



AJ finally remarked that Council wanted to keep article 2.4 intact in order to maintain the possibility for the IOF to establish a suitable system of income-sharing between the IOF and an organiser of a major event.

The General Assembly first voted on whether the name of the World Championships might be associated with sponsors and/or advertising firms:

Yes: 8; No: 17; Abstentions: 3.

The General Assembly then unanimously voted in favour of *other events* being exempted from the naming restriction.

For the purpose of clarification, SUI asked if the Junior World Championships should be considered to be a World Championship in this respect. The answer was no; the JWOC is thus equal to 'other events' and, *ipso facto*, exempted from naming restrictions.

- 14.4 HUN had tabled a motion that the IOF instigate a Youth World Championship in Orienteering for ages up to 18 years. The format of the event is proposed to be the same as for the Junior WOC: classic, sprint, relay.

Proposal  
(HUN) re-  
garding  
Youth  
World  
Champion-  
ships

Sarolta Monspart made some comments on behalf of HUN in support of the proposal. She also said Hungary would be prepared to organise the first event in 1993, should the General Assembly be in favour of the proposal.

Josef Krch, presenting Council's view, said the proposal runs contrary to what has become established IOF policy over the last three congress periods, namely that high-level competition should not be introduced at an early age. Thus, in line with its policy and also in line with several IOF publications on the matter, Council does not support the motion.

AUT said we owe the young not to introduce the competitive element too early; Orienteering is one of the few sports offering people competitions in suitable age groupings for practically their whole lives.

ITA and ROM supported different age categories within the already existing Junior WOC; ITA also stressed that the existing JWOC ought to be given greater importance, rather than introducing a new type of event.



SWE supported the idea of increased activities among young orienteers, but not the method proposed. SWE reiterated several arguments against introducing competition at an early age, and added that there is not enough money to provide for juniors travelling to the JWOC, let alone a new type of event.

Before the vote, the Chairman said that note had been taken of the suggestions from ITA and ROM to amend the present JWOC rules.

**Result of vote on Youth World Championships in Orienteering:**

<b>Yes:</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>No:</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Abstentions:</b>	<b>4</b>

**The motion was not carried.**

- 14.6 Gunnar Jonsson, SWE, presented Sweden's proposal to instigate a World Championship in Ski-Orienteering for Juniors. He argued that such an event would become an important factor in developing the sport in the future and also said that it would be illogical for the IOF not to have a World Championship for Juniors in Ski-O when it has already been established in Orienteering.

**World  
Champion-  
ships  
in Ski-O  
for  
Juniors  
(Proposal  
from SWE)**

Kalevi Tarvainen said that Council supports the proposal.

TCH suggested that the event be held each year.

**The General Assembly unanimously decided to introduce a World Championship for Juniors, to be held every second year from 1994 onwards.**

- 14.7 USA had tabled a motion that the Executive Committee be renamed the 'President's Committee', that the EC consist of the President and the three Vice-Presidents, and that the latter shall represent geographically dispersed regions (one to be from outside Europe).

**Proposal  
(USA) re-  
garding  
change of  
the Execu-  
tive**



Per Stensby, in presenting the proposal, said the present Executive has acted beyond the limits set by the IOF Statutes, reducing Council meetings to become acts of 'rubber stamping'. Because of the European character of the EC, the non-European representation and influence on Council has become more 'token' than real, according to PS. He also stressed that Congress, rather than Council, ought to elect the EC.

Hugh Cameron, presenting Council's view on the matter, said that Council strongly opposes the description of its work as given by USA. HC, in his capacity of non-European member on the Council, added that the EC has not stepped beyond the bounds of its assigned responsibility. He said the present EC has worked efficiently with tasks delegated to it by Council; it has also reported back to Council, allowing for open discussion before any decisions were taken. All in all, Council is against the proposal.

AUT reiterated that she is in favour of electing competent persons on all IOF bodies, rather than applying certain geographical distribution principles. In the present case AUT held that Council should elect its own Executive Committee; it is not appropriate for Congress to get involved in such matters, according to AUT.

POL asked if the Executive is really necessary. If so, POL wanted to be ensured that no important policy decisions are taken there.

