



COMOF

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HISTORY



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Italy, Spain and Serbia, countries promoters. Turkey the first country in joining.

On November 12th, 2010, took place in Venice the constitution of the COMOF (Confederation of Mediterranean Orienteering Federations). The Notarial deed was signed by the countries that according to the requirements, were present: Italy, Spain and Serbia. A representative of Turkey was present but not being a signatory country by not having the documentation in rule.

1st COMOF GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING in Venice (Italy).

After the notarial signature, took place the First Assembly directed by Sergio Grifoni (President of the Italian Orienteering Federation). The Order of the Agenda included a new point with the acceptance of the incorporation of Turkey as a new country member.

The first point was the election of the COMOF President. Víctor García Berenguer (President of the Spanish Orienteering Federation), spoke to praise the work of impulse of the Confederation from Sergio Grifoni considering that he should be the First President of the COMOF due to the work already done, to what the present countries voted in favor.

After Sergio Grifoni's appointment (Italy) as President of the COMOF, the rest of the board of directors was constituted as follows: Víctor García Berenguer from Spain (Vice-president), Zorán Milovanovic from Serbia (Secretary), Jose Ángel Nieto Poblete from Spain (Council Member), Canor Odabasoglu from Turkey (Council Member).

The by-laws having been approved, the possibility of a first competition of the COMOF has been presented by Víctor García Berenguer as an offer to be developed in Spain in 2012.

The following point was to incorporate new countries and put on the table the importance to achieve the consolidation of the COMOF by attracting Federations from the three continents: Europe, Asia and Africa. The present countries distributed the responsibility of stimulating contacts leading to the development of the sport in the countries with little or no movement.

During the General Assembly of the COMOF, Mr Gianni Petrucci, President of the CONI (Italian National Olympic Committee), showed his interest and support.



Moment of the signature before the notarial act.



At the lawyers's : photo of family: November 13th, 2010.

Once realized the notarial signature, the promoters countries are Italy, Spain and Serbia. After the first meeting, Turkey is quickly admitted. From left to right side : Sandro Passante (Vice Presidente of FISO-Italy), Djordje Zagorac (President of Serbia), Sergio Grifoni (President of FISO-Italia), Gianni Petrucci (President of the Italian National Olympic Committee), Víctor García Berenguer (President of FEDO-Spain), Zoran Milovanovic (Vice President of Serbia), José Ángel Nieto Poblete (Second Vice President of FEDO-Spain) and Caner Odabasoglu (Representative of Turkey).



First Assembly of the COMOF : on 14th of November 2010

Once constituted the Federation, the First Assembly is realized From left to right side : Sandro Passante (Vice President of the FISO-Italy), Djorbe Zagorac (President of Serbia), Sergio Grifoni (President of the COMOF), Gianni Petrucci (President of the Italian National Olympic Comitee), Víctor García Berenguer (Vice President of the COMOF), Zoran Milovanovic (Secretary of the COMOF), José Ángel Nieto Poblete (Council Member of the COMOF) and Caner Odabasoglu (Council Member of the COMOF).

The International Orienteering Federation officially recognized all the efforts made by the COMOF during the General Assembly celebrated in Trondheim on August 14, 2010. The proof of this recognition was the presence either in the constitution before Notary but also in the First Assembly of Maria Silvia Viti (Italy), Council Member of the IOF.

This recognition is due to the importance that the COMOF can have in the development of orienteering in the Mediterranean Area and its possible incorporation in the Mediterranean Games, which Games are recognized by the Olympic Committee.



International from 1952 and that would be an important step to enter Orienteering in the Olympic Games.

The development of Orienteering in the Mediterranean Area, would carry the introduction and later constitution of yet not existing federations and to there be represented countries of the three continents contributing to reach the number of 75 countries, which is one of the necessary premises to be able to have Orienteering in the Olympic Games.

