



Lions Mediterranean Conference Regulations

Present Regulations incorporate the amendments approved by the Board of Directors at the meeting held in Athens on March, 22nd 2012 and in Tangier on 21st March 2014

Art.1 : Purposes

The Lions Mediterranean Conference is an yearly meeting for all the Lions of the Mediterranean Countries, who meet, leaving cultural and National differences out of consideration, for the following purposes:

- a. To promote friendship and mutual understanding among the Lions of the Mediterranean Sea.
- b. To compare different lionistic experiences and to discuss about themes and activities related to the aims of the Association.
- c. To realize common service activities.
- d. To discuss and deal with subjects of common interest.

Art.2 : Structure

The Lions Mediterranean Conference shall be administered by two different Bodies:

- a. The **Board of Directors** (B.D.), made up by the Mediterranean Solidarity Observatory's B.D., shall have the purpose of establishing the main topic that shall be treated during the different work sessions.
- b. The **Organizing Committee** (O.C.), shall be the executive body of the Mediterranean Conference; it shall be appointed by the MD Council Chairman or District Governor of the single or provisional District, or Regional Chairman of provisional region, or Zone Chairman of the provisional zone or President of the undistricted club, responsible for the organization.

The Organizing Committee shall take on the task of planning the arguments to treat during the different seminars, keeping the main topics' recommendations.

The Organizing Committee shall answer for the structural organization and for the Convention work programs.

Art.3 : Organization

The Conference will be held yearly in March.

A - The general program of the Mediterranean Conference must provide:

- **Opening Ceremony** with flag parade and addresses of the Organizing Committee Chairman and other Officer

- **The following work sessions :**

- > Seminar on human, social, economic and cultural relations
- > Seminar on environmental problems
- > Seminar on lionistic arguments and message of LCI and LCIF
- > Meeting with International President
- > Possible workshop on specific subjects

- **Closing Ceremony:** conclusions of the Headquarters Delegate.

B - At the end of each seminar the Board of Directors of the Observatory will meet for a short briefing.

C - The official languages shall be: Italian, French, English.

D - Simultaneous translation shall be made into the three official languages

E - The speakers shall send to the Organizing Committee a document concerning the argument they shall treat, a month before the beginning of the Conference, so that it could be sent in time to the Chairman of the work session and to participants who ask it, so allowing a study and an efficient attendance in the debate.

F - The time available for each session can not exceed three hours, included eventual coffee-break.

G - The Organizing Committee must send, without any possibility of delay, within 15th December, the Agenda of the Conference to all the Member Countries.

Art.4 : Rules for host countries

The Conference venue shall be decided by the Board of Directors two years in advance.

The **essential requirements** are:

- a. **Hotel accommodation** 300 – 400 beds in double rooms in hotels of different classes.
- b. **Airport** – Availability of an airport with international and middle range flies and links with the Conference venue.
- c. **Conference Center** – Conference room with 1000 seats and simultaneous translation.
- d. Availability of **small conference rooms**.
- e. Conference **General Secretariat** – Attendance of interpreters, hostess, transcription, photocopying service, Wi-Fi and printer.
- f. **Transport service** – To prearrange shuttle service between the hotels and the Convention centers.

Art. 5 – Participation procedure

The hosting country will propose the topics discussed during the conference, that shall be approved by the B.D.

The formal requests of intervention will be notified by e-mail to the coordinator and to the Secretary by December 31, duly approved by the CC, the DGs of the single districts, and the Zone Chairpersons.

They will be reviewed by the Coordinating Committee at the technical meeting during which it will be autonomously decided about the reports accepted for the conference.

The Organizing Committee with its Director and the Honorary Committee are appointed by the Organizing Committee who will immediately notify them to the Coordinator and to the Coordinating Committee.

During the open discussions, all the lions of a member country may, if time permits, expose their ideas and proposals

At the end of each seminar, the President, the Vice-President and Secretary of the session get together to write the minutes of the workshop. They will immediately remit to the President of the Conference and to the Coordinator. At the conclusion of all sessions the B.D. meets for a short deliberation that will be read by the Assembly Coordinator after the Closing Ceremony

Art 6 – Choice of the venue

The Board of Directors will decide together with the organizing countries the following criteria, and may collaborate with the Organizing Committee for the success of the Conference:

- The nominations must be officially submitted by December 31st of the year for the Conference to be held the third year following such deadline.
- The proposal must be completed with all necessary details: venue, transport and related services, registration fee, hotel quotations.
- The nomination signed by CC, DG or ZC of the member Country must be forwarded to the Observatory Coordinator and to the Observatory Standing Secretariat.