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MINUTES OF THE 14^o MEETING

On March 22nd 2012 at 4.00 p.m. took place in Athens, in a hall of the Divani Caravel Hotel, the 14^o meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mediterranean Solidarity Observatory to discuss the following agenda:

1. Opening address and speech of PDG Mohamed Ben Jemaa recognition of the Lions Mediterranean Conference
2. Speech of the Secretary-Archivist PID Massimo Fabio
3. Amendments to the rules "Sessions of the Conference"
4. New candidacies and support for the Observatory
5. Initiatives of the Observatory:
 - Lions Alzheimer in the Mediterranean Area
PDG Franco Marchesani and PCC Dominique Labussière
 - Mediterranean Lions University
PID Jacques Garelo
 - Micro-credit
DG Elena Appiani and DG Mohamed Ben Cheikh
6. Women's and Family Round Table
Initiative of International President Wing-Kun Tam:
"Women's and Family Membership Development Task Force"
ID Claudette Cornet member of the Task Force Committee
Kim Heyne Marketing Assistant to the LCI Membership and New Club Programs Department
7. Conference venue for the 2014
8. Presentation of the Conference and of the topics - 2013 Slovenia
9. Address of the LCI International Officers
 - * Second International Vice President Barry J. Palmer
 - * First International Vice President Wayne A. Madden
 - * International President Wing-Kun Tam

Are attending the members of the Board of Directors:

PDG Mohamed Ben Jemaa	Observatory Coordinator
PID Massimo Fabio	Observatory Secretary-Archivist
PDG Franco Marchesani	Coordination Committee
Lion L.Kleon Papadopoulos	Coordination Committee
PDG Rachid Jalakh	Coordination Committee
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DG Mohamed Ben Cheikh	D 414 Tunisia
DG Mostafa Chouaki	D 415 Algeria
ZC Tom Restall	Malta
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Besides are attending International President Wing-Kun Tam, First International Vice President Wayne Madden, Executive Director of LCI Peter Lynch, International Directors Claudette Cornet and Joaquin Cardoso Borralho, as well as PIDs Luis Dominguez Calderon, Jacques Garello, Jean Oustrin, Salim Moussan, Giovanni Rigone, Ton Soeters.

Works are attended by many DGs, first and second VDGs, PCCs and PDGs as well as many lions from thirteen out of the seventeen member countries of the Observatory.

Totally are attending more than ninety lions.

Observatory Coordinator IPDG Mohamed Ben Jemaa 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 thirteen Countries validly represented.

Agenda :

1. Coordinator PDG Mohamed Ben Jemaa addresses his welcome and introduces the many international officers thanking everybody and in particular the International President Wing-Kun Tam and the First International Vice President Wayne Madden who witness through their participation the great interest of Lions Clubs International for the initiative of the Mediterranean Lions.

The Coordinator warmly thanks President Wing-Kun Tam who decided to put the Lions Mediterranean Conference in the official Calendar of the Association and expresses the appreciation of the Observatory Board of

Directors for this meaningful and desired recognition of the commitment carried on for many years.

The Coordinator then shows the innovations of the program of the works of the Observatory and of the Conference: introduction of lions action proposals, the organization of the Conference sessions of which one is dedicated to the lionistic issues, the introduction of the Women's Round Table.

On the information plane, besides the website "msolions", a Facebook "**Msolions**" profile has been opened to allow a larger spread of contacts among clubs to implement service projects, twinnings and mutual initiatives in every field.

The Coordinator underlines the large participation to the Mediterranean Seminar held within the Europa Forum preceded by a meeting of the Coordination Committee: it is an important opportunity to make the European Lions aware about our initiative.

2. The Secretary-Archivist PID Massimo Fabio is glad of the large participation of the Observatory members and of the presence of the greatest lionistic Authorities together with the numerous PIDs and DGs of the Mediterranean Area. He reminds that the Board is called to decide changes to the Constitution and By-law of the Conference for which is necessary a qualified majority.

