



Osservatorio della Solidarietà Mediterranea - Mediterranean Solidarity Observatory - Observatoire de la Solidarité Méditerranéenne

## **MSO NEWS n. 21 30.06.2017 - 2nd edition for new officers**

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As promised in **MSOnews** n. 20 of May 2017, about 20th Mediterranean Lions Conference, here are some other news and observations after 4 years in the Observatory Executive Committee.

Alexandria has been a great organization and friendship success, thanks to our Egyptian friends, the Conference offered as usual excellent experiences, informations and knowledge exchanges. We are Lions of the Mediterranean united because of the history and civility, in spite of cultural, social and religious diversity, this is an excellent result.

The different speeches by Lions and experts on topical issues were followed carefully, even if not always being of Lionistic operating interest. In fact we are looking for an "agora" not only an intellectual one, but also for concrete shared programs so that the members at their arrival home could take with them a luggage of ideas and initiatives to be built together. Unfortunately, no proposals were submitted and no resolutions were taken.

A great participation therefore is necessary for the building of common services. In spite of courageous calls to the solidarity between the 19 areas of MSO, there has not been a proportional participation to the number of members and Districts: the North bank has aprx 90% of members, the participation was under 20%.

Some people were wondering if annual alternation North bank/ South bank, created for a balanced involvement between the 2 banks, is

still relevant, also due to the political situation in the Mediterranean Sea.

At the Alexandria Observatory Session there were also questions on deadlines for elections and communications: it will be necessary to have more collaboration between Districts for respect to meet deadlines and to introduce in the rules clearer and complete articles.

The Conference cannot be only a kermes in itself. To avoid it, will be always necessary to foresee rigorous conditions for location (i.e. places easily reachable, next to airports and reasonable prices) possibility for all delegations to speak, open sessions and interactive debates.

Another problem, common at the Congresses, is the poor involvement of the audience: amaking a show out of it. and often resorting to votes with show of hands also it will be needed to organize ourselves to reach results with real initiatives, perhaps a budget should be foreseen to this end. Let's think of actions against diabetes, to support UDEL University summer camps, to assist youth in Africa and long distance adoptions, creating awareness on the micro-plastics pollution. To promote real twinning between Clubs and Districts as well as Youth exchanges. Finally a more incisive communication that should cascaded from MSO to MD, to Districts to Clubs

Alexandria has been non only a wonderful Lions Conference, but also useful for a better understanding of the "**we serve**".

Welcome to the new Coordinator  
 Bienvenue au nouveau Coordinateur  
 Benvenuto al nuovo Coordinatore

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**29.09.2017 16h45-18h15**

