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Brazilian Orienteering Confederation (CBO) Teaches Map Makers Courses in Suriname

Two Brazilian mapmakers taught the first Surinamese orienteers the following mapmakers courses recorded at CBO.

Mr. CARLOS ALBERTO XAVIER, from the CBO Mapmaker Staff, registration No. 10/7 and Mr. LUIZ SÉRGIO MENDES, from the CBO Mapmaker Staff, registration No. 15/9, taught Course No. 326 ORIENTEERING MAPMAKER COURSE, 40 hour workload, in the city of Paramaribo – SURINAME, from May 17-21, 2011, to the following students:

No.	Registration	Name
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2	326/4810	WILSON BALANSI
3	326/4811	MAIKEL MAARTEN COMVALIUS
4	326/4812	GIOVANNI MANUEL BRUNST
5	326/4813	DANNY IVAN DWARKASING
6	326/4814	JACQUES BRYAN CHAAR
7	326/4815	RUDY WILFRED KUHN
8	326/4816	LUCIEN RICARDO VROOM
9	326/4817	STEVEN ALBERT JACOTT

From May 17th to 30th, two Brazilian mapmakers travelled to Suriname to teach 8 military from that country and one Brazilian to make maps. It was their first contact with Orienteering, but they showed themselves very interested in learning and they made a lot of progress.

Suriname is not much populated and the whole country does not have more than 450.000 inhabitants and in its capital, Paramaribo, live 250.000 people.

It is hard to teach someone to make an Orienteering map without having any prior contact with the sport. So, the idea was to make a map together with them and provide an opportunity to organize the first Orienteering course ever in Suriname. The selected area was a military unit, the Staff Staff Battalion in Paramaribo, because it is a small area and it was possible to follow the students closely and easily move from the classroom to the terrain.

Suriname has no base maps, so they started drawing the buildings, fences, walls, streets, etc, with the support of a compass, a GPS and a clipboard. After four days of fieldwork they had a base map to draw in OCAD. Some of the students did

not have much contact with computers and this made the first steps very difficult, for both, instructors and students!

The Surinamese students were very interested in learning and their progress was awesome. By the end of the course, which was divided into three levels, they felt confident in making a simple map, like the one of their unit. Of course, it will take some time until they become able to make a map in the forest, but the first step has been taken.

As the mapped area is very small and the idea was to use the map to teach them how to run an Orienteering course, the map scale was 1/2500. It was mapped in accordance with ISSOM 2007.


On May 30st, the first Orienteering course ever was organized in Paramaribo. The students ran in the map they made. It was a short course, only 1.400m, but a real challenge to them. The winner time was 10':54" and some students got lost inside their own unit. It was nothing different from what was expected.

Each of the competitors received a certificate for being a pioneer in Orienteering. They also received one certificate for each completed level (they attended three levels out of four that the Brazilian Orienteering Confederation offers).

In the second semester or at the beginning of 2012, Brazil will send two or three map makers to support the Surinamese in organizing the South American Cadets Orienteering Championship 2012. For now, they received a mission: to make a map of their military training base. It is 50km south of Paramaribo. It is going to be a hard task, but for sure, it will teach them a lot regarding making a map. It is difficult to say whether they will succeed, but they have received a good opportunity for a good start.

The pictures below tell a little about the history of the first steps of Orienteering in Suriname. An image tells more than thousands of words!

