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ORIENTEERING FEDERATIONS**

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**Minutes from the 8th COMOF Council meeting and GA held on 10th of July 2015 17,00h-18,30h-Lavarone, Italy**

**Present:** Sergio Grifoni (ITA) President, Victor Manuel Garcia Berenguer (ESP) Vice President, Tatiana Kalenderoğlu (TUR) Vice President, Djordje Zagorac (SRB) Council member, Zoran Milovanovic (SRB) Secretary General, Michel Ediar (FRA), Zef Segal (ISR), Mauro Gazerro (ITA), Bruno Nazaro (POR), Tekin Colakoglu (TUR), Georgios Andrea (CYP), Roberta Falda (ITA), Javier Ruiz de la Herranz Pidal (ESP)

Sergio Grifoni, President opened meeting and check for agenda:

1. Approval of the Minutes from the previous meeting in Viseu Portugal  
Minutes approved.

2. New members.

4 federations at the very beginning, then 5 more join us.

We are 9 federations at the moment. There are four more who are members of IOF , but not applied yet for COMOF: Greece, France, Croatia, Slovenia.

3. Next Mediterranean Championships in Orienteering will be organised 2015 in Israel and 2016 in Serbia.

We have our Championships together with other big well established competitions.

Our memberships fee are quite low, we keep it at minimum -100€.

At last Championships, which was in Portugal, many countries were present.

France had many sportsmen in open competitions, but they could not count for MCO.

We are missing countries from Asia and Africa. Morocco is possible, Asia looks more difficult. Still a lot of work to do with Lebanon.

We are trying to be a member of new format Championships in Mediterranean region so called so Beach Games (in Pescara in Italy in 2015) and in 2017 to be present at Med Games in Tarragona, Spain.

Spain tried to contact Libya, but because of political situation the visit was postponed.

We should try to have more support of IOF to be able to contact potential countries, who can be both members of IOF and COMOF

ZM: one of primary goals to have IOF countries to join us as soon as possible.

Michel Ediar: (FRA) France will apply to be a member of COMOF next year.

ZM: I have another news from another part of the world as Egypt is going to have a Orienteering Federation soon, so they will join IOF and COMOF as well.

SG: to conclude this document I would like to show the document sent by Spanish orienteering federation, where we can see all the statistics, countries participating and number of countries.

We must try to increase the participations. Regularly teams are not complete, and our goal is to participate with whole teams.

Victor: In Morocco we work with school which speaks Spanish. 200 children participated in those championships. Our conclusion is that there is very difficult for Morocco in close time to become a member of IOF and COMOF, no any help from local authorities or the government. We have help from teachers in school, not from officials. We will keep trying to develop orienteering in Morocco. We are planning to make 3 days competitions in Morocco.

SG: we would like to thank Spanish orienteering federation for the work they are doing. I feel what they do in Morocco it might be more than many other countries even member federations are having at the moment.

Victor: We believe that all countries should try to bring more athletes to our competitions. Economical efforts from Spanish federations were very high. We try to compete in all COMOF races. We want to recommend to other federations to do the same.

Approving a new membership:

General assembly approved Israel membership in COMOF.

Entry fee: unfortunately even though we are trying to keep our fee very low, not all the countries are paying.

The countries who organize major competitions must pay membership fee.

So I would like kindly to remind all the countries to pay their membership fee.

The place of next GA meeting will be as usual during WOC championships.

It will be 2016 in Sweden.

And the next meeting will be during MCO championships in Israel in February 2015.

Strategic plan for the coming period:

First step towards Olympic Games (text in word)

The main goal – will be a member and in the programme of Mediterranean games.

To have 13 members in COMOF (9+4), plus 2 possible new member (BIH and Morocco) and may be 3 new more (Albania, Egypt and Lebanon)

Micheal (FRA) we are not the member, but in future we can do some volunteer work for Tunisia and Algeria.

Victor: so far it is not possible to be official or demonstrative sport during Med games in 2017 in Tarragona. But we can try to make MCO competitions near Tarragona at the same dates, but not officially at the Med games.

The problem is that Med games does not like to support this idea, they do not want to accept other sports at the same time.

SG: So you are going to apply for MCO championships 2017?

Victor: we will make official statement in COMOF 2015 February meeting.

SG: during this year we have O ringen academy an WOC clinic. We have a place quota as COMOF during those clinics.

WOC clinics is a two days seminar plus taken part in the whole WOC programme. Countries from our region has possibility to train our athletes during WOC.

ZM: Could you please give us some information about possibilities to be in the Beach Games in Pescara 2015.

Mauro Gazzero: I am afraid that we have the same situations as Spain 2017, organisers are not inviting orienteering as a new sport. I do not think that it will be important to us to participate there as “side event”, not real opportunity as a future official sport.

SG: next year we shall encourage the countries to participate in MCO 2015.

We need latest information very urgent. We should work with new countries to apply for WOC clinic or O ringen academy participation.

ZM: We are not too much powerful yet as a Confederation. We need more countries to join COMOF and to work together to fullfil our aims. Countries as France and Italy can influence a lot on their National Olympic committees, which also means a step forward in lobbying towards Mediterranean Games.

In future if we succeed one of those ideas a participation in Beach Games or Med Games, means automatically more money will come from National Olympic committee's to our National Orienteering federations.

Israel: I can see that our main goal for the next future to get more and more countries. Our strategic plans depends much on political situation.

What kind of networking we can have? Close communications and so on.

To inform each other about current competitions etc. For example publish a calendar of the competitions in our countries.

SG: I am apologies that I forgot to mention our website, which is not much, but also kind of communication tool.

Victor: The better and unique way is that if it is possible that officially IOF propose to IOC inclusion in Med Games. IOC has no idea about COMOF existence. They do not know who are we and what we want. There are also 3 sports which are not at Olympics and they participate in Med games. Med games want to reduce number of sports which are not spectacular.

ZM: two years ago we started with communications with Med games. We send them all necessary documents to Med Games.

In 2013 we had a meeting in Turkey and invite secretary general of Med games to join our meeting, but did not get any answer from him.

And the second step which we make we ask IOF to help with contacts and lobbying for Med games.

#### Election /Confirmation of COMOF council

Not many new application were received in due time for the new elections which means the members of the COMOF Council will continue to work on their positions, according to a Statute.

Victor: I prefer to give up as Vice president of COMOF, and I still wish to be present at the meetings.

SG: the next question what to do with federations who do not pay the fee.

May be we should make amendment to the statue and add the part about the payment.

This time we do not have nominations, I propose to go as we were now, and in two year to make a serious elections. If you believe in COMOF you must nominate your candidate.

We have additional place for membership.

TK (TUR) We can continue to work as we are now. What we need is more people to work in all fields mentioned above, despite their positions.

In case if we feel that it is very necessary we can have extraordinary elections during our future meeting.

ZM: first option we can work till 2016, next option to have extraordinary election in 2015 in Scotland. These elections will be prepared well in advance and all the countries will have candidates. Please, all federations send nominations.

ISR: we would like to remind about our competitions in February.

We should add to idea of Med Games what COMOF can bring to the countries, which are our target.

Minutes taken by Tatiana Kalenderoglu



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