

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEDITERRANEAN SOLIDARITY OBSERVATORY

MINUTES OF THE 16TH MEETING

On March 21st 2014 at 3.00 p.m. took place in Tangeri, in a Hall of the Husa Solazur Hotel, the 16th meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mediterranean Solidarity Observatory to discuss the following agenda:

1. Opening and address of Coordinator PDG Aron Bengio
2. Report of the Secretary-Archivist PID Massimo Fabio
3. Changes to the Constitution of the Observatory and to the By-laws of the Conference
4. Presentation of the Conference 2015 Pescara and approval of the Conference themes
5. Next Lions Mediterranean Conferences and new nominations
6. Progress of the Observatory and service activities
 - 6a) Initiatives and particular opportunities: - Alzheimer – Microcredit- EXPO2015 Milan
 - 6b) Further initiatives: research of synergy
 - 6c) Free proposals
7. Discussion on the topics in agenda
8. Intervention of International Officers
9. Conclusions of Coordinator PDG Aron Bengio

Are attending the members of the Board of Directors in charge:

PDG Aron Bengio	Observatory Coordinator
PID Massimo Fabio	Observatory Secretary-Archivist
PCC Harris Zachariadou	Coordination Committee
PDG Frédérique Rousset	Coordination Committee
PDG Sami Berbari	Coordination Committee
DG Kamal El Himdy	Coordination Committee
PDG Mohamed Ben Jemaa	Immediate Past-Coordinator
VCC Alain Penaud	MD 103 France (delegated by the CC)
CC Enrico Pons	MD 108 Italy
PID Luis Dominguez	MD 116 Spain
CC Pol Navarre	MD 116 Spain
PCC Dimosthenis Tsagkaratos	MD 117 Greece & Cyprus (delegated by the CC)
CC Mehet Yaman	MD 118 Turkey
PDG Latife Bastug	MD 118 Turkey
DG Alenka Marter	D 129 Slovenia
DG Abdelfattah Fouad Eldidi	D 352 Egypt
DG Bouraoui Regaya	D 414 Tunisia
DG Abdelkrim Soulimane	D 415 Algeria
ZC Tom Restal	Malta

Besides are attending: PIP Wayne A.Madden, ID Oya Sebuk and PIDs Ermanno Bocchini, Claudette Cornet, Jacques Garello. Philippe Gerondal, Salim Moussan, Jean Oustrin, George Placet ed Hayri Ulgen.

Works are attended by many Governors, PCCs, PDGs, VDGs as well as many lions from twelve out of the nineteen member countries of the Observatory. Totally are attending more than eighty lions.

Observatory Coordinator PDG Aron Bengio opens the meeting welcoming the attendants and thanking for the large participation.

The Secretary of the Observatory PID Massimo Fabio declares the meeting valid being present twelve Countries validly represented.

1. Coordinator PDG Aron Bengio welcomes all the participants and introduces the International Officers, thanking them for their presence, in particular PIP Wayne Madden, President of the Lions Foundation, and International Director Oya Sebuk, a presence that once again shows the great interest of the Association for the Mediterranean initiative.

The Coordinator reminds the purposes of the Observatory and its development in order to make the action more and more operational also through the Lions Mediterranean Conference , by realizing synergies and stimulating practical working relationships between all members.

The principle of subsidiarity allows plenty of room for action for the Lions in many sensitive areas of the community from those strictly humanitarian to civil and cultural rights. The list of proposed services and their progress shows how a renewed commitment can lead to a very significant and profitable activity.

The Coordinator then goes on illustrating the website designed and now well structured, but that will be further improved with greater information and constant updating.

The Permanent Secretariat will take care of the site and will be responsible for it, under the direction of the Coordinator and the Secretary-Archivist.

Concluding his moral report the Coordinator appeals to all members so that the active participation in the Observatory activities by the Mediterranean lions is ensured.

2. The Secretary-Archivist illustrates the situation of Lionism in the Mediterranean and invites the members to redouble every effort to a further expansion with emphasis on the countries who are going through economic and social difficulties. The Observatory has from the beginning the great ambition to be a bridge for Lionism to build understanding and peace among the peoples who, on the shores of that sea, gave birth to the Mediterranean civilization.

3. The Coordinator briefly shows the text of the proposed amendments both to the Statute of the Observatory and for the Conference By-laws, reminding that the same have already been discussed at several meetings and submitted on time to all Members and in any case attached to the agenda of this meeting.

Since no action is required by the members, the proposed amendments to the Statute of the Observatory are voted and unanimously approved.

The updated texts of the Statute and the By-laws will be uploaded to the website and sent to all members of the Observatory.

4. Lion Luciano Mauriello introduces through a video, the conference which will be held in Pescara in March 2015 and expects a large turnout. Then illustrates the general theme of the Conference "Development for Peace in the Mediterranean Area" as well as the themes of the sessions of the Conference that, besides the one dedicated to Lionism are respectively "Biotechnology for the development of the Mediterranean Area" and "The future of young people in the Mediterranean Area"

The topics presented are unanimously approved.

5. The coordinator points out that, as decided in Athens, the 2016 Conference will be held in Malta as confirmed by ZC Tom Restall. For the following year two nominations were submitted: Egypt and Lebanon. As per Constitution and Bylaws it is not allowed to take a decision at this meeting and therefore the two candidates together with any other that should arrive in time, will be put to the vote at the meeting of Pescara.

6. Concerning the development of the Observatory and the service activities:

6a) Initiatives and particular opportunities:

- Updates for Microcredit initiative with regard to relations with several banks involved in the matter.
- The proposed service for families who must care after a family member affected by Alzheimer's disease
- The participation in the World Exhibition EXPO 2015 in Milan which will involve also the Mediterranean lions.
- The activation of the Lions University with summer courses on "solidarity economy" to be held in France.

A full description of these activities is contained in the documents of the Conference.

6b) Further initiatives and research of synergy :

- fighting diabetes
- operation recycled eyeglasses
- assistance to the immigrants
- publication "Mer Vivante"
- SO-SAN activity: Health solidarity
- "Medico France" activity
- service "Le reseau du sourire"

7. PDG Mohamed Ben Cheikh informs about the results on the microcredit initiative in Tunisia.

A representative of a local Foundation declares the availability of his own institution to implement micro-credit.

The International President expressed his appreciation for the initiative, which is already implemented in India and this reinforces the intent to widen the spread in the Mediterranean Area.

8. After the intervention of the International Director Oya Sebuk, Past International President Wayne A. Madden takes the floor bringing the greetings and congratulations of the Association and as Chairman of the Foundation recommends supporting the initiatives of the Foundation which is always willing to support the initiatives of service. Therefore invites the members of the Observatory to request the intervention of the Foundation for the realization of service, specially for the ones organized in collaboration with the lions of Mediterranean countries.

9. The Coordinator closes the meeting, thanking all the participants and in particular PIP Wayne A.Madden for his precious participation and all those who actively contributed to the works of the Observatory.

Next meeting will be in Pescara on March 2015, and therefore the Coordinator invites all attendants to promote a wide participation to such Conference.

There being no other business, the Coordinator closes the meeting at 6.00 p.m.

COORDINATOR
PDG Aron Bengio

SECRETARY-ARCHIVIST
PID Massimo Fabio