



Board of Directors of
European Cycling Union (UEC)
Maison du Sport International
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Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board of Directors,

I hope this letter finds you well. Cyprus Cycling Federation would like to present the candidature of Mr. Igor Makarov for the UCI Management Committee at the next Congress of the UEC, which will take place on March 9, 2025.

Please find attached:

- Curriculum Vitae and Presentation of the candidate
- Passport copy
- UCI license for 2024, 2025

Dear Mr. President and General Secretary, please accept my assurances of the highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Georgios Georgiou
President



Andri Stratoura
General Secretary

IGOR MAKAROV

International Philanthropist and Businessman



Igor Makarov, a former professional cyclist, was born on April 15, 1962 in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan. Mr. Makarov has accomplished professional and athletic successes. His life has been the culmination of pure determination, strength of spirit, and unwavering dedication.

With an equal interest in education and sports, Igor Makarov graduated from Turkmen State University in 1983 and competed as a world-class cyclist from 1979 to 1986.

As a member of the USSR national cycling team and a winner of many national and international championships, Makarov achieved the title of International Master of Sports.

At the end of his highly decorated athletic career in 1986, Igor Makarov cultivated a growing interest in business and embarked on a burgeoning career as an entrepreneur. Starting initially with a small consumer goods manufacturing company, Mr. Makarov built upon that experience to run numerous successful enterprises.

Igor Makarov and his companies are focused on investment opportunities in Europe, Central Asia, North America, and the Middle East.

As a former professional cyclist, Igor Makarov has always been actively involved in the development of world cycling and cycling for all:

- **UCI.** In September 2011, he was elected as a member of the International Cycling Union (UCI) Management Committee. In 2016, he was awarded a UCI Merit in Doha, Qatar.
- **UEC and Local Charity Rides.** Mr. Makarov and his companies funded various global cycling organizations, such as Union Européenne de Cyclisme (UEC) federations, and various local charity rides, like “Tour de Broward” and “The Hublot Best Buddies Challenge: Miami.”
- **Professional Cycling.** In addition, Igor Makarov was the founder and the main sponsor of the Swiss-registered professional cycling team KATUSHA, which successfully performed on the World Tour from 2009 to 2019 and was one of the best teams in the world for several years in a row.
- **Cycling for all.** Today, Igor Makarov is actively involved in developing cycling for all in Cyprus, where he resides, sponsoring and organizing various cycling events and promoting cycling for all across the local communities.

Apart from cycling development, Igor Makarov and his companies carry on charity traditions, which account for multiple large-scale charity projects and events, like charitable donation to open the Mount Sinai’s Adult Autism (Miami Beach, USA); project of the Books for Cecutient Children Fund - books for visually impaired children; Reconstruction and construction of Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and Buddhist Temples across the world; Charity projects in cooperation with various charity funds such as Best Buddies International, Chabad Lubavitch of Southside, Fundación Niños Del, His House Children’s Home, Hope For a Healthier Humanity, Make-A-Wish, Miami Padel Masters LLC, and many others.

Mr. Makarov is a Cyprus national and tax resident.



Dear friends and colleagues,

Cycling has been an inherent part of my life for over 50 years both professionally and as a part of my everyday activity for pleasure and health. It is a great honor for me to be part of the multimillion international cycling family.

I have been a member of the UCI Management Committee since 2011 and I believe that with your trust and my dedication we as a cycling family can make our sport grow even bigger.

We should use our expertise accumulated throughout many years and make it a bright future for cycling.

I believe that only joint efforts can lead to a victory. Staying together, as one team, we can make sure that unifying force of cycling can not only promote cycling as a healthy lifestyle and ecologic means of transport, but also help us overcome multiple challenges across nations and continents. This is how our collective input can help develop, popularize and expand our sport globally for the benefit of society.

Vast experience, different views and new creative ideas multiplied by joint efforts will serve our common goal. I hope to have your support to continue to be a part of the Management Committee for the next four years.

Yours sincerely,

Igor Makarov