

MINUTES

of the 7th South East European Orienteering working group (SEEOWG) meeting in Belgrade, Serbia
04/06th March 2011

Present: Brian Porteous (IOF Vice President), Maria Silvia Viti (IOF Council member), Zoran Milovanovic (Chairman), Konstantin Koynov (Secretary), Sergio Grifoni (ITA), Atanas Georgiev (BUL), Mehmet Genc (TUR), Tatiana Kalenderogly (TUR), Michael Savvides (CYP), Pavle Bandovic (MNE), Gordana Jovovic (MNE), Hasan Senin (CYP), Sontac Esan (CYP), Zlatko Angelski (MKD), Riste Kirov (MKD), Meri Ckripeska (MKD), Igor Djukic (BIH), Zarko Krsmanovic (BIH), Emilian Minoiu (ROU), Konstantinos Koukouris* (GRE) *presence of Saturday 05th March.

Moldova and Croatia send their apologies for not attending.

Official guest at the opening: Aleksandar Sostar (President, Serbia Sport Association), Dane Korica (Secretary General, Serbia Sport Association).

Friday, 04th March 2011

14,00

On behalf of meeting organizers and host, Zoran Milovanovic welcomed all participants, guests and media representatives. It is a great honour to welcome all of you in Belgrade, and to have such a big attendance from all countries, he said at the opening. He underlined that very good cooperation with IOF contributed also here with two high representatives, Brian Porteous and Maria Silvia Viti, who will help us in our work.

Brian Porteous thanks for welcome and he said that IOF recognized here very good regional work and welcomed the newest IOF member-Montenegro. It is important for IOF to raising the level and continues to develop orienteering in the region.

Greetings also from: Sergio Grifoni, Aleksandar Sostar and Djordje Zagorac – president of SOF.

After this official opening, we had a little break and at 16,45 we started with first session of the SEEOWG meeting.

Zoran Milovanovic: This is 7th meeting of our Group since we had started in Bulgaria in 2008 as Balkan working group, and now since March 2010, we are working as SEEOWG. I am very glad that we are almost all here, except Moldova and Croatia, who contribute with written questions and proposals. And we have very important guests from IOF, Brian Porteous, Vice President and Maria Silvia Viti, Council member.

For today's first session we have a report of our activities from 2010. And report from 2011 SEEOC organizer in MKD, as well as IOF EA report for this event. We have nominations for 2013 SEEOC, where we have two applications (from ROU and SRB). And we shall discuss document about the main principles of our work.

SEEOWG Secretary Konstantin Koynov read the report about SEEOWG work in 2010, which has been extremely important for SEEOWG and its members, with lot of activities such as meetings, events and communications. Our group now consist of 12 member countries, of which 10 full members.

MKD: Reported about the preparation of first SEEOC in Krusevo, Macedonia 7/11th September 2011. Organisers report approved.

Zoran Milovanovic: Read most important parts from EA report Dragan Nikolic for SEEOC 2011 preparation in MKD. EA report approved.

-Our development seminar which was planned to be organized in Montenegro, was postponed from March to September 2011. We decided to organize that seminar to help to develop orienteering in Montenegro and neighbour countries.

We will agree about possible dates during this seminar. Seminar will be lead by Valentin Garkov (BUL) and Dragan Nikolic (SRB) for mapping, and Zoran Milovanovic (SRB) for organizing club work and small orienteering events.

-Camps for youth in Serbia is discussed as well.

Serbia can not invite participants for free, but they can participate by paying camp cost.

Approximate costs (in few weeks we will have it confirmed).

28€ per person, 3 meals and accommodation. Trainingsessions will be lead and payed by SOF.

The possible areas are Kapaonik, Tara or Paracin. Dates are 15-30 of July. Age of participants 12-20.

TUR: We have information from Moldova that they are very interested to participate in SEEOC in MKD, but they have a real problem with budget. But, as they said, that they are willing to bring full teams.

Zoran: I would like to ask MKD organizes to do their best to arrange cheaper accommodation possibilities for MDA, so they can take part in competitions as whole team.

Brian: Here are number of areas where we have opportunities for development and cooperation. We are trying to have event advisers on a reasonably regular basis in the area. Send your participants to O-Ringen Academy. It is very powerful chance to develop. IOF and SWE federation can provide some support for participation.

IOF is 50 years old this year. The celebration will be done in France during WOC week. 50 countries suppose to participate.

So we are waiting for most of your countries to participate. Please ask when you need help.

Sometimes new federations need some push to start.

Zoran: We received written applications for organizing 2013 SEEOC and SEEOWG spring meeting in 2012.

First, we presented and discuss about SEEOC 2013 applications from Romania and Serbia.

Both applications missing some important elements, as permission of government authorities.

Then it was a discussion about if it is "must" (shall?) or may we to change it to "should" (strongly recommended), that organizers application is followed with government authorities recommandation and approval.

It was decided to change to "should", so now, according to the latest change, both candidates are valid for nomination of SEEOC 2013 organiser.

ROU: The presentation was made by ROF representatives. They candidate with Ramnicu Valcea-Calimanesty, 4-8th September 2013. Nice presentation included price offers and all other details.

SRB: We had a competition between two clubs in Serbia for organizing SEEOC, and only few days ago it was decided which club will do it. Candidate is Fruska Gora, Sremski Karlovci, 03-7th April 2013. The final presentation will be ready in September.

Final decision for SEEOC 2013 organisers will be made during next meeting in September in MKD. Potential organizers are invited to do promotional activities within a group members until next meeting in Macedonia.

-Presentations for SEEOWG spring meeting for 2012 will be moved for tomorrow, because Konstantinos Koukouris from Greece will come late this evening, and we shall hear both applications tomorrow.

