



SEEOA 5th meeting

Minutes of Meeting

Place: Bulgaria, Bansko

Date: 28-29th of August 2015

Participants:

Zoran Milovanović (SRB) - President of SEEOA (ZM)
Damir Gobec (CRO) - Vice President of SEEOA (DG)
Tatiana Kalenderoğlu (TUR) – Vice President of SEEOA (TK)
Atanas Georgiev (BUL) - Honorary President of SEEOA

ALB - Inge Bosina

BIH - Selver Ajrulahi

BUL - Valentin Garkov

CYP - Michael Savvides, Diana Bridger,

CYP - Sontaç Esan

GRE - Konstantinos Koukouris, Vasilis Hortomaris

MDA - Pavel Cheresku (PC), Antonina Voitenko (AV) Andrey Severuhin, Veaceslav Isakov

MKD - Riste Kirov, Toni Kostov, Milica Kirova, Aleksandar Rutev

MNE - Ugljesa Vulic

ROU- Emilian Minou, Daniel Barkas

SLO - Ana Plavcak

SRB - Djordje Zagorac, Stevan Roksandic

TUR – Nermin Fenmen, Umut Başoğlu, Zeynep Abalı

Total: 13 countries ALB, BIH, BUL, CRO, CYP, GRE, MDA, MNE, MKD, ROU, SLO, SRB, TUR

1 Opening

The meeting opened at 20:30 on Friday 28th of August

Mr. Milovanovic made welcome speech as president of SEEOA

Mr. Atanas Georgiev made a warm welcome to all participants of the meeting and championships on behalf of Bulgarian Orienteering Federation.

2 Approval of the agenda

ZM introduced agenda of the meeting for two days.

Friday, 28th August

- Approval of Minutes from the meeting in Nicosia, Cyprus, March 2015
- Report: Development seminar in Greece, Serres, March 2015
- Report: EU Erasmus project in Montenegro and Albania, May 2015
- Progress report about preparation of SEEOC/SEEMOC 2016, Macedonia
- Reports: Member countries' organizations of major O-Events in 2015 (Turkey: World School Championships, Romania: EYOC, Croatia: World Trail-O)
- IOF/SEEEOA Seminar for mapping, Bulgaria, Sofia, 15-18th October 2015
- Planning 2016-2019 (Events, Youth projects, development seminars)
- Election of SEEEOA Secretary, evaluation of SEEEOA composition

Saturday, 29th August

- Second meeting session: Hotel Terra Complex
- Presentation of the next council spring meeting, Slovenia, Cerklje, 2016
- Presentation of World Orienteering Day, Guinness record, 11 May 2016
- Discussion and decisions about request from Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Presentation and appointing SEEOC / SEEMOC 2017 organisers
- Official closing of the meeting, cocktail.

Agenda was approved.

3 Approval of the previous minutes

Minutes from the spring meeting were sent to federations at the beginning of August. All federations had the chance to read it before the meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

4 Report from seminars and competitions.

- **Vasilis Hortomaris:** Development Seminar in Greece

We invited Mr. Zoran Milovanovic.

We invited participants from different cities and places. We had not only theoretical lessons but also practice in the park beside the city. We also discussed topics like mapping and organizing competitions. I suggest that federations should have organize more seminars like this, especially the new countries.

KK: Stated that he is concerned about the fact that all can participate, even with a small knowledge and can get a diploma.

ZM: The certificate is delivered only as a proof of that certain person attended the seminars. It is not an official diploma.

KK: Pointed that he is not satisfied with the selection of the person invited to attend WOC clinics.

ZM: It is the federation who suppose to help IOF to find the right person and we can not influence the choice of National Federation in any other way.

MS: Seminars in the the countries are very imported because it is difficult to attend it in different countries. It requires much more money to attend.

- **Inge Bosina (Albania):** Erasmus plus project

She succeeded with second application. From 28th of May to 02nd of June.

It took place in Montenegro with special thanks to Montenegro Orienteering Federation.

'All equal - all unique'

59 participants and 14 coaches from 7 countries participated in the project.

The idea was to bring young people from Balkan Countries. Applicant was Austria.

It was a mixed program with different topics.

Due to a cheap accommodation it was free for all. All the costs were covered.

ZM: We were talking about this project, but finally we find the way to do it in reality.

We got external founding. Let's try to use it more. We need volunteers who can make paper work.

