

Considering the sad events which had stroke the Mediterranean, The President BenAmara asked to former responsables of RMEI to organize a symposium during which our community can speak about the future of the Mediterranean and of the youth. We know that some extremism can also develop from students of the RMEI universities. Education, science and culture are needed to make frustrated students open their eyes and become citizens. RMEI must remain a concrete example of the place the different cultures of our region can join and propose a better future.

This dynamism made us organize a public event in Marseille on May 4 and 5, 2017 at the Ecole Centrale Marseille. This French speaking colloquium was entitled « UN NOUVEAU MONDE MEDITERRANEEN: ESPACE DE PARTAGE PAR L'EDUCATION, LA SCIENCE ET LA CULTURE ». (A new Mediterranean world: a space of sharing through education, science and culture). This meeting was a first step of a process which then continued in Marrakech (GAME event, May 2017) and in Naples (October 2017). This colloquium paid tribute to our friend Franco Rizzi (president of UNIMED) and to Pedrag Matvéjévitch who passed away early 2017.

The colloquium was introduced by Madame Agnès Rampal, conseillère régionale de la Région Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur that funded it. Next speaker was Delphine Borionne from UfM. Sonia Bahri (commission nationale française pour l'UNESCO) delivered the introductory lecture. The list of speakers is very impressive: Driss El Yazami, President du « conseil national des droits de l'homme du Maroc », Faouzia Charfi, professor at the Université de Tunis, Mostafa Hassani-Idrissi, professor at the université Mohamed V de Rabat, Michèle Gendreau-Massaloux, former responsible for Higher Education at UfM and former rector, Ghita Lahlou, president of the «mouvement Les Citoyens » in Morocco, Pascal Maugis (Director of Research in Saclay), Jalil Bennani (Psychiatrist, Psychoanalyst and Writer)!

A second part of the colloquium dealt with some tracks for the future taking as an example the CERN in Geneva (Daniel Denegri). Two main examples were described: Entrepreneurship (Mohammed Zahid, president of the network "entreprendre" in Marrakesh and Internship mobility through the description of HOMERe (. Philippe Saliou professor UBO and Wided Carpentier president of Hard Workers). Then we had the pleasure to listen to two prestigious historians: Luigi Mascilli Migliorini, professor at the università di Napoli and Salvatore Bono, the famous historian of the Mediterranean, honorary president of the « Société Internationale des Historiens de la Méditerranée » SIHMED.

At last a round table gave examples of activities in some RMEI universities. During the colloquium GAME students expressed their waitings and students of GEC-Marrakech presented a theatrical performance which has been highly appreciated.

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Most of the texts of the colloquium are now available.