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Dear Colleagues:

## INADO Update #9

### Membership

The Bermuda Sports Anti Doping Authority (BSADA), France's Agence de lutte contre le dopage (AFLD), and Spain's Agencia Estatal Antidopaje (AEA) are our newest members. Welcome to Deborah, to Bruno and Robert, and to Ana, and to their teams. They join other founding iNADO members: Dopingautoriteit Nederlands, UKAD, ASADA, JADA, USADA, DFSNZ, SAIDS, CCES, ADN, ADD, Singapore AD, NADA Germany, FINADA, the Irish Sports Council, PRADO and QADC.

### 2013 iNADO AGM

Our first AGM has been scheduled tentatively for Monday March 18, 2013, in Lausanne, Switzerland, the day before the WADA ADO Symposium. The AGM will be open to existing iNADO members, and to non-member NADOs and to RADOs as observers. **The day will include workshops free of charge to iNADO members, and at a fee to non-members.** Please reserve this date.

### NADO Leadership

NADOs lead global anti-doping efforts through innovation and through sharing. Here are three recent examples:

- The Netherlands Dopingautoriteit has launched a new English-language web-based Anti-Doping Knowledge Center: [www.doping.nl](http://www.doping.nl). This is an enormous collection of anti-doping documents of all types, including scientific articles, educational materials and hundreds of CAS and other disciplinary decisions. It is already an important research tool. Registration is free. The Anti-Doping Knowledge Center is just starting. It is already a substantial collection. And it is growing. It welcomes your contributions. If you have documents or other anti-doping material in electronic format that would benefit the anti-doping community, please submit them to: [info@antidoping.nl](mailto:info@antidoping.nl).
- Earlier this month, USADA held its 11th annual Scientific Symposium. Participants included scientists, NADO and IF staff, laboratory directors and academics. One of the main themes was: **does drug testing deter individuals from prohibited behaviours?** A main goal of the Symposium was: how can we increase the perception among athletes that testing will catch doping (i.e., "perceptual deterrence").
  - There were a number of presentations from academic and other criminologists that made the link between law enforcement and sanctions, and deterring criminal and other anti-social behaviour. Since criminology and anti-doping are both concerned with securing compliance with rules, the application of the principles and experience of criminology to anti-doping has considerable potential to increase the effectiveness of anti-doping. Among

the many interesting presentations:

- *Why Are Some Individuals More (or Less) Deterrable than Others? How Crime Deterrence Research Can Help Inform Anti-Doping Theory, Research, & Policy*, Alex R. Piquero, Ph.D., Ashbel Smith Professor of Criminology, University of Texas Dallas
- *Deterring the Athletes from Doping: A Criminological Perspective on Risk-Sensitivity, Deterrability, and Informal Sanctions*, Volkan Topalli, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, The Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University
- Other presentations were made on improved blood sampling techniques and improved laboratory analysis. A future iNADO Update will summarise some of the more interesting conclusions of the Symposium. But for me one conclusion is clear: **testing remains a vital tool in deterring doping (and of course it still detects doping). With improvements, testing can be even more effective in deterring doping.** If you are interested in more information, please contact Larry Bowers ([lbowers@usada.org](mailto:lbowers@usada.org)) or Matt Fedoruk ([mfedoruk@usada.org](mailto:mfedoruk@usada.org)) at USADA.
- More recently in October, ASADA and Anti-Doping Switzerland conducted a 3 ½ day training course on anti-doping intelligence & investigations (I&I). Nine NADOs, 1 IF (the IAAF, which is creating its own I&I capacity), WADA and Interpol were represented. This was a hands-on session that described the role of intelligence gathering and investigations in anti-doping, intelligence gathering practices, investigative techniques, and how to create an I&I capacity in even the smallest NADO.
  - One result of the course will be the creation of an iNADO I&I network of practitioners to encourage development of I&I capacity and to share best practices.
  - If you are interested in more information, please contact Michael O’Leary ([michael.o’leary@asada.gov.au](mailto:michael.o’leary@asada.gov.au)) or Mark Nichols ([mark.nichols@asada.gov.au](mailto:mark.nichols@asada.gov.au)) at ASADA.

