

## MINUTES OF THE ASSEMBLY OF COMMUNITY OF MEDITERRANEAN UNIVERSITIES - CMU

According to the call, the CMU's Assembly starts at 4:00 p.m. of December 14, 2012 in the Istanbul Technical University Conference Hall with the following agenda:

1. Communications of the President
2. New memberships
3. Final Budget 2011
4. Estimate Budget 2012 and 2013
5. Higher Education and Cooperation Projects.

Masters:

- Euromediterranean Master in Culture and Tourism (E.M.C.T.), IV ed. (2011/2012) and V ed. (2012/2013);
- Health, Food Safety and Related Policies for the Mediterranean Area (HEFSA) I ed. (2012/2013);

Cooperation Projects:

- Mediterranean City of Science
- VADEMECUM Project

6. Discussion and approval of new Statute.
7. Discussion and approval of new Regulations.
8. Election of countries representative in the Council.
9. Nomination of the new CMU's Officers.
10. Next CMU's Assembly: when and where.
11. Any other business.

Are present: **Prof. Massimo Guarascio**, delegated by the RMEI President Leo Vincent; **Prof. Francesco Losurdo**, delegated by the University of Bari "Aldo Moro" (Italy); **Prof. Olga Gil Medrano**, of Valencia University (Spain); **Prof. Joaquim Carvalho**, University of Coimbra, Portugal; **Prof. Abdalla Elmansori**, Al-Fateh University in Tripoli (Libya), CMU Vice-President; **Prof. Maher Natsheh**, of the National University of An-Najah (Palestine); **Prof. Mohamed Knidiri**, Cady Ayyad University, Marrakech (Morocco), General Secretary; **Prof. Mohamed Elswad**, Tanta University (Egypt); **Prof. Gulsun Saglamer**, Technical University of Istanbul (Turkey), CMU Vice-President; **Prof. Jorgaq Kacani**, Polytechnical University of Tirana (Albania); **Prof. Sreten Skuletic**, University of Podgorica, (Montenegro); **Dr. Maria Cortes Puch**, UNESCO; **Dr. Irene Hazou**, University of Bethlehem (Palestine); **Prof. Oya Gokmen**, Istanbul University (Turkey); **Prof. Aysegul Daloglu**, Middle East Technical University (Turkey); **Prof.**

**Atila Eris**, Istanbul Bilgi University (Turkey); **Dr. Bizena Bijo**, Agricultural University of Tirana (Albania); **Prof. Carlo Di Benedetto**, delegate by the CMU President Luigi Ambrosi; **Prof. Tunkdar Baltacioglu**, Izmir University of Economics (Turkey); **Prof. Ramu Damodaran**, UNAI, **Prof. Eden Mamut**, BSUN.

Those who assist are: **Mrs Maria Giuseppina Ricci**, CMU Administrative Secretary.

The Assembly decides that Prof. Carlo Di Benedetto will chair and Prof. Francesco Losurdo will act as Secretary.

#### **Point 1 - Communications of the President**

Nothing to communicate except that Prof. Luigi Ambrosi, for a concurred seasonal illness, could not be present and then delegated Prof. Carlo Di Benedetto, CMU's Head Office Coordinator, to represent him.

#### **Point 2 - New memberships**

The Secretariat has received the application of "Sapir Academic College of Israel", the President of which is Prof. Jimmy Weinblatt. The Assembly, after examining the features of this Institution, approves its request of association to CMU.

Prof. Mohamed Knidiri asks the Assembly to evaluate the association of the "Private University of Marrakesh", of which Prof. Mohamed Knidiri, former Rector of Cady Ayyad University, is consultant. He illustrates the features of the Institution, which are considered in order for admitting the Private University of Marrakesh to CMU. The Assembly, after examining the features of this Institution, approves its association to CMU.

#### **Point 3 - Final Budget 2011**

Prof. Carlo Di Benedetto invites Prof. Francesco Losurdo to illustrate the final budget for the 2011. After a deep discussion the Assembly approves the budget. (Encl. n.1)

#### **Point 4 - Estimate Budget 2012 and 2013**

Prof. Carlo Di Benedetto gives the floor to Prof. Francesco Losurdo who presents, with many details, the estimate budgets for 2012 and 2013. Some Assembly members ask to have some explanations about them and, after a thorough discussion, the Assembly approves the budgets. (Encl. n.1 and 2)

#### **Point 5 - Higher Education and Cooperation Projects**

Masters:

-Euromediterranean Master in Culture and Tourism (E.M.C.T.), IV ed. (2011/2012) and V ed. (2012/2013).

Prof. Carlo Di Benedetto gives the floor to Prof. Francesco Losurdo who presents the EMCT at its V edition, that is an output of the cooperation between the University of Bari, the Euromediterranean University (EMUNI) and the CMU. Prof. Francesco Losurdo lists the Mediterranean countries which have been represented by the students, and refers to the programme and the main items of the Master.

-Health, Food Safety and Related Policies for the Mediterranean Area (HEFSA) I ed. (2012/2013).

