

To Member Federations

PrintTech Project

In October 2002, IOF Map Commission (MC) started a continuous project called PrintTech to gather the latest knowledge about non-offset printing.

The first step in the PrintTech project was to collect sample maps and complete technical information about them. MC sent a letter to all IOF Federations in order to collect information from all over the orienteering world. Also comments and experience on non-offset printing from all national federations of IOF were very welcome. As a result, the MC received some maps worldwide. The results of this research are collected on web page

<http://ilm425.umb.no/~lanht/o/kartutv/printing/printing.html>

The MC is now continuing this project. MC has created a test sheet, which has been printed by using spot colour offset printing.

Attached you will find some of the printed sheets. The MC is now kindly asking the national federations to distribute them to map makers and to printing firms that use non-offset printing machines. By using the attached sheets every map maker and printing firm can compare the quality of their own printing methods to the spot colour printed sheet.

Attached you will also find "instructions for using the test sheet" and the "technical report" form. Please distribute these together with the test sheets.

In order to make steps forward, the IOF Map Commission needs feedback from users of non-offset printing technology. For this purpose we need sample maps and reports. Both the instructions and the technical report form are also available on the MC's web pages (<http://lazarus.elte.hu/mc>).

The project can be followed there as well.

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Attachments: Offset printed sample maps
 Instructions for using the test sheet
 Technical Report form