

Minutes of IOF Map Commission Meeting held on 20-21 January 2017 in Warsaw, Poland

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The meeting was held at Airport Hotel Okecie starting at 14:00 on January 20, 2017.

1 Present:

Håvard Tveite NOR (HT) – Chairman,
Christer Carlsson SWE (CC),
Robert Ditz AUT (RD),
Thomas Gloor SUI (TG),
Luděk Krticka CZE (LK)
Erik Peckett GBR (EP)
Jean-Philippe Stefanini FRA (JPS)

2 Agenda for the Meeting MC2017-01 and the Minutes of the previous meeting MC 2016-02 . The agenda for the meeting was approved. JPS would take the minutes

- The minutes of the previous meeting MC2016-2 held during WOC in Strömstad was approved

3 Correspondence and Activities since the last meeting

Two new Commission members: Christer Carlsson (SWE), Robert Ditz (AUT) have joined the commission. Therefore a short presentation is made by each member to explain his mapping background and/or his interest in joining the MC.

TG informs the MC that he will leave the MC after the meeting after 16 years of presence. HT thanks him warmly for all the works and great contributions he has made during this long period. Switzerland is planning to make a proposal for his replacement.

A revision is made to the MC remits dated december 2016 in order to take into account the two new members. The new version is attached.

HT has recorded about 600 MC related emails since August 2016, many on ISOM201X. The important emails have been forwarded to the MC earlier.

Andras Bogdanovits, cartographer (ELTE), from Hungary, living in Australia, has written to us and offered his services. He is currently interested in school maps. Such maps are mainly covered by national specifications and not by any IOF ones.

4 Clinics - status report

MC has been informed of some clinics : Equador (László), Taiwan (Perola Olsson), Brazil (Øyvind Holt, RC), Turkey. Getting reports of such clinics (list of participants and copy of the presentation) is still an issue.

5 Map specifications update (Ski-O, MTB-O, Sprint)

Nothing to report as we got no feedback from the MTBO commission since last year meeting both on our comments and on the experimentation made.

6 Ongoing projects status reports

- Map colours project:
On hold due to high priority given to the ISOM 201X finalization. JPS will provide RD with all the documents related to the project.
- PrintTech project and WRE printing : Even if some organizers require advices on printing, some of them do not take into account the comments they receive from the MC

7 World Championships mapping - progress reports

Each WOC is followed by one member of the MC.

- 2016, Sweden: FHJ with the help of HT. A few advices mainly around the lack of generalization was made for the forest maps without real changes by the mappers. MC has actual concerns about the way the IOF is controlling the mapping process at such events.
As some printing problems occurred during this WOC, MC thinks that it will be useful for avoiding similar problems in the next events to get an official report by the organizers on this issue covering the source(s) of the problem. Better understanding the way the mappers and the printing company are chosen and financially managed could help.
- 2017, Estonia: Ales Hejna previous member of the MC was appointed in September 2014. Good progress, no issues to report.
- 2018, Latvia: TG has been appointed and already made a visit.
- 2019, Norway : HT or CC could cover this event.

8 Deviation requests

Potential deviation request from WRE SLO (1:10000 for long distance): MC did not approve it as the map provided could be easily readable at 1:15000.

9 ISOM201x

Since the August meeting, print tests were produce thanks to LK and some comments were already made on these prints.

Switzerland made a letter to the council restating the comments on the ISOM 201X projects which were previously taken into consideration by the MC, including the fact they are opposed to the “forbidden to cross” concept

The following remaining issues were addressed during the meeting:

- a) Barrier / forbidden principle (documents distributed)
- b) Map scale rephrasing (suggestion distributed)
- c) Dashed lines: Specification of minimum and maximum dash and gap lengths (note distributed).
- d) Test print, discussions
- e) The minimum dimensions part, discussions

f) Minimum dimensions for symbols – discussions

LK will summarize the changes made to the ISOM 201X project and distribute it to the MC members and to Lazlo for graphic implementation.

The “forbidden to cross” concept has raised many written discussion with the FOC and with the RC. Athletes commission has given its support to the principle.

A joint meeting with FOC, RC and Concil was scheduled in the evening. Many documents were prepared in order to explain through examples from past competitions how the present ISOM 2000 is not able to deal with this issue except by using out of bounds symbols which creates the same constraint on how to control it on the terrain.

MC consider the barrier/forbidden principle important as it makes the competitions fairer for competitors and simpler to understand for non-orienteurs or beginners. Security issues which could have insurance consequences was also mentioned by EP.

In the evening, the joint meeting was limited to the Council and the chairmen of the MC, FOC and RC.

On Saturday morning the Council informed the MC, that it decided to support the ISOM 201X proposal as long as it does not include any symbol forbidden to cross (except the out of bound ones) and without scale rules - which would be defined by the discipline commission and the RC.

The MC accepts this political decision and will work in order to finalize ISOM 201X before next WOC meeting taking into consideration these two points.

10 Control descriptions

RC is updating the specification. MC should work with RC to ensure alignment with the current map specifications. HT already made input which were not approved by the RC. Within the MC, there was no unanimous opinion on these points. It was decided to try to make a new feedback to the RC through mail exchanges within the MC..

11 Any other business

None

Meeting ended on January 21 at 23:30.