BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEDITERRANEAN SOLIDARITY OBSERVATORY

MINUTES OF THE 17TH MEETING - PESCARA

On March 20th 2015 at 3.00 p.m. took place in Pescara, at the Congress Pavillion, the 17th meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mediterranean Solidarity Observatory to discuss the attached agenda to be considered completing part of these minutes.

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	
PDG	Kamal	El Himdy	Coordination Committee	
CC	Michele	Serafini	MD 108	Italy
CC	MiguelAngel	Fernandez Martin	MD 116	Spain
PID	Luis	Dominguez	MD 116	Spain
CC	Emilianos	Chrysopoulos	MD 117	Greece
PDG	Selva	Hulgen	MD 118	Turkey (by proxy CC Sedat Tokturk)
PDG	Dorijan	Marsic	D 129	Croatia
PDG	Hasan	Emam	D 352	Egypt (by proxy DG Taher Kamal)
PDG	Mohamed	Elhawary	D 352	Egypt
DG	Bader	Amuri	D 414	Tunisia
DG	Sid Ahmed	Serradj	D 415	Algeria
DG	Faouzi	Merini	D 416	Morocco
ZC	Tom	Restall	Zone	Malta

Are attending the 2015-2017 delegates :

DG	Claude	Cappez	MD 103	France
PDG	Franco	Marchesani	MD 108	Italy
PDG	Jelil	Bouraoui	D 414	Tunisia
PDG	Mostafa	Chouaki	D 415	Algeria
PDG	Mourad	Charif D'Ouazzane	D 416	Morocco

Besides are attending: The International President Joe Preston, IDs Roberto Fresia and Oya Sebuk, PIDs Naresh Aggarwal, Salim Moussan, Philippe Gerondal, Ermanno Bocchini, Paolo Bernardi, George Placet, Domenico Messina, Hayri Ulgen.
Works are attended by many Governors, PCCs, PDGs, VDGs as well as over two hundred lions from twelve out of the seventeen member countries of the Observatory. Totally are attending about three hundred lions.

Observatory Coordinator PDG Aron Bengio opens the meeting welcoming the attendants and thanking for the large participation.
The Secretary-Archivist of the Observatory PID Massimo Fabio declares the meeting valid being present twelve Countries validly represented.

1. Coordinator PDG Aron Bengio newly welcomes all the participants and introduces the International Officers, thanking them for their presence, in particular International President Joe Preston and International Directors Oya Sebuk and Roberto Fresia.
Once again the presence of the greatest representatives of the Association confirms the great interest of the LCI for the Mediterranean initiative which is now an official event in the international calendar of active and proactive Lionism. The Coordinator reminds the purposes of the Observatory and fully illustrates the evolution of both the Observatory and the Conference of the Mediterranean that has been occurring with an ever increasing importance of the collaboration between members and spread of mutual service.

2. Secretary-Archivist PID Massimo Fabio illustrates the situation of Lionism in the Mediterranean area with some critical situations due to the political and economic conjuncture in the area, but also with positive feedback for the Lionistic social aspect. Then shows the procedure for the vote that the Board will have to give in many particularly important items on the agenda.

3. The Coordinator informs about contacts with some Countries to solicit their adhesion to the Observatory. He refers about the desire of joining the Observatory from a non-coastal European district of the Mediterranean Area. A solution will have to be adopted for a relationship in compliance with the regulations.

4. Albanian Lions have requested to join the Observatory as effective members obtaining the approval of all clubs in the country , as specified by Contact Person Luigi Nidito.
The Board unanimously approves the formal adhesion of the Albanian Lions to the Mediterranean Solidarity Observatory starting from July 2015. All the participants welcome the decision with an applause.

5. PDG Coordinator Aron Bengio refers about his report that represents the moral evaluation for the past two years, showing in details all the actions done and the results , in order to enforce the Observatory operating skills and the strategy of the Lions Mediterranean Conference .
Several efforts and innovations made the evolution of Lionism in the Mediterranean area more shared and felt, the participation spirit of the members has increased, but most of all the role of Lionism has been enforced in a general context, in a general context very sensitive from a social and humanitarian point of view.
Particularly important in terms of communication was the spread of the "MSO NEWS", synthetic newsletter, while the setting and the editing of the official website has been further updated and improved with a new approach, a new server, a new web address now: www.msolions.org .
A long intense applause concludes the moral report of the Coordinator, the proper thanks for two years of total and devoted commitment.

6. Item dedicated to issues of general interest:
a) DG Cesara Pasini illustrates the participation of lions to EXPO2015 MILAN: it represents an extraordinary opportunity for visibility- The celebration of the Centennial of the Lions Clubs International will be the subject for intense activity in all districts and for initiatives of the Observatory
b) PDG Mario Castellaneta illustrates the 2019 Convention that will be held in Milan and therefore will need a large participation of the Mediterranean Lions.

