

**International Triathlon Union
2004 Congress
Vancouver, Canada – 4 December 2004**

1. **Call to order:** ITU President Les McDonald called the 2004 Congress of ITU to order at 9:35 a.m. with the following countries and delegates present:

Argentina

Fonollosa, Alberto
Svane, Gustavo

Aruba

Gomez, Enrique
Robert, Nicolaas

Australia

Davoren, Bill
Fairweather, Jackie
Hewitt, Chris
Mann, Jenny

Austria

Kaufman, Helmut
Melinz, Karin
Skamen, Julius

Barbados

Evelyn, John M.
Wilson Gibbs, Peter

Belgium

Daems, Jan
Konings, Jef
Smet, Kathleen

Bermuda

de ste Croix, Neil
Petty, Steven
Petty, Patty

Brazil

Freitas, Naida
Menescal, Roberto

Bulgaria

Chukanova, Irena
Stoynev, Emil

Canada

Brunet, Patrice
Fralick, Pamela
Hallett, Bill
O'Kelly, Sheila

Chile

Cristi, Andres
Escobar, Wladimir

China PR

Jun, Qi
Li, Xin

Chinese Taipei

Chiang, Morrie

Colombia

Echeverry, Jose Luis
Guzman, Carlos
Sabogal, Claudia

Costa Rica

Esquivel, Ana
Gonzalez, Sylvia
Rodriguez, Luis
Solano, Roberto

Croatia

Savora, Neven
Vrbanac, Goran

Cuba

Nunez Oramas, Ramon

Cyprus

Poyiatzi, Andri
Spanoudes, Bambos

Czech Republic

Vaclav, Bunc
Vaclav, Marek
Zapletalova, Katerina

Denmark

Hansen, Ole
Magelund, Kent

Dominican

Rodriguez, Ernesto

Ecuador

Rodriguez, Luis Serrano

El Salvador

Mancia, Adonay
Quezada, Atilio

France

Lescure, Philippe
St. Jean, Bernard

Germany

Bentele, Martin
Mueller-Ott, Dr. Klaus

Gibraltar

Havelund, Sigurd
Havelund, Christine

Great Britain

Brook, Norman
Coulson, Peter
Flatters, Jasmine
Springman, Sarah

Grenada

DeCaul, Marc

Greece

Alexadros, Stefan
Arvanitis, Andreas

Guatemala

Amador, Carlos
de Amador, Carmen
Portello, Magdalena
Rodriguez, Mario

Honduras

Brown, Leslie

Hong Kong

Hunt, Ruth
Patrick, Andrew

Hungary

Czencz, Peter
Markus, Dr. Gabor

India

Mace, Brett

Ireland

Kearney, Edith
Lyle, Ian
McAtamney, Hugh

Italy

Lorenzi, Gabriella
Lucarino, Aldo
Sbernadori, Marco

Japan

Otsuka, Shin
Suzuki, Kiriyo
Wada, Tomoko

Kazakhstan

Shpariy, Lyubov
Solovyev, Yuriy

Korea South

Suk, Choi Yoon
Joo, Kyung Hye
Yu, Kyung-Sun

Liechtenstein

Schaedler, Philippe

Luxembourg

Knepper, Michel
Kraus, Eugene

Macau

Ma, Alan
Sou, Chi

Malaysia

Singh Kier, Balwant

Mauritius

St. Louis, Alain

Mexico

Becerra, Nelly
Cadaval, Jaime
Rosas, Javier

Nepal

Rimal, Umesh

Netherlands

Maasdyk, Alexander
Van Rootselaar, Gera

New Zealand

Craik, Adair
Gotlieb, Gary
Jutel, Anne Marie
Pryde, Tom

Norfolk Islands

Cross, Martin

Norway

Grotta, Kare

Panama

Baitel, Allan

Paraguay

Fernandez, Victor
Peru
 Bailetti, Luis
 Canaval, Jorge
Philippines
 Cuevas, Raul
 Marchand, Ramon
Poland
 Person, Andrzej
 Piatkowski, Kris
Portugal
 Carvalho, Vera
 Ferreira, Jose Luis
 Fonseca, Ana
 Santos, Sergio
Puerto Rico
 Delgado, Fernando
 Osorio, Dr. Edison
Serbia
 Milosevic, Lena
 Nikolic, Dragan
 Skoric, Vladan
 Vujic-Ohlsen, Kosovka
Singapore
 Hoong, David
Slovakia
 Jurasek, Jozef

