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# INFO

## Steering Committee Meeting Berlin

April 28<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>

In the environment of a city with so much past and present history, and with amazing dynamism, the members of the Standing Committee met to deal with an intense **agenda**:

- *Report of the Regional Secretaries*, each one of them reported on their region and its future plans.
- *Evaluation of Durban '99*. After revising the resolutions, firm steps for instrumentation were approved.
- *Relations with: PCproL-ICCS-WOSM*. The Secretary General informs about the latest requests.
- *Saint George Brotherhood Nominations*,. The Secretary of the Brotherhood, Mr. Claude Troester reports on the current members and rules.
- *Project for CICS 2000-2002*. We worked on the project, its priority points as well as its appliance up to today.
- *Modifications of the Letter and Statutes*. Roberto Linn was entrusted to coordinated the proposal of modification of statutes, and a plan to study the Catholic Charter was approved.
- *Head Office in Rome and Report and Budget from the Treasure*. The Budget for the year 2000 was approved.
- *Replacement of the World Chaplain and Regional Chaplains*. Monsignor LaRocque informs about the candidates to substitute the current Regional Chaplains, and announces the designation of Father Bernard Gilles as Regional Chaplain of Europe - Mediterranean.

## Inter-religious Scout Group Meeting

Geneva, May the 8<sup>th</sup>, 2000

Presided by the Secretary General of WOSM, Jaques Moreillon, and with the presence of Enrique López Viguria and Andrea Biondi from ICCS, this work team met for the third time to discuss various points of common interest. One outstanding point is the agreement of the World Scout Office to prepare a document called "Scouting and Spiritual Development".



- The Religious Program of the 11<sup>th</sup> World Scout Moot, Mexico and the 20<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree, Thailand 2000-2003 was studied
- Information was exchanged about other events:
  - a) Future World and Regional Scout Events of interest for the Inter-religious Group
  - b) World Youth Days. Rome 15-20 August, 2000.
  - c) Seminary in Bethlehem (DESMOS)
  - d) Mount Sinai Work camp (IUMS)

We pray for the soon release of the President of the Scout Committee of Eurasia, Mr. Harout Haroutunian, who is wrongfully detained in Yerevan.

## 11 World Scout Moot

The Catholic International Animation Team of the Scout Moot is already coordinating their tasks as the Scouts Leaders and Chaplains from different countries start to integrate.

### The main tasks will be:

1. To fulfill daily, Sunday and mass Eucharistic celebrations. The massive Eucharistic has been scheduled for Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> in the afternoon.
2. Animation of each "Sites".
3. The permanent attention of the Chapel in the Prayer's Quarry of the Villa Moot, with the presence of priests. For further consultation contact José Marisquirena, Regional Secretary CICS-AMERICA, his email is: jmms@adinet.com.uy

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For news and information on forthcoming activities, documents of great interest and your chance to send us your comments and suggestions.

**15<sup>th</sup> World Youth Days in Rome**

1. Joseph O'Brien, Coordinator of the U.S.A. delegation informs us that 45 Scouts will participate on to World Youth Day, arriving to Rome on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Their plan includes visits to the Holy See as well as a visit to Asis. They hope to participate in the Papal Mass together with another one and a half million youth from all over the world. They also have great expectations in meeting Scouts from other parts of the world. They are already planning on the participation in the next Youth Days in the year 2002. Will it be Toronto?
2. The Secretary General has met with AGESCI and other European Catholic Scout Associations to coordinate the activities during the Youth Days, and especially the Vigil

of the CICS and the CIGC the 17<sup>th</sup> of August.

**Europe-Mediterranean Region**

1. On the 10<sup>th</sup> of May, P. Antonio Matilla celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination as priest in a service at the Salamanca Cathedral.
2. The Catholic Scouts of England and Wales have been invited to participate in: **Project Angola 2000**. This project, together with UNICEF, aims at involving Catholic Scouts with the situation in Angola caused by the Civil War, and emphasizes three main targets:
  - 1] Educational - to raise our scouts awareness of the problems being faced in Angola and the work being done there by Scouts;
  - 2] Fund-raising - to challenge our

Catholic scouts to raise funds to be sent to UNICEF so that they can help the scouts in their work in Angola, and;  
 3] To establish links with the Catholic Scouts in Angola, so that there can be mutual encouragement .

**American Region**

- 1.- The Regional Committee, presided by Regional Secretary José Marisqueña, will meet next June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> in Montevideo. And with the participation of Mrs. Maria Izabel Tungo (Brasil), Julián Domergue (Argentina), Regional Chaplain P. John Fischer and Robert Oldowski (U.S.A.). The Deputy Secretary General Roberto Linn will also take part of the meeting.
- 2.- The Congress of the U.S.A. National Catholic Scout Committee met in Richmond last April from the 25<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup>. Its Executive Secretary and Saint George Brotherhood member Ellie Starr, is retiring in order to receive retirement benefits. From here is a THANK YOU, Ellie.
- 3.- The Pastoral Commission of Ecuador has now a National Chaplain, Father Bruno Galas. The working plan was approved for the year and it contemplates among others: a National Seminary of Diagnosis and confirmation of the Catholic Pastoral National Team, various Jubilee meetings, one per region.
- 4.- The Scouts of Calgary, Canada, organized an activity for Catholic youth, in which during two days they had an experience which helped them live their faith in Scouting.
- 5.- The Secretary General, Enrique Lopez, will visit Costa Rica soon and will hold meetings with the Guide and Scout Association, authorities of the Pastoral Commission and Catholic Church.
- 6.- We are actively working on the preparation of the Regional Seminary that will take place next October in El Salvador.

ASIAN-PACIFIC REGION

Regional Meeting in Manila – Philippines  
 11- 12 of March 2000

With the presence of seven Scouts Associations (Singapore, Korea, Thailand, Macao, Hong Kong and the Philippines), the Asian Pacific Region met in Manila from the 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> March 2000. The Regional Director, Mr. Kim Kyu-Young also participated. Mr. Kim addressed the participants of the meeting by pointing out the role of Catholic Scouts in the development of the Region and offering support from his Office.

- The Regional Secretary Mr. Antony Thng, informed about the improvement from the meeting of the Standing Committee starting from Durban. Especially about the progress of including other countries from the region.
- The Strategic Plan was discussed in two work groups which suggested interesting recommendations in order to guide the work of the Standing Committee in the present triennium.
- With reference to the Catholic Scout Program, it is suggested to intensify the exchange among Catholic Scout Committees.
- The member countries presented a report on the Pastoral activities in their Respective Associations.
- The following meeting of the Pastoral Commissions and the Catholic Scout Leaders of the Asian-Pacific Region was planned for October 2001, in Bangkok.
- We discussed the Catholic Animation Program of the World Scout Jamboree in Thailand, in the year 2002.

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