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« Many of us are ruled by passion. We want to push our limits, to take up challenges... Speaking for myself, I have been involved in offshore racing for several years and my ultimate challenge is to beat the around the world solo sailing record aboard my trimaran « Sodebo ».

That illustrates the connection I feel to those who will set out on the Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur in 2015. It's a true challenge, an adventure for the body and the mind, and it starts now, by careful physical training and testing of your equipment. You must give yourself every chance to achieve your goal, and even if you don't reach it, you must know that you have done the best you can. After this lengthy preparation, getting to the start of PBP will release you, and yet the start requires extreme concentration and constant attention. You will feel better later, when you make your mark in this fabulous story with the power of muscle and mind. You will embark on an initiation journey. You will dig deep in your inner self for unsuspected resources and build motivation when encountering randonneurs from all horizons and sharing your experience with them. All challenges have a common frame, but each challenge is unique. I wish you success in fulfilling your dream in 2015 ! »

Thomas COVILLE, skipper of Sodebo

Born May 10, 1968 in Rennes, France. Lives in Locmariaquer (Morbihan). Married with two children. Top athlete, engineer, skipper of Sodebo since 1999, Thomas Coville is a sailing enthusiast. He achieved several circumnavigations of the world. He has the recognition of his peers and is praised for taking much care of the boats he steers.

- ACHIEVEMENTS**
- ▶ 7 circumnavigations of the world (3 single-handed, 5 on multihulls, 2 on monohull).
 - ▶ 9 roundings of Cape Horn and more than 15 Trans-Atlantic Races.
 - ▶ 7 single-handed records and 4 crewed records.
 - ▶ 4 « Route du Rhum » with 1 victory on monohull in 1998 and 2 podiums on trimaran (in 2006 and 2010).
 - ▶ More:
 - 2011-2012 Volvo Ocean Race, aboard Groupama 4 (winner)
 - Winner of the Jules Vernes Trophy in 1997 and 2010
 - 2nd of The Transat in 2004
 - Winner of the Transat Jacques Vabre in 1998
 - 2nd of the Mini Transat in 1997

PARIS-BREST-PARIS RANDONNEUR AS SEEN BY...

— Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines —



The Community of Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines is proud to host the 18th edition of Paris-Brest-Paris from August 16 to 20, 2015. This world-renowned event gives us a new opportunity to celebrate bicycling. For the first time, the start and finish of the most famous long-distance randonnée will take place at the National Velodrome of Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines. With the construction of the National Velodrome, Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines now

ranks as a world capital of cycling. From Feb 18 to 22, 2015, the UCI Track Cycling World Championships will be hosted in this outstanding venue for the first time. Thousands of fans will cheer the French cycling team. No wonder the French Cycling Federation has chosen this building to house the National Cycling Centre and benefit from these world class facilities.

In everyday life, the citizens of Saint-Quentin enjoy a dense network of bicycle paths and our city supports all types of cycling clubs, whether for recreational rides, touring or competition. Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines is home to all cycling enthusiasts!

Although it is a true challenge for us to welcome the Paris-Brest-Paris, with its 6,000 riders and their supporters from all over the world, our township community is used to hosting large sporting events. In 2018, Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines will also host the Ryder Cup, the world's largest professional golf event.

We love emotions in sport and we want to share them with you. I wish you all a great Paris-Brest-Paris !



Michel LAUGIER

Chairman of the Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines
Community of Townships

— Montigny-le-Bretonneux —

In hosting proudly not only the 2015 UCI Track Cycling World Championships but also the start and finish of the 18th Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur, Montigny-le-Bretonneux catches up with world cycling, this year.

Montigny-le-Bretonneux has been rewarded many times for its outstanding support of sports, in particular by the Olympic Committee in 2008. Indeed, we attach great importance to offering our inhabitants opportunities to practice sports or related leisure activities: nearly fifty disciplines are represented for more than 10,000 members!

Our citizens are passionate about sports and about the challenge of outdoing oneself. We can count on them, and in particular on the Bicycle Club of Montigny-le-Bretonneux (one of the most important clubs in France by number of members), to encourage the participants in that formidable 1200 km challenge of Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur.

Montigny-le-Bretonneux is for the first time the start and finish town of this prestigious international Randonnée. We have the desire to assure the continuity of this summer sporting event which is firmly placed under the banner of success.



Michel CRETIN

Deputy Mayor of Montigny-le-Bretonneux, in Charge of Sports

— Brest —



The summer of 2015 will be intense for Brest, and this new edition of the Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur will be a major part of it. Every four years we are pleased to welcome all the participants in this beautiful cycling adventure which each time adds a new important page to the long history of Brest and the bicycle: a page of an international sporting event, full of effort and emotion. As of now, we are working together with the organizing committee of the Audax Club Parisien to assure you an even better reception, to let you discover - if only for a short time - the city of Brest and to make you eager to come back soon, without waiting for four years.

This summer of 2015 will be a summer of passion for Brest. The passion for the bicycle which we will share with you. The passion for the sea which we will share with all who love the sea, sailing and adventure, given the calling in of the Hermione on her way back from the Atlantic crossing only a few days before you arrive. This is also the prelude to the International festival of the sea, boats and sailors which we host on July 13-19, 2016.

So, welcome in Brest! We are waiting for you, and we will share together the passion for the bicycle, the sea and the beautiful events.

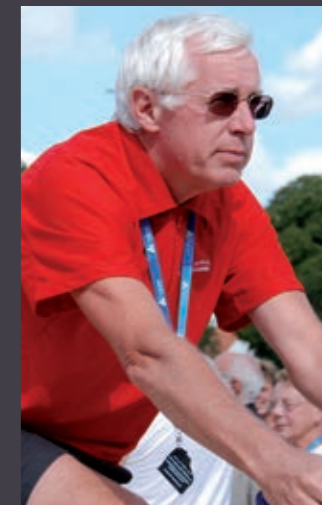


François GUILLANDRE

Mayor of Brest

— The French Federation of Cyclotourism (FFCT) —

We are again in the pinnacle year of randonneuring. Some of you took the opportunity to ride one or more brevets in 2014 in order to ensure a registration priority, others have already started training to be all set for the big event.



Indeed, to perform successfully in this randonnée, you must train hard and regularly. You cannot begin to train just a few months before the start. A lack of training may partly explain the high number of dropouts in the past on this challenging ride, whose profile is as rough as the granite mountains in Brittany.

The event has deserved to be called «international celebration of randonneuring» for quite a long time now. The 5 continents are represented by riders from more than 70 countries. All of these international participants will tackle the legendary 1200 km route both for the sake of cycling and to achieve a personal challenge. Quite simply, they love randonneuring.

But the celebration is not limited to sport. It has in it fun, friendship, socializing, originality and even sometimes exuberance. Not only the participants are waiting for the great event, but all the volunteers from the many clubs and cities as well. On the long route from Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines to Brest, these volunteers will provide nice and welcoming places where riders and crews will take a refreshing rest.

May this new edition take place in good weather conditions and with as few dropouts as possible, to make the great randonneuring celebration even more beautiful for everyone taking part and for everyone involved in bicycle touring.

Dominique LAMOULLER

President of the French Federation of Cyclotourism

PARIS-BREST-PARIS RANDONNEUR AS SEEN BY...

Project Manager



Ah, the PBPs ! They are scheduled for only every 4 years !

In 1991, I was riding - maybe with you, or you ? At that time, this already prestigious event did not welcome so many riders looking for extreme adventure, as it does today. Within a couple of days, you will have a full assessment of your physical and mental

abilities. PBP will give you confidence in yourself and will also give you a boost for a long time !

I was project manager in 2011. I could measure the breadth of work to be done by everyone in the organizing boards. I also saw, I tried to solve, and I solved many difficulties that everyone encountered. This experience allows me to tell you that, to successfully ride Paris-Brest-Paris, you must :

- Learn to know yourself and pay close attention to your equipment. Do not overtrain to the extent of becoming excessively tired !
- Be well-trained (the brevets you have ridden in 2014 and 2015 will assist) and above all, take a good rest before the ride !
- Try to remain focused, and think safety. Your reflective vest should always be visible (above the rainwear and not below!). This also applies to the recumbents and streamlined recumbents !
- The route is scenic but long and difficult, and the weather is unpredictable. It is a multi-faceted challenge and you will have to overcome all kind of difficulties !

Our organizing board and the many volunteers who love PBP will be ready to welcome you at the start. The Communauté d'Agglomération de Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines will welcome you at the National Velodrome, a prestigious start and finish place. The local Councillors of Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines and their staff are providing valuable assistance. It will be the same all along the route. Manifold support will be offered in all controls and in other rest places. The town councillors and the volunteers, who cater for you and for us, will be intent on cheering you up and helping you out, often assisted by people who come to watch the riders. Please be aware that they are totally committed to supporting us, and that they all deserve our gratitude. Please respect their town and their environment. Please obey the traffic laws under all circumstances and do whatever the officials and organizers ask of you. I wish to all of you : Riders, Volunteers, local Councillors and Partners, a great PBP !

Paul ARSAC

2015 Project Manager

FFCT National Technical Director

A Worldwide Passion

In August 2015, 6,000 riders representing five continents will set out for the legendary and prestigious Paris-Brest-Paris. This constantly growing passion is undoubtedly due to the international nature of the event.

Since Charles Terront won the first edition in 1891, this organization is rightly considered as exceptional by all long-distance enthusiasts. The great history of cycling has some of its roots in this ride. In the pure tradition of cyclotourism and randonneuring, the long-distance brevets obviously cast a spell on many riders around the world.

Start, Ride, Finish

To finish PBP, it is necessary to show up at the start in perfect physical condition, and to ride as steady as possible throughout the course. You have to conserve energy, manage rest times, ride at night, digest food and cope with sometimes surprising weather (heat, wind, rain, etc.). Moreover your bike should be adapted for spending many hours in the saddle. Comfort prevails over performance.

« Made in France »

Today thousands of brevets are organized around the world under the regulations of the Audax Club Parisien. The complete brevet series is organized in more than 60 countries, allowing international riders to qualify for the PBP. What a great example of a worldwide exported sport !

The French Federation of Cyclotourism and the official bodies are honored by this renown, which was boosted further by Robert and Suzanne Lepertel a few decades ago.

We wish a great success to the organizing board and to the participants. May the 18th PBP be as challenging and as magical as the preceding editions. PBP continues to cast its spell.

Jean-Michel RICHEFORT

French Federation of Cyclotourism, National Technical Director

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did not ride this randonnée, but different images come to my mind :

- riders arriving throughout the night, when I was staffing the snack stand ;
- exhausted riders sleeping, without having the strength to get in the shower and change clothes ;
- riders finishing with gear and equipment that I would not dare to use on short rides ;
- and the new riders coming from all over the world, like the riders from India I met through the Internet.

I would like to commend all those riders for their courage, as well as the organizers, who face multiple worries to keep this event alive, and the volunteers who are always indispensable.

Joël SICK

French Federation of Cyclotourism, President of the Parisian Board (CoDep75)



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A NEW PARIS-BREST-PARIS RANDONNEUR

What's new?



After twenty years and six editions at the Gymnase des Droits de l'Homme ('Gymnase of Human Rights'), start and finish will be off public roads this time, at the brand new Vélodrome National de Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, situated in Montigny-le-Bretonneux.

Similarly to the bicycle control the day before, you will be

able to pick your precise starting time among about twenty waves. This eliminates the pointless exhaustion from waiting for hours in the sun or the rain. You will finally be able to take a nap in the recreation park nearby, or to encourage the participants leaving before you without obstructing their path.

Finally, two more novelties: Your package will include a high-visibility vest conformant with the French traffic laws, and you will be offered a hot meal at the finish.

But, in order to arrive safely, you will have to plan ahead and accumulate sufficient time in the bank for the case of unexpected trouble, be it material, physical or psychological.

Looking forward to meeting with you, randonneur friends of the whole world, during these couple of days of celebrations!

And Thank You to all the actors involved who have been preparing this extraordinary event with the goal to welcome you under the best possible conditions, all along the road from Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines to Brest and back, in August 2015.



Thierry RIVET

President of the Audax Club Parisien

PARIS-BREST-PARIS FOR YOUNG RIDERS

THE NATIONAL YOUTH COMMISSION OF THE FRENCH FEDERATION OF CYCLOTOURISM ORGANIZES EVERY FOUR YEARS A GREAT RANDONNÉE FOR YOUNG RIDERS :

This randonné is divided into 12 stages, with a rest day in Brest. On the return journey, the young riders will experience the Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur official route. Let's not forget that the minimum age to ride PBP is 18 years.

The young riders will stop at each official control. This will enable them to meet, chat and ride with the grown-up randonneurs.

They will start from Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines on Friday, August 07, and they will be back on Thursday, August

20, after having completed about 1,300 km.

This randonné is open to boys and girls aged from 14 to 17 years. It is the flagship of the youth touring events run by our Federation.

The organizers provide support and accomodation. Daily routes are designed so that each participant can enjoy this stage ride. We wish to all young riders a great Paris-Brest-Paris !



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THE ORGANIZERS HAVE TALKED THOSE VOLUNTEERS INTO HELPING YOU, LISTENING TO YOU, CHEERING YOU ON AND SHARING YOUR DREAM THAT BEGAN MANY MONTHS AGO. PLEASE DO NOT HOLD IT AGAINST THEM IF SOMETHING GOES SLIGHTLY WRONG ON YOUR JOURNEY. NOBODY IS PERFECT. BE AWARE THAT THEY WILL DO THEIR BEST TO MAKE YOU HAPPY, BUT DO NOT ASK FOR THE MOON. YOU WILL NEED THEM. WITHOUT THEM, THE PBP RANDONNEUR 2015 WOULD NOT EXIST.

TO LIMIT THE CROWDS AT THE LOUDEAC AND CARHAIX SLEEPING STOPS, WE WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATION IN QUEDILLAC AND IN SAINT-NICOLAS-DU-PELEM, BETWEEN BOTH CONTROLS. YOU WILL FIND SLEEPING, SHOWER AND FOOD OPPORTUNITIES.

DANIEL KONCEWIEZ, Head of course controls

Dreux

Dreux is pleased to host riders from around the world for the 18th Paris-Brest-Paris in August 2015. Only 65 km from the finish line in Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, the 15th and last stage will allow you to discover our city and its surroundings.

I would like to welcome you on behalf of the City Council and of all citizens. Be sure that we will make every effort to host you in the best conditions, so that you retain great memories of your stop in Dreux.

I warmly thank all volunteers for their strong involvement in this project, and the organizers



for holding a checkpoint in our city. Welcome to Dreux and good luck to all !

Gérard HAMEL
Mayor of Dreux

Once again, the volunteers of the Vélo Sport Drouais welcome the participants in Paris-Brest-Paris. It is the fourth time that the Audax Club Parisien entrusts us with the organization of the checkpoint in Dreux, the last control before your big finish in Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines.

We thank the City Council of Dreux for allowing us to provide this control at the vast and nice premises of the Palais des Sports, which are appreciated by athletes and supervisors in many sports.

During the 18th Paris-Brest-Paris, numerous volunteers from

our cycling club and from fellow associations will use this venue and the various facilities provided by the City Council to make your last stop as pleasant as possible. We hope that you will retain good memories of Dreux and that you will come back later to visit our city's rich cultural heritage.

Good luck to all participants and organizers for this wonderful challenge.

Laurent BARRIER

President of the Vélo Sport Drouais

Mortagne-au-Perche

« Mortagne is on the mountain » or « Mortagne is the most beautiful village of France » according to two local sayings.

During the last centuries of the monarchy, Mortagne-au-Perche, today a sub-prefecture, was the administrative capital of the Perche. The city did not suffer much material



detriment from the war and has preserved its monuments and architectural treasures.

The philosopher Alain was born in Mortagne in 1868. 23 years later, in 1891, the participants in the first Paris-Brest-Paris were controlled at the Hôtel de la Bouteille, which no longer exists and was close to the current control.

Les Randonneurs du Perche and the citizens of Mortagne are more than ever committed to the Paris-Brest-Paris and

will put their heart into welcoming you in 2015.

On your way to Brest and on your return, we will host you in the premises of the Carré du Perche. You will find varied food, bar and grill outdoors, sleeping and shower in the gymnasium and on-site parking space.

Les Randonneurs du Perche and the local volunteers will strive to make your visit as pleasant as possible. We will listen to you, share your experience and encourage all those who need it.

Dear randonneurs from around the world, we want to share your dream, we want it to come true for each and everyone of you, so that when you return home, you remember your stop by us in Mortagne-au-Perche.

We feel proud and honored by your visit. We can't wait to welcome you in our city !

Les Randonneurs du Perche

Villaines-la-Juhel



Villaines-la-Juhel is pleased to welcome the participants in the 18th PBP Randonneur in August 2015. We thank the Audax Club Parisien for trusting us since 1979 by including us in the most famous long-distance event. It's an honor ! Villaines-la-Juhel, located northeast of the department of Mayenne, at the heart of the 'Haut Maine et Pail', is a gate to the regional nature park of Normandie-Maine. Our town belongs to a strong community of 27 townships.

On the mythical PBP, we are at km 225 on your way out, and at km 1000 on your way back. You are riding through the Mayenne during more than 80 km. You enter the department at Averton (which has a mountain bike training camp) and you leave it after Saint-Ellier-du-Maine. Moors, forests and ridges alternate harmoniously all along quiet shaded roads lined with mansions, castles, chapels and mills.

After the official control in Villaines-la-Juhel, winding roads bring you in «the mountain» : the surprisingly arid hills of Hardanges. Then you cross charming towns nest-

led in the wooded countryside of the Bocage Mayennais : Lassay-les-Châteaux, Ambrières-les-Vallées and Gorron. All along the route, day and night, the people of Mayenne, in awe of this fantastic challenge, are present to encourage, cheer and support the riders.

The venue remains unchanged from the previous Paris-Brest-Paris. We will give better opportunities for campers to park near the site and improve the sleeping conditions for the riders.

As on the previous editions, we are supported by the City Council of Villaines-la-Juhel, the Township Community of Mont des Avaloirs, the Council of the department of Mayenne, the Tourist Office of Mont des Avaloirs, Mayenne Tourisme and the Committee for Cyclotourism in Mayenne. Our teams of volunteers (medical unit, local associations and School Saint Nicolas) will do their best to cater for the participants and those accompanying.

The Cyclotourists from the Tourist Office of Villaines, the City Council of Villaines-la-Juhel, the Township Community of Mont des Avaloirs and the Department of Mayenne welcome the Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur 2015 and the participants from the five continents.

Christian BULLOT

On Behalf of the C.V.O.T

Fougères



It's a tradition : every four years, Fougères is a PBP-control. Again in August 2015, all members of the Union Cycliste Fougeraise, along with many other volunteers, will make every effort to accommodate thousands of cyclists from around the world.

As always, stress rises over the months, weeks and days, as the event approaches. The premises of the Lycée Jean Guéhenno, including the completely renovated gymnasium, will still be used to meet the expectations of the Audax Club Parisien.

Fougères is a true cycling land. The PBP is faithful to us from the beginning. The Amaury Sport Organisation also trusted us to be a city stage of the Tour de France in 2013... and again in 2015. Our city has many tourist attractions (the wonderful castle, the historic district, the upper town and the national forest), and we are sports-

oriented. In 2013, the newspaper L'Equipe awarded us a trophy for being the French town (under 20,000 population) whose sports facilities were the best suited for the disabled.

We will welcome you under the banner of sport and conviviality. We hope that you and those with you will appreciate the beauty of our city.

We can't wait for August 2015. We are looking forward to sharing with you this 18th PBP that will cast its spell on everybody throughout the 1200 km long route. See you at your 300th and 900th kilometer for control, food, sleep and encouragement !

Jean-Claude NOLAIS

President of the Union Cycliste Fougeraise





Tinténiac



Tinténiac is a rural town with a population of 3,327. It is located 28 km from Rennes, 42 km from Saint Malo, 23 km from Dinan and 12 km from Combourg (the closest railway station). The Ille et Rance canal, which connects the Atlantic Ocean (at Redon) to the Channel (at Dinard), flows through the town.

