

World Organisation of Catholic Education Alumni

REPORT

Executive Committee Meeting

MADRID

Following a convening sent in due time and form as provided in the statutes, OMAEC Executive Committee meet on April 28th and 29th, 2012, in Madrid at Centre La Salle Arlep.

Present and represented members :

Name	Country	Mandate	Votes
Paola Mancini	Italy	Salesian Sisters of Don Bosco + COPAEC (Portugal)	2
José Ramón Batiste	Spain	UMAEL + FAEC (Lebanon)	2
Laurent Grégoire	France	COFAEC France + UNAEC Europe	2
Federica Germani	Italy	AMASC+ OMAEC Youth	2
Angelo Andrianarivony	Madagascar	UNAAECM (Madagascar)	1
Claudio Andreoli	Italy	CONFEDEREX (Italy) + OMAEC (Peru)	2
José Antonio Cecilia	Spain	CEAEC (Spain)	1
Giuseppe Chirchiano	Italy	General Treasurer	0
Anne-Marie Audic	France	Delegate for UNESCO	0
Clara Mariscal	Spain	Invited (OMAEC Youth / CEAEC)	0
Manuel Estrada	Nicaragua	Invited – Adviser for La Salle Alumni (Central America)	0

FESAEC (Senegal) representative, Alain Badiane, is apologized but didn't send a proxy.

The meeting starts by a prayer followed by the song "Alegre la mañana", sung by all participants ; the Committee members pray particularly for the recently died husband of Mrs Angela Navasqués (former CEAEC president) and for the health of the mother of Nagy el-Khoury (Lebanon), FAEC President and OMAEC Vice-President.

1º Approval of last meeting report

Before this meeting the General Secretary sent the report of the meeting hold on December 3rd in Paris, to all Executive Committee members ; it is approved unanimously.

2^o The 15th OMAEC Congress

Laurent Grégoire, the President of COFAEC (France), presents a detailed statement concerning the preparation and some proposals for the next Congress to be organised in Paris, which summary is :

Congress location : Stanislas school (depending of the diocese) was initially planned but the Congress cannot be organised there for different reasons ; four other locations are studied : UNESCO, the “Enclos Rey”, the “FIAP Jean Monnet” and Auteuil Foundation), each of these locations has different service and price proposals.

General Programme : A solemn Mass in Notre Dame Cathedral and a guided tour on the occasion of the 850th anniversary of its construction ; a journey to follow in the footsteps of the founders of Education Congregations ; Assembly, meetings, conferences etc. ;

Proposed themes : the themes of the previous Congresses are reminded ; several themes are listed by the COFAEC that rather proposed this one : “The alumni of Catholic education : to SERVE for peace and justice” ; this theme could be dealt by several speakers with different point of view ;

Costs :

With the information received the cost could be of 490 Euros (250 Euros for the participation fee and 240 Euros for the accommodation).

A complete translation service will be provided.

A deficit of about 13,000 Euros is estimated, the COFAEC will assume the financing by trying to find sponsors despite the current economic crisis.

FINAL PROPOSAL FROM COFAEC (France) :

- To convene a GENREAL ASSEMBLY before the end of 2012 (without a Congress) to deeply discuss about the pending issues of OMAEC, with the election of a president, the setting of a new team, but also a large debate about the situation of OMAEC, the statutes etc...
- To organise further, in 2013, in Paris, the 15th OMAEC Congress, including an Extraordinary General Assembly to build OMAEC on new foundations with the approval of new statutes and a vigorous relaunching of our organisation.

The Executive Committee agrees unanimously the following proposals :

A) To convene a GENERAL ASSEMBLY in Florence (Italy) on November 17th and 18th, 2012 ; the agenda is decided and we define the indications to be given to OMAEC members to present candidatures for the presidency ; the General Secretary will convene this General Assembly in due time and form as provided in the statutes ;

B) To organise the OMAEC 15th Congress, with an Extraordinary Assembly for relaunching OMAEC on new foundations, on October 11th, 12th and 13th, 2013, in Paris. The final programme, the location, the theme, the costs, etc. will be approved by the General Assembly in Florence.

