

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

Betina Museum of Wooden Shipbuilding

Visitors centre, Trg na moru 1, Betina

8 June 2019

EC members present at the meeting:

Maria Paola Profumo (MPP), President; Miquel Martí (MM) and Davide Gnola (DG), Vice Presidents; Elvira Mata (EM), Honorary Member; Tea Perinčić (TP), Kate Šikić Čubrić (KS), ordinary members, Lluïsa Prieto (LP), Secretary/Treasurer.

Ece Çetin, Lurdes Boix (LB), ordinary members, cannot attend.

GA participants:

Sandra Barešin (SB); Hendrik Boland (HB); Pierangelo Campodonico (PC); Annalisa Canali (AC); Franco Cossutta (FC); Maurizio Daccà (MD); Daniela Đukić (DD), Thedo Fruithof (TF); Franco Juri (FJ); Martine van Lier (ML); Giuseppe Merlini (GM); Robert Mohović (RM); Valeria Magliano (VM); Giuseppe Merlini (GM); Petra Blažević (PB); Mercè Toldra Dalmau (MT); Danka Radić (DR); Duška Žitko (DZ)

The meeting starts at 11h.

1. Welcome by the President

MPP welcomes all the AMMM members and thanks them for having attended the Betina Forum. This is a great opportunity to get to know this Croatian reality.

2. List of tasks developed during year 2018-2019

MPP thanks Kate Šikić Čubrić for the great task developed to organise the forum. A preliminary meeting took place in Venice in 2018 with the members of the EC to reach agreement on the content proposed and the organisation.

Another task developed during the year was the relations within networks, concretely with the future structure of the south of France. There was a meeting in Sète in early Easter. AMMM plays a role of assessment for the creation of the future French network. In absence of MPP, Sabrina Marlier, from the Arles Musée départemental Arles antique and AMMM member, acted as spokeswoman of MPP and presented the AMMM in this third meeting of the golf de Lion.

On the other hand there was a meeting on 30th January 2019 in Marseille related to the project detailed below: "Méditerranée, terroir divin: Carnet de voyages 2018".

What concerns the museums of the Southern Italy, Campania, there was a third meeting in early summer to which the AMMM President, attended. It was organised to progress in the constitution of maritime museums of Campania. Antonio Riccio from the Associazione Proval, and AMMM member, is working on this matter. Their initiative is led by the town hall of Amalfi. This network is not yet formalised.

3. Update on AMMM membership

MPP informs that there has been an increase of members within the AMMM. She is happy to see that new young generations share interest in maritime heritage and now form part of the Association.

She asks all members to keep on spreading the Association with the aim of enlarging members. This is a key objective of our structure. In fact the organisation of the forum in different places gives us the chance to open doors to new entities, be them museums or associations.

LP says that in year 2018 there are 57 members: 37 full members and 20 affiliate members. Please note that the number of affiliate members listed in the website is 17. The reason being is that 3 members are persons (individuals). Following the Personal Data legislation, we cannot publish their names.

3.1 Irregularities related to approved members

Back in 2015 the new membership of the following entities were voted and approved as affiliate members during the GA. These entities never sent the form to become members. Four years later, the situation is the same. These are:

- Torre mare Bari
- Istiaen (Cesenatico contact)
- Iriae, (Naples contact)
- Federació Catalana per la Cultura i el Patrimoni Marítim i Fluvial (FCCPMF)(Barcelona contact)

MPP informs that some colleagues will try to contact them: DG takes responsibility for Istiaen; EM and MM for the FCCPMF; MPP will ask AM to contact Iriae and FJ to contact Bari. FJ says that he does not know this entity. As nobody knows Torre mare Bari, it is decided to drop out them.

3.2 Pending memberships

MPP tried unsuccessfully to contact Tusa to learn what the situation on the Arsenale di Palermo was. Following Tusa's decease LP will try to contact the Ecomuseo Mare Memoria Viva who is located in the Arsenale and try to get more information.

MPP and DM, President of EMH, signed at Betina a letter of reciprocity membership between both associations. In other words, EMH is full member of AMMM and AMMM is an advisory member of EMH. MPP invites EMH to participate in future AMMM forums.

3.3 Voting on new members

LP informs that Parc naturel marin du Golfe du Lion sent all the documentation to become affiliate member. MPP calls for vote. All members agree unanimously, none against, no abstentions, to this new member.

RM says that the Association Vela Latina from Murter wishes to become affiliate member. The form is to be sent but he asks if we can vote. MPP calls for vote. All members present agree unanimously, none against, no abstentions, to this new member.

3.4 Members not complying with payment duties

It is to be reminded that according to GA decision of year 2018 at Naples: members that don't pay 3 years in a row, since 2017, will no longer be members. MMP reminds that AMMM fees are low (50€ and 30€). It may be true that some entities don't have resources but it is not the case in other cases.