Tinténiac has a park suitable for caravans and motor homes, two campsites, three hotels with restaurants - la Guinguette, l'Hôtel des Voyageurs, le Relais des Onze Ecluses, two pizzerias, a creperie, a café, a supermarket and a magnificent 100 year old church illuminated at night which is well worth a visit.

2015 will see the 18th PBP. Tinténiac is the third control on the way to Brest at km 365, as well as on the return to Paris at km 858. We are located between the control of Fougères, about 52 km away, and the control of Loudéac, 80 km away.

Tinténiac and its cycling club

l'ACIR have hosted PBP since 1979 and it will be the tenth time in 2015. The Amicale Cyclos de l'Ille et Rance, which is affiliated to the French Federation of Bicycle Touring, was created in 1972 and is consequently 42 years old. It has 50 members, 10 of whom are women.

150 volunteers will work together to validate the riders' cards. We will also be in charge of food, sleeping facilities (150 beds), mechanical help and medical care (with the help of first-aiders). We will put up signs for the riders and regulate the comings and goings at the school house where the control will be located.

We would like to thank in advance the City and its Maintenance Department, the School of Bel Air who will host you in 2015, and all volunteers and ACIR members who will be working around the clock.

The ACP board can rely on us!

Gilbert PINCEMIN

President of the ACIR



Quédillac

At the Heart of Paris-Brest-Paris

After organizing a few secret controls, Quédillac is officially Guest Town for the second time. Our village was involved in the PBP history from the beginning, in 1891, when Charles Terront won the race. In 1948, a control was held in a café located in the town center. The Belgian Albert Hendrickx achieved a new record amongst the professional racers, performing 1182 km in 41h36.

Whatever the improvements and changes in the PBP route, Quédillac has always been at the heart of the trip, 400 km from Paris and 200 km from Brest.

The Quédillac Cycling Club and the City Council are ready to welcome the riders and those accompanying. The city hall will be converted into dormitory with restrooms and showers. Light refreshments will be available.

We will offer a parking place next the city hall and a shaded green area. The municipal swimming pool will also accommodate you during the afternoon, a few hundred meters up and still on the course.

Located 26 km from Tinténiac and 59 km from Loudéac, we use to say that Quédillac is at the crossroads of Brittany, halfway between the North

Coast and the South Coast and in the first third of PBP. All volunteers who rally for the event are looking forward to your coming. 'Galette-saucisses' (hot sausages wrapped in crepe) will be served, as when the Stade Rennais football club plays at home. It's tradition! Life and fun will be provided day and night during these special days, and the reality will exceed your dreams.

Thank you in advance to the City Councillors and the Technical Department, who will be with us for the success of this event.

André GUITTON

On behalf of the Quédillac Cycling Club and of the City Council

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Loudéac

Loudéac, at the Heart of Brittany

Loudéac is located in the centre of Brittany. It is framed by the Oust and the Lié rivers. In this area you will experience one of the steepest parts of PBP. You will not have enough time to visit our town.

Loudéac, a City with many Sports Associations

A Sports Palace opened its doors a few months ago. This new sports complex with futuristic design brings Loudéac fully into modernity. The beautiful building appealed to the Regional Cycling Committee of Brittany, who has chosen to install its new headquarters nearby.

Loudéac, a Welcoming City

Your family and crew may take a break at Aquarev, our new space for recreation and relaxation. They can find accommodation at the Camping *** near the national forest, which has beautiful marked trails.

They may choose to stay at the Relais de Saint-Guil-laume, a tourist centre located on the edge of the forest, close to many outdoor activities (hiking, horseback riding, kayaking, mountain biking).



In the town centre, they will discover the old narrow streets decorated with flowers, the church and its historical listed organ, the hotels and restaurants... They will love our city and will surely make you want to come back!

We are looking forward to your visit and wish to all a good training!

The City Council and the Board of the Amicale Cyclo de Loudéac

Saint Nicolas du Pélem

Saint-Nicolas-du-Pélem is looking forward to welcoming the participants in the Paris-Brest-Paris 2015.

For the second time, the School Sports Office and the Sports Associations will make every effort to provide sleeping, shower and food. This year we will host you in the school and everything will happen on the same site.

Valley and the Beaucours Forest, you will enjoy camping, swimming, creperie, restaurants ... in all simplicity and accordance with tradition.

We thank the School Jean Jaurès for making their premises available. This will help us to cater for the riders as best as possible.

The Sports Office

Located between Loudéac and Carhaix, at km 493 on the way out, at km 733 on the way back, Saint-Nicolas-du-Pélem and its hundreds of volunteers are proud to help and share this challenging experience with the riders. Every sportsman in the region is waiting with pride and impatience for your coming in our small town of the Kreiz Breizh, that is : the heart of Brittany !!

If you have some time or if you want to come back !! ...

The Tourist Office of Kreiz Breizh will be happy to give you information to enjoy our region and find accommodation.

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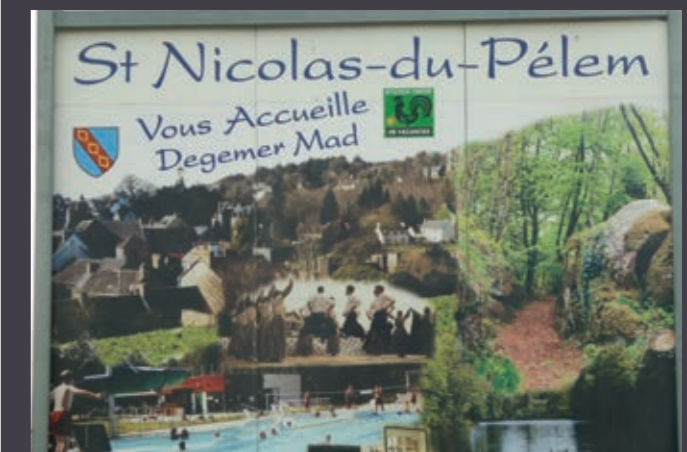
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For those accompanying, for spectators and tourists, the stage at Saint-Nicolas-du-Pélem will be a great opportunity to relax. Between the Faodel



Carhaix

Degemer mad e Karaez Welcome to Carhaix

At the heart of Brittany, Carhaix will be PBP-control for the 10th time. Since Roman times, Carhaix is renowned for its central and strategic location. It's an ideal place for tourism, relaxation and various leisure activities for all ages.

A Haven for Cycling : The region of Carhaix and le Poher



offers a highly appreciated network for cyclists : the cycle paths 'Voies Vertes' V6 and V7, the long-distance cycling route 'EuroVelo1' (the Atlantic Coast Route) and the Nantes-Brest canal. Carhaix has numerous outdoor activities and fantastic scenery, such as the Huelgoat Forest, the Monts d'Arrée and the Montagnes Noires.

We invite you to share our enthusiasm for fairs and festivals like the famous festival des Vieilles Charrues (Old Ploughs festival), or the numerous concerts, shows and traditional festivals which are held throughout the year. You will discover a region where



people are proud of their roots, their culture and their rich and varied heritage.

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The P.B.P. 2015 Organizing Board in Carhaix

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Brest

Brest at the tip of Brittany - your Turnaround

At the midway point of the ride, Brest will be your unique opportunity to see the sea. Take a



picture when crossing the Albert Louppe Bridge ! You will have a panoramic view of the town, the harbours, the bay and the Goulet, a 3 km long strait linking Brest to the Atlantic Ocean.

Having been faced with difficulties in 2011, we welcomed you in rather poor conditions at the premises of the Navy (we still thank them for their support). The City Council wanted a route to the commercial harbour and the castle, allowing you to better discover Brest. But it is undeniable that after 600 km of such a ride, tourism is not your main concern.

For the 2015 edition of Paris-Brest-Paris, we will change the checkpoint venue to better meet your expectations. We aim to improve the quality of care and to limit city riding. The Groupe Cyclotouriste Brestois as well as the neighbouring cycling clubs

will make every effort to welcome you in the best conditions, with the support of the City Council. We hope that your short stop at our « end of the earth » will make you feel interested in returning to discover the rich heritage of Brittany.

See you soon and «Degemer mad d'eoc'h e Penn ar Bed».

The Groupe Cyclo Brestois



Brest has always had a spirit of conquest. Some of the greatest explorers and the most audacious sailors parted from this port. This town, by nature, incarnates solidarity, innovation and opening up to the world.

At the centre of a metropolis anchored on an employment and living area of 400,000 inhabitants, Brest radiates internationally thanks to its centres of excellence which came about through the combined forces of research, its four compe-



titiveness clusters, high-tech companies and big industrial brand names. Brest surprises with its dense and singular cultural vitality, its conviviality and the quality of life offered specifically by each of its neighborhoods.

But Brest is also a sports-oriented city. All year long, the territorial development is punctuated by many highlights, competitions and popular events on land and sea. They are initiated by a great number of associations whose members repre-



sent the strength of sports in Brest. Given 225 associations covering 124 disciplines and 30,000 members, given high-level clubs for individual and team sports, there are opportunities to practice nearly any sport!

SAINT-QUENTIN-EN-YVELINES

How can Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, a town created just 40 years ago, be labeled Ville d'art et d'histoire (Town of Art and History)? Surprising, but justified : The prestigious label was awarded to this community of townships in 2006. You should take advantage of your stay to discover on your own what makes Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines a territory unlike any other!

With over 150,000 inhabitants, this attractive territory close to Paris represents a genuine economic, cultural and leisure hub to the west of the capital. Its energy, based on a balanced development of housing, jobs and open spaces is the fruit of recent history.

In only 40 years, fields and farms have yielded their space to a well balanced town, connected by high quality public transports and provided with a wealth of

equipments and services for the population. Consisting of seven communities (Élancourt, La Verrière, Guyancourt, Magny-les-Hameaux, Montigny-le-Bretonneux, Trappes-en-Yvelines and Voisins-le-Bretonneux), Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines is now the second economic hub of the West of Paris, right behind La Défense.



Ancient heritage (Knights Templar site, Port-Royal-des-Champs Abbey...) and contemporary achievements represent the local scene-



ry and coexist in harmony. That's how Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines has become in 2006 the first of the towns dating from the second half of the 20th century to obtain the label Ville d'art et d'histoire.

The heritage here around also includes nature. Over 60% of the territory consists of open spaces and lakes. Consequently, no surprise that Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines is so dynamic in sports! The open spaces allow the practice of a variety of sport-nature activities.

And so, the territory hosts some of the most prestigious

sports events, like the Alstom Open de France (Golf), the Ryder Cup (in 2018), or the Track Cycling World Championships.

In hosting the Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur for the seventh time, Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines positions itself as a land for cyclists. We would be delighted to make you discover this territory.



MONTIGNY-LE-BRETONNEUX



Montigny-le-Bretonneux, located 25 kilometers (16 miles) southwest of Paris, is the central and most populated municipality of the Township community of Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines.

Within thirty years of steady urbanization, its environment has significantly changed. Meadows have yielded their space to residential areas, while the farmers and the railroaders of the former Trappes marshalling yard have given way to a population of managers and employees.



The sustained building program of its eight neighborhoods is the result of the 'planned cities' policy initiated by Charles De Gaulle in the mid-1960s.

Montigny-le-Bretonneux has nevertheless maintained a harmonious balance between open spaces and urban conviviality, between single-family and multi-family housing.

The city has now passed the building phase but keeps looking to the future, as shown by the opening of the University of Health Sciences in 2012 and the opening of the National Velodrome in



2014, which already hosts prestigious competitions.

The brand new headquarters of Mercedes France have settled in the business area of Le Pas du Lac, and the overall rehabilitation project around the Saint-Quentin train station continues until 2015, when the engineering school ESTACA will be established.

Determined to preserve the quality of its living environment in a spirit of sustainable development, the city is also at work on a number of ambitious development projects, including the construction of a hospital for the elderly dependents and the creation of a large cultural center to host the conservatory of music, the

drama school, the amplified music sector and the dance schools.

With a population of 34,263 inhabitants, Montigny-le-Bretonneux is provided with a wealth of equipments and public services in all areas of daily life. Its various and excellent sports facilities are accessible to all, and the numerous sports associations of the city offer the opportunity to practice about fifty sports. Allowing the population to enjoy manifold sports activities, Montigny becomes an outstanding sports city - a city that suits you.



1891-1951

In 1891, when Pierre GIFFARD organized a 1,200 km race to promote the bicycle, he could not imagine that 120 years later, 5,225 randonneurs would set out for the 21st edition of this audacious adventure.

206 cyclists started on September 6, 1891. Both amateurs and professionals took part, but there were only French riders and only men, as women and foreigners were not allowed to participate.

Charles TERRONT won the race in 71:27, riding without sleep at an average of 17.6 kph on the way out and 16.8 kph on the way back, followed by Pierre-Joseph JIEL-LAVAL who finished more than eight hours later (80:01). Henri COULLI-BEUF was third (94:53). 100 riders made it to the finish; the last one took 245 hours (more than 10 days), having stopped at inns overnight. Given its difficulty, Pierre GIFFARD decided that the event would be held only every 10 years. Beside the challenge of racing 1,200 km around the clock, the conditions in those times were harder than today. Asphalt was not used in road construction and the one-speed bikes were rather primitive—the winner had the first removable tires ever!

In 1901, the race became international. It was run in two categories:

- *coureurs de vitesse* (pro racers) with drafting crew and support along the route
- *touristes-routiers* (cycle tourists, the ancestors of randonneurs), unsupported.

25 racers and 114 tourists started. Maurice GARIN, who would go on to be the winner of the first Tour de France in 1903, was the first racer to cross the finish line at the Parc des Princes velodrome (52:11), beating Gaston RIVIERRE by almost 2 hours. Only 15 racers finished. ROSIERE from Tours was the first of the tourist-routiers. He finished in ninth place overall (62:26). 73 tourists completed the ride, including the 65-year-old Pierre ROUSSET, who finished in 202 hours.

In 1911, the rules changed according to advances in bicycle technology. Racers were not allowed any more support between the controls. 13 racers and 91 tourists took part. Emile GEORGET won (50:14).

On September 2, 1921, 44 racers and 62 tourists started. The winner was Louis MOTTIAT, a Belgian (55:07), followed by Eugène CHRISTOPHE, Emile



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MASSON, Louis HEUSGHEM and Félix SELLIER. The tourist Ernest PAUL earned the eighth position overall (63:12).

Noteworthy was the creation of the Fédération Française des Sociétés de Cyclotourisme (FFSC) in 1923, which brought together French clubs devoted to bicycle tourism. Gaston CLEMENT, a member of the Audax Club Parisien (ACP), was the first President of this organization. In 1942, it became Fédération Française de Cyclotourisme (FFCT), and remains today the main bicycle touring organization in France.

In 1930, Henri GRIFFE, President of the Union des Audax Cyclistes Parisiens (UACP), developed the idea of riding an Audax brevet (a brevet ridden at a fixed pace set by road captains) on the PBP route. This project was accepted and promoted by Henri DESGRANGE, director of the newspaper 'l'Auto' (and founding father of the French Audax brevets), to replace the touristes-routiers' category. Feathers were ruffled and Camille DURAND, President of the Audax Club Parisien, which organized the allure libre brevets since the schism of 1921 with the Audax riders, decided to organize a free-paced event at the same time—and the first PBP Randonneur was organized. It

had a 96-hour time limit, and a 300 km 'Brevet de Randonneur Français' (the ancestor of today's BRM) was mandatory to enter the 1,200 km brevet. The PBP route in those years was run out and back along the N-12 main highway. Each participant had to get his brevet card validated at 17 checkpoints.

In 1931, 33 racers and over 150 tourists registered. The Australian Hubert OPPERMAN won the professional race in a thrilling final sprint, beating Marcel BIDOT and three other riders in 49:23.

64 riders registered for the free-paced event (PBP Randonneur) in 1931. 60 started on September 2, at 10 p.m. from the café 'le Mauco' in Paris (Porte Maillot), including two women, four mixed tandems, one men's tandem and a triplet. The randonneurs were slowed down by constant rain and a strong west wind, but 44 finished. Paulette VASSARD became the first woman to complete PBP (unfortunately the other woman finished 35 minutes after the time limit and was not homologated). Among the audax riders, 81 started six hours after the randonneurs and 29 of them finished 85 hours later.

PBP was not organized in 1941 due to World War II. The missed event was replaced with a PBP Randonneur in 1948, and then another in 1951 to get back

on the ten-year schedule. After 1951, the organizers decided to host the PBP Randonneur every five years.

In 1948, a new rule required the randonneurs to ride the whole course on the same bike. To make sure they would not change it, the frame would be "sealed" before the start with special tags, just like in the first PBP in 1891. 202 randonneurs registered and 189 started, including four men's tandems and 11 mixed tandems. The legend born in 1931 had not been forgotten and many people came to watch the riders starting from the café 'le Mauco', at Porte Maillot. 152 randonneurs completed the ride. The fastest solo riders, René BERNARD and Marcel RAFAITIN, finished together in 51:15. The team ROUTENS-FOURMY (Cyclotouristes Grenoblois) set a men's tandem record (49:20). At the same time, manufacturers competed in a ranking based on the times of the three fastest riders who rode their bikes.

The same year, 62 riders set out for the PBP Audax and 42 finished. In those days, both versions of PBP were run in the same year, usually just days apart.

The PBP professional racing events of 1948 and 1951 were the last ones. The number of professional racers decreased because the race was suffering from a general lack of interest, as well as from the success of the randonneuring event. Moreover, the extreme difficulty of racing 1,200 km is hardly compatible with a professional racer's usual calendar of shorter events. In 1948, 46 racers participated (all professional team members) and



11 finished. Albert HENDRICKX from Belgium won in 41:36. In 1951, only 41 racers (representing 10 teams) entered, 34 started and 11 finished. Maurice DIOT won in only 38:36, establishing the all-time PBP course record.

In 1951, the number of tourists increased. 426 randonneurs, including eight women, set out at 10 p.m. from Porte de Saint-Cloud, in front of the famous café 'Aux Trois Obus'. 16 tandems had left one hour earlier, to avoid the risk of colliding in the group start. The riders were required to have ridden a 400 km brevet to register. Bikes were sealed before the start, as in the previous edition. Even in case of a broken bike, it was not allowed to change it. Several other rules from those days are still in use today: the bike had to be equipped with lights and a frame badge, the brevet card had to be validated in each checkpoint, and following vehicles were forbidden. In spite of the bad weather, 379 randonneurs finished, including six women, two men's tandems, and nine mixed tandems. The fastest overall was, once again, the men's tandem ROUTENS-FOURMY (47:54).

1956 - 1979

In 1956, both a PBP Audax and a PBP Randonneur were organized. Unfortunately it was a low-tide for randonneuring. Only 250 riders registered, including four women, two men's tandems and five mixed tandems, as well as several riders from abroad: two Belgians and 15 Dutchmen. 220 randonneurs started on September 5 at the café 'Aux Trois Obus'. The weather was awful and only 155 randonneurs completed the ride. Some well-known names showed up on the finisher list. Tandem team Gilbert BULTE (Honorary President of the ACP)—Lucien DETEE, and the tandem ROUTENS—JOUFFREY rode together most of the time and finished together in 50:29. At this PBP, tandems started one hour before the solo riders, and those four riders would never be caught—on the contrary, they added another hour to their initial lead!

By 1961 the ACP was having a hard time. The club's membership was low and the PBP staff was dramatically reduced. The PBP registrations dropped to 191, but they still included three female solo riders and four mixed tandems. The bikes were not sealed any more, but they had to be equipped with lights and mudguards. As required by the authorities for safety reasons, the event started from the Suresnes bridge, in the close surroundings of Paris, in front of the café 'la Belle Gabrielle'. On September 6, 179 randonneurs started (the tandems at 9 a.m. and the solo bikes at 10 a.m.). Like in 1956, the percentage of DNFs was very high: almost 30% and only 127 randonneurs completed the ride. First reason, many of the riders started too fast

(more than 40 km were ridden in the first hour) and second, the weather was poor—not as wet as in 1956, but pretty bad, though.

