



General Assembly Minutes

Friday, 30th September 2022 - Tartini Theater

The meeting starts at 18h.

1. President's welcome

DG, the President, welcomes all participants and congratulates Piran for the organisation of this year's forum, full of interesting presentations.

He informs of the successful common projects developed during this year, particularly in the Adriatic part of AMMM.

2. List of tasks developed during year 2021-2022

DG informs of the following:

- Last year the new Executive Committee was elected, who is now working together with 6 responsible persons of working groups, enlarging this way the EC to 16.
- Direct communication has been easy through WhatsApp, where news were spread and collaborations to develop new common projects were searched. In addition, LP communicated by mail as usual.
- Facebook and Instagram tools were created so now AMMM museums can make their posts. Please contact DG who will grant access to those who wish to post news.
- The website has also been updated with the forum information.
- Further to Covid new ways of communicating among members by means of online meetings, several new meetings were held: those of the EC to follow up the organisation of the forum; and those of all members to facilitate a space to exchange projects and opinions.
- AMMM joined ICOM to give a message of support to Ukraine. Some AMMM museums contacted maritime museums of the Eastern country to establish relationships with them.

The museums of Rovigno, Rijeka, Betina, - leading the project - , and the partnership formed by Paulilles, Parc de Lion, Cesenatico, Mallorca and Barcelona worked in the material needed to apply for the candidature *The Art of Navigation with lateen and al terzo sail*. Even if documentation was on the Croatian Ministry of Culture's desk, there was no answer from them. However, they recently replied being in favour of recognising this heritage. This news opens the door to move forward with the application.

3. Update on AMMM membership

DG says that AMMM continues to attract new members. We are a group of well-known and recognised museums that draw interest. The EC received three new applications this year. Another museum, a small but interesting museum from Cattolica that focuses on archaeology and maritime heritage, will send the form soon.

LP informs that at present there are 37 Full members and 22 Affiliate members.

A list of membership with information on payments is distributed to members.

3.1 New adhesions of AMMM for voting

LP informs of the following:

The Museo del Mar de Santa Pola applies as full member. This municipal museum was member of AMMM since 1999. The objectives of the museum are: research, conservation, diffusion of historical heritage and sea culture of the city. It counts with archaeological, ethnographic, and artistic collections. The museum today manages a fortress (where the museum is located; a fishing boat museum (on land) and a site of a Roman port.

In year 2012 upon decision of the GA, the museum received a letter stating they could no longer be members because they did not comply with Statutes (payments and participation).

The Crikvenica Town Museum applies as full member. It is a municipal museum that does not have a concrete section of maritime heritage, but it is present throughout the exhibition. They worked in collaboration with the Rijeka museum and other local museums in different Adriatic projects. The museum has a director and a curator, and it is open to visitors. This museum is recommended by Tea Perinčić.

The Società Mutuo Soccorso Carpentieri e Calafati di Venezia applies as affiliate member. This entity is recommended by P. Pettenò, which, as he assures, is strong in traditional maritime culture in Venice. They have two boatyards in the Castello district in Venice that must be recovered. At present they try to get institutions and private sponsors to support the recovery works. P. Pettenò is collaborating with them to find funding.

DG calls for vote to all full members, who vote positively, by unanimity, to these three applications.

3.2 Resignation of affiliate members

Joana Català unsubscribed from Ammm in April 2022 after being member for 14 years. The reason being is that she feels disconnected from maritime heritage, personally and professionally. LP informs that her resignation is kept in files.

4. New ICOM President

DG recalls on the debate within ICOM to conceive a new definition of “museum”. Moreover he informs of the nomination of a new President, the Italian Emma Nardi, appointed for the term 2022-2025. DG does not know this new President. Maybe AMMM could try to get closer to her, someday.

5. 28th of November: New Mediterranean Day

LP sent information to all members on the second edition of the Mediterranean Day, to be celebrated every 28th of November. This initiative is similar to that of the European Maritime Day. It is co-founded by the European Union and has the support of the Union for the Mediterranean. They are contacting different Mediterranean museums searching for their support to the initiative. They wish to engage museums and other stakeholders to participate in the diffusion of the mentioned date. The mail sent to all members has a communication kit with further information. This can be an opportunity for us museums to reach new ports.

DG reports on the celebration of the European Maritime Day, that took place last May in Ravenna. He recalls that AMMM had made a proposal to hold a workshop on the role of museums for maritime heritage, but had been asked to join the workshop together with another one organized by a Italian university, on very different topics. At that point it was considered to withdraw the proposal because it would not make sense to have the speakers travel for such a short workshop.