The Italian Orienteering Federation (FISO) with its President Sergio Grifoni, took the initiative to give the first steps of the COMOF, inviting all the legal representatives of the considered countries of the Mediterranean Area, celebrating the first Act and Assembly in Venice, coinciding with the XXXI International Meeting Venice.

1st. COMOF COUNCIL MEETING in Belgrade (Serbia)

The 1st Council Meeting of the Mediterranean Orienteering Federations took place in Belgrade (Serbia) from 4th to 6th of March 2011.

The participating countries were: Italy, Spain, Serbia and Turkey as Members of the COMOF as well as Cyprus, Montenegro, Macedonia, Greece, Bosnia and Herzegovina as future Members. Guests: Romania and Bulgaria.

This first Council formally settled the first board of directors of the COMOF, represented by:

PRESIDENT:	Sergio Grifoni	(ITA)
SENIOR VICEPRESIDENTE:	Víctor M. García Berenguer	(ESP)
VICE PRESIDENT:	Tatiana Kalenderoglu	(TUR)
COUNCIL MEMBER:	José Ángel Nieto Poblete	(ESP)
COUNCIL MEMBER:	Djorge Zagorac	(SRB)
SECRETARY GENERAL:	Zoran Milovanovic	(SRB)

The Council was presided by the Vice-President of the IOF, Brian Porteus (Scotland). He has been presented the reports of the activities realized from the last meeting in Venice in November, 2010 until February, 2011.

During this Assembly, the Orienteering Spanish Federation proposed the standards regarding the Mediterranean Orienteering Championship development with a total of 12 articles and where the procedures of the competition would be ruled. The mentioned rules with some punctual modifications, were approved in their entirety. Likewise the organization of the Ist Orienteering Mediterranean Championship was initiated to take place in San Joan de Alicant (Spain) from 10th to 12th of February 2012.

The Assembly also approved the new logos of the Federation.



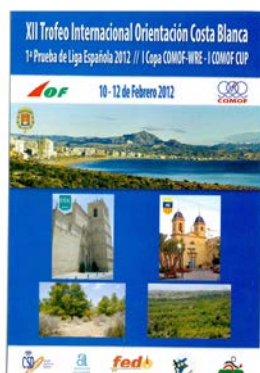
1st COUNCIL MEETING of the COMOF in Belgrade (Serbia) from 4th to 6th of March 2011. Board of directors:
From left side to right: Djorbe Zagorac – Serbia (Council Member), José Ángel Nieto Poblete – Spain (Council Member),
V́ctor García Berenguer – Spain (Senior Vice President), Sergio Grifoni – Italy (President of the COMOF), Tatiana
Kalenderoglu – Turkey (Vice President), Zoran Milovanovic – Serbia (Secretary).

2nd COMOF COUNCIL MEETING in Chambéry (France).

On August 18th, 2011 and during the World Championships, the 2nd Council Meeting of the COMOF took place in Chambéry (France). During this meeting, the strategies continue being studied with a view to the consolidation of the Confederation by approving the entrance of two new countries: Montenegro and Macedonia.

At this time, 6 countries are members of the COMOF: Italy, Spain, Serbia, Turkey, Montenegro and Macedonia.

There, Spain presented to the Assembly the Bulletin N° 1 of the 1st COMOF CUP and Turkey set up its intention to organize a Congress in Istanbul in November 2012.



Bulletin N°1 of the 1st COMOF CUP

Additionally to the member countries, new countries (Bulgaria, Cyprus, France and Croatia) were invited to join the Assembly.



2nd Council Meeting of the COMOF, celebrated in Chambéry (France).

Attendees: Sergio Grifoni - Italy (President of the COMOF), Víctor Manuel García Berenguer – Spain (Vice President), Tatiana Kalenderoglu – Turkey (Vice President), Djordje Zagorac – Serbia (Council Member), José Ángel Nieto Poblete – Spain (Council Member), Meri Ckripeska (Macedonia / solicitor country), Jane Draginov (Macedonia / solicitor country).
Guests: Atanas Georgiev (Bulgaria), Michael Savvides (Cyprus), Jean-Paul Ters (France), Mehmet Genc (Turkey), Karlo Gobec (Croatia), Chis Terkelsen (Spain) and Jesús de Miguel Rey (Spain).

