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

Act N° 3 – 2018

Thursday, January 11th, 2018

The session starts at 09:00.

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.

Publication of the book “Salesian Charism and Higher Education”

The General Coordinator presents the advances in the project of the publication of the book "Salesian Charism and Higher Education":

* Agreement with the Rector of the Salesian Polytechnic University of Ecuador to take charge of the editorial coordination. The UPS will assume part of the costs of the publication and the Rector appointed the "Technical Secretary for the Assurance of Institutional Identity" as a reference for editorial coordination.
* In coordination with UPS Ecu, the publication project has been prepared.

The Council analyzes the document and makes some contributions about the possible authors of the different articles; ensure a review of them and leave the possibility for different IUS to make their own impressions and avoid mail costs.

The document is attached to this Act (see Annex 4).

Criteria for the designation of the members of continental coordinators who have finished their term as rectors.

Mr. Mario Olmos, sdb coordinator of the IUS America, presents the need to appoint a new member for the continental coordination team of the IUS America to replace Dr. Jorge Baeza who has concluded his term as rector of the Catholic University Silva Henríquez - Chile and, therefore, she cannot continue as a member of the coordination team of the IUS at continental level.

A similar situation has occurred in the coordination of the IUS AEO with Fr. Onofre Inocencio who has concluded his term as delegate of the Inspector for the IUS of the northern Philippines (FIN).

We must remember that the continental coordination teams are elected during the General Assembly of the IUS.

The Council points out some criteria for the appointment of the representatives:

1. To have enough experience of being in any IUS process.
2. Must be the rector of one of the IUS.
3. It must have the possibility of providing this service at least until 2021 when the new Assembly of the IUS will be held.

The process for the selection of the candidate in the case of IUS America is the following:

1. Send an explanatory letter and a questionnaire to all the rectors of the IUS of America, asking for a list of possible candidates.
2. Make a consultation to the selected person.
3. Conduct the consultation to the respective Inspector.
4. Communicate the result to all the IUS of the continent.

Finally, in the case of Fr. Onofre Inocencio, it is requested to verify if the Inspector has appointed a new delegate for the IUS FIN. This person would be the new member of the coordination team of the IUS AEO.

Evaluation of the operation and management of the IUS website.

The General Coordinator presents the process followed:

* The Technical Department of Don Bosco University of El Salvador prepared the website and the Manual.
* The website was presented in all the IUS meetings.
* It was requested that each IUS choose a reporter for the website. They answered 60 IUS naming their reporters.
* Up to now, there have been very few IUSs that have participated sending information.

The website is a strategic tool for institutional communication, it is necessary to ensure a communicational management of the website that will give it dynamism, participation, and timeliness. In other words a web master is required.

For this we need to have the collaboration of one of our IUS to support the work of a person part-time to assume as web master of the website.

Mario Olmos proposes that Don Bosco University could assume the management of the website, through the communication department.

From the General Coordination, an economic incentive can be given to the person that will work.

Finally, it is mention that the strategic importance of the website for the animation and internal and external communication of the IUS, work must be done to achieve the development of the website and a wide participation of the IUS also with financial support. In addition, it is suggested that the website may be in one of the majority-use domains.

**Eighth session:**

Economic report.

The General Coordinator presents the economic situation of the contributions of the IUS and the expenses corresponding to the year 2017 (see Annex 5). It is important to write to the IUS that still do not pay their fees in order to finance the various activities of the Common Program.

2018 calendar

The General Coordinator presents his agenda for 2018.

January:

09-11: Direction Council meeting

February:

01-02: Visit CES Madrid

05-6: Visit EUUS Barcelona.

March:

19-23: Visit UPS

Ecuador

April

Visit IUS of Brazil

May:

9-11: Europe Conference (Zilina)

14-15: Visit to Zilina

16-17: Visit to Jabok

September:

17-19: IUS Education Group (Brazil)

20-21: Social Doctrine Congress (Brazil)

24-28: IUS Level I Management Course (UCDB Campo Grande-Brazil).

November:

03-30: Visit IUS India

December 30-02: South Asia Conference

December:

03-04: Venice (?)

05-07: Turin (IUSTO) (?)

IUS pending files.

A good number of IUS haven’t yet sent the document with the basic information that is useful for the Website or for a data update. The list with institutions that have not yet sent their file will be sent to each of the IUS and to the continental coordinators.

Next Direction Council meeting:

The date for the next meeting is ratified: Rome, 8-10 January 2019.

* Evaluation and suggestions

The meeting concludes with the evaluation. Some positive aspects are indicated:

* Time very well used.
* Good reception.
* We have advanced with clear decisions.
* There is a greater clarity in the mission and activities.
* Good previous preparation.
* It has been possible to have a vision of the IUS at the level of contents and regions.
* A continuous dynamic work of activities is being achieved and not only reduced to events.
* The presence of the Rector Major was very significant.

Finally, some aspects to be improved:

* Review the English translation of documents.
* Continue encouraging all the IUS to achieve the responsibility with the quotas.

At 1:00 p.m. on January 11, 2018, the direction council meeting finishes, thanking everyone for their participation.

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