As per decision of MPP, LP sent a letter in May to few members requesting their payment of 2019 or they would lose membership.

The Museo vivo del mare di Pioppi, Pollica -Salerno: (member of 2016) said they would pay year 2019. MPP informs that if Pioppi does not pay on returning from Betina, this member will be out.

The Museum of Gibraltar did not reply to the mail.

The Naval Museum of Madrid did not receive this mail because back in March LP started negotiations with them as they requested invoices instead of payment letters. A solution was given to them but no answer is received yet. This is a Museum that for long has been in AMMM but was actually never active.

As these museums are not complying with AMMM Statutes, there is a call for vote to drop them out:

Votes for Gibraltar Museum= all members vote unanimously, none against, no abstentions, to drop this member out of the Association.

Votes for the Madrid Museum= all members vote unanimously, none against, no abstentions, to drop this member out of the Association.

Vote for Museo vivo del mare di Pioppi= all members vote unanimously, none against, no abstentions, to drop this member out of the Association if the payment is not made within the month of June.

MPP asks LP to write a letter informing on the decision of the General Assembly and hoping that they might reconsider joining the Association in the future.

The case of Algeria, this museum replied that they understood our claim and that they would drop out. MPP proposes not to accept this drop out. It is difficult for them to create their museum and even less to participate in the AMMM activities. She proposes to make an exception, as goodwill for their future museum. It is important for the AMMM to give support to a member from the North of Africa. We would like however to maintain contact with them as often as possible.

MPP calls for vote if the Algeria future museum remains member= all members vote unanimously, none against, no abstentions, in favour of maintaining Algeria as AMMM member. LP will inform them.

LP informs that the Ecomuseo urbano Mare Memoria Viva at Palermo quit membership (Feb 2020) as they cannot attend to meetings.

4. AMMM supports initiatives by joining partnerships

The company Cartoon Spirit, French producers of cardboards had the initiative of creating a photographic project called “Méditerranée, terroir divin: Carnet de voyages 2018” to promote Mediterranean landscape and vine. They asked for the support of AMMM who provided the logotype. Further information at:

<http://www.carttoonspirit.com/actualites/743/>

AMMM gave support to Paolo Sivelli from the – Associazione Vele d’Epoca Verbano, that organises a gathering on classical boats and maritime heritage entitled Tra Legno e Acqua 2019, that took place in January 2019 in Varese, Italy. For further information check <https://www.veledepocaverbano.com/> DG is related to them. He says he will forward a dissemination document to the AMMM. TF comments that they might be interested in joining the AMMM.

5. Initiative to promote the art of navigation on lateen sail as UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage

EM informs that two years ago, during a meeting held in Golf du Lion, the Maritime Museum of Barcelona (MMB) had the initiative to declare the art of navigation on lateen sail in the Mediterranean as UNESCO intangible heritage.

In France, Alain Blayo, former president of the FPMM and AMMM member, put together an application file and presented the documentation to the National Ministry of France. This application is now formally approved since 2018. Moreover, Blayo has also contacts and possible partners in Egypt and Tunisia.

What concerns Spain, both Miquel Martí and Elvira Mata will meet the 11th of June 2019 with the heritage responsible at the regional government of Catalonia.

EM adds that if many Mediterranean countries work together we can have more chances to obtain the approval of UNESCO. Experts advised her that the best country to present an application is Croatia, as it is a quite new adhered EU country. However, each country must first work individually to obtain their national recognition.

DG says that we all talk about lateen sail but in the Adriatic it is “al terzo”. Maybe we should present it as traditional sail, which would include many different varieties of sails. He wonders what Alain Blayo would think about this. In naming it traditional sail, tall ships would be included, which is not our objective. Moreover he says that the initiative should be promoted in Venice and Rimini. He also adds that they are working on an EU project called Arca centred on the navigation “al terzo”.

TH comments that they are working in a similar project in Sweden and they might give a hand, if needed.

EM offers herself and the MMB to coordinate the project. She wishes to organise a meeting in October at the Maritime Museum to start working on this.

MPP calls for vote regarding MMB coordination and Croatia being the country that applies for the UNESCO declaration. This initiative may involve many AMMM countries at different stages. Members present vote unanimously, none against, no abstentions, to work in these lines from now on.

6. Other matters proposed by the President and the EC
(There is a change of order in the agenda - 9 moves to 6)

Maurizio Daccà informs that he assisted in the signature of the twinning of two institutions: Mu.MA and Yacht Club Costa Smeralda/One Ocean Foundation. The objective of the twinning is the protection of the sea through the mutual recognition of the Charta of the Sea and the Charta Smeralda. Following Piero Ajello's difficulties to create the Water Eco-museum, Mu.MA thought a project to work with the Yacht Club. This project would also go in line with the AMMM philosophy related to networks between museums.

