

ITU Executive Board meets in Rio – Rio – August 30, 2016

During the 2016 Rio Olympics, the ITU Executive Board met to debate and decide on several important issues.

“We witnessed two incredible triathlon events at the 2016 Rio Olympics,” said ITU President and IOC member Marisol Casado. “From the Brownlee brothers going 1-2 in the men’s event to Gwen Jorgensen winning the first-ever gold medal in the sport for the USA, the triathlon events, set at famous Copacabana Beach with Sugar Loaf Mountain rising in the background, will go down as a historic moment in our sport.”

The ITU Executive Board engaged in a lengthy discussion on governance matters, particularly current anti-doping practices and ways to enhance them to ensure triathlon continues to offer a level playing field.

During the board meeting, ITU Anti-Doping Director, Leslie Buchanan, presented Triathlon’s status report, followed by a question and answer session from the board. The board expressed support for the decisions adopted by the IOC.

The Board also approved the 2017 budget which will be reviewed in Madrid at the December 2016 Congress by all voting member National Federations.

In addition to these governance topics, the Board voted to extend its agreement with the International Powerman Association until 2020, which includes Powerman continuing to host the Duathlon Long Distance World Championships a further four years.

The Board also approved the 2017 World Cup calendar, which will be announced separately soon.