



2012 International Relations Committee Report

Mission

The International Relations Committee works to enhance USAT's participation in international activities related to triathlon, primarily within the governance structures of the International Triathlon Union and the Pan American Triathlon Confederation. The IR Committee advises the USAT National Board on matters related to international relations and recommends appropriate policies to support and enhance opportunities for all multi-sport athletes to compete in international events and participate in multi-sport related international activities, as outlined in our by-laws and further directed by the national board. The committee also is charged with reviewing recommendations and nominations for policies and persons related to these activities.

2011 Accomplishments

Successful bid for ITU 2012 World Triathlon Series San Diego event in cooperation with U.S Olympic Committee

Negotiated \$40k international relations grant from the U.S. Olympic Committee to support International Triathlon Union eboard meeting in San Diego and related event hospitality expenses.

Successful election of USAT President Bob Wendling as Treasurer of the Pan American Triathlon Confederation and appointment to PATCO Executive Board of ITU/USAT Board Member Melissa Merson. Also, Melissa Merson was appointed ITU E-board liaison to the ITU Paratriathlon Committee.

USAT IR & ITU Paratriathlon Committee Member Jon Beeson was instrumental in ITU's successful bid to have paratriathlon added to the Rio 2016 Summer Games program.

Participation of US delegates in Beijing Congress included first-ever representation of US by a paratriathlete, Sara Reinertsen.





2012 Objectives

Successful election of USAT representatives on ITU Executive Board and Committees at ITU Congress in Auckland, New Zealand

Support for international relations at London 2012 Olympic Games

Successful hosting of ITU Executive Board meeting and related events in conjunction with ITU 2012 WTS San Diego event

Continued efforts to improve and expand ITU officials program in the United States

Continued efforts to promote international rules harmonization

Attendance at IOC Women's Conference in Los Angeles, CA & SportAccord in Canada; support efforts to enhance opportunities for US women in governance

Pursue and make progress on a common protocol to eliminate use of performance enhancing and other illegal drugs in multisport

Facilitate global philanthropy toward better relations with multisport federations in all countries.

Participation and contribution to the development of ITU paratriathlon classification procedures and training, and creating opportunities for athlete para classification within regional geographic areas.

Conclusion

This year with the London 2012 Games concludes an Olympic quadrennial of unprecedented success in USA Triathlon's international relations. The committee will strive to retain, sustain, and increase opportunities for US athletes abroad and for USAT representation and participation in international events and organizations.

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