



MINUTES OF THE XIIIth IOF CONGRESS
held on Thursday 17 July 1986
in Ry, Denmark

1. The President opened the XIIIth Congress, and congratulated the IOF on its 25th Anniversary. He commented that this could be seen as the beginning of the next 25 years, or also as the start of the next 2 year period, in which it was hoped to complete many projects begun in the previous period. Opening of Congress
2. A roll call of the delegates was taken. Present were: Roll Call of Delegates
 - AUS Steve Key, Dave Lotty
 - AUT Wolf Eberle, Erich Simkovics
 - BEL Jean-Pierre Bormans, Paul Chauveheid, John Pearson
 - BRD Andreas Dresen, Wilhelm Holz
 - BUL Vassil Petrov, Kolyo Siderov
 - CAN Charles Fox, Gordon Hunter, Colin Kirk
 - CUB Angel Lenis Gual, Roberto Panfet Caballero
 - DAN Hans Hartmund, Birthe Helms, H.V. Jensen
 - DDR Rolf Heinemann, Erich Krauss
 - FIN Lasse Niemelä, Matti Salmenkylä, Seppo Siirilä
 - FRA Didier Haberkorn, Edmond Szechenyi
 - GBR Sue Harvey, Ian McMillan, Tony Thornley
 - HUN Sarolta Monspart, Ernő Szarka
 - IRE Faith White
 - ISR Michael Friedlander, David Malky
 - ITA Benito Cavini, Hedy Cavini
 - NOR Kåre Holt Hansen, Leif A. Karlsen, Kjell Staxrud
 - POL Otton Pieszewicz
 - SPA Miguel Borrero Alvarez
 - SUI Edgar Bächtold, Thomas Brogli, Yvonne Caspari
 - SWE Åke Jacobsen, Lillvor Johansson, Anders Lundin
 - TCH Pavel Kasal, Josef Krch
 - URS Alexander Ditiatjev, Stanislav Elakhovsky
 - USA Per Stensby, Bruce Wolfe

Honorary Member

Olaf Andersen DAN

Council Members

Herbert Hartmann BRD
Poul-Erik Birk Jakobsen DAN
Bengt Saltin SWE
Heinz Tschudin SUI

Committee Members

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| Lennart Levin | DPC | SWE |
| Anders Timner | KK | SWE |
| Ernst Gruhn | TK | BRD |
| Arne Krog | TK | DAN |
| Jan Söderberg | TK | SWE |
| Brian Watkins | TK | GBR |

Observers

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| Per Elfström | | SWE |
| Torkil Laursen | | DAN |

3. The Secretary General announced the voting rights, viz: resolutions require a simple majority, i.e. 11 votes out of 21; amendments to the Statutes require a two-thirds majority, i.e. 16 votes in favour. Voting Rights
4. The Congress Praesidium was elected as follows:
Bengt Saltin, Heinz Tschudin, P-E Birk Jakobsen, Gordon Hunter, Sue Harvey. Congress Praesidium
5. Dave Lotty (AUS) and Yvonne Caspari (SUI) were elected to certify the Minutes. Minutes Witnesses
6. The Agenda was approved, with the following amendment: Item 20 to be taken as new Item 7. Approval of Agenda
7. Bruce Wolfe (USA), Paul Chauveheid (BEL) and Michael Friedlander (ISR) were elected as tellers. Election of Tellers
8. It was agreed that the session should be open and observers admitted. Open Sessions/ Observers
9. The auditors for the previous period were Britain and Denmark, and the auditing work was done by David Cooke C.A. (GBR). Auditors for previous period
10. The Minutes of the previous Congress were approved. Minutes of previous Congress
11. The Executive Report for the previous period was approved. Executive Report
12. The Reports of the Committees were approved. Committee Reports
13. The Congress approved unanimously the application for membership of the USSR. The President indicated the pleasure of the member federations in welcoming the USSR to the IOF family. Alexander Ditiatsev (URS) thanked the IOF for the honour accorded, and expressed his hope for much fruitful cooperation. Application for Membership

- 14.1.a) Poul-Erik Birk Jakobsen (PEBJ) introduced the changes to the Statutes proposed by the Council.