Juraskova, Daniela
Slovenia
 Kregar, Miro
 Milkovic, Katja
South Africa
 Poole, Dezroy
Spain
 Andreu, Alfonso
 Casado, Marisol
 Quesada, Enrique
Sweden
 Blixt, Ursula
 Damgren, Ria
 Nilsson, Jan
 Silvdahl, Ola
Switzerland
 Geschwend, Anne M
 Machacka, Michael
 Mehr, Andreas
Thailand
 Sittinawin, Vijiti
Trinidad-Tobago
 Gooding, Ian
Turks/Caicos
 Hudson, Darlene
Uruguay
 Zubillaga, Rafael

USA
 Davison, Brad
 Dewall, Alison
 Locke, Steve
Uzbekistan
 Blokhin, Leonid
 Sharipdjan,
 Momimdjanov
Zimbabwe
 Gardner, David

**Regional
 Representatives**
Africa
 Stoltz, Liesbeth
Americas
 Froes, Carlos
Asia
 Carrasco, Tom
Europe
 Markus, Gergely
Oceania
 Sheldrake, Terry

Athlete Representatives
 Umphenour, Joe (USA)

2. **Admission of new member NFs:** Sheila O’Kelly, Chair of the Credentials Committee reported that 70 national federation were registered for Congress with 3 national federations applying for affiliation for the first time: Nepal, Grenada, Uzbekistan. She also reported that the Credentials Committee had agreed that the documents of the 3 national federations were in place and they recommended full affiliation. The recommendation was accepted by Congress
3. **Minutes of the last Congress:** The minutes of the 2003 Nice ITU Congress were approved as circulated.
4. **Appointment of three (3) scrutineers:** ITU President Les McDonald appointed 3 Scrutineers: Gerardo Zetina (MEX), Valerie Gattis (USA), and Jenny Mann (AUS)
5. **Appointment of three (3) tellers:** ITU President Les McDonald appointed Kathleen Smet (BEL), Balwant Singh (MAL), and Allison deWall (USA)
6. **Audit Report:** Hugh McAtamney (Ireland) chair of the ITU Audit Committee reported on the Audit Committee's review of the financial statements and reported that they found every thing in order.
7. **Financial Report:** Bill Walker, ITU Treasurer reviewed the audited Financial Statements, then responded to questions:
 - a) Kare Grotta, (Norway) if all the accounts receivable at 2003 year-end had been received and why were the bad debts high. Bill Walker responded that most of the Accounts Receivable had been collected, and the bad debts were high because an increase had been raised on a number of television and event fees and the NF, event or LOC were not able to pay. ITU covered those financial increases.
 - b) John Evelyn, (Barbados) inquired about disclosure of preparation of the financial statements and if it should be under international law, and if the staff could be paid in a timely manner. Bill Walker responded that ITU is registered as a not-for-profit society with the government of Canada, so international law was not applicable. He acknowledged minor deficiencies in the budget, and stated that going forward with

our improved cash flow that paying the staff on time should not be a problem in the future.

- c) Philippe Schaedler (Liechtenstein), stated that the reporting period to NFs needs to be earlier so NFs are aware of any serious financial shortcomings.
- d) Graeme Kempson (Great Britain) stated that he was glad that the auditors, KPMG (Klynveld, Peat, Marwick and Goerdeler) had agreed to increase the term of the audit committee and to write off the PSI (Pacific Sport International) debt. He also moved a motion to accept the Financial Report.

The Financial Report was approved by Congress.

8. **President's Report:** Les McDonald reported that his report was brief because of the fact that this was an election year and he did not wish to take advantage of his report as an election ploy.

- a) Les emphasised the many tasks that we have outside of the Olympic Games such as the growth of World Cup events in numbers, quality and prize money to athletes.
- b) Following the successful path of other I.F.'s, we are doing in-house marketing and television, and have been judged as the 3rd best amongst IF websites worldwide.
- c) Supporting the athletes has been our greatest priority, and will continue to be so.
- d) ITU has one of the best records among International Federations for doping control, both in the high number of tests and low number of positive results.
- e) The next Congress of ITU will be in Honolulu 8/9 October, 2005 at the time of the age group World Championships.
- f) He ended by thanking the technical people for the fine work that they continue to do.

9. **World Championships:**

- a) Chris Kitchen (Great Britain), Chair of the Long Distance Triathlon Commission reported on the progress of the series, including the 2004 Sater World Championships and the 2005 Canberra World Championships. A complete report is attached.
- b) John Korff (USA), 2005 Honolulu Age Group and Athletes with a Disability (AWAD) World Championships, reported on the progress that has been made. Complete hotel packages are available.
- c) Clive Faine (Great Britain), Chair ITU Duathlon Committee reported on the highly successful year that Duathlon experienced in 2004 with the World Championships in Geel, Belgium and Long Distance in Fredericia, Denmark. The 2005 World Championships are set for Newcastle, Australia, with the Long Course in Barcis, Italy.
- d) Kiriyo Suzuki (Japan), reported on the progress made for the 2005 Triathlon Elite, U/23 and Junior World Championships, Gamagori, Japan. The course changes identified by technical delegate Sheila O'Kelly following the test event in September will all be taken care of in early 2005.
- e) Gergely Markus (Hungary), reported on the Winter Triathlon stating that Michel Gignoux left a big gap in Winter Triathlon as a result of his unfortunate death, but that we are working hard to support the continued development. There are bids for the World Championships and for events from the Czech Republic, Spain and Slovakia, but further meetings are required. Germany will host the European Championships in Freudenstadt. He asked for support from NFs to develop the sport.
- f) Lausanne 2006 World Championship Report: Gerald Hagenlocher, Sabrina Tramparula and Claude Thomas (Switzerland) presented a video presentation outlining the new venue at Ouchi. Les McDonald stated that it is a pleasure and honour to return to the Olympic City.

