



## REPORT MONACO GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON FEBRUARY 9TH, 2008

The year two thousand eight, on February 9th at 11 am, the members of the UMV met in Monaco, in the effect to deliberate on the following agenda:

### Administration:

- Previous assembly report approval
- Report of the President
- Report of the Treasurer
- Decision concerning the contributions
- Date and place of the next assembly

### Subjects to be discussed:

- Mediterranean games of 2009 (in July 26th Juin / 5th - Pescara - Italy)
- Main events of 2008 in the Mediterranean Sea
- Cap Istanbul 2008
- Collaboration between the Mediterranean countries
- Communication within the UMV

### Attending the meeting:

Mr Chekib Nouria, President of session

Mr George Siainis, Treasurer

Mr Jean-Pierre Champion, President of FFV

Mr Bernard D'Alessandri, President of FMV

Mr Mohamed Azzoug, President of FAV

Mr Rafael Gonzalez, Representative of Royal Spanish Sailing  
Federation

Mrs Neylan Gunay, Representative of Turkish Sailing Federation

Mr Antonio Micillo, General Secretary of FIV

Mr Sergio Masserotti, Council Member of FIV

Mr Bernard Bonneau, Technical Consultant for FFV

The drafting of the report is insured by Marie-Pierre Ferrara, assistant of Bernard D' Alessandri.

In introduction of the meeting, one minute of silence is asked in tribute returned to Mr Giorgio Lauro.

The President declares then the session opened and begins this one with the reading of the agenda.

He thanks for their presence Neylan Gunay, Mohamed Azzoug and Bernard Bonneau, who attend for the first time a general assembly.

### **Approval of the PV of June 29th, 2005.**

The statement of June 29th, 2005 is unanimously approved.

### **Report of the President.**

The President indicates that only one event intervened since the last assembly, and not the slightest: the UMV is finally affiliated to the ISAF. It seemed utopian for a very long time, but thanks to the work of all, in particular Jean-Pierre Champion, the UMV is henceforth recognized by the ISAF as regional organization (since November, 2006).

The meetings of the members of the UMV were several times repelled because of the diaries of each one, but the President feels a renewal of interest today and congratulates himself on it.

THE UMV has its place in the structures of sailing of our region and it is important that in the evocation of the Mediterranean Sea we speak naturally about sailing. Everybody has to work in this direction.

Besides, to increase the visibility of the UMV, it is imperative to identify the events of sailing in which the UMV has a role to play. As example, the President quotes the following events:

- Cap Istanbul (France-Turkey)
- Marseille-Alger
- Record crossing the Mediterranean Sea
- Carthago delecta est (Rome-Carthage)

### **Report of the Treasurer.**

The President then hands over to the Treasurer, George Siainis. This one has not all the elements up to date, but he will not miss to send them to us next week. However, since the last GA, the only made expense concerns the expenses of contribution in the ISAF.

### **Decision concerning the fees.**

The President approaches then the point of the contributions. The invoices of contributions were not sent for 2 years. Today the UMV has no big financial needs, but it could change according to the evolution of the organization.

The question which arises concerning the amount of the fee, is to know if this one is a brake for certain federations. Is it a real problem for a national entity to pay 100 € (hundred euros)?

The President thinks that if a federation does not want to pay this sum it is that it is not interested in the activity of the UMV. But he informs the assembly that in what concerns him, he would be ready to make supplementary financial efforts to receive more countries.

Bernard D' Alessandri joins the President on this point of view: what is free loses of its value. Certain federations have widely the means to move for the competitions, also they should be able to settle their UMV contribution.

Mohamed Azzoug also thinks that the contribution is not a brake, but it is necessary to arouse the interest of the other member countries and it can be made only by developing the activity of the UMV. If a new dimension is given to the UMV (at the sports level, at the level of the exchanges), everybody is going to be interested in it.

According to Mohamed Azzoug, a 100-€ contribution is not a problem for Morocco.

Bernard D' Alessandri is convinced that the motivation is the mainspring of members of the UMV.

The President wonders if to increase the visibility of the UMV it is necessary to sponsor events or to create a new event.

The President asks Neylan Gunay what she thinks of the problem of the contributions.

Neylan Gunay is connected with the conclusions of the other members: if the membership is free, it is not a proof of motivation.

Bernard Bonneau wonders because usually the representative of Cyprus is always present, but this time they had no answer.

In conclusion on the point of the contributions, it is unanimously decided that the present representatives this day will release their 2006, 2007 and 2008 contributions. For the absent countries, exceptionally, the contributions 2006 and 2007 will not be asked, but the appeal of contribution 2008 will be sent to them.

### **Modification of the composition of the Office.**

The principal idea of the UMV is that each of the members of the committee makes a work. So, the President proposes that Bernard D' Alessandri is appointed to Giorgio Lauro's place within the Executive committee, as General Secretary.

This proposition is unanimously accepted.

Bernard D' Alessandri thanks the members for their confidence whom they grant him, it is an honour and a pleasure for him to be in this assembly.