Proposals
Structure

There was some discussion on the regions suggested for the purpose of regional representation on the Council. It was proposed that a precise list be published before the next Congress. It is intended that Chairmen of Committees should also participate in Council meetings where relevant.

Regarding the role of the **Presidents' Conference**, PEBJ commented that although it was nominally an advisory body, it was clear that the Council could be called to account at the following Congress if the federations felt it was ignoring opinions expressed at the Conference.

Sweden felt that a start on the work of the **PR Committee** should not be delayed until 1988 when the other changes in the Statutes come into force. The Council will implement this immediately.

The **Executive** is small to make it effective. For specific tasks it might be necessary to appoint specific people. The President commented that with a federation as large as the present IOF, there are always urgent items which have to be dealt with between Council meetings. This the Executive does. It is a body which both makes and implements decisions. However, it is the Council which decides policy.

The proposal was approved by 20 votes with 2 abstentions.

The USA asked the Council to produce a method of work which would allow outlying federations to take a full part. The President accepted this.

- 14.1.b) The Council proposal to remove references to fixture list (calendar) fees - abolished at the last Congress - from the Statutes was approved unanimously.

Calendar Fees

- 14.2 Three proposals regarding the inclusion of Ski-O in the programme of the Olympic Games had been tabled.

Inclusion of
Ski-O in
Olympics

Heinz Tschudin (HT) reported that, on the basis of the decision of the last Congress, the Council had decided at its meeting in May to make formal application to the IOC for the inclusion of Ski-O in the programme of the Games. On 16 June the IOC had replied to say that the request had been put on the Agenda of the Programme Committee for its meeting 28/29 July, and had sent a questionnaire, which was forwarded to the SK on 25 June.

The Council suggests a Working Group be formed to:

- a. compile a reply to the questionnaire;
- b. take further action as required.

Should it be necessary, an Extraordinary Congress could be called in France at the WOC.

The Council considers that the three proposals tabled are covered by the action already taken by the Council. The proposers were asked to comment.

AUT considered the Council action taken to be in the sense of their proposal.

ITA felt a big step forward had been taken.

SWE accepted the explanation given by the Council.

All three proposals were withdrawn.

- 14.3 Finland presented her proposal for the introduction of a short event into the Ski-WOC. Short Event - Ski-WOC

It is the Council's opinion that to do this in 1988 is premature, and that there is insufficient experience of this discipline for an official WOC. Austria and Italy considered it would help when inclusion in the Olympic programme was considered.

The proposal was approved with 12 votes in favour.

- 14.4 The Council presented its Activity Plan for the coming Congress period. Sweden requested that the Council analyse the situation regarding the number of world events, and in particular evaluate the World Cup. She asked that a guiding principle for the development of world events be presented. Activity Plan

USA and Austria were critical of the Elite Project. The President commented that it had been hampered by communication problems, but that work would continue, and it was hoped to see results by 1989. He added that for many countries continued participation in world events was dependent on the possibility of top placings, and help was required to attain these.

The Activity Plan was approved.

- 15.1.a) WOC 85: Dave Lotty indicated that the report had been sent out. He thanked the IOF for commissioning Australia to organise the event. World Championships

WOC 85

Australia was thanked for an excellent report and an excellent Championships.

- 15.1.b) Ski-WOC 86: Thanks were accorded to the Bulgarian organisers. It was noted with satisfaction that the navigational element had been unusually high. Ski-WOC 86

WOC 87: Edmond Szechenyi announced that the venue would be Gérardmer and La Bresse in the Vosges. He distributed information and indicated that the dates were September 1-5. WOC 87

