

## 2020 IAM Board Election Answers - Charifa Souissi

### *Questions for all candidates from Sylvain Arvidieu:*

**What can be done and is it in your opinion necessary to make it possible for athletes from different continents to compete together? It happens too seldom at the moment, possibly because of travel costs and lack of incentives (financial or others). What do you think?**

In that case I am preparing an open championship in Morocco so europeans especially spanish could compete in Africa

**Is it the IAM's goal to help spread the memory techniques to the masses (i.e. making resources available for free, I guess) ? How is it then possible to coexist and collaborate with professional memory trainers?**

The websites of training could help like IAM software and Memory league

**Should the current 10-event formats be kept? Why?**

The 10 events are the most common, but in the future if the community wants to work on may this could upgrade

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### *Questions for all candidates from Boris Konrad:*

**How would you like to see the IAM interact with other memory sports organizations in the (near) future?**

Especially common events

**Is it a goal for you that memory sports gets an official sport?**

Yes indeed

**How will you help making memory sports more appealing for beginners and media?**

By workshops and free videos and articles

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**Questions for all candidates from Florian Minges:**

**In your opinion, what are the two most important things the IAM has to work on in the next two years (so basically during your mandate, if you should get elected)?**

Events in all countries represented by IAM  
Learning platform

**What is something that the IAM could learn from AMSA/GAMA (ie what is something they are doing very well)?**

New disciplines

**There are many things and projects that volunteers within the IAM need to work on to operate, manage and develop the organisation. If you had to pick one thing among all of these that you were the most passionate about, which one would it be? (For example: maintaining the website/database, developing the competition software, working on an arbiting certification system, establishing national organisations, developing new competition formats etc)**

PR and social media, working on arbiting

**This is kind of an expansion on a question by Sylvain: AMSA/GAMA have developed and proposed some new potential memory disciplines (spoken flash numbers, fantasy map, flight plan). At the same time, we also have the Memory League format. How do you think the IAM should go about integrating new disciplines and competition formats into memory sports, or is that something that you think should be avoided?**

**Same question as last year: The IAM is currently looking for a host for the next World Memory Championship (application deadline is 15th of January, 2020). What do you think about the feasibility of organising a World Memory Championship in your country, either next year or sometime in the future? What are the biggest obstacles? Is there anything that could be done or changed to make it easier / more convenient in order for someone to host it in your country?**

I am working this year on local championship, but i am also here to help on WMC even in another country

**Same question as last year: The memory sports community has many dedicated volunteers who are contributing to it in many different ways, both internationally and nationally. If you could highlight one such person today (who is not also running for the IAM International Board right now), who would it be, and why?**

Katie Kermode

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***Question for all previous board members (Simon, Mohamed, Charifa, Sanchit, Nathalie, Akash, Corinna) from Florian Minges:***

**Working in a volunteer organisation with people from many different time zones and backgrounds is bound to be tricky. In terms of working together, what is something that didn't work quite as well as you expected, and what would you suggest to the next Board to make it better?**

I think trello and slack helped a lot

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***Question for African candidates:***

**Could you mention your contributions to IAM Board last year other than the work you did as an organizer/arbiter?**

PR and social media

Translating

Writing articles