3rd. COUNCIL MEETING of the COMOF in San Joan d´Alacant (Spain).



On the occasion of the celebration of the 1st COMOF CUP, the Council Meeting of the COMOF took place on February 11th, 2012 in San Joan d'Alacant (Spain) as the 3rd COMOF Council Meeting.

During this meeting, the entrance of new countries is approved : Portugal and Cyprus, coming to eight (8) the number of countries members and having being accepted before in the I COMOF CUP participation.

The working guidelines were marked up to the Assembly to celebrate in July, 2012 in Lausanne during the 2012 WOC in Switzerland, and the possibilities were debated for the competition that would be named MCO "Mediterranean Orienteering Championships", to avoid confusions with other competitions.



The Council was presided by Sergio Grifoni, President of the COMOF, the Vice-President Víctor García Berenguer and the Vice-President Tatiana Kalenderoglu, and Maria Silvia Viti, IOF Council Member.

The working guidelines were also marked for the next years: the possible organizations and the diffusion of the COMOF information across a web page among other points. The actuality of the orienteering situation in the present countries was discussed and reached to a merger that was acknowledged by María Silvia Viti as the IOF representative.



3rd Council meeting of the COMOF celebrated in San Joan d'Alacant (Spain).

From left to right side : Jesús de Miguel (Spain), Ricardo Chumbinho (Portugal), Augusto Almeida (Portugal), José Ángel Nieto Poblete, COMOF Council Member (Spain), Sergio Grifoni, President of the COMOF (Italy), Tatiana Kalenderoglu, COMOF Vice-Presidente (Turkey), Víctor Manuel García Berenguer, COMOF Senior Vice Presidente (Spain), María Silvia Viti, IOF Council Member (Italy), Armando Archimandritas (Cyprus), Eleni Savvidou (Cyprus), Riste Kirev (Macedonia), Zoran Milovanovic, COMOF General Secretary (Serbia) Mehmet Genc (Turkey), Zagorac Djordje, Council Member COMOF (Serbia), Meri Chkripeska (Macedonia).

4th. COUNCIL MEETING of the COMOF in Lausanne (Switzerland). 2nd COMOF GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING in Lausanne (Switzerland).

On July 16th, 2012, the 2nd COMOF General Assembly and the 4th COMOF Council meeting took place in Lausanne (Switzerland), during the WOC week.

The assessment and acknowledgement of the activities developed from the COMOF creation have been approved. The name of the COMOF Cup is modified to MCO (Mediterranean Championship in Orienteering) in order to avoid confusions with other sports movements realized previously.

There is no new country member to be included, unless the ones already been approved in the previous meeting that were Portugal, Macedonia, Montenegro and Cyprus. Even if France was attending the previous meeting, this country is expected to become a new member soon.

Turkey presents the first Bulletin of the IInd MCO to be organized in Antalya in 2013, which is approved. For 2014, the organization proposed by Portugal is accepted. Italy would be in 2015 and Serbia studies the possibility for 2016. Spain expresses its intention to work on it for 2017 which would coincide with the celebration in Tarragona of the Mediterranean Games and would be an important step. The possibilities are studied to encourage the countries to establish support strategies among their governments to give the officialdom of the sport in those Games. Likewise, the establishment of strategies for the development of the sport in the North African and Asian countries, without nothing of this would be viable, would give to Spain a great support.

The strategies establishment is defined in terms of dates and the strategic plan from 2012 to 2018 is approved.



5th. COMOF COUNCIL MEETING in Antalya (Turkey).

The 5th COMOF Council Meeting is hold in Antalya (Turkey) on Saturday 23rd of February 2013. Before this meeting, a preparatory meeting took place, that was presided by Sergio Grifoni (President of COMOF). The following persons were attending: Maria Silvia Viti, Council Member of the IOF (International Orienteering Federation), Zagorac Djordje (COMOF Council Member), Jose Ángel Nieto Poblete (COMOF Council Member) and Zoran Milovanovic (General COMOF Secretary).

