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## **General Assembly Minutes**

**Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> May 2012 at 17.30h**  
**Istanbul Naval Museum, Turkey**

Members present at the meeting:

Executive Committee: Dragana Lucija Ratkovic (DLR), President; Pietro Maniscalco (PM) and Maria Paola Profumo (MMP) Vice Presidents, Davide Gnola and Flavio Bonin (replacing Martina Gamboz), Committee members; Lluïsa Prieto (LP), Secretary and Treasurer.

Franca Acerenza; Salah Amokrane; Serhan Aras; Pier Giovanni d'Ayala; Oguz Aydemir; Lurdes Boix; Antonio Espinosa; Mariona Font; Anna Fuentes; Liam Gauci; Ali Isipek; Emmanuel Magro Conti; Tea Mayhew; Antoni Mussari; John Robinson; Maria Antonietta Selvaggio; Manel Tiar.

### **1. Introduction**

DLR starts the meeting thanking the Istanbul representatives for such a satisfactory forum organisation as well as thanking all AMMM members for attending and giving their valuable contributions.

DLR then presents once again the Executive Committee members to all attendees.

### **2. New candidacies for membership**

a) The National Maritime Museum of Alger submitted the application form in autumn 2011. The Museum director, Salah Amokrane, whom we met during the 2011 Palermo Workshop, makes a brief presentation of the future museum. The museum was formally created in year 2007 and in 2011 the staff was appointed as well as he was nominated director. Following the architecture works of the building, next step will be the museographical project, which is a parallel ongoing progress.

b) The Town Hall of Gabicce Mare sent the application form for full membership. The ecomuseum "Casa del Porto" will be inaugurated this summer. Last year during the Pesaro Forum, Maria Lucia de Nicolò informed us about this project. She is actually involved in all the process and the one who promotes the AMMM in the municipality.

c) The Ecomuseum of Salerno, Italy, an eco sustainable museum on seamen that has a collection of small historical boats also applied for membership in the AMMM.

The GA approves the candidacies of Alger, Gabicce Mare and Salerno.



### **Final decision on membership not complying with duties**

LP gives out copies of the list of members who reacted to the two calls in 2011 related to payment duties. She informs that the last general checking of the list was made with Elvira Mata, who knows all members from the foundation of the structure.

Therefore, the list of memberships that will lose their condition, as specified in the Annex Membership list as of June 2012 is:

- a) list of members who never paid the fee
- b) members who cancelled membership
- c) members who received letters reminding of payments and never replied: Vela Latina; Betrouni, Ministry of culture Alger; Museo Naval de Madrid; Galasso; Museo del Carretto Siciliano –Palazzo Aumale –Terrasini; Pla Bartina; Pascuale Vespa; and Josko Bozanic – Ars Halieutica; Reial Club Marítim de Barcelona; Museu Arqueològic de Dènia; Museu del Mar de Vilanova i Geltrú; Ms. Burdelez -Centre for Mediterranean Studies; Museo del mar de Santa Pola; Museu del Mar y la Sal,

Comments on few members:

- In the case of the Naval Museum of Madrid, LP asks for a bit more of time to see if they reconsider membership. This is a special request of the Maritime Museum of Barcelona.
- In the case of Josko Bozanic, Mr. d’Ayala states that this member participated in the tales project and that he is indeed active within the Association. LP informs that the reason for losing partnership is not complying with membership duties (article 11 of the Statutes).
- Mr. Amorkrane comments that he will talk to Mr. Betrouni.

All members approve on the list to lose membership and a bit more of time will be given to these three last members.

Following the GA meeting, LP will send letters to these members.

### **3. Amendments to the AMMM Statutes: Comments and suggestions by members. Approval of the updating and next procedures.**

The Statutes have been amended according to the revision and the content proposals made by the EC last year. Previous to the GA meeting, the original version (Spanish) and its English translation of the Statutes were sent to members by email. See the working document Statutes attached.

It is agreed that the Statutes amendments are read in English by DLR and in Spanish by LP. In case doubts arise, clarifications will be made.

Initially each amendment is voted by members (from Article 1-8) and then it is decided that the amendments will be voted globally at the end. In case of minor suggestions, these will be voted.



