

## **Meeting of the Governing Council MIB Trieste Alumni Association**

**March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 – 7:15 pm - 8:45 pm**

Board members present via Zoom: Teodora Cerrato, Alessia Cossutta, Irma I.G. Tun Naal De Gasperin, Lisa Chen, Gonzalo Moreno Miceli, Manish Sherry, Luca Spiezia

Ambassadors Invited: Laura Prinzi (MI); Paola Pinesich (TS); Kgmotso Momello (South Africa); Matteo Titotto (PD); Leonardo Cera (MI); Igor Stepancic (SI); Marco Cioffi (ZRH); Michele Abbracciavento (PAR)

Excused: Ornella Agostino delegating Irma De Gasperin, Gabriela Carminatti delegating Luca Spiezia and Jessica Parutto and Igor Biscontin delegating Alessia Cossutta

### **The main topics discussed during the meeting are reported below**

#### **1. Approval of the MoM of the last Board**

The Governing Council (GC) approved the MoM of the Board held on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### **2. Welcoming of the Ambassadors**

Gonzalo asked the eight ambassadors to briefly introduce themselves before to start the board meeting. The Ambassadors shared information on the Master program they attended in the past years, the current job position they cover and joyful moments spent at MIB School and within the Alumni Association (e.g., MIB on the snow, Golf tournaments, MIB Clubs and Networking cafés, Study tours and social events).

It followed a quick tour of introduction by the board members explaining also to the Ambassadors the roles and responsibilities within the Board.

#### **3. Reunion 2022: umbrella topic & next steps**

Gonzalo reminded the dates of the 2022 Annual Reunion, confirmed by School, on September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> (Saturday and Sunday) and the related umbrella-topic – still under definition - “Ecological Transition”. It is a relevant subject very interesting to be analysed from different angles.

The board is currently in the phase of proposing the speakers in the dedicated Excel template, available in Google Drive.

⇒ The Ambassadors are free to submit their proposals via e-mail to the board members, before the next Board meeting, by April 15<sup>th</sup>

Alessia explained that the two days of the Reunion usually are arranged as follows:

- Saturday is the day of the speakers and of the Annual Assembly and on the night the Gala dinner takes place

- Sunday is the day dedicated to the leisure activities like Golf tournament and cultural events along with online activities, last year the board hosted a Tai-Chi session live from China

Luca asked the Ambassador the first reaction on the topic. Laura shown the interest in the subject by highlighting that it can be split in sub-topics like digitalisation and circular economy. Paola pointed out that is key to avoid overlaps and repetitions on the topics against the former reunions. Paola also gave the feedback and ideas to boost Networking activities. Gonzalo thanked Paola for the challenge and welcoming the new proposals and activities innovation.

Kgomotso welcomed the main topic even though it is a wide one. She recommended to clearly define the scope of the topic and stay stick to it. A good example can be the Digitalisation and its impact on the evolution of the working conditions.

Gonzalo clarified that the “Sustainability” is the umbrella topic to be declined in a more concrete topic to work on.

With reference to the speakers proposition, Matteo reported a contact of a Professor of University of Padua who could be a good proposal, if available. So that, depending on the speaker (e.g., in case of Professor of Technology), the speech will be adapted to the speaker’s area of expertise and knowledge.

Manish asked if the ambassadors are really interested in listening to a specific topic during the first day of the Reunion. Laura intervened saying that she would not use the word “Sustainability” but it would be better go for “Ecological Transition” or “Digital Revolution”. Laura suggested to split the main topic in different panels to allow the view on different backgrounds the speakers.

Matteo seconded Laura by adding that the “Energetic Transition” has a strong impact on social, economic and linked to the current war scenario.

Paola asked if statistics are available on the Alumni composition to be able to offer topics in line with the composition and expectations of the audience. Teodora confirmed that statistics are available to the board but cannot be shared outside due to privacy constraints.

Michele closed the loop on the discussion, giving his view on what could be a differentiating factor from the previous reunions. He would look for “inspiring speakers”. Someone talking in an inspiring way to be able to give a clear vision on global scale, for example on the current political situation. So the goal would be offering foods for thoughts and inspiration after the reunion rather than increase the number of participants.

#### **4. Barcolana 2022 / Other regatta events**

No relevant updates from Gonzalo on the regatta event planned by Politecnico of Milano. Barcolana 2022 is under planning. As soon as the board receives the details they will be shared with the Community.

## **5. Special Programs: Volunteering days updates**

Irma offered an overview of the starting of the volunteering day that will be soon promoted on MIB Alumni social channels, giving the chance to the ambassador to participate and actively contribute to the events. The launch will be in Trieste on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Luca gave an overview on the Mentoring program to be launched in the coming months to enhance the alumni experience, for example focusing on the women empowerment, by asking the Ambassadors, if interested to take part to the project.

## **6. Networking: MIB Alumni Networking café**

A new series of Networking Cafés will be launched soon, starting from Trieste on March 31<sup>st</sup> and followed by other locations like Pordenone on April 8<sup>th</sup> and Milan on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Irma asked the Ambassadors if they are interested in organizing the café in their town, if yes, they can contact her to coordinate the event.

## **7. Miscellaneous**

The Board is open to any feedback and room for improvements from the Ambassadors. Michele reported that the Alumni Community is wide and rich of knowledge to be collected and shared among the Alumni. So a project to work on may be focused on knowledge sharing applied to different levels.

Gonzalo reported that the School is working on the creation of an Alumni platform, and looking at the future, the Board will take care of this request / idea.

Kgomotso will share the zoom link where she holds the talks where it can be possible to share the knowledge and Alumni experiences.

## **8. Set-up the date for the next meeting / calendar**

The next Board will take place on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 19:15 for 1 hour.

The meeting ended at 20:45.

The Secretary-general  
Teodora A.S. Cerrato

The President  
Gonzalo Moreno Miceli