

## SALTIEL FAMILY WORLD ASSOCIATION

### Constitutional Meeting held in Palau Moja, Barcelona

On July 17<sup>th</sup> 2000 from 9.30 to 12.00 A.M

#### MINUTES

*(These minutes include the discussions held during the 17<sup>th</sup> July meeting and the subsequent exchanges which took place between the newly elected Board members in order to implement the meeting spirit and have practically workable Articles of Association).*

The notice to convene the meeting as well as the draft Articles of Association were included in the package forwarded to all the Saltiel family members known in the world. There was no attendance sheet but an estimated 80% of the 140 members attending the 3rd world reunion were present.

A Provisional Co-ordination Committee was formed in 1998 in order to carry on with the family activities, structure and prepare the 3rd World Barcelona Reunion. As the leader of this Committee, Philippe Saltiel who suggested that the family organisation be structured in form of an association, chaired the constitutional meeting.

He explained that a lot has been done by brilliant volunteers as Vibeke, Moshe and Miles, and also Aviva who was the initiator of a French Association whose President is Michel. The time has come to build up a permanent structure which should last longer than any individual. The necessity appears to share the responsibilities among a larger number of volunteers in an organised way. This is why the creation of a Saltiel Family World Association was proposed with adequate Articles of Association. These Articles were prepared according to the French Law of 1901 on Associations. It was decided that a large debate would help the initial text to be enriched by each culture.

Philippe Saltiel suggested that the meeting be divided into 4 chapters:

- I. Articles of Association: discussion and vote;
- II. Board, Committee, Commissions,: discussions and vote;
- III. Activities programme, first budget;
- IV. Free discussion.

#### ***I. Articles of Association.***

The draft which was previously distributed was discussed, particularly the following points were raised and a solution suggested:

- It should be clearly stated that we are a non-profit organization;
- No commercial transactions are allowed. Examples were given;
- No member or appointee of the Association maybe a beneficiary from the Association;
- Compensation for expenses are provided, only within an agreed budget, and after prior approval from the Committee;
- No member is authorized to represent the Association without a clear mandate;
- The Board nominates the members responsible for the Commissions. These nominees are not members of the Board;
- There should be a quorum for convening a General Meeting: at least ten members from three different countries;
- The Shealtiel Gazette is the expression of the Association.

The Articles of Association were then voted unanimously. The clarification about the way the association would be managed was discussed after the meeting between the Board members. The General Meeting elects a Board of 3 to 9 members. The Board comprises a Committee of 3 members: the President, The Secretary General, and the Treasurer. The Board decides on the creation of Commissions.

## ***II. Board, Committee, Commissions: discussions and vote.***

### **a. Board.**

Prior discussions between volunteers who had worked a lot to successfully bring the family activities to this stage had taken place. A consensus was built up on the formation of the first Board which was suggested to the General Meeting. Philippe Saltiel explained that this was the way to start with and announced the suggested future Board members names:

Miles (England), Hermann (Germany), Philippe (France), Rob (Israel), Francesca (Argentina), Al (USA) Flora (Greece), Flor (USA).

It was agreed that Miles would follow the Gazette edition and that Philippe would be in charge of new projects.

Michel (France), who was proposed for taking care of the finance was later included as a Board member.

All Board members were unanimously elected.

### **b. Committee.**

Philippe suggested that Hermann Bredl-Sealtiel be elected as President and explained how Hermann was devoted to our family, how open minded he was, that he had the practice of multicultural and international contacts, and the sense of organisation.

Hermann was unanimously elected as the first President of the Saltiel Family World Association.

Michel volunteered for the Treasurer responsibility.

A later discussion between the Board members about the Secretary General resulted in proposing the responsibility to Flor Saltiel who accepted.

### **c. Commissions.**

Two Commissions were created this day:

- The Shealtiel Gazette Editorial Commission: Moshe and Vibeke;
- The 4<sup>th</sup> World Family Reunion: Schmuël Saltiel

At this stage, Philippe Saltiel who was surrounded by the French team who had helped preparing this world reunion thanked them for their efficient work: Michel, Hermann, Aviva, Jacqueline, Henry, Marianne, and declared that the current team should withdraw and that the new Board should sit at the table and that Hermann should chair the meeting.

The President Hermann Bredl-Sealtiel thanked the assembly for the confidence and the honor he was given and declared that he would do his best to conduct successfully the Association developments.

## ***III. Activities programme, first budget.***

Hermann suggested that the programme for the next three years be prepared by the Board. Certain ideas which were previously expressed by family members, particularly after the Salonika World reunion would be considered, bearing in mind that these should be workable and viable.

A discussion took place about the first budget and the Gazette. It was decided that the first budget be prepared by Michel and proposed to the Board. It was also decided that in the absence of this first budget, the first annual subscription would be \$60 per family and would include the Gazette.

It was further discussed and agreed that Vibeke would prepare the content's summary of the three next issues of the Gazette. The Board would decide upon a budget for the Gazette, as well. The implementation of the Gazette specific budget will be of the Treasurer's responsibility.

**IV. Free discussion.**

- a. Jerusalem was suggested as the place to hold the 4<sup>th</sup> World Family Reunion. This solution will be studied by Schmuël and Rob.
- b. Haggadah: Thomas Saltiel from London has suggested taking care of it and Beatrice is prepared to help him. There are two versions of the Haggadah. One is in good shape and can be found at the Jewish Museum in Paris for FF. 300. The other one is at the British Museum and mentions the name of the last owner, a Saltiel. But it is not printed and a few pages are missing. Thomas and Beatrice will do their best on that subject.
- c. Hermann thanked those who took the first initiative as Vibeke, Rob and Miles: through their strenuous effort the family network became a "body". For its continuation, after the second reunion in Salonica 1997, the steering committee took over. The new President thanked Philippe for his tireless leadership of the steering committee and for the successful organisation of the 3rd reunion.

The meeting ended at 12.00 followed by a farewell lunch.

Philippe Saltiel