**Brought to the vote, USA's proposal was rejected.**

**In favour: 2                      Against: 26**

- 14.8 Magne Hagen, President of the Norwegian Orienteering Federation, briefly commented on the proposal that the IOF and all Member federations actively promote orienteering as an Olympic sport. He said the IOF must convince the Olympic movement that Orienteering, being a nature sport, has something unique to offer. IOF's ambition should be to get orienteering on the Olympic agenda winter and summer.
- Proposal (NOR) regarding Orienteering as an Olympic sport**

The IOF President reminded the delegates of his article on the Olympic issue in No. 2/1992 of **Orienteering World** where he had given Council's view on the possibility of Orienteering becoming Olympic. He concluded by stating that Council stands behind



the NOR proposal. A realistic goal for the time being would be to aim for Ski-Orienteering becoming Olympic year 2002.

The General Assembly accepted a suggestion from USA that the NOR proposal be amended to read as follows: 'The IOF Council shall, and it is recommended that all Member federations should work actively to promote Orienteering as a fully accepted Olympic sport'.

Thus amended, the proposal was unanimously carried.

- 14.9 Edmond Szechenyi made some comments on a proposal from FRA to establish English as the only official language of the IOF. Since a similar proposal had been rejected solely on technical grounds at the previous Congress, FRA wanted to put it to the vote again. He said the present order was a waste of time and energy, so many documents produced in German just going to the waste-basket. In the opinion of ES, acceptance of the proposal would imply a greatly diminished work load at central and, not least, at national level, all organisers of IOF events being exempted from the requirement to issue invitations in two languages.

**Proposal  
(FRA) re-  
garding  
English  
as the  
only IOF  
language**

The President responded that Council is in favour of the proposal. Following upon the liberal views expressed at the previous Congress, present practice has become not to translate documents into German; however, use of either English or German is accepted in oral communication within all IOF bodies. HT finally pointed out that the Statutes allow each Congress to decide on the language to be used at the next Congress.

AUT accepted that the high costs for simultaneous interpretation at Congress should be avoided if possible. This might be achieved, AUT argued, even if the German-speaking delegates were allowed to speak their mother tongue. AUT added that a third language (French /Russian) might well be accepted at Congress. FRA responded that the purpose of AUT's suggestion could be achieved by consecutive interpretation since there is usually multilingual competence available at Congress. GER agreed to having English as the official IOF language, with the modifications just mentioned. ITA said German ought not to be abolished as spoken language on IOF bodies.



When brought to the vote, the French proposal

'English is to be the only official language for all business conducted by the IOF'

was approved by 26 Member nations (21 votes required because of the necessary Statutes amendment).

15. International Championships and other IOF events:

Reports  
on  
events  
held

Brief remarks were made regarding the following events held during the current Congress period:

- 15.1 1991 WOC in Orienteering in Czechoslovakia
- 15.2 1990 Junior WOC in Orienteering in Sweden
- 15.3 1991 Junior WOC in Orienteering in Germany
- 15.4 1990 World Cup in Orienteering
- 15.5 1992 WOC in Ski-Orienteering in France

Council member Hugh Cameron, AUS, brought to the delegates' attention the fact that the Technical Advisor of the 1992 WOC in Ski-Orienteering, in his report on the event (The Biennial Report, p. 50) had expressed his concern about a breach of the WOC rules by some teams (trespassing into prohibited area while testing waxed skis).

The President responded that the matter falls under the responsibility of the Jury, the local organisers and the Technical Advisor himself, rather than Congress. He said the Ski-O Committee has taken note of the incidence and will consider appropriate measures to be taken.

The IOF President thanked the organisers for having undertaken the important task to stage all these events.

**Forthcoming events:**

**Forth-  
coming  
events**

- 15.6 1993 WOC in Orienteering in USA

Per Stensby gave an update of ongoing preparatory work. He stressed that the '93 WOC will be a 'bare bones event' as far as the general frame-work is concerned. He was confident, though, that there will be good maps, good courses, and fair competitions. All events will be held



within 100 kilometers from Times Square on Manhattan. PS informed the delegates about the time-schedule of the WOC as well as the 'O-Festival' and the US Championships to be organised in conjunction with the WOC. PS also gave details related to the main accommodation at Highland Falls, to computer service at the WOC (the Regnly system to be tested at this year's World Cup), and to the training camp preparations.

