WHICH FUTURE FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN?

THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE MEDIA

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23rd COPEAM ANNUAL CONFERENCE
AJACCIO - PALAIS DES CONGRÈS
Dear friends,

I am honored that Corsica hosts this 23rd annual Conference of COPEAM. “Siate tutti benvenuti annant’à l’Isula di Corsica”. Welcome to all of you. “Which future for the young people of the Mediterranean? The contribution of the media” is the topic of this year. Media are with no doubt a powerful mean to spread the knowledge of cultures and their diversity. They are also examples of creation, development and success that can cross the Mediterranean despite the difficulties, the constraints and the conflicts laying there. Media can and must be a source of hope for the Mediterranean youth. They have to spread a better knowledge of the Other, the one who is not from the same region or country, who does not speak the same language, who does not practice the same religion, but who is yet so close, belonging to the Mare Nostrum, the result of ancient exchanges and melting-pots. They have to disseminate democratic values respectful of the rights of men and women. They have to cooperate in the field of linguistic and cultural production, which generates redeeming openings, economies of scale, activities and employment. Opening the eyes on the other shores of the Mediterranean; examining in depth again and always to find common roots; setting up synergies and cooperation; rising hope simply by giving access to knowledge and sharing: this is to me the contribution of the media in building a future for the young people of the Mediterranean. By realizing this, by considering the youth and highlighting what it represents for the future of our Mediterranean societies, the media work for a Mediterranean which is united, different, dynamic but also fairer and more human.

Gilles Simeoni -
President of Corsica’s executive Council

Dear participants,

I am very glad to see you again here in Ajaccio, in the occasion of the 23rd annual Conference of COPEAM. I particularly wish to thank the Collectivité Territoriale de Corse for hosting us in this outstanding Region surrounded by our Mediterranean Sea.

We have gathered in this edition to debate together about an actual common heritage: the Mediterranean Youth, an asset that we must take care of and accompany along its professional and life path. Thus, this year our reflection will try to answer, from our point of view, the questions regarding the future of the new generations, their conditions in our societies, the way the Media – both public and private - can encourage them in terms of opportunities, of support and of professionalization.

In the era of Internet and of the transition to the digital technology, the traditional Media can bet on innovation, on pluralism of contents and languages, on their ability to attract and retain the young publics through targeted, appealing and, above all, participative programmes. We must be in tune with the voices of the youngster, by involving them in the public debate, allowing them to express themselves on the central – both local and global - social, political and cultural issues. If we are able to do so, we will be contributing to the definition of a responsible and democratic Youth, ready to take up the challenges of today. I wish you all full success in your works!

Talal El Makdessi -
President of COPEAM
THURSDAY
7 APRIL 2016

All Day Long
Arrival of the participants

5.00 PM
Steering Committee
Henri Matisse room

8.00 PM
Welcome cocktail reception
Ajaccio City Hall
Avenue Antoine Serafini – Ajaccio

FRIDAY
8 APRIL 2016

10.00 AM - Commission Meetings
TV Commission
Claude Papi A room

Audiovisual Heritage Commission
Fred Scamaroni room

Cinema - Festival - Culture Commission
Henri Matisse room

1.00 PM - Lunch

3.00 PM - Commission Meetings
Radio Commission
Henri Matisse room

Training Commission
Claude Papi A room

News and TV Mag Exchange Commission
Fred Scamaroni room

Gender Equality Commission (starting from 4.00 pm)
Jean-Jacques Rousseau room

6.00 PM
Tripartite meeting ASBU – COPEAM – EBU
Fred Scamaroni room

8.00 PM
Dinner
Terrace of the Palais des Congrès
9.00 AM - OFFICIAL OPENING
Mr. GILLES SIMEONI, President of Corsica’s executive Council
Mr. JEAN-GUY TALAMONI, President of the Corsican Assembly
Mr. TALAL EL MAKDESSI, President of COPEAM

10.00 AM - SESSION 1: SOCIETIES AND NEW GENERATIONS
Coordination : Mr. DRAGAN NIKOLIC
Deputy Head of News Media Service, HRT - Croatia
Ms. REGINA SALANOVA
Communication Manager, Anna Lindh Foundation
Ms. ROSARIO SORAIDE
Focal Point for Youth & Media, NET-MED Youth Project, UNESCO
Mr. SAMIR AL KASSIR
Expert of the Arab world and International Relations - Syria

11.15 AM - COFFEE BREAK

11.30 AM - SESSION 2: MEDIA AND YOUTH
Coordination : Mr. JEAN-EMMANUEL CASALTA
Director of Strategy and Development, France Médias Monde - France
Ms. MONICA MAGGIONI
President of RAI-Radiotelevisione Italiana - Italy
Mr. JEAN PHILIP DE TENDER
Media Director of the European Broadcasting Union (EBU)
Mr. MOSTAPHA MELLOUK
President of Casablanca Media Partners - Morocco

1.00 PM - 2015 PLURAL + AWARDING CEREMONY

1.15 PM - LUNCH

2.30 PM - GENERAL ASSEMBLY
(open to members only)
Introduction : Report by MICHEL BOYON,
President of Eurovision, former President of the French Conseil
Supérieur de l’Audiovisuel

5.15 PM - MEETING OF THE NEW ELECTED STEERING COMMITTEE

5.45 PM - END OF THE WORKS
Dragan NIKOLIC
He started his journalistic career in 1993. He started working as journalist at HRT in 1997, where he has been editor and anchorman in several news and magazines programmes. He is author of documentaries and winner of various awards.

Regina SALANOVA
Prior to joining the Anna Lindh Foundation, Regina worked for the United Nations as a programme manager and analyst, and also for the UN University to develop research initiatives on migration and culture. She has also worked as a journalist for more than 8 years.

Rosario SORAIDE
Rosario joined UNESCO’s Freedom of Expression and Media Development Division in 2009, and currently coordinates the media axis of the EU-funded Networks of Mediterranean Youth Project. She has worked for the World Bank, the Organization of American States and the Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism.

Samir AL KASSIR
During his diplomatic career, he is appointed Ambassador in several countries and Permanent Representative to the United Nations Agencies in Rome. He participates to several conferences on the Euromed Partnership. From 2009 to 2015, he is Assistant Secretary General of the League of the Arab States.

Jean-Emmanuel CASALTA
After 4 years as Director of the channels and programmes at France 3 Corse ViaStella, he joins FMM in November 2015. Previously, he is Director general of NPA Conseil (2007-2011), Director of INA-Formation (2000-2007), administrative and financial Director of “Régions”-subsidiary of France 3 (1998-2000).

Monica MAGGIONI
She has been a war correspondent, editor and editor-in-chief for the main news outlets in RAI. In 2013, she becomes Director of Rainews24, the all news channel of RAI. In August 2015, she is appointed President of RAI. She is also Vice-president of EBU.

Jean Philip DE TENDER
He has been working for VRT, the Belgian Flemish public broadcaster, since 1989. He started off as journalist and then as editor in chief for various TV and radio programs, becoming the Television Director between 2013 and 2015, after being General Manager of Eén, the first TV channel. He is Media Director at EBU and, since 2013, Chairman of the EBU TV Committee.

Mostapha MELLOUK
With 25 years of experience in the management of TV channels (2M, Aljazeera Atfal, Medi1Sat), he participates in the foundation of COPEAM. He is a senior consultant for the UE programmes Euromed Audiovisual and MedMedia. Among the studies realized, “Youth and Media in the Arab countries”, in the framework of the Youth on Screen project.