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NZAEP is delighted to announce that Janette Douglas, Events Manager with Cycling New Zealand is the inaugural recipient of the New Zealand Major Events Scholarship. The scholarship includes free registration to the ETF16 conference and to the New Zealand Event Awards dinner as a guest of the NZAEP Board.

Janette has nine years management experience covering domestic and international sporting events such as Ironman and more recently with Cycling New Zealand, with the delivery of their national events and the successful UCI Track Cycling World Cup in Cambridge. She says, 'This is a valuable opportunity to observe, learn and develop further skills with the support of peers and leaders within our events industry. Receiving this award is a valuable professional development opportunity and my thanks go to NZAEP and NZME for the recognition and support they have provided.'

Devorah Blumberg, Manager at New Zealand Major Events (NZME), says "Janette has achieved some admirable wins in her events career to date and stood out as an inspiring professional with an aim to contribute to the New Zealand events industry in the long-term.

"Our aim with the scholarship is to support the continued professional development of the next generation of 'major event' stars coming through the events industry pipeline."

NZAEP has almost 1,000 members now, with membership growing by over 70% in the last two years. As a result, applications were always expected to be strong, meaning further credit to Janette for rising to the top.

"The New Zealand Major Events Scholarship is just what is needed to further motivate and encourage professional development of our members. It provides some new opportunities and deserved recognition for the recipient," says Vicki Watson, Chief Executive of NZAEP.

"We believe the added benefit of attending the New Zealand Event Awards Dinner will provide additional motivation for Janette for the next phase of her career."

Further information on the scholarship, the New Zealand Awards Dinner and ETF16 Conference are available on [www.nzaep.co.nz](http://www.nzaep.co.nz)