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MINUTES

From the 11th COMOF Council meeting hold in Egypt, Luxor, hotel **Maritim Jolie Ville**, Kings Island, Saturday 20th February 2016. conference room at 18,30h.

Present: Tatiana Kalenderoglu, COMOF President (TUR), Michel Ediar, COMOF Senior Vice President (FRA), Jose Angel Nieto Poblete, COMOF Vice President (ESP), Sergio Grifoni, COMOF Council member (ITA), Zagorac Djordje, COMOF Council member (SRB), Zoran Milovanovic, COMOF Secretary General (SRB). Guests: Tamer Mehanna, TOF President (EGY), Dr.Ashraf Sobhy, Deputy Minister of Sport (EGY); Cecy Morales (CHI), Khamis Ibrahim, Vice President UAEO (UAE).

Tatiana Kalenderoglu, COMOF President, welcomed all participants and guests, as well as greeting Mr Tamer Mehanna for hosting this meeting in Luxor.

All participants agreed with a agenda for the meeting.

1. Final approval of Minutes from the previous Extraordinary GA in Scotland, August 2015.

Minutes approved as sent before to all members.

2. Enlargement of COMOF (accepting new members, possibilities for cooperation in region)

ZM: so far we do not have a new application for COMOF memberships, but we have a few countries who can be members very soon. Greece could be a candidate theoretically, but practically they are on the way to loose IOF membership. In February ZM visited Greece and asked Secretary General of Mediterranean Games for a meeting, unfortunately without respond. We all need to find a better connection with Mediterranean Games organization representatives.

Slovenia and Croatia can be next members, if we persuade their Federations to join COMOF. Med. Games 2017 will be held in Spain. Spanish Orienteering Federation was not able to get closer to the Games and even cancel their application for MCO 2017.

2021 Med. Games will be in Algeria, city of Oran. Maybe we can ask our newest member Egypt to help to establish connection with Algeria. We should try at least to demonstrate our sport there, if not more.

TK: lets talk to Slovenia and Croatia at our SEEOA meeting in Slovenia next week and see their latest statement about possibility to enter COMOF.

Arabic cooperation could be a new potential enlargement for COMOF as well.

3. COMOF Council composition enlargement possibilities

COMOF Council composition will stay the same till the meeting in Serbia, where new members can be added to the Council.

Deadline for applications for new Council members shall reach COMOF non later than end of April 2016.

4. Greeting speech by Deputy Minister of Sport of Egypt Dr.Ashraf Sobhy:

For the first time I had chance to visit civil Orienteering competitions. Hatshepsut temple is famous worldwide. I am here to give our support. Now we have a Egyptian Orienteering Federation with our full support and we will do our best. It is growing very fast in Egypt, even faster than many other sports. I am very glad to host this meeting and competitions here in Luxor. As a Sport Ministry we promised our support to Mr. Tamer and Mr. Zoran Milovanovic almost two years ago, when we made the first steps. Started from 0 and totally unknown sport and now we have first international competitions. There are not many places like that in the World. We are writing a new part of history of World Orienteering. Today I saw so many young participants from different parts of Egypt. This is fantastic. We need young people to our sport. I also saw it in Cairo, during national championships. With your support soon we will see even more events in Egypt. Thank you all.

TM: It is our first step in being a strong country in Orienteering. We want to show a good face of Egypt. When we started we wanted to have everything in a right way.

This year we wanted to organise a meeting of African countries as well, but even though a few application was made, nobody had come. But today we have a special guest at our meeting Mr. Khamis from UAE, and we discussed the possibility to have Arabic Championships in Orienteering already starting from 2017.

SG: It was a very good surprise for me that the map was so technical, difficult and good quality. Thanks to Bulgarian mappers.

5. Future meetings and Championships (presentations, appointment, decisions)

Presentation from DZ, President of SOF about preparation to MCO 2016 in Divcibare.

Serbian Orienteering Federation offered for COMOF National teams free transport from/to airport In Belgrade-Divcibare, and for one person free accommodation.

Together with MCO will be 3WRE + Serbia OPEN. Online applications are already opened.

MCO 2017: With a apology for a very late application Turkey had apply.

