be it resolved that the ITU Congress is translated simultaneously and constitutional documents are translated into following languages; english, french, spanish, german and russian.
Withdrawn

39. RESOLUTION 22: (Polish Triathlon Federation)

Whereas Olympic qualification system by its constant instability created serious problems for athletes, coaches and federations.

Be it resolved that the ITU Congress calls a working group to work out a new system and present it at the ITU Congress in 2001.

Withdrawn

40. RESOLUTION 23: (Polish Triathlon Federation)

Whereas a balance of representation in the ITU governing body is needed.

Be it resolved that representatives of the two major regions Europe and America (PATCO) elected as ITU Board members or Regional Representatives should become vice-presidents of ITU.

Withdrawn

41. ELECTIONS CONTINUED: TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (Seven (7) TO BE ELECTED):

- a) Loreen Barnett (Canada) - **elected**
- b) Masao Nakayama (Japan) - **elected**
- c) Michel Gignoux (France) - **elected**
- d) Gergely Markus (Hungary) - **elected**
- e) Jaime Cadaval (Mexico) - **elected**
- f) Carsten Ditlefsen (Denmark) - **elected**
- g) David Coles (Australia) - **elected**

- Rolando Herrera (Cuba)
- Jorge Manuel Herrera (Cuba)
- Bernd Lange (Germany)
- Helmut Menger (Germany)
- Dragana Pavlovic (Yugoslavia)
- Enrique Quesada (Spain)
- Emil Stoinev (Bulgaria)
- Roberto Tamburri (Italy)
- Michael Thoren (Sweden)

42. HONORARY MEMBER: Bill Walker proposed that Phil Coles (IOC), Australia be declared an honorary member of ITU.

Unanimously endorsed by Congress.

43. MEDICAL COMMITTEE REPORT: Dr. Doug Hiller (USA), provided an overview of the "Live High, Train Low" camps that have been taking place on the Big Island of Hawaii.

Report accepted as presented

44. RESOLUTION 24: (Swiss Triathlon Federation)

Be it resolved that the distance of triathlon at the World Championships for the category of juniors (male & female) is to be changed to the sprint format consisting of a 750m swim, a 20km bike and a 5km run.

Resolution Defeated

45. RESOLUTION 25: (Swiss Triathlon Federation)

Be it resolved that all candidates for Table Officers or Executive Board have to hand in their personal records and their goals they want to achieve for ITU. The records have to go to all National Federations before Congress. (*and all candidates have to give short comments at Congress before elections.*)

Anne Marie Gschwend (SUI) proposed an amendment to the resolution to remove the section in brackets regarding making speeches at Congress.

Resolution carried as amended.

46. ELECTIONS CONTINUED: MEDICAL COMMITTEE (Seven (7) to be elected):

- a) Dr. Doug Hiller (USA) - **elected**
- b) Dr. Ruedi Bubenhofer (Switzerland) - **elected**
- c) Dr. Philippe Chateau (France) - **elected**
- d) Dr. Toshihito Katsumura (Japan) - **elected**
- e) Dr. Manuel Chamorro (Spain) - **elected**
- f) Dr. Sergio Migliorini (Italy) - **elected**
- g) Dr. Susanne Baur (Germany) - **elected**
- Dr. Alain LeBlanc (Canada)
- Dr. Edisson Osorio (Puerto Rico)
- Dr. Dianne Robinson (Australia)

47. WOMEN'S COMMITTEE REPORT: Liesbeth Stoltz (South Africa), Lise Jahnsen (Denmark) and Dottie Dorion (USA) gave the annual report. Flowers were presented to Lori Cameron (Australia) and Lise Jahnsen for their outstanding work on behalf of women in the past year..

48. RESOLUTION 26: (Swiss Triathlon Federation)

Be it resolved that the two next duration of ITU-Officers of the Executive Board is to change to three years instead of four to avoid new elections in the years of Summer Olympic Games. After this periods the duration will be four years again (2003,2006,2010, 2014)

Resolution withdrawn, referred to Constitution Committee

49. RESOLUTION 27: (Swiss Triathlon Federation)

Be it resolved that the ITU Congress be simultaneously translated into Spanish.

Withdrawn (See resolution number 10).

50. RESOLUTION 28: (Swiss Triathlon Federation)

Be it resolved that the drafting distance between two competitors in long distance events has to be 10 metres in length and 3 metres in width, measured between the rear hub of the first competitor's bike and the front hub of the second competitor's bike to form a rectangle around each bike. A maximum of 30secs will be allowed for overtaking.

And be it further resolved that this resolution be put into effect, May 1st, 2000.

Amended by the Swiss Triathlon Federation (as above). Loreen Barnett, ITU Technical Committee spoke in favour of the resolution.

Resolution Carried unanimously.

51. ELECTIONS CONTINUED: WOMEN'S COMMITTEE (Seven (7) to be elected):

- a) Cheryl Battaerd (Australia) - elected
- b) Lisebeth Stoltz (South Africa) - elected
- c) Ria Damgren (Sweden) - elected
- d) Surehka Ramachandran (India) - elected
- e) Pamela Fralick (Canada) - elected
- f) Dottie Dorian (USA) - elected
- g) Monika Birk (Germany) - elected
- Nelly Becerra (Mexico)
- Manuela Ianesi (Italy)

52. YAMAGUCHI WORLD CUP BID: The Japan Triathlon Union (JTU) made a proposal for a World Cup in 2001. The Yamaguchi Expo World Cup. The proposed event would be within the new Expo site and would consist of a 2 lap swim, 8 lap 5km cycle, 10km run. A large number of spectators are expected. A permanent triathlon course is planned.

