



ORGANIZACIÓN MUNDIAL DE ANTIGUOS ALUMNOS DE LA EDUCACIÓN CATÓLICA

ORGANISATION MONDIALE DES ANCIENS ELEVES DE L'ENSEIGNEMENT CATHOLIQUE

WORLD ORGANIZATION OF FORMER STUDENTS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

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ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Paris France

At the city of Paris (France), there was constituted the Ordinary General Assembly of the OMAEC, convened in time and form as per our rules, carried out in two phases:

1st) Saturday – April 9, 2016 from 13.30 hrs to 18:00 hrs at Paris Maison La Salle House La Salle in Paris.

2nd) Day, at 10.45am, Sunday - April 10, 2016 from 10:45 hrs to 12:15 hrs same place, after completed Extraordinary General Assembly (from 9:30 hrs to 10:45 hrs).

General Assembly Board was chaired by Jose Antonio Cecilia and, acting as General Secretary, José Ramón Batiste Peñaranda.

The General Assembly begins with the following AGENDA:

1. Welcome. Verification of the voting rights and delegated rights.

The Chairman appreciates the presence of the participating organizations, even personally or by delegation.

It was noted that according to the Statutes (Art.13) the right to vote in the Assembly, it is required annual subscription fee updated (2015) and no representative could hold more than one delegation.

Exceptionally, the Assembly agreed that the CONFAEC Argentina has their annual subscription fee up to 2014 and due to accredited technical reasons, there was not able to enter their 2015 annual subscription fee,



then they would allowed the voting right during the Assembly, with a commitment to regularize their situation as soon as possible.

Even when OMAEC Peru delegated their voting right; it could vote since have annual subscription not updated.

CONFEDEREX Italy had been delegate their vote, but they noted that his budget do not allow to pay such subscription fee amount; the next Executive Board should consider their subscription fee amount and number of the assigned votes. For this particularly Assembly, they would not have voting right. General Secretary proceeded with to the verification of every voting right, personally and delegated, with the following results:

| NAME | COUNTRY | REPRESENTATION | VOTES |
|----------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Hubert Dacosta | Senegal | FESAAEEC-Senegal | 1 |
| José Antonio Cecilia | Spain | CEAEC-Spain +COPAEC- Portugal | 3 |
| Laurent Grégoire | France | COFAEC-France + Fed Malta | 7 |
| Marie Charvet | France | AMASC Sacred Heart | 4 |
| Angel Gudiña | Spain | CONFEDERATION DON BOSCO | 6 |
| Giuseppe Mariano | Italy | UNAEC- Europe | 0 |
| José Ramón Batiste | Spain | UMAEL-La Salle + CONFAEC Argent | 5 |
| Alessia Clemente | Italy | YOUNG OMAEC | 0 |
| Paul Pied | France | Deputy delegate Com UNESCO | 0 |
| Éric de Langsdorff | France | Treasurer UNAEC Europe | 0 |
| TOTAL | | | 26 |

2- Approval of previous Act (Florence - Nov 17,.2012).

Assemblymen have a copy of the previous Assembly Act held at Florence by Nov 17, 2012; it was proceeded to read and review. The word “Catholic” was replaced by “Christian” on page 5.

Act was approved by 25 votes in favour and 1 abstention vote.

3- OMAEC Activity Report 2012-2016

The General Secretary presented a comprehensive report of the implemented activities in two forms:



- a. Detailed list of activities sorted by date.
- b. Screen presentation by concept.

In the formal act, there was detailed the presentation by concepts, as required by: Executive Board previous day meeting and by CONFAEC President -Laurent Gregorie-

ADMINISTRATIVE:

- Cancellation of Palacio San Calisto rental agreement
- Management of new headquarter at Generalate of the Brothers of the Christian Schools –La Salle- at Rome
- Open up a bank account on behalf of OMAEC at Madrid
- New OMAEC organization chart
- OMAEC Directory update

STATUTES

- To create the By-Laws Commission
- Meetings with Theologians and canonists (Madrid)
- Meeting at Paris and Madrid
- Visit to PCPL (Pontifical Council for the Laity) Rome.

