

AMMM General Assembly Minutes

Museo della Marineria, Cesenatico

Saturday, 6 May 2017

Members present at the meeting:

EC members: Maria Paola Profumo (MPP), President; Davide Gnola (DG) and Anna Fuentes (AF), Vice Presidents; Tea Perinčić (TP), Franco Juri (FI) and Antonio Mussari (AM), ordinary members; Elvira Mata (EM), Honorary Member; Lluïsa Prieto (LP), Secretary/Treasurer; Franca Acerenza (FA), co-opted member.

GA participants: Luis Alejandro Sintes (LA); Mirela Bilic (MB); Lurdes Boix (LB); Mario Cappa (MC); , Cesare Cardinali (CC); José Maria Cardona Natta (JC); Joana Català Coll (JCC); Franco Cossutta (FC); Anna Dentoni (AD); Martina Gamboz (MG); Ana Ivanovic (AV), Andrea Mangialardo (AM); Pietro Maniscalco (PM); Miquel Martí (MM); Giuseppe Merlini (GM); Robert Mohović (RM); Tamara Nikolic (TN), Maria Celilia Profumo (MCP); John Robinson (JR); Roberto Romagnoli (RR), Kate Šikić Čubrić (KS); and Marina Turchetti (MT).

The meeting starts at 10.30h

1. Welcome by the President

MPP welcomes and thanks all members for being present at the meeting. She informs that there will be a change in the order of the agenda because some members must leave.

2. Next Forum: organiser, dates and ad hoc Forum Programme Committee

As agreed during the Genoa GA meeting of 2016, next forum will be organised by the Museo del Mare, Naples. Antonio Mussari will work in close liaison with the working group, formed by the new EC responsible members. The forum theme will be sustainability in terms of museums, economy, governance, environment, collections, and multimedia. AM will define it in a more concrete way and will send a proposal to the forum working group.

The act of giving the aubergine to next forum organiser takes place. DG offers AM a linen cloth decorated with painted aubergines made by a local artist.

3. Tasks developed during the year 2016-2017

MPP says that AMMM is an ICOM affiliate member since 2016, and our association of museums related to maritime heritage forms now part of the ICOM member list! This entity is principally constituted by art museums. Therefore it is very important that AMMM is included. Finally maritime heritage is represented within the ICOM by means of AMMM. What concerns the ICOM Letter of Milano, we also tried to contribute with two lines on maritime heritage content « from the landscape to the seascape » but unfortunately our lines were not included in the Milano Charter. MPP wishes that each museum works locally with their ICOM representative in order to try to make them understand the need to be concerned about maritime heritage. There is a meeting in Paris next June, but no one from the EC can attend it.

MPP reminds that EM had to write and translate an article on AMMM but it was not accepted by the editor. Apparently it should have been a research article, but this was not Garlandini's request, who specified it had to be a general article on the association. MPP insists on disseminating this article. It will therefore be sent to all members. The GA participant members agree to this.

Last month of April, Maria Paola Profumo, Franca Acerenza, Elvira Mata, Roger Marcet and Samuel Villeveille participated in a gathering organised by the French Association Escale à Sète directed by Wolfgang Idiri. This association wishes to create a network of maritime museums in the south of France. The role of the Association Escale à Sète within the future network is that of facilitators, as it has many contacts but its entity is not a museum. MPP reminds that last year Wolfgang Idiri went to the Genoa Forum and presented the maritime festival Escale à Sète.



This association invites AMMM to participate in a round table in Sète next October 2017 and also extends the invitation to participate in the 2018 edition of the maritime festival, with stands, an exhibit, round tables...

And, last but not least the key objective of AMMM is to work to enlarge and grow with more members. She thanks all those who made personal efforts to invite new members in their territory.

4. The AMMM website and Facebook

LP explains that since February there have been problems with the server and the webpage. The server informed of problems and suggested a change of internal hosting services. Changes were made but then learned the web had suffered an attack. The hosting server, acknowledging their mistake, changed again to the original configuration there was. The attack issue was then solved by the AMMM technicians. However, there were two more attacks until end of April 2017. The problem was located in the users' administration section which means that it affects the webpage and the boats database (all users can access with a same assigned password to news and bbdd). The reason for the attacks was supposedly due to not upgrading the software and not providing protections to the website.

Meanwhile LP worked testing the database and writing the bilingual manual. There was also an additional problem when uploading photographs but eventually the technicians found out there were incompatibilities when using Internet Explorer 10. The database functions properly when browsing in Chrome, Firefox, Internet Explorer 11...