In 1966, participation in PBP was still at a low level. 187 riders registered and only 172 took off, including one woman and two mixed tandems. All started at the same time, on September 7, at 4 p.m. from La Celle-Saint-Cloud. Substantial rule modifications had been made: the time limit was reduced to 90 hours and rider support vehicles were now allowed at the checkpoints (but still forbidden in-between).

137 riders finished, including randonneuse Suzanne PINAULT on a solo bicycle, and both mixed tandems. Pierre THEOBALD, who became President of the ACP in 1996, was riding, as well as Roger and Marie-Thérèse MARTIN (she acted as a secretary for PBP in 2003), who rode the fastest mixed tandem (66:24). The fastest solo riders, Maurice MACAUDIERE and Robert DEMILLY, set a new record (44:21). In third place came the Belgian Herman DE MUNCK. Barry PARLOW from United Kingdom was the first to ride a trike on PBP since 1891. The weather was quite hot, in contrast to the five previous PBPs.

In 1971, 325 randonneurs set out together on September 6, at 4 p.m. from La Croix-de-Berry. It was the first time that Robert LEPERTEL would direct the PBP Randonneur. He would stay on as head of the organization for the next 28 years (with exception of 1991). The PBP Randonneur became more international with riders coming from Belgium, United Kingdom, Denmark, Italy, Spain and the United States. The



1983 – 2011

ACP was also honored by the visit of Sir Hubert OPPERMAN, who won the PBP racing event in 1931 and had eventually become Australia's first High Commissioner to Malta. He dropped the starting flag to the riders with much emotion. For the first time, route arrows were put near the road to show the way. The weather was fine. 272 randonneurs made it back to the U.S. Métro stadium, at La Croix-de-Berny. The fastest man was Belgian Herman DE MUNCK (45:39) and the fastest woman, Simone ASTIE (79:38). Four other women completed the ride, as well as three mixed tandems.

In 1971 eight audacious riders, who had just finished the PBP Audax on Sunday, showed up on Monday at the start of the PBP Randonneur. They all completed it, riding 2,400 km in less than a week from Thursday to Thursday! But the organizers, considering that such a challenge could turn out to be dangerous for the riders' safety, decided not to organize the two events in the same year. Consequently, next PBP Randonneur was scheduled four years later, and not five years later like the PBP Audax.

For 1975, all rookies were required to ride a qualifying brevet of 600 km, whereas the veterans had only to ride a 400 km brevet. The start was located in Montesson. There were twice as many participants as in 1971. The 667 riders included 651 solos (634 men and 17 women), two mixed tandems, four men's tandems and four English trikes (another 'first ever' on PBP). In the end, 559 riders reached the finishing control at La Croix-de-Berny.

In the year after this 8th edition of PBP, the Brevets de Randonneurs Français (created in 1921) became the Brevets de Randonneurs Européens. Provided that the rules would be respected, the ACP allowed its European representatives to organize PBP qualifying brevets in their own country. This was the first step to the worldwide spread of the free-pace style of randonneuring, which offered a new and attractive way of riding to countries outside France.

In 1979, the route changed. The start place was still Montesson, but the route that followed the N-12 highway since 1891 was now replaced by smaller, less dangerous roads, and Montesson also became the finish control. Now all the participants were required to have successfully completed a Super Randonneur series (200, 300, 400 and 600 km) of qualifying brevets in the year of PBP.

In aim to limit the size of the peloton, three start times were offered:

- 04h00 a.m. for a 90h time limit
 - 10h00 a.m. for a 84h time limit
 - 04h00 p.m. for a 78h time limit
- At registration, 1,130 riders chose the 04h00 a.m. start, 630 the 10h00 a.m. start and 120 the 04h00 p.m. start.

A total of 1,766 randonneurs set out and 1,574 riders completed the ride. 51 women were homologated: 41 on solo bikes, eight mixed tandems and, for the first time on PBP, a women's tandem: Maryvonne BERNARDIN and Francine RAMEAU finished in 86:48. The tandem ridden by Jacky CHANDRU and his blind partner Jean NOUET also completed the ride in 78:41.

The increasing number of registrations in 1983 (2,220 riders) showed a growing interest for non-competitive long-distance among the bicycle tourists. Most of the riders came to achieve a personal best. 2,106 riders started from Rueil-Malmaison on August 29 and 1,895 riders were homologated at the finish. Two solo riders, Herman DE MUNCK (Belgium) and Bernard PIGUET (France, CT Montferrand) finished together in 43:24.

This 10th PBP welcomed 15 countries. 1983 was a crucial year in the history of PBP and the sport of randonneuring. Under the initiative of Robert LEPERTEL, the Brevets de Randonneurs Européens became Brevets de Randonneurs Mondiaux, allowing PBP-fans to organize qualifying brevets around the world. In Paris on August 26, 1983, the day after PBP, the ACP and representatives of the countries who organized BRMs, created the RANDONNEURS MONDIAUX.

The founding members were: Robert LEPERTEL (France), Russell MOORE (Australia), Marc DEMAESMAKER and Jacques DELAVA (Belgium), John NICHOLAS (United Kingdom), James KONSKI (United States), John HATHAWAY (Canada), Jean-Claude MUZELLEC (Sweden), Francesc PORTA (Catalonia/Spain) and José Luis GARCIA-RODRIGUEZ (Basque Country). Marc DOBISE, President of the French Cyclotouring Federation (FFCT), attended the meeting. Robert LEPERTEL was unanimously elected President. It was the beginning of a fantastic adventure...

On August 24, 1987, 2,587 ran-

donneurs started from Rueil-Malmaison and 2,119 completed the ride. Scott DICKSON, one of the 220 American riders, was the fastest of all. He made it back to Rueil-Malmaison in 44:01, more than an hour ahead of his challengers Herman DE MUNCK and Jean-Michel RICHEFORT (45:05). Scott DICKSON would also be the fastest overall in 1991 and finish in the fastest group in 1995.

With the first PBP event having been run in 1891, 1991 was the de facto centenary of PBP (although the first ACP-organized PBP randonnée was run in 1931). Jean-Claude MASSE, President of the ACP, was at the head of the organization. Supported by a devoted board of organizers, he made sure that the centenary ride would be an unforgettable event. It was a wonderful occasion to make up with the Union des Audax Français, who had been hosting a PBP Audax since 1931.

The organizers were received at the Hôtel de Ville in Paris (City Hall) by the Mayor of Paris Jacques CHIRAC, in the presence of Sir Hubert OPPERMAN, the Australian racer who won PBP in 1931. A warm-up prologue was organized from the Hôtel de Ville to the Gymnase des Droits de l'Homme in Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, PBP's new start location.

Three different start times were offered:

- 08h p.m. - 80h time limit (instead of 78h)
 - 10h p.m. - 90h time limit
 - 05h a.m. - 84h time limit
- 3,276 randonneurs set out on August 26 and 2,617 finished. The ACP celebrated the

10,000th homologation of PBP! Claude GALVAING, nostalgic for the 1891 era, rode PBP on a fixed-gear. 191 women completed the ride; the fastest was Nicole CHABIRAND (Randonneurs Cyclos de l'Anjou). In association with the event, the ACP and the FFCT created a special event; 40 young riders under the age of 18 to complete PBP in 12 stages: the first 'Paris-Brest-Paris des jeunes' was organized.

In 1995, Robert LEPERTEL returned again as PBP chief organizer, supported by nearly the same board. The 13th PBP Randonneur collected 2,976 entries and welcomed 2,860 starters. Fenders were no longer compulsory and tri-bars were banned for safety reasons. 2,376 riders completed the ride within the time limit, and under good weather conditions. A group of nine fast riders finished together in 43:20. Alexandrine LAMOULLER, the daughter of the current President of the FFCT Dominique LAMOULLER, was the youngest finisher. The oldest rider was 75-year-old Roger JARNO.

In 1999, the ACP welcomed 3,573 randonneurs at the start, of whom 1,600 came from abroad. 20 different countries and more than 1,000 clubs were represented. The Prologue, run through the seven townships of Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, attracted more than 1,000 participants, including young riders who were not yet of age to ride PBP.

In the end, 2,977 riders were homologated (1,626 French and 1,351 International riders).

In 2003, an experienced com-

mittee replaced Robert LEPERTEL at the head of the PBP organization. 4,069 riders started and 3,475 completed the ride. For the first time, randonneurs from abroad were the most numerous (2,074 International riders and 1,996 French riders). The Finn Alpo KUUSISTO astonished everybody by successfully 'kicking' the entire PBP route on a scooter. Drew BUCK, Nigel WINTER and Steve ABRAHAM rode a triplet (88:10). Noteworthy is that the fastest riders in 2003, who had ridden quicker than any other randonneurs in PBP history, were penalized two hours for various infractions of the rules, and that 2003 was also the first time that the PBP results have been published in alphabetical order. This shows that over time the randonneuring nature of PBP has become more and more obvious. The concept of achieving a personal best has gradually overcome the concept of competition against the other riders. At PBP, all participants have equal merit — to be the fastest does not mean to be the best. The purpose of the randonneur is not to race, but to achieve a challenge while respecting the rules and spirit of randonneuring.

In 2007, the PBP Randonneur set a new record of 5,311 registrations. For the second time in history, the French riders were in the minority. International riders came in droves—they were 2,918 at the start in Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, coming from 42 countries! Most numerous were the Americans with 591 riders.

Although women still represented a small percentage of the registered riders (6.6%), many were multiple finishers; several

had six or seven PBPs on their credit after the ride. The youngest woman was the 22-year-old Mandy DAMMEKENS, from Belgium, and the oldest, the 64 years old Marie-Hélène VILETTE. The weather for 2007 was very bad, with strong headwinds and relentless rain—a hard job for the 5,160 randonneurs who took off on August 20-21. Only 3,603 completed the ride successfully, although another 126 riders kept going even when they knew that they would not make the time limit at the finish.

The variety of human-powered vehicles was a highlight of the 16th PBP Randonneur. Amazed people could discover more than 100 special bikes, prototypes and bizarre machines like triplet, trike, recumbent, bikes with fairings, recumbent tandem, back-to-back recumbent tandem, rowing bike, and rowing tandem.

In 2011, a pre-registration system was set up and a quota per country was assigned, in order to limit the entries in case of excessive demand. The tsunami in Japan and the weak economy in many countries also limited the entries. Eventually 5,225 riders registered, slightly less than in 2007 (the large headcount of randonneurs present during the 1980s is now retiring from the PBP roads). In the end, 4,068 randonneurs were homologated - a 'first ever'.

Daniel RAVET and Bernard IMBERT completed their 11th PBP. This is also a record. Another record for the 80 year old Friedhelm LIXENFELD (from Germany), who finished in top shape and astonished everyone with his strength at the closing ceremony. The oldest among the women was Marie-Hélène

VILETTE. The youngest male rider was Blaesius TANGUY, aged 18, and the youngest female rider, Liudmila BATAEVA, aged 25. Drew BUCK was again in the spotlight, performing PBP on his 1900 Peugeot, and Sophie MATTER surprised everyone by riding a city bike decorated with flowers - you can take the Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur seriously and not take yourself seriously!



The weather was generally mild but sometimes unpredictable. On the evening of the first day, a thunderstorm lowered the temperature until the finish. Those who had registered for the 84h start were most affected by the rain, and the DNF rate for this start was higher than in the previous years.

Since 1931, 26,515 riders have completed the Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur. How many people will join the list of those who have contributed to the legend of PBP? Let see in August 2015!

APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS

THE PARIS-BREST-PARIS RANDONNEUR WILL WELCOME ABOUT **6,000 PARTICIPANTS** AT THE NATIONAL VELODROME IN SAINT-QUENTIN-EN-YVELINES FROM **SATURDAY, AUGUST 15 TO THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2015**. WE WILL NEED MANY VOLUNTEERS FOR THE FOLLOWING TASKS :

1. BIKE CHECK

SAT 15 AUGUST

from 7:30 to 20:00

and

SUN 16 AUGUST

from 7:30 to 13:00

2. DELIVERY OF RIDER PACKS :

SAT 15 AUGUST

from 7:30 to 20:00

and

SUN 16 AUGUST

from 7:30 to 13:00

3. WELCOMING AND GUIDANCE OF PARTICIPANTS AND SPECTATORS

SAT 15 AUGUST

from 7:30 to 20:00

SUN 16 AUGUST

from 7:30 to 20:00

MON 17 AUGUST

from 3:30 to 5:30

TUE 18 AUGUST

from 11:00 to 24:00

WED 19 AUGUST

from 0:00 to 24:00

THU 20 AUGUST

from 0:00 to 18:00

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between

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and

FRI 21 AUGUST

daytime

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THE WEEK OF PARIS-BREST-PARIS

THE COMMUNITY OF SAINT-QUENTIN-EN-YVELINES HOSTS FOR THE 7TH TIME THE START AND FINISH OF THE PARIS-BREST-PARIS RANDONNEUR, BUT THIS YEAR AT THE BRAND NEW NATIONAL VELODROME, LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTIGNY-LE-BRETONNEUX.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

From 08h00 to 19h00 (only for registered riders starting on Sunday)

- ▶ Bike check
- ▶ Collection of brevet card, frame badge, tracking device
- ▶ Collection of other items included in the package or optional (reflective vest, PBP jersey, Super Randonneur medal, car park ticket...)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

From 08h00 to 13h00 (only for registered riders starting on Monday)

- ▶ Bike check
- ▶ Collection of brevet card, frame badge, tracking device
- ▶ Collection of other items included in the package or optional (reflective vest, PBP jersey, Super Randonneur medal, car park ticket...)

From 11h00 to 17h00

- ▶ Meal served at the start place (only if you booked it at registration)

From 16h00 to 20h00 (80-hour and 90-hour wave starts)

Each rider must get his or her brevet card validated before starting !

- ▶ From 16h00 to 17h00 : solo bikes, 80-hour time limit
- ▶ 17h15 : special bikes, 90-hour time limit
- ▶ From 17h30 to 20h00 : solo bikes, 90-hour time limit

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

Each rider must get his or her brevet card validated before starting !

- ▶ 04h50 : start of special bikes, 84-hour time limit
- ▶ From 05h00 to 05h15 : wave starts of solo bikes, 84-hour time limit

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

From 11h55 : arrival of the first riders of the 80-hour field.

- ▶ 16h00 : awards ceremony, especially for international riders who will return home
- ▶ From 16h50 to 17h15⁽¹⁾ : arrival of the last riders of the 84-hour field
- ▶ Around 17h00 : cocktail reception

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

All day long : arrival of riders of all fields.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

- ▶ From 00h00 to 01h00⁽¹⁾ : arrival of the last riders of the 80-hour field
- ▶ From 11h15 to 14h00⁽¹⁾ : arrival of the last riders of the 90-hour field

This schedule may change due to organisational constraints.

(1) depending on their start wave

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OUR ORGANIZATION RELIES ON MANY VOLUNTEERS WITHOUT WHOM NOTHING WOULD BE POSSIBLE. IT ALSO RECEIVES SUPPORT FROM SEVERAL TOWNS AND IN PARTICULAR THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY OF TOWNSHIPS OF SAINT-QUENTIN-EN-YVELINES. WE WILL DIVVY UP TASKS AND DUTIES DURING THE COMING MONTHS. PEOPLE LISTED BELOW ARE ALREADY TAKING AN ACTIVE PART IN THE PBP 2015 PROJECT :

Managing board

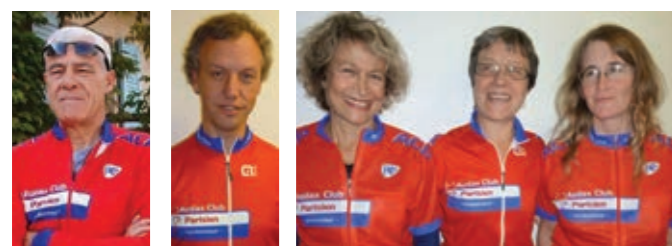
Paul ARSAC, PBP Project Manager
 Thierry RIVET, President of the Audax Club Parisien
 Jean-Gualbert FABUREL, Vice-President of the Audax Club Parisien

Treasurer : Michèle HUGON
 I. T. : Jean-Gualbert FABUREL with Gratiem FABUREL
 Registrations :
 Thierry RIVET, Catherine and Gérard MONTORIER
 Rider tracking: Laurent LEPRINCE

Organising board



Bike check : Gérard MONTORIER assisted by Yves LANOE
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 Communication : Jean-Gualbert FABUREL
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 Production introductory brochure and results brochure
 . Creation : Didier INNOCENT
 . Proofreading : Thierry RIVET
 . Translation : Sophie MATTER
 . DVD : Luc COPPIN
 . Sending of results : Thierry RIVET



Homologation of BRMs :
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 Jean-Gualbert FABUREL (International)

Administrative liaison : Jean-Michel RICHEFORT

Control towns liaison - Route :
 Daniel KONCEWIEZ assisted by Jean-Pierre PENDU
 Controls, Cars + motorcyclists :
 Daniel KONCEWIEZ assisted by Bernard WARIN
 Safety supervisor :
 Monique LORIDE assisted by Bernard LORIDE
 Riders and Organisers insurances – Medical-cover : Paul ARSAC

The control towns

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 Secret Controls : Jean-Paul DENIS

JERSEY AND REFLECTIVE VEST



RIDER TRACKING 24 YEARS ALREADY!

THE CONCEPT OF TRACKING THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE PARIS-BREST-PARIS RANDONNEUR WAS IMPLEMENTED 24 YEARS AGO. TO PUT IT IN PERSPECTIVE, RECALL HOW

- IN 1964, ERIC TABARLY CROSSED THE ATLANTIC OCEAN AND EMERGED FROM THE FOG IN NEWPORT HARBOR AFTER 27 DAYS OF SILENCE!
- IN THE SAME YEAR, THE OLYMPIC GAMES TOOK PLACE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ASIA, IN TOKYO.
- AT THE SAME TIME, ROGER MARTIN AND ROGER BAUMANN AND ABOUT A HUNDRED OTHER RANDONNEURS AT PARIS-BREST-PARIS EMERGED FROM A LONG SILENCE DURING THEIR JOURNEY OF 1200 KM!

Nowadays, at Paris-Brest-Paris as at the Vendée Globe, participants are tracked hour by hour, which sometimes creates anxiety in case of transmission failure.

Until 2007, tracking information was obtained by magnetic card readers which recorded the rider number and a timestamp at each control point.

Initially, the information was transmitted to a server such that family and friends could type the famous «3615-code PBP» on their Minitels and get access to it. This was an immediate success and flooded the server with over 30000 calls.

In 1999, the service was transferred to the Internet; this allowed to consult rider progress tracking also from abroad. In 2007, the number of requests exceeded one million, providing a good measure for the expectations of the riders' families and friends.

The 17th edition of PBP has introduced a new integrated system for rider tracking, already known by many marathon runners and Gran Fondo riders : the automatic collection and transmission of progress data when the participant carries a chip across a special mat on the floor.



In Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, the timing system will be installed on the starting line, such as to register the precise hour and minute of your departure.

Each control point will collect rider number and timestamp and transmit the data wirelessly via GPRS to a server, just as in the past, such that our web site www.paris-brest-paris.org can be consulted to obtain rider tracking information.

Simultaneously with crossing the finish line, you will proudly transmit the successful completion of your challenge to family and friends. That's my wish for each and everyone of you!



BIKE CHECK

When entering the 18th Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur, you will have already ridden the qualifying brevets.

They will help you to better know yourself physically and mentally, and to adapt your equipment to long-distance riding, day and night.

The volunteers at the start will check your bike, but a successful bike check does not exempt you from obeying the French traffic laws and safety rules.

You must follow these rules to cycle safely. It is a question of self-respect, as well as of respect for others, and especially for all the organizers and volunteers who enable you to perform this great adventure in the best conditions.