MEMBERS - APPOINTMENTS

- Contacts and activities with FEDECMEX (Mexico) and FAECAS (South Africa).
- Management and appointments of several correspondents: Cuba, Chile, Japan, Mozambique, Dominican Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, South Africa and neighbour countries; Chad and Thailand, Benin, Sao Tome-Principe.
- UNESCO Delegation
- ECOSOC - NY
- Delegate Alumni Confederation of Don Bosco Salesians.

COMMUNICATIONS



- e-OMAEC World Bulletin, from 5 to 17 edition
- Facebook Account: 207 followers
- Web Internet: www.omaec.info new edition since December 2015; self management with cost savings
- Mail Service (by language) 381 in Spanish; 58 in French and 32 in English.

PRESENCE AND PARTICIPATION

- Catholic Social days for Europe - Madrid
- Farewell Archbishop - Madrid
- Congress CIEO - Rome
- European Laity Forum - Madrid
- UNESCO - Paris
- Council of Europe - Strasbourg
- OMAEC become a member of OIEC
- New has become Archbishop – Madrid.

DOCUMENTS PROCESSED

- Defence of life, abortion and abuse
- Education
- Equality of women - Social Status of Women
- Congregational NGOs.

HOLY SEE

- Visit to PCPL Pontifical Council for the Laity (Rome)
- Commenced contacts with the Congregation for Catholic Education (Rome)

SOCIAL ACTION



- Agreement with the La Salle NGO –PROYDE- for diffusion and support of Fair Trade
- Activation in our web www.omec.info an OMAEC SOLIDARITY space to make visible the social actions of our member organizations.

During the presentation of the activities, there were commenting suggestions, clarifications and proposals for improvement

Laurent Grégoire stated that an agreement like the one signed with PROYDE, should had been submitted and approved by the General Assembly.

This report was approved with 25 votes in favour and 1 abstention.

4- Reports from Member Organizations and Delegations.

The General Secretariat had require in advance an activities report from all OMAEC members, organizations and delegations; find below a resume of received reports:

UNESCO delegation

Delegate to UNESCO, *Mr. Laurent Gregoire* starts remembering the great activity of *Ms. Anne-Marie Audic* as a delegate to UNESCO and CCIC, whom pass away in August 2014. Since then, a new team was conform, been delegated *Mr. Laurent Grégoire*, *Mr. Paul Pied* as alternate delegate and the members *Ms. Tania Farah*, *Mr. Marc Dejean* and *Mr. Eric de Langsdorff*.

As NGOs, OMAEC has consultative status with UNESCO, assisting each year to the Plenary Assembly of NGOs, then, thanks was given to *Mr. José Antonio Cecilia* and *Ms. Alessia Clemente*, for their participation in various events; our president has presented several issues on behalf of the OMAEC:

- Objectives of citizens' education (September 2013)
- Study about the Family (May 2014)
- Study about congregational NGOs and their contribution (June 2014)
- Study about women today situation (March 2015)
- Call about the family, cradle of life, hope of society (May 2015)

(These documents are on the web OMAEC)

UNESCO's statutory NGOs organise two (2) forums and thematic conferences every year since 2013; we had been represented at the education conference in Paris (Sep 2013.); water conference in Yamoussoukro in 2014, represented by our correspondent



in Ivory Coast -Mr. Jean François Kodo- and have been present at the conference organized by the Vatican with the Secretary of State, S.E. Cardinal Pietro Parolin.

OMAEC is an active member of the CCIC, International Catholic Centre, chaired by Mme. Christine Roche (former member of the delegation of OMAEC body UNESCO) with the effective collaboration of Mr. Paul Pied; the CCIC organized in March 2017 a major conference on the occasion of its 70th anniversary.

