

Delphi Panel Call for Applicants

The Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and the Swedish School of Sport and Health Sciences in Stockholm, both of which are conducting classification research in collaboration with the UCI, are searching for participants to a Delphi study, which is a multi-step questionnaire process. This process is carried out by letting a selected group of experienced individuals give their perspective and reasoning on a specific topic (in this case, para-cycling). The selected group receives questionnaires to reply to and send back to the research group, with each round of questionnaires aiming to deepen the discussion in the less consensual areas. The aim of the Delphi study is to analyze and narrow down the range of opinions based on the answered questionnaires to reach a final group consensus. The questionnaires will include questions that are based on results from the data collected in 2018-2019 as well as specific para-cycling matters.

The group will be formed by voluntary participation of individuals with substantial knowledge in the para-cycling field. In addition, the research team aim to form a heterogeneous group in terms of the para-cycling role, continent/country of origin, gender, sport class, impairment type, etc. The data collected in this study will be confidential and anonymous so no information that discloses the identity of the subject will be released, published or associated with their answers. Prior to participation, the individuals will be asked to sign a consent form to acknowledge and agree that the answers given on the questionnaire will be used for the purpose of research.

To assist the UCI and their partner universities in drawing up a list of these experienced individuals in para-cycling, we kindly ask you to send us a list of nominees. To nominate someone, please consider the following recruitment criteria:

- Minimum 5 years of experience in para-cycling in any capacity
- Capacity to discuss varied topics regardless of the team or athletes with whom they may be affiliated
- Availability and willingness to participate in 3 online questionnaires stretched over a period of ~8 months.
- Understanding of the English language or a translator available

Please send your information on possible participants to:

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More information about the research projects will be published on the UCI website.