### **Date and place of the next assembly.**

The President suggests that the next assembly could be connected to the organization of an event in particular Cap Istanbul, the organizer of which suggests welcoming a meeting of the UMV in Istanbul.

Rafael Gonzalez announces the intention of the FEV to invite the UMV in a special dinner during the annual assembly of the ISAF which will be held in Madrid the beginning of November, 2008. The President thanks him warmly for this initiative.

### **Mediterranean games of 2009** (in July 26th Juin / 5th - Pescara - Italy)

Algeria, Tunisia and Turkey are sponsored by their Ministry of Sports to participate in these Games.

The President makes a commitment to write to the various Ministries of Sports of the Mediterranean Sea zone, as well as to federations, to insist and incite them to participate in the Mediterranean Games of 2009 with the best crews.

Rafael Gonzalez indicates that Spain will send the best team members. Italy will be present in all the series. In the last edition, in Bari, Algeria was present in 470, Laser and windsurfing board (Men and women). In 2009, they will be present in Laser, Standard, Radial, 470 and windsurfing board.

An opportunity opens for the UMV because Bernard Bonneau was named technical delegated with the ISAF for the Games of 2009. A meeting should be organized quickly to confirm on which series will run the Games. Bernard Bonneau is in charge of delegate UMV's mission in the Mediterranean Games.

Mohamed Azzoug knows very well the President of the International Committee of the Mediterranean Games (CIJM), who showed its availability to collaborate. He makes a commitment to meet him soon to discuss with him.

Neylan Gunay asks why there is no optimist in 2009. It is due to the fact that we want a format close to the Olympic Games.

Is it possible that the organizers of the Games supply boats and boards?

Jean-Pierre Champion thinks that if a windsurfing board different from that of JO is chosen, it could create technical problems. However, boards MISTRAL are not produced any more.

Mohamed Azzoug indicates that in Algeria they train on MISTRAL boards. It would be very expensive to import another board. It would be

necessary to manage to reconcile the development and the Olympic board. The same problem arises for Tunisia.

At present, 3 board RSX were imported for the Algerian teams.

Bernard Bonneau thinks that the Mediterranean Games will have them, it is necessary to send to it the best teams. If we can find a fleet of sufficient RSX, the representatives of the south bank can send competitors.

The President says that he is going to equip the elites of RSX to allow them to train.

Sergio Masserotti says that there should be no difficulties to find boards RSX. He proposes that countries not arranging these boards can come to train in Italy.

Mohamed Azzoug indicates that Algeria will send 4 runners by series.

Sergio Masserotti speaks briefly about Pescara, on the Adriatic, which has a good space, and is situated at 200 km from Rome by the road.

Bernard D'Alessandri suggests that, for a better communication and a better exchange of information, the communication, the coordination and the promotion of the UMV for the Mediterranean Games are confided to Jean-Pierre Champion and Bernard Bonneau.

Jean-Pierre Champion and Bernard Bonneau accept this role of connection.

The President offers his availability to send letters if this is necessary.

Bernard Bonneau will inquire with Michel Barbier to obtain the list of countries and name of the persons to whom address.

Bernard D'Alessandri thinks that to give weight to the UMV it is necessary to increase its visibility. Each of the members would have a mission and so we would know to whom address.

Mohamed Azzoug makes a commitment to organize a meeting with the President of the CIJM, Jean-Pierre Champion and Bernard Bonneau.

### **Main events of 2008 in the Mediterranean Sea**

It is necessary to propose a calendar. Certain activities exist under the national authority:

- Record of the crossing of the Mediterranean Sea, sponsored by an European insurance company (CNP)
- Marseille – Cap Carthage, record regularly beaten. Groupama is soon going to venture on it.

It would be necessary to get closer to organizers to place this type of events under the authority of the UMV or at least under its sponsoring.

Bernard D' Alessandri thinks that the UMV could endow with a price the winner of each of these events.

The President agrees and clarifies that we can pass beyond federations and that the price could be directly handed by the UMV.

Bernard d' Alessandri wishes to delegate the President for the cup of the UMV. It is necessary to envisage that a representative of the UMV is present in all the races such as:

- Marseille – Alger
- Nice – Istanbul (Nice is very involved in this project)
- Route du Jasmin (between Hyères et Hammamet)
- Fiumicino – Sidi Bou Saïd (i twill be the 10° birthday this year).
- Route d'Elisa (ladies' regatta)
- Carthage Delecta Est
- Palerme – Monte Carlo

Bernard Bonneau insists on the fact that it is better and necessary to know these events.

Rafael Gonzalez asks if the organizers of these events are satisfied?

Neylan Gunay says that there are problems with the organizers of Cap Istanbul, but Jean-Pierre Champion knows them very well because it is the professional event which is a stage of the championship. Turkey had no information feedback on this subject, thus Jean-Pierre Champion is going to take charge of it. Young Turkish runners are financed by the organization to participate in this race.

Neylan Gunay reminds that the day after the arrival of Cap Istanbul, another regatta takes place in Bosphorus.