The following persons atended the 5th Councill Meeting: Sergio Grifoni (President of the COMOF), Astrid Waaler Kaas (IOF Vice-President), María Silvia Viti (IOF Council Member), Tatiana Kalenderoglu (Vice President of the COMOF), Zagorac Djordje (COMOF Council Member), José Ángel Nieto Poblete (COMOF Council Member) and Zoran Milovanovic (COMOF General Secretary). An important representation of the Turkish Orienteering Federation (TOF) also attended, headed by its President Tekin Çolakoglu who introduced Dursun Katkat (The Director of the Department of 2013 Mersin's Ceremonies), as well as Thair Ayyash, Manager of Jordania, which showed with their presences their interest to become members of the COMOF.



Family Photo of the 5th COMOF Executive Commission

During the meeting, the notification of the 4th Executive Commission celebrated in Lausanne (Switzerland) in July, 2012 was approved.

Israel was accepted as new member of the COMOF, presented by Jose Ángel Nieto as delegate.



Turkey exposed the works they realized in order for Orienteering to be exhibited in the Mersin's Mediterranean Games.

IOF, among its

Vice-President, insisted on the need of expansion of the information across the mass media.



Mersin occupied a part of the Executive Commission Meeting

On the basis of Mr Zagorac Djordje's presentation, President of the Serbian Orienteering Federation, Serbia has been approved to organize the MCO for 2016. The candidacy is extended for 2015. For 2014, Portugal will organize it. The contacts established for Tarragona 2017 have been expos by the FEDO.

The works realized up to the date have been explained as well as the strategic directions for the period 2013-2018. The Councillor Jose Ángel Nieto presented a study of the current situation of the Games and the development possibilities: Israel's incorporation, the works that are being developed in Morocco through Jose Samper (Technical Director of the FEDO) and the programme for a short future among contacts and the company SUN – O. He also presented a general study of participation in the MCO of the Mediterranean Games where could be used as a base for a second analysis he also presented.

The IOF, with its Vice-President Astrid Waaler Kaas, confirmed its IOF support to the COMOF and offered to some identified countries seats for the Clinic in Finland during the World Championships.



Waalder Kaas.

President of the COMOF, Sergio Grifoni, and IOF Vice-President, Astrid

A last point has been made by Zoran Milovanovic, General Secretary of the COMOF, indicated that the COMOF web page was underway.

The fees for each country member have been presented and the calendar for the plan 2013 - 2014, as well as the next meeting, being planned for July, 2013 on the occasion of the WOC in Finland.

During the days of the COMOF Executive Commission, the 2nd Mediterranean Championships in Orienteering (IInd MCO) of the COMOF were celebrated in Antalya (4 days).

6th COUNCIL MEETING of the COMOF in Vuokatti (Finland).

The 6th meeting of the COMOF Council was held in Vuokatti (Finland) during the World Championships.

For the first time, Israel was attending after there being accepted as member in the 5th Council meeting held in Turkey. Israel presented its official candidacy to organize the 4th MCO that would be carried out in conjunction with the Israeli Championships. It will be celebrated in Hevel Modiin (Oriental area of the country).

The opportunity of some Orienteering event in Italy was exposed, on the occasion of the organization of the Beach Mediterranean Games in Pescara.

Also the contacts established by Spain were exposed, to introduce the sport in The Lebanon, Palestine and Morocco.



From left to right side : Zoran Milovanovic (SER, COMOF General Secretary), Vincent Frey (FRA), Dragutin Vujovic (MNE), Sergio Grifoni (ITA, President of the COMOF), Maria Silvia Viti (ITA Council member of the IOF), Mauro Gazzero (ITA, President of the FISO), Tatiana Kalenderoglu (TUR, Vice-President of the COMOF), Ziv Noiman (ISR) and Michel Ediar (FRA, President of the French Federation). Stayed away Bruno Nazario (FOR).

