

14.6 Proposal from FIN: Junior World Championships from 1990

Junior
World
Champion-
ships

Lasse Niemelä, FIN, made it clear that the Finnish proposal only implied a change of name (from Open European Junior Championships to Junior World Championships) from 1990. Thus, everything else - the format, the low-cost profile, etc. - should remain "as it is now". The name change, according to LN, would confer higher status on the event and, therefore, increased publicity and probability of gaining support. However, LL stressed the necessity that the name change must not imply increased costs for participating Member federations. "Nobody wants to lose money on the Junior World Championships", LN concluded.

Leif A Karlsen, NOR, was of the opinion that the proposal, if approved, would imply an ideological clash with many of the statements made at the previous and present Congresses in relation to the "Orienteering for the Young" issue. According to LAK the establishment of a Junior WOC would imply, in the case of many junior orienteers, intensified training at too early a stage in life. He urged Congress to be loyal to the good intentions expressed when discussing juniors and elitism at the seminars, and thus not to support the idea of a Junior WOC.

Ake Jacobson, SWE, asked what was implied by "as it is now" (no changes beyond change of name) and expressed concern about the possibility of keeping the low-cost profile.

Hugh Cameron, AUS, commented that his federation would receive government support for sending juniors to a World Championship event, but obviously not to an Open European Junior Championship. In a sense, not establishing a Junior World Championship would be to discriminate.

Sarolta Monspart, HUN, held that a Junior WOC is required to provide an incentive for the world's junior elite. She also commented that establishing such an event would be in harmony with IOF's elite project.

Finally, Heinz Tschudin stressed the importance of keeping costs at a low level, were the proposal approved.

The Finnish proposal was put to the vote and was approved by 17 votes, 4 against, 1 abstention.

Thus, from 1990 the Open European Junior Championships will adopt the name of Junior World Championships; format and costs will be kept at the present level.

14.7 Council proposal: The IOF Long-Term Plan

Long-Term
Plan

Bengt Saltin gave the delegates the background of the Council work on the Long-Term Plan now being proposed to Congress for approval. A previous draft, prepared by a task force within the Council, had been discussed at the Open meeting in Gerardmer, FRA, in connection with the 1987 WOC. Views obtained there had provided a rewarding input for amendment of the draft. A new draft had been compiled, distributed to the Member Federations and discussed intensively yesterday in a number of working groups. That exercise had also provided valuable additions and amendments to the existing draft. BS proposed a final discussion round before the Long-Term Plan was put to the vote.

Wolf Eberle, AUT, Chairman of the Ski-O Committee, proposed that the name of the present Eurocup in Ski-O be changed to World Cup in Ski-O. K. Tarvainen, FIN, and Per Stensby, USA, agreed and supported the proposal.

The proposal was put to the vote and gained unanimous approval. Thus, from 1989 onwards the event will adopt the name of World Cup in Ski-O.

Erich Krauss, GFR, and Lasse Heideman, FIN, Honorary Member, further stressed the importance, already mentioned in the Long-Term Plan, of extensive contacts and, as appropriate, co-operation with international organisations within and outside the sports field. Both speakers gave several examples of such bodies; these were listed and will be incorporated into the final version of the Long-Term Plan.

Clive Allen, GBR, agreed but asked the IOF not to forget the equally important internal communication aspect, for instance between clubs.

Name changes of major events already having been approved in two cases, comments were made regarding other events where name changes might prove beneficial. No proposals were made, however. The discussion was closed.

When put to the vote, Council's Long-Term Plan proposal was unanimously approved.



15. Major events; reports and decisions

15.1 Previous World Championships:

- (a) WOC 1987, FRA: Edmond Szechenyi presented the final report, and thanked the two Technical Advisors Thomas Brogli, SUI, and Ernst Bruhn, FRG, for rewarding co-operation and the IOF for commissioning FRA to organise the event. The thanks were reciprocated by the Presidium. WOC 1987
- (b) Ski-O WOC 1988, FIN: Seppo Siirilä, FIN, presented the final report to Congress. Wolf Eberle, AUT, thanked the Finnish Orienteering Federation and the local organisers on behalf of the IOF and its Ski-O Committee. Ski-O WOC 1988

15.2 Future World Championships:

- (a) WOC 1989, SWE: Lars-Ake Larsson gave a brief state-of-the-art description of the ongoing preparatory work. Extensive information material, covering not only the WOC but several other major events in SWE in 1988-89, was distributed at Congress. These events are open to the world's elite, the aim being to provide opportunity to train in appropriate terrain before the WOC. WOC 1989
- (b) WOC 1991, TCH: Czechoslovakia was unanimously confirmed as organiser. WOC 1991
- (c) WOC 1993: Three applications had been submitted, namely from DEN, NOR, and USA. WOC 1993

Bengt Saltin opened the discussion by reminding Congress of the rotation principle underlying the awarding of WOC's and by referring to the new statutory item on IOF rights and responsibilities at major events. The implication of the latter is that the IOF will co-operate with presumptive organisers of major events to secure finance.