10. **Guest Speakers:**

- a) **Bob Fasulo (USA), Director of ASOIF:** addressed Congress stating that the federation of ITU is on the right track, and that it is important for us to continue on this path. If there is anything that ASOIF can do to support ITU, then they will do so - ASOIF services are to empower the IFs.
- b) **John Furlong (Canada), Executive Director** Vancouver 2010 Olympic Games Organising Committee (VANOC) brought greetings from VANOC and apologised for the rainy weather. He encouraged everyone to come to Vancouver more often. VANOC is working hard to fulfil the promises made to the Olympic family. 12 to 13 hundred men and women will eventually be employed with 50,000 volunteers. They

have just signed an agreement with the largest sponsor ever – Bell Canada for the Olympic Games. A new Trade and Convention Centre is being built to host the Olympic Broadcast Centre, with a new highway to Whistler and rail transport to the airport which has been approved by the government. Everyone was invited back for the Games in 2010.

11. Resolutions from the Board of Directors

Resolution 1: ITU Executive Board

Whereas, the United States Triathlon Federation supports and sanctions a triathlon in the city of Minneapolis by the name of “The Battle of the Sexes”

And Whereas, this competition is an invitational event not open to all athletes,

And Whereas, the concept of a competition which poses men against women, is alien to the principles of equality and women’s rights, and the concept of the male athletes starting behind the females is primitive and degrading to both,

And Whereas, prize money is based on this degrading concept,

And Whereas, the concept of draft legal triathlons have been endorsed and accepted universally, and the Minneapolis event does not accept this ITU principle,

And Whereas, the Minneapolis event is again scheduled on the same date as the ITU World Cup Corner Brook, Newfoundland,

And Whereas, this conflict is endangering the ITU World Cup series,

And Whereas, the ITU Congress held in Nice, France, 2003, condemned the US Federation for allowing this event to endanger the World Cup event, and not to sanction such event,

And Whereas, the US Triathlon Federation stated at the Nice Congress that they would work with ITU to resolve the entire matter, but chose to ignore this unanimous resolution and continued to sanction the event, and are now proposing to do so again, on the same date as the Corner Brook World Cup, July 2005.

Therefore be it resolved, that the US Federation not sanction this anti-feminist, anti-ITU event. Be it further resolved that failure to comply with this resolution may result in sanctions against the US Federation.

- a) Steve Locke (USA) made a statement on behalf of USAT stating that they had to sanction every race that applied for sanctioning and that they had no alternative in the matter.
- b) Loreen Barnett (Canada) spoke about the resolution passed at the 2003 Nice Congress and the discussions she had with Steve Locke (USA) to try to find a solution, she was told by Locke that the event would not happen in 2004 because they had lost too much money. The most serious thing about the fact that USAT sanctions this event is that it is not the image of sport that is outlined in our constitution. It pits women against men for entertainment and not for sport. The live television is so poorly done that it negatively affects the images of our sport that goes out to millions of viewers. It is unfortunate that USAT did not take advantage of the serious opportunity we had to sit down with “Lifetime Fitness”, the sponsor and organiser, to make it a positive event for the sport. ITU has to support the Corner Brook ITU World Cup, which will again be on the same day as the “Battle of the Sexes”. It is most unfortunate that the USAT does not value its affiliation with ITU and prefers instead an anti-feminist event.
- c) Pam Fralick (Canada), Chair of the ITU Women’s Committee urged delegates to consider the principle of the “Battle of the Sexes” as it is based on short monetary gains versus the long term development of the sport and the rights of women.

The resolution was approved.

Resolution 2: ITU Executive Board:

Whereas, Triathlon was included in the Olympic Games as a “provisional sport” Sydney 2000,

And Whereas, the outstanding success of Triathlon at those games led to the term “provisional” being removed from our status,

And Whereas, Triathlon once again proved its remarkable worth on the Olympic programme of the Athens Games,

And Whereas, ITU has grown into a major sport governing body, and its athletes amongst the most efficient, charismatic, plus television and spectator friendly sport.

