

It seems to me that it was just yesterday when we met in Venice on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2010. Where, upon initiative of Italian Orienteering Federation president Sergio Grifoni, together with delegates from Spain, Serbia and Turkey, we founded Confederation of Mediterranean Orienteering Federations.

You probably think that 10 years is a long period, and now it looks like a history – our first 10 years, but time flies by us very quickly. Our "child" grown up and we managed to grow to 13 member countries nowadays, with projections to accumulate up to 18 or even more members soon.

Numerous events have been held during these years, and I am thankful to all COMOF members who have organized and participated in them.

8<sup>th</sup> Mediterranean Championships in Orienteering, 6<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Meetings, as well as 18<sup>th</sup> Council Meetings, have been held in this period. You can find more details about our fist 10 years in a COMOF history book that has just been created by our Vice President Jose Angel Nieto Poblete.

As you know, our most important goal is to get orienteering sport into Mediterranean Games, and we are just step away from becoming a demonstration sport in Oran, Algeria 2022, as well as a part of official program of Med. Games in Taranto, Italy 2026. Of course, to achieve our goals, we still need to be more actively involved in this important agenda.

Nothing can be done without you, every single orienteer from Mediterranean region, as an athlete, or as a representative of COMOF and national sports authorities, where we shall act as one to fullfil our Strategic Directions and roles.

I personally, as COMOF President, will be fully dedicated to this agenda in my mandate period from 2018 to 2022, promising to help all of you sharing the same enthusiasm.

Your free time, knowledge and experience are very much needed so that we can accomplish all the tasks we face.

We also have an exceptionally good cooperation and support by our external partners, mostly from IOF and ICMG, to stay at our Olympic agenda and make the first step becoming a part of Mediterranean Games.

And purely for information, in these 10 years of dedication, we have had pleasure to award important persons and institutions who contributed the most to the growth of COMOF.

My gratitude to all of them. More then ever, we need to continue our working as one.

Lets stay together on our road to Mediterranean Games!

Zoran Milovanović

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