

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY OF MEDITERRANEAN UNIVERSITIES (CMU)

According to the call, the CMU's Council starts at 3:00 p.m. of March 1, 2014 in the Ondokuz Mayıs University Campus, Samsun (Turkey), with the following agenda:

1. Communication of the President
2. New memberships
3. Estimate Budget 2014
4. Final Budget 2012 and 2013
5. Discussion and approval of new Statute
6. Discussion and approval of new Regulations
7. Higher Education and Cooperation Projects:

Masters:

- Euromediterranean Master in Culture and Tourism (E.M.C.T.) VI ed. (2013/2014);
- Health, Food Safety and Related Policies for the Mediterranean Area(HEFSA) I ed. (2013/2014);
- International Regulatory Science Master, I ed. (2013/2014).

Cooperation Projects:

- Partnership with the Ondokuz Mayıs University
- PESME and UNESCO: Letter of endorsement
- Mediterranean City of Science
- Gianni Benzi Pharmacological Research Foundation
- Anna Lindh Foundation Network

8. New CMU's website
9. Next CMU's Assembly: when and where
10. Any other business

Those present are: **Prof. Gülsun Saglamer**, President, **Prof. Francesco Losurdo**, General Secretary, **Prof. Carlo Di Benedetto**, Head Office Coordinator, **Prof. Mohamed A. El Aswad**, Tanta University (Egypt), Vice President; **Prof. Massimo Guarascio**, RMEI; **Prof. Zvi HaCohen**, Rector of the Ben Gurion University of the Negev (Israel), **Prof. Sreten Skuletic**, University of Podgorica, Montenegro; **Prof. Pierre Gedeon**, delegated by the Rector Prof. Father Walid Moussa, Notre Dame University (Lebanon), **Prof. Jorgaq Kaçani**, Rector of the Polytechnic University of Tirana (Albania) and **Prof. Adriana Ceci**, President of the Gianni Benzi Pharmacological Research Foundation (FGB). **Prof. Mohamed Knidiri**, Cady Ayyad University, Marrakech (Morocco), is

represented by Prof. Sreten Skuletic, **Prof. Antonio Felice Uricchio**, Rector of the University of Bari “Aldo Moro” (Italy), is represented by Prof. Francesco Losurdo and **Prof. Abdalla Elmansori**, Al-Fateh University in Tripoli (Libya), is represented by Prof. Carlo Di Benedetto.

Those who assist are: **Mrs Giovanna Diana** and **Dr. Maria Giuseppina Ricci**, CMU Administrative Secretary and Dr. **Hulya Caglayan**, CMU’s President Assistant.

The absents are: **Prof. Roko Andricevic**, Vice-Rector University of Split (Croatia), **Prof. Maher Natsheh**, National University of An-Najah (Palestine); **Prof. Joaquim Carvalho**, delegated by the Rector of the University of Coimbra (Portugal), **Prof. Olga Gil Medrano**, Vice-President, delegated by the Rector of the Valencia University (Spain).

Prof. Gulsun Saglamer will chair and Prof. Francesco Losurdo will act as Secretary.

Point 1 - Communications of the President

The President thanks very much Prof. Hüseyin Akan and Prof. Nalan Kiziltan of the University of Ondokuz Mayıs (OMU) for offering to organize the Workshop and the present meeting of the Council.

She thanks also the Honorary President Prof. Luigi Ambrosi, founder of the Community of Mediterranean Universities for his support even if he is not physically present.

She informs the Council that she is chairing this Council meeting since all the bureaucratic items, which refer to the formal assignments of a non-Italian President, have been finally solved. In particular, the President will be involved mainly in the policy and cultural activities of CMU while the General Secretary will be involved in the administrative and financial issues, since the Statute states that the head office of CMU is located in Italy.

Furthermore, the President informs the Council that other Turkish Universities are interested in adhering to CMU and therefore they will send in their application forms.

Point 2 - New memberships

The Secretariat has received the application of Ondokuz Mayıs University and of the Network Gianni Benzi Pharmacological Research Foundation.

The Council, after examining the features of these Institutions, approves the requests of association to CMU.

According to the Art13 of the Statute, the Foundation “*is entitled to have one representative, as a full-fledged member*”, in the Council.

The Council appoints Prof. Adriana Ceci as the FGB’s representative in the Council.

