



BIU NEWS 2012 JULY

2012 WBC

Today one more time we will send you the entry list by PDF because it has got some modification yesterday. Please check it.

As Hiro made promise to make "TO DO LIST (manual)" for Marius, he started the work and it takes some days to finish it. We hope it helps the organization of R1 and R2 for the success of those events.

HIRO'S TRIP FOR WBC

Dear Hiro,

Firstly I would like to explain that It is impossible now to ask organizers to pay flight tickets. Organizers are very important for us. They did not have it in their budget and in this way I can damage BIU image. There is just one way for me to find a new sponsor who is able to pay it. EBU is able to do it now but we also want to speak with BIU delegates about it because there is a gap in WBC conditions – no money for Presidential work and expenses in the BIU budget. It has to be improve for the next seasons. Please accept that tickets are paid by EBU this moment.

Secondly I do not know where is the main reason for less number of riders and it has to be considered:

BIU/EBU organization is not too "sexy" for riders?

Economic situation globally?

Organizers work?

In my opinion this not problem for not coming it should be even signal for you to come and finding a way how to improve it.

Thirdly If the main reason for not coming is in your private life than I mean everybody has to accept it (because it can be happened to everybody) and our delegates and committees have to take responsibility themselves in this moment. Problem is that we have got this information at last moment and to take your position is difficult. Then please reconsider it once more with your family. For BikeTrial is better you will be here. If not then decision about your substitute has to be made ASAP. I would like to propose to you to ask Marius Molla as very experienced organizer and manager to take this position in one of these events (probably in France). It will be a good substitute in your position. Giuliano is responsible for the last round in Italy and I do not want to bear him by another work. A good alternate is also Roger Bäckgren – one of our mostly experienced officials and very successful national delegate.

Best regards,

Libor

Dear Libor,

Sorry for the delay of my answer.

I understood the situation but it was the only way left as my last choice to ask them my travel cost. However, In the event, it is normal for the organizer to cover the cost if they want to keep the person for the ceremony, necessary to have the budget. Because any problem can be happened. If they never though it as the organizer, it is a mistake.

Yes, to complete event perfectly, we need officials. For this reason, I invited 3 delegates all the time to WBC in Japan for last 16 times. Imagine the budget. It was not small and not easy for me but it has to be. it is only the way to make 100% sure the attendance.

About the biggest reason that I decided not to attend, It was the results of ENTRY numbers caused surely by the delay of publicity. I know we can collect 12 (Catalonia, Spain, Andorra, France, Czech, Slovakia, GB, Germany, Belgium, Latvia, Sweden, Japan) countries at least without much effort.

In my thought, R1 can get most riders from most countries. And less and less to the end. After R1, some people decide cancel by losing chance to be top 3 in the ranking. This I know Because I organized the final round of WBC 15 times.

Therefore, if the organizer of R1 did not care the publicity, it sure the bad effect goes to the rest of the events. So as the R2 for the R3. When Ot wrote me to come to R2 and he wrote me that the organizer did their best. I wrote him back that I need to see what was done to recover for the delay of publicity. I wanted to know how they tried. But I got no answer for this question. So as no report from France.

I wrote about how much publicity is important in the BIU news or mails to the host delegates of this year. I gave my message to them in the meeting in Igualada and Sonico to get maximum results for entry. I did not visit France because it seemed they have no interest to have meeting with me. Or may be Jean-Luc had no time to help. I do not know. It is up to them.

You know this is not our sport problem. It is only organization problem.

They do not know (or think) about the purpose of our activity. We are working for our sport to spread in the world. Not only for the people wants to be the champion. If the organizers do not realize this thing, sure they can make sections like 2011 R2 in Catalonia. No wonder.

I have the answer for the main problem. But to understand, it needs experience of mistakes.

I explained all important things but I could not help them. I think it took much time or experience. It is very difficult until they realize it by themselves. Not matter for just one meeting. We cannot help all drown men in the water.

For the next, the organizer should learn setting the event calendar should be left to BIU. R1 took 21-22/July. As I many time explained that it is not vacation season in some countries yet. That means not easy for fathers to take vacation to bring their kids. You will notice it from the entry list that the kids in some countries are less than normal. In this situation, publicity was most important. This depends up on each organizer. They should send all event information to tell the details of the event in early and should ask help to give it to the people (sometimes push). May be European countries have no problem, but the rest of the world are not. For example, most of delegates start working (contact to their riders) after they received the event information from the organizer. Then normally people ask some question

about the event to the delegate. If the delegates do not have any information from the organizer, cannot answer to the people. People need detail of the event as early as possible to considered for their participation and ask holidays and keep the budget to travel far away. Sending events information 2 months after the deadline helps nothing for most to the people who has been thinking to come to WBC.

The results of France with 14 countries, Catalonia 16 countries, are far from my goal. I lost the reason to bring out the budget any more for them this time. May be they do not realize but I already worked and tried to help their events very much. Making DVD was my dedication. Pere wrote me that 16 countries in Catalonia is not bad in this situation. I do not have to take this excuse. It is nothing.

I always take WBC first than myself. My family understood and supported me for so many years. But it is not easy in this moment for me and them after 3.11.

If I do not go to R1 and R2 by above reason, I will take my reason first. I should put my work in my schedule than giving more time and budget away for R1 and R2. I think it is normal. I only feel very sorry for your effort to find organizers for WBC. But I really do mean to make crush. I hope all people will understand it and I am expecting my luck to visit them the next time.

It is not easy to explain after the things became a little tangled like this. But I tried to open it and think it together with our delegates. And glad that at least 2 people in our delegate accepted their support.

Libor, thanks for your advice.

Sincerely yours,

Hiro

Below is the data of WBC in Japan. You will see the data tells about how many people came to WBC in Japan from abroad especially on (3) Most riders participated from Abroad.

Data of participation of WBC in Japan:

(1) Most countries participated: 18 countries in the year 2000

(2) Most riders participated in total: 186 riders/Japan 109, in the year 2006

(3) Most riders participated from Abroad: 114 riders (in total 183/Japan 69, in the year 2001

Below is the data from the entry list this year. You will see how many people will take part in each event from outside of Europe. In 2001, riders from outside Asia were about 100. If you compare to the data of R1 and R2 this year, you see it is less than 1/10 from the record of WBC in Japan.

Data of participation of 2012 WBC:

| ROUND | COUNTRY | RIDER | RIDER FROM OUTSIDE EURO |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| R1 | 14 | 134/France 41 | 7 riders from 3 countries |
| R2 | 16 | 148/Cat+Esp 64 | 7 riders from 3 countries |
| R3 | 16 | 102/Italy 24 | 10 riders from 3 countries |

Of course the situation of the world is changing all the time with many reasons. But then we needed much effort especially this time. You must know it was never come true except trying to the target. To let 114 riders fly to the far east (the distance away from Europe is a big handicap) is not very easy for Asian countries to make such good records. But it was made it. So why don we learn something from this? We cannot continue just watching it. The organizers should make their own target and should try their best seriously. Because it leads to the real success of the event and to good future of our sport.

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