DG: I have to correct you it is already the second one. We had 9 countries in Turkey last year.

IB: I can send you my application for the last year, so you can see what kind of papers are needed. We had a budget around 30.000€

Progress report from Macedonia for SEEOC and SEEMOC 2016

Riste Kirov made a presentation and answered the questions about competitions.

Umut Başıoğlu made comments about preparations as IOF Event Adviser for this event.

Reports of Major Events of Member Countries

Romania EYOC 2015 (European Youth Orienteering Championships) by Daniel Barkas
June 25-28, 2015, Cluj Napoca, Romania

The European Youth Orienteering Championships (EYOC 2015) together with the international competition Transylvania Open 2015 and with Romania Cup were organized by Clubul Sportiv TranSilva Cluj during June 25-28, 2015.

Both events were organized under the tutelage of the program Cluj-Napoca 2015 – European Youth Capital in partnership with the Romanian Orienteering Federation, the Ministry of Youth and Sports, with Cluj-Napoca Town Hall and with the Cluj County Council.

469 athletes and officials (198 boys, 188 girls, and 83 officials) from 32 European countries participated in the European Youth Orienteering Championships, while at Transylvania Open another 447 athletes of different ages (10 to 80 years) took part, 212 of them coming from abroad.

The orienteering Clubs from Cluj, together with 25 referees and 75 volunteers, with the aid of partners, sponsors and supporters, organized a high level championship in fair play conditions, appreciated by the international event controllers as well as the participating teams.

Athletes from 12 countries won medals (Czech Republic, Switzerland, Finland, Russia, Hungary, France, Austria, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Bulgaria, Estonia) and an other three countries had competitors among the first 6 (Poland, Romania, Portugal). The best result of the Romanian national team was obtained by Néda Ágnes from Cluj, who was 6th in the women 18 category both in the Long Distance and in Sprint.

Preparations for the competition started in 2013, as soon as the application was filed. Significant financial efforts were made for ensuring excellent quality competition materials and equipment needed during the competition, for high quality merchandising and advertisement materials. 4 competition zones with a total surface of 10km² were mapped at international standards. Next to these, another 9 maps were offered for trainings. Most countries arrived 1-4 days before the official competition, in order to have time to accommodate with the terrain, and 22 countries used the training maps.

Accommodation was offered in two and three star hotels as well as in student dormitories, according to the registration fee chosen by each team. Transport of the competitors between hotels and start-finish areas, as well as to various events during the competition (Opening Ceremony, Friendship party, etc.) was organized with 5 buses rented for the whole period of the event. For transport between airport and hotels and trainings minibuses were used. 191 persons from 13 countries requested transport to airports and 370 persons were transported to trainings.

The financing of the event was done mainly from the entry fees calculated according to the requested services and period. Next to financing from own resources and discounts received, a considerable support was received from sponsors.

The success of the competition and unanimous positive reviews confirm us the potential of organizing other events in the following years, even at a larger scale.

EYOC President - Andrei Enyedi

AG: He was there at the competitions and it was organized very well. Just a bit more attention is needed for award ceremony, no country flags at the podium.

World Trail Orienteering Championships (WTOC) by Damir Gobec (Croatia)

It was the first time Croatia organized an event of such a high level with the highest ever number of participants in WTOC. We had participants from Bulgaria and Turkey for the first time.

It was 150 competitors and 140 organizers. It is a discipline which needs a lot of manpower to organize it.

60 paralympic competitors participated in the event and 24 of them was with wheel chairs, which required additional help.

Ivana Gobec made all the maps by herself. 80 flags per day were placed. Two controllers were present from IOF.

This WTOC was organized separately from WOC (as it used to be). All the feedback was positive.

Owe Fredholm from IOF council said that it was one of the best WTOCs organized so far.

Laser data photo was used. Even it is expensive, it is very useful.

First day we had a very bad weather. But everything went fine.

Professional photographers were working with us, so we have nice pictures from the competitions.

ZM: We were discussing how to develop Trail-O in our region. We have the idea to add a model event of Trail-O in Macedonia, during SEEOC 2016, so that everybody can try and see what it is. Macedonian organizers preliminary agreed to accept demo trail O event, right after finish the sprint race. Croatia to help with organization of this demo trail O in Macedonia.

