



REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING 2007

Misr University for Science and Technology

Assiut University

27-28-31 January 2008

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## PARTICIPANTS

### *Algeria :*

- Université Badji Mokhtar, Annaba, Mr Mohamed LASKRI, Rector
- Université Benyoucef Benkhada, Algiers, Mrs Meriem BEDJAOUI, Vice-Rector for External Relations, representative of Mr Tahar HADJAR, Rector
- Université du 8 mai 1945, Guelma, M. Mohamed NEMAMCHA, Recteur

### *Egypt :*

- University of Assiut, Assiut, Mr Hussein EL KASHEF, representative of Mr Ahmed Abdallah EZZAT, President
- University for Science and Technology (MUST) - Misr, Cairo, Mr Mahmoud RAFAT, President (host university)

### *France :*

- Université de Provence (Aix-Marseille I), Mr Jean Claude ABRIC, Vice-President for International Relations, representative of Jean Paul CAVERNI, President
- Université de la Méditerranée (Aix-Marseille II), Mr Roger GIUDICELLI, Vice-President for International Relations, representative of Mr Yvon BERLAND, President - Mr Michel KASBARIAN, President of the Euro-Mediterranean University Tethys, International Relations Projects Officer to the President - Mr Michel AUTRIC, Director of Tethys.
- Université Paul Cézanne, (Aix-Marseille III), Mr Hassan BITAR, Projects Officer, representative of Mr Philippe TCHAMITCHIAN, President.

### *Italy :*

- Università degli Studi, Genoa, Mrs Rita CIFARELLI, Professor, TETHYS correspondent, representative of Mr Gaetano BIGNARDI, Rector.

### *Lebanon :*

- Université Balamand, Tripoli, M. Walid MOUBAYED, Dean for Acceptances and Head of Schooling, TETHYS correspondent, representative of Mr Elie A. SALEM, President
- Université St Joseph, Beyrouth, Mr Antoine HOKAYEM, Vice-Rector for International Relations, representative of Mr René CHAMUSSY, Rector

### *Morocco :*

- Université Mohammed 1<sup>er</sup>, Oujda, Mr El Mostafa DAOUDI, Assistant Director ENSA, representative of Mr Mohamed EL FARISSI, President

### *Spain :*

- **Universitat de les Illes Balears**, Palma, Mrs Nuria BORULL, Director of Department for External Relations and Mr Celso GARCIA, student Vice-Rector, representative of Mrs Monserrat CASAS, Rector

### *Tunisia :*

- **Université de Tunis El Manar**, Tunis, Mr Riadh GOUIDER, representative of Mrs Zeineb BEN AMMAR MAMLOUK, President
- **Université de Sousse**, Sousse, Mr Ouajdi KORBAA, representative of Mr Ahmed Nouredine HELAL, President

### **NOT PARTICIPANTS**

- **Université Mentouri de Constantine**, Constantine, Mr Abdelhamid DJEKOUN, Rector
- **Université d'Oran Es-Senia**, Oran, Mr Larbi CHAHED, Rector
- **Université de Sfax**, Sfax, Mr Hamed BENDHIA, President
- **Université Cadi Ayyad**, Marrakech, Mr MARZAK
- **Université Chouaïb Doukkali**, El Jadida, Mr Mohamed KOUAM, President
- **Université Hassan II**, Mohammedia, Mrs Rahma BOURQIA, President
- **Université Abdelmalek Essaâdi**, Tétouan, Mr Mustapha BENNOUNA, President
- **Université de Kairouan**, Mr Mohamed Ali DRISSA, President

### **PARTICIPATIONS INITIALLY PLANNED - CANCELLED ON THE LAST MOMENT:**

- **University of Cairo**, Cairo, Mrs Azza AGHA, representative of Mr Ali ABDEL-RAHMAN, President
- **University of Helwan**, Cairo, Mr Ahmed Abdel Karim SALAMA, representative of Mr BARAKAT, President
- **University of Alexandria**, Alexandria, Mr EL KHOLEY, representative of Mr KHAIRALLAH, President
- **University of Cyprus**, Nicosia, Mr Stavros ZENIOS, Rector

## INVITED MEMBERS

- **University of Assiut**, Assiut, Mr Joseph JOACHIM, TETHYS correspondent in Egypt
- **University for Science and Technology (MUST) - Misr**, Cairo, Mr Mahmoud RAAFAT, President and Mr Sami, MANDOUR, Projects Officer

## ABSENTS OR NOT REPRESENTED

- **Université de Monastir**, Monastir, Mr Baker RAMMAH, President
- **Université de la Formation Continue**, Alger, Mr Abdeljebar LEMNOUAR, Rector
- **Université Mohammed V Agdal**, Rabat, Mr Abdel Afid BOUTALEB JOUTEI, President
- **Université du 7 Novembre à Carthage**, Tunis, Mr Jemaïel BEN BRAHIM, President



**Téthys**  
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Monday 28 January 2008

- Speech by Mr Khaled ALTOUKY, Rector of the MUST and by Mr Mahmoud RAAFAT, President

- Speech by Mr Michel KASBARIAN, President of the Université Euro-Méditerranéenne TETHYS

Mr KASBARIAN thanks our hosts for their warm and friendly welcome. He apologises to partners for certain problems they have had concerning the organisation (mainly about the welcome at the airport).

A talk about problems of communication starts : how to communicate better than we do, how to make sure of the good receipt of the messages ?