-Zoran: Written proposal of main principles of SEEOWG work in future, were send to all countries before the meeting. Zoran explain the importance that we have written principles, which should lead us in our work and decisions. Also it was underlined that these principles are in accordance with international law and sport practice in the world. After short discussion about main principles of SEEOWG work, all countries agreed with it. So, from now, this will be a leading document for our constitution, work, planning and decisions.

05th March 2011

09:00

Zoran: yesterday we mentioned that there is no so much work done between the meetings. I would like from all of you to hear suggestions which had been sent so far. I would like to discuss how we can join and reach other youth and sport projects in the region. What we can do together? There are several European Projects, which may be used to reach some funds. One of them, which could be suitable for us is ISCA etc. We are not officially legally registered, we are only working group, but we can proceed officially as national federations. We need to find the possibilities to use these funds. Latest 1st of June we need to find possible contacts. Serbia will try to apply for that through ISCA.

-EA seminars can be organized regulary in our region. We need your applications, and then we can decide about the best location and ask IOF for approval.

-MNE: many countries are so much better developed than us. We need to promote Orienteering starting from the schools. We do not have flags and punches. Are there any possibilities to get some support from IOF?

-TUR: We use Labyrinth Orienteering to promote it within the mass.
Presentation of Labyrinth-O was made by Tatiana Kalenderogly (TUR), and also all data shared digitally with those who wanted it.

-BUL: We want to add masters' class in SEEOC and we want to include Ski-O into activities of our Group.

-ITA: We are making Ski-O week. The problem is that we do not have many participants at Ski-O competitions.

-Zoran: it is very good that we have Bulgaria and Italy as a leading IOF SKI countries in the region, so I ask them to help us to include SKI O into our work and plans. Further initiative of them are welcome!
Also I would like to support the idea for including master classes for our Championships. Further development of this issues will be at agenda of our meeting in Macedonia.

SRB: Maybe ITA and BUL can send us plans for Ski-O 2012.

TUR: We can try to add SKI SEEOC to existing competitions in ROM, BUL and ITA from 2012 onwards.

Zoran: We have two applications for the spring meeting in 2012 (GRE and BIH). Two presentations were made, after which were short discussion and voting.

Voting:

For BIH: BUL, MKD, MNE, ITA ROU, SRB, TUR

For GRE: CYP, GRE,

Sustained: BIH

Decision: 9th meeting of SEEOWG will be held in Banja Luka (BIH), 2-4th March 2012.

BUL: Atanas Georgiev (to Greece) Thank you for the wonderful presentation. I am sorry to hear from you that it is not possible to establish OF in Greece due to a high presumptions. May be IOF might send some letter to your government to change some lows in Greece.

ITA: It is important to rotate the meetings. There is no reason that we did not like the proposal from Greece, but we like to move around and share experience.

TUR: we also think it is important to make rotation with meetings as well. Because these meeting helps to promote orienteering in hosting country. And we can say that we can help Greece with organization of orienteering event or equipment, but please, specify what you need. As neighbor country we are ready to help.

05th March 2011

16,30

-Tatiana Kalenderoglu (TK) made a short presentation about IOF High Level Event Seminar in Prague.

-TK read an official letter from Moldova to participants to inform about latest situation in Moldova. They recently posted new President and a Secretary General.

-Discussion to clarifying the rules for SEEOC according to questions from Moldova.

Medals: will be calculated as amount of gold medals first, then silver, then bronze.

In case, if team have the same score then they will be awarded both, and organizer have right to produce additional Cup later.

Decision: The clarifying in the score/point calculation will be added in the rules.

At the end of the meeting the word was given to Maria Silvia Viti (MS):

MS: Thank you for the wonderful hosting. Your Group is doing good work and exchanging experience.

Brian: this has been a very special meeting for me. Two meetings at the price of one. Zoran is remarkable. Good to meet a new member-MNE and two potential members CYP and BIH. I am positively surprised, and it is an example of cooperation for the other countries.

Zoran: I would like to say special thanks to Djordje Zagorac, president of SOF, who was host of the meeting.

Djordje: I would like to thank all of you for participation and that you come from your countries for this meeting. It is very important to have meetings like this for our future.

TUR: Gave their thanks to the organizer of the meeting - Mr. Zoran Milovanovic and appreciate his work for development of orienteering in our region.

MNE: Thank you that you accepted us as we are. We hope that with your help we can promote orienteering in such a small country as MNE. Special thanks to Mr. Griffoni, who together with OC

initiated orienteering in MNE. We hope to see you more often in sport competitions or education seminars.

ITA: The idea of the smaller regional groups for the countries who can not afford to send sportsmen to WOC, give chance to our sportsmen to compete at international level.

MKD: On behalf of MOF we thank you all for this meeting for the support of IOF members. I hope that meeting in MAC we will be even more crowded and we will work hard in the future. We are waiting for you in Macedonia.

GRE: Thank you for hospitality, its mine 5th visit to Serbia for orienteering purposes. Thank you for everything that you are doing to improve orienteering.

BUL: I am very happy to be here together with you. Zoran was able to increase the level of our meetings to the high level. Good to meet here old friends and new friends. I promise to help to all of you who want help. Thank you for IOF that you was able to come to our meeting. I hope that all countries presented here will be present also at the first SEEOC in Macedonia. We are together here without politics. We are friends.

ROU: There is more the friendship behind these meetings and regional competitions. It is very important for sport development in our countries. Sometimes it is the goal for our sportsmen to keep training.

Next 8th meeting of SEEOWG will be held during South East European Orienteering Championship in Macedonia, 7/11 September 2011.

Minutes taken from Tatiana Kalenderoglu
Revised / extended by Konstantin Koynov