



General Assembly Minutes

Friday, 06th October 2023 at 16h

San Benedetto del Tronto - Museo del Mare, Viale Colombo 94

1. Vice-Presidents welcome

Since the President cannot be assisting due to personal issues, the meeting is chaired by the Vice-Presidents, as laid down in the Statutes.

Vice-Presidents, Franco Juri (FJ) and Lurdes Boix (LB) welcome all participants and congratulate San Benedetto del Tronto for the organisation of this year's forum, full of interesting presentations.

They inform of the successful common projects developed during this year, particularly for the UNESCO recognition of Vela Latina (*Latin Sail*) and Vela al Terzo (*Lug Sail*) as Cultural Immaterial Heritage.

2. List of tasks developed during year 2022-2023

LB outlines the main activities of AMMM in 2023.

- a) the handover of the Secretariat from Barcelona to Genova. All bureaucratic and administrative formalities have been completed. Treasury remains in charge of Barcelona, in the hands of Lluïsa Prieto; Barcelona has confirmed their willingness to continue this assignment in the future.
- b) the preparation of the Forum, as a shared process, that allows the definition of a rich and interesting programme on a new subject related to the immaterial maritime heritage. It was decided to include general and thematic interventions, without taking away space for the presentation of other projects and new museums, and the format seems to have worked well.
- c) Many steps forward have been taken by the UNESCO Working group. Croatia has been essential in the overall coordination and activation of the international level. Italy is now in touch with Elena Sinibaldi, head of the UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of the Ministry for Cultural Heritage and Activities. She gave an on-line speech on this subject during the Forum.
- d) International contacts are continuing. João de Almedia di EMH (he is preparing a Forum in Lisboa in January) and Thedo Fruithof, who unfortunately could not be with us, are in touch with many AMMM members and still interested in networking. The Assembly agrees on the importance of expanding the network to new international museums/associations, especially the ones based in North Africa, Turkey, Greece and to contact members that have not been in touch for some time. Everyone is invited to activate direct connections and EC commits to sending official invitations to join the network.
- e) VM informs GA that EC agreed to update the AMMM web site, signing a contract with a Spanish company, to make it more user-friendly and attractive.

3. CE Resignation and candidacy

FJ informs that Maurizio Daccà submitted a letter of resignation from EC. Pierangelo Campodonico (PC) expressed his willingness to join the Committee. EC agrees that this change is positive because it allows continuity to Genoa's presence in the EC.

Vice-Presidents call all full members for a vote; they vote in favour, by unanimity, for PC becoming a new EC member.

4. Reading and approval of the minutes taken at the General Assembly held on 30th September 2022, Piran

Vice-Presidents put forward the motion to approve the Minutes taken at the General Assembly held on 30th September in Piran. GA votes in favour, by unanimity.

5. New adhesions to AMMM for voting

LB informs of the following.

The Museum and Gallery of Tivat (Montenegro) applies as a full member. It is a municipal museum and manages three collections dedicated to art, ethnography, and archaeology. The ethnographic collection includes fisherman equipment, boat equipment and tools. They aim to enrich the collection with more finds and objects related to the maritime heritage in Porto Montenegro.

The Museo del Mare di Trieste (Italy) applies as a full member. This entity is recommended by the President, Davide Gnola. Founded in 1904, the Maritime Museum deals with the maritime history and its relationship with the Trieste one. It preserves models, tools, paintings, sketches, documents, photographs, books, logs, shipboard items, nautical charts and more. After several location changes during time, it is now located in Magazzino 26 (built in 1897), the largest building in the old free port. The Museum offers the visitor thematic sections that delve into aspects linked to sea history, economy and society: from technological developments to the birth of shipping companies, from fishing to the development of the port.

Franca Acerenza (Genova, Italy) applies as an affiliate member. She is recommended by Pierangelo Campodonico. She has been a long-standing employee of the Galata Museo del Mare, as a person in charge of the educational services. Since her retirement, she has been the responsible of the ICOM Liguria Regional Coordination.

