



NATIONS FORUM

Forum of 27 August 2013

13:00 to 17:00

Official UCI hotel, Baie-Comeau

Present: AUS, AUT, BEL, BRA, CAN, CZE, DEN, ESP, FRA, GBR, GER, IRL, ISR, ITA, JPN, KOR, MAS, NED, NOR, NZL, ROU, RSA, RUS, SUI, SVK, SWE, UKR, USA, VEN

AGENDA:

1. Classification: Division H
 - 1.1. Presentation by Dr A Krassioukov and Dr C West
2. Classification: Division T
 - 2.1. Type of machine
3. Quotas and programme for the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games
4. UCI Para-cycling Calendar
5. Programme of World Cup events and World Championships for Division C
 - 5.1. Proposal by Italy
6. Any Other Business



1. Classification: Division H

Dr A Krassioukov gave a presentation entitled "The autonomic nervous system after a spinal cord injury" to those attending the Nations Forum.

There then followed a presentation by Dr C West entitled "The evaluation of autonomic functions in Paralympic sport".

Nations expressing an interest could participate in a study to gather information on the efforts made by athletes during the World Championships in Baie-Comeau. This information would be collected by means of cardiac sensors and GPS devices fitted to riders' machines. A copy of the data could be sent to the nations that participated in the study if they so desired.

A discussion took place between the nations concerning the UCI's decision to divide Division H into five sport classes. The UCI must gather further information on H1.1 and H1.2 before taking a final decision. This decision will enter into effect in 2014.

2. Classification: Division T

With regards to Division T, the question of recumbent tricycles was discussed by the nations at the forum. Although opinion was divided, the majority of the nations attending the forum were against the introduction of this type of tricycle. In any event, there will be no changes before the Rio 2016 Games, which means there is time to study the issue.

3. Quotas and programme for the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games

On the subject of quotas for the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games, a request was made to the IPC for 55 medal events (30 for men, 23 for women and 2 mixed) and 260 places (160 men and 100 women).

Unfortunately this request was rejected and the UCI instead obtained 50 medal events (28 for men, 20 for women and 2 mixed) and 230 places (150 men and 80 women).

The new distribution of Division H will not however affect the number of places allocated for the Rio Games.

Men and women tricycle events will be separated in 2016, thus meaning there will be two additional medals in relation to the previous Games.

H3 and H4 women will be combined for the time trial. The use of factors remains to be determined.

The tandem sprint has been removed from the programme due to the poor participation in London even though this is a spectacular event.

All nations will be informed of the qualification system for the Paralympic Games once this has been approved by the IPC.

(The Rio 2016 programme is still being studied and must be approved by the IPC)

4. UCI Para-cycling Calendar

The UCI informed the nations that unfortunately there are still no potential organisers for the Para-cycling Track World Championships for 2014 to 2016.

Great Britain had expressed some interest for 2014 and negotiations were under way with the UCI.



Several nations proposed combining track events for able-bodied athletes with para-cycling track competitions in order to increase the number of events per year. This was considered a good idea and the first events of this type will be held before the end of the 2013 season.

The Road Para-cycling World Championships will take place in Greenville (USA) in 2014 and Nottwil (SUI) in 2015.

5. Programme of World Cup events and World Championships for Division C

Italy proposed grouping together the following sport classes in road races at the World Championships and World Cup events:

- C 1-2 Men with C 4-5 Women
- C 3 Men with C 4-5 Men
- H 4 Women with H 2 Men

This proposal did not receive unanimous approval, although experimentation was welcomed. The length of the circuits as well as the time between the starts of the different sport classes would have to be adjusted accordingly.

The nations considered that a time interval of 6 minutes between each class and a separate race for H1 would be desirable. However, there would have to be a minimum of six athletes in the H1 class in order to allow them to start separately.

6. Any Other Business

The UCI suggested holding the last round of the World Cup a week before the World Championships if both events were to be held on the same continent. This would reduce the teams' travel expenses.

This arrangement was tested this year with the World Cup at Matane followed by the World Championships at Baie-Comeau. The nations expressed their satisfaction and for this reason the UCI would attempt to repeat the arrangement in the coming years.