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General Assembly Minutes

Monday, 27th May 2013 at 17.30h

Museu Marítim de Barcelona, Spain

Members present at the meeting:

Executive Committee: Dragana Lucija Ratkovic (DLR), President; Maria Paola Profumo (MMP) Vice President, Franco Juri (replacing Martina Gamboz, –ex-director of the Museum–), Miquel Martí, Committee members; Elvira Mata (EM), Honorary Member; Lluïsa Prieto (LP), Secretary and Treasurer.

Franca Acerenza; Sílvia Alemany; Salah Amokrane; Serhan Aras; Pier Giovanni d’Ayala; Oguz Aydemir; Anna Fuentes; Ece Irmak; Tea Perincic; Roger Marcet; Antonio Mussari; Alberto Senatore; Luigi Senatore;

1. Final process on membership termination

After the decision of the GA in 2012 on termination of membership for those not complying with duties, notice was sent in June 2012.

Following the change of Director, the Naval Museum of Istanbul informed on their agreeing in becoming member as of this year 2013.

What concerns the Museo Naval de Madrid, who was not paying membership, they finally agreed to remain in the AMMM and have paid the fee.

The Fédération du Patrimoine Maritime Méditerranéen, whose Italian Vice-Presidency is held by Giovanni Panella, applied for AMMM membership. This is an association of associations who was involved in the Concours International “Mémoire des Ports de Méditerranée”. The members present at the GA vote unanimously in favour of this Association, as an affiliate member. LP will inform Panella.

At present there are 10 affiliate members, 30 museums/institutions, which makes a total of 40 members (see excel attached).

2. Formal regularisation of the AMMM Statutes amended

Following the approval of amendments in 2012, documentation was prepared to be sent to Madrid. The steps taken were:

- a. Inform who the EC members in 2009-2013 were (excluded 1 vice-president and 1 honour member because these two representatives were not included in Statutes).

- b. Inform of the statutes article amendments (were a new vice-president and honour member that form the EC is approved).

There were technical procedural problems: we could not present all modifications at a same time. However we were advised to do so. In addition, the law states that every new EC members' election must be reported to Madrid. The election of 2009 (the second EC election within the Association's life) was not informed due to misinterpretation of the rules in the past.

Further to the celebration of the Executive Committee meeting we have received news from the Ministry where they reject our submission. There has been a second presentation of documentation and signatures this month of June following direct instructions from the Ministry. Hopefully we will obtain a positive answer within a month.

Franco Juri, who recently joined the Association in substitution of Martina Gamboz, requested a copy of the changes of Statutes and the Istanbul Minutes of 2012. The Secretary will send copies.

3. Financial Administration:

a. Funds and Settlement of Accounts

An annual settlement of accounts copy is given to the EC members and LP details expenditure and income. Everybody agrees on its results. The settlement of 25/5/2013 is of 4,484.72€.

LP raises a question regarding the period covering the annual financial statement: whether it should be from end May to end May of the following year. Statutes say that the financial year coincides with the calendar year, ending 31 Dec. (Art. 28). Members vote unanimously to change the period and follow Statutes as of this year. LP comments that this implies that 6 months of settlement will be repeated next year. Everyone agrees to this.

b. Bank matters

LP requests to change the bank and exposes the reasons:

Initially the AMMM bank account was signed by the President and the Treasurer (Elvira Mata / Olga López). Signatures have never been changed, even if sometimes LP finds problems when making transactions (be it withdrawal of 50€ or deposits of fees!). Recently she was told to use checks to withdraw (new notice!). AMMM cannot afford to pay check commissions. The bank has become too restrictive for a small account of around 4.000€ and very few annual transactions.

On the other hand, when a withdrawal is made, two signatures are needed: the President's and Treasurer's. In addition one of them must go personally to the bank. This requirement was decided when the account was initially created, even if the original Statutes did not specify that two signatures were needed. This difficults bank operations.

The signature of the Treasurer should change, as a new representative has been chosen for some years now. If a new account is created in the near future it should

have the signature of the President and Treasurer. The President's signature should not change in the future, on new elections. It should always be the same, as it regards the creation of the account only. The GA members agree to this point unanimously.

Following the new Statutes, only the signature of Treasurer is needed to withdrawal money, but with the written confirmation by mail of the President. The GA members agree to this point. So, as soon as the Ministry approves on all our amendments, this bank matter will be treated.

4. 2014 AMMM Forum candidacy and calendar

Last year's candidacies to organise the forum and workshops were: Museo del Mare of Naples, the Malta Maritime Museum, the Maritime and History Museum of the Croatian Littoral Rijeka and the Musée maritime national d'Algérie. Naples and Rijeka retained their offer this year to celebrate the AMMM event. SA says that a good timing for the future museum of Alger and the celebration of the AMMM forum would probably be the year 2015. What concerns Naples, given that the Italian city already organised the AMMM Thematic Conference in 2010, and that this would be the first time for Rijeka, Croatia is voted unanimously. TP comments that it would be a good opportunity for AMMM members to get to know a maritime festivity organised in Fiume. The AMMM Forum could be organised simultaneously with the festivity, which takes place the 5-6 of June. TP thanks for the opportunity given and hopes that the event will be of interest to all members.

Regarding the forum content, a possible theme would be "the meaning of maritime heritage today". It is decided that there should be a Programme Committee (PC) and that the protocol should be followed. Those who will form the PC are Franco Juri, Davide Gnola and Tea Perincic, as their museums are located in the same area.

TP asks members to bring an object to be displayed at the maritime festivity of June 2014.

