



## INTERNATIONAL CYCLING UNION

To the Presidents of the  
Continental Confederations

To the Presidents of all  
National Federations

Sent by e-mail and ordinary mail

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Dear President,

The UCI has been working for several years on the development of athletes and coaches. Within our aim to improve continuously, we have decided this year to make a particular effort on Coaching Development, setting up a new programme based on the most recent evolutions in terms of coaching methods and cycling technique in the different disciplines.

This is why during the last months we have been working on new manuals and a new certification system.

The goal of this new programme is to increase the level of the theoretical and practical knowledge of your coaches and to prepare them to transmit these competences to the athletes in your national structure.

The first course of that new programme will start in January and the duration of the session will be of two months. For 2010, four or five courses will be held at the World Cycling Centre (WCC), at the following dates:

- 1 – January and February
- 2 – March and April
- 3 – May and June
- 4 – September and October
- 5 – November and December (to be confirmed)

In 2010 all these courses will be given in English. At the end of each session an exam will be passed in order to obtain the "UCI Diploma", as explained in the enclosed brochure.

We are sure that this course will be able to raise and develop the level of performances of your Federation.



Concerning the financial aspect, the cost of one session will be CHF 4'000 per month, which is a total of CHF 8'000 for the whole course. This amount includes all of the expenses during the stay at the WCC, such as accommodation and full board, participation in the course, teaching material, health and accident insurance, pocket money, travel cost to races, etc.

Travel from your country to the WCC and return is not included:

For covering the cost, we do hope that your Federation will be able to invest, otherwise we encourage you to request any scholarship, either to Olympic Solidarity through your National Olympic Committee, to your national or even regional government or any other sponsors who might be interested in the development of future champions in your country.

In order to guarantee the best possible output of this course, your candidates are expected to hold already a coaching certificate recognized in your country, to have practical experience with athletes on national level and to be at present working as a coach.

The deadline to submit the application for the first course is fixed on **25 November 2009**, by means of the enclosed questionnaire.

We do hope that some of your coaches will be able to take advantage of this opportunity and look forward to hearing from you. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you need any further information.

With kind regards



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Enclosures:

- Brochure
- Questionnaire