



Michel Poletti

62 years old

Resident in Chamonix (France)

### **Studies**

3d cycle computer science University of Grenoble (1979)

### **Professional experience**

Retailer in Chamonix (1979 – 1987)

Company Director of Algol (software edition for sport retailers) (1987 – 2006)

Race Director of UTMB®

### **Sporting life**

Passionate runner and cross country skier for over 45 years

Participation in numerous cross-country ski races of the Wordloppet circuit (Tranjurassienne, Marcialonga, Dolomitenlauf, König Ludwig Lauf, Finlandia Hiihto, Birkebeinerrennet, Vasaloppett, Bieg Piastow ...) from 1977 to today

Numerous participations in mountain races from 1980 until 1995

Attempt of running alone the whole Tour of Mont Blanc in 1997

Discovery of the Trail-running in 2000

Best memories:

Fort'iche de Maurienne 2001 (8<sup>ème</sup>) ; Marathon de Paris 2002 (2h53) ; Templiers 2002 (46<sup>ème</sup>) ; UTMB 2003 (17<sup>ème</sup>) ; 24H de Saint Fons 2004 (181km) ; UTMB 2004 ; UTMB 2005 (42<sup>ème</sup>) ; Diagonale des Fous 2005 ; UTMB 2006 ; UTMB 2007 ; UTMB 2009 ; 6666 Occitane 2011 ; Ultra Marin 2011 (38<sup>ème</sup>) ; Diagonale des Fous 2011 ; UTMF 2012 ; Marathon des Sables 2013 ; UTMF 2013 ; Vibram Hong Kong 100 2014 ; Transgrancanaria 2014 ; Marathon des Sables 2014 ; Ultra-Trail Australia 2015, Western States Endurance Run 2015 ; Lavaredo Ultra-Trail 2016 ; Gaoligong 2016

### **My reasons to be a candidate for ITRA's Steering Committee**

ITRA is a wonderful adventure. The idea sprouted during a simple discussion in Courmayeur on a Spring day in 2012. In less than five years, it became a great and wonderful international association. On June 11th, ITRA will pass an important landmark by giving itself a new democratically elected Steering Committee gathering institutionals, organizers and runners.

The work set out for this upcoming Steering Committee is immense. It will have to reinforce the reunion of all the players from around the world and provide them with the best services. The development of trail-running has to represent the common will of all the actors, while respecting the values that have brought us together.

For the first time since ITRA was created, the federal world will fully participate into the ITRA's life. This is compulsory to have an adequate support; specially to discuss with public authorities and to structure training in the clubs. As a spokesperson for the actors of trail-running, ITRA's role will be essential, allowing the IAAF and the national athletics federations to find their position in trail-running in the respect of our values and vision for the future of our sport.

I did the job to the best of my ability, with all my energy and passion and the invaluable help of the founding members until 2015 and of the outgoing Steering Committee since 2 years, to construct ITRA's foundations. I particularly want to thank my teammates of the Executive Board, José Santos, Enrico Pollini, Janet Ng and Nic Bornman, as well as Patrick Basset, president of the health commission and Pierre Sallet president of Athletes For Transparency. We made a wonderful team and I hope I will be able to pursue this mission with them and with the whole new Steering Committee.

With my friend José, we are candidate for the 2 seats reserved to the founding members. Our mission will be to pass on our knowledge and experience to the new steering committee. Being the only two candidates among the founding members, our election is assured. However, on the one hand, it allows all runners and organizers seats to be left free, thus allowing more people to participate in the Steering Committee and, on the other hand, it will be up to the new Steering Committee to decide on our full legitimacy - or not - to participate in the life of the ITRA, in the place that the Steering Committee will decide to allocate us.

I sincerely hope that you will grant me your trust.