Always stay focused to best manage your progress and make the right decisions when conditions require - so you will reach your goal safely.

'Bonne route' to all.

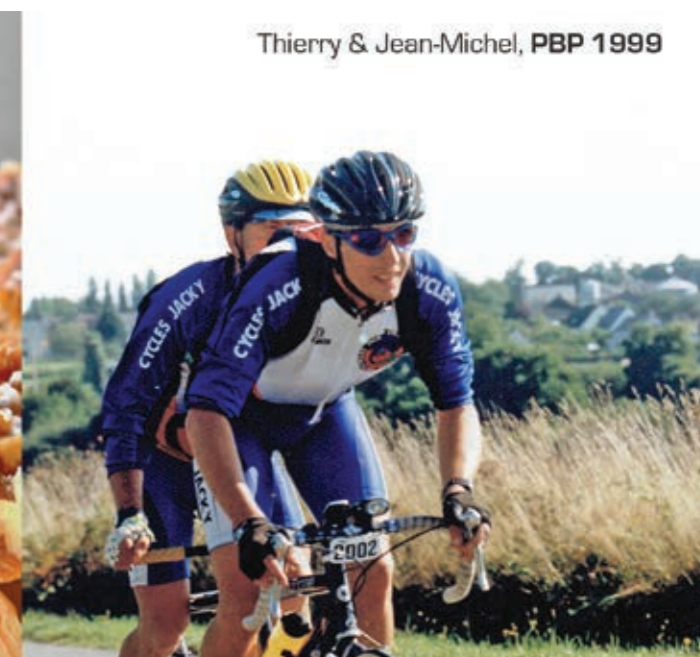


Gérard MONTORIER

In Charge of the Bike Check



Thierry & Jean-Michel, PBP 1999



l'équipe des CYCLES JACKY vous souhaite bon courage pour cette épreuve si exceptionnelle

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PREREGISTRATIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

PREREGISTRATIONS AND REGISTRATIONS 2015 CAN ONLY BE MADE THROUGH INTERNET ON THE PARIS-BREST-PARIS RANDONNEUR WEBSITE : WWW.PARIS-BREST-PARIS.ORG

Preregistrations

Preregistrations are open to FFCT, UFOLEP and FSGT members, as well as to all international riders.

To preregister, you must have completed at least one BRM between November 1st, 2013 and October 30, 2014. The preregistration date depends on the longest brevet validated. Your preregistration will reserve

a place for Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur 2015 at the time your payment is accepted. Limited places available. Available places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you have not converted your preregistration into a definite registration until June 23, 2015 at midnight

(French time), you will lose your reserved place.

You can still apply for registration, but without priority.

The preregistration can only be made through Internet with mention of rider affiliation, rider licence number and homologation number of the longest BRM ridden.

so that his or her co-rider(s) will get the same priority to preregister.

When the organizers have validated your preregistration form, you will receive a confirmation email with your file number.



Some countries may apply local conditions to validate the preregistration. Please check with the representative of the Audax Club Parisien in your country.

For multi-rider vehicles, the rider who rode the longest BRM will initiate the preregistration,

PREREGISTRATION OPENS ON		
BRM RIDDEN FROM NOV 1, 2013 TO OCT 30, 2014	FOR FFCT MEMBERS OR INTERNATIONAL RIDERS	FOR UFOLEP OR FSGT MEMBERS
1000 KM OR RM 1200 AND +	April 26, 2015	April 30, 2015
600 KM	May 03, 2015	May 07, 2015
400 KM	May 10, 2015	May 14, 2015
300 KM	May 17, 2015	May 21, 2015
200 KM	May 24, 2015	May 28, 2015

Registrations

You can register as soon as you have completed at least three of the four qualifying brevets which are scheduled between October 31, 2014 and July 07, 2015.

However, you must complete your registration form and indicate the homologation numbers of your four qualifying brevets before the registration deadline. Otherwise your file will not be processed by the organization and your frame badge not allocated. Registration will be handled through Internet only. No printed document is required at registration.

► **May 31, 2015** : Registration opens for all preregistered riders

and, to the extent of available places, for non-preregistered FFCT members and International riders. Preregistered riders will have their place reserved until June 23, 2015 at midnight (French time)

► **June 07, 2015** : Registration opens for non-preregistered UFOLEP/FSGT members

► **June 23, 2015** : Preregistrations are canceled and the reserved places are released

► **July 14, 2015** : Registration deadline - at midnight (French time)

Your place will be definitely reserved at the time your payment

is accepted.

Registrations will be processed according to the date of payment until the limit of available places is reached. If the limit is exceeded, a waiting list will be opened. As long as you are on the waiting list, your payment will not be debited from your account. If you have not converted your preregistration into a definite registration until June 23, 2015 at midnight (French time),

	PREREGISTERED RIDERS OF ALL FEDERATIONS, AS WELL AS NON-PREREGISTERED FFCT MEMBERS AND INTERNATIONAL RIDERS*	NON-PREREGISTERED UFOLEP/FSGT MEMBERS*
OPENING	May 31, 2015	June 07, 2015
DEADLINE	July 14, 2015	July 14, 2015

* limited places available.

your reserved place will be released.

Applications that have not been completed on July 14, 2015 at midnight (French time) will be definitely canceled and the rider considered as not starting. Refunds will only be possible under the conditions set by the cancellation insurance. To DNF on a qualifying brevet will not be a condition for refund.

Your application will be processed when you have completed your registration form with the homologation numbers of your four qualifying

brevets. Then you will receive a confirmation email with your frame badge number.

Payment

A secure PayPal payment option will be proposed at the end of your preregistration and/or registration. It may be individual or collective. No payment by wire transfer, check or cash will be accepted. If PayPal is not available in your country, you should contact your national representative (listed on our website) who will arrange payment with the Audax Club Parisien.

Preregistration fee: € 30 non refundable and deducted from the final registration fee.

Registration fee: € 115 reduction of € 10 for FFCT members

The registration fee includes:

- participation in Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur® 2015
- PBP 2015 water bottle
- PBP 2015 reflective vest
- hot meal at the finish
- official document pouch
- PBP 2015 frame badge
- BPB 2015 brevet card
- engraved souvenir medal (if you are homologated)
- cancellation insurance and medical evacuation insurance according to the insurance contract
- rider tracking on Internet
- arrow signs on the course
- supervision by official cars and motorcyclists
- access to the various checkpoints and food stops

► emergency support at the checkpoints

► 18th Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur® DVD

► results brochure sent to your address in early 2016

The registration fee does not include:

- repatriation if you DNF
- food, sleep and shower at the checkpoints
- souvenir photos
- PBP 2015 jersey
- Super Randonneur medal

Available Places

The Audax Club Parisien and all organizers in the control towns are trying to find solutions to accommodate all candidates for the PBP Randonneur. Currently we wish to limit the number of riders to 6,500. This number could be lowered or increased depending on organizational requirements and prefectorial decisions. There is no country quota.

INFORMATION

- www.paris-brest-paris.org
- contact@paris-brest-paris.org



THE QUALIFYING BRMs IN FRANCE

FOR THE 2015 PBP, YOU WILL HAVE RIDDEN THE FULL BREVET SERIES AND YOU WILL BE A SUPER RANDONNEUR.

Before registering, you must follow every qualifying step by finishing the four ACP-sanctioned BRMs of 200, 300, 400 and 600 km and earn the Super Randonneur medal. To reach this point, you need to ride a lot, and far more than only the distance of these brevets. If you follow the 'x10 rule', you will have ridden about 2000 km before riding the first 200 km brevet, and you will have ridden a minimal amount of 6600 km at the finish of the 600 km brevet, which will allow you to enter PBP.

Don't stop riding after the 600 km brevet, don't rest on your laurels if your goal is to finish PBP successfully. To make yourself familiar with longer distances, think about riding a 1000 km brevet in July.

And what about riding a 'Flèche Vélocio' at Easter if you want to improve your stamina and your ability to ride at night? A minimum of 360 km must be covered in 24 hours, and you can draw your own route.



Waiting for the next brevet? Keep training by riding a 'Flèche de France'. These ACP-sanctioned permanents are from 175 to more than 700 km long, and are a good way to get stronger during the second quarter of 2015 and in early summer.

And last, to ride more than one series of brevets is not forbidden – quite the contrary! You could also ride brevets which are organized in July. Each kilometer you put in your legs is good for you.

Check the 2015 events schedule; there's something for everyone in each and every corner of France, and it will be the same abroad—the whole Earth will turn at the tempo of the BRMs during 2015, and this is good for our planet!

Mark the brevet dates in your calendar now, without much worry of the weather. Except snow or ice, it is better to ride in any

weather. Who knows what it will be during the third week of August 2015! On that point, the PBP organizing committee will not make any promises!

Therefore, dear PBP candidates, you have only one thing to do: to ride, over and over again! Not only will lots of cycling make you happy, but also the French and international organizers, who have been in contact with us for several months, eager to know how the requirements and arrangements for 2015.

Some of these organizers are always present in our sport: even if PBP is not their final goal, they draw new routes each year, or some prefer, like the ACP organizers, to offer the same routes in order to create 'classic' brevets.

When checking the new routes, I have tried to be as conscientious as those before me. Don't you dare take a shortcut —you might be caught by the 'secret control' patrol!

For safe night riding, do not forget to keep your lights in good working order and to wear a reflective safety vest. At night, the sooner you are seen by others, the safer you will be.

After finishing PBP, you still have to achieve the 'Randonneur 5000'. You will already be about halfway through it! Add a brevet of 1000 km, a 'Flèche Vélocio', one or several 'Flèches de France', or even an RM-1200 event, until you reach the amount of 5000 km. Don't forget that you will have four years left to complete the award after PBP.

And why not try to achieve the 'Randonneur 10000'? PBP is just the beginning of it. Add a second full brevet series (from 200 to 1000 km), another RM-1200 event, a Flèche Vélocio or a Flèche Nationale (National Arrow) and a Super Randonnée (a permanent of 600 km with over 10.000 meters of elevation gain), until you reach the amount of 10.000 km. This new award must be completed within a six-year period.

To all randonneurs, and to all the controllers, I wish everyone a good series of brevets and a great PBP!

Didier INNOCENT
In charge of the French BRMs

THANK YOU BOB, THANK YOU SUZANNE

ON MAY 25, 2013, ROBERT «BOB» LEPELTEL PASSED AWAY, AND ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2014, HE WAS JOINED BY HIS WIFE, SUZANNE.

Bob was President of the Audax Club Parisien from 1972 to 1983. Supported by Suzanne, he was the head of the Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur for five editions.

They shared a life and a passion for cyclotourism. They created and developed worldwide ACP-sanctioned brevets (Brevets de Randonneurs Mondiaux), which allowed Paris-Brest-Paris enthusiasts to qualify in their own country. The imported brevets brought along the hallmarks of randonneuring: effort without competition; adventure and self-reliance; freedom and camaraderie. Born in this fertile soil, new 1200 km (and longer) randonnées bloomed all over the world, under the auspices of the association Les Randonneurs Mondiaux (worldwide randonneurs), founded in 1983. Bob was its first President.

With amazing energy, Bob and Suzanne spent countless hours to promote, implement, verify and approve the brevets. They went to meet organizers in many countries. They have brought many people to bicycling, not only in France but also everywhere in the World. They are father and mother of the great international randonneuring family.

This enthusiastic and visionary couple has changed the face of the Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur. If the oldest long-distance randonnée today brings more than 50 nations from five continents together, if it has become an international celebration of bicycling in the past thirty years, we owe it to them.

Thank You Bob, Thank You Suzanne.

Sophie MATTER
Audax Club Parisien



► Bob and Suzanne enjoin Sophie to get her card validated at the finish of the BC Randonneurs' Rocky Mountain 1200 : « Do not waste time, you're not finished yet !»

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17TH PARIS-BREST-PARIS RANDONNEUR RESULTS



IN 2011, 5 002 randonneurs started
& **4 068** completed
Paris-Brest-Paris

IN 2011, THE RATE OF DNFs WAS SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER THAN IN 2007 (17% IN 2011 COMPARED TO 27.6% IN 2007). RIDERS ENCOUNTERED RATHER MILD WEATHER CONDITIONS IN 2011, EXCEPTED THOSE OF THE 84-HOUR FIELD. FOR AUGUST 2015, WE HOPE THAT YOU CAN CROSS BRITANNY UNDER A DAZZLING SUN !

THESE STATISTICS TEACH US THAT TO HAVE A PERSONAL SUPPORT VEHICLE MAY PROMPT YOU TO DROP OUT. THE TEMPTATION IS TOO STRONG ! WE REALLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU RIDE WITHOUT SUPPORT VEHICULE. YOU WILL FIND EVERYTHING YOU NEED ON THE ROUTE.

TO AVOID THE CROWDS, WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU START IN THE MORNING. THE 84-HOUR OPTION IS THE MOST POPULAR AMONG THOSE WHO HAVE RIDDEN PBP SEVERAL TIMES.

START	80H	90H	90H FREE	90H SP. B.	90H FREE SP. B.	84H	84H FREE	84H SP. B.	84H FREE SP. B.	TOTAL
REGISTERED	1 225	2 626	403	207	18	663	48	26	9	5 225
DNS	49	127	13	10		21	3			223
STARTED	1 176	2 499	390	197	18	642	45	26	9	5 002
DNF	165 (14,0%)	421 (16,8%)	79 (20,3%)	37 (18,8%)	4 (22,2%)	122 (19,0%)	9 (20,0%)	8 (30,8%)	3 (33,3%)	848 (17,0%)
DISQUALIFIED	1	1								2
FINISHERS	1 010	2 077	311	160	14	520	36	18	6	4 152
OUT OF TIME	12	51	9	6	2	4				84
HOMOLOGATED	998	2 026	302	154	12	516	36	18	6	4 068

	FRANCE	INTERNATIONAL		WOMEN	MEN
REGISTERED	2 105 (40,3%)	3 120 (59,7%)	REGISTERED	313 (6,0%)	4 912 (94,0%)
DNS	68	155	DNS	13	210
STARTED	2 037	2 965	STARTED	300	4 702
DNF	402 (19,7%)	446 (15,0%)	DNF	81 (27,0%)	767 (16,3%)
DISQUALIFIED	1	1	DISQUALIFIED		2
FINISHERS	1 634	2 518	FINISHERS	219	3 933
OUT OF TIME	25	59	OUT OF TIME	11	73
HOMOLOGATED	1 609	2 459	HOMOLOGATED	208	3 860

	SAG VEHICLE	NO	YES
REGISTERED	REGISTERED	3 517 (67,3%)	1 708 (32,7%)
DNS	DNS	171	52
STARTED	STARTED	3 346	1 656
DNF	DNF	531 (15,9%)	317 (19,1%)
DISQUALIFIED	DISQUALIFIED	1	1
FINISHERS	FINISHERS	2814	1338
OUT OF TIME	OUT OF TIME	68	16
HOMOLOGATED	HOMOLOGATED	2 746	1 322

BIKE	CLAS-SIC BIKE	SPECIAL BIKE	TRIKE	WO-MEN'S TANDEM	MENS' TANDEM	MIXED TANDEM	TRIPLET
REGISTERED	4 965	160	5	2	14	76	3
DNS	213	8				2	
STARTED	4 752	152	5	2	14	74	3
DNF	796 (16,8%)	34 (22,4%)	2 (40,0%)	0	0	16 (21,6%)	0
DISQUALIFIED	2						
FINISHERS	3 954	118	3	2	14	58	3
OUT OF TIME	76	6				2	
HOMOLOGATED	3 878	112	3	2	14	56	3

IN 2011,
3 860 MEN
and
208 WOMEN
completed PBP

AGE	18 - 30	31 - 40	41 - 50	51 - 60	61 - 70	71 - 80	TRIPLET
REGISTERED	205 (3,9%)	743 (14,2%)	1 698 (32,5%)	1 783 (34,1%)	746 (14,3%)	50 (1,0%)	3
DNS	5	30	83	58	42	5	
STARTED	200	713	1 615	1 725	704	45	3
DNF	38 (19,0%)	102 (14,3%)	211 (13,1%)	294 (17,0%)	182 (25,9%)	21 (46,7%)	0
DISQUALIFIED		2					
FINISHERS	162	609	1 404	1 431	522	24	3
OUT OF TIME	4	9	20	29	22		
HOMOLOGATED	158	600	1 384	1 402	500	24	3

TIME	40-45	45-50	50-55	55-60	60-65	65-70	70-75	75-80	80-85	85-90	+90
80 HOURS	6	25	110	150	146	216	231	114	4	4	4
84 HOURS	0	2	5	49	48	95	76	172	129	3	1
90 HOURS	0	0	3	12	34	126	304	418	317	1 280	68

MULTIPLE FINISHERS TIMES AT PBP 2011 (OUT OF TIME EXCEPTED)

NB OF PBP _s AT THE START	[40:01; 45:00]	[45:01; 50:00]	[50:01; 55:00]	[55:01; 60:00]	[60:01; 65:00]	[65:01; 70:00]	[70:01; 75:00]	[75:01; 80:00]	[80:01; 85:00]	[85:01; 90:00]	TOTAL
0	2	12	58	87	93	229	338	386	272	800	2 277
1	1	9	27	61	71	118	131	163	82	261	924
2	2	1	15	33	32	47	65	78	30	105	408
3		4	10	17	17	20	38	27	28	47	208
4			3	3	10	9	23	21	11	30	110
5	1		3	6	5	7	9	16	12	15	74
6		1	2	1		5	5	7	3	13	37
7 AND MORE				3		2	1	7	8	9	30
TOTAL	6	27	118	211	228	437	610	705	446	1 280	4 068
RATE OF NOVICES	33,33%	44,44%	49,15%	41,23%	40,79%	52,40%	55,41%	54,75%	60,99%	62,50%	55,97%

REPEATED PBP_s

REPEATED PBP _s	NB OF HO-MOLOGATED PBP _s	NB OF RIDERS	RATE OF MULTIPLE FINISHERS
11 TIME	22	2	0,01%
10 TIME	100	10	0,06%
9 TIME	45	5	0,03%
8 TIME	184	23	0,13%
7 TIME	420	60	0,35%
6 TIME	744	124	0,72%
5 TIME	1 195	239	1,39%
4 TIME	2 032	508	2,95%
3 TIME	3 612	1 204	6,98%
2 TIME	6 194	3 097	17,97%
1 TIME	11 967	11 967	69,42%
TOTAL AFTER 17 PBP_s	26 515	17 239	100,00%

MULTIPLE FINISHERS RESULTS AT PBP 2011

NB OF PBP _s AT THE START	HO-MOLO-GATED	OUT OF TIME	DNF	DNS	DIS-QUA-LI-FIED	TOTAL	SUCCESS RATE
0	2 277	59	527	144	1	3 008	79,50%
1	924	8	163	48		1 143	84,38%
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Disponible / Available : 600 g / 3 kg / 20 sticks 30 g

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ORGANIZING CLUB	ACP	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL	DATES				
					200	300	400	600	1 000
Randonneurs Cyclotouristes Ernèens	53 4232	BARRAIS Roland 5 allée Massenet 53500 Ernée	02 43 05 80 41 06 34 95 67 54	r.barrais@orange.fr		D 19/4 04:00			
Cyclo Club Mayennais	53 7054	REHEL Denis 11 avenue d'Arglentier 53440 Aron	02 43 04 10 52 06 67 37 19 24	denis.rehel@wanadoo.fr	S 28/3 08:00 D 03/5 07:00				
Cyclo Randonnée Laval Nord	53 7418	ROUSSEAU André 8e impasse du Dépôt 53000 Laval		andre.rousseau14@wanadoo.fr			S 09/5 06:00 S 09/5 16:00		
Club Cyclo de Fyé	72 2895	GUICHARD Jean-François Le Parc Maigné 72260 Monhoudou	02 43 97 47 75 06 89 77 67 15	jf.guichard139@orange.fr	D 05/4 07:00	V 08/5 02:00	S 23/5 16:00		
Vélo Loisirs Saosnois	72 6681	HAUTREUX Gilbert 10 rue des Genêts 72600 Saint Longis	02 43 97 96 99	grohou@orange.fr				S 13/6 05:00	
Cyclotouristes Yonnais	85 0154	GOUTEL Daniel 76 rue Edouard Manet 85000 La Roche sur Yon GUILLET Michel 52 rue René Cullerre 85000 La Roche sur Yon	06 73 20 88 62 06 62 21 13 06	daniel.goutel@free.fr guimi85@free.fr			S 16/5 05:00	S 06/6 07:00	
Vélo Club Challandais	85 2813	GIRAUDET Jean-Claude 123 rue de la Poctière 85300 Challans	02 51 93 17 49 07 81 95 23 76	giraudet-jc-cyclo@voila.fr	D 19/4 07:30	S 02/5 06:30			