Point 3 – Estimate Budget 2014

The President gives the floor to Prof. Francesco Losurdo who presents, with many details, the estimate budget for 2014. Some Council members ask to have some explanations about them and, after a thorough discussion, the Council approves the estimate budget. (Encl. n. 1).

Point 4 - Final Budget 2012 and 2013

The President invites Prof. Francesco Losurdo to illustrate the final budgets for the 2012 and 2013. After a deep discussion the Council approves the budgets (Encl. n.2 and 3).

Point 5 - Discussion and approval of new Statute

The President recalls the above-mentioned assignments (Point.1) to the President (CMU's policy and cultural activities) and to the General Secretary (CMU's administrative and financial issues); that is why in the Statute has been inserted the Art. 8, which pertains to the duties of the General Secretary.

The Council approves the new Statute and in particular the Art.8.

Point 6 - Discussion and approval of new Regulations

Since these Regulations have been already approved in the previous Council and no changes have occurred ever since, the Council acknowledges the Regulations as they are.

Point 7 - Higher Education and Cooperation Projects

Prof. Losurdo refers that the CMU in agreement with the OMU is launching the following Masters:

- **Euromediterranean Master in Culture and Tourism (E.M.C.T.) VI ed. (2013/2014);**
- **Health, Food Safety and Related Policies for the Mediterranean Area(HEFSA) I ed. (2013/2014);**
- **International Regulatory Science Master, I ed. (2013/2014)**

for which a general agreement of collaboration will be signed in the late afternoon.

Cooperation Projects:

Prof. Losurdo refers also about some projects of collaboration with:

- **Partnership with the Ondokuz Mayıs University:** In order to strengthen the setup of the different Masters a Joint Committee is proposed between OMU, CMU, FGB and RMEI. The Council indicates as CMU members Prof. Saglamer, Prof. Losurdo, Prof. Di Benedetto, Prof. Ceci (as representative of FGB), Prof. Guarascio (as representative of RMEI), and Prof. Ricciardi (as representative of University of Bari). The Council invites Prof. Mennan to inform the President about OMU members, subsequently.

As discussed also in other meetings the CMU has proposed to UNESCO and UNAI to collaborate with an old project on

- Higher education and research programme on sustainable development in the mediterranean region (**PESME**)

for which we received letters of endorsement from both Organisms.

Prof. Losurdo informs the Council that, ever since 2012 together with the University of Bari , the CMU has sponsored the institution of the start-up of

- **Mediterranean City of Science**, a permanent structure established in order to promote the involvement of young people and the wider community in science and technology. Its main purpose is to develop insight into the applications and relevance of science and technology in the development of both the individual and society.

- The Council has already approved (Point n.2 of this Minutes) the adhesion of the **Gianni Benzi Pharmacological Research Foundation** with which the CMU intends to collaborate in implementing some of the Masters above mentioned.

- Finally Prof. Losurdo informs the Council that within **Anna Lindh Foundation Network**, of which the CMU is a member, a new Italian Network has been launched called **RIDE (Rete Italiana per il Dialogo Euromediterraneo)** to which the CMU has also adhered. In this new Network the CMU is responsible of a research section named “Religion and Spirituality”.

The Council approves the initiatives.

8 - New CMUS’s website

The President gives the floor to Dott. Maria Giuseppina Ricci who describes the features of the new website of CMU, which is, of course, in progress. Dott. Ricci invites the Councillors and, subsequently, will invite all the adhering Universities to cooperate by sending in information and suggestions in order to improve it.

In the future other Sections will be added such as list of CMU’s publications, link with the CMU’s Istanbul Office and etc.

Point 9 - Next CMU’s Council: when and where.

Prof. Saglamer suggests to decide about it later on.

Point 10 - Any other business.

Finally Prof. Losurdo informs the Councillors that the CMU recently adhered to a new Network called “**The most beautiful villages in the Mediterranean Sea**” whose main goal is to promote and valorize (exploit) the traditions, the landscapes and the heritage of the Mediterranean historical towns not larger than 15.000 inhabitants.

The meeting is closed at 4:45 p.m., once again thanking Prof. Hüseyin Akan and Prof. Nalan Kiziltan for the perfect organization of the whole day.

The President

Prof. Gülsun Saglamer

The Secretary

Prof. Francesco Losurdo