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Forum Europeo delle Associazioni per i Beni Culturali

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## Minutes of the XXV General Assembly \*

### 1. - Opening of General Assembly and verification of quorum

Before the beginning of the works, having the President duly verified that all participants could understand Italian, all participants agreed to use Italian language, one of the official languages of Forum, as working language for the current General Assembly.

Having the General Assembly being officially postponed, as allowed by the Statute, in order to allow meeting the Quorum, this Assembly held in 2016 is referring to 2015 activities.

The Assembly begun as per schedule with the Evaluation of Quorum. All Associations were present with a delegate or with a delegation, with the exception of three Associations. This is the list of the participants:

- Magali Boureux, delegate of Ensemble;
- Ilario Di Nardo, delegate of Gruppi Archeologici d'Italia;
- Irene Lattanzi, delegate of Gruppo Archeologico Medio Adriatico;
- Adriana Martini, delegate of CPSSAE and CESMAP plus the three delegations from Bulgarian Associations, plus Finland and the three delegations from Portuguese Associations;
- Giorgio Mastella, delegate of Gruppi Archeologici del Veneto, plus delegations of Archeolo-J;
- Stefania Paternò delegate of Aurelia;
- Antonio Stievano, delegate of Cira plus a delegation from the Gruppo Archeologico Cerite;
- Tony Waegeman, honorary Vice-President with a delegation from Arbeitskreis Denkmalpflege.

The President gave an update on the three Associations that did not reply to Forum communications:

- Museum of Rijeka, which did not reply any more to Forum Communications after William Klinger passed away;
- Slovenian Association did not reply any more, and there were difficulties for contacting the responsables;
- ISSEP reported to have problems with the continuation of the activities, which are at the moment waiting for pending procedures related to public funding to their initiatives. In case problems will be successfully solved, the Association will continue their activities.

After the verification of Quorum, the Assembly was declared valid and the works were officially opened.

## 2. - Presentation of new member candidates

- 2.1 The President welcomed Cristiana Barandoni, president of **Gruppo Archeologico Apuo-Versiliese** to present her Association to the Assembly. Having the Presidency duly verified that the Association respects Forum application rules and having the General Secretary received the Statutes of the Association, the General Assembly voted in favour of their application.
- 2.2 The President welcomed Gentjan Cani, member of the Board and delegate of **CEBE - Center for Economic and Business Education - Albania** to present the Association to the Assembly. Having the Presidency duly verified that the Association respects Forum application rules and having the General Secretary received the Statutes of the Association, the General Assembly voted in favour of their application as well.
- 2.3 With the two new members and with the two new votes, the quorum is still respected and the Assembly is still valid.
- 2.4 The President also informed the Assembly that the former General Secretary Ilya Godev will apply again for Forum membership next year, once his new Association named A.O.I. (Young from Bulgaria for Culture) will have accomplished two years of active life. Being this Assembly referring to 2015, at the end of 2016 A.O.I. will submit its application.

### **3. - Approval of administrative and financial documents**

- 3.1 The Assembly approved the requested amendments on the minutes of XXIII General Assembly held in 2013 and the minutes of the XXIV General Assembly held in 2014.
- 3.2 As per legal obligation, the Assembly discussed the budget and once again, following the decision taken in the General Assembly held in Tolfa in 2008, the budget has a total of zero. This comes from the decision to abolish the membership fee and to manage the General Assembly asking to the participants a fee representing the pure expenses done by the organisers.  
This leads once again the Forum to manage a zero income /zero expenses budget, which is nevertheless officially approved as per Statute and legal obligation.

### **4. - Communications from the Associations**

- 4.1 Forum received a communication from Bert Ludwig, of Open Houses, proposing activities to all members throughout the formula of Unesco's World Heritage Volunteers. The intention of our German partner is to involve all Forum members in these initiatives, exploring opportunities of cooperation.  
The Assembly charged Ilario di Nardo of Gruppi Archeologici d'Italia for coordinating a common reply to Arbeitskreis Denkmalpflege. Ilario will therefore contact all Associations dealing with volunteers.
- 4.2 Nicolas Petropoulos, delegate of the Greek partner ERFC, asked the President Adriana Martini to promote during the General Assembly the EU initiative dedicated to countries and regions of Adriatic and Ionian seas ("Adrion"). In a couple of months there should be a call for proposals and the idea is to create a workgroup dealing the topic of archeoparks.  
Unfortunately Nicholas Petropoulos could not be in Padova during the Assembly, but he said he would be available in Greece for a Skype call in the next days to define the activities of the workgroup. Gentjan Cani gave his availability for finding support in Albania. Adriana Martini gave her availability for involving University of Ferrara or other institutional partners in north-eastern Italy. Irene

Lattanzi of Gruppo Archeologico del Medio Adriatico would do the same for Abruzzo. Forum is looking forward to receiving more partners in Southern Italy. Since it could be possible to involve again the Slovenian partner, Forum President will try again to contact Klemen Langus.