PYRÉNÉES PY

ORGANIZING CLUB	ACP	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL	DATES				
					200	300	400	600	1 000
Cyclo Randonneurs Murétains	31 2966	GILLODES Alain 10 impasse Joseph Delteil 31600 Muret	05 61 56 74 35 06 78 67 83 62	alain.gillodes@orange.fr	S 07/3 07:00	S 21/3 04:00	V 24/4 19:00	S 06/6 04:00	
Cyclo Club Castanéen	31 3318	GOAS François 80 rue de Fondeville 31400 Toulouse	05 62 17 64 28	francois.goas@free.fr	S 14/3 07:00	S 11/4 04:00	J 30/4 19:00	S 23/5 05:00	
Cahors Cyclotourisme	46 0771	ARNAUDET Daniel 269 route du colliège Bégoux 46000 Cahors	05 65 35 42 25 06 87 94 85 01	cahors.cyclotourisme@orange.fr arnaudet.daniel@orange.fr	S 21/3 07:30	S 18/4 04:00	S 09/5 16:00	S 30/5 04:00	
Comité Départemental 65 FFCT	65 0000	LEFRANC Jean-Pierre 46A route du Stade 65400 Argeles-Gazost	05 62 41 83 55 06 84 67 48 51	brmcodep65@orange.fr	S 21/3 07:00	S 11/4 04:00	V 08/5 15:00	S 30/5 04:00	
Véloc Club Montalbanais	82 0108	FEAU Norbert 8 rue René Gabach 82000 Montauban	05 63 66 04 07 06 79 98 99 55	norbert.feau@wanadoo.fr	S 21/3 08:00	S 25/4 04:00		S 13/6 04:00	
Cyclo Club Caussadais	82 0719	BERTELLI Jean-Claude 60 chemin Cayragues 82440 Realville	05 63 93 10 65 06 18 51 65 17	jc.bertelli@wanadoo.fr			V 29/5 19:00		

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ORGANIZING CLUB	ACP	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL	DATES				
					200	300	400	600	1 000
Cyclo Bressan Charles Antonin	01 0959	POMI Gérard 149 rue André Pagneux 01960 Péronnas	04 74 21 11 63	pomi.gerard@wanadoo.fr	S 14/3 07:00	S 11/4 04:00	S 09/5 16:00	S 06/6 07:00	
Amicale des Diagonalistes de France (Le départ des brevets est à Grenoble)	21 6609	BATTU Jean-Philippe 40 rue Félix Esclançon 38000 Grenoble	04 38 12 01 00 06 77 73 66 04	jeanpba@free.fr	D 22/2 07:00 D 01/3 07:00 S 07/3 07:00 D 19/4 07:00 S 19/9 07:00	D 22/3 04:00 S 28/3 04:00	S 25/4 15:00 S 02/5 04:00 S 06/6 04:00 S 10/10 04:00	S 16/5 04:00 S 30/5 04:00	
Gillonay Cyclo Club	38 2015	CARRIER Maurice 482 chemin des Vignes 38260 Gillonnay	04 74 85 33 49 06 81 14 81 99	carrier.maurice@wanadoo.fr	S 14/3 07:00	S 11/4 04:00	S 09/5 12:00	S 20/6 05:00	
Squadra Forézienne	42 0698	DUFFAY Gilles Les Oeillons 42110 Salt-en-Donzy	04 77 26 52 70 06 25 85 87 02	gilles.duffay@neuf.fr	S 21/3 07:00	S 18/4 06:00	S 16/5 06:00	S 20/6 06:00	
ASPTT Grand Lyon	69 1238	DELORME Louis 3 rue Laennec 69320 Feyzin	04 78 67 68 07 06 71 44 29 14	loulou.delorme@free.fr	S 18/4 07:00	V 08/5 04:00	S 30/5 04:00	S 13/6 04:00	
C.T. Albertvillois	73 0994	REY Bernard 64 impasse de Crevilly 73460 Montailleur	04 79 37 90 22	reybernard52@orange.fr	S 28/3 06:00	S 25/4 04:00	S 02/5 05:00	S 06/6 04:00	

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ORGANIZING CLUB	ACP	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL	DATES				
					200	300	400	600	1 000
Association Cyclo Bourbon	97 7140	HOARAU Daniel 78 rue de la République 97400 Saint-Denis	06 92 30 12 12	cecilian.legall@sfr.fr	L 05/1 05:00	L 19/1 04:00	L 16/3 05:00	D 10/5 06:00	

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ENERGIX® LIQUIDE : gel endurance
 Arômes : fruits des bois, citron, pomme verte, fraise banane, grenadine, caramel beurre salé

COUP DE FOUET® LIQUIDE : Energie instantanée
 Arômes : fruits rouges, citron, pomme verte, cola, mojito

LIQUID ANTIOXYDANT GEL: calcium, magnésium
 Flavours : red fruits, lemon, green apple, strawberry banana, peach-spricot, cranberries blueberries

LIQUID ENERGIX® : endurance gel
 Flavours : fruits of the forest, lemon, green apple, strawberry banana, grenadine, salted butter caramel

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 Flavours : red fruits, lemon, green apple, cola, mojito



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CHOOSE YOUR START TIME

THIS TIME, THE DECISION IS MADE : YOU ARE RIDING THE NEXT PARIS-BREST-PARIS RANDONNEUR ! THEN, THE QUESTIONS BEGIN, INCLUDING QUESTIONS ABOUT THE START TIME. WILL I CHOOSE THE 80-HOUR, 90-HOUR OR THE 84-HOUR OPTION ? WILL I START IN THE AFTERNOON, IN THE EVENING OR EARLY IN THE MORNING ? YOU MULL THINGS OVER, LOOK FOR ADVICE. THERE ARE NUMEROUS AND SOMETIMES CONTRADICTIONARY OPINIONS. HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO HELP YOU MAKE YOUR CHOICE.

There are two main criteria to consider when choosing your start time :

What are you able to do physically ?

What do you want to do ?

For example : You rode a 400 km brevet in 17h30 and a 600 km brevet in 29h45. In 2011, among those who had ridden these brevets in the same time, 28% to 29% have completed PBP in under 70 hours, and 31% to 41% in under 80 hours.

That's what you are able to do physically. Let's think about what you want to do.



PBP 2011 RIDDEN IN...

BREVET OF 400KM RIDDEN IN...	UNDER 60H	60-70H	70-80H	80-90H	DNF	OUT OF TIME	NB OF RIDERS
12H00 TO 14H00	42%	30%	13%	4%	11%	0%	76
14H00 TO 16H00	30%	26%	23%	7%	13%	1%	477
16H00 TO 18H00	14%	29%	31%	16%	11%	0%	928
18H00 TO 20H00	3%	14%	40%	30%	13%	1%	1 038
20H00 TO 22H00	1%	6%	26%	47%	18%	2%	1 029
22H00 TO 24H00	1%	2%	20%	54%	21%	3%	737
24H00 TO 27H00	2%	4%	12%	48%	30%	5%	715

PBP 2011 RIDDEN IN...

BREVET OF 600KM RIDDEN IN...	UNDER 60H	60-70H	70-80H	80-90H	DNF	OUT OF TIME	NB OF RIDERS
21H00 TO 24H00	44%	20%	18%	2%	16%	0%	105
24H00 TO 28H00	33%	31%	22%	5%	9%	0%	520
28H00 TO 32H00	8%	28%	41%	12%	10%	0%	787
32H00 TO 36H00	3%	12%	35%	35%	14%	1%	1 283
36H00 TO 38H00	1%	5%	20%	53%	19%	2%	990
38H00 TO 40H00	2%	4%	16%	48%	26%	4%	1 315

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO RIDE PARIS-BREST-PARIS, AND YOU MAY FIND YOURS AMONG THE FOLLOWING PROFILES.

Veteran:

After many participations, you know all the nuts and bolts of long-distance riding. You know yourself perfectly, you adapt to changing circumstances and finish your ride without excessive fatigue. Of course, you will not read these lines, because you already know what you will do this time!

► **Your start:** You have already experienced all options. Maybe you choose the 84-hour start and set off at 5h00, to be more relaxed.

► **Your ride schedule (starting at 5h00):** If you feel fine, you will try to ride until Brest without sleeping, and sometimes even until Fougères on the return. On the way out, you will make only short stops, 10 to 30 minutes. Your first overnight stop will be after 36 hours riding. At that point, you will have caught up with those of the 90-hour field who have stopped overnight between Loudéac and Brest. You will probably reach the finish line in the late afternoon of the third day. Your total time will be between 55 and 67 hours. Or, if you're not feeling good, you will sleep 3 to 6 hours during the first night and then ride behind the bulk of the 90-hour field, avoiding queues and crowds and still be able to finish within 75 to 84 hours.

Hedonist:

You are a strong rider. You have already ridden the Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur, maybe several times and sometimes very quickly. Today, you are still able to ride fast, but you will rely on your fitness and spend time talking with people on the road and at the checkpoints.

You will make long overnight stops to fully enjoy the ride. You will avoid the crowds by staying ahead of most of the riders, then you will slow down and let them catch up with you. Eventually you will use all your allotted time to get to the finish.

► **Your start:** In the first 90-hour waves or in the last 80-hour waves.

► **Your ride schedule:** On the way out, you will make short stops (15 to 45 minutes) and a first overnight stop (5 to 7 hours) between Brest and Carhaix on the return. Then your stops will be a little longer (20 to 60 minutes) and you will have your second overnight stop between Fougères and Mortagne, in order to finish in the evening, in under 80 hours. Or if you have chosen the 90-hour option, you will have a little less sleep on the way out. You will have a third overnight stop between Villaines-la-Juhel and Dreux and finish next day around noon, at relaxed pace.

Contemplative:

You ride relatively slowly, but steadily. No doubt that you will choose the 90-hour option, to make the most of this beautiful randonné. You want to enjoy the scenery, to talk with people and socialize. Paris-Brest-Paris is a long journey that will enrich you. You just need to ensure a safety margin to make sure you don't run out of time ... but sometimes, you will forget this safety margin !

► **Your start:** You choose the 90-hour option and preferably start in the last waves, so you can watch the first waves taking off. This will also allow you to finish

in the mid-afternoon on the last day. If you start at 20:00, you will perhaps be back at 14:00 on the last day.

► **Your ride schedule:** Depending on your average speed, you will spend from 15 to 45 minutes at the checkpoints and other rest places. You will try to have a first overnight stop between Tinténiac and Carhaix, and a second overnight stop between Carhaix and Tinténiac on the return. Your naps may have to be quite short, because you must make up for all the time spent off the bike. You will try to have a third overnight stop in Mortagne-au-Perche or Dreux, in order to enjoy the last stage to its fullest.

Athlete:

You enter PBP with the personal ambition to set a good time. Although the Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur is not a race (you may find difficult to accept that it is not !), you want to push your limits and achieve a 'personal best'. Alone or with some friend, you will join high-paced groups in order to progress faster, without being averse to long solo riding when necessary. You will spend very little time off the bike.

► **Your start:** You choose the 80-hour option and preferably start in the first waves. If you feel that you will not be able to follow the hectic pace of the first waves, you will strategically start the next day at 5h00, so you will still be riding in strong groups and pass the checkpoints at off-peak times until Loudéac.

► **Your ride schedule:** You will have very short stops on the way out (5 to 15 minutes), just enough time to get your card stamped and grab some food that you will eat on the road. You will sleep as little as your strength will allow, and maybe

you will not sleep at all. Most of your fellow riders will sleep from 30 minutes to 4 hours on their way back, between Brest and Fougères. On the return, your stops will be 10 to 30 minutes, with perhaps a second sleep stop between Villaines-la-Juhel and Mortagne-au-Perche. You must arrive no later than midnight if you started at 16:00.

Perseverant:

You know that you are a slow rider, perhaps too slow... but you also know that you can finish, come what may. Your friends and family will support you, they will follow your progress. You will achieve your personal challenge, even if it takes 89h59. You will experience hard times, but you will find the physical and mental strength to go further. If you ride at an average speed of 18 km/h (11.2 mph), you can stop 12 hours overall... which is not much indeed, and you will have to minimize the time off the bike in order to make up for your relatively slow speed. But you will finish !

► **Your start:** You choose the 90-hour option and preferably start in the last waves, in order to benefit from maximum daylight on the last day. Or, if you want to ride with groups sometimes, you might choose the first waves, but make sure to pace yourself.

► **Your ride schedule :** Your average speed will determine the length of your stops. You will try to sleep in Loudéac or nearby during the first night, and again in Loudéac on your way back, during the second night. You will rest during the third night between Villaines-la-Juhel and Mortagne-au-Perche, and set off very early in the morning, to make sure you finish on time. If you started at 18:00, you must finish no later than 12:00.

THE AUDAX CLUB PARISIEN, CYCLOTOURING ASSOCIATION FOUNDED IN 1904, HOSTS FROM AUGUST 16 TO 20, 2015, THE 18TH PARIS-BREST-PARIS RANDONNEUR®, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE FÉDÉRATION FRANÇAISE DE CYCLOTOURISME WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF THE TOWNSHIPS COMMUNITY OF SAINT-QUENTIN-EN-YVELINES AND THE TOWN OF MONTIGNY-LE-BRETONNEUX, AND WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE FOLLOWING CLUBS :
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START	BIKE	TIME LIMIT	OPENING OF CONTROLS
SUNDAY 16:00 TO 17:00	Solo bikes	80 h	free
SUNDAY 17:15	Tandems, triplets, trikes and all special bikes	90 h	free
SUNDAY 17:30 TO 20:00	Solo bikes	90 h	To be respected
MONDAY 04:50	Tandems, triplets, trikes and all special bikes	84 h	To be respected
MONDAY 05:00 TO 05:15	Solo bikes	84 h	To be respected

ARTICLE 1

The Audax Club Parisien organizes on August 16-20, 2015 the Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur®, a 1200 km free-paced BRM event, in which riders are not allowed to get any support, except as permitted by the organizers. Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur® is run according to the FFCT event charter.

ARTICLE 2

Entry Conditions
 Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur® is open to FFCT, UFOLEP and FSGT members in 2015, as well as to all international riders.

The minimum age is 18 years at the date of the start. Riders must have completed a Super Randonneur brevet series (200, 300, 400 and 600 km) of ACP-sanctioned brevets in 2015, which are run in many countries by duly ACP-approved organizers. Any ACP-sanctioned brevet of a higher distance can be substituted for a missed brevet.

ARTICLE 3

Rider Restriction
 The rider number may be restricted. The rider limit will be published on the official Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur® 2015 website.

ARTICLE 4

Preregistrations
 Preregistrations are open to those who have completed at least one BRM in 2014. The preregistration date depends on the longest brevet validated in 2014. Limited places available. Individual preregistration starts :

BRMs RIDDEN FROM NOV 01, 2013 TO OCT 30, 2014	PREREGISTRATION STARTS ON
1000 KM OR RM1200 AND +	April 26, 2015
600 KM	May 03, 2015
400 KM	May 10, 2015
300 KM	May 17, 2015
200 KM	May 24, 2015

Some countries may apply local conditions to validate the preregistration. For example, in France, UFOLEP and FSGT members will not be allowed to pre-register until four days after FFCT members who have ridden the same mileage.

The preregistration will reserve a place for Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur® 2015 at the time your payment is accepted. Limited places available. Available places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you have not converted your preregistration into a definite registration until June 23, 2015 at midnight (French time), you will lose your reserved place. You can still apply for registration, but without priority.

The preregistration can only be made through Internet on the Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur® website : www.paris-brest-paris.org with mention of rider affiliation, rider licence number and homo-

logation number of the longest BRM ridden.

For multi-rider vehicles, the rider who rode the longest BRM will initiate the preregistration, so that his or her co-rider(s) will get the same priority to preregister.

ARTICLE 5

Registrations
 Registrations can only be made through Internet on the Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur® website : www.paris-brest-paris.org where you can view the status of your registration form.

You can register as soon as you have completed at least three of the four qualifying brevets which are scheduled between October 31, 2014 and July 07, 2015.

Your place will be definitely reserved at the time your payment is accepted.

Registrations will be processed according to the date of payment until the limit of available places is

Registration Schedule

	Preregistered riders of all federations, as well as non-preregistered FFCT members and International riders*	Non-pre-registered UFOLEP/FSGT members *
OPENING	May 31, 2015	June 07, 2015
DEADLINE	July 14, 2015	July 14, 2015

* limited places available.

reached. If the limit is exceeded, a waiting list will be opened. As long as you are on the waiting list, your payment will not be debited from your account.

Applications that have not been completed on July 14, 2015 at midnight (French time) will be definitely canceled and the rider considered as not starting. Refunds will only be possible under the conditions set by the cancellation insurance. To DNF on a qualifying brevet will not be a condition for refund. Your application will be processed when you have completed your registration form with the homologation numbers of your four qualifying brevets. Then you will receive a confirmation email with instructions concerning the ride.

If the follow-up of your form on the website indicates « validated » and you do not receive the confirmation email, you must contact the organizers at the following addresses :

France : Inscription_fra@paris-brest-paris.org
 International : Inscription_int@paris-brest-paris.org

ARTICLE 6

Payment
 A secure payment option will be proposed at the end of your preregistration and/or registration. It

may be individual or collective. No payment by wire transfer, check or cash will be accepted. The preregistration fee is €30, non refundable and deducted from the final registration fee.

The registration fee is €115 Reduction of €10 for FFCT members

- The registration fee includes:
- participation in Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur® 2015
 - official water bottle
 - official reflective vest
 - hot meal at the finish
 - official document pouch
 - Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur® 2015 frame badge
 - Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur® 2015 brevet card
 - Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur® 2015 rider tracking device
 - engraved souvenir medal (if you are homologated)
 - cancellation insurance and medical evacuation insurance according to the insurance contract
 - arrow signs on the course
 - supervision by official cars and motorcyclists
 - access to the various checkpoints and food stops
 - emergency support at the checkpoints
 - results brochure and 18th Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur® DVD sent to your address in early 2016

The costs of food, sleeping and of repatriation in case of DNF, are

the sole responsibility of the participants.

ARTICLE 7

Cancellation Initiated by the participant :
 You can get reimbursed by the insurer provided you meet the conditions of the cancellation insurance.

Initiated by the organizer :
 If the event has to be canceled by the organizer because of unforeseen circumstances, whether the organizer is responsible or not, only a fixed sum of 50 € will be refunded. No other indemnity will be paid. Requested jerseys will be delivered if, at the date of cancellation of the event, the order has already been placed with the supplier by the Audax Club Parisien.

ARTICLE 8

Rules for bikes
 Any bike with two or three wheels steered by a handlebar and propelled by muscle power via a transmission consisting of one or several chainsets may be used. The bike must not exceed 1 meter wide. Bikes not meeting those criteria will have to be vetted by the Audax Club Parisien. Electric bikes, tri-bars and all forms of extended bars are forbidden.

Bikes must possess a lighting system powerful enough to be seen at a distance of 100 m from the front and 150 m from the rear. It must be securely and permanently fixed on the bike, even during daytime, and in working order at all times. Flashing LEDs at the rear are forbidden. Backup lighting systems are strongly recommended. Lights must be turned on at all

times during hours of darkness or other low-light conditions, whether the participant rides alone or in a group.

