

Meeting of the Governing Council MIB Trieste Alumni Association

December 11th, 2019, 8 p.m.

Board members present via Skype: Paula Sartori, Francesca Sogliani, Dorina Stanculescu, Francesca Bruni, Carlo Rossi (in the beginning before he lost connection). Stefano Pilotto was also present.

Agenda discussed:

2020 Reunion

The next Reunion, to be held on June 6th -7th 2020 will be linked to ESOF2020 (European Science Open Forum), as in 2020 Trieste will be the European capital of Science. We discussed about some possible main themes related to the topic, and in the end we agreed that "FROM SCIENCE TO BUSINESS" is the ideal umbrella theme that will allow us to choose various topics to discuss upon within both the scientific and business fields.

Morning Format: We decided that the morning will be "lighter", in the sense we will have less speakers and we will concentrate on 2/3 alumni with a scientific background and a nice career to be shared with the community. We have already some names in mind, and Paula and Dorina will contact the possible speakers already at the beginning of January. Ideally the morning will start with a keynote speaker such as Gianluigi Rozza, champion of ESOF 2020, and SISSA Director's Delegate for Valorization of Research - Innovation - Knowledge and Technology Transfer - Industrial Cooperation. Dorina will contact him shortly.

Afternoon format: We decided to have two interactive workshops on topics related to the main theme, From Science to Business, instead of the Round table. We are still identifying the possible topics, depending on the availability of the trainers as well.

Saturday evening: There was a discussion with prof. Pilotto about the possibility of organizing the Saturday dinner together with the MIB Gala Ball, but mixing the two events will probably render the dinner less "appealing" to a part of our alumni community. We will further look into alternatives to the typical social dinner at a restaurant, like visiting an art exhibition at Revoltella and then have dinner on the terrace or organizing catering at a beautiful villa.

As for the **Sunday leisure activities**, for now we stay with Francesca S' suggestions either a visit to the Duino castle, followed by lunch at Dama Bianca, or a visit to San Giusto castle, followed by lunch at Bottega del Vino. Maybe a visit to Kleine Berlin could also be interesting, but we have to check opening dates and hours.

Other issues discussed: the possibility of having the annual assembly together with the elections for the new board during the 2020 Reunion. Carlo is a supporter of this idea, as it will give us the chance of having many alumni present for the voting procedures, to have a hand in of the activities from the old board to the new board, etc. However, after debating on the pros and cons of this option, we decided that the work involved (including the presentations of the new candidates, both within the communication process and the Reunion itself), the time slot needed to have the candidates present themselves and their agendas on Saturday, and the fact that most alumni will vote online anyway made us decide to not have the elections during the Reunion. We thought instead of organizing a special event for the Annual Assembly and the elections and we will start discussing with the School about possible ideas to attract alumni for this event.

The meeting ends at 9.00 p.m.

Secretary and Chairman,
Dorina Stanculescu