A solution is proposed to identify at least 3 persons as Tethys correspondents in every university. It would enable a better communication on the projects.

To do this, President KASBARIAN emphasizes that a measure needs to be taken urgently : each President shall appoint one Tethys correspondent authorized to represent the President during a meeting and to vote in loco during the governing boards, one contact-person for the Academic and Scientific Advisory Committee and one for the Information and Communications Technology and E-Learning Committee.

Mr KASBARIAN insists on the very soon appointment of those 3 persons by the Presidents. Téthys' coordinator will contact the Presidents individually.

From now on, Tethys is often called for by organisations and institutions to take part in calls for tenders or for cooperation projects. It is stressed that every university displays its own assets and priorities.

#### Membership fees problem :

The talk is opened on the recurrent problem of the interdependent contribution from all partners. Although the partners have made an effort – some of them do have – the problem of the annual membership fees still exists.

The governing board decides to take a stronger measure : any university which is not up to date with its membership fees and which does not take part twice in the Governing boards shall not be a full member anymore but shall become an “associate partner”. Concretely, the concerned university shall not participate in the decisions, shall not participate in Tethys' actions and shall not be called upon for the projects.

Should the circumstances allow the concerned university be integrated into a project, it shall pay the membership fees not paid so far and shall pay the membership fees relating to the ongoing contract.

Mr AUTRIC sets out the progress report of the actions led in 2007, the running programmes and the projects 2008. The statement of accounts 2007 and the provisional budget 2008 are also set out.

The projected actions in 2008 are not budgeted for anymore (contrary to the budget 2007) as a result of the unused budgets posted up in 2007. Therefore, it is not essential to freeze part of the funds to actions that are not led.

The workshop on « Quality and evaluation on education », scheduled on 4th and 5th February 2008, will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> July in Beyrouth.

The seminar on 12<sup>th</sup> February in Sousse on postgraduate schools has been mentioned.

The first part has ended with the visit of the University library and museum.

#### Working session on Monday p.m.

Presentation by Mr GIUDICELLI, Vice President for International Relations at the Université de la Méditerranée, of the Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS), European Centre, and the convention between those both organisations.

The ACUNS is set up in Marseille (in the premises of the university) and is interested in TETHYS partnership. The ACUNS is not a financial institution; it is specialized in running projects and in appliances for funding.

A debate starts (Mr HOKAYEM) on the objectives of that presentation and on the role that the governing board should play. After giving some details, the board expresses almost unanimously its intention to take part in that kind of collaboration. A proposed draft in Education (University graduate (Diplôme Universitaire) previous to the International Master's degree) in "Environment and Health" has been mentioned. About half of pedagogy will have to be done by partners from the southern Mediterranean region.

The International Master's degree programme will be developed in common and working groups will be held very soon. They will practice remote work (video conference, "collaborative" software). In a few months, a meeting between partners will be held on the conclusions relating to the performance of the partnership.

#### Future actions :

A number of actions is approved by the Governing board (see document « Actions »).

Within the framework of the project proposed by the Université de Guelma (teaching assistance, Archeology map, international round table at the end of 2008), MUST proposes a website on the theme « Eternal Egypt ». It includes high resolution images, a three-dimensional reconstruction of Egyptian antiques and monuments, environments virtually reconstructed. See : [www.eternalegypt.org](http://www.eternalegypt.org)

The statement of accounts 2007 and the provisional budget 2008 are adopted.

#### New appliances :

Two new appliances have been accepted unanimously after presenting their activities and potentials : the University MUST Misr University for Science and Technology of Cairo (6th October City) (President Mahmoud RAFAT) and the Université du Sud Toulon-Var (President Laroussi OUESLATI) presented by Mr AUTRIC.

Both applicants are co-opted provided that they respect the mentioned involvements in the frame agreement. The President, legal person, involves his own university. He commits himself in attending or in being represented during the various meetings, seminars and councils. He commits

himself to motivate his colleagues to make proposals on actions or expression of interest. In the event of change of President, the new President can retire from the consortium after paying his own memberships fees and addressing a letter explaining his own withdrawal.

➤ REMINDER To date, the Bureau chaired by Professor KASBARIAN is made up namely :

- \* Université de Sousse, President HELAL
- \* Università degli Studi di Genova, President BIGNARDI
- \* Université Hassan II Mohammédia, President BOURQIA
- \* Université de St Joseph, Beyrouth, President CHAMUSSY
- \* Université Mentouri, Constantine, President DJEKOUN
- \* University of Assiut, President EZZAT
- \* Universitat de les Illes Balears, President CASAS
- \* University of Cyprus, President ZENIOS

Conclusions and end of the working session.

On behalf of the Vice presidents, President KASBARIAN thanks the participants or represented members of the consortium, President RAFAT and Rector ALTOUKY for their warm welcome.

« The meeting has responded to all our expectations : exchange of experiences, commitment of the members, identification of joint projects ... ».

A request for candidatures for the next Governing board 2008 is launched. The President would like to receive a written commitment as soon as possible (next Governing board from December 2008 to January 2009). The Université Benyoucef Benkhadda in Algiers verbally stands for appliance (Mrs BEDJAOUI). Mrs BORULL and Mr GARCIA also propose to suggest that idea to Mrs CASAS, Rector (Balearics Islands).

The meeting ends by a lunch offered by the MUST.

Michel Kasbarian

Michel Autric

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