

**BIU NEWS 2009 in February
FROM CHINA**

Thanks for your mail about the event.

Dear Hiro

Thanks for the news of BikeTrial Day, It's a great idea. As the sports spread more in the world, maybe there will be International BikeTrial Day.

**Best Regards
Jason**

News No. 15 dated 020/02/2009

EUROPEAN CUP IN ITALY

Dear Giuliano,

Thank you very much for your very informative letter. It gives us a very good overview. Let's move to the specific problems we recognize from your letter.

- 1) Conflict with a CIT (FCI) event being on the same date as our European Cup 2009 – 28th of June**
- 2) Age limit - possibility to compete also for kids in categories Poussin (8 – 9 years old) and Benjamin (10 – 12 years old)**

To add detail:

1) Date conflict - Giuliano, it is important to avoid the date conflict. We have to give the opportunity to all Italian riders to compete in all events, regardless who the organizer is, and especially in this case when it is a top European event like European Cup 2009. If we accept the conflicted date it will bring fewer riders to both organizers and I think it will cause both groups of riders to have less confidence in both organizers. EBU wants to welcome all active Italian riders to

the European Cup 2009 if possible and meet European competitors and BikeTrial friends.

Please begin as soon as possible to have a dialog with CIT (FCI) to find a way to avoid this conflict. Possible solutions are:

- a) CIT changes its event to another week or to cancel it because an international event should have priority over a local one. We published in November our notice of the European Cup 2009 for the 28th of June.
- b) EBU can change the date only by one day, i.e. from 28 June to 27 June (Saturday).
- c) To join both these events in one location/one organizer so that there will be organized in one competition a common Italian championship of CIT and UISP together. It would be recognized by EBU as the European Cup and open to riders from all countries. This competition has to be ridden according to BIU rules! The organizer of this event should be your very well experienced club.

2) Age limit - EBU has to organize the European Cup 2009 according to BIU rules. The Italian round is one of a 3-round series (France and England are the other two) and has to be officially organized in all categories according to BIU rules (this means the inclusion of Poussin and Benjamin categories, as well as girls of all ages in the Femina category). Giuliano, would it be possible for there to be an exception regarding our age categories for this international event? The argument for you is that if the lower age limits are not permitted Italy will probably not be included in the European Cup series. The right strategy for your negotiations with CONI has to be decided by you. I believe it will be somewhat difficult and certainly increase your work load, and I am sorry for that. But it is very exciting that Italy is a member of EBU and this is a wonderful opportunity. If you are able

to do it, you will be giving Italy a real role in the international BikeTrial community and be giving more Italian riders the opportunity to compete in international events. Everyone will benefit. As I said, it will perhaps be difficult, but I have the utmost confidence in you and you know I will give you whatever support is necessary. Please keep me informed and don't hesitate to call or write me immediately for any assistance I can lend.

Best regards,

Libor Musil

Dear Libor,

I've known the BikeTrial since 1984, when it was called Trial Sin. At that time a close friend of mine took part three times in the Italian Championship, which was organized by the Italian Motorcycle Federation (FMI – Federazione Motociclistica Italiana) following the BIU rules. He won the title of Italian Champion in the Junior Category. I never took part in those races, but I did motorcycle Trial races and I still do. In 1989 there was a World race at Milan. The year after the Italian Cycling Federation (FCI – Federazione Ciclistica Italiana) took over and three years later everything disappeared. In 2001 Massimo Iacoponi, Mauro Moioli and more friends restored a Championship with the BIU rules supported by the UISP (Italian Union Popular Sports). Our BIU movement refers to this Championship. In 2005 the BikeTrial FCI with UCI rules started again their activities and now they're going on by our side. FCI has been recruiting their athletes from our group, especially since 2008 when the Italian Trial Track (CIT – Circuito Italiano Trial) was born. The Italian Championship FCI consists of an only race, the CIT is made of 8 different competitions instead. The Italian Championship UISP – BIU will have 9 races, all valid for the classification. Unfortunately one of the CIT races will take place on June 28th, the very same day of our European Cup. There will be less Italian bikers than usual, but I hope there will be lots of foreigners. We'll try to come to Brezova on May 9th. As I said the European Cup is going to be an important event. I'll do my best to

