

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY OF MEDITERRANEAN UNIVERSITIES - CMU

According to the call, the CMU's Council starts at 4:00 p.m. of December 13, 2012 in the Istanbul Technical University Maslak Campus Suleyman Demirel Cultural Center 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. Next CMU's Council: when and where.
 7. Any other business.

Those present are: **Prof. Carlo Di Benedetto**, delegate by the CMU President Luigi Ambrosi; **Prof. Mohamed Knidiri**, Cady Ayyad University, Marrakech (Morocco), General Secretary; **Prof. Gulsun Saglamer**, CMU Vice President, Technical University of Istanbul (Turkey); **Prof. Mohamed A. El Aswad**, Tanta University (Egypt); **Prof. Massimo Guarascio**, delegated by the RMEI President Leo Vincent; **Prof. Abdalla Elmansori**, Al-Fateh University in Tripoli (Libya), CMU Vice-President; **Prof. Maher Natsheh** National University of An-Najah (Palestine); **Prof. Olga Gil Medrano**, delegated by the Rector of the Valencia University (Spain); **Prof. Francesco Losurdo** delegated by the Rector of the University of Bari "Aldo Moro" (Italy) Prof. Corrado Petrocelli; **Prof. Joaquim Carvalho**, delegated by the Rector of the University of Coimbra, Portugal; **Prof. Sreten Skuletic**, University of Podgorica, Montenegro; **Maria Cortes Puch**, UNESCO representative, Observer.

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

The absents are: **Prof. Dhori Kule**, University of Tirana (Albania); **Prof. Nadia Mimoune**, Blida university (Algeri); **Prof. Jean Benkhelil**, University of Perpignan (France); **Prof. Saad Kherfan**, Tishreen University (Syria), **Dr. Mohammed Muntasser**, President International Energy Foundation, IEF (Lybia); **Prof. Jimmy Weinblatt**, Ben Gurion University (Israel); **Prof. Father Walid Moussa**, Notre Dame University (Lebanon).

The Council 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 Council, after examining the features of this Institution, approves its request of association to CMU.

Prof. Mohamed Knidiri asks the Council 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, considered in order for admitting the Private University of Marrakesh to CMU. The Council, 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 Council 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 Council members ask to have some explanations about them and, after a thorough discussion, the Council approves the budgets. (Encl. n. 2 and 3)

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” contributing to 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 Council approves the initiatives.

Point 6 – Next CMU’s Council: when and where.

Prof. Saglamer suggests to discuss about it later on.

Point 7 – 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 Council.

The President

Prof. Carlo Di Benedetta

The Secretary

Prof. Francesco Losurdo