



Press Release

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**23rd COPEAM ANNUAL CONFERENCE CLOSED AT AJACCIO  
ELECTED THE NEW STEERING BODIES**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of COPEAM (Permanent Conference of the Mediterranean Audiovisual Operators), took place in Ajaccio from 7 to 9 April 2016 on the topic "**What future for the young people of the Mediterranean? The contribution of the media**".

Saturday April 9, during the two plenary sessions, one institutional - *Society and New Generations* – and the second professional - *Media and Youth* - the debate led to an analysis of the Youth's condition in the Euro-Mediterranean Region and of the role that Media can play to improve their expectations, in terms of both employment and future chances.

On the same day, COPEAM members gathered in the 22<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly and renewed the Steering bodies of the Association: Talal El Makdessi - Chairman of Téléliiban – was confirmed as President for a second mandate; Claudio Cappon - former RAI Director General and Vice-President of EBU (European Broadcasting Union) - and Paola Parri, COPEAM coordinator, were elected respectively as Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General.

Additionally, were confirmed as Chairs of the Strategic Committee and of the Financial Committee Alessandra Paradisi (RAI) and Raouf El Housseini (Tunisian Radio).

After the renewal of the Commissions' Presidencies, the members adopted the Final Resolution of the 2016 Assembly by launching a call for the promotion of cultural heritage as a tool of cooperation between the two Mediterranean shores and of culture as a means of ostracism against terrorism: the memory of our common past as a bridge towards the future for the new generations.

At the end of the works, the announce of the 2017 COPEAM Conference was made: it will be held in Beirut, upon the invitation of Téléliiban, the public Lebanese television.