UMAEL - La Salle

World Union Lasallian Former Students, whose delegate to OMAEC is Mr. Jose Ramon Batiste reports that during the presidency of the Philippine Mr. Henri Atayde (2011-2015) has worked extensively in the "regionalization" of the organization, preparing structures in Asia-Pacific (PARC), Latin America (RELAL) and Europe-Middle East (RELEM). In June 2015, it was hold the 6th UMAEL Congress in Beauvais (France); a formative, participatory and well organized congress; there was elected a new president, Mickaël Portevin (France), as well as a new team that will lead the UMAEL until 2019, year of their 25th Anniversary.

UNAEC-Europe

Mr. Giuseppe Mariano and Mr. Laurent Gregoire -UNAEC-Europe president and general secretary- presented the following report. The UNAEC-Europe was created in 1980 and brings together national confederations from 6 countries: Spain, France, Hungary, Italy, Malta and Portugal, including the unique congregational confederation that exists in Europe -the Jesuit Fathers-, as well as representatives of the congregational global confederations.

Activities since the last General Assembly in Florence 2012:

- UNAEC Europe logo design

- Participation in several CEEC –European Committee for Catholic Education- meetings and assemblies.

- Active participation in the European Council (UNAEC has participatory status)

- Collaboration and participation 2012-2013 in the project "Education and active citizenship in the European context", broadcasting in five languages the survey as many alumni as possible, results were presented at Strasbourg conference.

- By-law amendment revision, which were approved by the Extraordinary General Assembly in Rome by 22/11/2015; today the UNAEC Europe is an association under French legislation; these new by-law provide the possibility that global congregational unions that do not have European structure, could be represented in the bodies of the UNAEC-Europe.



In the General Assembly, it was re-elected for a second term, Mr. Giuseppe Mariano, president; Mr. Laurent Gregoire, Secretary General and Mr. Eric de Langsdorff, treasurer.

Main projects for the next three years are: to maintain representation Council of Europe representation; communication improvements; appointment of an ecclesiastical assistant, appointment of correspondents in more countries and cities and offer assistance for the foundation of new national federations; foundation of an annual conference or meeting, and an European charter of alumni of Catholic education, as well as awareness campaigns, voluntary service and insertion of young people.

UNAEC-Africa

Mr. Hubert Dacosta, presented a report prepared by Mr. Alain Badiane in relation to the organization foundation.

They have maintained contacts with representatives of Togo, Benin, Ivory Coast, Chad, South Africa and Angola; they wish to thank Mr. Richard Guelly for his support.

With the assistance of OMAEC President and General Secretary, they have been able to keep in touch and now they are eight (8), then a UNAEC Africa could be founded.

They require from OMAEC to complete the appointment of correspondents; to verify which country could hold a correspondents meeting and to found financial supports for this meeting.

There was proposed the appointment of Mr. Issa Kapara as a Benin correspondent.

CEAAEC Spain

Mr. Jose Antonio Cecilia, CEAAEC president, presented the following activities

- Participation in the conference CEAS - Lay Ministry
- Assistance to the Laity Council, Catholic Schools, Laity Forum, San Dámaso University and San Benito Forum.
- CEAAEC by-laws update.
- Attendance in Rome, Assembly UNAEC-Europe and CE OMAEC
- Attendance in Rome to the CIEO Congress
- I and II Meeting of Alumni Associations from Valencia and Murcia.
- Attendance to the XXV years of Menesiano College in Vitoria
- Attendance to the ARLEP-La Salle Alumni Assembly.

COFAEC France

Management report by its president Mr. Laurent Grégoire: It is an organization with 110 years of action, conformed by associations of diocesan and congregational former students 50%.



Since 2012 they held the following General Assemblies:

-Lasallian School Francs-Bourgeois - Paris (1/12/2012), topic: The 7 essential points of the Vatican II heritage.

