



General Assembly Minutes

Friday, 19th September 2025 at 15.45h

Anchovy and Salt Museum (MASLE) - Av. Francesc Macià, 1 - 17130 · L'Escala (Girona)

1. President's welcome

The President, Davide Gnola (DG), welcomes all participants and congratulates Sant Feliu de Guíxols and L'Escala on the organisation of this year's forum, which featured a rich programme of engaging presentations.

2. List of tasks developed during year 2024-2025

DG outlines the main activities of AMMM in 2024/2025.

- a) AMMM Website: The website is functioning properly and is regularly updated by the Secretary. DG reiterates the invitation to all EC members to contribute to the website by providing scientific documents, working materials, research outputs, events, thematic publications, etc. This request also includes contents for social media.
- b) Working group UNESCO: The application form for the inclusion of navigation with lateen sail and "vela al terzo" in the UNESCO list of Intangible Cultural Heritage was submitted in March 2025. DG encourages all EC members to maintain active engagement in the process. It is necessary, even at this stage, to organize and promote initiatives, events, and conferences on this topic to demonstrate that associations, communities, and museums remain active and will continue to advocate until final recognition is achieved.
- c) External Relations: International contacts have been maintained especially with:
 1. **ICOM**, of which AMMM is an affiliated member, participating in online meetings.
 2. **ICMM**, whose EC was hosted in Genoa in March 2025. DG, VM, and TP attended the meeting. AMMM presented its unique network of museums closely connected to local communities, as well as its expertise in Mediterranean maritime cultural and historical heritage. These aspects sparked significant interest from ICMM, and potential areas of collaboration were identified, including the themes of *Women and the Sea* and the *Traditional Boats Census*.
- d) Forum: The President expressed sincere thanks for the excellent organization and the rich, well-structured program, which allowed for in-depth thematic discussions, the sharing of experiences from various institutions, and the opportunity to directly engage with the local realities of the two host cities. The significant effort made to ensure both content coherence and logistical coordination — particularly challenging due to the forum taking place in two different locations — was widely acknowledged. This distinctive format will render this edition of the Forum truly unique and memorable for all participants.

3. Reading and approval of the minutes taken at the General Assembly held on 4th October 2024, Sesimbra, Portugal

Presidents put forward the motion to approve the Minutes taken at the General Assembly held on 4th October 2024 in Sesimbra (Portugal). GA votes in favour, by unanimity.

4. Update on AMMM membership

VM informs of the following.



Association “Il Ridosso APS” applies as an affiliate member.

Il Ridosso APS is a cultural association based in Pesaro, Italy, founded with the aim of preserving and promoting the maritime heritage and traditions of the local fishing community. The association is committed to safeguarding the memory of seafaring life through storytelling, historical reenactments, publications, and community events. It brings to life the voices and stories of fishermen, their families, and the broader coastal culture, offering a vivid portrayal of Pesaro’s maritime identity.

The museum is endorsed by Museo della Marineria W. Patrignani – Pesaro (*Maria Lucia De Nicolò*)

Association “Vela al Terzo” also applies as an affiliate member.

The Association brings together around 150 members with the aim of preserving and promoting knowledge of the beautiful Venetian Lagoon and its ancient maritime traditions. The Association has been granted the use of a headquarters, known as the “Nautical Base,” located at the Arsenale Docks in Venice, which includes a small marina. Founded in 1988, the Association works to promote ancient traditions through the recovery and restoration of historic hulls and rigs, the teaching of rowing and sailing techniques, and participation in conferences and seminars dedicated to traditional maritime cultures.

All members of the Association are owners of their boats, whose sails are strictly lateen-rigged (*vela al terzo*).

The museum is endorsed by Istituzione Casa della Batana – Rovigno (*Nives Giuricin*)

DG invites all full members to vote on the admission of these new affiliate members. The GA votes in favour, by unanimity, to both the applications.

No resignations occurred in 2025.

In line with the decisions of the General Assembly, some members are currently facing critical situations, as highlighted in the documents distributed by the Treasury—particularly the museums of Stintino, Perast, and Pioppi. DG proposes that the General Assembly vote on making a further attempt to re-engage the Museums of Stintino and Perast (to wait to see if Stintino complies with delays in 2025; and learn if the new director of Perast is still interested in AMMM). On the other hand consider the Museum of Pioppi as no longer part of AMMM for not complying during 6 years in a row. The General Assembly unanimously approved the proposal.

Besides, LP describes the critical situation of other museums: Golf du Lion and Monaco. Golf du Lion managed to pay fees due but said they would withdraw their membership due to problems related to cross border invoicing impeding the possibility to pay fees. As for Monaco, the owner of the private museum has unfortunately passed away. The membership fees have been paid up-to-date, but his son is still uncertain about whether he wishes to remain part of the association. LP reports also that although Antonio Mussari is no longer director, the Naples Museum has continued to pay its membership fee and now has a new director, Antonio Troiano.

5. Treasury: Balance 2024 / Settlement year 2025

Members’ list with payment status, final balance sheet for 2024, and estimated budget for 2025 are distributed to members. No comments are raised. The General Assembly unanimously approves the documents.

Next, LP outlines the issues posed by the European requirement for electronic invoicing, both domestically and cross-borders and the challenges in obtaining clear guidance on compliance. GA will be updated asap.



