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CONGRATULATIONS MARQUITA

New Zealand's first ever podium finish at a World Championships was achieved early in September by **Marquita Gelderman**. Marquita placed **4th** in the Middle Distance final at the World MTBO Championships in Slovakia out of a field of 62. The depth of competition was underlined by the fact that 11 countries were represented in the first 12 places. Well done Marquita on this outstanding and historic achievement.

NEW ZEALANDERS IN THE TOP 100

And some excellent results at the World (foot-o) Championships in Japan during August are reflected in the most recent world ranking lists. As at 25 September, Tania Robinson (15th in the Middle Distance at WOC) was ranked 55th and Rachel Smith 73rd. In the men's lists, Chris Forne moved well into the top 100 at 66th with Darren Ashmore not far off at 105.

THREE IN A ROW

And not to be out done was the NZ Schools Team at the Australian Schools Championships in late September. Competing in Tasmania, the team made it three in a row, when they successfully defended the Southern Cross Challenge trophy against the eight Australian state teams. Individual winners were Lizzie Ingham in the senior girls and Scott McDonald in the junior boys. In the relays, NZ won both the senior and junior girls' events and were 2nd in both the two boys' events.

NZOF APPOINTMENTS

Neil Kerrison has been appointed Manager / Coach for the Silva NZ Junior team to compete in the 2006 Junior World Championships, 2-7 July, in Lithuania.

Mick Finn will continue as sole editor of *New Zealand Orienteering* for the next two issues. NZOF thanks outgoing co-editor, Mike Pearson, for his contribution to the national magazine over the last two issues.

THANK YOU'S

NZOF also thanks **Wayne & Tricia Aspin** for their four-year term as Coaching Coordinators of the National Squad (See also advertisement below). Wayne & Tricia's accomplishments included the initial development of the SuperSeries, the introduction of home and away tests with Australia, and the obtaining of sponsorship from David Melrose Design for the latter.

NZOF also thanks the respective managers/coaches of this year's national teams:

- Graham and Jenny Teahan, managers of the JWOC team;
- Clem Larsen (manager) and Dave Melrose and Alistair Landels (coaches) of the WOC team;
- Rob Garden, manager of the MTBO WOC team; and
- Derek Morrison and Julie Smith, managers of the NZ Schools team.

REGIONAL FORUMS

As part of the implementation of the new Strategic Plan, regional development forums, organised and funded by the NZOF, are being held in each of the four recognised areas. The first of these, for the Wellington area, was held in Masterton on 11 September. The second, for the South Island, is to be held in Christchurch on the 29 October. The forums aim to align at the regional level where the sport is headed and how best to speed its development.

A CLUB GUIDE TO NEW ZEALAND LAW

SPARC has published "Winning the Red Tape Game: A club guide to New Zealand law". Various chapters cover legal liability in sport, health and safety, employment law obligations, smoke-free legislation, anti-doping laws, the merits of incorporation as a society, sports disputes and the conduct of meetings. The NZOF General Manager has a copy.

VACANCY: HIGH PERFORMANCE DIRECTOR

Applications are invited for the part-time, contract position of High Performance Director. This is a one year appointment commencing on 1 January. Responsibilities include the strategic, administrative and financial management of both the National and Development Squads, and sub-responsibilities therein such as the SuperSeries and the NZOF's anti-doping commitments to the IOF and the NZSDA. A job description is available from the General Manager. Applications close 15 November.

VACANCY: NOS COACHING COORDINATOR

Applications are invited for the position of Coaching Coordinator of the National Squad. This is a two year appointment through to the completion of WOC 2007. Direct expenses will be reimbursed within the budget. A job description is available from the General Manager. Applications close 15 November.

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