What concerns Facebook, during last GA, LP was asked to check on possibilities to have an AMMM Facebook. The options were presented to the EC, who decided not to create a FB, as it would not work without an administrator and not all museums have institutional FB accounts. The only way of sharing news is between the same type of accounts and some museums have individual accounts.

As a conclusion, MPP invites once again members to add news in any of the 4 official AMMM languages (English, Spanish, Italian or French) and try to make it more dynamic. LP will send soon the passwords.

5. Update on AMMM membership

LP informs that there are a total of 49 members: 32 full member and 17 affiliate members. She gives copies of the list of members, their affiliation, payment update and emails document to all present members.

- New adhesions of AMMM

An adhesion effective as of 2017 is the Musée départemental Arles antique, as per French approval in March 2017.

- New requests to become members

There have been the following requests to become **affiliate member**:

- *Association Escale a Sète (Wolfgang Idiri)*
Last year they made a presentation of their Association and Escale à Sète at the Genoa Forum. The form is sent.
- *The Association Proval*, who works on the creation of the Rete del Mare in Campania, presents a form, a recommendation letter and their Statutes. They made a presentation during the Cesenatico Forum.
Pietro Maniscalco, no longer director of the Arsenale di Palermo, wishes to become affiliate member, as a researcher in maritime heritage. The form is sent.

The President asks the GA participants to vote for the three affiliate member candidacies presented above and the new members are approved by unanimity.

There has been one **museum nomination**:

- *The Musa museo del sale*, Cervia, who made a presentation of the museum earlier. They will soon send the documentation.

Several future memberships are **in process**:

- *Parc Natural del Golf de Lió*
Once received the approval of their administration, a form for affiliate member will be sent.
- *Musée d'Histoire de Marseille*

Laurent Vedrine informs the museum wishes to become full member but first needs the approval of the French administration.

- The *Museu de la Cuina de la Costa Catalana at Tossa de Mar* will send their candidacy to become full member. They are now working on formally becoming a museum.
 - The *Maritime Museum in Split* will send the documentation to become full member.
- **Membership cases for CE deliberation**

Ecomuseum Moscenicka Draga

During the GA meeting of 2016, Robert Mohovic requested the change of status of the Ecomuseum Moscenicka Draga, from affiliate to full member because the museum was now formally constituted. After reviewing the documentation sent, the EC members decide to approve this change of status. All GA participants agree to this.

European Maritime Heritage

The EMH President agreed last week on a AMMM and EMH reciprocal membership right, which means that both subscriptions get cancelled, financially speaking, and no transfer of funds will be necessary. AMMM will become an Advisory member of EMH, and EMH continues to be a full member. Both entities will sign a letter stating this fact.

- **Other information related to membership**

Stefania Zanna was responsible for the creation of the Ecomuseo urbano Mare Memoria Viva. She is now working in other projects. The Ecomuseum responsible contacts are: Cristina Alga.

The Musée maritime national d'Algérie is now directed by Ms. Amel Mokrani. The new director sent a mail saying she could not pay years 2015, 2016 and 2017. In view of the objectives of AMMM to enlarge and that the direction of the Museum changed two years ago, Presidency decides to pardon two years payment and accept just that of year 2017.

Joana Català, historic affiliate member quitted as director of La Fortalesa la Mola in Menorca. She wishes to maintain her condition as affiliate due to her relationship with maritime heritage of the Port of Mahó. She has recently been appointed Culture General Director of the Balearic Government. She is congratulated for her recent appointment.

The Arsenale di Palermo is now managed by Sebastiano Tusa (Regione Siciliana). AMMM does not know if they wish to remain full member. The President will send Mr. Tusa a letter.

6. Approval on settlement of expenditure of year 2016 and provisions for year 2017

There was no time to inform on the following points here included:

LP informs that since September 2016, our bank Catalunya Caixa was absorbed by Banco Bilbao Vizcaya. This was duly informed in the membership fee of 2017.

An online access to the account with no maintenance costs was negotiated. This tool will help facilitate income. Please remember to specify name museum and payment year only when transferring money.

LP could claim the refund of some internal bank commissions. This must be checked on a regular basis and asked for refunding.

International commissions cannot be claimed. This year there was a 50€ fee which, after commissions, AMMM received 21€ only! The payer must deal with these commissions.

Settlement of year 2016 and provision of expenditure for 2017

LP gives copies of the settlement document to all present members. The settlement of 31/12/2015 is 1,854.63€. The total expenditure of year 2016 is -458.36€ (negative). However, the total settlement is positive: 1,396.27€.