- 15.2.a) WOC 89: Sweden was unanimously confirmed as organiser. Information was distributed. The date will be 13-20 August. Training will be available in the next two years to aid preparations. WOC 89
- 15.2.b) WOC 91: The Council had worked hard to get an application from an overseas country for this date. In late January it became apparent that none was likely. Subsequently three applications from European federations was received. WOC 91
- Denmark** announced that it had decided to withdraw its application of 28 April. The TK and Council have tried to maintain a rotation, and Denmark supports this, and proposes TCH as organiser. Denmark, however, wishes to apply now for 1985.
- Czechoslovakia** presented its application saying that, of the candidate countries, she had previously been the earliest to organise. She gave an undertaking that accommodation costs would be substantially reduced because of government support.
- Ian MacMillan (GBR) said **Britain** would have hoped for an overseas application. He indicated that had GBR known TCH would make a firm proposal, she would not have applied and Britain would therefore support Denmark's proposal.
- Czechoslovakia was unanimously approved as provisional organiser of WOC 91.
- 15.3.a) Ski-WOC 88: Finland was confirmed as organiser. Ski-WOC 88
- 15.3.b) Ski-WOC 90: The matter was referred to the Council. Ski-WOC 90
16. Italy was unanimously approved as organiser of the 1988 Congress. There was some discussion about date. A vote of 16 to 3 confirmed the September date proposed by the organisers. The precise dates are to span a weekend and will be fixed in discussion with the Council. 1988 Congress
- German and English were approved as the Congress languages.
- Hedy Cavini (ITA) thanked the IOF, and indicated that Italy would do its utmost to ensure the Congress was a success.
- Regarding future Congresses in the '90s, countries wishing to make application should contact the Council. An application from Israel has been received for 1990. Future Congresses
17. Sue Harvey (Secretary General) presented the accounts for the preceding period. She indicated that, as planned, a surplus had been built up in order to allow the appointment of a full-time paid Secretary General in 1986. Accounts and Auditor's Report
- Ian MacMillan (GBR) presented the Auditor's Report on behalf of DAN and GBR. The accounts were approved.

- 18.1. Sue Harvey presented the budget for the coming period. She pointed out that Secretariat costs could only be an estimate because of the move from Scotland to Sweden. She added that the budget was very tight and therefore any change in income would directly affect the services the Secretariat could offer.

Budget for next Congress period

The budget was approved.

- 18.2. Bengt Saltin presented the Council proposal for membership fees for the coming period. He commented that they were based on the principles agreed at the last Congress, viz: that membership fees should relate to activity, as indicated by the number of runners, number of clubs, number of maps produced, number of staff employed and total budget. He pointed out that the system could certainly be improved, but that the order in which the countries were placed reasonably reflected opportunities for orienteering in them. This was not to say that the groups were internally homogeneous, however.

Membership Fees

The President thanked the federations for their cooperation in negotiations on fees.

The President stated that sponsorship income was not included in the present budget, but he was hopeful that in the future it might help to finance activities and thus reduce the burden of the additional fee.

The membership fees were approved.

19. Leif Karlsen (NOR) presented the Council's paper on Orienteering for Youngsters, and indicated the importance certain countries attach to this. BRD and GBR endorsed the paper.

Orienteering for Youngsters

Leif Karlsen indicated that this paper constituted a statement of principle by the Council. Recommendations will be presented to the next Congress.

20. The following officers were elected:

Election of Council

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| President | Bengt Saltin (SWE) |
| Vice Presidents | Heinz Tschudin (SUI) Josef Krch (TCH) |
| Council | Herbert Hartmann (BRD) Sue Harvey (GBR) P-E Birk Jakobsen (DAN) Leif Karlsen (NOR) Sarolta Monspart (HUN) Per Stensby (USA) |

The President thanked the retiring Council member, Gordon Hunter, for his work.

21. Sweden and Italy were appointed auditors for the coming period. Auditors for next Congress period

22. The President thanked the retiring Secretary General, Sue Harvey, for her work over the past three years and presented her with a travel voucher in recognition of her contribution. Sue thanked the Federation for entrusting her with this responsibility and for the opportunities and experience it had given. Closure of Congress

The President expressed the thanks of the IOF to Liz Mills, Executive Assistant in the Secretariat, and made a presentation to her.

The President thanked the Danish Orienteering Federation, and, in particular, Vice President, Birthe Helms, for organising an excellent Congress. DOF was presented with the IOF's commemorative pennant.

The President thanked the interpreters for their assistance. The Congress was closed at 15.10 hours.

Sue Harvey
Secretary General

Dave Lotty
Certifier of the Minutes

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