And Whereas, the number of athletes allocated to ITU by the International Olympic Committee at Sydney and Athens, 50 men x 50 women does not reflect the enormous success of triathlon, and the remarkable increase in the talent of our triathletes world wide.

Therefore, be it resolved, that this Congress of ITU, respectfully request of President Dr. Jacques Rogge, IOC, that due consideration be given to increasing the allocation of athletes to the Beijing Games 2008 be increased to 75 men and 75 women.

The Resolution was approved unanimously.

Resolution 3: ITU Executive Board

Whereas, the Winter Triathlon composed of cross-country skiing, mountain bike and running has achieved success over the years producing several splendid athletes, both men and women;

And Whereas, Olympic Programme status is always the magical conveyor which is capable of lifting a sport to higher levels of recognition, participation and athletic ability;

And Whereas, the Winter Olympic Games needs more sports of a charismatic nature to be included along with the 7 sports included at present;

Therefore be it resolved that this Congress endorse a request to the IOC President Dr. Jacques Rogge to seriously consider including the Winter Triathlon in the Winter Olympic Games of 2010 to be held in Vancouver, with the event scheduled for the resort of Whistler Mountain.

Discussion:

- a) Kare Grotte (Norway) encouraged everyone to work hard within their national federations to increase the number of athletes in the sport. He wondered if it was not too late for 2010.
- b) Anne Marie Gschwend, stated that it was against the Olympic Charter.
- c) Chiharu Igaya, ITU Vice President and IOC Member stated that if the sport is worthy of inclusion that the IOC could find ways around the timeline, and that he did not see any problem with the Olympic Charter.

The resolution was approved.

Resolution 4: ITU Executive Board

Whereas, ITU was the first International Federation to sign the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) agreement at the World Conference in Copenhagen 2003;

And whereas, ITU is ranked in 8th position out of all International Federations for doping tests conducted worldwide;

And Whereas, we celebrate our commitment to the WADA campaign to eliminate doping in sport, the reports from the anti-doping laboratories show that a significant number of National Federations are not conducting tests of their athletes.

Therefore be it resolved that all NFs contact their relevant authority in their country and insist that doping controls, both “in competition” and “out of competition”, be conducted on a regular basis.

Be it further resolved that failure to do so could result in sanctions against the NF concerned.

Discussion:

- a) Kent Magelund (Denmark) spoke in favour of the motion, stating that it is a basic responsibility of each national federation to test their athletes both in and out of competition.

The resolution was approved.

Resolution 5: ITU Executive Board

Whereas, ITU has since its inception in Avignon, France 1989 always pursued without falter the principle of equality for women in sport;

And Whereas, the recent questionnaire by the IOC on the number of women involved in ITU in elected positions, commissions and event organisers shows a total of 47 (the largest of any International Federation);

And Whereas, ITU continues to urge our National Federations to include women in their Executive Board and in the decision-making process, and to include athletes on an equal basis with the men in all World Cup and World Championship events and as delegates to Congress;

And Whereas, this latter appeal to the NFs has fallen short in many cases and not lived up to our expectations and dreams;

Therefore be it resolved that all National Federations be urged to identify the equality of women, particularly the athletes, to receive the same opportunities as men, the same funding for travel, and the same inclusion on the starting line at all competitions.

The resolution was approved unanimously.

Resolution 6: ITU Executive Board

Whereas, ITU has since its creation opposed the payment of “appearance fees” by event organisers to athletes;

And Whereas, ITU is committed to increase the amount of prize money paid to athletes and has done so since 1989;

Therefore be it resolved that this Congress again emphasize that the payment of “appearance fees” to athletes is unacceptable and that National Federations who are involved in this behaviour be sanctioned.

Discussion:

- a) Philippe Schaedler (Liechtenstein) stated we can't apply this to everyone and that the athletes have their rights..
- b) Marisol Casado (Spain), ITU Executive Board stated that it is the responsibility of the national federations to provide the services for the athlete and events that are sanctioned under their jurisdiction, not agents.
- c) AnneMarie Gschwend (Switzerland) stated that we can't do this.
- d) Loreen Barnett (Canada), ITU Technical Committee stated that our partnerships with national federations, events, and athletes has no place for event promoters who are motivated principally by profit and not sport. We can and must apply this rule to all events under our jurisdiction..

The resolution was approved.

Resolution 7: ITU Executive Board

Whereas, there has appeared “athletes' agents” in our sport;

And Whereas, these individuals claim to represent athletes and demand financial returns as their athletes representative;

Therefore be it resolved ITU does not recognise "athlete's agents".

The resolution was approved.

Resolution 8: Executive Board

Whereas, ITU recognises coaches / trainers of National Federations who qualify as professionals in their worthy career;

And Whereas, there are emerging within our sport individuals posing as athletes trainers / coaches with no qualifications.