- 4.3 Municipality of Smolyan (around 45.000 inhabitants with the surrounding villages) informed that they are interested in twinning-town projects with cultural themes and are looking for municipalities which could be partners in these initiatives.
- 4.4 Forum President brought to the Assembly the salutations of Conceição Catroga, Sara Cura and Luis Oosterbeek. Their Associations are interested in the themes of Unesco (Unesco and schools, Unesco and social development, etc.) and are looking forward relevant partnerships.
- 4.5 Gruppo Archeologico ApuoVersiliese presented its structure and its activities. Cristiana Barandoni invited all Forum members to follow the official facebook page of the Association:

Gruppo Archeologico ApuoVersiliese

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1497491133885201/?fref=ts>

Gruppo Archeologico ApuoVersiliese presented in particular the situation of Castello di Moneta, an important heritage in the surroundings of the city of Carrara. This site is in danger and should deserve an important action. The intention of Gruppo Archeologico ApuoVersiliese is to organise a summer school or another kind of initiative to spread the knowledge of the site, to start studies and preservation initiatives for this site.

Forum Assembly proposed to Cristiana Barandoni to send available material to Forum members, in order to identify the possibility of organising a summer camp. Gruppo Archeologico ApuoVersiliese has already identified potential cooperation possibilities with local authorities and institutions.

## 5. - Elections

- 5.1 The participants voted for the new Board. As per Statutes, six delegates were elected:
- Magali Boureux,
  - Ilario Di Nardo
  - Timothée Gebka
  - Radost Ivanovna
  - Giorgio Mastella,
  - Antonio Stievano
- 5.2 Tony Waegeman gave his availability to participate in the Board with the role Forum Honorary Vice-President. The Assembly agreed that he shall be permanently involved in the Board as seventh member.
- 5.3 Board members chose as per Statutes the roles of:
- 5.3.1 General Secretary: Giorgio Mastella
  - 5.3.2 Treasurer: Magali Boureux
  - 5.3.3 Social media officer: Antonio Stievano
- 5.4 The General Assembly welcomed the candidature of Adriana Martini, who gave her availability to maintain the Presidency for the next three years as well. The General Assembly voted and confirmed.

At 13.00 the first session of the General Assembly was closed.

The Second Session started at 15.00. The President of Gruppi Archeologici d'Italia Gianfranco Gazzetti joined the Assembly. Giorgio Mastella and Stefania Paternò left the Assembly giving their delegation respectively to Tony Waegeman and Adriana Martini.

## **6. – Presentation of summer camps and other initiatives**

- 6.1 Forum President Adriana Martini presented a research about *“Ideas sharing for giving to Forum Members the possibility of participating to Erasmus+, Culture and Europe for Citizens calls 2016”*
- 6.2 Ilario Di Nardo presented the activities of Gruppi Archeologici d’Italia: the excavations in Roman and medieval town of Ischia di Castro, the excavations of the Roman road Via Amerina in Corchiano and the archaeological site of Tolfaccia.
- 6.3 Antonio Stievano presented the most recent numbers of the facebook page of European Forum of Heritage Associations, which is gathering nearly 1000 selected contacts.

## **7. – 25 years of Forum**

- 7.1 The President invited the members to put forward ideas to duly celebrate the first quarter of a century profitably spent together. Some ideas emerged:
  - a) To organize a traditional congress;
  - b) To print a publication;
  - c) To organize an archaeological tour from Tolfa in Italy to Pietersheim in Belgium, the historical seats of the first camps managed together;
  - d) To organize an archaeological tour in Europe, inviting old members from the first Forum Associations.
- 7.2 Gianfranco Gazzetti and Tony Waegeman will advance some proposals in order to identify possible itineraries in Italy and Belgium.
- 7.3 The General Secretary has been invited to prepare a document to be spread to all Associations, inviting them to propose further ideas and initiatives for celebrating the anniversary.

## **8. Closing session and next General Assembly**

- 8.1 2016 General Assembly will take place in Padova, in the second or third weekend of October. In case of other Forum initiatives, linked for example with the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the 2016 General Assembly might take place in the framework of this other initiative.
- 8.2 The President invited all Associations to point out before summer if there are other initiatives for which the Forum Assembly could represent an added value.

At 17.30 the Assembly was officially closed.

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