



Minutes from the 4<sup>th</sup> SEEEOA Council meeting in Cyprus, Nicosia

held on 27<sup>th</sup> February-1<sup>st</sup> March 2015

Present:

Atanas Georgiev (BUL), SEEEOA Honorary President and BOF President, Zoran Milovanovic (SRB) SEEEOA President, Maria Silvia Viti (ITA) IOF Council member, Nermin Fenmen (TUR), Vice President TOF, Pavlos Georgiades (CYP) President KOMOAAP, Konstantinos Koukouris (GRE) SEEEOA Council member, Slobodanka Kostova (MKD), Toni Kostov (MKD), Inge Bosina (ALB), Dimitris Karadimitriou (GRE), and Michael Savvides (CYP), KOMOAAP Secretary.

Guest: Philipos Sofokleous, Director General, Cyprus Sport Organisation.

Mr Georgiades and Mr Sofokleus on behalf of host welcomed all participants to Cyprus and express their thanks that we are all here, supporting development of orienteering in Cyprus.

Zoran Milovanovic opened the working session of the meeting, and participants approved agenda as planned in invitation.

Minutes from the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting in Serbia, August 2014 were approved.

ZM informed that after this long period unfortunately only one country (TUR) send all documents needed for registration of SEEEOA, and this is a big problem at the moment, because already past a lot of time. MSV also informed that Italy done this, but papers did not reached us (to be checked!). Moldova send out, but wrong documents, so can not be used. Without minimum 3 countries with all documents needed we can not register. To check once again with all and to see how to proceed.

Due to a related problem, we did not collect service tax fee from Serbia for SEEOC/SEEMOC 2014, but Serbian Federation should keep this money until further notice how we will decide about it. According to their financial report: 166 SEEOC, 133 SEEMOC – → 1.030€

Reports from SEEOC 2014 organisers and IOF Event Advisers were done. Again we had a lot of problems during Championships due to a late work in preparation of lot of important issues. Fortunately, at the end, no big mistakes and problems to influence on results and fairness, but further improvements in following up of SEEOC/SEEMOC preparations needed to raise event quality.

Other important job which is done is latest joined Rules for SEEOC and SEEMOC. Decision made at meeting in Serbia, and new joined Rules published in September 2014 now valid.

We are also proud to announce that our member countries will host in 2015 next mayor orienteering events:

TUR – ISF Orienteering World School Championships

ROM- European Youth Orienteering Championships

CRO- World Trail Orienteering Championships

BUL- SEEOC and SEEMOC

In order to be ready to create our calendar for SEEOA activities in the future coming period (events, development seminars, youth camps) for 2015-2017, we should start coordinating now, and try to finalise at the meeting in Bansko. We need much better coordination specially about maior events in our region, so not to overlap, and to improve participation between our countries.

Proposals from National Federations should be sent to SEEOA.

Due to a latest changes and starting with this year IOF Eventor system, all countries were informed about necessary steps to be done regarding maior events and participants using IOF Eventor.

ZM once again underlined importance of using external funds for developing orienteering, specially in a field of work with youngsters. We already used our past meetings to show the possibilities, and MSL done a lot of help upon this. Nowadays IB is also very active in order to use EU funds such as Erasmus plus programme. One project is under development, still waiting for approval by EU, and expected to be realize end of May 2015 in Montenegro and Albania.

MSV, NF and IB exchanged several opinions and experience from previous practice until now, and at the end common decisions were that this is very important work and could give us a lot of results in the future if we better organize ourselves.

More possibilities within a Youth mobility projects than direct sport projects. Important to follow procedure and deadlines!

NF offered possibilities that Turkey host for the first time such as SEEOA Youth summer camps. After discussions, we decided to try to organized everything to be ready for summer 2016. Not only to be used for young runners, but for coaches education as well. IB elected as an Erasmus plus coordinator on behalf of SEEOA.

