

To: IOA orienteering clubs

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This letter is being sent to all Irish Orienteering Association (IOA) affiliated orienteering clubs in order to solicit applications for IOA funding for club mapping projects. The mailing list used is from the clubs list on [www.orienteering.ie](http://www.orienteering.ie) as at 27/04/06.

The IOA executive committee met recently and agreed a total mapping budget for 2006 of €8,000, a €2,000 increase on 2005's budget. Grants are given by the IOA directly to the orienteering clubs.

Pat Healy, who works closely with the Ordnance Survey, tells me that from September 2006 diapositives (Air Photo positive prints on film which are used in photogrammetry for the production of Orienteering base maps) will no longer be produced by the OSI. This change is due to the OSI's policy of switching to digital imaging. Pat tells me that digital prints do not have the same contrast for the classification of detail as old style prints developed in a dark room using Agfa or Kodak chemicals. Accordingly the 2006 grant scheme will aid the purchase of diapositive pairs of contour-intensive areas. As each pair costs approximately €600, we will be limited in what we can purchase and requests will be prioritised according to the quality of the area.

Please email me with your requests so that we can prepare a bulk order; I would like to do this before the end of June. As this project is urgent, please contact me in advance of your 2006 grant application request so that we can get things started.

The 2006 grant scheme covers the following areas in no special order of preference.

- Diapositives as discussed above
- Photogrammetry
- Trail-O, 3<sup>rd</sup> level campus and school map production
- Commercial map printing for championship events
- OCAD 9 software licenses and upgrades

Other aspects of orienteering map production, such as survey costs and non-commercial printing, will not be eligible for IOA funding in 2006. The reasons for this exclusion are mainly to do with difficulties encountered in previous years in properly defining what a valid expense actually is. It is possible that other mapping-related projects outside of the list above will be considered, but this is unlikely.

Funds will only be released upon satisfactory completion of the project applied for; advance funding is not available. Detailed receipts from the commercial supplier, if applicable, must be submitted. Grants under this scheme are not available to be claimed indefinitely – if unclaimed during the approximate 1 year lifespan of this scheme they lapse.

In order to apply for IOA funding under this scheme, please email me or write to me before May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006 with the following information:

- Club name and contact details of the mapping officer
- A very brief description of the project(s) including grid references
- If applicable, the registered championship event information
- Confirmation that the area in question is registered to the club making the application

Note that grants will not be given to clubs who have allowed their IOA affiliation to lapse or who are not up-to-date with their IOA affiliation fees.

If you have any queries about this scheme please contact me at the email address below.

Regards

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