If the controllers stop a rider because of no lighting or insufficient lighting, they will not allow him or her to continue until the lighting failure has been repaired, unless he or she has emergency lighting. In this case he or she may ride to the next checkpoint.

We recommend that riders of recumbents add a protection to the crank set, either a chain guard fixed at the frame, or a chainring guard slightly larger than the big ring. We also recommend at least a left rear view mirror which may be attached on the back of the glove. Finally, it is strongly recommend to mount a safety flag with reflective stripes, at the top of a pole, at least 1.40 meters above ground. The bikes with fairing must imperatively be equipped with reflective stripes at the front, back and sides.

To test their equipment, riders are advised to complete at least a 400 km or 600 km event on the same bike that will be used for Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur®.

In order to make checks easier, all riders will have their number marked on a frame badge which must remain attached to the bike throughout the ride.

ARTICLE 9

Equipment
 According to French traffic law, a high visibility vest MUST be worn when riding at night (safety standard number EN 1150 or EN 471).

If your reflective vest is hidden (e.g. because you are carrying a backpack or riding a recumbent), make sure that you have additional reflective material to ensure you are seen.

Light-coloured clothing is recommended for night riding. It is highly recommended to wear an approved helmet throughout the event. It is recommended to wear a randonneuring club's jersey, the official P.B.P. jersey or any other RM event's jersey. Professional cycling team jerseys are prohibited.

ARTICLE 10

Route and Controls

The official route sheet will be sent when your application will be processed. The route is subject to authorities' agreement.

The out and back ways are marked by arrows of different colours.

Official controls are :

On the way out : start control at the National Velodrome of Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines in MONTIGNY-LE-BRETONNEUX, then VILLAINES-LA-JUHEL, FOUGÈRES, TINTÉNIAC, LOUDÉAC, CARHAIX, BREST. On the way back: additional controls at MORTAGNE AU PERCHE and DREUX.

A food stop is provided on the way out at MORTAGNE-AU-PERCHE. A sleep and food stop is provided at QUEDILLAC and SAINT-NICOLAS-DU-PELEM on both ways.

There may also be secret controls on both ways.

Riders must stay on the official route. Please be aware that the insurance cover will be invalid if you deviate from the official route.

The organizers reserve the right to modify the above mentioned route or checkpoints in case the competent authorities deny the authorisation to take a certain route.

All riders and all support crews must everywhere and at all times act correctly towards the control personnel.

ARTICLE 11

Responsibilities and insurance

Under all circumstances, riders must obey the French traffic law.

It is especially to be noted that cyclists participating in Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur® ride at their own risk and that riders are not covered unless they have taken out an individual insurance. The participant asserts under the honor principle to be covered by insurance when registering.

A «Responsabilité Civile - Défense & Recours» policy has been taken out by the organizers for the duration of the event, for all material or corporal damage caused to a third party by a participant.

This policy includes additional coverage for medical assistance and repatriation for all participants.

This policy does not cover any damage to bike or equipment in case of a fall or in case of theft. Personal insurance must be bought to cover those risks. In all places riders have to care for their personal belongings. The ACP cannot be held responsible in case of loss or theft.

ARTICLE 12

Rider tracking

A brevet card and an electronic tracking device will be distributed to each rider before the start. The rider must keep both in good condition. We recommend to fix a recent passport picture on the brevet card (35x25 mm).

Riders must always carry their brevet card and must personally ensure that their card is validated at each control, whether official or secret.

Loss of the brevet card, loss of the tracking device, missing or incomplete validation, whether from an official or a secret control, will result in disqualification.

ARTICLE 13

Sign-in

You must go to the bike check at the time which has been assigned by the ACP according to your request :

- Saturday Aug. 15 from 08h00 to 19h00 for riders starting on Sunday Aug. 16
- Sunday Aug. 16 from 08h00 to 13h00 for riders starting on Monday Aug.17

Once your bike has been checked, go to the control hall. Show your official picture ID and you will receive your brevet card, tracking device, frame badge and other items. Then sign the start sheet.

Start control :

Start control will take place outside the National Velodrome of Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, from 15 to 45 minutes before each official start. To avoid the crowds, please do go to the start place earlier.

Beware :

Missing brevet card validation or a missing tracking device recording at the start will result in disqualification.

Start :

As required by the police headquarters, riders will start in waves.

For safety reasons, official vehicles will lead the riders through Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines (12 km). It is forbidden to overtake them (offenders will be attributed a penalty).

ARTICLE 14

Opening and closing time of the controls

The opening and closing times indicated in the brevet card must be respected.

Note : For riders starting from 16h00 to 17h15, all opening times are free.

Riders MUST arrive at each control within the time limits. Only a serious material incident may be accepted as justification for late arrival, and the delay must be recovered at the latest within the next two controls.

ARTICLE 15

Homologation, DNFs and failure to comply with the time limits.

Whatever the time of arrival, a brevet ridden in less than 43h56 will not be homologated (this corresponds to an average speed of 28km/h).

All participants who have ridden in compliance with the rules earn a medal engraved with their official time. In case they have been attributed a time penalty, it will

be included in the finishing time. The medal has been designed specifically for the 18th P.B.P. Randonneur®. Riders who abandon must show their brevet card to a controller or another member of the organisation, who will sign it and annotate it with «Abandon». The abandoning rider has to remove the frame number and the tracking device, but can keep both items, as well as the brevet card.

ARTICLE 16

Medical test

A medical test may be requested by the French State Secretary of Sport, which will bear the costs. Refusal to undergo this control or a positive test outcome will result in disqualification and will lead to sanctions in accordance with the regulations.

ARTICLE 17

Support vehicles

Support vehicles are forbidden on the riders' official route. Riders who wish to have a support vehicle (even for only one control) must specify it at registration.

A special route has been provided for support vehicles. Riders can meet their support vehicle only at the checkpoints and within 5 km from the checkpoints.

ARTICLE 18

Image rights and liberties

Riders authorise expressly the organizers of the Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur®, or their proxies such as partners and media organisations to use static or moving images on which they may ap-

ARTICLE 18

Penalties and appeals

The Audax Club Parisien reserves the right to refuse entry to Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur® and to disqualify riders in case of major transgressions. Official controllers will be clearly identified. Any violation of the regulations recorded by official controllers will be penalised according to the following scale.

Insofar as possible, riders will be informed of the attributed pe-

nalty either immediately or at the next checkpoint. Penalties will be noted in the brevet card. They apply to the overall time only. Penalties will be cumulated in case of further offenses. No rider can be stopped because of penalties during the event. It is explicitly stated that riders take part in the event solely at their own responsibility. Any rider passing his or her brevet card to another rider will be disqualified.

This action absolves the organizers of responsibility in case of any accident suffered or caused by this other rider during the event.

All complaints must be addressed within 5 days after the finish by registered mail to :
 Monsieur Jean-Gualbert FABUREL - Commission PBP
 76 rue de la République
 78920 ECQUEVILLY
 FRANCE

SCALE OF PENALTIES	
Overtaking official vehicles at the start of the event	1 h
No lighting at night, or under conditions of poor visibility	1 h
Violation of the French traffic law - Use of cell phone while riding	1 h
Drafting by someone not taking part in the event	1 h
Environmental pollution	2 h
Absence of (or hidden) high visibility vest at night	2 h
Refusal to obey controllers	2 h
Registered vehicle present on the official route although the driver pledged to follow the special itinerary.	2 h
Incorrect behaviour of rider or support crew towards the controllers	5 h
Support given on the route, or in the control towns, by a non-registered vehicle	5 h

ARTICLE 19

Environment

All riders must respect the environment in the control towns and all over the route of the Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur®. Riders will be liable for any damage noted.

It is strictly forbidden to litter on the road. Your eco-friendly behaviour benefits all riders, and the public image of randonneuring is at stake !

ARTICLE 20

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pear and which have been captured during their participation in Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur® for publicity purposes, including promotional material and/or advertising, throughout the world and for the longest period provided by the law, regulations, and treaties in force, including any extensions that may be made to this period.

According to the French law on Informatics and Liberties of January 6, 1978, you have a right to access and rectify any personal information.

Through us, you may receive offers from other companies or associations. If you object to it, please let us know with your name, address and possibly your frame badge number.

ARTICLE 21

Updating

The Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur® commission reserves the right to modify these Regulations and if needed to decide about eventualities not foreseen in the present Regulations.

The Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur® commission can modify the conditions under which the event is run.

As far as possible, decisions or possible modifications will be brought to the attention of the participants :

- Either by using the press, radio, and Internet, at the latest three days before the date of the event if a possible cancellation is foreseen.
 - or during the event by loudspeaker and posters.

INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR



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Randonneur	giuovo@berio.it	15-mars-15			30-mai-15	
Sportverona	info@sportverona.it	14-jun-15			28-jul-15	
Vallipiadi	frullifoydian@yahoo.it	20-sept-15				
Ciclo Club Trieste	info@cicloclubtrieste.it	12-avr-15				
Athletic Merano	giacca1toncini@gmail.com	22-mai-15				
Vericali Bike	fabio.albertoni@gmail.com	21-déc-14				
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Amantea	facchinetti@libero.it	19-avr-15				
Vento Contrario	aschecci@luventotrantraio@gmail.com	15-mars-15				
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Audax Randonneurs Chubu	ar.chubu@gmail.com	07-mars-15				
Audax Randonneurs Shizuoka	shizuoka@audax-japan.org	04-jan-15				
Audax Randonneurs Kanagawa	contact2015@ak.kanagawa.org	04-jan-15				
Audax Randonneurs Isumiyama	mibeyre14@www.jp-utsunomiya.org	08-fev-15				
Audax Randonneurs Hokkaido	aj.hokkaido@gmail.com	05-jul-15				
Audax Randonneurs Chiba	shoji_s1173@yahoo.co.jp	17-jan-15				
Audax Randonneurs Saitama	saitami@audax-saitama.org	25-jan-15				
Audax Randonneurs Saitama	shiniba-hanz2015@audax-saitama.org	15-fev-15				
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Audax Randonneurs Okayama	okokayama.eternalcyclist@gmail.com	02-jan-15				
Randonneurs Miyagi	tohoku_brevet@poolgroup.com	19-avr-15				
Randonneurs Club Nagoya	kana-62@m88.aitai.ne.jp	25-jan-15				
Audax Randonneurs Fukuoka	buster@kou.bbq.jp	06-sept-15				
Velo Club Randonneurs Aoba	takashi@ya.catv.ne.jp	08-fev-15				

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Audax Randonneurs Gumma	tokoro@taj-gunma.org	17-oct-15				
Audax Randonneurs Hiroshima	giant.learning@gmail.com	21-fev-15				
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Audax Randonneurs Nagasaki	bosco.1989ishishi@gmail.com	14-fev-15				
Randonneurs Tamagawa	info@tamagawa.org	17-jan-15				
Randonneurs Sapporo	jind@ray.pdla.or.jp	26-sept-15				
Audax Randonneurs Nihonbashi	ar.nihonbashi@gmail.com	31-mai-15				

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Randonneurs Kazakhstan	asset.kussainov	25-avr-15				

NORVÈGE / NORWAY - JENS GLAD BALCHEN - Adresse/Postal address : Vidars gate 11 - N-4011 STAVANGER - NORVEGE - E-mail : jens@randomneurs.no - Web : www.randomneurs.no		DATES DES ORGANISATIONS - Events calendar				
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TC Sweiland	gerint@yahoo.co.uk	28-mars-15				
ERN-Merselo	jan.van.Osch	04-avr-15				
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TC Sweiland	gerint@yahoo.co.uk	28-mars-15				
ERN-Merselo	jan.van.Osch	04-avr-15				
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ERN-Ds Lier	mart.voordenhout@inter.nl.net	03-oct-15				



The Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur 2015 is a must for randonneurs from the entire world. With over 50 countries represented, it will be the most international randonnée, even more so than in the past. The growth rate of the Brevets des Randonneurs Mondiaux (BRMs) has remained constant since 2011, and

each year, new countries are joining the community of the Randonneurs Mondiaux. This promises an even richer, more exciting, more polyglot and pluricultural randonnée. On the road between Paris and Brest, the experiences of the one will enrich the knowledge of the other; and believe me, you will be surprised by some of those experiences! Brevets accomplished in Canada, in the snow under temperatures of -20°C (-4°F), will appear unreal to those who crossed the Negev desert during a 1000km in Israel. Our friends from Chile will try to make you understand why their brevets are always as difficult as our Super Randonnées. I hope the randonneurs from Ukraine will have a chance to explain how they managed, supported by randonneurs from their geographic neighborhood, to maintain their brevets during the most somber hours of the last months. Some will talk about tornados, earth quakes, blizzards or monsoons ... but above all, everybody will share the pleasure of riding long distances in perfect camaraderie; everybody will share their discoveries since the last encounters on other brevets; and everybody will enjoy the happiness of being a member of this big family of randonneurs.

At that time, we will have an emotional thought of Bob and Suzanne Lepertel in our minds. They have dedicated their whole life to the cause of letting us experience such situations. This will be the first Paris-Brest-Paris in over 60 years without their physical presence. No doubt that they will be present in the hearts of many of us, together with all those who have contributed to the legend of Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur.

Jean-Gualbert FABUREL

In Charge of International BRMs

Les Randonneurs Mondiaux was formed in 1983 to promote long distance (1200k plus) cycling throughout the world and provide homologation of such rides. Homologation number 0001 was issued to a certain Keith Benton for his ride in the first London-Edinburgh-London when 28 riders took part.



By 2013 L.E.L. had grown to 804 riders and the total number of homologations had grown to 7070.

This expansion is reflected by the number of countries within L.R.M. The original 8 has now become 49 and 4 events in 1989 is now 41 in 2014. These are organised by 22 countries, with rides ranging from 1200k to 7000k for the TransRussia brevet.

In 2014 a new medal for the rides was commissioned. The website (www.randonneursmondiaux.org) is somewhat dated and is in the process of being revised. It is hoped that this will speed up the event results page, allow for the introduction of more information pages and newsletters.

I succeeded to the role of President in October 2014 following the resignation of Jan Pieter Broekhoven. My thanks go to Jean-Gualbert Faburel for his help and guidance as I look forward to promoting the further expansion of Les Randonneurs Mondiaux.

Keith BENTON

President of L.R.M.

Germany

Deutschland im November 2014: nervöse Randonneure melden sich bereits jetzt für Brevets im Jahr 2015 an, deren Termine noch gar nicht fest stehen. Im Keller wird die Randonneur-Maschine gebaut, gepflegt, geputzt. Es wird übereifrig trainiert und versucht abzuspecken. Seit Monaten wurde bereits der Urlaub für Mitte August 2015 eingereicht und schon bei den Brevets 2014 gab es unterwegs

nur ein bestimmendes Thema: Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur 2015. Schier unglaublich, welche Gedankenfilme, Emotionen und Aktivitäten diese Rad-Veranstaltung in Gang setzt! Etwas, das die Menschen berührt, was sie antreibt und was sie besser integriert als ein Treffen aller Außenminister. Somit sind wir – Audax Randonneurs Allemagne – sehr dankbar, dass der Audax Club Parisien diese Tradition aufgreift, den immensen

Organisationsaufwand auf sich nimmt und diese Veranstaltung gleichermaßen traditionstreu und fortschrittlich weiterentwickelt. Wir freuen uns sehr darauf, im nächsten Kapitel von Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur dabei sein zu dürfen!

Germany in November 2014: nervous randonneurs register in advance for their brevets in 2015. You can find randonneurs assembling, maintaining and cleaning their machines in their garages. They exercise enthusiastically and try to lose weight. For months they have asked for leave in mid August 2015 and already during the brevets in 2014 one vital topic dominated any road discussion: Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur 2015. It is incredible how

this event sets in motion imagination, emotions, and activities. Something which touches people, drives them, and integrates them more effectively than any foreign minister conference. Therefore, the Audax Randonneurs Allemagne appreciate that the Audax Club Parisien lives this tradition, shoulders the enormous efforts and evolves this event according to tradition and progress in equal measure. Looking forward to take part in the next chapter of Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur!



Dr Rainer PAFFRATH

ACP Representative for Audax Randonneurs Allemagne

Australia

Audax Australia was officially formed in 1981. The first official Audax Australian brevet was a series of simultaneous 600 km brevets conducted over the Easter weekend commencing from Sydney and Melbourne and finishing in Albury. In 1983, 3 Australians participated in the Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur for the first time. The PBP holds special importance to us since the patron of our club; Sir Hubert Opperman was the only

non-European winner of the 1931 PBP when this distance was raced. Australian representation at PBP has gone from strength to strength where in 2007, a record of 125 Australians commenced the event. In 2015, over 100 Aussies are again preparing to head to France. Now our club is over 1000 members strong, promoting a multitude of randonneuring distances from 50km – 1200km throughout the year. The club comprises of 7 regions. The largest brevet that is run annually is the Audax Alpine Classic held in the Victorian Alps, where over 2000 cyclists nationally partake in a variety of distances from 70km to 250km. Despite the relative small number of members compared to other countries, Australia has consistently been repre-

sented in the top 10 countries in the number of BRM brevets homologated for many years.

Audax Australie a été officiellement constitué en 1981. Le premier brevet officiel australien a été une série de 600 km menés simultanément au cours du week-end de Pâques de Sydney et Melbourne jusqu'à Albury. En 1983, trois Australiens ont participé au Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur pour la première fois. Le PBP revêt une importance particulière pour nous car le président d'honneur de notre club, Sir Hubert Opperman, a été en 1931 le seul vainqueur non-européen du PBP, lorsque c'était encore une course. La délégation australienne du PBP est montée en puissance jusqu'en 2007 avec un record de 125 inscrits australiens. En 2015,

plus de 100 Australiens se préparent à venir en France. Maintenant, notre club a dépassé les 1 000 membres, assurant la promotion d'une multitude de brevets de 50 km à 1 200 km par an. Le club se compose de 7 régions. La plus grande randonnée est l'Audax Alpine Classic, organisée dans les Alpes victoriennes, où plus de 2 000 cyclistes venus de tout le pays parcourent de 70 km à 250 km. Malgré le nombre relativement faible de membres par rapport à d'autres pays, l'Australie a toujours été classée dans les 10 premiers pays au nombre de Brevets de Randonneurs Mondiaux (BRM) homologués depuis de nombreuses années.



Peter MATHEWS

President of Audax Australia



Austria

Österreichs Randonneure können die Teilnahme bei PBP 2015 kaum erwarten. Das Interesse bei der 18. Durchführung von PBP dabei zu sein, wird enorm werden. Ich hoffe, dass wir wieder eine so hohe Finisher Quote wie 2011 erreichen werden.

Ich bin auch stolz darauf, dass wir in Österreich im Jahr 2014 wieder einen Landesrekord mit 413 Brevetfinisher verzeichnen konnten. Ich denke, dass hier seitens der Brevet Organisation hervorragende Arbeit geleistet worden ist. Unsere Brevet Strecken führen über verkehrsunruhige Straßen und durch wunderschöne Landschaften, geprägt von Hügeln, Bergen und Seen.

Großartig schlugen sich dieses Jahr auch die 50 Teilnehmer bei dem nicht so einfachen 1.000 km Super-Brevet. Dieser führte über

die Postalm, den österreichischen Nationalberg „Großglockner“ und die Soboth, dem steirischen Nationalberg. Wir durchfahren dabei die Bundesländer Oberösterreich, Steiermark, Kärnten, Burgenland und Niederösterreich. Immerhin konnten 45 Teilnehmer ihren Finisherpokal in Empfang nehmen. Wir danken ACP herzlich für das Veranstellen von PBP und freuen uns auf ein Wiedersehen im August 2015. Es werden doppelt so viele Österreicher teilnehmen als 2011. So wird für alle Teilnehmer und Zuschauer die Chance größer sein, lustige und jodelnde Radrennfahrer aus unserem Land auf der Strecke anzutreffen, die wohl freudig singen werden: "I am from Austria!"