TK: Sorry, that we was not able to make an application earlier, we were waiting for an approval from our Ministry of Sport. We cannot apply for international competition organisation without approval. MCO 2017 will be held in Turkey, Antalya 25-28th of February 2017. You can expect 5 star hotels all inclusive for 30 to 60eur, and local transport free of charge. The exact place we will announce in March and also we are planning to issue a Bulletin 1.

Application approved. Turkey will host MCO 2017.

MCO 2018 applications:

For 2018 Egypt applied with presentation made by TM. It is planned to be organised in Alexandria. We have support from Government.

ME: France is also ready to apply to organize MCO 2018 in France and they will make their presentation in Serbia.

TK: Thanks to the both countries for applications, the final decision will be made in Serbia during General Assembly of COMOF, June 2016.

SG: Unfortunately no too many options in Italy concerning events end of February, because there are almost no competitions in that period.

TK: Also I would kindly ask ZM to send application form for MCO 2019 to all countries, because according to our rules we must make an application three years ahead.

Deadline for applications: for 2018 and for 2019 will be 15th of May 2016.

6. Adoption of the new strategy plan for the period 2016-2021

ZM: If we looked back to our last Strategic Direction plan, we can see that we are late with our main goals approved there. That's why is very important to make a new revised schedule, but more or less with a same strategic. Our new strategic directions shall cover period up to 2025. This will give us chance to make our plan and covered a period within of next 3 Med. Games: 2017 in Spain, 2021 in Algeria and 2025 (still not decided host).

In April new draft will be sent to all COMOF members, and will be discussed and adopted during meeting in Serbia, June 2016.

7. Budget and membership payment discussions.

TK: We have a few countries, which is not paying membership fee from year to year. Our goal is not collecting the Money, because it is really small amount for Federation, it is a small funding with which we can continue to have our website and things like that. Also we need to think how we can spend the money with benefit to COMOF.

I would like to propose that countries who do not pay their membership can not apply for MCO organization.

SG: we will have much more power if we want to keep more countries in COMOF.

TK: We need to send reminder membership payment letters for 3 countries who have more than one year debt, and ask for their statement, so far it is Macedonia- Montenegro - Israel

8. Updating MCO Rules.

TK: I saw a few places in our rules which I would propose to change:

To change winning time in Elite category Middle distance for Man and Woman to 30 - 35 minutes

To change winning time in Elite category Long distance for Man 90-100 minutes and Woman to 70-80 minutes

TK: I think it is time for us to think about the standard medals for our Championships. So far it is different countries using different design for the medals, sometime good examples, sometimes not very successful. Since we have official Championships, it will be nice to have well and professionally designed medals, which sportsmen will be glad to have and keep. Also from our experience at SEEOC, we saw that even we have a same design different countries produce very different quality medals. I propose that we use money collected from COMOF membership for good quality medal production. It will always be produced in one country, and 39 medals will be delivered to organiser country. Organiser must produce the ribbon and etiquette at the back side of the medals. We estimate that the price of 39 medals will be around 200€. We ask all the countries to

check the possibility to make a design and take a price, which we can compare. Deadline for receiving design proposals and offers for production of medals is end of April 2016.

ZM: Maybe we also can have one logo for our MCO competitions.

After discussion it was decided that each organiser will have their own logo, but it must be approved by the COMOF Council.

9. Updating COMOF Statutes.

We all need to be prepared to discuss possible Statute changes in Serbia. Proposals from member countries are welcome until end of April 2016.

10. Any other business

Report from the Vice President of UAE Orienteering Federation Mr. Khamis Ibrahim:

Orienteering had been started in UAE in 2003 and now continue to develop. Mr. Khamis made a very nice presentation, describing how things are going on there.

He also show interest that IOF send representative to UAE for a visit.

TK: thanked for coming to the meeting and presentation, and invited UAE Orienteering federation to join IOF.



From left to right: Zoran Milovanovic (SRB), COMOF Secretary General, Michel Ediar (FRA), COMOF Senior Vice President, Sergio Grifoni (ITA), COMOF Council member, Tatiana Kalenderoglu (TUR), COMOF President, Dr. Ashraf Sobhy (EGY), Deputy Minister for Youth and Sports in Egypt, Tamer Mehanna (EGY), President EOF, Jose Angel Nieto Poblete (ESP), COMOF Vice President, Djordje Zagorac (SRB), COMOF Council member and Ibrahim Khamis (UAE) Vice President of Orienteering Federation UAE.