7th. COUNCIL MEETING of the COMOF en Viseu (Portugal).

It was celebrated in Viseu (Portugal on February 21st, 2014).

The meeting was presided by Sergio Grifoni – ITA (President of the COMOF), assisted by Tatiana Kalenderoglu – TUR (Vice-President of the COMOF), Victor García Berenguer – ESP (Vice-Presidente of the COMOF), Zagorac Djordje – SRB (Council Member of the COMOF), José Ángel Nieto Poblete – ESP (Council Member of the COMOF), Zoran Milovanovic – SRB (General Secretary of the COMOF), Augusto Almeida – POR (President of te Portuguese Federation), Eytan Amiaz – ISR (President of ISOA), Jose Samper García – ESP (Technical Director of FEDO), Antonio Amador – POR (FPO) and Slobodan Radovanovic and Natasa Petrovic (SRB).



Moments of the meeting of the Executive Commission of the COMOF

The meeting followed the agenda, approving the minutes of the 6th Executive Commission celebrated in Vuokati (Finland) in July 2013.

The COMOF did not increase its number of member countries. The programme of the next meeting and General Assembly that will take place in Italy during the next WOC was settled. The dates for the presentation of the candidacies for the new Council were established. In the next Assembly, a new Board of Direction will have to born.

The accomplishment of negotiations was decided in order to try to be in the Beach Mediterranean Games, which will take place in Pescara in 2015.

Then began the programme guidelines for the next period 2014-2017. It has been asked to Spain the possibility of participating in the Mediterranean Games, to what Víctor García and Jose Ángel Nieto answered that this competition will not be able to be inside the JJMM. It will be posible to handle it within the Spanish League, WRE, MCO and before or later, but not inside, for not complying with the requirements linked to the organization of those Games and conversations supported with leaders of the Games. We have the need to continue working for the incorporation of countries coming from Africa and Asia. It was decided to propose to the countries that have not organized event, the possibility of doing it for 2017. In the case of a deficiency of application, Spain might organize it.

Israel and Serbia presented the next two editions that will be in 2015 in Israel and 2016 in Serbia.



Israel and Serbia presented their competitions for 2015 and 2016

Spain presented two projects regarding the introduction and development of orienteering, one in Morocco (Jose Samper) and other one in Lybia (Jose Ángel Nieto), projects where it makes clear that it is now the necessary time to implement and develop the sport, even if the future of the countries is uncertain.



Family photo during the 7th meeting of the COMOF Executive Council

During the days of the 7th Executive Commission of the COMOF, were celebrated the 3rd Orienteering Mediterranean Championships (the 3rd MCO) between Sâto and Aguiar da Beira, inside the Cup of Portugal, and valid for the World Ranking Event with a great participation worldwide. Three trainings and Model Events, split in three days were organized.

8th. COUNCIL MEETING of the COMOF in Lavarone (Italy).

The 8th Council Meeting of the COMOF was opened on the 10th of July 2014 in Lavarone (Italy).

There was no incorporation as country member of the COMOF, being already nine countries, although France showed its interest and assured that it would be a member next year. Greece, Croatia and Slovenia showed equally their interests.

It was done a revision of the possible countries of Asia and Africa that are necessary for the federation, Morocco being named in several occasions by the role Spain is playing in this country. Other countries were named, but the political situation is not good. Egypt might be a quick new country member. The work in favour of the incorporation of other countries is going on in spite of all the existing problems.

The aim is to be in the next beach games in Pescara in 2015 as well as in the Mediterranean Games in Tarragona in 2017. It would be good to settle activities as consequences of these games, although it will not be possible to be trained or even be linked to them.

Then it appeared that the Olympic International Committee should be aware about our movement. Despite the documentation sent to them, they have not yet showed interest.

It is then urgent to continue working, illustrated by the report made by Israel about the participation in the 4th MCO.

