

Minutes of IOF Map Commission meeting held on 19-20th January 2007,  
at Cumulus Airport Hotel, Helsinki, Finland

**MC07/01 Present**

Håvard Tveite NOR (HT) – Chairman  
Jukka Liikari FIN (JL)  
Thomas Gloor SUI (TG)  
Sergio Grifoni (SG)

Erik Peckett GBR (EP) (from 07/14)  
Flemming Hjorth Jensen DEN (FHJ)  
Ales Hejna CZE (AH)

**MC07/02 Agenda for the meeting MC2007-01 and Minutes of the meeting MC2006-02**

The agenda for the meeting was approved. AH would take the minutes until EP arrived. HT would prepare a summary for Council.

The minutes of the Meeting held Århus Denmark August 2006 were approved. They were to be placed on the web page.

**MC07/03 New member**

Ales Hejna, CZE. was introduced to the meeting.

**MC07/04 Deviations from Map Specifications**

Requests had been received from

WRE POR POM: Portugal O Meeting, Portugal

WRE Norte Alentejo: Norte Alentejo, Portugal

WRE Hong Kong (APOC): Asia Pacific Orienteering Championships (APOC), Hong Kong

All had been refused.

**MC07/05 MC Budget**

MC Budget for 2007 was to be 500 EUR.

MC Budget for 2008 – 1000 EUR.

MC were concerned that the possibilities for organising map clinics are limited if the MC have to cover travel expenses from this budget.

**MC07/06 Copyright of IOF mapping symbols**

The French Federation had raised some questions to council at Århus regarding intellectual property rights in relation to the IOF map symbols. Lawyers contacted by IOF have been looking into this. Only general copyright can be obtained for IOF map symbols. MC's opinion is that IOF map symbols should be distributed freely to support smoothly the international growth of orienteering.

**MC07/07 IOF Map Evaluation**

SG had organised the examination of the maps from top level IOF events for the last two years and had examined the comments made by MC evaluators. His report would be used in the preparation of a presentation at the joint IOF meeting on 19th January.

**MC07/08 Map Evaluation 2006**

MC discussed major deviations from the mapping specifications at IOF events in 2006.

Major deviations were:

- a. low quality printing (4-colour printing),
- b. incorrect symbol sizes (mainly smaller than in the specifications)
- c. wrong scales for type of event.

MC felt that there needs to be some action to halt the decline in standards of maps used for

International Events. It would appear that 90% of maps for IOF events do not follow the specifications. MC will via the IOF Map Evaluation presentation on 19th January urge the IOF to be more active in ensuring international orienteering map quality. The presentation will be made available on the MC web page. (see Map Evaluation Presentation - link).

#### **MC07/09 PrintTech project**

JL presented the current status. Only 6 PrintTech project test sheets received last year. However MC feels there is a strong need to continue this project as 4-colour printing will probably prevail in the future. (In TG's opinion in 2-3 years 5-colour printing in Switzerland disappears.) It was agreed that standards for 4 colour printing needed to be considered.

#### **MC07/10 Map colours for colour blind participants**

MC felt that the increasing application of 4-colour printing might bring problems for map reading for colour blind orienteers. MC will investigate this issue. AH would lead this project.

#### **MC07/11 Ski-O commission**

Requested changes to ISSkiOM – new scales 1:7500, 1:12500. MC thinks the current ISSkiOM is fine and refuses to adopt these changes. JL would follow up with the Ski-O Commission.

#### **MC07/12 Proposal of ISMTBOM from MTBO commission.**

JL had prepared a test maps using the MTBOC proposals. These were discussed with the MTBOC Commission at a joint meeting. It was agreed that JL would liaise MTBOC. The main principle is to distinguish tracks, trails (one set of colours or screens) from barriers (a different set of colours or screens).

#### **MC07/13 ISSOM 2007**

Corrections had been made and the document re-issued.

#### **MC07/14 ISOM 20xx**

MC felt that there was no great demand or need for a complete revision. Other projects should therefore have focus in 2007. Project planning would start in 2008. Outputs from the PrintTech, Colour blind and Generalisation projects may need to be included. TG would be the project leader.

#### **MC07/15 Generalisation**

EP presented some further ideas on a document to promote the concept of Generalising Orienteering map. It was agreed that he should continue his work and would make a presentation at the ICOM in August 2007.

#### **MC07/16 Control Features**

Map Commission held a joint meeting with the Rules Commission to discuss the placing of Controls on linear and large area features. It was agreed to continue these discussions.

#### **MC07/17 Map Commission Web sites**

MC agreed that the Chairman would be responsible for MC items on the IOF web site and on the Map Commissions web site. He would ensure that redundant information was removed as soon as possible.

#### **MC07/18 Map Exchange formats**

MC discussed the need and possible uses of such a system. It was agreed that the HT would continue to monitor the situation.

**MC07/19 Colour Printing**

Kazushige Hatori, IOF IT commission member (he is also a mapper), gave a presentation on his work at evaluating colour calibration of spot colours for use in 4-colour printing. He would circulate his report when his study was complete.

**MC07/20 Map Clinics**

LZ and FHJ had attended the mapping clinics held in Uruguay and Brazil. There had been 7 participants in Uruguay and 20 in Brazil. A report was to be found on the MC web site. It was proposed to hold a mapping clinic in Portugal on 17-20 February 2007 during Portugal "O" Meeting – EP and SG interested. FHJ would seek the finance from IOF.

**MC07/21 MC correspondents**

It was agreed that AH would revise the list.

**MC07/22 ICOM 2007**

The ICOM would be held during the WOC 2007 in Kiev, Ukraine. The date would probably be Tuesday 21st August. This date to be confirmed when the IOF and WOC timetable is finalised. FHJ would organise the ICOM.

Topics suggested were an offer from the Swedish Federation to discuss Generalisation. MC would be seeking a keynote address and a presentation on the preparations of the WOC 2007 maps. FHJ would seek further topics in a call for presentations to the federations and map correspondents.

**MC07/23 Next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting of the MC would be on Monday 20th August in Kiev, Ukraine during the WOC 2007, subject to the IOF/WOC timetable.

AH/HT/EP

9<sup>th</sup> February 2007