

Memo from: Rotaract Med MDIO Board

Topic: Minutes of Meeting – August 2016

Online Meeting held via Facebook Chat
 August 18th, 2016 – 7.00 PM GMT

In Attendance: (17)

President	Paul Sampatakakis
Vice President	Kostas Imprialos
General Secretary	Mazen Chahabeddine
International Coordinator	Raghda El Roumy
CR Italy	Edoardo Moreci
Communications Coordinator	Menna N. Arafa
Past President	Vera Damerjian
Sergeant at Arms	Maria Vittoria Gargiulo
CR Algeria	Zoubeyr Touami
CR Croatia	Kim Varga
CR Cyprus	Anthi Panteli
CR France	Marina Manti
CR Greece	Alexandros Kyrkilis
CR Lebanon	Jean-Marc Adaimi
CR Montenegro	Tamara Bujkovic
CR Slovenia	David Lukanovic
CR Spain	Salva Amoros Dobon



In Absentia: (3)

Rotary Delegate	Rovertos Hanadjias
Social Media Coordinator	Christine Emil
CR Monaco	Franscesco Fragomeni

Minutes of Meeting

Vice President Kostas started the meeting at 7.00 PM GMT and welcomed the team with the following agenda:

- M2R I 2016/17 Cyprus
- MEDICON 2017 Croatia
- Med Peace Forum
- New Med MDIO Website
- Med MDIO PowerPoint Presentation
- New Med MDIO Guidelines
- ERIC Collaboration
- Admission of Albania

-M2R I 2016/17 Cyprus

Our very first Mediterranean Rotaract Meeting will take place from the 17th till the 20th of November 2016, in Nicosia Cyprus! President Paul, VP Kostas, General Secretary Mazen together with CR Cyprus Anthi, CR Greece Alexandros & the VDRR 2452 Cyprus Christos have formed a small coordination team and are taking care of all the details. As you have already seen, the M2R Cyprus has been announced on the 16th August. We have the dates and the logo, the program is still on the tracks though. There will be a four-day as well as a three-day package (Fri-Sun) available! Registrations will start by the beginning of September.

This must happen in September so that the participants have time to organize their trip. We need to finalize the program & the prices/packages first. Everything is going to take place on the Med MDIO website. We will be posting everything regarding M2R Cyprus there.

It would be awesome if the whole Med MDIO team attended the M2R Cyprus! It is extremely important that we show attendance! Please inform me as soon as possible regarding your attendance and please do your best to make it, even for three days! It is our very own event after all. Furthermore, please share like and promote this event on social media and of course in your countries! We am counting on the work of our CRs regarding the attendance of Rotaractors to the M2R!

Update: Registrations will start as of September 1st, 2016 via <http://med-mdio.org/m2r-cyprus/>



- MEDICON 2017 Croatia

The organisation of the MEDICON 2017 in Croatia is running smoothly. The board is in almost daily contact with Mario Culic, the Media & Communications Director of the event and we clear out details that may occur over time. The MEDICON website is already online & working. We have sent to Mario some corrections regarding the website and everything's going according to plan.

The packages are also available for you to check out. President Paul have made a deal regarding the packages of the Board & the CRs. As you can see, there is a silver, golden & a platinum package with different prices available. The board and the CRs will be able to buy any of those three packages on their early-bird-price even on the last day of the registrations. That means that the prices are not higher than that for us after the first wave. The registration is going to begin after the REM Athens, at the end of October, there is no exact date yet.

One of our most important tasks, not only of the CRs but also of the board it to promote our events! Please promote the MEDICON 2017 in your countries and motivate your Rotaractors and your Clubs to attend it and to join us! The more participants we have the better! Talk to everybody about it, even to foreign Rotaractors!

- Med Peace Forum

International Coordinator Raghda have a meeting next Tuesday with Anna Lindh Foundation to discuss how can we be partners in Med Projects. She will also suggest to have a speaker to our Med Forum.

Update: After discussion, we agreed on:

- ***The Ambassador Hatem Atallah as a potential speaker***
- ***Proceed asking for a booth or any way of promotion to Med MDIO in their Med Forum next October in Malta***

- New Med MDIO Website

The new Med MDIO website has already one month of life and we believe that it's working pretty well. We still have to add old posts, projects & newsletters, this is going to happen in time. If you have any feedback or proposals regarding the website please feel free to share them now with us or with me anytime!

We kindly ask from every CR to visit the website, check out the section of the Med Countries & Rotaract Clubs, see what is missing from the list of his/her country and try to acquire this information so that we can finalize our database! Some lists like Montenegro, Monaco & Malta were easy to complete due to the very small number of Clubs but for many Countries there is still some work to be done.

UPDATE: Past projects & newsletters were added to the website after the meeting on August 20th, 2016

-Med MDIO presentation

This presentation is the most powerful tool of each Country Representative! It contains everything you need in order to inform your country's Rotaract Clubs regarding the Med MDIO and its work!





Please follow the lead of CR Egypt and CR Lebanon and start organizing your meetings & visits to your Rotaract Clubs where you will inform them about our projects & events!

Update: the presentation is online on: <http://med-mdio.org/powerpoint/>

- New Med MDIO Guidelines: New Promotional Tools

Almost the whole board & almost every CR participated in the guideline-amendments of July 2016! Thank you everyone for this great amount of work that we pulled through together! The new guidelines are available on our website. Regarding the promotion of Rotaract Clubs, the Med MDIO newsletters will no longer be part of our program. Instead of newsletters we voted a more efficient & direct way of promoting the projects of the Med MDIO Rotaract Clubs. Each Club can send to the CRs English-written articles & pictures, they will be posted on our website and get promoted on our social media pages!

This can happen anytime, without deadlines. In order for the Clubs to be promoted, they have to be aware of this promotional tool. Therefore we ask of you to communicate with your Clubs & share with them this option! Till now we have received articles only from Malta! We are waiting for projects from every CR!

- ERIC Collaboration

Communication was made to set a meeting with the ERIC board during REM Athens for future collaborations.

- Admission of Albania

The ERIC CR of Albania contacted the Med MDIO board some weeks ago and discussed the possibility of Albania becoming a Med MDIO member. Albania is currently part of District 0055 but they will be soon formed a Rotary District in the region. In ERIC, Albania is a member-Country and has all the voting rights like the rest of the members. The following days we will a vote for the admission of Albania to the Med MDIO! If the 2/3 of the team votes yes, then we will begin with the according procedure for the admission of the Country.

Update: Voting Poll was sent to all board members and CRs and the deadline is Wednesday August 31st, 2016 11:59 PM





Other Issues:

- Past President Vera had pointed out the following: “Guys, As a Rotaract-Interact committee member, I would like to invite you to the ***Rotary International convention and Rotaract Preconvention from 8 to 14 June 2017 in Atlanta, Georgia, USA.*** I would love to see you there”
- Our Sergeant At arms Maria had also a couple of points;

“I am always wearing the pin in my district events and a lot of people are asking me about them. So I was thinking to make an ***order of pins on behalf of my district***”

“I would like to invite you all to my ***club handover on Friday 9th September.*** As some of you already know, I will be receiving the necklace as President for this RY. MED MDIO has been a great part of my Rotaract life (and life in general) so it will be important for me to have you there. We are organizing a small trip in the weekend on the Amalfi coast and the ruins in Paestum”

Meeting was adjourned by 9.30 PM GMT

Best Regards,

Mazen C. Chahabeddine

General Secretary

Rotaract Mediterranean MDIO