Map Making and Printing Seminar - Bulgaria October 2015

ZM: We are going to arrange this seminar in Sofia/Bulgaria in October 2015. It will be supported by IOF. This will give us opportunity to make practice into work. We are trying to keep prices very low.

We can not do all seminars in your country. Choose the right people and send them to the seminar.

We also can do it in your country but we have to plan well in advance.

15th of September is a deadline for application for this seminar.

TK: Please think what kind of seminars you need most in your country. Make a written application and we will look for a chance to arrange it. We can not make all at once, but with good planning everything is possible.

IB: Asked if there are countries who know how to make a weekend education for the teachers in school, very basic level. She is going to organize it in September/October 2015

ZM: Please choose major events from your countries for 2016, that we can collect them at one place and avoid overlapping.

We need big, well organizations, good quality events to share with each other.

We also send out proposals for youth camps in 2016. Please think if you can organize it.

IB is our coordinator for such kind of projects like Erasmus +. But for this project we also have a short deadline.

We will try to invite the best available coaches from our region for these camps, so education will be not only for young athletes, but for the coaches as well.

Election of Secretary of SEEOA

There was application received by Turkey.

Zeynep Abalı is an active sportsman. At the same time she is very active in organization work, promoting orienteering in universities. Fluent in English.

She helped a lot with organization of Foot-O World Cup in Turkey in 2014, very active with translation of orienteering publications from English to Turkish. Positive person and a hard worker.

Application confirmed and Zeynep Abalı will start her work as an SEEOC secretary.

SEEOA destiny discussion

For last 1.5 years we did not manage to collect all necessary papers. Only Turkey collect all documents and send them. Italy collected documents but it did not reach Serbia.

Our idea was to establish an association and get Erasmus plus projects through it.

But it looks like we are not able to do it in our region without being official association.

Also we agreed that we will collect sanction fees from our countries. From Serbia we should get 1030€. There will be some money from SEEMOC in Bulgaria. With this money we can arrange development seminars and arrange some payments for tutors, participants and for the organization of the seminars.

Next year in Serbia we have have a seminar for licences of IOF advisers, using fund from sanction fee from SEEOC 2014 in Serbia. At the end of next year we will have another one educational development seminar in Bulgaria, using fund of SEEOC 2015 sanction tax fee.

We need to raise the level of our championships. That's why we need more experienced people to do it. This seminar it will be high level seminar for organizers of SEEOCs/SEEMOCs.

Other business:

VG: It is very difficult to organize competitions like that. There is a few cases when representatives from the countries have something to say. Let's do it in a civilized way. Not shouting at the start or finish.

ZM: We are trying to help each other and to give a lot to new countries. We are all volunteers. Please stay like that in the future. Most of the time people are working at the edge of their capacity.

Tomorrow we will have one more meeting. If you feel that you want to improve something in our rules, let's discuss it tomorrow.

Meeting was closed at 22:10

29.08.2015

Meeting opened at 21.00

ZM made welcome speech and reminded about the agenda.

Presentation from Slovenia about next SEEOA meeting in Cerklje. Not too far from airport, few possibilities. Prices for accommodation 43€ per double room and 60€ single room with breakfast.

World Orienteering day; project of Göran Andersson supported by IOF

TK introduced the presentation of Göran Andersson. The idea of the project is to have a sprint relay competition at May 11th 2016.

It is going to be a world wide event and we have a wish to set a new Guinness Record to do orienteering at the same day at schools.

New maps of the schools must be drawn.

Many countries of our region were interested to be a part of the project. We will put this event in our SEEOA Calender and we will try to help our members to have as many as possible places/events in our region.

Help to Bosnian association to recognize O sport and to establish the one federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Orienteering on BIH recognized as recreational activity not as a sport, we would like to ask your group to send a letter to the ministry of sport of BIH explaining what kind of sport it is and that there is a need to establish a federation who will cover whole BIH..

VG added that BOF try to help as much as they can to develop the sport in BIH.

It was decided to make one letter signed by all federations who support the letter.

Jorgen Martensson (NOR-SWE) was present at the meeting as a guest.

