

I.M.O.

INTERNATIONAL MÖLKKY ORGANISATION

Minutes of the Meeting



January 14th, 2024



ATTENDES

I.M.O. board members

President:	Damien Landais
Vice President:	Walter Aust
Treasurer:	Suvi Soini
Secretary:	Chiho Yatsuga
Vice Secretary:	Olivier Allain

I.M.O. member countries

Austria:	-/-, not attending
Czech Republic:	Standa Ozcmi
Estonia:	-/-, not attending
Finland:	Petteri Rajanumi
France:	Bruno Boulay
Germany:	Michael Enzi
Great Britain:	Joe Foxton
Greece:	-/-, not attending
Hongkong:	-/-, not attending
Japan:	Yusuke Yoshima
Nepal:	-/-, not attending
Poland:	Jan Sękowski
Spain:	-/-, not attending
Turkey:	-/-, not attending
USA:	-/-, not attending

Observers

Tactic Games OY:	-/-, not attending
Australia	Bernie Bolger, Will Druce

1. Opening the meeting

- Welcoming words by the president Damien Landais
- Votes: Every country has 1 vote

2. Choosing Chairman, Secretary, Checkers and vote counters

Chairman:	Damien Landais
Secretary:	Chiho Yatsuga
Checkers:	Walter Aust & Olivier Allain
Vote count:	Damien Landais

3. Accepting the dealing list for this meeting

There were no objections.

4. Review the actions and changes since August 2023

a. Registration of EM Indoor with new rules

New rules applied, no major problems nor questions.

Bruno: 53 slots left from the non-France frame, and was given to FFmo, which was sold within less than 1hr.

The slots were open to everyone, but priority was given to teams/groups registered for FFMÖ, and there were no slots left for non-registered teams.

Many nations applied for the EM outdoor (15 nations), nice diversity.

For the EM outdoor at Czech in July, there are no team limits, so no need to apply the new rules.

The MM at Japan in August, the rule is that if the team is multi-national AND the nation diversity is equal, you should register to the nation of the TEAM LEADER.

There will be ONE link per country for registration.



17 countries member of I.M.O.

About 15 teams per country possible

b. EM/MM Medals creation and contests

The medals are made and will be received before France March 1st weekend

IMO is covering the medal fee.

Same for EM indoors, EM outdoors, and AM (Asian Molkky), for the top 3 teams

Currently we are having the MM winner/MM nations cup medal contest going.

15th Feb is the limit.

c. IMO Logo and GB proposal

The current logo was made in 2016.

The logo needs to be changed every time any new nation joins.

If we are to change the logo, we would need to check which documents need to be changed. The current IMO nations Cup trophy also has the current logo.

We would need a competition if we are to change the logo.

>> A majority voted for a change of the IMO logo.

d. Nations Cup Ranking

Vote is till January 31st 2024, waiting for other nations to cast their vote

e. Rules (if anything more to discuss)

Create a working group where Walter is the leader?

>> No objections.

Max from Austria and Georg from Switzerland are interested.

5. New countries to join IMO (Australia)

a. Application received by Australia

Question from Polish Federation (Jan):

“Why doesn’t the word Molkky appear in the application?”

Answer from Bernie:

“Tactic Molkky is unfortunately unavailable in Australia, on the other hand, Finska has almost 100% share. For diplomatic reasons, we decided to use this wording so as not to displease anyone, and also to spread the games.” “Tactic does not have any distribution nor sales, and this problem has been addressed to Tactic for a while but no change”

Yes: Czech Finland France Germany GB Japan Spain

No: Poland

>> Australia joins IMO

b. Slovakia is still working on the application

6. General Review of international tournaments, frequency

a. 2025 MM, EM outdoor, AM are still opened for candidates

2026 MM is also open.

For continental and World championships 2025: Deadline is July 2024

2025 EM Indoor is Czech

b. Frequency

EM indoor is rising, but EM outdoor is problematic due to being close to MM

Also, each country has started their own national tournaments

→ Not doing MM every year but every other year?

→ HK, Japan, and Australia, which are countries outside Europe wish for MM every year since large international tournaments are valuable

No Asian Open taking place every year

→ Only EM outdoor if MM is outside Europe?

→ That will be unfair to countries outside Europe.

→ No EM outdoor?

→ The EM outdoor is a good simulation before candidating for MM

>> See how EM indoor outdoor & MM go this year and discuss again.

7. Free Talk for each country

Czech: EM outdoor registration started Jan 1st

32 fields available, up today 20 teams registered coming from 3 different countries

Warm up doubles for 48 teams are open

Beach tournament for 48 single players are open as well.

3 teams from Czech are going to MM Japan

Finland: New FIMA board, Suvi and Petteri are back

[Hallitus - Suomen Molkkyliitto ry \(molkkylitto.fi\)](http://molkkylitto.fi)

Need more new players into the Molkky community

Will test a mixed double team games in summer to boost more women players

France: EM indoor 54 teams from 14 countries

Also, France Open in Bordeaux 220 teams - June 8-9

5-10 teams will go to MM Japan

1 association is thinking of hosting MM 2025

Germany: New tournament indoor championship at Bremen, in January: 10 teams

Mid-June big tournament (DMM) at Erlangen

1-2 teams going to MM Japan

GB: 2 tournaments decided, 2 tournaments still waiting to decide for the venue

UK champ end of May and March Cambridge Open



Japan: About MM Friday afternoon nations Cup, No warm-up doubles tournament,
but can practice on site

Poland: 2nd Polish Open end of August
2-3 teams going to Japan

Australia: National Tournament on 2024 Oct 12th, 108 teams

8. Review International Calendar 2024

Dates of different tournaments mentioned

9. Other Matters

IMO Board will renew in 2025

Damien Landais and Oliver Lindenmayer will be leaving the board

Considerations should be done to join

Another Online IMO Meeting?

>> No response

MM IMO Meeting this year should be both on-site and online if possible.

10. Closure of the meeting

Gratitude to all who joined the meeting.