LP also reports a scam incident involving a fake update of the Electronic Invoicing B2BRouter Platform. She was misled into transferring €300 to a non-existent entity. Despite numerous attempts, she has been unable to recover the funds. The Assembly is therefore requested to authorize the coverage of expenses using AMMM funds. The Assembly unanimously approves the request.

LP would like to remind members to complete bank transfer orders as follows:

- Most members make the membership payment correctly –30 € or 50 € NET –. It would be desirable that all members covered all bank commissions and currency conversion fees. In other words, the NET amount.
- Although many members are already complying, please include the following details in the transfer description:
 - The name of the museum (as many payments are made through third parties, making it difficult to identify the sender);
 - The city and the year of the membership fee being paid.
- It is good to inform that most members comply with fee payments within the year, and not in an advance or delayed period. This is a reminder for those who are in delay.

6. Executive Committee Elections

DG informs the EC that he does not intend to run for re-election. He thanks everyone for the years spent within AMMM, which he considers a great opportunity. He strongly believes in leadership rotation and is confident that AMMM have new resources to bring forward.

In response to the call for candidacies for the position of President, a nomination was received from Tea Perinčić, which DG personally welcomes. Tea has collaborated with the EC for many years and has carried out significant work that, in DG opinion, she will be able to continue effectively as President. As done in previous similar occasions, Tea has submitted, within a short programme, a list of colleagues willing to join the new EC.

TP takes the floor to express her joy and honour for the possible nomination. She also shares her concern about future responsibilities but is confident she can rely on the support of the entire EC.

DG affirms that AMMM are a vibrant association, a true network supported by many other connections and collaborations. TP recalls how ICMC were impressed by AMMM's work and its working groups, which highlight the importance of small institutions and the networks they can foster. This is the true strength of the association. DG reiterates the importance of discussing motivations and vision, regardless of the size of the entities involved (museums, associations, individuals). Within the network, there is an exchange, and larger institutions help smaller ones grow.

The Assembly is requested to vote on the appointment of the new AMMM President and the new Executive Committee. The Assembly unanimously approves.

Accordingly, the following are appointed as President and new members of the Executive Committee:

- Tea Perinčić, Maritime and History Museum of the Croatian Littoral – Rijeka, Croatia, President
- Tamara Nikolic, Kuća or batani – Rovinij, Croatia, Vice President
- Pierangelo Campodonico, Galata Museo del Mare – Genova, Italy, Vice President



- Andreia Filipa Conceição, Coastal Cultural Centre – Sesimbra, Portugal, Executive Committee member
- Mariona Font, Museu de l'Escala/Anchovy and Salt Museum – L'Escala, Spain
- Giuseppe Merlini, Museo del Mare – San Benedetto del Tronto, Italy
- Ilija Mlinarevic, Maritime museum of Montenegro – Kotor, Montenegro

7. Appointment/Confirmation of the Secretary and Treasury for the upcoming mandate

The Assembly is then requested to vote on the confirmation of Secretary, currently held by Valeria Magliano from the Galata Museo del Mare – Genoa, Italy and the Treasury, currently held by Lluïsa Prieto Garcia from the Maritime Museum of Barcelona - Spain. The Assembly unanimously approves.

8. Launch of AMMM Census of traditional and historical boats of the Mediterranean

DG reports that, as resolved by the Assembly in 2024, the IT company managing the AMMM website was commissioned to expand its functionalities to enable the census of historic and working boats. The new feature has been completed and is ready for use.

DG underlines the census is urgent, as it is important to understand how many historic and working boats exist, where they are located, and their condition. This heritage is at risk, with many boats deteriorating and facing abandonment. Data collection will be based on a simple survey form. A communication will soon be sent to all members to launch the census, including all necessary instructions. Participation will be voluntary, and each member may contribute in their own language. DG commits to overseeing the process.

9. Next Forums

The candidacy to host the 2026 Forum was presented by Tivat during the 2023 Forum in San Benedetto del Tronto. Unfortunately, formal confirmation has not been received. DG and VM held several calls with Tivat, and it was agreed to wait until the museum's situation stabilizes.

Meanwhile, a candidacy was submitted by the Maritime Museum of Chania, Greece, expressing interest in hosting the 2026 Forum at its premises.

For 2027, the Istanbul Maritime Museum has submitted its candidacy and already obtained all institutional authorizations.

GA is requested to vote and approves, by unanimity, to hold the next forums as following:

- 2026: Chania (Crete, Greece) from 22 to 25 October
- 2027: Istanbul (Turkey)

10. Other

In conclusion, the Assembly is reminded of the importance of actively participating in AMMM working groups. The following groups are currently active or in the process of being established:

1. Working Group on Museums and the SDGs
2. Working Group on the Survey of Traditional Boats
3. Working Group on Salt and Saltpans
4. Working Group on Women and the Sea
5. Working Group on UNESCO-candidacy of lateen sail and “vela al terzo” as part of UNESCO list of



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6. Working Group on Quality Education for the Maritime Heritage of the Mediterranean

AMMM members will soon receive documentation regarding the working groups and are warmly encouraged to contribute, especially in view of the upcoming Forum in Chania.

L'Escala, 19th September 2025

Davide Gnola
President

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Valeria Magliano
Secretary

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