## The Doping List

A commercial on-line service that tracks ADRVs and sanctions is the Doping List (<http://www.dopinglist.com/index.php?action=news>). Unlike the Anti-Doping Knowledge Center, this website requires a paid subscription. It provides:

- Access to a database with more than 4500 names of athletes, coaches or other persons suspended for an ADRV.
- Stats telling how many cases a sport or a country has, and how many men/women in a sport or from a country that has been sanctioned for an ADRV.

The sources are mostly from the websites of NADOs, IFs, and NFs.

## USADA Reasoned Decision on Lance Armstrong: Media (Re)action

One of the more interesting aspects of reaction to the USADA Reasoned decision is the enormous media reaction (including why so few investigative journalists pursued rumours and suspicions of systematic doping in cycling). I find it impossible to keep up with all of the media reports on all of the many aspects of the case. But one media “action” of note is from this past weekend. From the *Velonation* website:

“On Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, major European newspapers De Telegraaf (Netherlands), Le Soir and Het Nieuwsblad (Belgium), The Times (UK), La Gazzetta dell Sport (Italy) and L'Equipe (France) today each published what they titled a “manifesto for a credible cycling.” In it, they stated that they love the sport, strongly believe in its future, but are very concerned about the current situation. [emphasis added]

“To the long blacklist of doping scandals that has clouded the horizon of cycling in recent years must be added the Armstrong case, the confessions of several of his former teammates, the report of the American Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), which points to a malfunction or complicity of the International Cycling Union (UCI). Disturbing reports have filtered in from the Padua investigation, and the Puerto trial in Madrid opens in January,” they said.

“The recent revelations show clearly that we cannot put our faith in the UCI or any team managers complicit in the deception. But the failures lie with all the families that make up cycling.

“While acknowledging that things appear to have improved recently, the statement argues that it is impossible to continue with the current structures, rules and people.

“Because of that, it recommends a series of measures and reforms. They are:

- That the UCI recognizes its responsibilities in the Armstrong case and apologizes.
- The formation, under the responsibility of the Agency (WADA), of a neutral and independent commission to investigate the role and responsibility of the UCI in the Armstrong case and the fight against doping in general, and to report errors, abuses and possible complicity.
- That the organization of controls at the biggest races is the direct responsibility of WADA and anti-doping agencies.
- That the suspension penalties applicable in doping cases are more severe and sports groups pledge not to sign for two additional years any athletes suspended for more than six months.
- The restoration of the ‘gentlemen's agreement’ which provides that a rider who is under investigation for doping is automatically suspended by his team.
- A stronger involvement and accountability of the title sponsors who fund teams.

- Reform of the World Tour, its points system and licensing, which remains closed and opaque. We also propose that the licenses are no longer issued to the managers, but the sponsors.

- The organisation of a major 'cycling summit' before the start of the 2013 season in order to define the new structure and new rules."

While some of these ideas are likely non-starters (especially the concept of ADOs as sport- or event-governing bodies, others bear reflection (such as the involvement in anti-doping of the sponsors and funders of events). Here is a link to one of the many reports about the manifesto:

<http://www.velonation.com/News/ID/13160/Media-manifesto-keeps-pressure-on-for-lasting-change-in-the-sport.aspx>

Another of the more interesting aspects of the whole matter is the UCI legal action against journalist Paul Kimmage for defamation. It too took interesting turns over the weekend:

<http://www.velonation.com/News/ID/13166/Indications-Kimmage-may-take-legal-action-of-his-own-against-UCI.aspx>

These media (re)actions relating to the USADA Reasoned Decision illustrate just how important this matter is for all NADOs and RADOs, for their government funders and partners, and for sport as a whole.

### **Concluding Words**

Never hesitate to contact me if you need assistance. Let me know what is happening in your country and in your organisation. Tell me how INADO can help you do a better job.

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