organize it as my Club is in charge of it. My Club is called ASD Dynamic Trial (ASD means Sport Amateur Association). Please visit our website www.dynamictrial.it Massimo Iacoponi is the most representative person of BikeTrial Italy. In fact the Championship exists thanks to him. He ran in road-racing races and in 2001 he started organizing the BikeTrial Championship. Moreover he is the UISP National Coordinator of BikeTrial. I constantly cooperate with him. UISP is a Sport Institution and it is acknowledged by the CONI (Italian Olympic Committee). In Italy if you want to do any competitive sports you need to be a registered member of a Club, which must join an Institution acknowledged by the CONI. So all the Clubs UISP whose athletes enter competitions must join UISP. I know it sounds complicated, but Italy is the country of bureaucracy! Every athlete must pass a specific medical check (in order to certify their ability to do competitive sports) in a specialized centre entitled to it by the Ministry of Health. The health certificate is valid 365 days and it costs about € 50,00. If you join UISP you'll have an insurance against accidents during races and training. The medical expenses are paid by the State, in fact in Italy treatment is free. CONI sends the Ministry of Health a list of the starting ages for competitive sports. BikeTrial is not on the list so it is considered like the traditional cycling. In Italy you need to be at least 13 years old to start competitive cycling. This is a problem because our guys under that age can't be in classifications or get the champion title. In the past we sometimes didn't respect this rule, but we discussed very much about that and we decided that in 2009 the Italian category "Benjamin" won't be competitive. Classifications will be according to the order of registration instead of result. The prizes will be the same for everybody. I spoke directly to the Coni Medical Sport Centre in Rome to find a solution. They understood but couldn't solve the problem, because the list was revised in May 2008 and they won't revise it again for some years. If we don't respect this rule there might be serious consequences (especially in case of accidents) for the race organizer, who in Italy is also the president of the club. It's all for now, even though I would have much more to say, I'll do it in my next letters. I'd be glad to see your name among those registered in our

website. I personally take care of it and it represents our movement. We would be proud of having you among us. Have a look at www.biketriallitalia.it and try to register yourself, then follow the instructions. It's easy: you'll get immediately an e-mail at the address you had inserted and you'll need to link to end up the process. You will have nothing in change but you will give us the pleasure to read your name among the members. It is our official website. I'll talk to you soon. Bye

Giuliano Gualeni.

This letter was translated by Sonia.

News No. 14 dated 020/02/2009

A NEW BIKETRIAL EVENT IN JAPAN

I have been to Tokyo for one meeting with BJU and Mr. Makoto Sugitani from a Trial magazine on 17/February. Now I am in a new project to make an event with a new concept for the promotion of Biketrial that will be held on 22/March in Kyoto (at Kameoka Trial park). We have over 100 Biketrial events in a year in Japan. They are competitions and schools for the riders who already got their bikes (of course) but there is no Biketrial event for the people without bikes (of course). To promote our sport, to supply a fun experience and to get license holders in the future... we have decided to make a competition for the people who still do not have Biketrial bikes yet. The targets are people like...moto riders or readers of magazine, or having interest but no opportunity to start, or not decide buying bikes yet. We are trying to get absolutely new people to our sport. The idea as follows:

Participants must bring helmets (any types), groves (any types) and shoes with sport clothing only. We will prepare bikes. We will use bikes of MONTY, GIANT and one another brand this time. Because those brands paid entry fee (500 USD) of CONSTRUCTOR for 2009 NBC (this year, we got 3 brands and collected 1,500 USD from them. This will be a help of budget for our sport promotion). So we gave the right only to the brands which supporting BJU. In the near future (2010 or 2011), we are planning to set a rule that all brands must be official sponsor of BJU to get the right to be used their bikes for NBC. Very important!!!

