



Osservatorio della solidarietà Mediterranea - Mediterranean Solidarity Observatory - Observatoire de la Solidarité Méditerranéenne

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Session: MEDITERRANEAN SOLIDARITY OBSERVATORY

Minutes

President: PDG Aron Bengio
Secretary: PID Massimo Fabio
Attendants: Members of the MSO Board of Directors and Forum attendants

On October 31st 2014 at 11.00 am, the meeting of the Board of Directors, took place in a room of the Congress Centre in Birmingham, in two stages, as scheduled in the Forum program, to discuss the agenda herewith attached as integral part of the minutes:

Are attending the members of the Observatory Board:

PDG Aron Bengio	Observatory Coordinator
PID Massimo Fabio	Observatory Secretary-Archivist
PDG Frédérique Rousset	MD 103 – Coordination Committee
PCC Harris Zachariadou	MD 117 – Coordination Committee
PDG Sami Berbari	D 351 - Coordination Committee
PID Luis Dominguez	MD 116- Board
PDG Med Kamel Bensahli	D 415 - Board
DG Wajih Akkari	D 351 - Board
DG Abdelfattah Fuad Eldidi	D 352 - Board
DG Abdelkrim Soulimane	D 415 - Board
ZC Tom Restall	Malta - Board

The Observatory Coordinator PDG Aron Bengio opens the meeting welcoming the attendants and thanking them for their large participation, reminding that the traditional meeting of the Board, in occasion of the Europa Forum is not decision-making but only consultative, informative and promotional.

Agenda:

- 1 – Coordinator PDG Aron Bengio presents his report first of all resuming the results of the Tangier Conference which has successfully taken place ending with a very important final resolution. Then presents the several services in progress that are being positively carried on.
- 2 – The Coordinator presents the new regulations for the Observatory and for the Conference, approved during the meeting in Tangier.
- 3 – Concerning the development of the Observatory activities, the Coordinator reminds in particular the Micro-credit topic, the implementation of the Lions University in Aix en Provence,

the synergies for the fight against diabetes and at last the proposal for the Peace Poster Contest that will be implemented in Pescara. For the Micro-credit PDG Elena Appiani presents an exhaustive report on its development.

4 - Concerning EXPO 2015 Milan PDG Castellaneta and DG Cesara Pasini illustrate the initiatives under way for the Italian and Mediterranean Lions ensuring an effective participation to the great theme of the world nutrition and to the actions undertaken in this field by the lions worldwide. A great opportunity of visibility and efficiency for the lionism in the world.

5 – The program of the Conference 2015 is synthetically presented and through a video is also announced the planning of the Conference 2016 in Malta.

6 - The Coordinator informs that for the Conference 2017 currently have been proposed the official candidacies from D351 Lebanon-Jordan-Iraq and from D352 Egypt, others are expected. The decision will be taken at the Pescara meeting.

Second session of the meeting:

Discussion on themes already faced and on other topics that the attendants wish to present:

- PID Luis Dominguez plays an interesting speech touching themes of internationality of lionism, of the consequent inclusion of all cultures and of the universality of the values that the lionism cultivates and promotes against the prevailing relativism.
- In succession, there are the speeches of PDG Ninetta Lamberti, PDG Anna Ranzani, PID Ermanno Bocchini, and DO Marco Tagliaferri.
- Significant intervention of Coordinator PDG Aron Bengio summarizing very briefly the terms of the debate.
- Following the speeches of PID Philippe Gerondal, PID Luis Dominguez, PID Ermanno Bocchini and PID Massimo Fabio, PID Claudette Cornet.
- The Chairperson of the Foundation PIP Wayne Madden takes the floor and widely illustrates the activities and programs of intervention for the fight against measles and for the spread of education as particular goals.
- At the end of the meeting, finally speaks the International Director Oya Sebuk who congratulates the Coordinator PDG Aron Bengio for the conduct of the work of the morning and wishes to the Mediterranean Solidarity Observatory and to the Lions Mediterranean Conference the success they deserve, wishing good work to the members of the Board of Directors and of the Coordination Committee

At 12h45 the meeting closes, 15 minutes before to attend the presentation of ID candidates.

PDG Aron Bengio
Coordinator



PID Massimo Fabio
Secretary Archivist