Therefore be it resolved that ITU and its NFs do not recognise or support in any way those not qualified by the criteria of either the National Federation or ITU.

The resolution was approved.

Resolution 9: Executive Board

Whereas, the Athens Olympic Games were successful and the triathlon competition was eminently successful, due in large part to the dedicated, hard working "ITU Team" who worked day and night behind the scenes to bring about that success;

And Whereas, the real competent officials behind the scenes are hardly recognised;

Therefore be it resolved that this Congress recognise and thank from the bottom of our hearts the "ITU Team" that produced without a hitch the Triathlon in Athens 2004:

Gergely Markus (Hungary), Competition Manager and the exemplary team he created. Michel Gignoux (France) (TD) who created the best-ever team of International officials, and Loreen Barnett (Canada) who managed the role after Michel's death.

The resolution was approved.

Resolution 10: ITU Executive Board

Whereas, the following competition formats are not recognised by ITU and do not operate under the various legal and technical requirements of ITU: Ironman, Powerman, X-Terra; Battle of the Sexes;

And Whereas, the ITU agreement with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) is intended to cover only those events under the jurisdiction of ITU;

And Whereas, the responsibility for all doping related matters from the above list of competitions including hearings and penalties lies directly with the sanctioning National Federation and the WADA affiliated testing agency;

Therefore be it resolved that in agreement with WADA, ITU is not responsible for any item related to the above mentioned competitions, but most particularly matters related to WADA.

The resolution was approved.

Resolution 11: ITU Executive Board

Whereas, there has developed in practically all sports, including Triathlon, for athletes who have won medals – gold, silver, bronze at World Championship, World Cup and Regional Championships to mount the podium at the medal ceremony draped in the flag of their country;

And Whereas, this demonstration of chauvinism, combined with a denigration of their flag produces a negative affect on other nations, spectators of other nations, and television viewers of other nations;

And whereas this question was debated at the recent Congress of the Association of Olympic International Federations (ASOIF) in Lausanne, 10 October 2004 attended by Les McDonald (Canada), President, Marisol Casado (Spain), ITU Executive Board and Dr. Klaus Müller-Ott

(Germany), President of the German Triathlon Federation, where the Congress agreed unanimously that the practice of athletes draping themselves at the podium presentation should be forbidden;

Therefore be it resolved that athletes are forbidden to take their country flag to the podium at all events conducted under the auspices of ITU.

The resolution was approved.

Resolution 12: ITU Executive Board

The following persons will be proposed as Honorary members of ITU to the December 4, Congress, Vancouver with your approval.

Greg Welch (Australia)

Greg was one of the first elite athletes to emerge in the triathlon world in the 1980s. An outstanding athlete in all distances, as a World Champion, and always in the Top 10.

He has always been a spokesman for ITU and is a sympathetic human being loved by all. In his retirement years, he has worked energetically as a race announcer and television commentator, including the Olympic Games.

Greg competed in the first World Championships, Avignon, France 1989, and was the first Athlete's Representative on the ITU Executive Board. His advocacy for athlete's rights, both men and women has never been equaled.

David Curnow (USA)

David was a founder of ITU as a member of the original group that worked to bring unity to the divided triathlon world in the late 1980s, prior to President Samaranch's call for the formation of "The Working Group". He was the Vice President of the USA Triathlon Federation at the time.

His knowledge of the sport, as a competitor himself, and his role within the founding of the US Federation as both athlete and legal advisor was exemplary. He also played a role in the creation of the ITU Constitution.

Without his sage advice and enthusiasm, ITU would not have succeeded in the way it has.

David was seriously injured whilst training on his bicycle in Southern California when hit by an automobile, many years ago. He has been confined to a wheelchair ever since, yet has continued his enthusiasm for Triathlon and life itself, and is a legal advisor to the government of the United States.

David has become involved in the Paralympic movement and is a member of the "Athletes with a Disability" Commission of ITU.

It is time to recognize this pioneer of our Sport, and the success it has achieved through his efforts that have never wavered and he has always been in touch with ITU, the triathletes and with life itself.

The resolution was approved unanimously

David Curnow addressed Congress stating how proud he was to be part of this organisation that he has watched from the sidelines since 1988. He thanked ITU President Les McDonald for the hundreds of postcards that he has sent over the years which kept him engaged in the growth of the federation. He spoke very passionately about keeping the clean principles of sport as the guideline for our federation. Congress was moved to give David a standing ovation.

2. Resolutions from member NFs

Resolution 13: Brazilian Federation

Whereas, the Pan American Championships Age Group 2002, 2003 in Rio de Janeiro (BRA) and 2004 in Cancun (MEX) were done with drafting in all the categories,

Whereas, they had not had any accidents or problems, and everybody was very happy,

Be it resolved that World Championship of Age Groups must be drafting on the cycle course.

