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INFO



Secretariat Meeting December 14-16, 2001

The ICCS Secretariat met recently in Rome. The meeting was attended by Enrique López Viguria, ICCS Secretary General, Baldur Hermans, Deputy Secretary General, Mons. Robert Guglielmone, World Chaplain and the World Treasurer Fausto Piola Caselli. An intensive agenda was discussed.

The Secretariat members met Father Francis Kohn from the *Pontificium Consilium pro Laicis* and Mons. Fitzgerald from the *Pontificium Consilium pro Dialogo inter Religiones*.

Meeting of the Steering Committee - Bangkok February 1-3, 2002

The Steering Committee chaired by the Secretary General met in Pattaya, near Bangkok on February 1-3, 2002.

The atmosphere was very cordial. A very pleasant meeting with the Cardinal Michai took place.

We warmly thank the Ratanakosin Association, chaired by Father Vivat, and the ICCS/APR Regional Secretary Anthony Thng for the wonderful hospitality.

The most important items discussed were the following: first draft of the new Charter to propose to all ICCS members;

some amendments of the Statutes. New members: Lithuania and other potential members of the different regions; regional reports; preparation of the Seminar Council in Thessaloniki, World Youth Day 2002 and the 20th World Scout Jamboree in Thailand.

Meeting of the World Inter-religious Scout Group February 3, 2002

The meeting organised by the World Scout Bureau took place in Sattahip, Thailand, the 20th World Scout Jamboree site, February 3, 2002 with Orthodox representatives-Desmos, Muslims, Evangelists, Hindu, Buddhists ... and Catholics - ICCS.

The programme discussed was:

1. The document "Scouting and Spiritual Development"
2. Inter-religious Dialogue in Scouting (World Scout Conference, Greece 2002 and the International Symposium Córdoba 2003)
3. Spiritual and Religious approach and activities at the 20th World Scout Jamboree.

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**E/M Region
Committee meeting in Rome
January 18-20, 2002**

The ICCS-E/M regional Committee, chaired by the new regional secretary Andrea Biondi, met in Rome in the Agesci Headquarters with the presence of Etienne Père, Gerry Glynn, Jaume Bosch, Bernard Gilles, Pat Lucey and Rodolphe Jabbour.

Many important topics were discussed: identification of priorities of action, relationships with the National Associations, the position of ICCS-E/M within WOSM European Region, and organisation of the region. We sincerely thank the former Regional Secretary Sean O'Neill for his work for ICCS/EM over the last 6 years and we wish him well for the future.

**ICCS World
Seminar and Council
Thessaloniki
July 11-14, 2002**

The next ICCS World Seminar and Council will take place in Thessaloniki (Greece), from Thursday 11 to Sunday 14 of July 2002.

The theme of the **Seminar** will be:

“New challenges, New commitments for Catholic Scouts”

All delegates and Ecclesiastical Assistants of the Conference members organisations are invited to attend the meeting.

In accordance with article 17 of the Statutes, invited are:

- The members of the Steering Committee;
- The persons in charge of each member organisation, or the valid appointed deputy;
- The National Chaplain of each member organisation, as well as the members of the Secretariat who are not members of the Steering Committee;
- A delegate of the World Committee of Scouting *ex officio*.

The functions of the World Council are:

- to decide on the membership admission of member organisations and on cases for exclusion;
- to lay down broad outlines of the work programme of the Conference;
- to elect the Chairman of the Council;
- to elect the Secretary General and two Deputies one of whom must be from a different region from the Secretary General;
- to approve the report of the Steering Committee;
- to vote on the recommendations proposed by the members of the Council;
- to decide on the expediency of organising a World Congress;
- to appoint an auditor;
- to approve triennial accounts and budgets;
- to formulate the rules on fees dues of member Organisations;
- to establish regional structures,
- to create specialised Commissions;
- to vote on proposals to amend the Statutes.

The meeting will be held in English and French, with simultaneous interpretation between these two languages in plenary sessions and, wherever necessary, consecutive interpreting. Several documents and some interventions will be translated into Spanish.

Participants should be Delegates and Ecclesiastical Assistants of ICCS associations. They are recommended to be able to communicate in English and/or French, and be willing to participate fully in the meeting programme.

The Council agenda, along with all preparations documentation, will be sent shortly to all participants.



World Youth Day

The 17th World Youth Day will take place in Toronto 23 -28 July 2002. The theme chosen by the Holy Father is: *«You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world» (Mt. 5,13-14).*

Our ICCS American friends are following all preparations. In particular the World Chaplain Robert Guglielmone, and the Regional Ecclesiastical Assistant for America Father Leo LeBlanc attended a WYD preparatory meeting in Toronto in January. During the World Youth Days a **Scout Hospitality Centre** will be equipped.

For more information, all Chaplain Assistants and regional representatives can contact Father Leo LeBlanc at:

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WYD PROGRAMME

Tuesday, July 23

Opening Mass of Welcome presided by His Eminence Aloysius Cardinal Ambrozic, Archbishop of Toronto

Wednesday, July 24

Catecheses, discussion and reflection based on the teaching of Bishops from around the world.

Thursday, July 25

Papal Welcoming Ceremony

Friday, July 26

Way of the Cross

Saturday, July 27

Evening vigil with the Pope.

Sunday, July 28

Papal Mass to conclude WYD

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