**ACT FROM THE ORDINARY SESSION OF THE IUS DIRECTION COUNCIL**

Act N° 1 – 2018

Tuesday, January 9th, 2018

Place: Salesian General House. Via Marsala, 42-00185-Rome

Delegates who attend:

Fr. Marcelo Farfán. IUS General Coordinator.

Mario Olmos, sdb. America IUS Coordinator.

P. Ricardo Carlos. America IUS Delegate (Brazil).

Andreu Moreno. Europe IUS Delegate.

Fr. Maria Soosai Adaikalasamy, sdb. South Asia Delegate

Fr. Ariel Macatangay, sdb. Asia East - Oceania IUS Delegate

Absent: José Chivinda, sdb Africa IUS Delegate.

**Agenda:**

* Introduction
* Welcome Greeting
* Intervention of Fr. Fabio Attard
* Objectives.
* Agenda Revision.
* Reports
* 2016 activities report from the General Coordination.
* Report of continental or regional coordination: Africa, East Asia and Oceania, South Asia, America and Europe.
* Encounter and dialogue with the Rector Major.
* Study and approval of the projects that are in progress.
* Study and approval of the document about the Orientations on Ministry Care at the IUS.
* Proposals to accompany the IUS guidelines application.
* Criteria for the formation of animator’s ministry at the continental IUS and regions.
* Presentation and approval of the course for IUS directives.
* Agreements for the publication: *Salesian Charism and Higher Education.*
* Others:
* Criteria for the selection of continental coordinators who have finished their term as rectors.
* Evaluation of the operation and management of the IUS Website.
* Economic report.
* 2018 Agenda.
* IUS incomplete files.
* Next direction council meeting: Rome, January 8-10 2019.
* Photo
* Suggestions and evaluation

**Session development.-**

***Tuesday January 8, 2018***

**First session. -**

IUS direction council begins its meeting starting with the lunch at the community they received a welcoming greeting from the Director.

Intervention of Fr. Fabio Attard.

Fr. Fabio Attard, Youth Ministry Councilor, gives a welcoming greeting and focuses his intervention on the processes and structures of animation carried out by the Department of Youth Ministry, of which the Salesian higher education belongs to.

The specific thematic that the Dicastery has been insisting on these years are: the study of the Youth Ministry Reference Frame; the animation of the ministry delegates of each one of the provinces: the formation of the laypeople; the accompaniment as a youth-vocational ministry process; the relationship between youth and family.

Objectives:

Fr. Marcelo Farfán, IUS General Coordinator, points out three objectives for this Council:

1. Accompany the IUS process organically to ensure a common identity.

2. Follow up Common Policies and Programs.

3. Strengthen the organizational structure and animation of the IUS

Agenda revision.

The General Coordinator presents the Agenda that was previously sent. The Agenda is approved by all members.

2016 activities report from the General Coordination.

Fr. Marcelo Farfán presents the activities report of the General Coordination that develops in the following aspects:

* Coordination reference framework: Identity Document of IUS, Policies 2016-2021, Common Program 5 and the Coordination Activities Plan.
* The activities are presented in three lines of work:
1. Projects:
* Preparation of the document Ministry at IUS;
* Preparation of the course for directives;
* Preparation of the publication of Salesian charism and higher education;
* IUS web portal;
* Development of the new IUS logo.
1. Participation in meetings:
* Ministry Meeting Commission: Madrid (9-11 January 2017) and Rome (12-13 December 2017).
* Annual meeting of the IUS Direction Council (Rome): 5-7 April.
* IUS-AEO Regional Conference (Tokyo): April 22-26.
* Continental Conference IUS-Europa (Venice): 4-5 May
* Continental Conference IUS America (Olmué-Chile): September 12-15
* Continental Conference IUS Africa (Lomé): 6-8 November
* IUS India Regional Conference (Mumbai) 24-26 November. At this meeting the coordinator could not be present due to the Youth Ministry and Family Congress.
1. IUS visits during 2017:
* Don Bosco University (El Salvador).
* Mesoamerican University (Guatemala).
* Salesiana University (Mexico).
* Salesio (Tokyo).
* Don Bosco Technical College, Mandaluyong (Philippines).
* Don Bosco College, Canlubang (Philippines)
* Silva Henriquez Catholic University (UCSH) (Chile).
* Don Bosco Institute and Technique in Electronics Rosario (Arg).
* Don Bosco School of Oenology and Food Sciences and Technique (Rodeo del Medio-Mendoza).
* Pius X Salesian Institute of Teacher Training (Córdoba).
* Juan XXIII Higher Institute, (Bahía Blanca).
* Universidad Salesiana Argentina UNISAL (Bahía Blanca).
* Higher Institute of Theological Studies (ISET) (Almagro-Buenos Aires).
* Professor Don Bosco (Almagro-Buenos Aires).
* Teaching staff Santa Catalina, (Buenos Aires).
* Salesian Institute of Superior Studies P. Miguel Bonucceli, (Rio Grande).
* Salesiana University (Bolivia).
* Dom Bosco Superior Institute, Maputo (Mozambique).
* Institut Supérieur de Philosophie et de Sciences Humaines "Don Bosco", Togo (Lomè).
* Dom Bosco Superior Institute, Luanda (Angola).

The Coordinator presents some processes that are under development in the different IUS contexts:

America:

* Institutional solidity.
* Consolidation as an IUS America network.
* Formation: directives, teachers, administrators, animators.
* Re-thinking of the institutions in ministry code.
* Research: of charismatic meaningful lines.
* Salesian presence and accompaniment.
* Inspectorate incidence.

África:

* Transformation and institutional development: from houses of formation to academic centers.
* Development of the academic offer.
* Formation quality: institutional planning, syllabuses, stable teaching teams with Salesian identity.
* Economic sustainability.
* Higher Education as a provincial ministry option.

Europe:

* Quality contribution in areas more specific to the charism: pedagogy, communication, theology, engineering.
* Teacher formation in Salesian identity.
* Reflection on the ministry model.
* Definition of research models according to the mission.
* Economic sustainability.

Asia:

* Processes institutionalization.
* Ministry in a context of religious diversity.
* Staff formation.
* Economic sustainability.
* Network participation.

The report concludes by presenting some results:

* IUS present a diversified reality: academic, institutional, quality processes, relations with the provinces, management, resources, size.
* Progress has been made in institutional projects.
* Charismatic Vitality: university students as a ministry frontier.
* Sustainability Difficulties.
* Insufficient Salesian personal.
* Role of the IUS within the inspectorates (POI).

**Second Session**

Report of continental and regional coordination’s: East Asia and Oceania, South Asia, America and Europe.

Each coordinator present a synthesis of the processes, activities and common programs that are being carried out in the different continents and regions through a power point. (See Annex 1).

The day ends with the participation in the Vespers Prayer with the Community.