Bernard Bonneau promises to take back contact with the Turkish Federation. The departure of Cap Istanbul is planned on September 14th, 2008 from Nice, and the arrival between 7 and on October 11th.

Bernard D' Alessandri asks to check the dates of the classic boats regatta in Nice (*17/09: Trophy The Beautiful Class in the Port of Nice*).

The same type of problem arises for the regatta Marseille-Alger, for which we have no information. Everything is crossed by the Ministry of the Tourism.

Mohamed Azzoug wishes that this regatta is registered on the calendar of the UMV and the FFV.

One gathering of opinions is made to verify if there are other demonstrations.

Rafael Gonzalez says that he is going to verify for Spain. There would be a Cadix-Tanger.

Sergio Masserotti indicates that numerous regatta exist in Adriatic, he can inquire about Brindisi-Corfou.

Bernard D'Alessandri evokes Palermo-Monte Carlo which takes place in August.

The President asks again Italy to contact the Croats and Slovene. Sergio Masserotti answers in a positive way.

The President indicates that there would be thus 7 susceptible events to be registered on the calendar of the UMV, and ask if 1 time a year UMV should not propose a strictly UMV regatta.

Jean-Pierre Champion indicates that it is very difficult to create a regatta, and that it is better to sponsor those which exist.

The President wishes that for the Mediterranean Games, all the federations gather.

It will be necessary to keep in mind that one of the main objectives is the realization of a UMV calendar.

### **Collaboration between the Mediterranean countries.**

The President reminds that one of the main missions of the UMV is the collaboration between the Mediterranean countries, the link between federations.

The UMV has to be the vector of this cooperation, it has to inform its members.

Bernard Bonneau thinks that international, intergovernmental exchanges, during which the experts would come to organize seminars, would be interesting and could incite the other countries to join the same events.

The ideal would be to include these events around the dates of sportive events.

The President suggests that the UMV, as far as it joins in a structural program of the Mediterranean Sea, must be at the origin of the organization of such seminars: jury, trainings ...

Bernard Bonneau adds that these exchanges could be rather wide and these actions could move closer to countries.

Mohamed Azzoug agrees with Bernard Bonneau to concretize it. He has the National Sailing School where the reception and the restoration are possible. The equipment is available in quantity and in quality, and the safety is also insured there. Algeria is ready to welcome the training courses.

The President suggests deciding this day on a seminar for the judges in Algeria.

Bernard D'Alessandri proposes as contribution on behalf of Monaco, to send Thierry Leret for the race committee, and Jean-Philippe Coin for the sports side.

It is unanimously decided that Mohamed Azzoug becomes the person in charge of the training committee for the UMV.

Sergio Masserotti is going to take contact with the EUROSAF concerning the exchanges of judges on regatta.

Bernard Bonneau explains the principle of the reciprocity: for example a German judge who goes in France pays only his journey, the spot reception being chargeable to France.

### **Communication within the UMV.**

Bernard D' Alessandri thinks that everybody has to participate so that the communication works. He suggests realizing a biannual news bulletin in Monaco. This one would be distributed in the various countries, by email and/or by post.

The President thanks Bernard D'Alessandri for his proposition.

Bernard D' Alessandri suggests that in the news bulletin is mentioned a summary of the PV of the assembly of this day, the program of the races, the Mediterranean Games. Above all sending, the contents must be validated.

The President wishes that this news bulletin is physically sent to the various federations and by email, and in a very wide way.

The President wishes to make a brief summary of the tasks which were entrusted to the various participants of this assembly:

Italy (FIV)	Cooperation / Exchanges
Algeria (FAV)	Training
Greece	Treasurer
Monaco (FMV)	News bulletin and UMV general secretary
France (FFV)	Mediterranean Games + Relations with Cap Istanbul organizers
Turkey	Organization of a meeting after Cap Istanbul
Spain	UMV General Assembly in November, 2008 + dinner

The President ends by saying that it would be sensible that the UMV meets at least twice a year.

Bernard Bonneau proposes AG at the end of 2008, and possibly meeting in the arrival of Cap Istanbul.

Bernard D' Alessandri thinks that Christian Estrosi, who wishes to make of Nice a Mediterranean capital, could be a sponsor for the UMV.

Jean-Pierre Champion suggests that the meetings are held in each of the member countries, alternately.

The President indicates that if everybody agrees, the next meeting will be held in Istanbul in October, 2008, if the problems are settled with the

Turkish Federation, and GA in Madrid, in November, 2008, before the meeting of the ISAF.

Rafael Gonzalez proposes a supplementary grant on behalf of his federation, if it can incite the other countries, such as Egypt, to come.

For the President, each of the active members of the UMV has to be an ambassador and attract the not members.

He ends by thanking all the present members around the table and proposes a sea tour in the afternoon for those whom it interests.

He thanks the YCM, more particularly Bernard d' Alessandri for his reception and his availability, as well as all the present members for their constructive spirit.

Bernard D' Alessandri adds that the YCM and the Federation are always available to help the UMV.

The agenda being exhausted, nor any other point not being raised, the session is raised at 1:30 pm.