Prof. Carlo Di Benedetto refers about the items of HEFSA, based on the agreement between the CMU and University of Bari, concerning the criteria to choose the candidates among officers operating in the Ministries of Agriculture, Health, decentralized offices of the same Ministries and Regions, Universities, having at least a first level degree.

Cooperation Projects:

-Mediterranean City of Science

Prof. Di Benedetto gives the floor to Prof. Francesco Losurdo who explains that the Mediterranean City of Science is the output of an agreement among Italian Ministry of University and Research, CMU, Regione Puglia, Chamber of Commerce, Association of Industrial Entrepreneurs and Municipality of Bari, whose final feature was the establishment of an institution having a juridical status. Due to this engagement, the University of Bari and the CMU decided to establish the “Cittadella” forming its capital fifty-fifty (5.000 €/each), in order to create a spin-off of both the last institutions. The “Cittadella” acts within the educational cycle that starts with the basic till the higher education in the field of physics, chemistry, mathematics, biology, etc..

-VADEMECUM Project

Prof. Carlo Di Benedetto refers that the CMU has applied for a project to the ENPI CBCMED Programme, whose title is “*VADEMECUM pour un développement durable et une nouvelle Renaissance Méditerranéenne*”. This project is based on the participation of the Cité des Sciences and El Manar University of Tunis (Tunisia), the Bibliotheca ALEXANDRINA and Tanta University of Egypt, the Centre International des Hautes Etudes Agronomiques Méditerranéennes (CIHEAM) – Institut Agronomique Méditerranéen de Bari (IAMB) and the Apulia Region. Associate members are the UNESCO and the Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly (PAM). The project has been selected out of 1.100 presented and therefore we hope that it can be chosen for the financial support.

The Assembly approves the initiatives.

**Point 6 - Discussion and approval of new Statute.**

Prof. Di Benedetto highlights some points of the Statute, which he deems worth to eventually discuss. After the discussion, the Assembly approves the New Statute. (Encl. n.4)

**Point 7 - Discussion and approval of new Regulations.**

Prof. Di Benedetto highlights some points of the Regulations, which he deems worth to eventually discuss. After the discussion, the Assembly approves the New Regulations also accepting the proposal of Dr. IRENE HAZOU for the Article 6 such as that the projects must be signed, whenever Universities not member of CMU are participating, at least by one University belonging to CMU. (Encl. n.5)

**Point 8 - Election of countries representative in the Council.**

Prof. Di Benedetto, in order to avoid the interruption of the Assembly, suggests to ask the Rectors or delegates from the Mediterranean countries which are participating in this Assembly whether they will accept to be designated in the new Council. The Assembly seconds the suggestion and therefore Prof. Carlo Di Benedetto calls each by each the participants coming from the same country and the RMEI representative, whether they accept to be member of the new Council:

Prof. Massimo Guarascio, RMEI;

Prof. Francesco Losurdo, Italy;

Prof. Olga Gil Medrano, Spain;

Prof. Joaquim Carvalho, Portugal;

Prof. Abdalla Elmansuri, Lybia;

Prof. Maher Natsheh, Palestine;

Prof. Mohamed Knidiri, Morocco;

Prof. Mohamed Elswad, Egypt;

Prof. Gulsun Saglamer, Turkey;

Prof. Jorgaq Kacani, Albania;

Prof. Sreten Skuletic, Montenegro.

**Point 9 – Designation of the new CMU’s Officers.**

Without interrupting, on the request of Prof. Saglamer, the newly elected Councilors are called to vote for the Honorary President, the President, two Vice-Presidents and the General Secretary.

Prof. El Aswad suggests that Prof. Luigi Ambrosi be nominated Honorary President since he has been the founder of CMU and he spent himself, with enthusiasm and competence, in order to reach all the successes for the CMU. The Council is glad to approve with an applause.

Prof. Elmansori suggests, for the position of President of CMU, for her competence and dedication to the Community, Prof. Gulsun Saglamer, who accepts the nomination. The Council approves and applauds.

Prof. Knidiri suggests to nominate one of the Vice President Prof. El Aswad due to his enthusiasm and competence in serving the CMU for many years. The Council approves.

Prof. Saglamer suggests as the other Vice President Prof. Olga Gil Medrano, who accepts. The Council approves.

Prof. Saglamer suggests as General Secretary, Prof. Francesco Losurdo, who accepts. The Council approves.

Therefore the new Officers of the Council of Community of Mediterranean Universities are the following:

Prof. Luigi Ambrosi, Honorary President;

Prof. Gulsun Saglamer, President;

Prof. Mohamed Elaswad, Vice-President;

Prof. Olga Gil Medrano, Vice-President;

Prof. Francesco Losurdo, General Secretary.

**Point 10 – Next CMU’s Assembly: when and where.**

Since next Assembly will be called in 2 years’ time, Prof. Saglamer suggests to discuss about it later on.

**Point 11 – Any other business.**

Nothing to discuss.

The meeting is closed at 6:00 p.m., once again thanking Prof. Saglamer for the perfect organization of the Assembly.

The President

Prof. Carlo Di Benedetto

The Secretary

Prof. Francesco Losurdo