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### **New Organisers for UCI Para-cycling World Championships**

Initially scheduled to take place in Cali, Columbia, from 12<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2010, the UCI World Para-cycling Championships will finally be relocated.

The road events will take place from 17<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> August in Baie-Comeau, in the province of Quebec, Canada. The track races will take place in November or December; several potential organisers have been contacted by the UCI, which will shortly attribute this part of the event.

In parallel with the relocation of the World Championship competitions, the final round of the UCI Para-cycling World Cup, which was to take place in Baie-Comeau from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> July, will take place from 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> August in the same region, in Sept-Îles. The organiser of these two events is the same (Paramanic International).

The proximity – both geographic and date-wise – of the final round of the Para-cycling World Cup and the discipline's World Championships will be an advantage for the participating nations: reduced costs, simpler logistics and acclimatisation to the time difference.

The UCI would like to thank the Baie-Comeau organisers, who, despite the relatively short deadline, have accepted to organise the road events of the UCI Para-cycling World Championships. On the other hand, it regrets the sudden and unexpected defection of the Columbian National Federation.

The Para-cycling World Championships, which this year will welcome some 325 athletes from more than 40 countries, have been organised under the UCI's auspices since 2007. The competitions in the 2010 edition count towards qualification for the 2012 London Paralympic Games.



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