## **European Association of History Educators**



## I am willing to stand as a candidate for the Board of EUROCLIO:

## My short CV:

Ph. D. in History University of Southern California May 1988
M. A. in History University of Southern California May 1984
B.A. in English University of Tunis, Tunisia June 1981

Currently teaching History, Civilization, and Cultural Studies at the University of Tunis, Al Manar, Department of English, Institut Superieur des Sciences Humaines.

Very active in two Masters' programs that our Institute launched in September 2011 in Intercultural Studies and International Relations. The two courses I designed from scratch are: "The Clash/Dialogue of Civilizations Paradigm" and "Sustainable Development". I must add that the current mood in Tunisia is that of a serious division between secular modernists (including me) who adhere to the Euro-Clio principles and values wholeheartedly, and the so-called retro salafists who are perniciously trying to pull us back practically to the stone age.

## I would like to contribute to the work of EUROCLIO through:

My individual membership. I'd like to start a personal relationship with Euro-Clio and later spread the word among my acquaintances in the field of history. I feel I can contribute with a North African/Tunisian historical perspective. I adhere to Euro-Clio principles and values and cherish its apolitical and a-religious stance. I equally celebrate its "promotion of history, heritage, democratic citizenship education ", and its enhancement of desperately needed values in our current zeitgeist, namely the valorization of "critical awareness, mutual respect, peace, stability, and democracy through historical multi-perspectivism, diversity of thoughts, intercultural dialogue, efficient networking and convivial partnerships between Euro-Med countries and institutions. How often do we (educated Tunisians) find ourselves pushing for the idea that the Tunisia of today is the fruit of 3000 years of history, that we ought to stress our multi-civilizational heritage, going back to the Romans, Byzantines, Phoenicians.... and Amazight Berbers whose influences precede the coming of Islam.