We will make riding school (Hiro will do the school and make sections) before start the competition. Then, we will make some groups (5 riders with an assistant in 1 group) and they will go around sections by walking without bikes. 6 sections x 2 laps. The participants

must use the bikes set at each section. For an example, section 1, MONTY and section 2, GIANT. We think that the participants also can use this opportunity to test different bikes of those brands before buying. We hope it helps the promotion of those brands which supporting us. Entry fee of this event is 50 USD per rider. That is including an entrance fee of the park and insurance. The name of the event is "BIKETRIAL DAY". Why don't you try this kind of event in your country?

News No. 13 dated 018/02/2009

UK MATTER

Dear Hiro,

I am sending you copy of my letter to participants of AGM in UK which hold on Saturday last weekend. I created this letter after Brian's resignation. I am still waiting for news from the AGM. Keep in touch,

Libor

Slavkov u Brna 13th of February, 2009

Dear friends of BikeTrial, members of British BikeTrial Committee, and ACU members, Two days ago I received an announcement from Brian Matthews that he and his wonderful wife Ada are giving up working for BikeTrial. I know from experience that when Brian makes a decision it is very difficult to change his mind and I respect him very much for his fundamental positions. I would be very pleased if he would continue cooperating with us, but if it isn't possible, I hope that in the future he will be willing to give us his advice, and also, that we will see him at our events (especially European Cup in September in England). Undoubtedly you will need to vote for a replacement for Brian for the position of EBU delegate. I would like to emphasize that it is very important how this selection is done because EBU is an organization that works on democratic principles, and also it is very important who the delegate of EBU is because EBU needs responsible delegates with initiative who will determine the future of BikeTrial in Europe for EBU. BikeTrial in UK is one of the best organized in Europe. It was not long ago that it was necessary to fight for our sport to remain in existence as a democratically functioning one in your country. It was in large part due to the work of Brian that it was possible. I

hope that you will continue in this way. I also hope that ACU is the guarantee that our sport will be in the right hands. I wish you much success in your actions and I'm looking forward to further cooperation with you.

Libor Musil
President of European BikeTrial Union

News No. 12 dated 018/02/2009

TV PROGRAM IN CHINA



Dear Hiro

On 8 Feb(Sun), 2 shanghai Biketrial riders have made a Biketrial demo in Entertainment TV program 《The Hole in the Wall》, which is made by Shanghai Media Group (SMG) and cooperated with Fremantle Media. This program have been broadcasted in Shanghai Dragon TV in China New Year and will be on the air in Entertainment TV channel at the weekend.

Some pictures as below:

<http://www.xbreaker.com/ArticleShow.asp?ArticleID=2337>

Best Regards
Jason

News No. 11 dated 014/02/2009

COMMENTS FROM EBU

Dear Federico,

Thank you very much for your very constructive e-mail which gives us a good overview. I have to emphasize and speak highly of your role and communication which was very helpful in the period when was internationally waken up Italian BikeTrial and the result of this period is European Cup 2009 in Italy. Thank you very much for your work and I hope to see you at our events in the near future.

Best regards
Libor Musil

Dear Giuliano,

Thank you very much for your e-mail. I remember very well our nice rendezvous in France last year where was practically set up our new cooperation. Please send us some details how you were appointed as the delegate and who are members of BikeTrial committee in your country now. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any help. I am looking forward to our cooperation about European cup 2009 and other future events.

Best regards,
Libor Musil

News No. 10 dated 014/02/2009

NEWS FROM CANADA

We got some information from Canada. We hope great success of their events (TRIALSWORX and 1ST NORTH AMERICAN BIKETRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP) in this Summer. You can check following.

Hi Hiro

How are you. We are busy getting ready for another exciting season. Our Trialsworx event in Whistler this year will be even more exciting. The Winter Olympics will start in Feb 2010 so that means our riders will have the opportunity to see all the preparations. Crankworx will be the largest summer festival before the Olympics.