Austrians Randonneurs are very excited to participate in PBP 2015. The



interest in being part of the 18th PBP will be enormous. I hope that we will reach as high a finisher rate as we had in 2011.

I am also proud of this year's record in Austria, where we noted 413 brevet finishers. I think the brevet organization made a brilliant job.

Our brevet routes will lead you through calm roads and marvelous landscapes full of hills, mountains and lakes.

The 50 participants, who took part in the challenging 1000 km Super-Brevet did a great job, which led them over the "Postalm", the national mountain of Austria the "Großglockner" and the Soboth, the national moun-

tain of Styria. We went through the states Upper Austria, Styria, Carinthia, Burgenland and Lower Austria. Finally, 45 participants received the winner's cup.

We thank ACP for organizing PBP and look forward to seeing you in August 2015. There will be at least twice as many Austrians participating the ride next year than 2011. So participants and audience have the chance to see a lot more funny and yodeling bicycle riders from our country who will sing: "I am from Austria!"

Ferdinand JUNG

President of Randonneurs Autriche

Brazil

Brasil é visto como um país de praias e clima quente, mas temos também regiões de montanha e no sul tem muito frio, chuva e vento no inverno. Temos dias com muita chuva e dias de clima seco, com pouca umidade do ar, comparado muitas vezes com o de um deserto.

Nossas estradas são perigosas, os ciclistas não são respeitados como na França, Suíça, Alemanha...

Temos poucas estradas em boas condições para fazer brevets, muitas são mal conservadas. Os randonneurs devem sempre fazer atenção ao pavimento, veículos. Nossos

randonneurs são alegres, tem motivação e são fortes. Nossos organizadores possuem mais trabalho para fazer uma boa organização porque precisam fazer mais atenção aos ciclistas, as estradas a aos condutores.

You would maybe think that Brazil is a country of beaches and heat, but we have also mountains, and the south is very cold, windy and rainy during the winter. We experience heavy rains, low humidity or dry weather, as in the desert.

Our roads are dangerous because cyclists are not respected like in France, Switzerland or Germany. We have some good roads to ride on, but

many others are poorly maintained. Randonneurs must always pay attention both to the road surface and to other vehicles. But our randonneurs are happy, motivated and strong. Our events are not perfectly organized yet, because we still have to work on the combination of riders, roads and car drivers in Brazil.

Roberto PENNA TREVISAN

ACP Representative for Brazil randonneursbrasil.org



Bulgaria

България (7.5 милиона жители) се присъединява към ACP – Рандоньори през 1999 г., когато 7 рандоньора участват в ПБП. Оттогава ACP представител неизменно е Димитър Балански с референтна организация - Българска федерация по



туризъм (БФТ). През 1999 са проведени 4 брета в гр. Исперих. През 2000 г. броят на брета е 6 – с два нови в гр. Сливен, а Лазар Владиславов участва успешно в Boston-Montreal-Boston. През 2001 г. КК „Сините камъни“ Сливен с помощта на БФТ, организира за пръв път в Централна и Източна Европа пробег на 1200 км - SVS. След 2005 г. движението се разраства до наши дни със 7 организатора и годишно провеждане на 14 BRM 200 км, 6 - 300 км, 3 - 400 км, 2 - 600 км,

1 - 1000 км, 1 RM 1200 км, Флеш и след 2014 г. - Супер Рандоне.

Bulgaria (7.5 million inhabitants) joined the Randonneurs Mondiaux in 1999, when seven randonneurs participated in PBP. Since then, Dimitar Balanski has always been ACP representative, helped by the Bulgarian Tourism Federation (BTF) as a reference organization. In 1999, 4 BRMs were held in Isperih. In 2000, there were already 6 brevets, with two new brevets in Sliven, and Lazar Vladislavov participated successfully in Boston-Montreal-Boston. In 2001, the

CC Sinite Kamani Sliven, helped by the BTF, organized for the first time in Central and Eastern Europe a 1200 km RM event, Sliven-Varna-Sliven (SVS). Since 2005, the randonneuring movement has grown to the present day with 7 organizers. We annually run 14 BRMs of 200 km, 6 of 300 km, 3 of 400 km, 2 of 600 km and a 1000 km. We also organize the SVS 1200 km, a Flèche Nationale, and since 2014, a Super Randonnée.

Lazar VLADISLAVOV

ACP Representative for Bulgaria

Belgium

België is slechts een zakdoek groot! Toch slagen de Belgische Randonneurs erin jaarlijks een mooie kalender te vullen. Van half februari tot eind september kan je wekelijks wel ergens starten in Vlaanderen, Wallonië of Brussel.

Voor een vlakke rit met de neus tegen de wind, gaan we naar Nederland. Willen we een rustige rit in het fantastische groen, met hier en daar een heuveltje, dan steken we stiekem de Franse grens over. En voor het pittige Ardennen, met de mooie Duitse en Luxemburgse landschappen. En jawel, soms blijven we gewoon in eigen land..

Sommige van onze BRMs verdienen stilaan de stempel 'klasieker'. Zo is er jaarlijks «HCH 1200 km» (Herentals - Cosne s/Loire - Herentals). Tweejaarlijks organiseren we «BSB 1200 km» (Brussel - Strasbourg - Brussel) en «BOB 1000 km» (Borders of Belgium); volg gewoon de Bel-

gische grenzen in een steeds veranderend decor, en je hebt 1000 km op de teller.

In 2014 organiseerden we onze eerste «Fleche Belge». Een geslaagde editie, met aankomstplaats in het mooie 'Lier', de bakermat van de Belgische Randonneurs, en de pleisterplaats van ondergetekende.

Heb je zin om eens te komen fietsen in het hart van Europa, neem dan gewoon een keertje deel aan een Belgische BRM. Onze organisatoren zullen je warm onthalen. En we kunnen alle clichés over België bevestigen: onderweg vind je overal chocolade, en aan de aankomst is er altijd genoeg bier!

Je vindt onze kalender terug op www.randonneurs.be

Brave little Belgium is only the size of a handkerchief! Nevertheless, the Belgian Randonneurs realise each year a nice BRM calendar. Almost every weekend,

from February up to the end of September, there is somewhere a starting place in Flanders, Wallonia or Brussels.

And there is variety: if we want a flat ride - nose against the wind - we ride towards Holland. If we want a green and relaxed ride with some ups and downs, we sneak to the French border. And for the punchy rides, we pass the Ardennes and go into the German Eiffel. And yes, from time to time we just stay in our own country.

Some of our BRMs are, little by little, getting a 'classic' status. Every year, there is the «HCH 1200km»: Herentals - Cosne s/Loire - Herentals. Every two years there is the «BSB 1200km»: Brussels - Strasbourg - Brussels, as well as «BOB 1000 km»: follow the Borders of Belgium in a continuously changing landscape, and ending up with exactly 1000 km.

In 2014, we organised our first «Fleche Belge». It was a nice edition and the arrival place was 'Café Waregem' in 'Lier': the



place where it all started for the Belgian Randonneurs and also my hometown .

If you feel like riding in the heart of Europe, we recommend you to sign up for a Belgian BRM. Our organisers will warmly welcome you. You will find chocolates all over the place, and at the arrival there is always enough beer! It sounds like a cliché about Belgium, but it's true.

For more information, please consult our calendar on WWW.RANDONNEURS.BE

Louis BEIRINCKX

ACP Representative for Belgium



Canada



Randonneering is popular and growing as a sport and recreation in Canada. Across the country there are many opportunities to ride brevets, with clubs in seven provinces. Because of the distance between clubs and provinces many Canadian riders never meet other Canadian riders, except at events such as PBP. In 1979, the first four

Canadians ventured to France to ride PBP. Since then, the number of riders from Canada at PBP has grown to over 80 in 2007 and 2011, from less than 400 club members. One Canadian woman has ridden PBP seven times. There are also three 1200 km events offered in Canada where riders from around the world are invited to experience our country; the Granite Anvil, the Rocky Mountain and the Van Isle. We look forward to meeting you on the road!

La longue distance est de plus en plus populaire au Canada, comme un sport et un loisir. Partout dans le pays, il existe de nombreuses

possibilités de faire des Brevets avec des clubs dans sept provinces. En raison de la distance entre les clubs et les provinces, de nombreux randonneurs canadiens ne rencontrent jamais les autres randonneurs canadiens, sauf lors d'événements comme PBP. En 1979, les quatre premiers Canadiens se sont aventurés en France pour réaliser le PBP. Depuis lors, le nombre de randonneurs venus du Canada pour le PBP a augmenté jusqu'à plus de 80 en 2007 et 2011, issus des moins de 400 membres du club. Une femme canadienne a réalisé sept fois le PBP. Nous vous proposons trois randonnées de 1200 km au Canada (Anvil Granite, le Rocky Mountain et le Van Isle) et les randonneurs du monde entier sont invités à dé-

couvrir notre pays. Nous nous réjouissons de vous rencontrer sur la route !



Cheryl LYNCH

In Behalf of all ACP Representatives for Canada



Colombia

Colombia is a tremendous adventure, astonishing scenery, a wrinkled map... We are just starting but we are very proud to join the great family of the Randonneurs Mondiaux. See you soon in Paris... or in Colombia!

La Colombie est une formidable aventure avec des paysages incroyables et une carte tourmentée... Nous commençons tout juste les BRM mais nous sommes très fiers de rejoindre la grande famille des Randonneurs Mondiaux. A bientôt à Paris... ou en Colombie !



Victor SALDARRIAGA TOMIC
ACP Representative for Colombia

Denmark

De danske løb arrangeres af arrangører i Ålborg, Brande, Sønderjylland, Slagelse og Nærum. Hvert område arrangerer 1 - 3 brevetserier hvert år plus yderligere et antal 200, 300 og 1000 km breveter så den danske Audax-kalender de seneste år har



dækket perioden fra tidligt forår til sent efterår. Størstedelen af breveterne foregår på mindre befærdede veje uden alt for megen trafik. Normalt stiller der 20-40 ryttere til start og sædvanligvis finder de sammen i grupper, der kører med samme hastighed, sådan at løbene har et stort socialt element, selv om der også er nogen, der kører breveterne alene. Kontrolpunkterne består som regel af tankstationer, bagerbutikker eller lignende og er kun undtagelsesvist bemandede af arrangøren. Hvert 4. år arrangerer de skandinaviske Audax-klubber Super Brevet Scandinavia, 1200 km gennem Danmark, Sverige og Norge.

The Danish Audax-scene consists of organizers who run brevets in different geographical areas of Denmark. Each organizer offers 1 to 3 full brevet series a year, as well as several additional 200, 300 and 1000 km brevets, so that in recent years, the Danish Audax-calendar covered the period from early spring to late autumn. Most of the rides take back roads with little traffic. If a main road has to be traversed, there are usually good bicycle paths. A typical event has 20 to 40 riders, who generally stay in groups and ride at the same speed. In this way, the brevets become very sociable events, although you still see the occasional lone rider. The checkpoints usually consist of gas-stations, grocery stores

and other services. Manned controls are seldom set up. Every four years, the Scandinavian Audax organizers join forces to make possible the Super Brevet Scandinavia 1200 km event.

Jan BUSCHARDT

ACP Representative for Denmark

Spain

Han pasado 43 años desde la primera participación española a la PBP 1971, año que Sir Huber Opperman dio la salida a los 323 participantes, desde entonces la Peña Ciclista Bonavista guarda con sumo cariño en sus vitrinas la Copa Gilbert BULTÉ que obtuvieron los tres participantes como equipo extranjero más numeroso.

Estos días hemos recibido la triste noticia del fallecimiento del que fuera Presidente de Honor del Audax Club Parisien, Mr. Gilbert BULTÉ, el cual junto con otros nombres como Robert y Suzanne LEPELTEL, que también nos han dejado en estos últimos años, han formado parte de esta extraordinaria organización de 11 ediciones

PBP. Son 323 los españoles que acumulan un total de 743 homologaciones PBP, algunos repetirán y junto con los noveles que se incorporen en este 2015, tendremos el placer de convivir y ver la obra que los Gilbert BULTÉ, Robert y Suzanne LEPELTEL nos han dejado.

The first Spanish participation in the Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur dates back to 1971, 43 years ago, when Sir Hubert Opperman dropped the starting flag to 325 riders. Since that time, the Peña Ciclista Bonavista keeps fondly in a showcase the Gilbert Bulté Trophy, awarded to the 3 Spanish participants for represen-



In 2015, 323 Spanish riders who have completed a total of 743 PBPs, together with some first-timers, will have the pleasure to see and experience the fantastic legacy left to us by Gilbert Bulté, Robert and Suzanne Lepertel.

Francesc PORTA TORRAS

Randonneurs Catalunya

ting the country with the largest number of riders.

Late 2014, we received the sad news of the death of Audax Club Parisien Honorary President Gilbert Bulté. Together with other people who recently passed away, such as Robert and Suzanne Lepertel, he participated in the extraordinary organisation of PBP Randonneur for 11 editions.



Finland

Parinestä alusta, kolme ajajaa vuonna 1983, brevet-suoritukset ovat parina viime vuotena kasvaneet uusiin ennätyksiin. Yli 130 ajajaa ajoi lähes 300 brevettiä vuonna 2014. Toimintaa on useilla paikkakunnilla, Oulusta pohjoisessa Helsinkiin etelässä, sekä monella muullakin paikkakunnalla. Odotamme, että vuoden 2015 PBP:ssä tulee olemaan ennätysmäärä suomalaisia mukana.

Suomi on pitkä maa pohjois-eteläsuunnassa. Keväällä ensimmäiset brevetit

voimme joutua ajamaan varsinkin talvisissa olosuhteissa. Pohjoisimmat brevetit ajettaneen Suomessa. Kesäöiden valoisuus helpottaa vähän. Ranskassa PBP:ssä odottavat pitkät piimeät yöt.

From three riders in the year 1983, the number of completed brevets has increased to new records. In 2014 there was nearly 130 riders who completed nearly 300 brevets. Activity has spread over several places, from Oulu in north to Helsinki in south, and many other places as well. We

expect that in 2015 edition of Paris-Brest-Paris there will be a new record of Finnish participants.

Finland is a long country in a north south direction. In spring it can be possible that the first brevets have to be ridden in nearly winter conditions. Probably the northernmost brevets are ridden in Finland. Summer nights are light, it helps us somewhat. Paris-Brest-Paris and its long nights are waiting for us in France.



Paavo NURMINEN

RM Representative in Finland

Greece

In 2011, Greece was represented in PBP with twice as many participants as in 2007, and the same may happen in 2015, despite of the current economic situation in our country!

Brevets expand and spread very quickly throughout Greece, even in the most remote areas. As time goes by, more and more cyclists embrace and promote the randonneuring spirit. For the first time in 2015, brevets will be run across three countries (Greece-Bulgaria-Macedonia), and we will organise a Flèche Nationale (24 hour-event) and two Super Randonnées.

This rapid growth has shown the need to set up a dedicated

organisation for Audax Randonneur Greece. ...We will keep moving forward for the better!

En 2011, la Grèce a été représentée lors du P.B.P. par le double des participants de 2007 et ce devrait être la même chose en 2015, en dépit de notre crise économique!

Les Brevets grandissent et se répandent très rapidement dans toute la Grèce, même dans les zones les plus reculées.

Le temps passant, de plus en plus de cyclistes suivent et soutiennent «l'esprit» des Brevets.

Des brevets passant dans trois



pays (Grèce - Bulgarie - Macédoine) et une flèche de 24 heures, seront organisés pour la première fois en 2015. Toute cette croissance rapide a montré la nécessité de mettre en place une organisation dédiée, Audax Randonneur Grèce (www.brevets.gr).

... Et nous continuerons à avancer, pour le meilleur!!

Evangelos TASIPOULOS

ACP Representative for Greece

Ireland

Once again Irish cyclists are looking forward to enjoying the sights and sounds of l'Île de France and Brittany in late summer 2015. For the 18th edition of PBP, we are expecting a healthy attendance by both experienced cyclists and newcomers. Old and young, we are all looking forward to experiencing the magic of the French countryside, the charm of her villages, renewing acquaintances with old friends and meeting riders from new countries. See you on the road,

Une fois de plus, les cyclistes irlandais sont impatients de découvrir les sites et les sonorités de l'Île de France et de la Bretagne à la fin de l'été 2015. Pour la 18^e édition du PBP, nous nous attendons à une participation importante avec des randonneurs expérimentés et des nouveaux venus. Vieux et jeunes, nous sommes tous impatients de découvrir la magie de la campagne française, le charme de ses villages et de retrouver le plaisir de revoir de vieux amis et rencontrer les randonneurs de



nouveaux pays. A bientôt sur la route.

Paul O'DONOGHUE

For Audax Ireland

India

Randonneuring in India commenced with a 200 km brevet in January 2010. PBP 2011 saw a change of representation, with Divya Tate taking the responsibility of Audax India Randonneurs (AIR). The growth and popularity of this activity has been nothing short of explosive. As India prepares to start the PBP 2015 year, 18 clubs across 17 cities in India offer over 250

brevets across the country. A rich diversity of terrain and climate is available to riders. From humid coast routes to the dry heat of the desert, from tough mountain terrains to dense forests, randonneurs around the country face cattle, other livestock, stray animals and a rich array of wildlife on their brevets. Road conditions and traffic may be challenging, but the diversity of food in different parts of the

country, makes up for it. AIR extends a warm welcome to riders from around the world to join us on a brevet.

Les Brevets de Randonneurs Mondiaux ont commencé en Inde par un 200 km en janvier 2010. Le représentant de l'ACP a changé après le PBP 2011 et Divya Tate a pris la responsabilité de Audax Randonneurs Inde (AIR). La croissance et la popularité de cette activité ont

été extrêmement importants. L'Inde aborde l'année du PBP 2015 avec 18 clubs dans 17 villes de l'Inde et une offre de plus de 250 Brevets à travers le pays. Une riche diversité de terrains et de climats est à la disposition des randonneurs. Des routes humides de la côte à la chaleur sèche du désert, des terrains de montagne difficiles aux forêts denses, les randonneurs découvriront à travers tout le pays des bovins et autre bétails, des animaux errants et un riche éventail de faune sauvage. L'état des routes et de la circulation peut être difficile, mais la diversité des aliments dans différentes parties du pays est faite pour la randonnée. AIR réservera un accueil chaleureux aux randonneurs du monde entier qui souhaiteraient se joindre à nous sur un brevet.



Divya TATE and Anil UCHIL
For Audax India Randonneurs



Italy

Audax Randonneur Italy (ARI) is proud to be part of Les Randonneurs Mondiaux and to contribute to the development of the PBP with the increasing participation of Italian cyclists to the make PBP 'Olympics of cyclists. Though very young, born in 1999, ARI's growth in the number of cyclists practising for randonneuring events is really striking. Today ARI offers a calendar of events of 90 brevets in Italy. This strong consolidation and growth is due to two factors: the splendid event «Paris Brest Paris», which, every four years, calls to cycling enthusiasts from all over the world, and the creation of the event «1001 Miglia Italia», an important brevet for Italy which attracts a large number of cyclists from many nations, whose next edition will be

in 2016. ARI is proud to be in the top five of the BRMs organizing countries, and we hope to keep developing more and more, and our goal is: to make the bicycle queen of the road with maximum safety for cyclists. ARI wishes the best to all the organizing staff and all cyclists from all over the world.

