

**Minutes of
the XXI IOF Ordinary General Assembly
held on Friday 5th July, 2002
in Fontainebleau-Ury, France**

1. Opening of the General Assembly

The President of the IOF, Sue Harvey, GBR, opened the XXI Ordinary General Assembly.

2. Roll call

The Secretary General called the roll of those present (see APPENDIX I).

3. Voting members present

The President announced that the number of voting members present at the time of the roll call was 29 full member federations, each having one non-transferable vote.

4. Presidium

Sue Harvey (President), Åke Jacobson, Hugh Cameron, and Edmond Szechenyi (Vice Presidents) were elected to constitute the presidium during the proceedings of the Ordinary General Assembly.

5. Minutes witnesses

Brian Parker, GBR, and Friedrich Woitsch, AUT, were elected to certify the minutes of the meeting.

6. Election of tellers

Björn Heinemann, GER, Helen Chu Mee Lai, HKG, and Juraj Nemec, SVK, were elected tellers.

7. Approval of agenda

Accepted on the agenda as urgent matters were, unanimously, the following two issues:

- an application for full membership from TPE
- a proposal from ESP to change the MTB orienteering event programme

With these amendments, the agenda was approved.

8. Open sessions

It was agreed that the sessions should be open and observers welcomed.

9. Approval of the minutes of the XX Ordinary General Assembly held on 4 August 2000

The minutes of the previous Ordinary General Assembly, at the XX IOF Congress in Leibnitz, AUT, were approved as a true record of that meeting.

10. Approval of the minutes of the Extraordinary General Assembly held on 3 August 2001

The minutes of the Extraordinary General Assembly held in conjunction with the 2001 World Orienteering Championships in Tampere, Finland, were approved as a true record of that meeting.

11. Council's report

The report on the activities of the IOF since the XX Ordinary General Assembly (see the Biennial Report 2000-2002) was approved with the following additions:

page 22, under Commissions:

Barry McCrae (AUS) member of the Rules Commission until November 2001;

page 22, under IOF Controllers of World Championships and World Cup events:

Taro Koyama (JPN) as IOF Controller of the 2000 World Cup in Trail Orienteering.

12. Applications for membership

Applications for associate membership had been received from Pakistan (Lahore), Indonesia, Turkey and Thailand.

The General Assembly approved the applications by acclamation. Pakistan is the 58th, Indonesia the 59th, Turkey the 60th, and Thailand the 61st member of the IOF. THA thanked the General Assembly.

An application for full membership had been received from TPE. The General Assembly approved the application by acclamation.

TPE having been granted full membership, 30 voting members were present at the General Assembly.

13. Proposals to the XXI IOF Ordinary General Assembly

A. Proposals from the Council

13.1 Activity plan 2002-2004

President Sue Harvey presented Council's proposal for Activity plan 2002-2004. In so doing, she said that the IOF has made a lot of changes during the past three Congress periods. Now it is time to consolidate, and to get benefit of these changes. Therefore, the activity plan for 2002-2004 is largely based on that one of the previous Congress period and it seeks to build on the progress already made.

The General Assembly unanimously adopted the Activity Plan for 2002-2004.

13.2 IOF regions and regional championships

In presenting Council's proposal, Jan-Erik Krusberg emphasised the two basic reasons for Council to propose the introduction of a regional dimension to the IOF internal organisational structure, namely the wish to enhance a balanced development of world-wide orienteering, and the increased need to co-ordinate regional with world elite events.

NOR, supported by SWE, SUI, and AUS, presented an amended proposal, i.e.

- that the IOF encourages the development of regional championships in partnership with the federations in the regions;
- that the regions will propose structures
- that the IOF will in consultation:
 - produce policy guidelines
 - approve structures in discussion with the region
 - approve dates

The President declared Council pleased to support the amended proposal.

The Chairman's proposal for the General Assembly to vote on the amended motion was carried by 28 votes in favour, none against, and 2 abstentions.

Put to the vote, the amended proposal presented by NOR was approved by 28 votes in favour, none against, and 2 abstentions.

13.3 Ski orienteering calendar

Jan-Erik Krusberg presented Council's proposal that the World Ski Orienteering Championships

- 1) be organised in odd calendar years after 2004;
- 2) no championships be organised during the years of the Olympic Winter Games;
- 3) be organised in 2005 and 2007, should ski orienteering be included in the 2006 Olympic Winter Games, or alternatively,
- 4) be organised in 2006 and 2007, should ski orienteering not be included in the 2006 Olympic Winter Games.

