

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE MMMA

In attendance: Mr. Clive Finlayson (The Gibraltar Museum), Ms. Zafira Haidou (Hellenic Maritime Museum), Mr. Flavio Bonin (Sergej Masera Museum), Mr. Antonio Espinosa (The Maritime Museum, The Naval Bakery, Vittoriosa), Ms. Olga López and Ms. Elvira Mata (Museu Marítim Barcelona).

DEVELOPMENT OF THE SESSION

The first meeting of the Executive Committee of the newly created Mediterranean Maritime Museum Association is held starting at 7 p.m. on October 14, 1998, in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

The Executive Committee opens the session by adopting as its agenda the proposed work programme submitted at the constitutional session of this Association on October 12, 1998.

It is agreed to send information of the constitution of the MMMA to the International Congress of Maritime Museums.

It is agreed to send information to all those museums, centres or institutions connected with the management of the maritime heritage as soon as the official registration of the Association has been completed. For this reason, it will be necessary to review the database of institutions currently in existence.

The Barcelona Maritime Museum shall send this database to Ms. Zafira Haidou, who is the Secretary of this Association.

The need for every museum to help compile this database is discussed, furnishing the information that they can process in their areas of influence in relation to institutions and persons.

It is agreed to set up a network of liaisons acting as co-ordinators in each of the countries represented in the Association.

It is agreed to appoint a permanent liaison with the ICMM and achieve the appointment of an Association representative in the next Executive Committee meeting of this body.

Ms. Elvira Mata informs the attendees of the agreement reached in the last meeting of the ICMM's Executive Committee (Gdansk, Poland, September 1998) to accept the nomination of Mr. Flavio Bonin as a new member of the next Executive Committee of this International Association, which must be constituted in September 1999 during the 10th International Congress of the ICMM.

It is further to study legal issues considered to be of a priority nature for the Association given the shortcomings of specific legislation in relation to maritime heritage issues.

It is further agreed to set up two working committees, one for documentation, for which Mr. Miquel Martí is proposed as co-ordinator, and a Submarine Archaeology Committee, for which Mr. Claudio Mocchegiani is proposed as co-ordinator.

In relation to the forthcoming Forum, the proposed place to hold the meeting is Gibraltar. Mr. Clive Finlayson, Director of the Gibraltar Museum, accepts the organisation and suggests the submittal of a concrete proposal over the coming months.

It is agreed to draft a common text to divulge the creation of the Association (MMMA). Each of the member museums shall channel this information to the media in their respective countries.

It is further agreed to charge the different working committees with drafting a document for discussion in the next Forum.

The Executive Committee believes it to be a priority to focus specially on establishing professional in establishing professional ties with the countries of Northern Africa, and, as soon as such a relationship has been established, for one of these professionals to become a member of the Association's Executive Committee.

The meeting is adjourned at 8:30 p.m. on October 14, 1998 in the city of Dubrovnik, Croatia.