The estimation of expenditure/income for the year 2017 is of 2,372€, being 968€ an expenditure related to web maintenance.

MPP asks for approval to this settlement and all presents vote in favour, unanimously.

7. AMMM plate proposal

LP was asked to make a proposal of an AMMM plate for museum members to hang in museum walls. The proposal presented is a methacrylate plate with two holes to hang; the measures would be of approx. A4 horizontal, it is ink printed on material; and an orientation price would be between of 50-80€.

LP presents a design on powerpoint. TP asks if a QR can be added on the plate linking it to the website. Everybody agrees on the design and the QR. LP will add a QR and send the typography and colour features, the image in ai format –an open format for designers to make changes–, so that each museum can add their logotype and translate the sentence in their language.

The idea is therefore that each museum produces a plate on the basis of a same model. MPP asks to members to send photos of the plate on walls.

8. Voting on the New Executive 2017-2020

Before starting with the future EC representatives, MPP thanks Davide Gnola and his team for their efficient work in organising this year's Forum and gives him a gift as gratitude.

MPP says that during this period 2013-2017 the Executive was formed by: President: Maria Paola Profumo / Vice-Presidents: Anna Fuentes and Davide Gnola / Ordinary members: Tea Perinčić, Ece Irmak, Franco Juri and Antonio Mussari. MPP thanks all EC members for their very useful and friendly collaboration

She adds that it is time to choose the new Executive. She gives the word to EM who reminds Statutes by saying that half of the members plus one can be re-elected for a maximum of eight years, and three must renew. She also reminds attendees that LP requested candidacies of the new Executive to all members. Having analysed all proposals on the basis of:

- What the Statutes say regarding re-election
- The territorial equilibrium
- The idea that the EC is formed by museums, not only people, and all must be represented.

Therefore the new EC proposal is as follows:

- Maria Paola Profumo, Galata, Museo del Mare, Genoa, Italy: who offered herself available for President
- Davide Gnola, Museo della Marineria, Cesenatico, Italy: Vice-President
- Miquel Martí, Museo de la Pesca, Palamós, Spain: Vice-President
- Tea Perinčić, Pomorski i Povijesni Muzej Hrvatskog Primorja Rijeka, Croatia: Ordinary member
- Lurdes Boix, Museu de l'Anxova i la Sal, l'Escala, Spain: Ordinary member
- Kate Šikić Čubrić, Betina Museum of Wooden Shipbuilding, Betina, Croatia: Ordinary member
- Ece Irmak, Deniz Müzesi Komutanlığı, Istanbul, Turkey: Ordinary member

EM informs that there will be a new figure of co-opted members within the Executive Committee. This figure will to provide assessment to the committee but will not have vote. The people chosen for this responsibility are Franca Acerenza, Galata, Museo del Mare and John Robinson, European Maritime Heritage. In addition Antonio Mussari will be co-opted member as responsible for next Forum of Naples. This co-opted member will change annually.

EM further informs that four museums (Museu de la Mediterrània, Museu del Port de Tarragona, Site de Paulilles, and Museu d'Història de Sant Feliu de Guíxols) delegated their vote in EM.

EM calls for voting. All present museums vote in favour of the new Executive, one abstention of the President, Maria Paola Profumo.

LP will work on a Spanish translation of the GA minutes and will send it to the Spanish Ministry in order to inform formally on the new EC representatives for their records.

9. News or other matters

- The Consulenza per la Gestione Aziendale carries out a study for the European Commission - DG MARE aimed at revamping the *Virtual Knowledge Centre* (VKC) in the Mediterranean. The VKC is a tool of



knowledge sharing aimed at supporting the implementation of Blue Growth and Integrated Maritime Policy in the Mediterranean, enhancing cooperation and the governance in the Mediterranean.

AMMM was asked to fill in a form which was included in a database online: <http://www.med-vkc.eu/2016/projects/%20-%20/details/264>. LP did this task in October 2016.

- The Museo della pesca del Litorale di Trieste inaugurated the museum on the 25 September 2016.
- In September 2016 A Mussari requested AMMM's support by signing an online demand addressed to the Sindaco di Napoli asking if the Museo del Mare could use the structure "La porta del parco" located in Bagnoli, a place not used at present. This request was sent to all members.

The meeting ends at 12.00h.

Barcelona, 17 May 2017

Maria Paola Profumo
President

Lluïsa Prieto
Secretary

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