ARI (Audax Randonneur Italia) est fière de faire partie des Randonneurs Mondiaux et de l'essor du PBP avec la participation toujours plus importantes de randonneurs italiens pour que le PBP soit « les Jeux olympiques des randonneurs ». Bien que très jeune (ARI a été créé en 1999), la croissance du nombre de randonneurs est vraiment frappante. Aujourd'hui ARI offre un calendrier avec 90

randonnées sur le territoire italien. Cette forte croissance et cette extension sont dues à deux facteurs: le splendide événement «Paris Brest Paris» qui, tous les quatre ans, amènent de nouveaux amateurs de vélo du monde entier la création de l'événement «1001 Miglia Italien», un brevet important pour l'Italie qui attire un grand nombre de randonneurs de nombreux pays. La prochaine édition aura lieu en 2016. Après un important travail en Italie, ARI est fier d'être dans le top cinq des pays organisateurs de BRM et nous souhaitons consolider ce développement vers notre but: « Faire que le vélo soit le roi de la route en assurant une sécurité maximale aux randonneurs ». ARI souhaite le meilleur à tous les bénévoles de l'organisation et tous les randonneurs du monde entier.



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Fermo RIGAMONTI
For Audax Randonneurs Italia



Japan

日本でブルベが始まってから14年、毎年のように参加者が増え、認定距離を伸ばし続けとうとう2012、2013年と2年続けてポイントランキングのトップになるまで成長してきました。2010年に続き2014年にも北海道で1200k (残念なことに台風により途中中止でしたが) が開催され、SR600 (3コース) の完走者は既に200人以上も上っています。海外からの参加者も増え、また日本から積極的に海外へ参加するランダーも増えています。これから先まだまだ日本のブルベは発展していくことでしょう。

ACPIははじめ世界中のクラブのますますの発展を願うとともに感謝いたします。 **Fourteen years have passed since the first brevet took place in Japan. The number of riders kept growing in these years and in 2012 and 2013, we have made it to the top of the ACP point ranking two years in a row. A 1200km was organized again in 2014, following our first trial in 2010, which was unfortunately abandoned due to the typhoon. We have three SR600 routes and some 200 riders have enjoyed the routes**

to become finishers of a Super Randonnée. Riders are coming from overseas to ride our local brevets. Also many Japanese riders are going abroad to ride brevets. We are sure the brevet movement keeps growing in Japan. We appreciate and send best wishes for ACP and other international organizer clubs.

Chikara IWAMOTO
For Audax Randonneurs Japan



New Zealand

Kiwis have participated in PBP since 1995 but until recently there was no "Randonneur" club in NZ. After many years of determined effort Kiwi Randonneurs Inc has matured and we have a strong foundation for future growth. We look forward to showcasing our «spectacularly beautiful» scenery when you travel this way.

The «Kiwi Hunt» 1200 will return in 2017 and regularly thereafter. **Les Kiwis ont participé au PBP depuis 1995 mais, jusqu'à récemment, il n'y avait pas de club Randonneur en Nouvelle-Zélande. Après de nombreuses années d'efforts déterminés, Kiwi Randonneurs Inc. a mûri et nous partons avec une base solide**



pour une croissance future. Nous attendons avec hâte de vous présenter nos paysages à la « beauté spectaculaire » lorsque vous passerez chez nous. Le « Kiwi Hunt » 1200 sera de retour en 2017 et régulièrement par la suite.

Duncan MC DONALD
For Kiwi Randonneurs Inc



Uzbekistan

The famous Uzbek hospitality is not a myth, but a pleasant reality, which you notice immediately after you pass through the gates of the international airport in Tashkent, or for the first time step down on the platform of an Uzbek railway station, or whichever other way you enter our country. What you really appreciate is when you suddenly find yourself in a dire condition, alone and tired, without water, on a desolate road. A shepherd who happened to pass by with his herd at that very time would surely invite you in his yurt and treat you to aromatic green tea, tasty traditional Uzbek bread or incredibly sweet, delicious fruit, the last, highly diverse, very tasty and extremely cheap, being a special pride of Uzbekistan. Another characteristic feature of the country is a low level of criminality. In a big city or in the remotest corner of the country, you



can safely walk in the streets in the night time or sleep in a field if you are caught by the night on a country road. The territory of Uzbekistan is highly diverse and, traveling across the country from southeast to northwest, you can pass all altitudinal zones and see on your way snow-capped mountain peaks, big rivers, endless steppes, sunburnt deserts and a lot of cultivated land. But, what is the most valuable in the Uzbek country is its sun. A little fierce in summer, tender and caressing in autumn, inspiring in winter and promising in spring, it always fills you with good mood. And it is the Uzbek sun that makes the people of Uzbekistan so friendly, its food so tasty and its landscapes so diverse! The Randonneurs of Uzbekistan Bicycle Club was established in 2010 with the purpose of popularisation of the bicycle movement in Tashkent and in Uzbekistan in general. Numerous brevets with distances of 200, 300, 400, 600 km have been organised by the club in the years that followed and have attracted a great number of young people to bicycles and cycling. A 1200 km superbrevet, the Silk Route, was held in 2012, 2013 and 2014 with the participation of both local bike lovers and riders from

other countries, who commended our club for the good quality of the organisation of the brevets.

La célèbre hospitalité ouzbek n'est pas un mythe mais une agréable réalité que vous remarquerez immédiatement après avoir passé les portes de l'aéroport international de Tachkent ou après avoir fait un premier pas sur le quai d'une station de chemin de fer ouzbek ou lors de n'importe quelle autre entrée sur le territoire de notre pays. Mais vous l'appréciez vraiment lorsque vous vous retrouvez soudainement dans un état lamentable, seul et fatigué, sans eau, sur une route déserte. Un berger qui passera par là avec son troupeau vous invitera très certainement dans sa yourte et vous offrira le thé vert aromatisé, le savoureux pain traditionnel ouzbek ou des fruits délicieux, incroyablement doux. Très variés, savoureux et extrêmement bon marché, ils sont une des fiertés de l'Ouzbékistan. Une autre caractéristique du pays est son faible niveau de criminalité. Dans une grande ville ou dans le coin le plus reculé du pays, vous pouvez vous promener en toute sécurité dans les rues la nuit ou bien dormir dans un champ si vous êtes pris par le sommeil sur une route de campagne.

Le territoire de l'Ouzbékistan est très diversifié et, en voyageant à travers le pays du sud-est au nord-

ouest, vous pourrez passer par toutes les zones d'altitude et voir sur votre chemin des pics enneigés, de grands fleuves, des steppes interminables, des déserts brûlés par le soleil et beaucoup de terres cultivées. Mais ce qui est le plus précieux dans le pays ouzbek est son soleil. Un peu farouche en été, tendre et caressant à l'automne et en hiver ou plein de promesses au printemps, il vous remplit toujours de bonne humeur. Et c'est ce soleil ouzbek qui rend les gens de l'Ouzbékistan si amicaux, notre nourriture si savoureuse et nos paysages si divers ! Le club des Randonneurs de l'Ouzbékistan a été créé en 2010 dans le but de vulgariser la pratique du vélo à Tachkent et en Ouzbékistan en général. De nombreux brevets sur des distances de 200, 300, 400 et 600 km ont été organisés par ce club dans les années qui ont suivi et nous avons attiré un grand nombre de jeunes vers le vélo et le cyclisme. Un super brevet de 1200 kilomètres, la Route de la Soie, a eu lieu en 2012, 2013 et 2014 avec la participation d'amateurs de vélo locaux et de randonneurs d'autres pays qui nous ont félicités pour la bonne qualité de l'organisation des brevets.

Rafhat SULEMIN

For the Randonneurs of Uzbekistan

Philippines

led by a female cycling enthusiast, Carmela Pearson, Audax Randonneurs Philippines started in 2010 with its first BRM in December 2010. Starting with just a handful of participants, we are now a huge and continually growing family

with more than 300 riders on each brevet. Our routes are low-key and simple, embodying the very integrity of randonneuring. We are looking forward to participating in PBP for the second time in 2015.

Dirigé par une femme passionnée de vélo, Carmela Pearson, Audax Randonneurs Philippines est né en 2010 avec un premier brevet randonneur en décembre 2010. À partir d'une petite poignée de participants, nous sommes maintenant une énorme famille en progression constante avec plus de 300

cyclistes par randonnée. Nos parcours sont faciles et simples, respectant l'esprit même des brevets de randonneurs. Nous sommes impatientes de participer au PBP pour la deuxième fois en 2015.

Carmela Patricia SERINA-PEARSON

For Audax Randonneurs Philippines

Portugal

Fazer parte da tradição do PBP!

Os Randonneurs Portugal nasceram em 2011 com o desafio de construir os alicerces para uma comunidade portuguesa de Randonneurs. Quatro anos passaram...

No PBP 2015 teremos um grupo de Randonneurs portugueses, pequeno em dimensão, mas grande em espírito Randonneur, onde valores como a segurança, o companheirismo e o espírito não competitivo são partilhados e valorizados.

No PBP 2015, os "verdes fluorescentes" (como somos apelidados por utilizar sempre coletes refletivos) marcarão presença!

Até Breve(t)

Being part of PBP! Randonneurs Portugal were formed in 2011 with the challenge of building the foundations of a Portuguese randonneuring community. Four years went by...

For PBP 2015 we will have a group of Portuguese Ran-

donneurs, small in number, great in randonneuring spirit, where safety, fellowship and a non-competitive approach are shared, valued and cherished. At PBP 2015, the "neon greens" (nickname for always wearing reflective vests), will be there!

All the best from us @ Randonneurs Portugal

Pedro ALVES

For Randonneurs Portugal



Russia

Российские randonеры – 20 лет спустя

Это было двадцать лет назад. Все началось с письма Роберта Лепертеля, который открыл нам новый мир – мир «Всемирных randонеров». В 1995 году всего лишь восемь российских мушкетеров приехали открывать Париж-Брест-Париж из далекой России. Двадцать лет спустя, имея в 2014 году 180 суперрандонеров, можно предположить, что Россия предложит 18-му Париж-Бресту не менее полутора сотен своих участников. Каждый год движение randонеров в России

пополняется одним-двумя клубами. При этом радует интерес со стороны молодежи. В настоящее время Общество российских randонеров представляют 28 клубов и около 2000 велосипедистов из сотни городов от Калининграда до Абакана в Сибири (а это около 8000 км) и от Архангельска на Белом море до Туапсе на Черном (3000 км).

Наши друзья – мировые randонеры – могут выбрать для себя любой маршрут от 200 до 1200 км и более, в любой климатической зоне России (там, где есть дороги). Наиболее популярными являются большие бреветы «Вологда-Онега-Ладога», «Волга-Дон», «Чуйский тракт». В частности, в начале июля 2015 года состоится 6-й брвет «Волга-Дон» 1000 км. Участники смогут подготовиться к PBP и открыть для себя красоты гостеприимного казачьего края с его знаменитый

рекой Дон и малыми реками Медведица, Хопер, Иловля. Вы сможете посетить также город Волгоград (более известный миру как Сталинград), который среди других городов примет в 2018 году Чемпионат Мира по футболу.

It was 20 years ago. It all started with a letter from Robert Lepertel who opened a new world - the world of the Randonneurs Mondiaux.

In 1995, only eight 'musketees' from Volgograd, Moscow and Yekaterinburg came to discover Paris-Brest-Paris. 20 years later, with 180 Super Randonneurs in 2014, we can assume that there will be 150 participants in the 18th PBP. Each year, the Russian Randonneurs grow by one or two more clubs. We look forward to welcoming many young people.

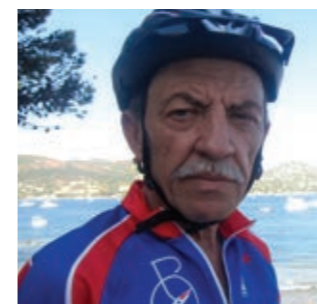
Now the Russian Randonneurs are 28 clubs strong with nearly 2,000 riders from a hundred cities, from Kaliningrad to Abakan in Siberia (8,000 km), and from Arkhangelsk on the White Sea to Tuapse on the Black Sea

(3,000 km). Dear worldwide randonneurs, you can choose to experience any route from 200 to 1200 km and more, in any climate zone of Russia (where there are roads). The longer brevets, as Volgda-Onega-Ladoga, Volga-Don and the Tchouysky Trakt are the most popular in Russia.

In particular, if you participate in the 6th edition of our Volga-Don 1000 km brevet in early July 2015, you will both train for the 18th and discover the beauty of the welcoming Cossack region with the famous river Don and its tributaries like the Medveditsa, the Khopyor and the Ilovlya. You can also visit the city of Volgograd (formerly Stalingrad), which amongst other cities will host the 2018 FIFA World Cup.

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Singapore

Audax Randonneurs Singapore promotes long distance cycling in accordance to the methods from the Audax Club Parisien (ACP) in Paris. The rides bring together cyclists from all over the world who have made Singapore their home. Singapore AUDAX conducts a number of

brevets (rides) to prepare long distance cycling enthusiasts for the Paris-Brest-Paris (PBP) event which is happening in 2015. The 2014 – 2015 year will provide a number of opportunities to cycle 200km, 300km, 400km and 600km in preparation for PBP 2015.

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Jeff PAINE

For Audax Randonneurs Singapore



Slovenia

Randonneurstvo v Sloveniji je zelo napredovalo odkar se nas je v letu 2007 prvih osem Slovencev odločilo sodelovati na preizkušnji Paris-Brest-Paris. Vseh osem nas je takrat v težkih vremenskih pogojih uspešno zaključilo preizkušnjo.

V letu 2011 nas je na PBP nastopilo že 26 Slovencev in v naslednjem letu pričakujemo ponovno povečanje števila slovenskih udeležencev. ŠD Randonneurs Slovenia bo v letu 2015 organiziralo 15 brevetov, tako da bodo slovenski randonneurji lahko vse kvalifikacije opravili "doma". Veselimo se PBP leta 2015, ki je pred nami!

Randonneurs Slovenia has grown a lot since first Slovenian cyclists participated at PBP in 2007. We were 8 participants in that year and we all managed to finish officially.

In 2011 there were already 26 Slovenian participants at PBP and next year we expect to have an even larger number of Slovenian participants. We will be organising 15 brevets in 2015, so Slovenian riders can do all the qualifying brevets "at home". Looking forward to a great PBP year 2015!



Marko BALOH

For Randonneurs Slovenia

Taiwan

台灣終年氣候宜人，有美麗的海岸線、綿延的丘陵和超過三千公尺高的高山，非常適合自行車長途騎乘，我們在台灣主辦了200公里、300公里、400公里、600公里、1,000公里、1,200公里、瘋24小時360公里及超級600公里的瘋系列長途騎乘活動，我們誠摯地邀請您來共同參與。

阮耀樟
瘋系列長途騎乘台灣總會

Taiwan has beautiful coastal lines, rolling hills as well as 3,000+ meters high mountains and year-round comfortable weather. It is a very good place for long distance cycling. Here in Taiwan we organize 200, 300, 400, 600, 1000 and 1200 km brevets, also Flèche events and a Super Randonnée. We sincerely invite all of you to ride with us.

Yao-Chang (Jack) RUAN

For Randonneurs Taiwan



Sweden

Fyra år går snabbt, det är dags för pilgrimsfärden för alla världens randonneurer till Paris och Paris-Brest-Paris igen!

Intresset för cykling generellt och långdistanslopp har fortsatt att öka sedan förra PBP. Jag är övertygad om att vi kommer att ha ett nytt deltagarekord från



Sverige vid denna upplaga.

Brevets Randonneurs Mondiaux arrangeras på 12 orter i vårt land under 2015. Från Malmö i söder till Sundsvall i norr. Vi hoppas på en mild vinter och en tidig vår så att vi hinner förbereda oss tillräckligt för PBP:s 1200 km.

Vi önskar Audax Club Parisien med samarbetspartners lycka till med arrangemangsarbetet och hoppas att alla som vill delta i det 18:e Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur kommer att kunna få en startplats.

Four years pass quickly, it's time for the pilgrimage of the randonneurs of the world to Paris and Paris-Brest-Paris again!

The interest for cycling in general and long distance riding has continued to rise since last PBP. I am convinced we are going to have a new record of participants from Sweden at

this edition. The Brevets Randonneurs Mondiaux are organized at 12 locations in our country during 2015. From Malmö in the south to Sundsvall in the north. We are hoping for a mild winter and an early spring to give us enough time to properly prepare for the 1200 kilometers of PBP. We wish Audax Club Parisien with partners all the best luck with the organizing work and hope all who want to participate in the 18th edition of Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur will be able to do so.

Bengt SANDBORGH

For Randonneurs Sverige

usa

American randonneurs travel the world to take part in many national and international cycling events. But no event is so near and dear to our hearts as Paris-Brest-Paris. There is simply no greater celebration of our wonderful sport. The U.S. team is looking forward to reuniting with friends from previous editions of this historic ride, and to making new friends, who are participating in PBP for the first time.

It takes very little coaxing to get American PBP anciens and anciennes to share their treasured memories of past PBPs. There is the pageantry of the opening ceremony in Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines. Then, when darkness falls, there is that stunning ribbon of taillights, that winds through the picturesque villages of Normandy and Brittany. The Loudéac contrôle is bustling at

all hours of the day and night. A small café, along the route, becomes the setting for a magical moment. We make lifelong friends during our communal kilometers in the rain and the heat. We savor these moments and the profound effect that PBP has on our lives.

Anticipation of the 18th Paris-Brest-Paris is running high among U.S. riders. In 2011, RUSA had 436 members participate in PBP. That number is certain to grow in 2015, as PBP hopefuls join our organization. We attribute our increased domestic ridership in 2014 to members eager to qualify for a preregistration slot.

We want all our members to realize their dream of a successful finish. We are taking steps to fully prepare our members, both mentally and physically for the PBP experience. Our handbook and newsletter feature articles

on planning. Several regions are hosting seminars so that first-time participants will know what to expect when they arrive in France. Our 2015 ride calendar offers dozens of options for completing a qualifying series. The U.S. team is eager not only to participate in the most famous randonneuring event on Earth, but to show our respect for the tradition and ceremony that is, the one and only, Paris-Brest-Paris 1200k Grand Randonnée.

Les randonneurs américains parcourent le monde pour participer à de nombreuses randonnées nationales et internationales. Mais aucun événement n'est si proche et si cher à nos cœurs que Paris-Brest-Paris. Il n'y a tout simplement pas de plus grande célébration de notre merveilleux sport. L'équipe américaine a hâte de retrouver ses amis des précédentes éditions de cette randonnée historique et de se faire de nouveaux amis qui participent à PBP pour la première fois.

Il faut très peu solliciter les Anciens et les Anciennes PBP pour qu'ils partagent leurs souvenirs les plus précieux des derniers PBP. Il y a l'apparat de la cérémonie d'ouverture à Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines. Puis, quand la nuit tombe, il y a ce magnifique ruban de feux arrière qui serpente à travers les villages pittoresques de la Normandie et de la Bretagne. Le contrôle de Loudéac est animé à toute heure du jour et de la nuit. Un petit café, le long du parcours, devient le théâtre d'un moment magique. Nous devenons amis pour la vie au cours de nos kilomètres en

commun sous la pluie et la chaleur. On savoure ces moments et l'effet profond que PBP a sur nos vies.

L'approche du 18^e Paris-Brest-Paris suscite un fort enthousiasme au sein des randonneurs américains. En 2011, RUSA a vu 436 de ses membres participer au PBP Randonneur. Ce nombre sera forcément en hausse en 2015, vu que des personnes désireuses de faire le PBP ont rejoint notre organisation. Nous attribuons la hausse de l'activité locale en 2014 aux membres désireux de se qualifier pour les préinscriptions.

Nous souhaitons que tous nos membres puissent arriver au bout de leur rêve. Nous prenons des mesures pour les préparer parfaitement, à la fois mentalement et physiquement, pour cette aventure du PBP. Nos nombreuses newsletters conseillent sur la planification de la préparation. Plusieurs régions organisent des séminaires pour que les primo participants puissent savoir à quoi s'attendre quand ils arriveront en France. Notre calendrier 2015 des BRM offre des douzaines de possibilités pour faire une série qualificative.

L'équipe américaine est désireuse non seulement de participer à l'événement le plus célèbre des randonneurs sur Terre, mais aussi de montrer son respect pour la tradition et la célébration de ce qui est la seule et unique Grande Randonnée, Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur. Bonne route !

Mike DAYTON

For Randonneurs USA

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