



### **Strengthening the regional structures in IOF**

DOF acknowledge the fact that IOF has taken initiative to define sub-regional activity development plans including the goals and activity descriptions in all regions.

We find it necessary that IOF take stronger responsibility for forming regions on each Continent – in particular, as we have no European Organization any longer.

IOF must ensure that sub-regions are established within a limited timeframe and based upon equal principles that can be comparative though differentiated according to local premises and traditions.

We propose that the formation of sub-regions should be based on these general principles:

- IOF (via the RYDC) plays a key role in defining and establishing 4-5 sub-regions in Europe and a relevant number of sub-regions on other Continents (where applicable).
- IOF will evaluate the set-up (structure, rules, format) of existing regions in order to identify and spread good practice.
- All sub-regional groups should follow the same general statutes (local amendments are possible)
- Sub-regional groups are consultative and take no decisions with obligations for member federations
- Sub-regional groups meet regularly and at a minimum twice a year
- All member Federations in these groups have one vote and represented by up to two persons.
- These representatives should be both political elected and staff executives
- The chairperson of the regional group should rotate on a one-year basis
- Sub-regions are obliged to assist RYDC in describing sub-regional development plans and in executing those
- Sub-regions should appoint sub-regional coordinators – in cooperation with RYDC