The President thanked PS for his positive report and wished USA all success in staging the event.

#### 15.7 1995 WOC in Orienteering

Hans-Juergen Zacharias, Chairman of the '95 WOC Organising Committee, briefly commented on preparatory work, including the first visit by the Technical Advisor. H-J Z said that preparations proceed according to schedule; he concluded by wishing everyone present welcome to the 1995 WOC and asking Congress to give its final approval.

**The General Assembly approved Germany as organiser of the 1995 World Championships in Orienteering.**

#### 15.8 1997 WOC in Orienteering

Only one application to organise the 1997 WOC had come forward, namely from Norway. Einar Undstad, commenting on the application, said that the event, should Congress decide to award it to NOR, would commemorate the first orienteering competition held in Norway in 1897. He also mentioned that the Norwegian Orienteering Federation, celebrating its 50th anniversary in 1995, has organised several championships, World, European and Nordic, in the past. He said the event is planned to be held late August or 1st half of September; the local organiser remains to be appointed.

**The General Assembly unanimously awarded the 1997 World Championships in Orienteering to Norway.**

The President remarked that the appointment is final; the previous procedure implying provisional appointment, has been abolished.

Brief updates were given regarding the following forthcoming events:



15.9 1992 Junior World Championships in Orienteering  
(FIN).

Barbro Rönnerberg reported that everything is under control in view of the fact that the event was to be held the following week.

15.10 1993 Junior World Championships in Orienteering  
(ITA).

The event will take place in alpine terrain at an altitude of 1000-1500 m.

15.11 1992 World Cup.

Anne-Berit Eid, Chairman of the World Cup Group, said a problem has occurred because of the sudden increase in the number of participating nations. She pleaded that the Federations organising the forthcoming three events in August (HUN, AUT, ITA) accept 90 runners (as opposed to 80 as stated in the rules). The first round (SWE, FIN, RUS) had seen three most exciting and well-organised events, according to A-B E.

15.12 1994 World Cup.

A-B E reported that planning proceeds according to schedule.

15.13 1994 World Championships in Ski-Orienteering (ITA).

ITA informed that the event will take place at an altitude of above 1500 m; an exception to the WOC rules must therefore be granted. An ambitious publicity campaign will be launched; ITA asked all Member Federations to stimulate early contact between national TV companies and Italian TV.

15.14 1996 World Championships in Ski-Orienteering.

The only applicant, NOR, was appointed organiser of the event.



15.15 1993 World Cup in Ski-Orienteering.

Gunnar Jonsson, SWE, Chairman of the IOF Ski-O Committee, gave details regarding the time-schedule proposed. TCH, AUT, ITA, SWE and NOR are the organisers appointed; exact event details will be presented in the forthcoming IOF Calendar.

16. The General Assembly decided (27 in favour, 1 against) to allocate the 1994 IOF Congress to Bulgaria. Vasil Kitov, BUL, informed the delegates that it will be held by the Black Sea, near the city of Varna. He proposed mid-June or late June in order to give the delegates the possibility of participating in the Bulgaria Cup, a major orienteering event; the General Assembly consented to this period of time. **Next Congress**

The decision concerning working language(s) for the 1994 Congress was preceded by some discussion. FRA, in line with her previous proposal regarding English as the official IOF language, suggested that English be used, without simultaneous interpretation but with consecutive translation - 'from the floor' - of other languages (German, French, Russian). GER proposed that the present format with simultaneous interpretation (English/German) be used. USA asked whether immediate translation from the floor was possible; the answer was yes, considering the wide language proficiency among the present Council members (English, German, French and Russian spoken).

The General Assembly decided not to have simultaneous interpretation at the 1994 Congress. The procedure will be to use English as the Congress language, with consecutive translation of either German, French or Russian.

(22 votes in favour, 6 against).