7. Lions activities within the Observatory are introduced by the Coordinator that reminds the recommendations approved by the Conference of Tangier, the spread of recycled eyeglasses, the realization of micro-credit projects, the initiative of the special talking book.
Interventions: Banca degli Occhi - PDG Michele Cipriani
SO-SAN Health Solidarity - Lion Salvatore Trigona
Fight against diabetes - Lion Marco Tagliaferri
Water for Life - PDG Mario Rinaldi
Rare Diseases - PDG Gianfranco Ferradini
MK - PDG Giuseppe Innocenti

8. a) The presentation of the Conference 2016 in Malta is submitted by ZC Tom Restall who introduces a specific video and informs that the Conference will take place from March 17th to 19th, 2016 and proposes a general theme "Cultural Diversity in the Mediterranean area", while the sessions will be named as follows:
- Environmental session: Solar Energy for a cleaner environment
- Economic and social session :Economic and social impact of the migrants
- Proposals are unanimously approved.

b) As to the voting for the choice of the venue for the Conference 2017, confirmed and agreed nominations are two: Beirut (Lebanon) e Alexandria (Egypt).
After the submission of the candidacies, also presented through a video, there's the vote by secret ballot.
The result of the voting is as follows: Beirut 3 votes - Alexandria 16 votes.

9.To the open discussion took part in various topics Mourad Charif D'Ouezzane, PDG Mostafa Chouaki, PDG Franco Marchesani e PDG Selva Ulgen.

10. Coordinator PDG Aron Bengio ends the interactive session of the meeting briefly resuming the main items of the topics discussed.

11. The Coordinator opens the regulatory session of the meeting, thanks the members of the Board, greets the new delegates for the next two years and gives the floor to the Secretary-Archivist PID Massimo Fabio, who explains the procedures for voting the various offices that will have effect from July 1st 2015 until June 30th 2017.
a) The delegates regularly appointed by the members of the Observatory as per attached list and integral part of this report, are introduced.
b) Two candidacies for the election of the Observatory Coordinator for the two years term 2015-2017 have been submitted in due time:
PDG Sami Berbari (Lebanon) and PDG Nikos Sevrisarianos (Greece)
The vote by secret ballot gives the following results:
PDG Sevrisarianos 1 vote - PDG Berbari 13 votes
Therefore PDG Sami Berbari is appointed Coordinator of the Observatory 2015-2017 receiving a long applause from all the attendants.
c) The vote for the choice of the Conference 2017 venue is confirmed therefore Alexandria (Egypt) will be the venue.
The appointment of four members of the Coordination Committee cannot be made, there being no submission of regular candidacies from the members of the Observatory. Therefore the applications that will be submitted will be examined at the meeting to be held in Augsburg (Bavaria) within the European Forum of October 2015, to complete provisionally the Coordination Committee which will be officially elected at the meeting that will be held in Malta.

12. International Officers ID Oya Sebuk and ID Roberto Fresia express their satisfaction for the works of the Conference and for the activity of the Observatory.

13. Very applauded the intervention of the International President Joe Preston confirming its full appreciation for the Mediterranean initiative and for the international activity carried out in connection with the purposes and programs of Lions Clubs International.

14. At the end of the intensive work of the Board, Coordinator PDG Aron Bengio proclaims the PDG Sami Berbari Coordinator of the Observatory 2015-2017, wishing him great success and all the best for his work.
The Conference of Mediterranean Lions 2017 will be held for the first time in Egypt, Alexandria, a further concrete step in the path of the lions of the Mediterranean area in the name of mutual understanding and cooperation between the clubs around the basin for the common good. PDG Sami Berbari thanks for the trust and commits to do everything possible for the progress of the

initiative and calls on everybody so that the spirit of cooperation, which must always inform the actions of lions, may never lack.

15. PDG Aron Bengio closes the meeting thanking the attendants and inviting them to take part to the upcoming events: Europa Forum of Augusta in October 2015 and most of all the Lions Mediterranean Conference which will be held in Malta from 17 to 19 March, 2016.

PDG Aron Bengio
MSO Coordinator

PID Massimo Fabio
MSO Secretary-Archivist

18th LIONS MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE IN PESCARA

Session: MEDITERRANEAN SOLIDARITY OBSERVATORY

Friday, 20 March 2015 – Padiglione dei Congressi – Marina di Pescara – 15h00

AGENDA

1 – Opening session and Conference theme

2 –Address of the Secretary-Archivist and quorum verification

3 – New adhesions to the MSO : Mediterranean area, other areas

4 – Presentation of new candidacies for the entry, vote

5 – Moral balance of the two-year period, Coordinator

6 – Lions activities of general interest: Expo, Centennial, Milan Convention

7 – Lions activities within the Observatory

- 7a - Communications: recommendations Tangier, services, CD, micro-credit
- 7b - Speeches : Eye Bank, SoSan, diabetes, poster, eyeglasses

8 - Next Conferences:

- 8 a – Presentation of the 2016 Conference in Malta, vote of the themes, poll
- 8 b – Presentation of new candidacies for 2017

9 – Open discussion

10 – Conclusion of interactive works

11 – Normative part

- 11a - Introduction of the delegates for the two-year period 2015-2017
- 11b - Election of the Observatory Coordinator 2015-2017
- 11c – Vote of the 2017 Conference venue

12 – Address of International Officers

13 – Address of the International President

14 – Appointment of the Coordinator and of the new Coordination Committee, appointed venue for 2017

15 – Closing session

PDG Aron Bengio
Coordinator 2013-15

PID Massimo Fabio
Secretary-Archivist