



MEDITERRANEAN SOLIDARITY OBSERVATORY



Mediterranean Solidarity Observatory

Art. 1 – Constitution

In accordance with the resolution adopted at the Mediterranean Lions Conference held in Tunis on the 7th March 1998, the Mediterranean Solidarity Observatory is established.

Art. 2 – Members of the Observatory

Members of the Observatory are all Multiple Districts, Single or Provisional Districts and the undistricted areas of the Mediterranean as defined, classified and recorded by Lions Clubs International. Joining the Observatory is open to all the new Mediterranean members who will apply for it.

The joining is valid starting from the meeting of the Board of Directors during the Conference following the date of application.

Art. 3 – Purpose and objects

The objects of the Observatory shall be:

- a- To promote the diffusion of lionism in the Mediterranean area.
- b- To promote the diffusion and knowledge of different cultures as an expression of a common origin and history.
- c- To express a common vision of lionism representing it at competent offices of the Association.
- d- To encourage information flows among the member Countries regarding initiatives and activities implemented.
- e- To stimulate a twinning programme among clubs of the two sea shores of the Mediterranean basin.
- f- To develop a youth exchange programme among youth of the Mediterranean area.
- g- To support initiatives for the protection of the environment.
- h- To create a partnership with Mediterranean universities and university institutes so as to encourage the creation of scholarships and stages for students and recently graduates.
- i- To support the Organizing Committee of the Mediterranean Conference through consultation, and by proposing themes for discussion and provide any other topic to be included in the Convention agenda.

Art. 4- Board of Directors

The Observatory is to be governed by a board of Directors made up of:

- One delegate for each member country who shall retain the post for two (2) years,
- The Council Chairpersons of Multiple District,
- The District Governors of Single or Provisional District,

One third of members present in person shall constitute a quorum.

Decisions shall be adopted by a simple majority.

Art. 5 – Coordinating Committee

The Board of Directors shall elect among its members a Coordinating Committee which remains in office for two (2) years and shall be composed as follows:

- An Observatory Coordinator,
- Two members representing European Countries,
- Two members representing African and middle Eastern Countries

The Board of Directors shall appoint an Observatory Secretary-Archivist, who shall remain in office for three (3) years.

Art.6 – Meetings

Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at the beginning of the Mediterranean Lions Conference.

The following shall have the right to attend meetings of the Board of Directors:

- The International President,
- The International Vice-Presidents,
- The International Directors, the International Past Presidents and the International Past Directors of the Mediterranean area.

The Organizing Committee Chairman of the Mediterranean Lions Conference of the year going and of the following one shall be invited to attend this meeting.

During the meeting the following shall be examined discussed and approved:

- a- The main topics of the three seminars to be treated at the next Mediterranean Lions Conference – Human, Social and Cultural Relations, Economy and Environment.
- b- The country and the conference venue shall be chosen two (2) years in advance.
- c- Proposals and initiatives submitted by Members.

Other meetings, which shall only have an informal and informative character, may be held during the International Convention or during the European Forum.

Art. 7 – Co-operation

The Board of Directors has the right to take advantage of the co-operation of experts on the subjects being studied from time to time and/or of lion members within Lions International well versed on the subjects.

Art. 8 – Permanent Secretariat

A permanent Secretariat is to be set up within the Multiple District Secretariat of MD108 Italy for a period of three years renewable and will act according to the instructions of the Board of Directors.

The permanent Secretariat is responsible for the keeping of the archives.

Art. 9 – Amendments

Amendments to these rules of procedure shall be adopted by an affirmative vote of the simple majority of the voting members, during the meeting held at the beginning of the Mediterranean Conference.

Art. 10 – Effective date

Each amendment shall take effect at the closing of the Mediterranean Lions Conference in which it is approved, unless otherwise specified in the amendment.