53. POWERMAN REPORT: John Raadschelders (Netherlands) reported that the working relationship with ITU has been excellent. The group has focused on continuing to develop the Powerman series since Zofingen took a lesser role. The ITU Powerman Series is in place for the year. He asked NFs to help top athletes to travel to events. 2001 World Championships will be organised in Venray, Netherlands. He asked NFs to support the development of duathlon as a sport. Brian Hinton, the Executive Board liaison to Duathlon reported on the status of the 2000 Powerman World Championships in Adelaide, Australia, 19 November 2000. He also stated that in the short time the ITU Powerman Series has been developing, it is very encouraging to see the progress that has taken place.

54. CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE: Patrice Brunet, Canada reported on the duties of the Committee which is to review the Constitution and ensure that ITU functions within its parameters.

55. REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR ASIA: Rami Ramachandran (India) announced on behalf of the Asian NFs that they had elected Tom Carasco, (Philippines) as their new regional representative for Asia, replacing Rami Ramachandran who was elected to the Executive Board of ITU.

56. EDMONTON 2001 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: Sheila O'Kelly (Canada) reported on the progress of the 2001 World Championships. The date, 21, 22 July is just 12 days before the IAAF World Championships, so people will come for both. A record number of athletes and media attention is expected, as they are the first World Championships following the Olympics. More than 3000 media will be coming to town for the World Track and Field Championships. Edmonton is a festival summer city. The Opening Ceremonies will be combined with the Klondike Days Parade. A promotional brochure is

available and a tri-lingual website is also established. The welcome mat is out – make sure you send your athletes, we are waiting for you.

57. **CANCUN 2002 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Jaime Cadaval (Mexico) reported that a Cocktail party was planned for Friday night and everyone was invited to attend. This year in Cancun at the time of the World Cup, the first Team Time Trials Championships will be held in conjunction with the World Aquathlon Championships. It will also be the final event of the World Cup on April 5th. There will also be an age group event, and the awarding of the IOC President's World Cup Trophy.
58. **RENNES 2002 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS:** The bid group reported that a test event will take place on 14th May – during the French Grand Prix. The city is strategically located and excited about the prospect of hosting the World Triathlon Championships.
59. **ELECTIONS CONTINUED: CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE (Five (5) to be elected):**
- a) Ola Silvdahl (Sweden) elected
 - b) Tom Pryde (New Zealand) elected
 - c) Steve Locke (USA) elected
 - d) Graeme Kempson (Great Britain) elected
 - e) Patrice Brunet (Canada) – elected
 - f) Ms Mina Guli (Australia). (Note: In keeping with IOC expectations that at least 20% of elected positions in IF be women (it was unanimously agreed by Congress that Ms Mina Guli be added to the committee.)
- Dieter Bremer (Germany)
 - Jozef Jurasek (Slovakia)
 - Ray Preston (Cook Islands)
 - Walter Zetting (Austria)
60. **ELECTIONS CONTINUED: CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE (Three (3) to be elected):**
- a) Ms Sheila O'Kelly (Canada) - elected
 - b) Mike Highfield (USA) - elected
 - c) Geraldo Zetina (Mexico) - elected
- Robert Maasdijk (Netherlands)
 - Henning Mueller (Germany)
61. **QUEENSTOWN, NEW ZEALAND BID FOR TRIATHLON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS OLYMPIC DISTANCE 2003:** Arthur Klap, head of the Queenstown bid gave a presentation to Congress.
62. **MADEIRA ISLAND BID:** from the Portugal Bid Committee for the 2004 World Championships showed a beautiful video of the Island and the 1999 European Championships.
63. **GREETINGS FROM THE PERTH EVENT ORGANISER MS TONI O'DONNELL:** Toni welcomed the delegates and congratulated the newly elected incoming committees and Executive Board. She stated that they were happy to stage the World Championships

for a second time and invited everyone to stay for a reception after the conclusion of Congress.

64. **STEVE TREW: BRITISH BID FOR THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (LONDON):**
Emphasis was placed on the large exposure to major sponsors and opportunities to enhance the image of ITU with an event in Hyde Park.
65. **ELECTIONS CONTINUED: DUATHLON COMMITTEE (Three (3) to be elected):**
a) Stefan Ruf (Switzerland) - elected
b) John Raadschelders (Netherlands) - elected
c) Jose Garza (Mexico) – elected
• Erik Swartz (USA)
• Marco Zaftaroni (Italy)
66. **MS CHERYL BATTARD (Australia)** – invited the Congress delegates to the Mentoring Workshop
67. **ELECTIONS CONTINUED: AUDIT COMMITTEE (Three (3) to be elected):**
a) Bob Walsh (Great Britain)
b) Jonathon Grinder (USA)
c) Bill Hallett (Canada)
• Ms Dragana Kamenica (Yugoslavia)
67. **ADJOURNMENT:** President Les McDonald extended an invitation to everyone to work together for the future of ITU in the spirit of friendliness and cooperation which has characterised our International Federation since its creation in Avignon 1989. He also wished the athletes of the delegates good luck in the World Championships on Sunday and to all a safe journey home and the forthcoming joy for all of us, as we look forward to the Sydney Olympics.

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