Orienteering sport is a part of me, and it is my pleasure to see good development in this part of the world. Then we can also help other parts of the world. I see that development in this region is going in a good way. One thing is missing that, the people who may come in an open event just do not know about the possibilities which you have. And that's why they are not aware that they have to come here. We have to work together to show them. Social atmosphere is also very important and you are an experts on this. I started to work with Gabriele Viale with MOC, and next year we will have 3 days in Bansko, 3 days in Greece and then 2 days in Strumica MKD. We need to cooperate between the countries here. But I can tell you that you will always have the help from Northern Europe. We will bring people and we are hoping that you can bring local people.

We will try to have training camps before the MOC competitions, at the Black Sea coast. We will try to help you with the costs. It is a very good way to learn from others. Good luck for the future.

Venci Venev Bulgaria want to apply for the second time for WMOC. We are asking for your moral support.

Next year Siven Cup will be for 25th year. Let's celebrate together. You are all welcome

World School Orienteering Championships by Nermin Fenmen (Turkey)

Before we got this event we even did not know about such federation and I feel that we need to have better relationships with school federations. We had competitions in Antalya in Kemer at the end of April. It was a very successful event with many positive feedbacks. Many coaches thanked for very nice event and nice program. This championships is the way to establish better relationships with ministry of education.

Proposal for Romania starting from 2016 to have South East European Orienteering Cup

Up to now Romania were sent initiative that we open a new format of events, so called Cup within our region.

Since the proposal were not too much developed, Zoran Milovanovic proposed Emilian Minoiu to be a coordinator for this project and to prepare more information in written for all our Federations for considering and discussions until 10th of September.

It will be discussed first via email, and then possibly finalized at the meeting in February 2016 in Cerkno.

Proposal from Romania for making Mr. Konstantin Alexandresku as an honorary president of SEEOA

Mr. Alexandresku was at the very beginning of establishment of South East European Orienteering Working group (formerly Balkan OWG). The name of Balkan Championships was changed to SEEOC. He is honorary president of Romanian federation as well.

VG: We need to find a short, easy, but official way. We need official letter from federation, not from personal mail.

DG: I agree with Valentin we have to have a procedure.

Valentin Garkov and Damir Gobec will prepare a draft example of procedure and we can make decision via email at latest mid October, and then Romania can apply in accordance with this.

Spring meeting 2017 proposed by Greece

KK informed all of us that Greece decided to host spring SEEOA meeting in 2017 in the city of Kastaoria, North West of Greece, about 2 hours driving from Thessaloniki.

TK: We need more information how to get there and if it is easy to reach. If not, Greece should think about where to host this meeting. The final decision will be made later, probably during spring meeting in 2016.

Greece should send as soon as possible more detail information about the place, transfer possibilities and accommodation prices.

VG: Invitation to University Ski-O competitions in Tula in Russia 2016, in 2019 in Krasnoyarsk FISU competitions. Please try to take part in these competitions with your country. One mass start and one chasing start. It is a good opportunity to introduce our sport.

SEEOC 2017 candidate presentation Application of Montenegro

23-27 of August 2017 are the proposed dates. Presentation made by Zoran Milovanovic.

All countries were in favour. Montenegro, Durmitor, city of Zabljak elected to host 7th SEEOC and 6th SEEMOC.

First official training camp for SEEOC/SEEMOC 2017 will be end of July 2016, during Durmitor orienteering Challenge 3 days orienteering event.

New Erasmus project, possible new project from Turkey

Umut Başıoğlu asked for support from the countries from our region for the project of young people and young paralympic people.

Rules variations proposal

ZM propose that we need to do something with organizing our start times for SEEOC and SEEMOC.

I would like you to think about such change:

Our SEEOC classes will have separate courses from SEEMOC courses so at the same time SEEMOC classes can start.

It will significantly decrease the length of the start procedure. Less job for organisers and better picture at the finish, more dynamic.

The final decision will be made in sprint meeting in Slovenia.

We will soon start procedure for changing Rules where needed. We will send to all members initiative. Process should be finalized at the spring meeting in Slovenia, February 2016, and these Rules will be valid starting with SEEOC and SEEMOC 2016 in Macedonia. MKD organizers agreed to implement and follow new Rules.

ZM: Thank you very much for your input in this meeting and also for a good participation with full teams in SEEOC competitions. Also we see improvement in SEEMOC competitions.

Next meeting

The next meeting of SEEOA will be held in Slovenia 26-28th of February 2016

The meeting closed at 23:00

Minutes taken by

Zeynep Abali, SEEOA Secretary

Tatiana Kalenderoglu, SEEOA Vice President