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## Scottish Riders selected to represent GB at UCI Para-cycling Track Worlds! Rider Feature - Fiona Duncan

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Four Scottish riders - Neil Fachie, Craig MacLean, Aileen McGlynn and Fiona Duncan - have been selected to represent Great Britain at the UCI Para-Cycling Track World Championships in Montichari, Italy on 11 -13 March 2011.

Selected Rider, Fiona Duncan, originally from Glasgow said: *"It has been an amazing experience being selected to ride for Great Britain and a massive step up in class from riding domestic events as a club cyclist to training and mixing with World Class athletes and coaches in World Class facilities under British Cycling. It has been a steep learning curve for me as riding a tandem on the track at this level is entirely new to me but I'm relishing the challenge and it is a privilege to be involved with British Cycling. I have felt as though I needed to pinch myself at times as I have mixed and trained with some of my cycling heroes but that is just another experience that I need to take in my stride!"*

Fiona initially got into cycling when her husband, a keen cyclist, introduced her to road cycling and soon after took part in Etape Du Tour cycle sportive in the French Pyrenees in 2003 and started racing in 2006.

Fiona said: *"I tried racing properly in 2006, mainly in time trials and won some medals in National Championships over the next couple of seasons and tried track racing in 2009 which I really enjoyed. Whether I was doing the pursuit, time trials or the bunch races on the track it seemed to suit me and I really liked the friendly, family atmosphere and buzz around track racing and the people involved, who have become my friends since."*

*"In 2010 I had a successful year, winning the Scottish 10km Scratch Race on the track and the British Emergency Services 10 mile TT Championship on the road, followed by the British Masters 2km Pursuit title at 30 to 39 age group back on the track. I also won a few other medals and championships at Regional and National level on road and track."*

*"After meeting Neil Fachie, a Para cycling World Champion from Aberdeen at a cycling club function, I enquired about the role of Tandem Pilot with British Cycling and was invited along for testing. After a short but intensive training block prescribed by the British Cycling Coaches, I returned for more testing and had improved enough for them to see potential in me riding as tandem pilot with Lora Turnham in the 3km Pursuit and possibly the Kilometre Time Trial at the Para cycling World Track Championships in Montichari, Italy in March 2011."*

*"The long term goal for British Cycling is to attain the requisite qualification points in the upcoming World Championships and World Cup events on track and road to qualify the maximum number of athlete places for the 2012 Olympics in London. To be part of that process is very exciting for me and that is what I am concentrating on just now, training hard and focusing on achieving the best possible performances in my partnership with Lora and for the team."*

Scottish Cycling would like to wish Fiona and the other 15 selected riders the best of luck in Italy!

