



ASSOCIACIÓ MUSEUS MARÍTIMS MEDITERRANI

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## **General Assembly Minutes**

Venue: Centro di Ricerche Storiche di Rovigno, Rovinj/Rovigno, Croatia

Date: 22 September 2009 (15:30h – 18:30h)

Assistants: Maria Paola Profumo, Pierangelo Campodonico, Davide Gnola, Maria Lucia de Nicolò, Michela Silvagni, Maura Silvagni, Antonio Mussari, Antoinetta Selvaggio, Antonia Casiello, Martina Gamboz, Flavio Bonin, Duska Zitko, Elvira Mata, Dragana Lucija Ratkovic, Miquil Martí,.

Previous to the General Assembly of the Association of Mediterranean Maritime Museums, representatives of different museums that attended the 15<sup>th</sup> Forum of Mediterranean Maritime Heritage accepted the proposal of Elvira Mata to voluntarily resign as President of the Association, after 15 years. In addition Ms. Mata proposed Ms Dragana Lucija Ratkovic, director of ecomuseum Kuca o batani/Casa della batana, as the new President and two Vice-presidents instead of one. The proposal was unanimously accepted by all museum representatives.

### **New Executive Committee**

During the General Assembly of the AMMM, the Executive Committee, presided over by the President and with the participation of the Committee members, it was formally agreed and decided to form a new Executive Committee for the next period of 4 years. Members voted unanimously that the new board of the Executive Committee would be represented by:

- President: Dragana Lucija Ratkovic, ecomuseum Kuca o batani/Casa della batana, Rovinj/Rovigno, Croatia
- Vice-President: Maria Paola Profumo, Istituzione Musei del Mare e della Navigazione di Genova, Genova, Italy
- Vice-President: Pietro Maniscalco, Arsenale di Palermo - Museo del Mare, Palerrmo, Italy
- Treasurer: Lluïsa Prieto, Museu Marítim de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain
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- Committee Members: Miquel Martí, Museu de la Pesca de Palamos, Palamos, Spain; Davide Gnola, Museo della Marineria de Cesenatico, Cesenatico, Italy; Martina Gamboz Sergej Mašera Maritime Museum Piran, Slovenia;
- Honorary Presidency: Elvira Mata, Museu Marítim de Barcelona



According to Article 17 of the AMMM Bylaws, the board of the Executive Committee is composed of one Vice-President. The new Executive Committee elected is composed by two Vice-Presidents, therefore the Bylaws shall be duly modified.

### **New Memberships**

A new application for membership was presented to members. It is the case of Pasquale Vespa, from the Associazione Ecomuseo del Mare e della Pesca dei Campi Flegrei Onlus, Naples. Taking into consideration that the Associazione is not yet legally constituted, it is agreed that Pasquale Vespa become affiliate member of the AMMM.

European Maritime Heritage also applies for membership. Members agree to count with this association among the entities representing our heritage. At present EMH is dealing with procedures.

Two other museums showed interest in becoming members of the AMMM. This is the case of the Maritime and History Museum of the Croatian Littoral, Rijeka, presented by Curator Mrs Tea Mayhew and the Istanbul Naval Museum, Turkey, presented by Director Mr Ali Riza Isipek.

Mr Josko Bozanic from Ars Helieutica, Split, Croatia also applies for membership.

### **Communication and dissemination**

Two members asked if the Museo Regionale di Storia Naturale e Mostra Permanente del Carretto Siciliano di Terrasini received all the information related to the structure and any diffusion material created from the Association. Since their adhesion to the AMMM, the Secretary has sent all the information at the same time as any other member. We are aware however –way before their adhesion– that in many occasions there seem to be problems with Terrasini’s server and that of the MMB’s. For this reason we always send emails to three different emails, just in case. Apparently there are still problems. Not knowing how to solve this problem, we suggest they create an online mail address (gmail, yahoo...) for this special purpose only or if Pietro Maniscalco, for example, resent it to them. Any suggestions are welcome.

### **Membership payments**

2009 Membership payments which are still due were claimed to the members attending the meeting as well to those who could not attend the General Assembly.

### **Next May Conference**

The annual Spring conference organised by the Association will on this occasion be held in April. Antonio Mussari, from the Museo del Mare offered Napoli as next place to celebrate the AMMM event. The members present at the General Assembly agreed to deal with the following conference theme: “Financial Sustainability for Museums”.

### **Next annual Forum**

Following a series of proposals, members agree to celebrate next Forum in Palamós, Spain. Miquel Martí, director of the Museu de la Pesca will prepare a proposal in line with a proactive participation of the territory. One of the event’s day, he will propose a visit to the Museum of the Salt and Anchovy of L’Escala, located in a neighbour fishing town. This museum is member of the Network of Catalan maritime, as well as Palamós and Barcelona.



The board agrees to celebrate future Forums in September instead of October (except this next 2010 Forum). The Santa Eulàlia schooner travels every year to the city where the AMMM Forum takes place to support the Associations' actions as well as the organisers'. For navigation and weather reasons it is preferable that the schooner travels in September, avoiding this way possible difficulties during the journey.

#### **Diffusion tools**

It is agreed to create a website of the Association, a very necessary tool for the AMMM to be present world wide and a perfect mean to spread its objectives. Miquel Martí will ask for a budget to create the website and all members agreed to split costs. As soon as we obtain a couple or three of estimations, members will be informed.

#### **Future activities to be developed by the Association**

There is a proposal to work in collaboration on the creation of Mediterranean Short Stories which can be initially disseminated in a future website of the Association and could also be printed (book).

Another initiative is that of working on a Mediterranean gastronomy section for the future website of the Association.

#### **Working groups**

Members agreed to work on Guidelines for Developing a Common Acquisition Policy. However, no members volunteered to form this working group. It is suggested that members send any documentation they have got on this subject