Following a lively discussion, RUS formally proposed an amendment to Council's proposal, i.e. the third proposal to read: be organised in 2005 and 2007.

The General Assembly accepted the amendment by 22 votes in favour, 1 against, and 6 abstentions.

The General Assembly thereafter voted separately on each of the proposals.

Council's proposal that the World Ski Orienteering Championships be organised in odd calendar years after 2004 was adopted by 28 votes in favour, none against, and 2 abstentions.

The proposal that no championships be organised during the years of the Olympic Winter Games was approved by 28 votes in favour, none against, and 2 abstentions.

Put to the vote, the amended proposal that the World Ski Orienteering Championships be organised in 2005 and 2007 was carried by 28 votes in favour, none against, and 2 abstentions.

Following this decision, Council withdrew its proposal that the World Ski Orienteering Championships be organised in 2006 and 2007, should ski orienteering not be included in the 2006 Olympic Winter Games.

At this stage, the LAT and ROM delegates joined the meeting, the new number of voting members being 32.

B. Proposals from Member Federations

13.4 The IOF committee structure

NOR presented the proposal underlining the importance of all IOF committees being labelled in the same way as in other international sports federations, as this would make it easier for the national federations to obtain funding for their representatives.

Hugh Cameron commented on the proposal, saying that Council agrees with the proposed principles and, as per IOC nomenclature, favours the term Commission. He further stated that, while Council also believes that stable and sufficient manning is essential, Council must have the flexibility to respond to emerging circumstances.

The General Assembly unanimously approved NOR's proposal.

13.5 Mountain Bike Orienteering, changes to the event programme

ESP presented its proposal for a new world elite event programme, i.e. to introduce an annual World Championship from 2005 onwards, and not to continue having World Cup events. Giving the rationale for the proposal, ESP held that it is easier to find organisers for a World Championship, and that it attracts a considerably higher number of participating teams than the World Cup.

Additionally, ESP proposed that Council be mandated to appoint the organiser for the 2005 World Championship.

SVK informed the General Assembly of its readiness to organise the World Championships already in 2005 instead of 2006.

Sue Harvey gave Council's view on the ESP motion saying that, in principle, Council welcomes the proposed change. However, Council feels that the delegates should have time to discuss the matter with their respective federations before having to take the decision. Council would therefore like to propose an amendment to the ESP motion, i.e. that the General Assembly authorises the Presidents Conference in 2003 to take the decision.

SVK reconfirmed its willingness to organise the championships already in 2005, but declared itself willing to wait until 2003 for the decision.

By voting 30 in favour, none against and 2 abstentions, the General Assembly approved Council's proposal that the decision regarding an introduction of annual World Championships in MTB Orienteering from 2005 onwards be taken at the Presidents Conference in Switzerland in 2003.

14. International Championships and other IOF Events, appointment of organisers

Foot orienteering:

14.1 WOC 2006

Four applications to host the World Orienteering Championships in the year 2006 had been submitted, namely by CZE, DEN, HUN, and UKR.

The representatives of the four applicants having made their presentations, Hugh Cameron explained the voting procedure, saying that simple majority (more than 50 % of the votes expressed) would be required for appointment.

Åke Jacobson advised the General Assembly of Council's view that all the four candidates would be able to organise a fair championship. Council would, however, wish to further discuss the proposed event concept with the appointed organisers.

Vote: CZE 4 votes, DEN 12 votes, HUN 6 votes, and UKR 10 votes.

As no candidate had got the required simple majority, a second round was needed. The candidate with the least votes, i.e. CZE, was excluded from this round.

Vote: DEN 17 votes, HUN 4 votes, and UKR 11 votes.

DEN having got the required majority, the General Assembly appointed DEN organiser of the 2006 World Orienteering Championships.

DEN thanked the General Assembly for showing confidence in their bid and wished everybody welcome to the 2006 WOC.

14.2 WOC 2007

DEN having formally withdrawn its application, a vote was taken amongst CZE, HUN, and UKR, the remaining three candidates to host the World Orienteering Championships in the year 2007.

Vote: CZE 9 votes, HUN 8 votes, and UKR 15 votes.

As none of the three candidates had got the required simple majority, a second round was needed, and the candidate with the least votes, i.e. HUN, was excluded from this round.

Vote: CZE 16 votes, and UKR 16 votes.

In accordance with the IOF Statutes, the Chairman of the General Assembly shall have a casting vote in the case of a tied vote. The IOF President declared that she would cast her vote by drawing lots.

The draw of lots resulting in favour of UKR, the General Assembly appointed UKR organiser of the 2007 World Orienteering Championships.