5. WS1 Future Database on Cataloguing Traditional Vessels

The following step within this workshop is to work on dissemination of the inventory cards. The information received is: Croatia –University of Zadar; Dolphin Dream Society; Murter Island; Rovigno, Malta, Palamós, St Feliu de Guíxols, Turkey, Barcelona, Genoa, Menorca island/Naples, Palermo, and Tarragona. There are around 50 inventory cards plus 100 of the Adriatic Sea (compiled by Cesenatico).

The content of the inventory card model was already agreed at l'Escala. LP asked for a budget to create a database that would be uploaded in the AMMM website. The idea is to build an open source software, MySQL database, with script language PHP, following Davide Gnola's database.

The functioning of the website is to have a private access for each member and after validation by a team, each member will fill in and upload his/her cards. LP will check with technician if it is possible to validate online.

The database will allow image and documents attachments in pdf.

Features: each member will fill in online his/her card in one of the 4 AMMM languages (Fr, Es, En, It). The database will have a searcher and the content will be in any of the 4 languages. The cost of this job is of 786,50€.

The budget presented is unanimously voted. LP will ask if there are additional costs for the validation issue.

6. Election of new candidacies for the Executive Committee, period 2013-2017

DR explains that LP sent a mail on 14/1/2013 to all members asking for new Executive Committee candidacies and that no answers were received. AM says that he sent his candidacy to LP, who states that she did not receive the mail. In addition she adds that in the future, whenever there are important mails to send, the sender must ask the addressee for written confirmation of reception. An outlook confirmation does not always work properly.

The EC presents Maria Paola Profumo as candidate for President of the Association. DR says that MPP is a very experienced professional who leads MuMa, a quality entity which is a reference point and very well positioned in the Mediterranean, and that with the help of the Galata staff the AMMM will surely be stronger and more dynamic. The candidacy is voted unanimously with 1 abstention of the candidate.

MPP accepts the responsibility and makes a brief speech thanking for the opportunity to be President. She adds that every member must be a main actor within the network. She wants to thank Dragana Ratkovic for the good work carried out during the previous period and Anna Fuentes and her team for the successful forum of this year. She also thanks Elvira Mata for having always believed in the Association and for being its spirit, and Lluïsa Prieto for dedicating her work to the AMMM for all these years.

She adds that one of the objectives she would like to propose is that the AMMM grow in the near future. Each member has to try to involve his/her neighbour in the Association.

In addition she would like to invite all members to fill in the Carta del Mare Best Practice of this year 2013, a Ligurian initiative based on four axes: environment, welcoming, culture and work. For more information: www.galatamuseodelmare.it and cartadelmare@muma.genova.it

The EC proposes a list of the rest of candidates for the new period:

Vice-Presidents

Davide Gnola ⇒ Voted unanimously / 0 abstentions

Anna Fuentes ⇒ Voted unanimously / 1 abstention of the candidate

4 EC members

Tea Perincic ⇒ Voted unanimously / 1 abstention of the candidate

Franco Juri ⇒ Voted unanimously / 1 abstention of the candidate

Ece Irmak ⇒ Voted unanimously / 1 abstention of the candidate

Deliberation was made on the 4th candidate following news on AM candidacy during the same meeting. The last vote would be for Mussari or Maniscalco. After a long

delivery the members present consider all the time in which Pietro Maniscalco has been member. With the will of welcoming new members, it is decided to give the vote to Antonio Mussari.

Antonio Mussari ⇒ Voted unanimously / 1 abstention of the candidate

To end the list there is Lluïsa Prieto, Secretary and Treasurer. Following Statutes, these responsibilities remain within the MMB staff, so there is no voting on this person.

FJ thanks all members for the welcoming received and adds that he has felt very comfortable all the days we have shared. He adds that Martina Gamboz with whom we have worked for some years now, would like to greet us all.

7. Other

▶ 2013 ICMM

DR reminds members that next ICMM 2013 Conference entitled "Making Maritime Culture Relevant" (Cascais, Portugal. 8-15 September 2013) has a registration deadline of 30 August.

▶ Difusion of the AMMM

MPP, as Vice-President, kindly agreed to participate in the name of the AMMM in a round table "Un mare de dialoghi: Promozione e valorizzazione della cultura marittima comune". The event was celebrated in the framework of the event Slowfish 2013 organised in Genoa in May 2013. This round table forms part of a territory project between Greece and Italy.

She comments that it would be interesting to invite the Association Magna Grecia Mare, responsible for this event, to become member of the AMMM. This association has the objective to safeguard and diffuse traditional maritime culture and heritage, as well as the maritime environment. Related to the association is the School of Lateen Sail and the Museum of Traditional Vessels and of its Work.

▶ Association of Universities from countries in the Euro-Mediterranean basin (Unimed)

This point was not explained during the EC meeting due to lack of time. Unimed is an association aimed at developing scientific and educational cooperation in the Euro-Mediterranean region in order to contribute to the process of integration between the two Mediterranean shores.

LP diffused the AMMM Forum to this Association, formed by many European universities. They kindly agreed to it and invited us to participate in two of their thematic sub-networks: Mediterranean tourism and Intangible Cultural Heritage. LP finds this contact interesting because it could mean to broaden cooperation to the university and research sector. See:

http://www.unimed.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=15&Itemid=30 and http://www.unimed.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=183&Itemid=166

▶ **Proposal to create a network of Migrations**

MPP comments that there might be AMMM museums interested in creating an exhibit in their permanent exhibitions on past and present migrations. These museums could form part of a thematic subnetwork. The Mu.Ma, who has already created the MEM Memory and Migration within the Galata Museo del Mare di Genova, offers their assistance and know-how to any museums that would be interested in this theme.

The meeting ends at 20.30h.

Barcelona, 8 July 2013

Lluïsa Prieto
Secretary

Dragana Lucija Ratkovic
President



Annexes to this Minutes:

Financial settlement sheet and the *Membership list of May 2013* were handed out during the meeting. Copies are available on request.