NF prepared and presented excellent programme for point calculation of SEEOC /SEEMOC points, but not only for calculation, as well as with some other options. During winter time NF improved this programme, and now due to her work, we have this possibility to use for free and to make organizers job less, faster and more accurate. Thank you very much Nermin on behalf of SEEOA.

ZM presented invitation for the future coming development seminar which will be held in Greece, Serres, late March 2015.

KK from Greece invited all countries to their National Championships to be held in Gravena on 21<sup>st</sup> June. TK from MKD expressed their wish to help Greece to give for free SportIdent equipment (to be coordinated between them).

NF from Turkey informed us about her experience with the latest HLES.

### **Second meeting session, Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

AG presented status of preparation of SEEOC/SEEMOC 2015 to be held in August in Bansko, Bulgaria. Organisers are little bit late with a mapping, but no maior problems can be expected because of this. Dragan Nikolic IOF EA is following closely preparation and future visits are planned in agreement with organizers.

SK made a nice presentation about progress in preparation of SEEOC/SEEMOC 2016 in Macedonia, Strumica. Umut Basoglu from Turkey appointed as IOF EA and cooperating with organisers.

For the appointing SEEOC/SEEMOC 2017 organisers ZM presented application from Montenegro, Durmitor. No further applications for this. Final decision and approval of organizer should be made at the next meeting in Bansko.

Next 5<sup>th</sup> SEEOA Council meeting will be in Bansko, Bulgaria, 28 and 29<sup>th</sup> August 2015.

About 6<sup>th</sup> SEEOA spring meeting in 2016, we had few applications (2 from Greece and 1 from Slovenia). After discussions we decided that spring meeting in 2016 should be in Slovenia, Cerklno from 26 to 28<sup>th</sup> February, and for the spring meeting in 2017 we decided to give opportunity to Greece to host the meeting. Since they have few interested candidates, they need

to agreed, and to come to SEEOA with one proposal. Decision about that will be made during spring meeting in Slovenia.

Any other bussines, discussions, proposals etc

AG exspress proposal that we should meet only during Championships. ZM disagreed with proposal and remind all about important decisions and results made during past spring meetings, and also possibilities to visit our new countries with hosting spring meetings. One reason we can understand, the participating costs, but we are trying to keep it very low. With advance planning of time and place of meetings, we can also save money on low cost flights with early bookings.

MSV mentioned once again importance of future work in a Youth field. Some good practice already behind us. Future improvements needed. Also she said that in the past cooperation and exchange between clubs and twin cities gave some results, and we can use in a future as well in our region.

Latest good example were made in Strumica during EYOC 2014 when they hosted for open events about 100 young childrens from different countries at their homes.

KK mentioned about his experience with Enviromental Education centers (15 in Greece), where he was able to teach orienteering as well.

MS informed about summertime Church camps for students in different fields and sports where they covered all the costs. Such camps can be used in cooperation with the church, to promote orienteering. The Church will be willing to adopt such schemes.

As an resume of all discussions about raising funds for our sport and work with youngsters in a future, one point is clear:

-In most of our countries more incomes we can expect from other resources and funds than from Ministries of sports due to a luck of results at the high level events.

-we need more education what and how we can use and better cooperation in this field in the region

-we need at network with different organisations

Since we succeded to finalise all agenda, on Sunday we just had an orienteering event in Athalassa forest park in Nicosia.

After meeting, ZM used opportunity to have bilateral meeting with a representatives from Greece KK and DK. During long meeting they exchanged information and trying to find solutions for the future coming period in Greece. No common decisions and conclusions were made.



Stand (from left to right): Dimitris Karadimitriou (GRE), Konstantinos Koukouris (GRE), Pavlos Georgiades (CYP), Michael Savvides (CYP), Atanas Georgiev (BUL), Zoran Milovanovic (SRB). Seating (from left to right): Philipos Sofokleous (CYP), Inge Bosina (ALB), Maria Silvia Viti (ITA), Nermin Fenmen (TUR), Slobodanka Kostova (MKD), Toni Kostov (MKD).