
Bilbao Congress 2007

MINUTES

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Welcome speech

Delivered by Alfonso Echanove, Bilbao organiser.

Introductory speech

Delivered by Noël Levêque, EAP President (and, therefore, Chair of the Congress).

1. MINUTES OF THE CONGRESS HELD IN LOUGHBOROUGH IN 2006

Presented by Pablo Cassina and approved by the Congress.

The Chair of the Congress reminds the attendants that the minutes need to be done by the organisers, not by Pablo and sent for approval within one month of the Congress.

2. PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

2.1 Papendal

Withdrew proposal, at least for this year. The organisers aim to have a big meeting for TV and they cannot guarantee the presence of EAP athletes.

Response has been given by the Internal Control Committee saying that it is compatible if they are interested in the philosophy of an EAP meeting.

2.2 Croatia

They received the EAP handbook. No more news from them.

2.3 Braschaat

In theory, they were expected to attend the Congress. But they haven't turned up. Nobody knows why at the time of the Congress.

2.4 Berlin

It remains as a candidate for 2009.

2.5 Mondeville-Herouville

Franck Clotet and Paolo Boulent attend the Congress and present these two meetings (indoor-outdoor) as a “pack”. Franck (responsible for athletes) delivers the presentation. Paolo is responsible for communication. They represent two towns, two clubs and one association.

The outdoor meeting is scheduled for 26 January 2008.

They want to make more athletes participate, they know EAP because they have been to some EAP meetings. They appreciate the exchange of athletes.

Also, they would like to have a “headline” for the event.

Useful Information on their events on:

www.meeting-mondeville.com. www.meeting-herouville.com

The debate after the presentation centres around the date (coincides with Nivelles). 3 meetings in 2 days.

They cannot change the date, anyway, their Commission have to organise that.

The question is whether this is going to coincide every year. Precedents last year between Donnas and Chambéry.

2.6 Hexham

Richard Hunter attends the Congress in representation of this first combined event meeting presented as a candidate for the Circuit.

The main concern of the members is related to internal minimum requirements, which might be too demanding. Some specific regulations need to be produced and these include the internal minimum requirements. After consultation of the International Scoring Tables and comparison with current internal minimum requirements, it is agreed that the internal minima should be **6000 points for the men’s event and 4000 points for the women’s event**. Also, and as a result of the specific features of the event (being held in 2 days, may require accommodation for 3 days), it is agreed that a combined event meeting should be obliged to accept only **1 man and 1 woman per delegation**.



3. VOTING FOR CANDIDATES

Mondeville-Hérouville.

Approved as new members with the favourable votes of 15 members and 1 abstention.

It is underlined that the organisers should **try and avoid coinciding dates with Nivelles** (which has preference).

Hexham.

Approved as a new member with the favourable votes of 16 members, under the conditions established above.

4. PRESENTATION OF NEW EVENTS BY OLD MEMBERS

4.1 Dour

Want to add the Lotto Cross Cup to the Circuit. Present the dossier for the press.

Look for an international level.

They explain they already belong to the Belgian Cross-Country Challenge, which consists of 6 races.

It is an opportunity for EAP to have a different event in the Circuit.

The discussion centres around the essence of the EAP Circuit (initially only a track Circuit). The question is whether the incorporation of different Field and Road events might make the Circuit image fade.

Several options arise:

- Events which are not held on the track may be incorporated to the Circuit and appear in the Calendar.
- A member of the circuit may promote its event by using the EAP logo, even the web page, but it is not incorporated to the Calendar of EAP Events.

With 17 favourable votes and 1 abstention the decision taken is that:

The Dour Lotto Cross Cup (and any other events which current members might want to add) will be incorporated to the Circuit and appear in the Calendar.

For additional events, some general rules are established:



- **Homologation is compulsory in the case of road races.**
- **Cross-country races should be of, at least, national level. .**

Taking into account the above, also the Ekiden relay marathon organised by Palafrugell will be included in the calendar.

4.2 Chambéry

They plan to organise a pole vault competition a skating rink.as part of a challenge in
They only give the information.

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5. EAP CALENDAR 2008

With still some provisional dates, the EAP calendar is established as follows:

26 January – Mondeville
 2 February – Sprint Festival
 10 February – Cross
 8/16 March – Ekiden Palafrugell
 11 May – Pavia
 24 May – Palafrugell
 31 May – Geneve
 14 June – Biella (pour jeunes)
 14 June – Namur
 15 June – Gavá
 21 June – Bilbao et Valbonne
 24 June – Celle Ligure
 28 June – Nivelles, Hérouville
 5 July – Chambéry
 10 July – Albertville
 13 July – Donnas
 12-13 July – Hexham
 17-19 July – Loughborough
 2 August - Amsterdam



6. THE EAP INTERNET SITE

The language issue.

It is difficult to translate everything. Impossible unless there is a full-time dedication. It is not only the translation of the text, it is also the links.

The official languages are English and French, according to the regulations and what is important is that what is said in both languages means the same. There have been cases of contradictory information.

The text should focus on one language and have links to each SITE.

Palafrugell will include the poster of the meetings in their site (sent by pdf.)

If there are changes for contacts, the organisers should inform the site manager.

7. OTHER INTERNET AND EAP-SITE RELATED ISSUES

Payment to Tilastopaja is now due: 80 euros for two years. The user and countersign is remembered: Please contact Pablo to get the username and password.

The members agree to **have the membership to Tilastopaja renewed.**

Conditions presented by Pablo Cassina as the internet administrator: 1000 € per year, plus accommodation, domain and other related expenses.

