



61° EUROPA FORUM AUGSBURG
9 – 11 October 2015
Augsburg – Bavaria – Germany

Session: MEDITERRANEAN SOLIDARITY OBSERVATORY

Minutes

President: PDG Aron Bengio (substituting PDG Sami Berbari)
Vice President: ZC Tom Restall
Secretary: PID Massimo Fabio
Participants: Members of Board of Directors and other Lions for a total of 64 attendees

On October 9th 2015 at 2.30pm, the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mediterranean Solidarity Observatory took place in Augsburg, as provided for in the program of the Forum, inside a room of the Convention Center, to examine and discuss the following agenda:

1. Introduction and report - Coordinator PDG Sami Berbari
2. Information by Secretary-Archivist PID Massimo Fabio
3. Report of Pescara Conference - PDG Aron Bengio
4. Presentation of Malta 2016 Conference - ZC Tom Restall
5. New Coordinating Committee 2015-2017
6. Ongoing Services
7. Open debate on topics discussed
8. Conclusions - Coordinator PDG Sami Berbari

Attending members of the Board of Directors of the Observatory:

PDG Aron Bengio Immediate Past-Coordinator

PID Massimo Fabio Secretary-Archivist of the Observatory

PDG Franco Marchesani MD 108 Board of Directors

PDG Selva Ulgen MD 118 Board of Directors

DG Marwan Zeibak D 128 Board of Directors

PDG Dorijan Marsic D 129 Board of Directors

PDG Mahmoud El Maghraby D 352 Board of Directors

Also attending PID Salim Moussan, Jean Oustrin and Oya Sebuk as well as several Governors and Past Governors.

PDG Aron Bengio opens the meeting explaining that Coordinator PDG Sami Berbari will not be attending due to illness and wishes the participants a warm welcome, thanking them for their presence, also reminding that the traditional meeting of the Board of Directors of the Observatory in the occasion of the European Forum will not be a decision-making one but it only has advisory, informative and promotional character.

Agenda:

1. Given the absence of the Coordinator, PDG Aron Bengio announces the start of the session, wishing PDG Sami Berbari a speedy recovery.

2. Secretary-Archivist PID Massimo Fabio speaks about the strategy to be employed at the next 19th Lions Mediterranean Conference that will focus on the theme of “Migrants”, an ongoing dramatic phenomenon which will require an intervention by LIONS. The Secretary-Archivist illustrates the submission procedures for the LIONS who are willing to speak at the Conference of Malta by the 31 December deadline, after approval of their Multiple District or District.
3. PDG Aron Bengio gives us a general report of the Conference of Pescara, which was a huge event in terms of attendees and progress of the proceedings, highlighting the success of the services. On the subject, PDG Aron Bengio remembers the World Diabetes Day while Lion Salvatore Trigona illustrates the activity of SO.SAN-Solidarietà Sanitaria (Health Assistance) and its achievements in the Mediterranean area. PID Massimo Fabio, after the appreciation received for the sending of a Bulletin of the Mediterranean Solidarity Observatory, proposes PDG Aron Bengio as the person in charge of a monthly Bulletin so that at the Convention he could receive an official assignment.
4. ZC Tom Restall will host the Conference, which will take place in Malta 17/20 March 2016, attended by Lions Clubs International highest authorities. Then PDG Mahmoud El Maghraby takes the floor, reminding that the Conference 2017 will be held in Egypt for the first time in the city of Alexandria during the month of March.
5. The Secretary-Archivist PID Massimo Fabio communicates the applications received for the election of the Coordinating Committee which will be discussed at the official meeting in Malta.
6. PDG Franco Marchesani speaks about Services, illustrating the booklet in three languages supporting the families of Alzheimer’s patients, distributing a few copies of it. Then he specifies it will be available to anybody through the website “www.msolions.org”.
PCC Jean-Jacques Stoffel-Munck remembers the collaboration of French Lions to the program of the fight against diabetes.
7. PID Salim Moussan remembers the French-speaking Lions meeting which will take place in Beirut in November.
PDG Dorijan Marsic illustrates his forthcoming Malta report on migrants.
PID Jean Oustrin expresses the opportunity to bring some modification to the Statute of the Observatory and especially to the Rules of Procedure of the Conference.
8. Finally, PDG Aron Bengio underlines the great success of the compositions on the theme of peace written by Mediterranean children and presented during the Conference of Pescara. Thanking those present, PDG Aron Bengio concludes the session, wishing everybody a safe trip back home, looking forward to seeing them in Malta.

The meeting ends at 4.00 pm.

Secretary-Archivist
PID Massimo Fabio