

IESE PhD student recently selected for TEAM USA

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IESE PhD student Craig Robinson will compete in the Hamburg BG Triathlon World Championships on September 2, 2007.

The 2006 Hamburg BG Triathlon attracted 6,600 registered age group competitors, 1,500 kids, 160 elite athletes and 310,000 spectators lining the course. The 2007 weekend will consist of three days of competition, transforming the city centre into a unique triathlon arena. The highlights of the event include the swimming exit and the finish in front of Hamburg's historic City Hall.

The ITU Age Group World Championship course consists of a 1500 m swim, a 40 km bike ride and a 10 km run. In August Craig traveled to Portland, OR where he raced at the U.S. Age Group Nationals, the sole US qualifier for the World Championship Triathlon. He placed 15th in his age group and 60th overall qualifying him for the upcoming World Championship. His goal is to raise \$3,000 to cover all expenses for the race.

Craig is currently the Treasurer of the UIUC Triathlon Club and enjoys teaching people about triathlons. He plans to graduate in December of 2007 with a PhD in Control Systems and has a broad academic background as result of an undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering and a master's degree in control systems. He currently runs the Convergence Lab at UIUC. For more information about Craig's research please visit <http://decision.csl.uiuc.edu/~clrobnsn/Research.shtml>.

To make a pledge in support of Craig's efforts visit <http://decision.csl.uiuc.edu/~clrobnsn/WorldChamps.shtml>

For more information about the Hamburg BG Triathlon World Championships, visit <http://www.hamburgcityman.de/championships/informationen.php?lang=en>
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