

Summary notes from IOF Foot Orienteering Commission meeting,

19-20 January 2007

Present: Maria Nimvik SWE, Ove Gasbjerg DEN, David May GBR, Hideo Onoe JPN, Frauke Schmitt Gran GER and Erlend Slokvik NOR.

Apologies from: Konrad Becker SUI, Michael Dowling AUS, Dominic Yue HKG.

1. Decision to divide the **main areas of responsibility within FOC** according to the following: WOC: Frauke, WCup: Erlend, World Games: Maria, WMOC and WRE: David, JWOC: Ove, Regional Championships: Hideo and Konrad, Athletes Commission contact point: Frauke.

2. **Future World Championships:** Progress reports were received and discussed relating to WOCs 2007 (UKR), 2008 (CZE), 2009 (HUN), 2010 (NOR) and 2011 (FRA). A WOC Handbook is to be produced.

3. **World Games 2009, Chinese Taipei:** a first visit by the support group of Erik Nielsen DEN and Per Forsberg SWE was made in October.

4. **World Cup 2007:** planning at the various venues is on track. In NOR there will be no live TV and no Micr-O. Decision to ask the IOF Sports Director for help with marketing the new World Cup, both internally within the O world and externally, eg. towards the media.

5. **IOF events:** Decision together with Council that there is a need to describe the purpose of the Championships, the World Cup and the World Ranking system. This should be stated in a paper to be distributed and published, so that Federations can understand and better plan for the future, eg. regarding organisation of and participation in WREs.

6. **Future World Cups: 2008:** Decision together with Council that no radical changes should be made for the 2008 World Cup Special Rules. Information about this should be circulated already in Spring 2007. **2009:** The programme is still being discussed.

7. **JWOCs:** Progress reports received re JWOCs 2007-2009. Applications for 2010 were due by 31st January. The final version of the JWOC Guidelines has been sent to the Secretariat for publication.

8. **WMOCs:** already 3,300 entries for WMOC 2007 in Finland. Progress report on 2008 POR was received. 2009 AUS: debate between WMOC and World Masters Games organisers on venue for sprint race – may be based around Sydney Stadium. WMOC 2010 applications were due by 31st January. A new version of the WMOC Handbook is being distributed.

9. **World Ranking Events (WRE):** Decided that promotion of the WREs as providing the natural level for development of elite orienteers which falls between National Events and WCup Events should be done to a greater extent. For 2007, 104 events have been registered, including 52 Long races, 34 Middle and 13 Sprint. A new edition of the World Rankings Handbook is being distributed.

10. **Regional Championships:** reports from Asian meeting where the decision was taken to hold Regional Championships in conjunction with APOC in 2008. Korea will be the host; JPN is willing to assist.

11. **Rule deviation:** Decision to approve the request for rule deviation from Vårspretten, Norway, to include Macr-O instead of Micr-O. FOC considers this an example of how organisers try out new formats.

12. **Next meeting:** Oslo, 16th April.