



## **Report of the S H I R Ī N Statutory Meeting, Bern, June 25, 2015 – including procedures and protocols**

Hartmut Kuehne, Berlin 2015-06-28 and Frank Braemer, Grasse 2015-06-29

### **Persons present or represented:**

Advisory board : C. Dunning-Thierstein, M. al-Maqqdissi, C. Michel

Committee members : F. Braemer, J. Eidem, M. Fortin, M. Gawlikowski -represented by T. Waliszewski-, A. Jamieson, H. Kühne, M. Lebeau, S. Mazzoni –represented by M. Pucci-, M. Molist –represented by A. Gomez-, Y. Nishiaki, M. Novak.

- Ascertainment of the quorum : 11 of the 16 committee members being present or represented, the quorum is ascertained

### **Report of the Treasurer by F. Braemer**

<b>ENTREES</b>	
Cotisations et dons des membres	
via Paypal (15)	572.40 €
virements directs (5)	250.00 €
Cotisations des institutions (1)	500.00 €
Prêt ECUMS pour frais de notaire	957.38 €
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2 279.78 €</b>

<b>SORTIES</b>	
Frais bancaires	32.65 €
Réception RASHID	40.35 €
Remboursement ECUMS	957.38 €
Paiement frais de notaire	957.38 €
	<b>1 987.76 €</b>

**SOLDE au  
10/06/2015    292.02 €**

**Agenda:**

**Ad 1:** Recent events in Syria and Iraq:

M. Lebeau reported about the current situation in Syria and Iraq.

**Ad 2:** Name of the association, logo and corporate identity:

No objections were raised or tabled.

**Ad 3:** Aims and goals of the association:

M. Lebeau delivered a detailed presentation of the aims and goals of s h i r ī n; after discussion they were unanimously accepted.

**Ad 4:** Statutes of the association:

M. Lebeau delivered a detailed presentation of the statutes; after discussion they were unanimously accepted.

**Ad 5-7:** Membership and donation procedure, fund raising, composition of the International Committee and Advisory Board, responsibility of the President, and the Executives (Administration Board):

M. Lebeau delivered a detailed presentation of the statutes and procedures; after discussion they were unanimously accepted.

Following the demand of M. Gawlikowski, Poland will be represented by T. Waliszewski.

**Ad 8:** Election of the President and the Executive Members:

M. Lebeau declared that he will not run for any office and presented the candidates for the Executive Board (listed below alphabetically by surname):

Frank Braemer  
Andrew Jamieson  
Hartmut Kuehne  
Graham Philip

These candidates were unanimously elected. The candidates accepted the vote. It was declared that they will rotate for the office of the President within the election period starting with Frank Braemer and followed by the other members of the board of executives. Hartmut Kuehne will serve as vice-president; Graham Philip will serve as treasurer; Andrew Jamieson will serve as secretary.

Simone Muehl, designated president of RASHID, was confirmed as an advisory member of the s h i r ī n board.

**Ad 9:** Headquarters of the association, place of legal registering:

Brussels as the place of legal registering and headquarters was confirmed.

**Ad 10:** National s h i r ī n committees:

The existing national committees of s h i r ī n were listed: Australia and Belgium. The creation of other national committees is in discussion in France, Japan, Poland and Germany. The advantages and disadvantages of registration of the national committees as non-profit organizations in their home countries was discussed at some length; in the end it was recommended that they should register. Attendees were reminded that half of the members' fees from a country will be paid back to the national committee therefore requiring its existence to be formally and legally registered.

**Ad 11:** Links with the RASHID NGO:

The relations to RASHID will be regulated in the way that the elected president of each association is automatically holding a post as an advisory member of the board of executives in the other association.

**Ad 12:** Links with the other partners (National and International NGOs, UNESCO, ICCROM, ICOMOS, ICOM, Blue Shield, Interpol, UNOSat/UNITAR etc.):

It was recommended that the relations to other NGOs should be cooperative and complementary.

**Ad 13:** Links with the Directory-General and the Syrian Interim Government:

It was highlighted that s h i r ī n will cooperate with all authorities in Syria which claim to represent the administration of Syrian antiquities and museums.

**Ad 14:** Damage assessment, network of informants:

This point of the agenda was dealt with under point 3 in detail.

**Ad 15:** Concrete measures and projects:

The present state of the work on the concrete measures and projects was presented and discussed.

M. Lebeau presented the actual state of the Damage assessment on the sites excavated and studied by the 129 research projects, foreign, joint and national in 2010: 56 Damage assessment files have been received from directors of projects. Contacts with UNOSAT are going on for giving us recent satellite imagery. Updated reports will be asked from the directors.

Three projects were proposed last February for collaboration under the UNESCO umbrella:

1. Marc Lebeau presented the project of "Monuments & Buildings Task Force"
2. Frank Braemer presented the project "Sites and Monuments Records for Syria (SMRS)"
3. Hartmut Kuehne presented the pilot project "Digitizing the Inventory of the Museum Deir az-Zor" as a foreshadowing of a "General Inventory of Artefacts in the Museums of Syria (GIAMS)".

Information about the illicit traffic in antiquities was also presented.

**Ad 16:** Website:

This point of the agenda was dealt with under point 3 in detail. The members of the executive committee expressed their deep gratitude and appreciation to André Tomé for his successful work for the building of the s h i r ī n website.

**Ad 17:** Press and awareness raising:

It was discussed whether measures should be taken to increase public visibility to raise more awareness for the Syrian situation. It was recommended that s h i r ī n should not take measures by all means but rather seek opportunities for effective performances and representation.

**Ad 18:** Organization of the next meetings:

The next assembly is scheduled for April 2016 in Vienna within the framework of the 10<sup>th</sup> International Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East (ICAANE).

**Ad 19:** News of general interest:

There was no news of general interest tabled.

The members of the International Committee and of the Advisory Board expressed their deep gratitude and appreciation to Marc Lebeau for his efforts, his successful work, and his merits for the foundation of S H I R Ī N.

Marc Lebeau closes the meeting of the first statutory general assembly.