Discussion:

- a) Les McDonald stated that in discussion with Carlos Froes, President of the Brazilian Triathlon Federation and ITU Regional Representative for the Americas, they had agreed that this was not appropriate as a rule of the International Federation.
- b) Roberto Menescal, Brazil stated that the drafting rule is in effect for all age group races in Brazil and asked that Congress keep the matter open for future consideration.

The resolution was withdrawn.

Resolution 14: Portuguese Federation

Whereas, the Constitution under Voting Procedures 9.3 g) states that: Voting is conducted at Congress by: (i) voice or (ii) voting card, or (iii) secret ballot (if a simple majority of member NFs decide it is necessary) and Whereas, the majority of countries present at ITU Congress do not speak English as a mother tongue;

Be it resolved that in future it will not be possible to vote by voice.

Discussion:

- a) Les McDonald stated that the resolution had the unanimous support of the Executive Board and that red and yellow card had been prepared for this Congress, as a way of implementing the resolution.

The motion was approved unanimously

Resolution 15: Portuguese Federation

Whereas, National Triathlon Federations are the core members of the International Triathlon Union and are responsible for stewardship and development of triathlon and her associated multi-sports within their national boundaries;

And Whereas, Clause 1.1 (c) of our Constitution states the Object 'to aid the interests and well-being of its member national federations (NFs)'

And Whereas three (3) out of four (4) ITU World Championships have been carried out in this year, 2004, Wildhaus Winter Triathlon (SUI), Madeira Triathlon and Aquathlon World Championships (POR) without full involvement of the respective host National Federation;

Be it resolved that the respective host National Federation must be involved from the beginning in the setting up, co-signing of contract and organisation of all future World Cup and Championships in their country.

Discussion:

- a) Les McDonald stated that the resolution had the agreement of the Executive Board with reservations about applying it in all cases.

Resolution 16: Portuguese Federation

Whereas, ITU currently has no Ethics Commission;

And Whereas, ethical issues in sport and society become ever more complex;

Be it resolved that an ITU Ethics Commission be established and published on the official ITU website, with five (5) members selected by the Board of Directors from internationally renowned experts in the field of Sport Ethics. An amendment was proposed to reduce the number to 3, selected by the ITU Board of Directors, two of whom should be independent.

The resolution was approved unanimously.

Resolution 17: Swiss Federation

As the country in which the IOC is domiciled as the guardians of the Olympic Charter;

Whereas, the ITU ByLaws under Ch 4.3 and the Constitution under Ch 10.1 state: 'Directors and officers shall be elected for a term of four (4) years on the occasion of the general meeting taking place during the year of the Summer Olympic Games'

And Whereas, this chapter states no term limit;

Be it resolved that a total term limit for representation on the ITU Board of Director (with the exception of the ITU President) is fixed at a maximum of eight (8) consecutive years, in accordance with the aforementioned Olympic Charter (OCCh 19.2.2)

The resolution was defeated

Resolution 18: Swiss Federation

As the country in which the IOC is domiciled as the guardians of the Olympic Charter;

And Whereas, the ITU By-laws under Ch 4.3 and the Constitution under Ch 10.1 state: 'Directors and shall be elected for a term of four (4) years on the occasion of the general meeting taking place during the year of the Summer Olympic Games;'

And Whereas, this Chapter states no term limit;

Be it resolved that a total term limit for the President of the ITU Board of Directors be renewable for two (2) further four (4) year terms to a maximum of twelve (12) years in total, in accordance with the aforementioned Olympic Charter (OC Ch 20.1)

The resolution was defeated

Resolution 19: Swiss Federation:

On achieving the maximum period of 8 years office on the Board of Directors (with the exception of the President),

Be it resolved that Directors affected by this ruling may be re-elected after a minimum period of two (2) years, in accordance with the Olympic Charter (OC CH 19.2.3)

The resolution was defeated

Resolution 20: Swiss Federation

Whereas, no age limits are stated for the President and members of the Board of Directors in the ITU By-Laws and Constitution;

Be it resolved that the ITU President and members of the ITU Board of Directors retire from the Board at the end of the calendar year during which they reach the age of 70 in accordance with the Olympic Charter (OC Ch 16.3.3)

Discussion:

- a) Les McDonald, ITU President presented a long list of IOC members and Presidents of International Olympic Federations who are over 70 – all still vital and contributing to the Olympic movement and their sport.

