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Havana, December 6 (RHC)-- With the status of Best Athlete of Cuban Sport with an Institutional Contract Abroad in 2022, announced today, cyclist Arlenis Sierra has won that laurel since its creation in 2019.

In the voting of specialists from the National Institute of Sports, Physical Education and Recreation and the specialized Cuban press, Sierra's record in the year that is ending was highlighted by the exceptional sixth place in the World Road Championship, the retention of the Pan-American title and the prominence in the most important races of road cycling.

The manzanillera, who will turn 30 tomorrow, was awarded as Best Athlete with institutional contract in another country in the first edition of that recognition, at the gala of the best Cuban athletes in 2019.

Among the victories of the then captain of Astana Women's Team (Italy) in 2019 stood out those of the Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race in Australia, the Premondiale Giro della Toscana in Italy and the route of the Pan American Games in Lima, Peru.

After the pause in the competitive world in 2020 due to the COVID-19, he won the laurels in 2021, with the athletic calendar still reduced due to the impacts of the pandemic.

In the last six weeks of that season, which ended in early October, Sierra was champion of the Giro della Toscana and the Tre Valli Varesine (Italy), third in points in the Tour of Ardèche (France), runner-up in the Giro dell' Emilia (Italy) and fifth in the World Championship (just one second behind the winner in Belgium).

During 2022, in the famous Spanish club Movistar Team, the Cuban was the "lieutenant" of the best router in the world, the Olympic and world champion and immovable leader of the world ranking Annemiek van Vleuten, from the Netherlands.

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