



## **Women's Cycling Association Board of Director Vice Presidents, Iris Slappendel and Georgia Gould, Voted to Revamped UCI Athletes' Commission**

Winston-Salem, NC – For Release June 25, 2015 –The Women's Cycling Association applauds the recent announcement of the newly elected athletes to the revamped UCI Athletes' Commission, and is excited to learn that two WCA Board of Director Vice Presidents have been voted to the 13 member commission by their peers - 2014 Dutch Road Champion, [Iris Slappendel](#), and, 2012 Cross County MTB Olympic Bronze Medalist, [Georgia Gould](#)! This is the first time members have been voted on the commission directly by their peers! Click [HERE](#) to see the full results of the election.



**Iris Slappendel**

*"I am thrilled to be part of the renewed UCI Athletes' Commission, to help make the UCI become a more transparent organization, said Slappendel. It is an honor to be elected to the commission by my peers. I am inspired by their trust and confidence in me; and look forward to representing them to the best of my ability. I do feel responsible for my colleagues in the women's peloton, and hope they will turn to me when they are struggling with issues. It is very important for women's cycling to have a voice in the UCI. My predecessor, Marianne Vos, has already achieved some important changes in women's cycling. I look forward to continuing her efforts to make our sport more professional in every aspect."*

In March, 2015 the UCI announced it would revamp the Athletes' Commission as part of its renewed efforts to make the UCI a "more transparent and open organization." According to the UCI, the charge of the 13 member commission is to:

- improve the training and competition conditions for athletes;
- give riders the opportunity to have their say with the guarantee of being heard by the cycling family and its administration;
- allow the UCI to receive riders' opinions directly;
- reinforce the links between current or recently-retired athletes and the UCI.

*"I'm very excited to be a part of the UCI athletes' commission, said Gould. The creation of this commission and the fact that the UCI has mandated equal representation of men and women really highlights the momentum that women's cycling is experiencing at this time. The fact that several members of the WCA are on the commission is evidence of the realization of the [WCAs strategic goals](#) of having more women in leadership positions."*



**Georgia Gould**

The WCA is a coalition of cyclists, across the globe, which supports the advancement and success of Women's Cycling, on both sporting and business levels. The WCA continues to work with cycling industry companies and other organizations, worldwide, as well as media to grow the sport of cycling and ensure sustainability in women's cycling for the future.

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