We have started to look for some sponsors for this event and I was wondering if any of the pictures you took or film footage of Trialsworx ended up in any media. Magazines, WebPages etc. especially with the naturally splendid signs in them. I think they will sponsor our event again but would probably be impressed if they got some international exposure. Hopefully Craig will help with the marketing this year as that is what he does for a living. I am trying to put together a proposal for sponsors. Is it OK to use the CD's you sent? Is it ok if we make copies of them? Will you be coming to Trialsworx again this year? We would very much like to have you again. Are you expecting any riders to come to the 2 events? Vancouver and Whistler? We will send you some more information very soon.

Cheers from Shirley

Dear Shirley,

Thanks for your information. You can copy the DVD for your promotion. About the DVD volume 3, They (3 contents of MJ Biketrial video) are all my original video. If possible, please think about selling the copy even with very low price. Then it can be a little help for some budget of your activities. I will be glad if it helps you. I wrote my report about my last trip to Canada for one magazine. I will check it and send the copy to you.

Thanks for asking me about my attendance for the events. I am planning to go there with Yuna. So that you will have one Japanese rider (and one country) as the minimum for your events. If possible, I will bring some other riders. I hope many riders not only Japan but also the other countries will have interest in the events TRIALSWORX in Whistler and NABC at CPTA. I hope some delegates will help sending their riders to Canada. Please ask some help to Mr. Libor Musil of EBU. I also can help your events in many ways (idea of sections, results, etc.) if you need. Please try to get some riders from the South American area.

My side, I will ask BJU to promote the events in their website and some domestic magazines. They will try to inform their riders and help them to take part the events. If you send me your bank details, I (as BIU) will send

you the prize money (at least 1,500 USD to support trip for the winner of NABC to WBC) soon.

I am already looking forward to see you and all my friends there.

Sincerely yours,
Hiro

News No. 09 dated 012/02/2009

BIKETRIAL ITALY

We received mails from Federico and Gualeni as follows: It was only short time but we feel thanks to Federico for taking the delegate post for Biketrial Italy and we are happy to welcome Gualeni. We hope he will takes care of our sport in Italy with no problem.

Dear Hiro, dear Libor, dear friends,

I'm writing this message to officialize my resignation as italian delegate due to personal reasons (no worries: it's just a personal choice. No serious life problems). Mr. Gualeni Giuliano, who reads in copy, is going to replace me in this role. Please find all new details in order to switch them in your personal mailing lists and sites:

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Dear Hirano, dear Libor,

Federico Tarchi is the current Italia BIU Delegate. His is substitution after Mauro Moioli and is responsible to three months. For reasons not completely understood, he does not want to continue serving as Delegate. The replacement procedure has been a surprise as the resignation. Federico was very fast.

I confirm my willingness to assume the post of Italian BIU Delegate. I accept. I know the BIU Constitution. I was at Blansko and La Tour de Schay with Federico Tarchi and Massimo Iacoponi. I have spoken with Libor. I hope that he remember. I must produce other documents for the substitution?

The European Cup on 28 June 2009 is CONFIRMED !

The race will be organized by my club and will be a good race.

Very sorry for the problem.

Sorry my very bad English. My next communication will be more detailed and well translated.

On receipt of your instructions will inform you of our country and our projects. I await your notices.

Giuliano Gualeni.

News No. 08 dated 011/02/2009

DECISSION OF BRIAN

We got below mail from Brian today. He has been taking care of our sport for so long and there will be no our sport spread like today without him. He is one of the most well-balanced men in our group and we think that his motto was to satisfy most of people. That's why every time, his opinion was very important (I learned a lot from him). We do not know why he decided to retire. But if it was his decision, we only can say "thanks a lot for

your work for a long time and same to Ada for supported him for many years”.