An idea was born to organise a conference in September 2019 to debate about Sardinian cultural maritime seascape with the cooperation of AMMM. Environment and culture ministries can participate as well as local stakeholders, associations and other entities. This can be a place to highlight Sardinian potentialities, critical issues and define the priorities of valorisation interventions in a strategy and common objectives that can combine conservation with the tourist development of the island and its community. The EC members agree to give support to this initiative.

7. Next Forum: Barcelona 2020: Intangible heritage

As agreed in former General Assemblies, Barcelona will organise the 2020 edition. The Maritime Museum of Barcelona worked a draft programme proposal which EM presented to the EC. The date of the forum will

be between the 3rd and the 5th of June and will last two days and a half. She hopes to have a final draft in autumn and will duly inform all AMMM members and invite them to send their proposals. What concerns the annual meeting where the EC discusses the Forum content, MPP thinks that due to the advanced stage of the programme proposal it may be possible that it might not take place on this occasion. TP is glad that the programme is prepared in such advance. This way it is easier to allocate the trip expenditure.

In relation to future Forum organisers, MD and PC from Genoa requested to organise it in year 2021. It is reminded that past agreements of GA members are as follow:

General Assembly Meeting of Genoa in 2016

It was agreed by all members that Piran would organise the forum in 2019 and Barcelona in 2020.

Having in mind the AMMM philosophy to give new museums the opportunity to present themselves to members, Franco Juri gave Betina the opportunity to present her museum and reality to AMMM in 2019.

General Assembly Meeting of Cesenatico in 2017

Discussions go in line with the organisation of Naples Forum.

General Assembly Meeting of Naples in 2018

The list of candidates enlarged as follows:

2020 Barcelona

2021 Piran

2022 San Benedetto del Tronto

2023 Malta

See minutes at http://www.ammm-info.net/images/ammm/aboutus/Minutes/Naples_GA_Minutes_2018.pdf

Again, Franco Juri was very kind to give EM the opportunity to organise her last forum before retiring. Barcelona had organised an edition 16 years ago. This future edition would be a suitable time to show members the restored shipyards of 2011 and new museography.

So, having moved the date once again, FJ informs that he proposes the Piran Forum of 2021 with a focus on **inclusive sea and museums**. In other words, there will be a debate about openness, accessibility to society (including those vulnerable, immigrant communities, disabled, etc.), and to set it all from integrating museums. He wishes to organise the forum in the framework of an event of May 25th related to traditional boats.

So following Piran, San Benedetto del Tronto will take over in year 2022 and Malta in 2023. MPP informs that she will ask Malta if they are still interested in organising the Forum. In that case, Genoa will organise the forum in year 2024.

MPP calls for vote. All presents vote in favour, 1 full member against, no abstentions.

8. Website: new technician to upgrade and maintain the website

LP explains that a new external technician is upgrading and maintaining the website. MPP insists in members uploading news and events of international interest.

9. Treasury (LP): Settlement of year 2018 and provision of expenditure for 2020

LP gives out copies of the settlement of 01/01/2018 to 31/12/2018 and informs that:

The Balance/Settlement of 2017 was 1,670.47 €

The Income and Expenditure's Balance of 2018 is 1,879.33 €
Therefore, the Balance/Settlement on 31st Dec 2018 is **3,549.80 €**

MPP calls for vote: all members vote in favour of the settlement, none against, no abstentions.
What concerns the estimate of expenditure for year 2019, income estimate of membership is 2,860 € and the expenditure related to maintenance of website is 756.25 €. Therefore the global estimate balance for year 2019 is 2,103.75 €.

MPP calls for vote: all members vote in favour of the estimate of expenditure for 2019, none against, no abstentions.

10. Other matters

- The network of the Adriatic is another structure working on the formalisation of a network. At present they work in close collaboration in European projects and joint actions. The members involved are Cesenatico, Rijeka and Betina. At present they work to enlarge partnership in the territory. TP reminds members that year 2020 Rijeka is the European Capital of Culture. This can be a good opportunity to constitute formally the network.
- LP gives out copies on affiliate and full members and a second one with the names and emails of persons. According to the Protection of Data legislation, we are not allowed to send names and emails of members. The EC decided that LP will ask for permission to all members by email requesting only negative answers from members.
- RM asks if members placed the AMMM logotype plate in their museums. There are no actual replies. It is decided to resend the material to all members. It is also requested to all museums to send a photo of the plate.

The meeting ends at 13h.

Barcelona, 3 July 2019

Maria Paola Profumo
President

Lluïsa Prieto
Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Profumo'.A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lluïsa Prieto'.