The attendees to this 8th Council were:



From left to right side : Javier Ruiz de la Herranz Pidal (ESP), Zef Segal (ISR), Bruno Nazaro (POR), Djordje Zagorac (SRB), Victor Manuel Garcia Berenguer (ESP), Sergio Grifoni (ITA), Tatiana Kalenderoglu (TUR), Tekin Colakoglu (TUR), Mauro Gazero (ITA), Andrea Georgios (CYP), Michel Ediar (FRA), Roberta Falda (ITA), Zoran Milovanovic (SRB).

9th. COUNCIL MEETING of the COMOF en Mizra (Israel).

The 9th Council Meeting of the COMOF took place in Mizra (Israel).

9th Council of the COMOF



During this Council, the incorporation of France was approved, reaching the number 10 in the COMOF member countries, as well as the next incorporation of Egypt linked to its incorporation to the IOF as number 79 in the member countries and the work developed in this country by the General Secretary of the COMOF, Zoran Milovanovic.

Lines were planned to continue working in Asia and Africa, despite difficulties and the electoral program for the elections of new Council members for the period 2015 to 2018.

During the days of 9th COMOF Council Meeting, the 4th Orienteering Mediterranean Championships (4th MCO) took place in Sarid, Zippori and Timrat, inside the OPEN of Israel, valid for the WRE and with great participation worldwide. In the competition we saw a great implication of Israel's clubs. As far as the institutional level was concerned, and during the closing ceremony attended D. Michael Moro from the Second Headquarters of the Embassy of Spain in Israel.



From left to right side: Oded Verbin (ISR), Michael Savvides (CYP), José Ángel Nieto Poblete (ESP), Members of the Council, Tatiana Kalenderoglu (TUR), Vice-President, Sergio Grifoni (ITA) President and Zoran Milovanovic (SRB), General Secretary.

10th. COUNCIL MEETING of the COMOF and General Extraordinary Assembly in Inverness (Scotland).

On the occasion of The World Championship, the 10th Council Meeting of the COMOF and the General Extraordinary Assembly were celebrated in Inverness (Scotland).

Continuing the approved procedure, the new Board of directors of the COMOF was chosen for the following period of four years, with:

PRESIDENT:	Tatiana Kalenderoglu	(TUR)
SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT:	Michael Ediar	(FRA)
VICEP-RESIDENTE:	José Ángel Nieto Poblete	(ESP)
COUNCIL MEMBER:	Sergio Grifoni	(ITA)
COUNCIL MEMBER:	Djorge Zagorac	(SRB)
GENERAL SECRETARY:	Zoran Milovanovic	(SRB)

For the next Meeting, a new Council member has to be approved.

Members approved the incorporation of Egypt as new country (11th country of the COMOF) and first from Africa, being a very important incorporation for the development in the area and being able to be used as a stimulus to the rest of countries.

The date of the next Council Meeting was modified. Initially intended to take place in Slovenia on the occasion of the SEEOC Meeting in February 20th, 2016, it will be passed to Luxor (Egypt) on the occasion of the International Orienteering Championship in this country, change proposed by Tamer Mehanna, President of the Egyptian Orienteering Federation arguing the possibility of organizing a meeting with members of African countries.

It was approved in this meeting to find time to see the possibility that the 6th MCO could be celebrated in Tarragona in 2017, expecting Jose Ángel Nieto to give a response to his management as soon as possible, and keeping this priority option to the Mediterranean Games to be developed during this year in Tarragona. Moreover, the opportunity is also opened to France and Italy for 2018.

It also has been insisted on the work of publishing information across the COMOF Web page which is www.comofed.org.

The members pointed out the need to organize good competitions and to be attentive to a good delivery of awards.



From left to right side: Helder Ferreira (POR), Tamer Mehanna (EGY), Tatiana Kalenderoglu (TUR), Sergio Grifoni (ITA), Zoran Milovanovic (SRB), Christos Aliferis (CYP), Helen Ediar (FRA) y Michel Ediar (FRA).

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