17. Lars-Erik Engberg, SWE, presented the Auditors' report and commented on the accounts for the financial period 1990-91 (Balance sheet, Income and Expenditure accounts) **Accounts financial period 1990-1991**

The General Assembly approved the accounts, thereby discharging the Council members and the Secretary General from liability for transactions during the period.





18. The Secretary General briefly commented on the membership fees and the proposed budget for the coming Congress period; Council's proposal had been sent out together with other Congress material.

**Finances  
1992-1994  
including  
member-  
ship  
fees**

EST commented on the prevailing financial situation in the Baltic countries and pleaded that they be moved from category VI to VII (from SEK 9,000 per annum to SEK 5,000 per annum). DEN, USA and CAN expressed themselves willing to support the asked-for reduction.

BUL similarly requested a reduction of her subscription fee from category V to VI (from SEK 20,000 to SEK 9,000).

The President responded that Council was willing to discuss the size of the three Baltic fees; it is always difficult to judge a reasonable level in the case of new members. Concerning the plea from BUL, he said that every country could argue in favour of a reduction of its allocated fee, thereby disrupting previous agreements and complicating planning for the coming period.

The General Assembly unanimously agreed to reduce the membership fees for EST, LAT, and LIT from category VI to category VII during the coming period (SEK 5,000 to be paid by each of the three members).

The General Assembly did not accept the reduction request from BUL (11 in favour, 12 against, 5 abstentions).

The amendments regarding the Baltic countries having been made, the General Assembly unanimously approved the budget for the coming Congress period, including the membership fees proposed by Council.

19. Election of IOF Council for the Congress period  
1992-1994

**Election**

19.1 Heinz Tschudin was elected IOF President by acclamation.

19.2 Five proposals for Vice-Presidents had come forward. Three seats available, the General Assembly voted with the following result:

Sue Harvey	27 votes
Åke Jacobson	20 votes
Hugh Cameron	16 votes
Kalevi Tarvainen	10 votes
Per Stensby	7 votes



- 19.3 Before the remaining vote was taken, Kalevi Tarvainen withdrew, asking Congress to vote for his Nordic colleague, Einar Undstad.

Although 5 seats remained to be filled, one was granted Per Stensby as the only remaining representative of a non-European country. The ensuing vote gave the following result:

Einar Undstad	26 votes
Edmond Szechenyi	24 votes
John Pearson	23 votes
Sarolta Monspart	20 votes
Josef Krch	7 votes

The voting thus completed, the following Council had been elected for the period 1992-1994:

Heinz Tschudin	SUI	President
Hugh Cameron	AUS	Vice-President
Sue Harvey	GBR	Vice-President
Åke Jacobson	SWE	Vice-President
Sarolta Monspart	HUN	
John Pearson	BEL	
Per Stensby	USA	
Edmond Szechenyi	FRA	
Einar Undstad	NOR	

Heinz Tschudin thanked the General Assembly for confiding in him as President during still another period. He said he has decided that the coming term will be his last as leader of the IOF. However, this does not in any sense mean that his interest is flagging. On the contrary, HT said, he is full of enthusiasm for the task and will do his best to encourage the Council, all Committees and Working groups to pursue the ambitious goals set for year 2000 and beyond. He expressed his hope that Orienteering will remain a clean sport, developing further its breadth as well as its high-level performance. He concluded by stating his great satisfaction that such an excellent Council had been elected to support him, and assured the delegates that the many new Member countries is a great source of inspiration for the new Council in its forthcoming work.

20. The General Assembly elected SWE and BUL to appoint auditors for the forthcoming Congress period.

**Auditors  
1992-1994**



21. In closing the XVith IOF Congress and the General Assembly, the IOF President thanked all the delegates for efficient and pleasant cooperation during the week. He expressed his satisfaction with the new Congress format introduced. Although there is still room for improvements, he thought the day preceding the General Assembly had served the purpose of clarifying complicated issues and making the General Assembly proceedings smoother. **Closure**

Heinz Tschudin thanked the interpreters for excellent work during the length of a demanding day.

He thanked the Swiss Orienteering Federation for staging the Congress in such a competent and generous manner, and finally directed himself to Yvonne Caspari, thanking her and her team of organisers for hosting the delegates and other visitors so splendidly.

Sollentuna, Sweden, 27 July 1992

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