



ICMICA Newsletter No 19 – December 2011

Welcome to our final Newsletter of 2011 which contains some preliminary information about the 2012 Plenary Assembly and some issues concerning the future organisation of ICMICA. Comments and contributions for future Newsletters are most welcome to kevin@newman.org.uk

PLENARY ASSEMBLY

Vienna 2012

Plenary assembly

The 2012 Pax Romana- ICMICA Plenary Assembly will be held in Vienna. The Study Session with the theme *Times of Crises, Time to Share Visions and Actions- Searching for new paradigms* will run from **July 30th to August 1st**. This will be followed by an excursion on **2nd August** and the Statutory Session will take place from **August 3rd to 5th**.

It is planned to circulate the outline programme and a booking form electronically early in the New Year.

Steering committee

The Plenary Assembly Steering Committee met in Bratislava in November to produce a more detailed draft of the study session programme and to work on budget for the Plenary Assembly. The next meeting will be held in **Vienna from 30th March to 1st April**.

Young Professionals

The theme of the plenary assembly is looking towards the future; hence we need the younger generations to be well represented in Vienna. The objective of the “**Young professionals’ global network**” is to bring their specific visions, ideas and actions to the Assembly. We hope that at least two young professionals per country would be involved. Further information from ledouble@club-internet.fr

EUROPE

ELC

The European Liaison Committee met in Vilnius in November after the conference and European Assembly. Most of the meeting was devoted to the Plenary Assembly in Vienna and refining the budget for the Assembly. There was also discussion of the ways in which the European Federations could support the International Pax Romana ICMICA movement. The next meeting will be held in **Vienna on 1st and 2nd April** after the Steering Committee

European Assembly

The Lithuanian Catholic Academy of Science organised a conference on *Science and Spirituality* as part of the European Assembly in Vilnius in November. About 40 delegates enjoyed an excellent conference with a wide range of interesting contributions from speakers from different federations.

The evening sessions were devoted to a general discussion of the future organisation of Pax Romana –ICMICA. As with most Catholic international organisations, Pax Romana - ICMICA is experiencing financial problems. The Assembly made a number of proposals to the International Council including the use of voluntary and /or part time staff. If any of these options are to be implemented successfully they will require extensive support from the European Federations.

Austria

KAV-Vienna is currently running seminars on *Migration* and *The Church on Fire*. Further information on KAVOe's activities at www.kavoe.at

UK

2012 will mark the 70th anniversary of the Newman Association. Current plans include a major biblical conference in Durham on 10th March, the annual meeting in Oxford and a Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi. Further information kevin@newman.org.uk

Poland

KIK is currently working with other national organisations to persuade the Polish government to ratify the Ottawa Convention banning land mines. Poland is the only European country not to have ratified this convention

Council of Europe

The conference of International NGOs held a civil society forum in 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

SECRETARIATS

SIESC

The next conference of the European Federation of Christian Teachers will be held in **Brussels from 25th to 31st July 2012.**

Further information from Wolfgang Rank. info@siesc.eu or www.siesc.eu

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

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 details will appear on the Pax Romana website. A new President Theo Quendler th.quendler@aon.at was elected and Ann-Beatrice Pernaud anne-beatrice.pernaud@orange.fr will be the new Secretary General

INTERNATIONAL

Unesco

UNESCO held a colloquium on *the Culture of Dialogue* in November. Pax Romana – IMICS presented a contribution on *the added values of dialogue between cultures.* Further information from Christopher Malano cdmalano@imcs-miec.org

International Council

The next meeting of the International Council will be held on 29th July 2012 in Vienna before the Statutory Assembly.

International Team

The international team recently sent out a questionnaire to all federations. Completed questionnaires should be returned to the Secretary General, Lawrence Kwark, as soon as possible. (lawrence.kwark@gmail.com)

Website

The Pax Romana – ICMICA website can be found at www.icmica-miic.org

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year

Kevin Lambert (on behalf of ELC)

Forthcoming Events

2012

10th March Newman Conference, Durham

29th-31st March Assembly Steering Committee, Vienna

31st March – 1st April ELC, Vienna

25th – 31st July SIESC conference, Brussels

29th July International Council, Vienna

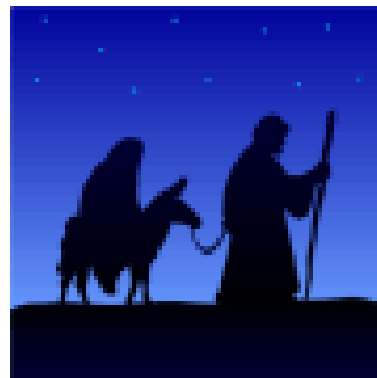
30th July – 1st August Assembly Study Session, Vienna

2nd August Assembly excursion day, Vienna

3rd – 5th August ICMICA Plenary Assembly, Vienna



Assembly Mass in Vilnius



Wishing you a joyful Christmas and a happy New Year