



## ICMICA Newsletter No 18 – October 2011

Welcome to our latest Newsletter. Comments and contributions for future Newsletters are most welcome to [kevin@newman.org.uk](mailto:kevin@newman.org.uk)

### ELC

The European Liaison Committee met in Cologne before the International Council meeting in July. The autumn meeting is planned for Vilnius from **26<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> November 2011**.

### European Assembly

The Lithuanian federation will host the next European Assembly of Pax Romana in **Vilnius from 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> November**. The preliminary title is *Spirituality and science*. It will host speakers from 10 different European countries.

### Austria

KAVOe's autumn meeting will be held in **Vienna from 11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> November** on the theme *The Future is Plurality*. Further details at [www.kavoe.at](http://www.kavoe.at)

### Italy

Meic XI National Assembly will be held in **Rome from 21st to 23rd October 2011** with the theme *The words of the truth. MEIC, cultures and faith*. During the meeting the new National Council of MEIC will be elected.

### UK

Anthony Baker was elected as the President of the Newman Association at the AGM in Edinburgh in June. Planning has started for the 2012 programme which will mark the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Newman Association. Further information [kevin@newman.org.uk](mailto:kevin@newman.org.uk)

### Kosovo

New contacts have been established with the bishop of Prizren and Pristina to set up a group of Catholic intellectuals in Kosovo. It is hoped that some members will attend the upcoming Vienna assembly.

### Ukraine

At its congress in September, the Obnova federation elected a new secretariat with Olena Bidovanets as the new President, [bidovanetsolena@gmail.com](mailto:bidovanetsolena@gmail.com). Sofiya Kernychna: [sofiya\\_kernychna@yahoo.com](mailto:sofiya_kernychna@yahoo.com) will be in charge of international relations. Obnova will hold its annual conference from **4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> November in Kyiv**, on the topic: *Human dignity in John Paul's II doctrine*

### Catalonia

There will be a mass in memory of Ramon Sugrañes de Franch in **Barcelona on 28<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm** Contributors will include Lawrencia Kwark and other members of Pax Romana.

### Council of Europe

The conference of International NGOs has planned a civil society forum from **13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> November in Strasbourg** on the theme: *Living Together, Combining diversity and freedom in 21st -century Europe* Further information from Philippe Grolleau [philippe.grolleau@bbox.fr](mailto:philippe.grolleau@bbox.fr)

## NEXT PLENARY ASSEMBLY Vienna 2012

### Plenary assembly

The **2012 Pax Romana- ICMICA Plenary Assembly will be held in Vienna; Study Session from July 30th to August 2nd, 2012** (excursion included); The title is: *Times of Crises, Times for Shared Visions and Common Actions Searching for new Paradigms in Communication, Global Governance, Economy and Spirituality* This will be followed by the **Statutory Session from August 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>**.

### Steering committee

The first meeting of the Plenary Assembly Steering Committee took place in Vienna in September. The next will take place in **Bratislava from 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> November**.

## SECRETARIATS

### International Secretariat; Gender Equality and Women's Vision

The next activity of this group will form part of the 2012 Plenary Assembly in Vienna. The brochure on the 2010 Symposium in Cluj, an event organized by Women's Vision Pax Romana / Europe, is available on the Pax Romana website and also from [annemarieweinzettl@hotmail.com](mailto:annemarieweinzettl@hotmail.com)

### MIJC

The Jurists group are planning a session on the Family as part of the European Assembly in Vilnius in November

## SIIAEC

A SIIAEC study session and General Assembly was held in September in Vienna with the theme *The present economic crisis - a challenge for a 'new deal' and the specific responsibilities for Christians*. Further information from [th.quendler@aon.at](mailto:th.quendler@aon.at) or [anne-beatrice.pernaud@orange.fr](mailto:anne-beatrice.pernaud@orange.fr)

## SIESC

Members from 14 countries attended the European Federation of Christian Teachers summer conference in Warsaw in July. Dedicated to reconciliation, the title was: *Spirit of community versus spectres of the past*. Next year the conference will be held in **Brussels from 25<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2012**. Further information from Wolfgang Rank. [info@siesc.eu](mailto:info@siesc.eu) or [www.siesc.eu](http://www.siesc.eu)

## INTERNATIONAL

### Unesco

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of November UNESCO has arranged a colloquium on the culture of dialogue. Pax Romana – IMICS will present a contribution on *the added values of dialogue between cultures*. Further information from Christopher Malano [cdmalano@imcs-miec.org](mailto:cdmalano@imcs-miec.org)

### International Council

The International Council met in Cologne in July.

### International Team

The international team recently sent out a questionnaire to all federations. Completed questionnaires should be returned to the Secretary General, Lawrencia Kwark, as soon as possible.

### IMCS – Pax Romana

IMCS, the student section of Pax Romana held its World Assembly in Cologne in July. The theme was: *Bridging Our Worlds Going Beyond Borders*. The Assembly concluded with celebrations to mark the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the original foundation of Pax Romana which was initially simply a student organisation in Freiberg in 1921. The theme was: *Memory of Pax Romana, Past, Present and Future – Challenges and mission of Pax Romana*

A new international team has been elected with Charles Ochero from South Sudan and Camila Aparicio from Chile

### JECI MIEC Europe

JECI-MIEC European Coordination (part of IMCS Europe), held its European Committee in September, in Corfu, Greece. A new European team has been elected with Niessen (KSJ Germany) as European Coordinator. [maximilian@jeci-miec.eu](mailto:maximilian@jeci-miec.eu)

## Website

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

## Best wishes

*Kevin Lambert* (on behalf of ELC)

## Forthcoming Events

### 2011

**21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> October** MEIC National Assembly, **Rome**

**28<sup>th</sup> October** Memorial Mass, **Barcelona**

**11<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> November**. KAVOe conference, **Vienna**

**13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> November** INGO Conference **Strasbourg**

**25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> November** European Assembly, **Vilnius**

### 2012

**30<sup>th</sup> July – 5<sup>th</sup> August** Study Session, Plenary Assembly and International Council, **Vienna**



Preparation of Vienna assembly 2012