Dear Hiro,

Hiro, I have decided to "retire" from our sport of BikeTrial. There will be an Annual Meeting of BikeTrial UK on the 14th February. I think it is the perfect time for this decision. I no longer wish to continue at ALL levels. You will be advised of the new elected officials following the Meeting. Please find a new Treasurer.

Best wishes to all our friends in BikeTrial.

Ada and Brian Matthews.

News No. 07 dated 011/02/2009

ENTRY FEE

This is the last thing to change of the rules for this year.

Dear Brian,

Could you give me your advice for the rules of ENTRY FEE?

RULES 2008

Entry will be free of charge for all categories except riders who are not in the selection for the National Team of the host countries. The entry (starting) fee will be 50 Euro as maximum for an event.

RULES 2009

Entry (starting) fee of a rider for an event is 25 Euro (10 Euro for the organizer. 10 Euro for the BNU. 5 Euro for BIU). The delegate must collect the fee from the rider in the entry list of his country and pay it to the delegate of the host country before start the 1ST Jury meeting on Friday.

Sincerely yours,

Hiro

Dear Hiro

I agree that an Entry Fee should be paid by riders, but I am not sure that the

younger Saturday riders should have to pay. Or it could be easier if all riders pay.

€25 is OK.

This should be collected by the Delegate when the Entry is made by the rider before he/she sends the complete list to the organizers. If the rider does not arrive at the event (unless good proof or a valid reason - injury etc.) he/she will lose the €25. This will help a little to make sure that the Riding List is closer in number to the Entry List.

Brian Matthews.

Dear Brian,

Thank you so much for your help. I think entry fee collected from all riders. I will wait for the other opinions.

Sincerely yours,
Hiro

News No. 06 dated 06/02/2009

INTERNATIONAL BIKETRIAL INDOOR EVENT IN SPAIN

They are expecting to have BIU World Cup event (thanks!!!), but We are still not sure if the event become Euro level or World level. That is depends up on their budget. Any way we BIU and EBU can support it for their success. And we are forwarding our communication with Mr. Batlle for the event as follow.

Dear Hiro,

Ok, but I wait a few days please, it's not sure that realize, I have to present the budget, and really I see it very complicated. It will inform him soon.

Thanks

Dear Angel,

I understand it. Take your time. And let me know when you are okay. The

sanctioning fee is 1,000 Euro. The prize money, if you want to give it only for top 3, that will be acceptable.

For your knowledge, the last year, we did 2 times World Cup in China. In May in Shanghai (Prize money was 3,000 USD for the 1st, 2,000 USD for the 2nd and 1,000 USD for the 3rd. Total 6,000 USD. Invited 6 riders: 1 from Canada, 1 from Japan, 1 from UK, 1 from Spain, 1 from Slovak. 1 from Singapore and a delegate). They also invited 20 Chinese riders. I helped making all artificial sections. You can check it by the video from Marius (I sent the DVD to him).

And in September in Ping Tang (Prize money 2,000 USD for the 1st, 1,500 USD for the 2nd and 1,000 USD for the 3rd. Total 4,500 USD. Invited 5 riders: 2 from Canada, 1 from Spain, 2 from Japan). They also invited 30 Chinese riders. It was an outdoor event and I made half sections (and half by Jason), and adjusted the level of all sections. You can also check the video from Marius (I sent the DVD to him).

Sincerely yours,
Hiro

Dear Libor.

I'm Àngel Batlle, from Torredembarra<Tarragona<Spain. Now I am the manager of taking the administration in Spain. I am trying to realize a Spain Indoor Cup, in Tarragona, the following day of the Trial Indoor with motorbike, this way it's more economical of organizing.

But, the organizer request me to know that is necessary to do a European or World Indoor Cup. I need to do a budget. How much have to pay EBU? There are some prices stipulated for the prizes of the riders? And other possible expenses?

Thanks.

