

## **Summary notes from IOF Foot Orienteering Commission meeting 1/2006,**

**20-22 January 2006**

**Present:** Maria Nimvik, Ove Gasbjerg, David May, Frauke Schmitt Gran and Erlend Slokvik.

### **Meeting summary:**

1. **WOC 2005, Japan:** the final report from the Senior Event Advisor (SEA) was received and discussed. It was agreed that there needed to be better circulation of these reports amongst SEAs.
2. The SEA for **WOC 2006** presented a positive status report. A Special Rule was approved giving the Organiser the authority to require an athlete to carry a GPS tracking unit during a WOC Final.
3. The programmes for **WOCs 2007 (UKR), 2008 (CZE) and 2009 (HUN)** were discussed. The dates for 2009 were confirmed as 15-24 August.
4. **2006 World Cup:** progress with the three rounds was discussed. A request for rule deviation on map scale for the long distance in the final round was not approved.
5. The progress of JWOCs 2006 (LTU), 2007 (AUS) and 2008 (SWE) was discussed. New sprint guidelines for JWOC to be drawn up.
6. **WMOCs:** Progress reports received on WMOCs 2006-2008. WMOC 2008 (POR) will be in early July. IOF Council has accepted a Foot-O Commission proposal to add a Sprint discipline to the WMOC programme, meaning there would now be two full WMOC medal-awarding events in all and not one. The Sprint would comprise one qualification plus one final race and the Long competition would be the same as at present (2 qualifiers plus the final). If possible the new format will start from 2008. The WMOC Handbook has been updated and distributed to Federations.
7. **World Ranking Events:** There will be 101 WREs in 2006. Discussion on how well the World Ranking system reflects the athletes' performances. Decision to make an adjustment to the weightings attached to the most prestigious races in order to increase the precision of the World Rankings. The weightings will be 5% extra points for WCup and WG Finals and also to WOC Qualifications, and 10% extra to WOC Finalists, starting from 1 Jan 2006.
8. **New World Cup:** the programme for 2007 will be announced no later than 1 March.
9. **Event advising:** an Event Adviser's Handbook is to be produced. An Event Adviser's Clinic will be held during the WOC week.
10. **Micr-O:** agreed that current draft rules should be finalised in May.
11. **Next meeting** in conjunction with the World Cup round in Estonia, 13th May.