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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**MEDITERRANEAN SOLIDARITY OBSERVATORY**

**MINUTES OF THE 11<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

On March 26<sup>th</sup> 2009 at 3.30 pm took place in a Hall of the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Gammarth-Tunisi, the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Mediterranean Solidarity Observatory (MSO) Board of Directors to discuss the following agenda:

1. Opening address of PID Salim Moussan
2. Information on the Mediterranean Solidarity Observatory
3. Speech of Secretary-Archivist PID Massimo Fabio
4. Appointment of the Board of Directors 2009-2011
5. Appointment of the Observatory Coordinator 2009-2011
6. Appointment of the Coordination Committee: four members (Art.4 of the By-law) 2009-2011
7. Report on the organization of the 2009 Conference in Tunis
8. Resolution on the venue for the 2010 Conference
9. Resolution on the venue for the 2011 Conference
10. Proposals on the venues for the following years
11. Miscellanea

Attendants :

PID Salim	Moussan	Observatory Coordinator
PID Massimo	Fabio	Observatory Secretary-Archivist
PCC Metin	Taskent	MD 118 Turkey
PDG Nejib	Chaabouni	D 414 Tunisia
PDG Aron	Bengio	MD 108 Italy
CC Salvatore	Giacona	MD 108 Italy
DG Mohamed	Ben Jemaa	D 414 Tunisia
DG Kamel	Bensahli	D 415 Algeria
DG Magdi	Azab	D 352 Egypt
PCC Dominguez	Calderon	MD 116 Spain
PDG Radko	Komadina	D 129 Slovenia

Besides attend the meeting the International Directors George Placet (France) e Hayri Ulgen (Turkey)

and PIDs Philippe Soustelle (France) e Jacques Garello (France)

Many PCCs and PDGs from Lebanon, Greece , Turkey, Tunisia, Algeria, Spain, France and Italy.

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Observatory Coordinator PID Salim Moussan opens the meeting welcoming the attendants and thanking them for their participation.

Observatory Secretary PID Massimo Fabio declares valid the meeting with eight countries attending and validly represented.

Moving to the agenda:

1. Coordinator PID Salim Moussan begins his speech reminding with heartfelt words PDG Mahmoud Chaouch Mansour , President of the Tunis Conference, unexpectedly passed away few days ago, with great regret of all those who have known and appreciated the sincere and generous lionistic commitment. DG Mohamed Ben Jemaa joins the commemoration talking about the departed and his dedication to the growth of the Tunisian Lionism.
2. Coordinator PID Salim Moussan shows the state of affairs for the official recognition from the Board of the Lions Mediterranean Conference. Unfortunately President Al Brandel could not take part to the Tunis Conference but we must insist for the presence of the International President so that he becomes aware of the real importance of this event that since more than 20 years represents a fundamental bridge for the development of lionism in a very difficult area such as the Mediterranean Basin. To the next Board meeting four International Directors from such area will be present and will have to commit to bring the topic to resolution.
3. Secretary-Archivist PID Massimo Fabio reminds the rules provided for the constitution of the Board for the appointment of the Coordinator and of the Coordinating Committee. Unfortunately not all the districts have appointed their delegate for the 2009-2011 but this doesn't prevent the full validity of the meeting being present the representatives of eight Countries, that is the majority of the fifteen joining the Observatory.
4. We proceed to the appointment of the Board for the two-year period 2009-2011 that on basis of the communications received so far is made up as per enclosure to the present minutes.
5. For the appointment of the Observatory Coordinator there was the nomination of PDG Mahmoud Chaouch Mansour and PID Moussan reads the letter concerning his nomination. Unfortunately, the sudden death of candidate forces a decision to be taken which is consistent with the will unanimously expressed to appoint a representative of the Tunisian lionism. Therefore PID Moussan proposes the candidacy of DG Mohamed Ben Jemaa, who declares to accept such nomination. Many interventions support this nomination and therefore after proceeding to the vote, PDG Ben Jemaa is unanimously elected as Observatory Coordinator for the two-year 2009-2011.
6. A large discussion faces the appointment of the four members of the Coordinating Committee and ends with the usual spirit of mutual understanding reaching the following solution: for Europe PDG Aron Bengio (MD 108 Italy ) and PCC Harris Zachariadou (MD 117 Greece-Cyprus), for the southern area PDG Sami Berbari (D 351 Lebanon) and DG Kamel Benshali (D 415 Algeria).  
This resolution is unanimously approved.
7. PDG Akim Benelfoul explains the program of the Conference with the participation of 218 lions, in addition to the 130 Tunisian participants, coming from 13 Countries. The agenda of the three sessions is full of interventions that show the interest aroused by the topics chosen. All events and works will be carried out in the same hotel thus favoring the participation of all the lions registered to the Conference.

8. For the venue of the 2010 Conference the candidacy of Turkey is confirmed. Therefore the Conference will take place in Bodrum in the month of March, date to be determined. The Coordinator asks the Turkish representative the topics proposed for the three sessions. Il PCC Metin Taskent shows the following proposals: for economy “ecotourism”, for social and cultural relations “rape of the women” and for environment “global warming”. The Council approves the proposals and presses for the forwarding o the information as soon as possible in order to guarantee the largest participation; sure it is necessary a strong promotion of the Conference to involve the greatest number of lions of all the Mediterranean countries
9. The candidacy of Italy is confirmed as venue for the 2011 Conference. Therefore the Conference will be held in Trieste, date to be determined between the end of March and the first days of April.  
The sessions topics will be presented to next Board meeting..
10. For the following years the candidacies of Greece for 2012 and Slovenia for 2013 are announced. Resolutions will be taken during the next Observatory Board meeting, being understood the rules deliberated in 2007 for the procedure for candidacy submission

There being no further business the Coordinator thanks the participants for their collaboration and expresses to his successor PDG Ben Jemaa his best wishes for a good work.  
The meeting therefore is closed at 17.30.

Coordinator  
PID Salim Moussan

Secretary-Archivist  
PID Massimo Fabio