Administración BUE
Biketrial Unión Española

Dear Angel,

Thank you very much for your e-mail as well as for your enthusiasm and effort to organize a new international event 2009 in Europe. We understand from your correspondence with Mr. Hiroshi Hirano that date of this even is planed for 05/07/2009. Second event of European Cup 2009 will take place 28/06/2009 in Italy what is just one week before your event. E.B.U. committee supports the idea that your indoor event will be organized under B.I.U. and called World Indoor Cup 2009. We can read from your communication in BIU News that this idea is supported by B.I.U. and it is also very good for European best riders to have a world event in Europe this year as well. Please do not hesitate contact us if there is anything we can help you in this way. We are very glad for this opportunity for our riders and we wish you good success in preparation of this international indoor event.

Best regards,
Libor Musil

News No. 05 dated 06/02/2009

BIU INFORMATION CD

We are planning to send BIU INFO CD to all delegates about 25/February. The contents will be as follows.

1. BIU 2009 INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL RULES
2. BIU 2009 INTERNATIONAL EVENT CALENDAR
3. BIU ADDRESS LIST
4. Etc.

...And a DVD with some video clips may be included. (we hope)

News No. 04 dated 05/02/2009

BIKETRIAL INDOOR IN SPAIN

We got the answer from Mr. Batlle about their indoor event. We had 2 World cup events last year in China. And they were very good events. We are very glad to have one (in Europe) for this year.

Thank you very much Hiro! OK, The race will be on the July 5, the following day of the Trial Indoor with motorbike, in Tarragona city, in the theatre "Camp de Mart". I have some demonstrations there some years, and it's a very good place. The entry for the public will be free.

Thank you very much, I will be employed at it.

Dear Angel,

Thanks for your information about the event. Please check below (name of the event, date and place). If they are okay, then I will send the event agreement to Marius. The invoice of the sanctioning fee will be sent to Marius after I received the agreement that you signed.

EVENT: WORLD BIKETRIAL INDOOR CUP

DATE: 05/JULY/2009

PLACE: CANM DE MART. TARRAGONA CITY. SPAIN

Sincerely yours,

Hiro

News No. 03 dated 05/02/2009

BIKETRIAL INDOOR IN SPAIN

We got a mail from Spain about INDOOR event. That is wonderful!

Dear Hiroshi.

I'm Àngel Battle, from Torredembarra<Tarragona<Spain. Now I am the manager of taking the administration in Spain. I am trying to realize a Spain Indoor Cup, in Tarragona, the following day of the Trial Indoor with motorbike, this way it's more economical of organizing. But, the organizer requested me to know that is necessary to do a World Indoor Cup. I need to do a budget. Marius Mollà, attach me these documents, they are correct? It's possible to be minor the prizes? Is he a necessary doctor in the ambulance? How much have to pay EBU or BIU? And other possible expenses? Sorry for my bad English, I study again now. Thanks.

Administración BUE
Biketrial Unión Española

Dear Angel,

Thanks for your mail.

You have some choices for your event.

(1) INDOOR NATIONAL LEVEL

(2) INDOOR INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

If you choose (2), then there are 2 kinds.

(1) INDOOR EUROPEAN LEVEL (EBU)

(2) INDOOR WORLD LEVEL (BIU)

If you choose (1), please contact to Mr. Libor Musil of EBU. The contact details as follows.

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If you choose (2), as you see the additional rules for World Indoor Cup, you should keep it (I can negotiate only about the prize money thing. The rest is necessary to keep the event level at least) and need to sign on the agreement. Please let me know the place and the date of the event. Then I will send the agreement to the delegate of your country (Marius Molla). Sanctioning fee of a World Indoor Cup is 1,000 Euro (It will be raised from 2010). I will wait for your answer.

Sincerely yours,

Hiro

GENERALMEETING OF BIKETRIAL UK

We got information from UK. The date of their general meeting was changed to the next Saturday.

Dear Hiro

The Annual Gen. Meeting of BikeTrial UK will now take place at the Auto-Cycle Union HQ on Saturday February 14th and not as previously scheduled for Jan. 31st.

Brian Matthews

News No. 01 dated 02/02/2009