The Board will also decide the venue for the next conferences starting from 2014.

He finally reminds the spirit of understanding that always featured the works of the Observatory.

3. Proposals of changes to the Observatory and Conference rules are read out to in order to conform them to the new organization of the works already announced in the two previous meetings.

The proposal is unanimously approved (See attachment).

4. Coordinator PDG Mohamed Ben Jemaa informs that Lions of Ukraina (Provisional Region) have sent a request for joining the Observatory. The Coordination Committee has largely examined the matter pointing out that the possible acceptance would open the way to any lionistic situation overlooking the Black Sea. It is therefore a very delicate question for the Observatory that therefore will put it to the vote of the Board of Directors. In case it will be advisable a form of permanent invitation as associated member.

After a large discussion with different opinions, the voting brings the following results: for the adherence of Black Sea countries 13 nay; 4 aye. Therefore the request is not accepted.

5. Initiatives of the Observatory:

- PDG Franco Marchesani briefly shows the service project, worked out together with PCC Dominique Labussière , and explains the attention that we have to focus on the Alzheimer disease in the whole Mediterranean basin.

- DG Elena Appiani and DG Mohamed Ben Cheikh present a micro-credit project to be extended to the whole Mediterranean area on basis of pilot tests already in progress in Tunisia.

- PID Jacques Garello explains in details the initiative of a Mediterranean Lions University on the basis of the one already implemented in Europe, which will be realized already during the current year in Pavia, Italy and in Aix-en-Provence, France. The project named "Aristotele" will include cultural exchanges for youth and twinnings among the various universities.

6. The round table "Women's Round Table" is shown and explained by ID Claudette Cornet, member of the Commission "Women's and Family Development Task Force" established by International President Wing-Kun Tam.

7. Secretary-Archivist PID Massimo Fabio informs that three candidacies were submitted for the venue of the Conference 2014, it being understood that the Conference 2013 will take place in Ljubljana,

- Pescara(Italy) also presented with a video

- Malta presented by ZC Tom Restall

- Morocco of which the official letter is read out.

The discussion is open and ZC Tom Restall declares he wishes to come to an agreement among the three proposing members thus avoiding an unpleasant voting that risks to divide the Board of Directors which is instead the centre of understanding and collaboration among all the Mediterranean lions.

The Secretary-Archivist, appreciating such proposal, invites the representatives of the other two candidacies to express their opinion on the matter.

Both candidates show their availability for an agreement.

In order to allow the planning of the three candidacies, the Coordination Committee proposes to decide the venues for 2014, 2015 and 2016.

The Coordinator, taking note of the proposal submitted by Malta and accepted by Pescara and Morocco, proposes, in order to alternate the venue of the conference on the north and south Mediterranean shores, to assign the Conference to Morocco in 2014, to Pescara in 2015 and to Malta in 2016.

The proposal has been accepted by the three candidacies and with a general applause of all the Observatory members, without any objection.

The Coordinator is glad for the decision and congratulates with the three candidacies and all the Mediterranean lions for this spirit of understanding shown by the Observatory.

8. DG Dorijan Marsic illustrates next Conference in Ljubljana through a very effective video, and indicates the themes of the three sessions:

- Sustainable development and ecological economy

- Aging crisis of Mediterranean population

- Lionism:

- *Retention, extension, membership among lions and leos.

- *Aging problems in lions clubs.

9. First International Vice President Wayne A. Madden takes the floor and congratulates with the Coordination Committee for the good development of meeting and for the decisions taken.

International President Wing-Kun Tam closes the meeting.

He congratulates with the Mediterranean Lions for their exemplary and devoted dynamism.

He reminds that the International Association relies on the Mediterranean lions for the growth of Lionism in the Mediterranean area and that the recognition by the LCI is largely deserved.

He presses on the need of working together to serve and tells that in his opinion the way to be a lion spreads from a deep belief that there's the need to "use the heart to communicate".

Coordinator
PDG Mohamed Ben Jemaa

Secretary-Archivist
PID Massimo Fabio