The resolution was defeated

Resolution 21: USA Federation

Whereas, 5.6 (c) of the ITU Constitution provides that no more than 3 members of the ITU Board of Directors shall be from the same region, and 5.6 (d) provides that no more than 2 members of the ITU Board of Directors shall be from the same national federation; and

Whereas, 5.6 (a) of the ITU Constitution provides that a member of the Athletes Committee is a member of the ITU Board of Directors; and

Whereas, pursuant to the ITU Constitution the Athletes Committee representative on the Board of Directors is determined by a vote of the athletes;

Whereas, it is not in the best interests of athletes representation on the ITU Board of Directors that the limitations on the number of Directors who may be from one region or one national federation be a constraint on who the athletes may choose to represent them on the Board of Directors;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that 5.6(c) and 5.6 (d) of the ITU Constitution be amended to provide as follows:

5.6 c) No more than three (3) representatives from the same region (not counting the athletes representative) shall be elected to the Board of Directors

5.6 d) No more than two (2) representatives from the same member NF (not counting the athletes representative) shall be elected to the Board of Directors.

The resolution was approved unanimously

Resolution 22: British Federation

Whereas Chapter 2 of the ITU Constitution states:

- 2.1 Only those competitors who are eligible according to the ITU eligibility rules are allowed to take part in competitions organised by ITU or its member national federations. Other than as provided in this clause 2, the eligibility rules are included in the Competition Rules.
- 2.2 Where an athlete:
 - a) wishes to represent an NF other than the NF to which they originally belonged, they must reside in the country of the subsequent NF for at least three years after the date they last represented the original NF in any sanctioned event. This period of residence can be reduced to one year if the two NFs concerned agree, and the Board of Directors of ITU consents.
 - b) holds or is legally entitled to hold citizenship of two or more countries, provided that it is at least three years since the athlete last represented the first NF in any competition, the period of residence may be reduced to one year, if the two NFs concerned agree and if the Board of Directors approves.

And whereas in 2.2 a) and 2.2 b) there is an inconsistency in terminology and a need to clarify the type of "sanctioned event" or "competition" in which the athlete last represented their first National Federation;

And whereas a citizen of a country may not reside in their country of citizenship;

Be it resolved that chapter 2.2 be amended to read as follows:

- c) wishes to represent an NF other than the NF to which they originally belonged, they must reside in the country of the subsequent NF for at least three years after the date they last represented the original NF in an *ITU World champions or their Regional Qualifying Events*. This period of residence can be reduced to one year if the two NFs concerned agree, and the Board of Directors of ITU consents.
- d) holds or is legally entitled to hold citizenship of two or more countries, provided that it is at least three years since the athletes last represented the first NF in *an ITU World or their Regional Qualifying Events, this period* may be reduced to one year, if the two NFs concerned agree and if the Board of Directors approves.

Discussion:

- a) Les McDonald, ITU President stated that the wording of this resolution only touches on certain matters of clarity and that this is such a complicated area. The IOC is currently working on clarifying of the matter, so the Executive Board has recommended that the resolution be forwarded to the ITU Constitution Committee for them to research and develop a policy.

- b) Clive Faine, (Great Britain) stated that his federation had discussed the recommendation from the Executive Board and agreed to refer the matter to the ITU Constitution Committee.

The matter was referred to the ITU Constitution Committee.

Resolution 23: British Federation

Whereas the Chapter B.2.3 c) and d) of the ITU Competition Rules state:

- c) Citizens of a country may represent that country (NF) in ITU competitions. A competitor who has represented one country (NF) in the *ITU World Championships* may not represent another country (NF) in the World Championships during the same and the next calendar year without the agreement of both NFs concerned.
- d) A competitor who possesses dual nationality may only represent one country during the same calendar year. If the competitor chooses to represent the other country in question, he/she must inform both NFs in writing, and during the same and following calendar year he/ she shall not be able to represent either of the two countries in the ITU World Championships without the approval of both NFs concerned.

And whereas there is concern amongst National Federations at the ease with which a competitor can represent another country under this rule at the World Championships and Regional Qualifying Events, be it resolved that these rules be amended to read as follows:

- e) Citizens of a country may represent that country (NF) in ITU competitions. A competitor who has represented one country (NF) in the ITU World Championships or Regional Qualifying Event may not represent another country (NF) in the ITU World Championships or Regional Qualifying Event during the same and the next calendar year.
- f) A competitor who possesses dual nationality may only represent one country during the same calendar year. If the competitor chooses to represent the other country in question, he / she must inform both NFs in writing, and during the same and following calendar year he / she shall not be able to represent either of the two countries in the ITU World Championships or Regional Qualifying Event.

Discussion:

- a) Les McDonald, ITU President stated that the wording of the resolution is not an improvement, and that the Executive Board had asked the British Triathlon Federation to withdraw the motion.
- b) Clive Faine (Great Britain) agreed with the recommendation from the Executive Board that the resolution should be withdrawn.

The resolution was withdrawn.