Article 8 on Full Membership: Ali Isipek asks why individual persons cannot be full members. Basically answers were that it is an Association of Museums and not individuals and that the reason in the beginning for including individuals as affiliate members was to give them the opportunity of participating in the project. But essentially the Association is formed by maritime museums. Ali Isipek mentions that ICOM gives individuals the right. The general answer is that ICOM is structured differently and members do not wish to change the initial philosophy of the AMMM. John Robinson adds that the first strength of the AMMM is that it is formed of maritime museums. The members present agree to this comment.

The reading of the Statutes continue and Ali Isipek suggests that the working language of the Association should be included in the Statutes. DG says that English cannot be the official language of the AMMM. Pier Giovanni d'Ayala says that we must decide on one working language. MPP thinks that the issue of the language should not be included in the Statutes. But it could be mentioned as an annex to the Statutes. According to MP an annex is as binding as the Statutes. In her opinion, the Association could enlarge if we are open to languages. It is finally decided to state the decision in the present minutes. The sentence formulated to members is:

English will be the working language of the AMMM and other Mediterranean languages will be used to communicate.

The voting on the sentence above mentioned takes place and two people present inform that 5 museums have delegated on one person and 1 museum on the other for this particular voting. They present the documentation to the Secretary, which will be kept in the files of the AMMM. Two members speak out on whether so many museums can delegate their vote. As this point is not specified in the Statutes the President considers to accept these votes. The results of the vote are:

13 votes in favour, 4 against; 0 abstention; 1 void.

During the Rovigno General Assembly held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2009, as specified in the GA Minutes of 24/02/2010, the new Board of the Executive Committee was elected for a 4 year period. Members approved to have a new representative, the Honorary President, a figure that was not included in the former Statutes of 1999. The nominee was Ms. Elvira Mata. The name of *Honorary President* is as of the present day replaced for the name of *Full member of Honor*, (Article 10 of the updated Statutes of May 2012). This renaming does not affect the nomination of 2009, therefore, Elvira Mata retains her seat.

Voting on the amendments of Statutes= Approved by majority; 1 abstention, 0 against.

#### **4. Financial Administration**

Copies of the settlement of the Association's accounts covering the period 16/5/2011 to 25/05/2012 is presented to the EC who agree to presented to the General Assembly. The final settlement dated 25/5/2012 is of 3.731,25€. Members approve the document. The financial sheet is annexed to the present Minutes.



## **5. 2012 l'Escala Workshop**

Lurdes Boix invites members to the next AMMM Workshop that will take place the 14-15 September 2012 in the fishing town of l'Escala, Spain. The gathering coincides with the celebration of the 15th Edition of the Salt Festivity, an event that promotes tangible and intangible maritime heritage from the morning to late into the night.

Regarding logistics she has organised transportation from the airport of Barcelona and found very low rate hotels, easing people to stay from the 13<sup>th</sup> and leaving on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Before the end of June the information will be sent to all members.

## **6. 3 Working groups**

DLR informs on the discussion had within the EC meeting, which relates to the low participation of members in the working group projects. Davide Gnola did most of the work on his own. The intangible heritage project has not progressed, and the material collected for the tales exhibition is not much (5 tales without further details on copyright; no illustrator proposals).

DLR suggests that those who are interested can work on an output document available to members for their own use at a local level. She reflects upon these new projects and the lack of real interest and participation of members. People initially agree to develop new projects but then they lose interest or their other obligations make them hold back their participation. There is no point in trying to involve people.

In view of this general lack of participation and taking into consideration that financially speaking not all members can travel twice a year or have that much time, DLR proposes, as accepted by the Executive Committee, that only one gathering per year is organised within the AMMM. That is, starting 2013 the forum and the workshop is organised together, so there will only be one AMMM gathering per year. The workshop of 2011 at l'Escala will still be organised.

The philosophy of this future event is to make use of our basic strength: our museums and our knowledge as professionals on maritime heritage. We should promote exchange of knowledge and know how but not in an unidirectional direction as the Forum format is. We need to foster dialogue among us, as a partnership and a network of maritime museums.

The future Forum lasts 3 days and is structured as follows:

### **Day 1. Morning**

The organiser chooses a local theme to be presented. Themes on maritime heritage are open to organisers to choose. It is important to offer to members a lecture on some local theme of interest to all of them.

In addition new future members could make their presentations.

### **Day 1. Afternoon**

MPP suggests the organisation of different workshops which will give the opportunity to all members to participate and discuss on selected themes. DLR fears that moderators will not prepare the discussion in advance and that maybe it is enough to focus on just one topic. That shall be decided during the preparation of each Forum, suggested by the host museum.

