

Minutes of MCAA General Assembly 2016

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When & Where

- Location: Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Dorsoduro, 3246, 30123 Venice, Italy.
- Date: 5th March 2016 – from 09:00 to 18:00



Ca' Foscari
University
of Venice



Who

Participants: 188 Alumni attended or were represented in the conference.

The full list of attendees is available in Annex 1 of the Minutes.

- Chair of the Meeting: Snezana Krstic, Chair of the Executive Committee.**
- Rapporteur: Joana Santos, INOVAMAIS.**



Agenda

- 1. Opening Speech
- 2. Approval of the Minutes of the General Assembly 2015
- 3. Report on 2015 Activities & Approval Accounts 2015
- 4. Appointment of the Chairs of Working Groups and Chapters
- 5. Enhancing Collaboration Among Members – MCAA Structuring Profiling
- 6. How to contribute to the MCAA: Ten Ways and Reasons to Become Active
- 7. Presentation of the Election Process & Candidates to the Board & Elections & Presentation of Results
- 8. Closure Session

1. Opening Speech

**Snezana Krstic, Chair of the Executive Committee and of this meeting,
welcomed the Alumni.**

**Odissefs Panopoulos, Policy Officer of DG EAC.C3 from the European
Commission, thanked the MCAA Members for being present and briefly described the
role of the European Commission in the development of the MCAA.**

2. Approval of the Minutes of the General Assembly 2015

Maria-Antonietta Buccheri, Secretary of Executive Committee, presented the Minutes of the General Assembly held in February 2015 in Porto for approval.

They were approved by the majority of the General Assembly, with three members abstaining.

(Annex 2 – presentation used by the Secretary
of Executive Committee)



3. Report on 2015 Activities & Approval Accounts 2015

Maria-Antonietta Buccheri reported about 2015 activities and put some emphasis on the initiatives performed by the twenty active Chapters and nine Working Groups of the Association, which gave more visibility to the Association.

(Annex 3a - presentation used by the Secretary of Executive Committee)

The 2015 financial report describing the annual accounts of the MCAA was presented by Roy Someshwar, Treasurer of Executive Committee and unanimously approved by the General Assembly.

(Annex 3b - presentation used by Treasurer of Executive Committee)



4. Appointment of the Chairs of Working Groups and Chapter

Francesco Grassi, Vice-chair of the Executive Committee, presented briefly the process and objectives related with the creation of Working Groups and Chapters.

He proceeded with the appointment of the Chair of each Working Group and Chapter,

who are, according to the articles of the association, ex-officio members of the Board.

(Annex 4 - presentation used by the Vice-chair of the Executive Committee)



5. Enhancing Collaboration Among Members – MCAA Structuring Profiling

Zoran Andjelic, Ordinary Board Member, presented the Structural Profiling initiative, which has as the main objective to enhance the networking potential within the MCAA.

Mauricio Manfrini, Ordinary Board Member and Chair of the Information and Data Access Working Group, presented the feedback and outlook on Structural Profiling, requesting feedback from the present members.

(Annex 5a – Annex 5b – presentations used by the Ordinary Board Member and Chair of the Information and Data Access Working Group)



6. How to contribute to the MCAA: Ten Ways and Reasons to Become Active

Roy Someshwar, Treasurer of Executive Committee, presented some ways on how and why a member should become active in the MCAA.

Subsequently, Brian Cahill, at that moment Chair of the German Chapter, described the Chapter's activities performed in 2015 and presented the planned activities for 2016, as well as some of the German Chapter's priorities.

(Annex 6a - presentation used by the Treasurer of
Executive Committee)

(Annex 6b - presentation used by the Chair of the German Chapter)



7. Presentation of the Election Process & Candidates to the Board & Elections & Presentation of Results

After the vote counting, Odissefs Panopoulos announced the results of the election for the eleven (11) Board positions, as follows:

Brian Cahill, as Chair of the Executive Committee;

Marco Masia and Amit Zodge as Vice-Chairs of the Executive Committee;

Kiran Kumar Chereddy as Treasurer of the Executive Committee;

Maria-Antonietta Buccheri as Secretary of the Executive Committee;

Wuraola Akande, Zoran Andjelic, Bala Attili, Matthew Di Franco, Francesco Grassi and Cláudia Simão as Ordinary Board Members.

8. Closure Session

Snezana Krstic thanked the MCAA members, the representatives of the European Commission, the representatives of the Ca' Foscari University of Venice and the representatives of the Service Provider for their attendance and hard work.