Poul-Erik Birk-Jakobsen informed Congress that DEN would withdraw her application and support USA as organiser.

The two remaining applications were put to the vote, with the following result:

USA 19, NOR 2, 1 abstention

USA was thus approved as provisional organiser of WOC 1993.

Per Stensby, USA, thanked Congress for having confidence in the USA as organisers of the event.

15.3 Future Ski-O World Championships:

- (a) Ski-O WOC 1990: Gunnar Jonsson, SWE, made a brief presentation of ongoing planning work and wished the Member Federations welcome to the city of Skellefteå, SWE, in 1990. Ski-O WOC 1990

Sweden was confirmed as organiser of the event.

- (b) Ski-O WOC 1992: Only one application had been received from France. In her application FRA admitted her limited experience in staging major Ski-O events. However, FRA had discussed with FIN and SWE the possibility of receiving sufficient support to guarantee the planning and execution of a WOC according to IOF standards. FIN and SWE confirmed their willingness to give FRA the required support; in the case of SWE this would, among other things, imply the appointment of a French-speaking Technical Advisor. Ski-O WOC 1992

Congress approved FRA as provisional organiser of Ski-O WOC 1992.

15.4 World Cup:

World Cup

- (a) 1988: Leif A Karlisen, Chairman of the World Cup Group (WCG) briefly reported that a surplus of applications have been received for the remaining events this year. The WCG is of the opinion that the stated number of participants (90 men, 90 women) shall not be exceeded. Precise instructions for excluding applicants, including treatment of late incoming entries, will be worked out and distributed to the local organisers.



(b) 1990: LAK presented the proposal for World Cup events in 1990. The proposal contains three blocks:

- May: POL, DEN, NOR
- Aug: USA, CAN
- Sept/Oct: SUI, FRA, FRG

Two of the events (DEN, FRA) are to be short distance events. The WCG will define the characteristics of a short distance ("sprint") event and send details to the Member Federations shortly. The proposal just presented to Congress for information was to be presented to the new IOF Council the following day for decision.

(c) Ski-O 1989: Wolf Eberle informed Congress that the Ski-O World Cup was planned to be organised in two blocks:

- Feb: AUT, TCH (sprint), TCH
- Mar: SWE, NOR (sprint), NOR

(d) Ski-O 1991: WE informed Congress of the following preliminary plan:

- First period: FRA, ITA
- Second period: FIN, URS

16. Four applications to organise the 1990 IOF Congress had been received, namely from AUS, GBR, HUN, ISR. HUN later withdrew the application. Chairman Herbert Hartman quoted item 2.2.3 of the Statutes which states that only countries which can guarantee freedom of participation on an equal basis to all member federations shall be commissioned with the organisation of a Congress. The 1990 IOF Congress

Michael Friedlander, ISR, and Anne Braggins, GBR, presented the plans of their respective Federations for hosting the 1990 Congress. Hugh Cameron, AUS, commented that his Federation was well aware of the costs that a Congress in Australia would incur; he suggested that the IOF consider the application as a standing offer until a Congress decided to go there.



The three remaining applications were put to the vote, with the following result: GBR 19, ISR 3, AUS 0.

The British Orienteering Federation was thus approved as organiser of the 1990 IOF Congress. It will be held in Cambridge between 16-21 July, and the working languages will be English and German.

17. The accounts for the preceding period, together with two of the Auditors' reports (GBR, SWE) and a report by the Secretary-General on the IOF income and expenditure and balance sheet, had been published in the Annual Report distributed to all delegates.

Accounts and Auditors' Report

Clive Allen, GBR, presented the Auditors' reports on behalf of GBR, SWE and ITA. The accounts were unanimously approved by Congress.

18. Heinz Tschudin commented on the budget for the Congress period 1989-1990; the figures had been distributed to all Member Federations before Congress. The budget is conservative in the sense that low expectations have been placed on the income as well as the expenditure side as compared with the budget for the previous period. Sweden, the largest contributor to the IOF budget, has to withdraw a major part of her financial support during the period. However, this is compensated by the fact that SWE will invest large sums in organising international training camps and seminars in connection with the 1989 WOC.

Budget, including Membership fees for 1989-90

The membership fees proposed for the next Congress period were accepted with one exception: Boris Ogorodnikov, URS, claimed that the present situation did not allow URS to contribute according to the Council proposal (GBP 1500 in 1989 and GBP 2750 in 1990). After some discussion it was decided that the Membership fee of URS should be subject to negotiation.

This being decided, the budget proposed by the IOF Council for the period 1989-1990 was unanimously approved.

