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Meeting of the Association of the Mediterranean Maritime Museums

Attendants:

Mercè Toldrà – Museu del Port de Tarragona,
Anica Kisić - Pomorski Muzej – Duvrovnik, Croacia
Denis Michel-Boëll - Musée National des Arts et Traditions Populaires
Samuel Villevieille - Conseil Général des Pyrénées Orientales
Antonio Mussari - Museo del Mare Italia
Miquel Martí - Museu de la Pesca de Palamós
Pietro Maniscalco - Arsenale di Palermo - Museo del Mare
Flavio Bonin - Pomorski Muzej "Sergej Masera" – Piran - Eslovènia
Cristina Espuga/ Carme Saüch - Museu de Nàutica del Masnou
Emmanuel Magro-Conti - Malta Maritime Museum - Vittoriosa –Malta
Antonio Espinosa - Heritage Malta -Malta Maritime Museum
Umberto Brucato - Arsenale di Palermo
Paolo Ajello - Associazione Vela Latina Italia
Javier Pastor – AMMM member
Olga López – Museu Marítim de Barcelona
Roger Marcet – Museu Marítim de Barcelona
Elvira Mata – Museu Marítim de Barcelona
Natàlia Barcons – Museu Marítim de Barcelona

The 10th Forum on Mediterranean Maritime Heritage was held at the Museu Marítim de Barcelona, on the 26th, 27th and 28th of September 2004, and was organised by the same institution.

Pietro Maniscalco presented a website proposal for the association as at the Palermo last meeting was agreed. At the proposal the following was mentioned:

- The website must be in 4 languages: french, italian, english, and spanish.
- The contents should be updateable by each one of the members, each institution that belongs to the association should be able to introduce by itself their activities.
- The maintenance of the Newsletter- mailing list: it should help to keep us informed and to send it to more institutions to inform them.
- On-line shop: e-commerce

The website is needed to join the association, provides a positive image and must be useful to promote our activities at a wider level. The possibility to look for funding through a European Programme is considered.

For the AMMM future, it is considered important that the Museu Marítim de Barcelona has designated a person, Natalia Barcons, to work on the association day-to-day.

In order to increase the number of members of the association, the proposal was to start an affiliation campaign; each member should do it in its country or geographical area. It was expressed the complexity to update the databases due to the continuous changes of the people who could lead the projects, as for example it would be recommendable to contact the approximately 100 people who attend the French maritime museums meeting organised yearly by the Musée national de la Marine de Paris.

For the affiliation campaign, the advantages that could be offered to the members are:

- Information of the institution through the website and the Newsletter.
- Prestige / network image, media influence.
- Forum attendance.
- Free entrance at the museums that belong to the AMMM.
- Itinerant exhibitions

Two new institutions manifest their interest in joining the association: L'associazione Vela Latina Tradizionale - Italy- Paolo Ajello – and the Nautical Historical Museum Galaxidi- Greece - Nikolaos and Maria Gourgouris-.

The contents of the annual Forum were analysed and, in order to make from the Forum an authentic scientific congress, it was decided to recommend a working subject for each Forum. For the next one, it could be for example, the maritime museums museography.

It was suggested, as well, to organise different professional meetings to work on subjects related to the history, the anthropology, and the maritime museums. For year 2005 the proposals are: the Salt mines – Flavio Bonin- Eslovenia; Anika Kistic expressed her intention for Duvrovnik to organise a meeting and the subject should be talked with Ivana Burdelez; and Perpignan can organise one related to traditional boats.

The Maritime Documentation Centre of the Museu Marítim de Barcelona is working on a manual about maritime heritage documentation. For this reason, it was requested to the other institutions to send their experiences to attach them to the manual.

It was also proposed to carry out different actions among us: one of them, said from the Museu Marítim de Barcelona is to create an electronic guide related to the maritime traditional celebrations. Mr. Javier Pastor, member of the association, suggested the AMMM to work on a Mediterranean coast boats database.

As ending, it was agreed that the next Forum, the 11th will take place in Malta and it will be around the cultural tourism. The proposal has to be sent to Barcelona.

It was agreed as well, that the 12th Forum will take place in Perpignan, 2006.