3° OMAEC Communication

The General Secretary reminds that OMAEC is currently using four communication tools :

- its site : www.omaec.info ;
- the email addresses for electronic mail ;
- a page on Facebook ;
- the electronic News "e-OMAEC World " ;

We noticed that these tools are more used but it's definitely not sufficient by considering the very high number of Catholic education alumni in the world.

The webmaster of our internet site, Oscar Moreno, has resigned of his function and for the moment nobody is updating our site ; we will ask for candidatures to solve this issue.

4° Information from OMAEC members

UNNAEM (Madagascar)

- Building of a school for needy families within the Saint Michel college ;
- The federation as a bishop as adviser ;
- Participation to the WYD of Madrid ;
- Development of a 3-years electrification project by the NGO Saint Gabriel.

CONFEDEREX (Italy)

- Effort to improve the image of Confederex ;
- Successful celebration of the « Conferences for education questions » in Florence on April 21st, 2012 ;
- Preparation of the 60th anniversary of Confederex foundation, perhaps with a papal audience.

CEAEC (Spain)

- High activity after the relaunching assembly ;
- New office at the Bishop Conference ;
- Internet site : www.ceaaec.es ;
- Campaign to obtain the adhesion of new members.

AMASC – World Association of Sacred-Heart Alumnae

- Work relative to the founder of the Congregation ;
- The role of an OMAEC representative at UNO in New York (ECOSOC) has to be précised ;
- Meeting of the European presidents in Naples.

UMAEL- World Union of Lasallian Alumni

- New President elected in the Philippines during the 5th world Congress : Henry Atayde ;
- New internet site : www.umael.com ;
- Next meeting of the new Executive committee at the end of May 2012 in Rome, at the Generalate House ;
- Work on the spirit of ONE LA SALLE - ANIMO LA SALLE.

COFAEC (France)

- Two assemblies are held yearly, a statutory in Paris and a second one in the regions to get closer of the local associations ;
- Participation to the Catholic Education National Committee, as ex-officio member ;
- Work to prepare OMAEC 15th Congress in Paris ; financial help to CCIC, the Centre who groups together the Catholic NGOs represented at UNESCO ;
- Participation to the national Assemblies of the Salesian Alumni and the Alumnae of the Salesian Sisters of Don Bosco.

- Participation to a platform of Christian movements which has meet advisers of some candidates to the French Republic presidency to defend the values of the Christian Social Teaching.

UNAEC - Europe

- Finalisation and diffusion in 5 languages of the Call for Testimonies of Catholic education Alumni/ae, as part of the project "Education and active citizenship in the European context" developed by JESC/OCIPE ;
- Participation to the plenary Assembly of CEEC, the European Committee for Catholic education of which UNAEC-Europe is now associated member, in Budapest on March 23rd and 24th, 2012, where UNAEC-Europe was represented by Professor Jozseph Liptak, from Pax Hungárica ;
- Participation, as NGO with participative statute, to the works of the Council of Europe.

OMAEC YOUTH

- Participation to the WYD in Madrid and preparation of the WYD of Rio de Janeiro in 2013 ;
- New President of OMAEC Youth : Frédéric Gaiffe (from COFAEC France)

The other members of OMAEC didn't send information.

5º Presentation of the OMAEC Youth representative in Madrid (CEAEC)

AS decided in the meeting of December 2011 in Paris, we should build an international network of young people and each OMAEC member (the world Unions, the Continental Confederations and the National Federations) should propose the candidature of one young people to join this network ; CEAEC (Spain) presents Clara Mariscal, a law student, old pupil of La Salle Maravillas school in Madrid, volunteer in the NGO "Pequeños niños en el barrio" ; the Committee thanks Clara for her availability and also CEAEC for the presentation of this candidature.

6º Holy Seat - Vatican

The President Paola Mancini gives to each participant a copy of the letter received from the Holy Seat (Pontifical Council for Laity) dated on February 16th, 2012, in which the Holy Seat précises that our Catholic organisation, in accordance with the canon

laws 298 and 299, cannot accept members who are Christian but not Catholic, or from other religions.