The members agree that **Pablo will continue to be the site administrator.**

Finally, it is reminded that whichever modifications exist concerning sponsors or meeting data, they should be sent to Pablo for correction on the internet site.

Pablo will now remove all the data except for dates and number of editions.

8. EAP PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Once again, Christian Halloy presents the state of the EAP accounts. The Association continues to increase the amount of money on the account. Last year, there was a proposal for spending the money on flags, banners, gifts,...



Something has to be done, the money must be used for something. Questions such as *What happens if the Association disappears? Where does the money go?* remind the members that this is all based on confidence.

We also spoke about communication kits, prizes to especial athletes (very complicated), production of banners... everything seems to be complicated because of dispatch costs, which might be high....

Noel et Christian will have a look in Beligum to see what can be done. There will be a proposal and a decision will be taken.

9. PRESENTATION OF 2007 ORGANISATIONS

As agreed last year, only the new members deliver a presentation on their meeting. In this case, it is Amsterdam. High overall satisfaction on how things went and on the positive impact of the EAP membership.

Concerning the rest of the events, the main issues are collected in the statistics which Josep Massa presents every year.

10. CIRCUIT REGULATIONS

Introduction of new rules in accordance with decisions taken this year.

Establishing minima for the participation of indoor meetings: 7,24 (60m) 8.04 (60m women), 8,74 (60 hurdles men) 9,44 (60 hurdles women), 14,20 (3000 m. walk).

The rest, in accordance with outdoor minima.

Other questions remain open: Should a minimum number of events in a meeting be available for EAP meetings and the rest of events –if held- not open to the EAP circuit? Is that against EAP philosophy? If some are EAP events and some others are not, what should the EAP website include?

Voting procedure for new candidates:

It is agreed that the vote will be secret from next year on.

To that end, the new candidate will be sent a questionnaire (designed between Valbonne and Celle) to make sure that they understand the key issues related to being an EAP member.

The questionnaire will be prepared by 3 February 2008.



EAP Nature

It is a “de facto” Association. Is it necessary? It seems it is the model that best works up to date. It is a complex issue: establishing a European association requires a lot of paperwork...

Next year the Internal Control Commission will bring a proposal of an organisation model to the Congress.

EAP Regulations: Proposal of Bilbao

The organisers of Bilbao presented a proposal of a document previously sent to the Internal Control Commission in which the current regulations were re-organized and updated.

The proposal will be sent to all the delegations to allow time for analysis. Potential amendments will be suggested by the members within 15 days from receipt of the proposal.

With the incorporation of these amendments, the proposal of Bilbao will be accepted and serve as the basis for the development of future regulations.

11. NEXT YEARS’ EAP CONGRESS SITES

The Congress meetings are scheduled as follows :

18e	2008	7-9.11	<i>Albertville</i>	FRA
19e	2009	6-8.11	<i>Donnas</i>	ITA
20e	2010	5-7.11	<i>Dour</i>	BEL
21e	2011			

Albertville applies for a change of dates. **The 2008 Congress is fixed for 31 October (Fri), 1 November (Sat), 2 November (Sun).**

Valbonne will organise the 2011 Congress.

The new Congress schedule is therefore:

18e	2008	31 Oct – 2 Nov.	<i>Albertville</i>	FRA
19e	2009	6 - 8 Nov.	<i>Donnas</i>	ITA
20e	2010	5 – 7 Nov.	<i>Dour</i>	BEL
21e	2011	1st week-end November	<i>Valbonne</i>	FRA



12. DISCUSSION AND IDEAS ON CONGRESS ORGANISATION

Problems arise on Sunday morning: travelling times make it difficult for some to stay. An alternative might be Friday evening but it turns out equally difficult.

The decision is that most issues will be dealt with on Saturday but Sunday will still be scheduled for other issues. .

There is some debate about the importance of keeping some issues on the agenda, such as the classification of meetings, which is on the internet. Also, the local animation, which sometimes turns out to be wasted time. No decisions are taken on these issues, though.

A decision is taken concerning the **payment of expenses: It will be made on Friday**, as participants in the Congress arrive.

13. CLASSIFICATION OF MEETINGS AND EVALUATION SYSTEM.

Josep Massá presents the classification of meetings. Concerning the evaluation system, several decisions are taken:

- **We will change the sheet to establish differences between prize money (due to positions taken**
- **The number of athletes per delegation will be included.**
- **Make more precise whether it is number of people accommodated or number of nights.**

14. TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION EXPENSES PAID BETWEEN EAP MEMBERS

Agreements between organisers prevail. An old 2003 chart is shown. (should be updated with current 0.22/km). The old method is based on distances (400-600-800) but it is not in use. There are many members who travel by air.

It would be good to update the excel chart, even if people come by air.



The question is whether the distance by kilometres is interesting. There is also a question, a distance less than 400 km: What happens if they are fewer than 4 people? The question still remains.

The chart is good to understand the method but it must be understood as a flexible tool.

The problem is always related to dates, **deadlines for registration must be met.**

For **combined events**, if the distance is farther than 600 km, 3 nights are paid.

15. CONTACT WITH MANAGERS AND GROUPS OF ATHLETES.

There are different practices in different countries:

Mondeville asks about procedures regarding managers, in France it is compulsory to have a manager Diploma. When you are an organiser, you have to declare who you've worked with and how much money.

Noel says you never know who you have to pay.

In Spain, there is a complete list.

It would be interesting to have the lists of the official managers in each country. **Each member will inform on the national list of managers and it will be published on our site.**

There are always some problems (athletes who don't come and no others, PBs which are not true –maybe some years ago...-). (Make sure it is the year before... but it is difficult, you don't always have that in Tilastopaja).

The best thing is to always **transmit between one another the difficulties found.**