-Foreign Missions - Paris (14/12/2013 /) topic: Go to the borders

-Montallembert Space - Montrouge (29/11/2014) Squeezing our solidarity and testimony of Fr. Camilo Gomis from Senegal "Non-violent Generation".

- The Assembly scheduled for Nov 11, 2015 was suspended due to terrorist attacks in Paris and replaced by a virtual Assembly with voting process by email.

Other relevant activities:

-Active participation in the Convention of French Catholic Education.

-Participation in the development of new by-laws of French Catholic Education, voted by the bishops in 2013, officially recognizing the role of alumni as collaborators in Catholic schools and their proper role in School councils.

-Appointment of Monsignor Alain Planet (2014) -Bishop of Narbonne and Carcassonne- as COFAEC ecclesiastical assistance.

-Contact with various former students from universities, vocational training institutes, etc.

-Organization of trip to Senegal, scheduled by May 2016 to visit the achievements of Fr. Camilo Gomis and explore possibilities of cooperation for a new professional institute.

The COFAEC is an active member of UNAEC Europe and the OMAEC; they have taken an active role in the re-launch of the OMAEC since the Florence assembly and remarkable congratulation for the President and Secretary General for their communications efforts.

They deplore the priority given and the dedicated time to discussions related with the PCPL- Pontifical Council for the Laity, doomed to failure. We renew our request already expressed in the last four (4) General Assemblies, that those responsible for the OMAEC engage primarily to encourage the creation of national and continental federations and ensure that these organizations have real activity and people involved to OMAEC meetings, not represent themselves. Credibility, recognition, finance, depend on the future of the OMAEC.

ALUMNI CONFEDERATION SALESIANS DON BOSCO

Mr. Angel Gudiña, representative of the Confederation Former Students Salesian Don Bosco, unable to attend the delegate to OMAEC, Mr. Sergi Rodriguez, presented their management report as a MSN Power Point presentation, summarized as follows:

-School for Leaders.

-Confederation 100 years in 2012



- Congress In Asia 2013
- Visit to Timor 2016
- Solidarity Project at Guatemala
- Forum of presidents and delegates
- Eurogex 2014 - Austria
- Support Asturias Prince Award 2014 to Salesian institution.
- Date June 24, Don Bosco alumni day
- New Confederation president, Michal Hort, Slovakia
- They've been prepared an Action Plan with seven (7) thematic priorities.

Members FESAEC Senegal and YOUNG OMAEC, have failed to submit their reports, they claim that would be send soon to the Secretary General.

5- Financial Report 2012-2015

General Secretary stated that in the Florence 2012 General Assembly, there were appointed as Commissioner of Accounts -Mrs. Liliana Beriozza- (Italy) and -Mr. Angelo Andrianarivony- (Madagascar), financial report had been sent to them two (2) months ago; Mrs. Liliana has expressed in writing her approval and Mr. Angelo decline in his role as Commissioner of Accounts due to personal issues.

Due to the absence of General Treasurer –Javier Oms-, our president presented the financial report, summarized as follows: (Euro)

| Year | income | expenses | remaining | Treasury by Dec 31, 2015 |
|------|----------|----------|-----------|--------------------------|
| 2012 | 4.219,39 | 4.632,00 | -412,61 | 831,60 |
| 2013 | 3.107,20 | 3.350,85 | -245,65 | 587,95 |
| 2014 | 3.157,39 | 2.746,93 | 410,46 | 998,41 |
| 2015 | 2.967,15 | 2.689,94 | 277,21 | 1275,62 |

Important efforts have been made to reduce costs, particularly in the San Calisto Palace – Rome- office rent monthly fee.

There was proposed that in future accountability, classified travel expenses of members of Executive Board members as donations; these fact, actually increase the global balance.



There was also stated that for the coming register OMAEC under French legislation, the organization should be submitted to the accountability model and balance for Associations established in that country.

This report was approved with 25 votes in favour and one (1) abstention.

