

Candidature for UCI Management Committee

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Dear Presidents and dear colleagues,

I have been member of the UCI Management Committee for the past 7 years. Let me explain how I got there and why I would like to continue the work.

I have been a long-time athlete. I started as a regional racer in Cross- country skiing in Southern Czech Republic. With good training and early race success the opportunities to compete nationally started to come up. I enjoyed racing against the fastest in the country and it helped me to choose my life path. I competed in youth categories before making it on the Czech Republic National XC Ski Team where my athletic career became a reality. The political changes in my country and the rest of Eastern Europe in 1989, which opened borders and allowed for international competition, played a pivotal role in my growth as an athlete.

During my time at Sport Gymnasium Vimperk I got a chance to ride and race mountain bike for a first time in 1994. This experience ignited a passion for cycling that I still have today. I continued to combine both mountain biking and cross-country skiing for several years and very much enjoyed winter and summer sports.

However, a tragic event in my life – the loss of my older sister – forced me to reevaluate my priorities and find a way to cope with the challenges I was facing. I decided to detour from sports and accepted skiing scholarship at a university in the United States. The prospect of studying in English and relocation to a foreign country was daunting, but it also provided a much-needed distraction while I managed my life. The NCAA ski racing was extremely competitive, but I balanced my studies and training effectively. Training outside was always my happy place and eventually I realized that being an athlete was still a possibility, and I decided to pursue it once again.

Finally, I dedicated my time fully to cycling and decided to focus on mountain bikes. I earned a spot on new All Women's MTB Team called the Luna Pro Team (later renamed CLIF Pro Team.) We were the first ever all women MTB team with one year commitment from Clif Bar Inc. I started with the team during its inaugural year and spent an incredible 20 years racing for them.

After few years of focusing on MTB I had a chance to try cyclocross. After crossing finish line of my first CX race I had a feeling that I found exactly what I have been looking for. CX is a perfect combination of XC skiing effort and cycling. Shorter in distance and very dynamic. I continued to do my full MTB program and finding ways to include as much CX as I could. Cyclocross became my favorite and at the end of my international career I decided to give back to the discipline that brought me so much joy. I presented myself as an athlete representative for the UCI Athletes Commission.

I was honored to get elected by my peers for cyclocross representative and later by the AC members to be President of the Athletes Commission. Together, we fought for the President of AC to be full member of MC Commission. This request got approved by the Management Commission and for the first time ever athletes were fully represented at the MC.

I'm currently on my second term working with my colleagues at the MC and I have gained lot of knowledge about UCI activities. I have contributed with my experience from the race field and collaborated on multiple projects while sharing the unique athletic perspective. I value UCI's effort to include athletes in their governing decisions and I take my position very seriously. During my second term, I was also appointed as UCI Vice-President, a historic first for an athlete.

Since the end of my international race career, I have returned to more of grassroots style of racing, which feels right as I complete my career and continue to stay active. Racing and working for UCI has been a perfect combination, keeping me connected to the athletes while having time for the required office work.

With the support of European delegates, I hope to continue my work on the Management Commission. We have seen steady growth across the European continent in all cycling disciplines, as well as exciting progress in women's cycling. I'm actively supporting the new group of athletes to run for their perspective disciplines and guiding the newly elected ones. Thank you for considering my candidacy. I'm looking forward to the opportunity to serve on the UCI Management Committee and contribute to the continued success of cycling in Europe and around the World.

Professional Experience:

Professional Athletics:
CLIF Pro Team.

International
2002-2022

Professional Race Team Member
Conducting Life Style Clinics and Seminars
Product Development

Clif Family Foundation/ Specialized 2023 – Present
I build my own program and continued racing.
Part of this project was to support young riders and provide a start to professional cycling career.

UCI:

UCI Vice- President 2021- Present
President Athlete’s Commission 2017-Present
President of Cyclocross Commission 2021- Present
Member of Management Commission 2018- Present
Member of Cyclocross Commission 2018- 2021

Marketing:

Dude Girl Truckee, CA
2006-2007

Office Manager of Operations
Conducting Market Research

Education:

University of Nevada, Reno Reno, NV
Bachelor of Science Degree, Marketing Class of 2005

Personal Accomplishments:

Five Times Olympian (2016 Rio, 2012 London, 2002- Salt Lake, 1998- Nagano, 1996- Atlanta)
Eight Times World Cup Winner (7 x CX, 1 x MTB XC)
Two Times Bronze Medalist at CX World Championship
4 Times Third Overall World Cup (2x MTB, 2x CX)
Two Times Bronze Medalist at European Championship (1 x MTB, 1 x CX)
1995 MTB Junior Silver Medalist
4 NCAA XC Ski Champion
Multiple Times Czech Republic National Champion in MTB, CX and XC skiing