Resolution 24: British Federation

Whereas the ITU is a signatory to the World Anti-Doping Code and acts as a strong advocate for drug free sport; and whereas "in competition" anti-doping tests have not been conducted at a number of ITU World Championships and World Cup races during the previous Olympic Cycle

Be it resolved that the ITU Executive should take action to ensure that "in competition" anti-doping tests are conducted at all future ITU World Championships and World Cup races.

Discussion:

- a) Les McDonald, ITU President explained the background behind the non appearance of the Portuguese doping agency to perform in-competition testing at the 2004 Madeira World Championships. He also stated that the Executive Board had voted "concurrency" with the resolution.

The resolution was approved

Resolution 25: British Federation

Whereas the ITU is an inclusive organisation and is committed to promoting the interests of athletes with a disability (AWAD), be it resolved that the AWAD Commission prepare a strategy to establish Triathlon as a Paralympic Sport for presentation at the ITU Congress in 2005. Be it further resolved

that this strategy addresses a) the further development of categories of disability to meet paralympic standards, b) the establishment of regional AWAD championships to encourage more countries to participate, and c) adopts the requirements of the International Paralympic Committee for inclusion of a sport in the Paralympic movement.

The resolution was approved

13. **Elections** : The elections commenced with those elected listed on the table below. Reports from standing committees took place while the ballots were being counted.

Table Officers Elected:

President

McDonald, Les, Canada

Vice President

Igaya, Chiharu, Japan

Secretary General

Walker, Bill, Australia

Treasurer

Casado, Marisol (Ms), Spain

ITU Executive Board (7)

Alvarez, Antonio, Mexico

Damgren, Ria (Ms), Sweden

Fairweather, Jackie (Ms.), Australia

Li, Xin, China

Dr. Müller-Ott, Klaus, Germany

Otsuka, Shin, Japan

Dr. Rodriguez, Mario, Guatemala

ITU Technical Committee (7)

Barnett, Loreen (Ms.), Canada

Cadaval, Jaime, Mexico

Fuller, Stuart, Australia

Kraus, Eugene, Luxembourg

Nakayama, Masao, Japan

Quesada, Enrique, Spain

Varga, Bela, Hungary

ITU Medical Committee (7)

Hiller, Doug (Dr-med), USA

Katsumura, Toshihito (Dr-med), Japan

Migliorini Sergio, (Dr-med), Italy

Ms. Mortier. Susanne (Dr-med), Germany

Murphy, Andy (Dr-med), Britain

Resende, Luciano (Dr med), Brazil

Ms. Soldan, Sandra (Dr-med), Brazil

ITU Constitution Committee (7)

Brunet, Patrice, Canada

Menescal, Roberto, Brazil

Petty, Patty (Ms), Bermuda

Pryde, Tom, New Zealand

Saint-Jean, Bernard, France

ITU Audit Committee (3)

Craik, Adair (Ms), New Zealand

Fonollosa, Alberto, Argentina

Marchan, Ramon, Philippines

ITU Credentials Committee (3)

Flatters, Jasmine (Ms), Britain

O'Kelly, Sheila (Ms), Canada

Vrbnac, Goran, Croatia

ITU Duathlon Committee (3)

Daems, Jan, Belgium

Faine, Clive, Britain

Hinton, Brian, Australia

ITU Women's Committee (7)

Becerra, Nelly (Ms), Mexico

Birk, Monika (Ms), Germany

Chalmers, Jill (Ms), USA

Fralick, Pamela (Ms), Canada

Freitas, Naida (Ms), Brazil

Ianesi, Manuela (Ms), Italy

Suzuki, Kiriyo (Ms), Japan

14. **Reports from Standing Committees:** Reports from the standing committees were delivered by the chairs of the Committees as the ballots were being counted. A copy of each report is attached.

15. **Appeals:** There were no appeals

16. **Election of Honorary Members:** Greg Welch (Australia) and David Curnow (USA) were elected as honorary members, as per Resolution 12 from the ITU Executive Board.

17. **Hamburg World Championships 2007 :** Hariof Wenzler, Managing Director of Hamburg Marketing presented the bid presentation for the 2007 Triathlon World Championships. He was assisted by DTU President, Dr. Klaus Mueller-Ott, Stefan Nothen, his colleague from Hamburg Marketing, and Michael Hinz, Christian Toetzke and Frank Bertling from Upsolut ag, the event marketing agency.

After the presentation, Les McDonald, ITU President announced that he would be recommending to the new Executive Board that Hamburg be awarded the 2007 Triathlon World Championships pending the successful negotiation of the contract.

18. **Adjournment:** Les McDonald adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m. after thanking all of the delegates for their thoughtful participation in the two day "Road to Beijing" Multi-sport Leadership Conference and the ITU Congress. He invited everyone to join him in the lobby for a reception to celebrate the unity of ITU and wished all delegates a safe and pleasant trip home.