6- Several issues

This section would be used to review the situation between OMAEC and the PCPL (Pontifical Council for the Laity). Mr. Laurent Grégoire summarizes the whole process as follows; Brief history: more than ten years ago, Code of Canon Law has been amended and the name of International Catholic Organization (obtained by OMAEC) ceases to exist. Those responsible for the OMAEC tried to be recognized by the PCPL as "Association of Public Law": it was not possible.

OMAEC Assembly intention is to have the right to be considered as "Association of Private Law" as manifested in correspondence exchange between OMAEC and PCPL over last years .

Mr. José Ramón Batiste refers to the last letter received from PCPL, where the requirement that all former students of member organizations must be baptized and profess the Catholic religion is again seen; there was presented a study of our members organizations OMAEC by-laws, where the vast majority admitted members of other faiths; there were also analysed different organizations by-laws with the approval of PCPL do not required on to their members that should be baptized.

Assembly participants confirm that it is not possible to accept the demand of PCPL.

Taking the opportunity of the OMAEC attendance the Catholic Education Congress in Rome by November 2015, there were commenced discussions with the Congregation for Catholic Education.

The second part of the General Assembly begins once held the EGM with the approval of new by-laws. The continuation of the Ordinary General Assembly; therefore it continues under the new statutes of the OMAEC.

7- Annual subscription fee setting.

It was agreed to keep the same contribution to vote in the General Assembly (1 vote = 100 euros) for the next year. The new Executive Council will consider the situation to be discuss on the next General Assembly.

8- Admission of new members.

NATIONAL FEDERATION

FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS Alumni OF MEXICO, AC - FEDECMEX



General Secretary reported as received the By-Laws, founding member associations' list, members of the Directive Board and formal requirement to join OMAEC.

President: BSc. Jorge Camacho

Delegate for OMAEC: BSc. Mateo Márquez Joy

Its constitution was conducted at Mexico City by July 24, 2013, in notarised document presented to the Public Notary Lawyer Gerardo Herrera Etcheagaray, Protocol No 121362

FEDECMEX had been supported by the Apostolic Nuncio in Mexico, Archbishop Christophe Pierre during all their foundations stages.

Approved unanimously, 26 votes in favour.

9- Admission of new Correspondents

After various efforts and contacts, the President and Secretary General, propose the appointment of the following Correspondents OMAEC, having been informed of his mission; we have available their resume and personal data.

THAILAND

Mr. Voravit Chansiri (La Salle)

CHILE

Mr. Fernando Roa Brito (Salesian Don Bosco)

JAPAN

Mr. Tsunetoshi Itoh (La Salle)

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Mrs. Pelagie Maholo (La Salle - Catholic University Leuven)

BENIN

Mr. Issa Kapara

ANGOLA

Mr. Jose Zacarias Bibe (Catholic University)

SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE

Jose Zacarias Bibe (Catholic University)

Certificate would be send to all of them and, if possible, a communication to the Apostolic Nuncio of the respective country.



Approved unanimously, 26 votes in favour

10- Election of OMAEC Chairman

The General Secretary stated that the call for elections was conducted in accordance with the by-laws and has been submitted only one candidate from CEEAEC Spain, on behalf of Mr. José Antonio Cecilia.

Then the candidate presents the action course planned for 2016-2019:

- To continue contacts with the Holy See, through the Congregation for Catholic Education
- Work on issues of Education, Family and Life in different organisms.
- Establish an annual acknowledge for one alumnus to thank its work by former students work
- Continue communication efforts by intensifying contacts on Skype, Facebook and updated web.
- Re-launch Continental Unions (African constitution and animation of America)
- To Support the creation of new National Federations, with the assistance of Correspondents.
- Organization of a Congress, in the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the OMAEC founding; one formative Congress, opening to the world and society, and require a hearing with the Holy Father Francisco.

The General Secretary asked whether the vote should take place by secret ballot; Assembly members decided unanimously that it was not necessary.