**Day 2. Conclusions of the workshop and General Assembly, which should be longer.**



It is important to choose one topic of interest to all members. The theme will be discussed in l'Escala and its moderator as well. This role is important as the person must prepare tasks beforehand and moderate the meeting in a structured way.

Day 3. Study trip on the important maritime venue in the host country.

#### **7. 2013 AMMM Forum candidacy and calendar**

The AMMM received the candidacy of Lloret de Mar for year 2013. Following the former discussion regarding the format of the gathering, the new model must be discussed with the Anna Fuentes, the organiser. The event will be organised in the month of May.

#### **8. 2013 AMMM Workshop candidacy and calendar**

Tea Mayhew (Rijeka) was interested in organising the 2013 workshop. Due to the present change of model, she should confirm her interest in organising the year 2014 Forum. Other members that wished to organise the Forum are the following: Naples, Algeria and Malta

#### **9. Progress on the Website for the Association**

Further work on the website was made with the aim of rendering it more dynamic and accessible. The former website was converted to a free CMS, easing future amendments and changes. Only English pages are worked at present. Once approved and revised, other languages will be activated. The present task is developed by LP, the website designer and the close assessment of Alfons Garrido, staff of the Museu de la Pesca at Palamós.

LP prepared a powerpoint with the new changes but due to the lack of time, the website is active ([www.ammm-infor.net](http://www.ammm-infor.net)) so members can visit the page and send comments. LP will send a mail and the powerpoint soon after the meeting and ask for prompt comments as the web designer is awaiting for our comments.

LP requests to form proof reading groups of each website language. The task is to check texts and make few translations on what is now added, and to check menus and submenus searching for consistency all around the site. Volunteers are: John Robinson for English; Antonio Mussari for Italian, Anna Fuentes for Spanish and no volunteer at present for French.

#### **10. On Cooperation: AMMM actions of support**

There was no more time to discuss this point, however we consider it important to inform in written of the following:

In Autumn 2011 Feker CHAABANE, from the Association. Kerkena Pour le Patrimoine Maritime et Culturel Méditerranéen requested a support letter from AMMM in favour of the organisation of the Insul'Arts Festival at Kerkennah, which will be organised from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> of August 2012. Due to lack of budget and country political difficulties, the festival is delayed until the summer of 2013.

On the other hand, Marseille Port project is going on, and all info on its progress has been disseminated by LP to all AMMM members.



John Robinson has eased contact between Davide Gnola and network professionals from Australia (ICMM members). In case further information is needed contact Davide at [d.gnola@comune.cesenatico.fc.it](mailto:d.gnola@comune.cesenatico.fc.it)

## 11. Other

There was no more time to discuss this last point, however we consider it important to inform in written of the following:

### 2013 ICMM Forum

Next year ICMM Forum will be held in Cascais, on the Estoril Coast, some 20 kilometres from Lisbon. The proposed dates are from the 8th to the 14th September 2013. Further information: [http://www.icmmonline.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=76&Itemid=77](http://www.icmmonline.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=76&Itemid=77)

### European Atlas of the Seas

This is a map created by the DG Maritime Affairs of the European Commission related to geography, nature, tourism, fisheries, etc. The tourism section includes maritime museums. And only two AMMM museums are included in the map. Secretary will provide the EC with the list of our museums. In turn, these results could also be linked in the AMMM website.

[http://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/atlas/maritime\\_atlas/#theme=themeTourism.subthemeMuseums&=null&extent=-58.5 19 85.5 80](http://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/atlas/maritime_atlas/#theme=themeTourism.subthemeMuseums&=null&extent=-58.5 19 85.5 80)

### Online consultation on EU future policy

DG Maritime Affairs opens an **on line consultation** on tourism (*“Challenges and opportunities for maritime and coastal tourism in Europe”*). The consultation period is 14.05.2012 to 09.07.2012. We think it is important to give the AMMM views and opinions to the EC.

General info:

[http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/partners/consultations/tourism/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/partners/consultations/tourism/index_en.htm)

the consultation questionnaire:

<http://ec.europa.eu/yourvoice/ipm/forms/dispatch?form=CoastalMTourism>

The meeting ends at 21.30h

Barcelona, 15 June 2012

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Annexes:

Financial settlement sheet / Membership list as of June 2012 / Statutes amendments