



## ICMICA Newsletter No 15 – December 2010

### **Welcome.**

Welcome to this latest European Newsletter from a very snowy UK. Comments and contributions for the Newsletter are most welcome to [kevin@newman.org.uk](mailto:kevin@newman.org.uk)

### **EUROPE**

#### **ELC**

The next meeting of the European Liaison Committee will be held early in the New Year at a venue to be confirmed..

#### **Catalonia and the Basque Country**

Both movements met together in Poblet (Tarragona) on the subject: "*Action and Spirituality in our national context*". Delegates discussed how to build communities of character, of meaning and learning communities. The concept of Benedict XVI seeing the Church as "creative minority" provided interesting ways of rethinking the relation between Church and Society and how the Church is called to play a role of influence without power.

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#### **UK**

The next Newman Pilgrimage will return to the Holy Land in March 2011. The Newman Association are planning two conferences on Catholic and Protestant translations of the Bible into English. It will be 400 years since the publication of the first official translation, the King James Bible.

The Newman Association will celebrate its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2012 and there have been concerns about the future of its archives. These are now to be housed in the Catholic Scottish Archive in Edinburgh. Further information from [kevin@newman.org.uk](mailto:kevin@newman.org.uk)

#### **Austria**

The project: "*Civil courage, call for a new solidarity*" was co-organised by Catholic Action and Parliament in November in Vienna. Issues such as "what are the conditions for moral courage today that need to be improved: the courage to take a stand is a daily challenge" were discussed. Personal resistance begins with the protest against an inhuman language and against populist fear-mongering.

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#### **Luxembourg**

In October 2010 ALUC celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, it was formed on 7<sup>th</sup> August 1910 by a group of 15 students.

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#### **France**

The international relations network of the MCC organised its annual meeting in December in Paris, with title: "*Being Europeans open to the world*". Speakers came from Chinese, Muslim and the Roma community of Paris. Apart from France, participants came from Austria and Italy. Four students of IMCS also took part.

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MCC will hold its national congress in Lyon on the 15 and 16 January 2011. The title is "*Invent a common future*". Around 2000 participants are expected.

#### **Italy**

The annual "theological week" took place in the monastery of Camaldoli (Tuscany). The subject was: "*Human being in the religions*". One main conclusion was: the human being is the meeting point of the different religions

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#### **Slovakia**

The USKI organized a two-day seminar in Nitra in November to help teachers prepare to work with handicapped children in integrated schools. Integrating children and youth with disabilities into mainstream education, is considered useful not only for children with disabilities, but also for children without disabilities, for their deeper emotional development, as well as increased motivation to work in school

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#### **Transylvania**

The 2010 seminar of the Hungarian Pax Romana of Romania took place at Brasov in September under the title: "*Role of Catholic intellectuals in this world*"

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### **Ukrain**

Obnova has organized an International scientific and practical conference about Christian values in front of the demands of the information era. It took place in Ivano-Frankivsk.

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### **European Chaplain**

Dr Michael Kuhn has been appointed as chaplain of Pax Romana Europe. Michael is an Austrian permanent deacon, theologian and communication scientist. He serves in Brussels as Deputy General Secretary of the COMECE. (Commission of the Bishops' Conferences of the European Union).

### **Council of Europe**

The roles of the Council of Europe and of the European Union are often confused.

Philippe GROLLEAU, permanent delegate, has produced a detailed paper explaining the role of each organisation and the work of Pax Romana at the Council of Europe. This is available on the Pax Romana website [www.icmica-miic.org](http://www.icmica-miic.org) in French and English

Further information from Philippe Grolleau [philippe.grolleau@bbox.fr](mailto:philippe.grolleau@bbox.fr)

The "Comment" of the Human Rights Commissioner of the Council of Europe describes some important cases of violation of the human rights in our European countries. It would be useful for member federations to visit the Commissioner's web page which is published in English, French or Russian languages : <http://commissioner.cws.coe.int>

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Website**

The Pax Romana – ICMICA website is now available at [www.icmica-miic.org](http://www.icmica-miic.org)

### **International Team**

**President** Javier Iguiniz (Peru)

**Secretary General** Lawrencia Kwark (Korea)

**International Chaplain** Fr Luis Maria Goikoetxea (Basque Country.)

### **International Council**

An international symposium was held in July in Geneva which was followed by an International Council meeting also in Geneva.

### **Requiescat in Pace**

Mary Mwingira of Tanzania, President of Pax Romana ICMICA from 1992 to 2000 died on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2010

**With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year**

*Kevin Lambert* (on behalf

of ELC)



The International team of Pax Romana ICMICA wishes you a Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year 2011!