

## 2020 IAM Board Election Answers - Mohamed Ramadan

### *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?**

I think we should make an effort and discussion about solving this crisis

I had an idea about this but I think it will need time to come into effect is that the organizers of the World Championship to provide, for example, 10 tickets awarded for 10 competitors from 10 different countries from different continents of the world to participate in the tournament are selected qualifiers, for example, or from the results of their heroism that They are held in their countries

**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?**

I do not think that the deployment of free memory or training techniques is incompatible with the trainers or training in general because the professional trainer always has the new to offer and that the primary IAM mission is to provide a free environment for memory training and participation in tournaments without restrictions or any monopoly from anyone

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

No

I think we should adjust some tests and add some new tests, especially for children, to suit them

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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?**

Yes, I want IAM to interact with other organizations, whether these organizations are international or local, because that will help us to spread more, support each other, and contribute to the spread of memory technologies

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

Not a goal for me right now

My goal now is the spread of sport and to prove its effectiveness for many people

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

This is a very important thing here in Egypt, for example, we will organize a competition in which the contestants are divided into levels based on their strength, and the beginners are put together and the strong together instead of divided according to their ages, so I think it will allow many beginners to encourage participation in the next championship Alex MLC

I think we can generalize the idea on a larger level

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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)?**

The two most important things in my view are

1. Finding partners from different countries of the world
2. Complete the rules and rules for Arbiters

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

Actually, I don't know anything specific that AMSA or GAMA can learn

**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)**

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**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?**

I do not believe in imitation of others

I think that anything new should be subject to good discussion and also that the opinion of the memory community be taken into account in these developments and whether they will affect negatively or positively and how effective they are.

**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 still dream about this dream that Egypt will host the World Championship one day

I think we will do it in the future

**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?**

I don't know any one here in Egypt but may be dr. Hakim Belouad from Algeria.

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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?**

On the contrary, it was a very wonderful experience for me. I learned many things from it. I think the most difficult thing I've ever had is that I needed time to understand what I needed to do.

I think that the next board should make a list of the tasks that the board does and the powers of the board, as well as how to evaluate the board members

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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?**

I contributed many ideas, especially about remote arbitration, and also with regard to the organization's development processes, the spread of the site development, and the addition of many new languages.

Also, in cooperation with Charifa, I prepared a file on how to organize a digital tournament