



**CONFEDERATION OF MEDITERRANEAN
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Minutes

of the COMOF Council meeting held in Israel, Mizra, 20th February 2015

Participants: Sergio Grifoni (ITA) President, Tatiana Kalenderoglu (TUR) Vice President, Jose Angel Nieto Poblete (ESP) Council member, Michael Savvides (CYP), Oded Verbin (ISR), Pavel Levitsky (ISR), Zoran Milovanovic (SRB), Secretary General.

1. Opening

On behalf of Israely Orienteering Federation, Oded Verbin addressed to the meeting participants, welcome all, and expressed satisfaction that we are in Israel. He also underlined that, because of Mediterranean Championships, we have now in Israel the largest number of countries represented in the competition than ever before in Israel.

Sergio Grifoni, COMOF President, thanks to our host and officially opened the meeting.

At the beginning of meeting we just ratify that we have a quorum for a work and decisions, since 3 Council members are here.

2. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved as it was announced in the meeting invitation.

3. Approval of previous meeting minutes

Minutes from the previous meeting held in Lavarone, Italy in July 2014 approved.

4. Enlargment of COMOF

In November 2014 COMOF received official application for membership from France.

Present COMOF members approved application of French Orienteering Federation who become 10th country member of COMOF.

Zoran Milovanovic also reported, after his recent visit to Egypt, newest member of IOF, that most probably Egypt will apply for COMOF membership very soon.

We should think about how to support other IOF member countries belonging to Mediterranean region to become soon COMOF members as well (Greece, Slovenia...)

We address France and Israel if they can be involved with development of orienteering in Palestine. "Sport to overcome political problem".

It can be important step towards Mediterranean games.

5. Preparation of extraordinary Congress, August 2015 in Scotland during WOC week

Only two items will be at the agenda of extraordinary Congress:

-Enlargment of COMOF (accepting and approving/ratification of new members)

-Elections for the period of 2014 (2015) – 2018

Invitations for the Congress will be sent out recently together with a call for applications for a positions in COMOF (President, Vice Presidents and Council members).

Maria Silvia Viti will be responsible for contacting IOF office and settled out appropriate date and time for COMOF Council meeting and Extraordinary Congress during WOC week in Scotland.

To be able for a successful process and Congress preparation, Council decided about deadlines:

First deadline for applications will be till the end of May 2015.

If no applications comes from National Federations members of COMOF until first deadline, then for any position any person from the country members can apply. Second deadline will be end of June 2015.

Information will be sent out by e mail to all members and published at the COMOF website.

For applications all must use forms which will be sent out together with a call.

Before extraordinary COMOF Congress we shall have Council meeting as a preparation for the Congress.

According to a statute, call for General Assembly should be sent out 60 days before.

6. Future meetings and applications for Mediterranean Championships

We shall open process for an application for hosting Mediterranean Championships in Orienteering for 2017 .

The deadline for application will be 30th of June 2015. All members are invited to apply. Call for applications together with application form will be sent out recently and published at COMOF web site.

Application process for organizing Mediterranean Championships in Orienteering 2018, will be opened right after the Extraordinary Congress in August 2015. The deadline for those application will be until end of December 2015.

Jose Angel Nieto said that Spain would have no objection to organize the MCO in 2017, but the electoral process of the Federacion Catalana makes this decision is to delay it. Request time until the next Council to see possibilities. Remember that it is impossible for this within the Mediterranean Games, he would try in next dates.

The next Council meeting will be in conjunction with Extraordinary Congress to be held in Scotland, August 2015 during WOC week.

Furthermore we proposed to have a next spring meeting in 2016 at the same time together with SEEOA spring meeting in 26-28th February 2016 in Slovenia, Cerklje na Gorenjskem.

Of course, one more meeting is planned during MCO 2016 in Serbia, Divcibare, from 23-26th June.

Zoran Milovanovic informed about development in preparation for organizing next MCO in Serbia.

7. Any other business

Jose Angel Nieto stressed the need for countries to participate with full team. In the four editions, only Spain has responded. Presents a study (statistics) in which only Spain has a stake well above average. Need for more commitment from countries. We know the effort it involves, but also Spain. Consider that the competition is the backbone of the COMOF.

Michael Savvides from Cyprus informed us shortly about the present status of orienteering sport in Cyprus. They are involved just last 4 years in orienteering sport. They organise 7 events yearly. Mostly fun and novices level. We send participants to clinics and seminars. Now we are trying to work with teachers in schools. Those who will stay can be very important. Orienteering is a member of national festival. This year, 6-7 of March is a big event with 16 countries, and about 250 participants.

Government produce catastro maps, but not other type of maps, so that's why mapping culture is not develop. The budget of federation comes mostly from government, but divided to mountaineering, climbing and orienteering activities.

Jose Angel Nieto delivered small presents from the Spanish Federation.
Zoran Milovanovic delivered small presents from Serbian Orienteering Federation as well as promotional flyers.
Oded Verbin delivered small presents from Israely Orienteering Federation.

8. Closure of the meeting

President Sergio Grifoni thanked the participants and formally closed the meeting.

Minutes taken by

Tatiana Kalenderoglu and
Zoran Milovanovic

26th February 2015.



From left to right: Oded Verbin (ISR), Michael Savvides (CYP), , Jose Angel Nieto Pobleto (ESP) Council member, Tatiana Kalenderoglu (TUR) Vice President, Sergio Grifoni (ITA) President and Zoran Milovanovic (SRB), Secretary General.