

Dear Presidents and ETU representatives,

The purpose of this letter is to give you, on a regular basis, information on ETU major activities.

It is almost two months since we met in Eilat for the ETU Congress. Many things have happened since and I would like to share the most important ones with you.

The Race Season has started and, after Eilat, we had the following events in Europe: Horst (29/4), Antalya (6/5), Madrid (26/5), Cremona (10/6), Kraichgau (10/6), Vienna (16/6), Banyoles (17/6), Kitzbuhel (23/6).

All these races have been very successful. The race field in Madrid and Kitzbuhel were impressive, as was the organization. Antalya and Cremona were both second edition events and these races were reconfirmed with a good organization, already shown in the previous year. In Horst we had our first experience with IPA and the first ETU Powerman Long Distance and Sprint Duathlon European Championships. In Kraichgau, in collaboration with Challenge cooperation, we had the ETU Challenge Long Distance Triathlon European Championship over the half distance.

Also these races have been a success and we have achieved our goals: first to deliver to our athletes the opportunities to race in events organized by premium organizers and second to increase our exposure as ETU. We still need to fine tune many details but the overall balance is positive and our intention is to move forward in this direction. In Roth on the 7th of July we will be hosting, with Challenge, the ETU Challenge Long Distance E Championship over the full ironman distance and we are all looking forward to another successful event.



During week 19 I attended, as ETU representative, the ITU Board meeting in San Diego. It was a very interesting experience, ending with the WCS race in San Diego where we had the great chance to meet the Triathlon Icons Dave Scott, Mark Allen, Scott Tinley and Scott Molina.



In October there will be the ITU elective Congress in Auckland. It is an important appointment that will have an impact also on our Confederation so I invite all NFs to participate in these elections as we should select our Candidates wisely and we should work in order to express a common objective: this would be important politically.

Due to the high logistic costs tied to the event, ITU will provide some economical help to the NFs. The amount has not yet been established but we will let you know as soon as possible.

To have the right to vote you need to be in good standing with ITU: our General Secretary has been in contact with you if there were any missing documents. If you are aware of the fact being not in good standing with ITU and did not receive an email from the Secretary General, please contact her as soon as possible.

On the 10-11 of June we had a meeting in Madrid, chaired by Marisol Casado, on the Mediterranean Triathlon Confederation.

The purpose is to include, by 2017 in Tarragona, Triathlon into the Mediterranean Games (sprint distance and mixed relay) . In order to achieve this goal, activities

are needed to help the “southern Mediterranean Countries” to develop Triathlon into their region. A tentative race calendar from 2013 and beyond has been drafted and we have also discussed a “Tutoring” strategy working in couples: for example France with Morocco and Italy with Libya.



In Eilat we presented you the document that detailed our short and medium term Visions. According to that document we are now working in the Board in order to prepare a yearly strategy that will be the guide line for the years to come.

SHORT TERM

- A group has been created (Sarah Springman, Kathleen Smet, Johan Druwe and Matt McKerrow) to completely review and update our Constitution and solve also some issues that have been highlighted during our last Congress in Eilat.
- We are creating internal financial procedures in order to avoid surprises.
- We are working on delivering good quality races in our existing calendar and we have, at every ETU cup, an ETU representative especially allocated to the event, to report in parallel to the TD, on race impressions. This will give us more elements when we lay out next year’s calendar.

MEDIUM TERM

To face the important challenge that we have, we have created 3 Committees to analyze the current status and define a clear working strategy on:

Development : This Committee is made up of Henrique Arraiolos, Kris Piatkowski and Kathleen Smet who are working with the existing Commission on Development chaired by Bernard Saint Jean and with the support of our Continental Coordinator Zeljko Biujck. The goal is to have a clear well known strategy on Development in tune with ITU activities.

Races: a Committee made up of Denis Jaeger, Sonja Oberem, George Yerolimpos, Eugene Kraus and Kathleen Smet. Kathleen will act as liaison between these activities and development. The goal is to define the strategy for next season's races.

Sponsors: Sarah Springman, Alicia Garcia and I are in this Committee. First task is to discuss and implement a feasible strategy with Sponsors. Presently we are following any opportunities that have been presented to us.

I hope to see you all in London.



Renato Bertrandi,

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