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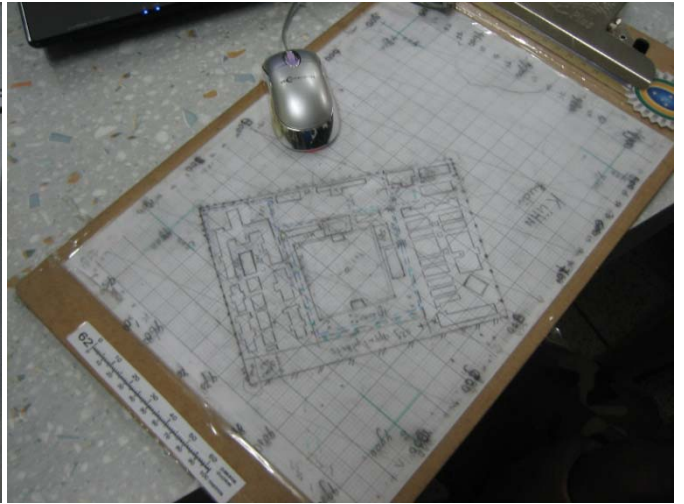
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Orientação: um esporte para estudantes

At the Classroom



First Steps with OCAD



Sketch of one student



Learning to draw contours with OCAD



Individual attention to students

Fieldworking



Identifying vegetation



Identifying special vegetation features



Fieldworking inside the unit



Using the compass to draw a map



Concentrated in drawing



Understanding the scale of a map



Is this a clearing?



How do I draw a wall in the map?

Making flags for the first O'Course



No flags? Let's make them!



Everybody at work!



The instructors also collaborated!



Mission accomplished!

Understanding contours



Paying close attention



A test for the whole group



Almost finished!



Individual task



Now I understand it!



...and so do I!

Running my first Orienteering course



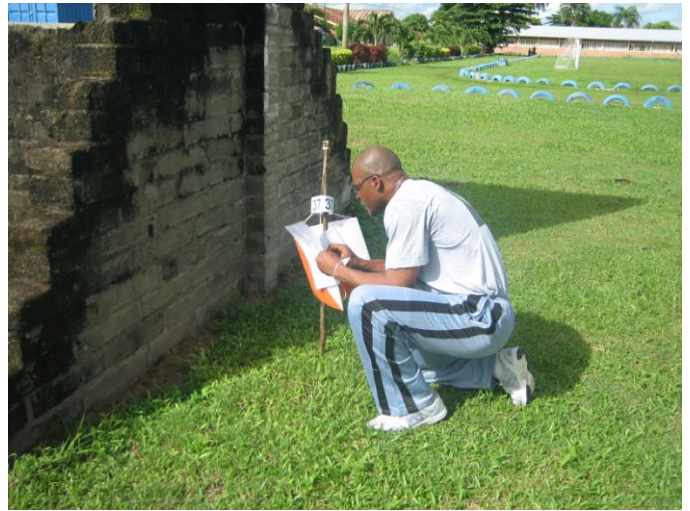
First to start!



First to finish!



Punching the last control



Punching



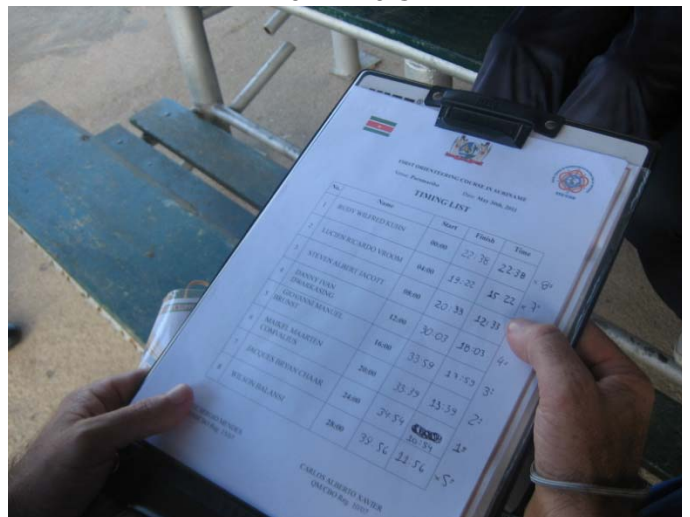
Special man made feature!!



The winners!



Everybody at the finish line!



Final results!

Closing ceremony



Battalion Commander awards a certificate



Army Commander awards a certificate



Army Commander hands in a gift to an instructor



Everybody together!