19. Other issues:

- 19.1 Per Stensby, USA, reminded the delegates that, at the previous Congress, a proposal from the USA was accepted that Council should produce a method of working intended to allow overseas committee members to take a full part in IOF work of all kinds. Per Stensby expressed concern that this might not yet have been achieved and urged Council to resume action with the purpose laid down in item 14.1 a), the last paragraph, of the Ry minutes. **Participation in IOF work by overseas members**
- 19.2 John Pearson, BEL, reminded the participants of the forthcoming International symposium on "Orienteering between leisure and competition", 2-4 August, at Tiglin, Ireland. JP asked those interested in participating to contact Faith White, IRL, for further details. **Scientific symposium**
- 19.3 Per Stensby, USA, asked what had become of the Video competition announced to take place during spring and early summer, with prizes to be awarded to the winners at this Congress. Eric Simkovics, AUT, replied that 7 contributions had been received before the deadline for entries (end of March). He had taken them with him to the IOF clinic in Spain in April for a first scrutiny and preliminary evaluation. Very unfortunately, his car had been broken into and the videos stolen during that trip. ES has contacted the contributors and asked for new copies, which will, hopefully, soon be available. ES regretted the incident but nourished a hope that it only meant a postponement of the competition. ES said that new entries will continue to be accepted during the summer and that, judging will, all being well, take place in the autumn of 1980, followed by the award of prizes. **Video competition**
- 19.4 The following persons were awarded IOF Pins of Honour in recognition and appreciation of their outstanding contributions to international orienteering: **Pins of Honour**
- Silver: Herbert Hartmann, FRG
Poul-Erik Birk-Jakobsen, DEN
- Bronze: Benito Cavini, ITA
- The IOF President Bengt Saltin addressed the three new holders of IOF Pins and thanked them for their long and dedicated work for the IOF.

20. The following officers were elected:

Election of
Council
for the next
Congress
period

President:	Heinz Tschudin	SUI	*)
Vice-Presidents:	Sue Harvey	GBR	
	Josef Krch	TCH	
	Kalevi Tarvainen	FIN	
Council:	Hugh Cameron	AUS	
	Ake Jacobson	SWE	
	Sarolta Monspart	HUN	
	John Pearson	BEL	
	Per Stensby	USA	

*) Open vote; HT unanimously elected

The new IOF President, Heinz Tschudin, thanked Congress for entrusting him with the responsibility that the office involves. In a brief inaugural speech he also gave his view upon Orienteering as a strong, nature-based sport which should be introduced in many new countries. He asked the delegates to frequently contact him in the future: "I want to collect your views".

Heinz Tschudin thanked the retiring President, Bengt Saltin, for his untiring and competent work for the benefit of the IOF. As former Vice-President Heinz expressed his personal appreciation for having had the advantage of close co-operation with Bengt on the Council.

21. The new President proposed that Bengt Saltin be appointed an Honorary Member of the IOF. The proposal was unanimously approved by Congress. An extended applause followed.

Honorary
Member

Bengt Saltin, in his reply speech, thanked Congress and Council for having accepted his leadership during his years in office and also the IOF Member Federations at large for the opportunities and rewarding experience they had given him during his Presidency. Bengt also thanked the three Secretary-Generals with whom he had worked: Inger Gärderud-Petterson, Sue Harvey, and Lennart Levin. Finally, Bengt congratulated Congress on having elected a Council,



the composition of which he saw as a guarantee for development in a sound direction.

Lasse Heideman, FIN, on behalf of himself and the other Honorary Member present at the Congress, Inga Löwdin, SWE, wished Bengt Saltin welcome to this distinguished mini-group within the IOF community. LH also thanked Council and the Secretariat for their meticulous planning of the 1988 Congress.

22. GBR and SWE were appointed auditors for the coming Congress period.

**Auditors
for
1989-1990**

23. The new IOF President thanked the Italian Orienteering Federation for organising an excellent Congress. Special thanks were directed to Benito Cavini, Secretary General of the Italian Orienteering Federation, his wife Hedy and Tuula Tuomi, Head of the Congress Secretariat.

**Closure
of
Congress**

The President also thanked the interpreters for their assistance. The Congress was closed at 18.15 hours.

Lennart Levin
Secretary General

Bruce Wolfe
Certifier of Minutes

November 16, 1988

Date



Regionalisation of the IOF Membership

The following regions were decided on by the XIVth IOF Congress:

NORTHERN EUROPE:	DEN, FIN, NOR, SWE
EASTERN EUROPE:	BUL, GDR, HUN, POL, TCH, URS
WESTERN EUROPE:	AUT, BEL, ESP, FRA, FRG, GBR, HOL, IRL, ISR, ITA, POR, SUI, YUG
ASIA-PACIFIC:	AUS, HKG, IND, JPN, KOR, NZL, PHI, SIN
AMERICAS:	CAN, CUB, USA

Each region is entitled to have a minimum of one member on the IOF Council.