LB calls all full members for a vote on these new memberships (two full members and one affiliate member). The GA votes in favour, by unanimity, to the three applications.

6. Next Forum

As agreed in former GA's, next forum will take place in Sesimbra. The dates proposed are from the 2nd to the 5th of October 2024. The event will focus on maritime communities and museums. A concrete title will be decided soon.

Regarding the next forums, L'Escala y Sant Feliu de Guíxols propose to organise the event in 2025. In order to embrace the proposal to hold the Forum in the same year, as requested during the GA in 2023, L'Escala and Sant Feliu de Guíxols have decided to work together to host the 2025 Forum, that will take place in both cities (2 days in La Escala and 2 days in Sant Feliu).

Vice-Presidents point out that Tivat offered to host the Forum in 2026 and then ask GA full members to vote.

GA approves the proposals, by unanimity, as following:

- 2024: Sesimbra
- 2025: L'Escala

- 2026: Tivat

7. Treasury: Balance / Settlement year 2022-2023

The document “Treasury settlement of year 2022 and estimate of expenditure and income of 2023” is distributed to members.

VM, on behalf of LP, informs that 2022-year settlement is positive, being the total of income: 1,592.26€; the total of expenditure: 93.94€; and the final settlement: 7,957.18€.

What concerns the total estimate of expenditure and income of 2023, the estimate settlement would be of 3,675.68€. The bank balance of 14 September 2023 is 10,041.86€.

Vice-Presidents invites all full members to vote. GA, with two different votes, approves both balance 2022 and settlement 2023.

A members’ list with payment situation is also handed out. VM informs that, at present, there are 38 Full members and 24 Affiliate members. Regarding members in arrears with payments, VM refers the EC decides to send, together with the new requests for payment, a letter describing the latest AMMM activities and projects and inviting latecomers to confirm their willingness to still be members. To those who have not complied with membership fees 3 years in a row, it will be clarified, this could be possible only if they settle the past duties. RM remarks the late payment of some members is unfair to those who are always on time.

7. Other

A specific thought is dedicated to the 25th Anniversary of AMMM, through the words of EM who saw the birth of the network and was AMMM’s President for a long time.

Following, EM illustrates the proposal for the launch of a new working group on Sustainable Development Goals, related to Agenda 2030, and presents an interesting document with some suggestions on how museums, museum workers, museum networks and their partners can contribute to the Goals. She suggests the new working group focuses its activities in year 2023/2024, presenting the results in Sesimbra, as a contribution to the 2025 Forum.

EM also updates participants about the state of the art of “Museums and Health” and “Museums and Women” in-depth proposals. She thinks health issues could become part of the reflection on the Sustainable Development Goals.

Information regarding the future activities of the working group will be sent to all members.

LB announces the interest of Sesimbra to prepare a book collecting different traditions of salting anchovies, looking ahead at the 2025 Forum.

Pietro Maniscalco (PM) informs about the interest of Museo della Marineria di Pesaro in joining the working group on “Museums and Women” and suggests opening a collection of best practises on “Food&Wine”, to be uploaded and shared through the AMMM website. In 2024 Pesaro will be Italian Capital of Culture and they are working on a project related to Marche Region Maritime immaterial heritage. About new memberships, he suggests to focusing on AMMM values. He also asks AMMM to spread information and documents on the proposal “Atlas of traditional crafts” he briefly describes to the GA participants.



The debate on new memberships goes on with interventions of Maria Paola Profumo (MPP), EM, LB, FJ and Andrea Bonifacio (AB). GA agrees on the necessity of enlarging the AMMM network. Private entities/subjects will be more than welcome but only if working closely with museums and if recommended by a AMMM member.

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Lurdes Boix
Vice President

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Franco Yuri
Vice President

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Valeria Magliano
Secretary

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