

Report:

Representation of Kamra tal-Periti on the Council of the Malta Federation of Professional Bodies

The undersigned was appointed as one of the Kamra tal-Periti representatives on the Periti Warranting Board, for a term of two years, in January 2019, which therefore expires in January 2021. The other representative is Perit Amber Wismayer.

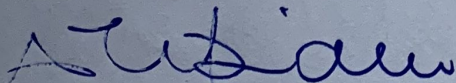
The Council meets approximate;y once a month. Its outgoing President, Ben Rizzo, is not Vice-President, whilst the current President is Ing.Helga Pizzuto.

Unfortunately, I have to report that, in my experience, it is not clear to its constituent associations what the role of the Federation should be. At the beginning of the tenure of the undersigned, there was an issue because the outgoing Presidency seemed to be promoting a common framework for CPD, and a piece of legislation to enforce this. There was also a parallel issue on "harmonisation" of the processes leading to the warrant.

It is admittedly difficult to reconcile the interests of the "larger" and "older" associations, such as Kamra tal-Periti, MAM, etc., organisations that have established legal status with those of the "smaller" and "younger" associations who may not have this established legal status. Nevertheless, it is unclear how member associations perceive the role of the Federation. The undersigned has asked for a discussion session to be held on this theme after due consultation with the different Presidents of the associations.

One purpose of the Federation is to give the member associations a home, or base, with facilities which could be shared by all. In truth, the facilities offered, as well as the quality of the actual premises, are rather poor. The place is certainly not a place an association could, for example, host a meeting with a foreign counterpart. Accessibility is an issue, and the location adjacent to a waste collection facility certainly does not help.

The undersigned has pushed for the Council to open a discussion on new premises. It has yet to be seen whether this discussion, and the one on the role of the Federation – issues which the undersigned considers existential – takes palce soon, and is fruitful.



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