



Associazione Mendrisio 09
Via Angelo Maspoli 15 - CH-6850 Mendrisio - Switzerland

Preparations are already underway for the 2009 UCI Road World Championships in Mendrisio

The Mendrisio 09 Association has launched preparations for the UCI Road World Championships thirty months before the event: the executives have been nominated and the first coordination and communications measures introduced. The organisers are making every effort to present an exceptional event. According to the experts, the circuits are very demanding and will guarantee some top class races.

On Thursday the Mendrisio 09 Association, organiser of the 2009 UCI Road World Championships, presented the members of the Organising Committee and the race courses to representatives of the international, national, regional and local media, public authorities and other organisations.

The Organising Committee members have a wealth of experience in the organisation of sporting events.

The Organising Committee consists of the President Marco Sangiorgio, Vice-President Carlo Croci, Financial Controller Pierangelo Beltrami and members Andrea Bellati, Renzo Bordogna, Rocco Cattaneo, Nadia Lupi, Rolando Peternier, as well as Director Agnès Pierret.

Members of the Executive Committee are Andrea Bellati (Sport), Pierangelo Beltrami (Finance), Mitka Fontana (Logistics), Jean-Daniel Mudry (Security), Roberto Rivola (Communications) and Beat Ritschard (Marketing).

The event has an operating budget of CHF 7 million. The following have already promised financial support: the multi-national MAPEI, the municipality of Mendrisio and the Canton of Ticino/Sport Toto-Fonds. Further partners are expected to pledge their support in the next few months. Negotiations are already well advanced.

Velo Club Mendrisio put forward its candidature to organise the world championships in 2004. The International Cycling Union (UCI) gave Mendrisio the green light in 2005.

The UCI Road World Championships will take place in Mendrisio from 23 to 27 September 2009. The race courses have already been approved by the UCI. They go through various municipalities in Mendrisiotto between Lake Lugano and the municipality of Balerna. The topology presents the athletes with challenging and technically difficult courses. Spectators will also be able to enjoy the fabulous landscape. At least 250,000 spectators are expected. The races will be televised worldwide by over 100 TV stations, with over 300 million viewers expected.

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The World Championships' logo can be downloaded from www.mendrisio09.ch (Media/Other documents section)



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Members of the Organising Committee

Marco Sangiorgio, President: President of Velo Club Mendrisio, member of the board of directors of Swiss Cycling, Architect ETH-SIA-OTIA, Property Trustee SVIT.

Carlo Croci, Vice-President: President of the Municipality of Mendrisio, lic. oec. HSG, Fed. Dipl. Accountant, Director of Interfida Holding.

Pierangelo Beltrami, Financial Controller: former Financial Controller of the 2003 Mountain Bike World Championships in Monte Tamaro, Swiss certified expert for accounting and controlling, Senior Manager with Ernst & Young SA.

Agnès Pierret, Director: Communications and Legal Services Manager at ASSOS SA, San Pietro di Stabio, former Administrative Director of the Tour de France and former Director of Swiss Cycling.

Andrea Bellati: Vice-President Velo Club Mendrisio, former professional cyclist, proprietor of Andrea Bellati Sport.

Renzo Bordogna: Organiser UCI Road World Championships, Mendrisio 1971, VR-President Massinvest SA, executive of a cycling team.

Rocco Cattaneo: former President Organisation Committee Road World Championships Lugano 1996 and Mountain Bike World Championships Lugano-Monte Tamaro 2003, member Counsel UCI ProTour, member UCI Coordination Committee Road World Championships Stuttgart 2007 and Varese 2008, managing director City Carburoil SA and President of the board Monte Tamaro SA, lic. oec. publ.

Nadia Lupi: Director Mendrisiotto e Basso Ceresio Tourist Office.

Rolando Peternier: Municipal Council of Mendrisio, responsible for the Departments of Sports, Leisure and Utilities, financial security advisor Winterthur SA.

Members of the Executive Committee:

Andrea Bellati, Sport: see above.

Pierangelo Beltrami, Finance: see above.

Mitka Fontana, Logistics: Organiser of the Monte Generoso Bike Marathon, Architect EPFL, Head of Project Management in the Logistics Department of the Cantonal Administration of Ticino.

Jean-Daniel Mudry, Security: former General Director of the Olympic Candidature of Sion, former Director of Swiss Ski, former Major in the Swiss Army, chemical engineer ETS.

Roberto Rivola, Communications: former Head of Communications UNO World Summit on the Information Society in Geneva 2003, Head of Communications at the Federal Office of Communications, Dr. Phil I and MSCOM.

Beat Ritschard, Marketing: General Manager Octagon Worldwide Ltd. Zurich, international marketing company involved in sporting and cultural events, organiser of the International Women's Tennis tournament, Zurich Open and Director of Sponsorship Expo.02.

The provisional programme:

Individual time trials:

Tuesday 22 September 2009:	Training
Wednesday 23 September 2009:	Women, 26.8 km
Wednesday 23 September 2009:	Men U23, 33.2 km
Thursday 24 September 2009:	Men Elite, 49.8 km

Road race

Friday 25 September 2009:	Training
Saturday 26 September 2009:	Women, 124.2 km
Saturday 26 September 2009:	Men U23, 179.4 km
Sunday 27 September 2009:	Men Elite, 262.2 km