This position is worrying very much the executive Committee, as the Catholic schools are opened to pupils who are Christian but not Catholic or from other religions, and who are then alumni/ae of these schools ;

After a calm debate, it is proposed to ask the next General Assembly to take a final decision relative to OMAEC Statute by choosing between an Association of Public Law, an Association of Private Law or a Christian-inspired Association ;

An indicative vote, organised within the Committee to know his position if OMAEC would become a Christian-inspired Association, gives the following results :

- Votes for : 8
- Votes against : 0
- Abstentions : 4

7° Revision of OMAEC statutes

During the meeting in Paris in December 2011, it was decided to create a Commission of 6 members to study the modification of the statutes ; in a first step, Vincenzo Gallinoni and Paola Mancini had tried to meet with Mgr Miguel Delgado but it was not possible as the Holy Seat nominated on December 17th, 2001, Mgr Antonio Grappone in charge of the Pontifical Council for Laity.

The setting-up of the Commission to study the statutes is not changed, except for Mrs Elefante who has asked not to participate for personal reasons.

8° Financial information

The General Treasurer, Giuseppe Chirchiano, gives a detailed report about the financial situation for the period from January 1st, 2011, to December 31st, 2001, with the following figures :

Receipts : 5,795.90 € (2011 fees and late fees from 2009-2010)

Expenses : 4,840.69 €

Balance : 955.21 €

He gives also a document with the members who are late to pay their fees, including for 2012, and he reminds that, in accordance with the statutes, only the members who have paid their fees can vote in the General Assembly.

The Treasurer indicates that the fees not paid represent a total of 3,600 € + 600 \$; he reminds the OMAEC bank account to send the fees ; all organisations who are late in the payment of the fees are asked to get their situation sorted out.

The costs of OMAEC office renting at Palace San Calixto are 3,720.69 € ; the comments done by the Executive Committee members can be summarized :

- It is interesting for OMAEC to keep an official head office in Rome in one of the building of the Holy Seat ;
- The renting cost is definitely excessive and financially unbearable for OMAEC ;
- This office is rarely used by OMAEC ;
- We have searched other organisations to share the office but without result until now.

The Treasurer gives to all participants a copy of the contract signed between the Holy Seat and OMAEC ; the Committee agrees to study the cancellation of this contract.

Bank account for the bank transfer of the fees :

CHIRCHIANO GIUSEPPE e MANCINI PAOLA

Banco Napoli

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c/c n° 27/11418 Vía Merliani 19 – 80128 Napoli

IBAN: IT32 XO10 1003 4040 0002 7011 418

BIC: IBSPITNA

9° Information of the delegate to UNESCO

The OMAEC delegate to UNESCO, Anne-Marie Audic, presents a complete report about the themes of UNESCO works : eradication of poverty, human rights, cultural and interreligious dialogue. The NGOs have been reclassified in two categories ; OMAEC is now in the second category (NGO with consultative status).

She indicates that the CCIC (International Catholic Centre of Cooperation with UNESCO) is going through a crisis and should be reorganised, and she informs that the OMAEC deputy delegate to UNESCO, Christine Roche, has been elected Vice-President of CCIC, a cause of satisfaction for OMAEC.

10º Miscellaneous

- The President Paola Mancini informs that an important initiative is taken in the context of the new “citizen initiative” possibility in the European Union, who obliges the European Institutions to elaborate a regulation on a subject requested by more as one million of signatures ; on the initiative of the Pro Life Movement – of which Paola Mancini is Secretary for Italy -, it is envisaged to launch a large call to the European society to obtain one million of signatures asking for a law recognising the embryo as a human being ; Laurent Grégoire indicates that, taking into account the European level of this initiative, UNAEC-Europe has to be in charge of this issue ;
- Message of Brother Josean Villalabeitia (La Salle-Spain) who has leaded our reflexion about “the Good Shepherd” by encouraging the alumni/ae to be “good shepherds” in our mission ;
- Agreement that Paola Mancini, Federica Rossi and Vincenzo Gallinoni will try to meet with the person in charge of the Pontifical Council for Laity with the idea to find a solution to the issues raised in point 6 ;
- Federica Rossi expresses her regret that the President didn’t send to all Executive members the letter of the Holy Seat before this meeting, which has not given the possibility for them to study the content of this letter ;
- A great gratitude is expressed to the CEAEC (Spain) for its work to organise this meeting and to the Brothers of LaSalle Centre for their fraternal reception and the services they have done us.

As the agenda was dealt, the meeting is closed on Sunday April 29th at 01:30pm.

The General Secretary,

José Ramón Batiste Peñaranda