



June 2003

Meeting of the Steering Committee - Budapest

The Steering Committee, chaired by the Secretary General Baldur Hermans, met in Budapest – Hungary on February 20-23, 2003.

The Meeting had an Agenda of several items to be discussed. The most important were: the report of the 20th World Scout Jamboree in Thailand, the World Youth Day 2002 in Toronto and the next WYD in Köln (2005), the World Seminar Council 2002 in Thessaloniki.

At the Meeting was presented the final version of the Letter of Thessaloniki, in a booklet version, in eight languages, as the result of the work in Thessaloniki were ICCS worked on the revision of the ICCS Charter. This Letter represents the starting point of the New Charter.

Then other items were touched by the Committee: New Memberships: Slovenia, Slovakia, Romania, Croatia, Australia, Nicaragua, Dutch Antilles and Colombia, San Salvador Costa Rica and Guatemala, most of them with the Membership in progress.

The responsible of every Region gave a brief report about activities, projects and possible problems still pending.

The discussion touched also the theme of the next Scout Jubilee 2007 and the Interreligious Symposium in Valencia (November 2003).

The Committee started a reflection concerning the importance of a new impulse for communication between ICCS and the Associations. It was decided to discuss again the argument of ICCS publications in the next Secretariat Meeting with good proposals prepared.

The Meeting was very pleasant thanks to the Hungarian Scout Association in the persons of Sarolta Gresz and Andreas Roszmusz with their wonderful welcome in the beautiful frame of the Hotel Gellert in Budapest.

Secretariat Meeting Nairobi – Kenya 3 – 6 April 2003

The ICCS Secretariat met recently in Nairobi. The Meeting was attended by Baldur Hermans, ICCS Secretary General; Alvaro Soares, Deputy Secretary General; Fausto Piola Caselli, General Treasurer; José Antonio

Warletta, ICCS publications; Leopold Coly, Co-ordinator Africa Region.

Many topics were discussed. The items analysed with special interest were: the ICCS publications and the actions to promote and support new Memberships in Africa.

The Secretariat members met in the WOSM African Office Mr. Kinuthia Murugu, Regional Director and his staff, in order to discuss about the Africa Region.

Other meetings held with the Archbishop of Nairobi, Mons. Raphael S. Ndingi Mwana'a Nzekj and with Dr. Klaus Töpfer of the UNEP (United Nations Environment Program).

An informal meeting took place also with Philip Ngetich, National Executive Commissioner of the Kenya Scout Association.

Our thanks to all these people who permitted us to perform a successful Meeting full of good proposals for the future.

New Regional Ecclesiastical Assistant Europe-Med.

In April Fr. Bernard Gilles left his duty of Regional Chaplain of the European Region.

Fr. John Seddon, from the Catholic Scout Advisory Council (UK), was elected at his place. We warmly welcome him and wish him a good work and every success in his important new

role, which will take effect, for three years, on June 2003.

We thanks Fr. Gilles for his cooperation and support in the years of his mandatory and wish him well for the future.

Informal Meeting in Rome

The Secretariat in the persons of Baldur Hermans, Fausto Piola Caselli, Bob Guglielmone, Rudolphe Jabbour and José A. Warletta met in Rome on April 25-27, 2003 for an informal meeting.

It was a good opportunity for improving relationships and contacts with the Vatican. Mons. Gabriele Caccia, Councillor for General Affairs by the Secretariat of State, received them in a cordial meeting and gave the opportunity to start good relations with this important department.

Then the Secretariat worked on the documents from the World Seminar Council 2002 in Thessaloniki in order to prepare a collection, to be spreaded throughout the Associations, as the Final Report of the Council.

We are preparing the next issue of INFO. Please send us informations, news, activities and updated Calendars from the Regions.

AGENDA	
June 14-15	Rome (Italy) - Accounts' Auditing Meeting
June 20-22	Geneva (Switzerland) - ICCS-EM Committee Meeting
Sept 20-21	Rome (Italy) Secretariat Meeting
Nov 29-02	Valencia (Spain) World Scout Interreligious Symposium

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