

Meeting of the Governing Council MIB Trieste Alumni Association

June 24th, 2020 – 08:30 p.m.

Board members present via Skype: Francesca Bruni, Paula Sartori, Francesca Sogliani, Dorina Stanculescu, Maria Trimarchi, Pietro Zancai

The main topic on the agenda was the 2020 MIB Alumni Reunion

1. **Format and date.** Due to the current Covid 19 pandemic and the consequent travel and public gatherings constraints, we decided to go for an online event this year, as also suggested by the school itself. The date chosen is **Saturday 21st of November**, allowing us to hold the general assembly and the elections of the new board within the online reunion. The start time we considered is 2 p.m. CE(S)T to 4 /4.30 in an attempt to give the possibility of alumni from all continents to take part.

2. **Possible Structure**

We decided to keep the same topic we envisaged before the pandemic, namely ***From Science to Business*** and the structure could reflect the following schedule:

- Short welcome by the board with introduction of the programme
- Keynote Speaker from SISSA - International School of Advanced Studies to give a talk on the relationship between science/innovation and business (tbc)
- Alumni's Stories: we will have 3 maximum 4 Alumni with a scientific background that will share with us their experience and transition "from science to business"
- Brief annual assembly- it was a particular year
- Elections of the new board.

3. **Operational issues**

- We need to check with the school what platform to use: Zoom is definitely the most known, but Microsoft Teams offers more possibilities of interaction, such as the option of voting the questions by the attendees. Polls and breakout rooms are also ideas that we will consider, in order to render the event as interactive as possible despite the lack of face to face interaction.
- Dorina and Paula will check the availability of the keynote speaker and of the alumni already invited to the original Reunion, while Francesca S. will think about how to better promote the new online format on our social media channels. Francesca B. suggests having a 10 minutes break even if the reunion will last only two hours, as people get easily annoyed online lately. For the alumni stories, Maria and Pietro suggest having a double interview format, a sort of round-robin, where the first speaker interviews the second one and then the second one interviews the first one.

The meeting ends at 9.15 p.m.

Secretary and Chairman,
Dorina Stanculescu