UKR thanked the General Assembly for giving them the possibility to organise the WOC.

On behalf of Council and the General Assembly delegates, Hugh Cameron extended a sincere thanks to the bidders and complimented them on the high quality of the applications and the presentations.

MTB orienteering

14.3 WOC 2006

One application had been received, namely from SVK.

The Chairman advised the delegates that, despite the proposal to introduce an annual WOC from 2005 onwards, a vote would be required and, thus, SVK appointed to host the 2006 championships. Should, however, the Presidents Conference in 2003 approve the ESP proposal, the IOF would consider entering into negotiations with SVK regarding the 2005 event instead.

Commenting on behalf of Council, Edmond Szechenyi advised the General Assembly of Council's view that SVK would be able to successfully stage the championships, and recommended to the delegates to approve the bid.

The General Assembly adopted SVK as organiser of the 2006 World Championships in MTB Orienteering by acclamation.

Ski orienteering:

14.4 WOC 2006

On behalf of Council, Jan-Erik Krusberg presented Council's proposal, stating that, because of the decision taken under agenda item 13.3, the proposal would need to be amended to read:

Council asks the General Assembly for authority to appoint the organiser of Ski-WOC in 2005 and 2007.

The General Assembly unanimously approved Council's amended proposal.

15. The 2004 IOF Congress and Ordinary General Assembly

One application, from SWE, had been received.

On behalf of Council, Hugh Cameron thanked SWE for the application. He advised the General Assembly that, because of the earlier taken decision to introduce annual World Orienteering Championships, Council had considered the issue and would like to recommend that, in each even year, the General Assembly be held in conjunction with a World Championship.

The General Assembly unanimously appointed SWE organiser of the 2004 IOF Congress and Ordinary General Assembly, and approved that it be held in Västerås in conjunction with the World Orienteering Championships on 11-19 September 2004.

16. Auditors' report, approval of accounts and discharge of the Council

The General Assembly unanimously approved the Auditors' reports and the accounts for the two fiscal years 2000 and 2001, and discharged the members of the Council from liability for the period concerned.

17. Membership fees and budget for 2003-2004

Council's Finance Officer Edmond Szechenyi presented the proposal for membership fees and the budget for the calendar years 2003 and 2004.

The General Assembly unanimously approved Council's proposal for membership fees (see APPENDIX II) and the budget for the coming two calendar years (see APPENDIX III).

18. Any other business

The RSA President Ian Bratt informed the General Assembly that he had been asked to write a book on orienteering, and that it had recently been published. He presented a copy of the book to the IOF President.

19. Election of the IOF Council

The following Council was elected for the Congress period 2002-2004:

President:	Sue Harvey GBR	by acclamation
Vice Presidents:	Hugh Cameron AUS	by acclamation
	Åke Jacobson SWE	by acclamation
	Edmond Szechenyi FRA	by acclamation

Five members were elected by a secret ballot, among the six candidates nominated.

Result of the vote:

Shin Murakoshi JPN	30 votes	elected
Leho Haldna EST	27 votes	elected
Jan-Erik Krusberg FIN	27 votes	elected
Iordanka Melnikliyska BUL	25 votes	elected
Marcel Schiess SUI	25 votes	elected
Øivind Holt NOR	14 votes	

20. Appointment of auditors for 2002 and 2003

Mr. Seppo Tervo, Finland, and Ms. Agneta Ehrfors, Sweden, were appointed auditors, and Ms. Tiina Nummelin/Pricewaterhouse Coopers Ltd., Finland, substitute auditor for the fiscal years 2002 and 2003.

21. Closure

The IOF President Sue Harvey extended a thanks to all the General Assembly participants, in particular the tellers. She also thanked Edmond Szechenyi, Barbro Rönnerberg and Piritta Forsström for the preparatory work and the practical Congress arrangements. The President commented that the Secretary General, Barbro Rönnerberg, had provided the IOF with exceptional service throughout the Congress period and asked the General Assembly to record its thanks to her.

The President thanked the French Orienteering Federation for hosting the Congress, presenting the IOF pennant to the FFCO President Marie France Charles.

The President awarded the IOF silver pin to Thomas Brogli, Finn Arildsen and Ernst Gruhn, and the IOF bronze pin to Daniel Sägers, Laszlo Zentai, David May, Øivind Holt, Marcel Schiess, Leho Haldna, and Brian Parker.

Finally, Sue Harvey formally closed the XXI IOF Ordinary General Assembly and declared the new Congress period open.

Sue Harvey
President

Barbro Rönnerberg
Secretary General

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Brian Parker

Friedrich Woitsch

APPENDICES