6. Next Forum

As agreed in former GA's, next forum will take place in San Benedetto del Tronto. The dates proposed are from the 4th to the 7th of October 2023. The event will focus on the food of the sea, from a tangible and intangible heritage perspective. A concrete title will be decided in the near future.

What concerns the following forums, minutes of former GA meeting of Barcelona state that the following museums proposed to organise the event in the future and GA members approved:

Year 2024: Sesimbra (newly confirmed)

Year 2025: Sant Feliu de Guíxols (confirmed once again after the forum)

L. Boix from l'Escala requests to organise the forum in the year 2026. Initially there is an agreement of the members present, but Mercè Toldrà says that during last GA, it was said that two museums of a same country could not organise forums two years in a row. LP informs that she was not aware of this matter, therefore it was not written in the minutes of Barcelona. The former President was not aware either; therefore the minutes were validated with her signature. Moreover, once these GA minutes were sent to AMMM members, no one complained about not having mentioned this matter. In the future, it is suggested to members to stand up and make clear proposals to avoid possible misunderstandings.

Moreover, looking through historical files of forums, it is worth mentioning that four Italian museums organised forums one year after another. These were Venice (2015), Genoa (2016), Cesenatico (2017) and Naples (2018).

It is also suggested that the list of requests to organise a forum should be limited to a shorter term: 3 years only. This way we avoid unexpected possible changes of organisers in the future.

7. Treasury: Balance / Settlement year 2021

The document Treasury settlement of year 2021 and estimate of expenditure and income of 2022 is distributed to members.

LP informs that this years settlement is positive, being the total of income: 2,070€; the total of expenditure: 1,476.79€; and the final settlement: 6,458.86€.

What concerns the total estimate of expenditure and income of 2022, the estimate settlement would be of 3,420€.

The bank balance of 9 September 2022 is 7,861.12€.

8. Other

Unesco candidature

More information on the application for the Unesco candidature is given: We are now moving forward. At this stage we are contacting our ministries and hopefully in two weeks time we will know what other steps to take. We have to speed up the diplomatic procedure if we wish to apply this March 2023. AMMM members will be updated on the matter.

The Maritime Museum of Barcelona

Enric García informs that Lluïsa Prieto (LP) will no longer be able to hold the position of Secretary and Treasury of AMMM, as she must carry out other projects at the museum. These positions should be delegated to other museums of AMMM. LP will make the transition to one or two persons. EG adds that it is time to make changes within the organisation and this decision goes in line with the good health of the Association. To mark a deadline, by next forum (San Benedetto del Tronto) new representatives should be active. However, by the end of the year 2022 this/these representative/s should be chosen so that LP can make the transition as of the end of this year.

P. Campodonico informs that they will analyse whether one of the two positions can be represented by Galata Museum.

Statutes quote that “the Secretary and the Treasury will be a representative of the Consorci de les Drassanes Reials i Museu Marítim de Barcelona or the institution in which this representation is delegated”. (The Spanish version of Statutes is the official one, which is kept in the files of the Spanish Ministry). EG says that being this specified in Statutes, it is not necessary to amend them, however being the Statutes of 2013, AMMM could think on a revision in order to update it according the present time.

P. Campodonico (PC) suggests that the AMMM can work on a manifest related to a new mission of the association, according to the present times. This text could describe a common working space, with a contemporary discourse, a unitary body, with a more political discourse. EG supports this initiative of working on a manifest. Members agree to it, as well.

A doubt arises on whether it is possible that Statutes be filed in Spain but that the bank account belongs to another country. LP says she will check on this point.

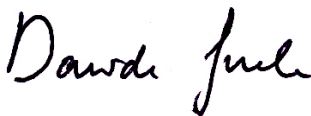
What concerns the Maritime Museum of Barcelona, EG clarifies that the museum’s participation will remain the same, active, and will maintain its commitment, as it has, over the years.

EG comments that AMMM always had a vertical management and it is good to change, to move forward and grow up. DG says that there is a diversity of museums in AMMM: few are large (MMB and Genoa) and many are small size museums. Large museums offer security to the rest of museums. Smaller museums comment that AMMM always made them feel as equal members, listened to at the same level, democratically speaking.

DG understands the need for change and agrees to it, but hopes to keep counting with the museums which are larger. These provide stability, prestige, and credibility. EG assures his museum will continue to be active within the association.

DG ends this matter stating that a revision of Statutes can be made and a common manifest can be worked on next year.

Barcelona, 11th October 2022

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Davide Gnola
President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lluïsa Prieto'.

Lluïsa Prieto
Secretary