COFAEC president Mr. Laurent Grégoire states that he will abstain from vote, since he consider that program presented by the candidate it is not enough to re-launch and bring credibility to the OMAEC; contacts with the Holy See should not be a priority; the priorities should be: 1 / the realization of visible social actions 2 / establish an honest and credible relationship of our member organization 3 / the foundation of new national federations. It was hold an interesting debate on the future of the OMAEC and its role; we should focus the goals approved in our by-laws.

President was elected by 20 votes in favour and six (6) abstentions.

11- Composition of Executive Board

The new By-Laws approved at the EGM, substantially modify the composition of the Executive Council (formerly all representatives of organizations members were part of the EC); currently, Executive Board is a work team made up of people chosen by the President, except those who are by statutory law (continental unions presidents and president OMAEC Young) (*)



Mr. Jose Antonio Cecilia proposes to the Assembly the following composition of the Executive Board:

- **President:** Mr. José Antonio Cecilia Ferrón.
- **Secretary General:** Mr. José Ramón Batiste Peñaranda (Spain)
- **General Treasurer:** Mr. Paul Pied (France)
- **Vice President:** Mr. Giuseppe Mariano (Italy) (*)
- **Vice President:** Mrs. Evangelina García Richard (Argentina)
- **Vice President:** Mr. Hubert Dacosta (Senegal)
- **Vice President:** Mr. Angel Gudiña Canicola (Spain)
- **Vice President:** Mr. Nagy el-Khoury (Lebanon)
- **President OMAEC YOUNG:** Ms. Alessia Clemente (*) (Italy)
- **Ecclesiastical Assistant:** (pending appointment).

According to the new by-laws, the Presidents of the Continental Unions are OMAEC Vice Presidents; It corresponds one Vice-Presidency to UAEEC America, but a broad debate concerning opens to this issue, since the Assembly has serious doubts about the real existence of this organization, because we are not aware of their Assembly meeting, election process, activities, reports etc. For this reason it is agreed that the General Secretary will transmit these questions to America UAEEC, chaired by Mrs. Margarita Llanos, and give them a period of one month to prove the actual existence and their activities; if favourable response, she would join to the board as OMAEC Vice Presidency.

(*) Statutory right.

The president state that every Vice President would receive assignments / projects / missions, that could be changed or modified, as follows:

- Mr. Giuseppe Mariano - Animation and contact the National Federations
- Mrs. Evangelina García Richard (Animation and contact Correspondents)
- Mr. Hubert Dacosta (formalization UNAEC Africa)
- Mr. Angel Gudiña Canicola (Development of an Action Plan / Animation and contact Congregational Global Unions)



- Mr. Nagy el-Khoury (Interreligious Dialogue / formalization Middle East Regional Union).

They are proposed as External Auditor 2016-2019

- Mr. Alejandro Galván Illanes (Mexico)
- Mr. Polydor Lokombe Sungu (South Africa).

All accepted their responsibilities, except those not yet been able to contact (Nagy, Evangelina and Commissioners of Accounts –External Auditors-) that will be informed during the next week.

It was required the special collaboration of Mr. Éric de Langsdorff, to assist in treasury issues to the new General Treasurer Mr. Paul Pied, showing available, but he will not appear in the organization chart.

The composition of the Executive Board and the appointment of Commissioners of Accounts are approved unanimously with 26 votes in favour, being conditional conformity of 4 appointed absence members.

12- OMAEC 50 Years foundation Congress.

We were short of time to address this issue; we all agree that it is an excellent opportunity to celebrate this anniversary, in a simple, austere and spiritual way. Executive Board will prepare the Congress.

It was adopted unanimously by 26 votes in favour, holding the Congress.

Being 12.30pm of April 10, 2016, the OMAEC General Assembly conclude; we appreciate the warmth and hospitality of the Paris La Salle Maison.

José Ramón Batiste Peñaranda, General Secretary

Approved by: José Antonio Cecilia, Chairman

