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WORLD CATHOLIC EDUCATION ALUMNI ORGANIZATION

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## **ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING** **Rome, Italy**

In the city of Rome (Italy), at the Generalate of the Brothers of the Christian Schools -La Salle-, the OMAEC ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY is set up, convened in time and form according to the Statutes, on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017, at 17:30 hrs and that is carried out within the XV Congress of the OMAEC in the 50 years since its foundation.

Chairman welcomes all attendees. General Assembly board is lead by José Antonio Cecilia with José Ramón Batiste Peñaranda acting as general secretary; the assistance of the Ecclesiastical Assistant Mons. Luis Argüello is excused and will be incorporated tomorrow.

General Assembly begins with the following ORDER OF THE DAY:

### **1.- Welcome. Verification of voting rights and powers.**

Chairman appreciates the broad presence of the participating organizations.

It is noted that according to the Statutes (art.13) to have the right to vote in the Assemblies, it is necessary to have the quotation updated (2017) and no representative can hold more than one delegation.

This Assembly is governed by the new By-Laws approved in Paris in April 2016.

<b>NAME</b>	<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>REPRESENTATION</b>	<b>VOTES</b>
Hubert Dacosta	Senegal	<b>FESAEEC-Senegal</b>	1
José Antonio Cecilia	Spain	<b>CEAAEC-Spain</b>	2
Laurent Grégoire	France	<b>COFAEC-France</b>	6
Federica Rossi	Italy	<b>AMASC Sacred Heart</b>	4
Angel Gudiña	Spain	<b>CONF. DON BOSCO Intl.</b>	4
Giuseppe Mariano	Italy	<b>UNAEC- Europe</b>	1
Mickäel Portevin	France	<b>UMAEL-La Salle</b>	4
Alfonso Giraldo	Colombia	<b>UAEEC América</b>	1
Alejandro Galván	México	<b>FEDECMEX México</b>	1

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Nagy El-Khoury	Lebanon	<b>FAEC Lebanon</b>	2
Antonio Pires	Portugal	<b>COPAEC Portugal</b>	1
Stephen Gatt	Malta	<b>MALTA FEDERATION</b>	1
Nélida Mariani	Argentina	<b>CONFAEC Argentina</b>	1
Graciela Zarate	Paraguay	<b>CONPAEC Paraguay</b>	1
Liliana Beriozza	Italy	<b>CONFEDEREX Italy</b>	2
		<b>OBSERVER MEMBERS</b>	
Alain Deneef	Bélgium	<b>WUJA – Jesuit Alumni</b>	0
Paola Mancini	Italy	<b>Conf. FMA – Mary Help</b>	0
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>32</b>

## 2- Approval of the previous assembly minutes (April 09-10, 2016 - Paris, France)

The assembly members have previously received a copy of mentioned act by email for revision; It had been available also on the OMAEC website for more than a year. The minutes of previous assembly are approved by 27 affirmative votes and 5 abstention votes.

## 3- Executive Board Report (April 2016 - October 2017).

The Secretary General presents a global report of the activities carried out -inter assemblies- and which are exposed by concepts:

### **ORGANIZATION / ADMINISTRATION**

- Appointment of Executive Board; definition of functions Vice Presidents.
- Organization of the Executive Council Meeting - Madrid (11-02-2017).
- Preparation and translation of the minutes (Assemblies + Executive Council).





- Spanish-English French translations (performed by Mr. José Antonio Cecilia and reviewed by Mr. Paul Pied (French) and Mr. Vladimir Gómez (English), coordinated by Mr. J.R. Batiste.
- Treasury, accountability control, collection management.
- Management in France, OMAEC legalization, delegates to Mr. Laurent Grégoire.
- Preparation of the Strategic Plan - Mission / Vision / OMAEC Values.

#### **EXTERNAL RELATIONSHIPS**

- Meeting with the Secretary General of the OIEC, International Office of Catholic Teaching - Philippe Richard.
- Cooperation agreement with CIEC - Confederación Interamericana Educación Católica.
- Conversations with Sup. Gral. MENESIANOS and HH CONSOLACION.
- Superior General Conversations Jesuit Fathers.
- Conversations with Rector Major Salesians Don Bosco.
- Presentation at the Forum of European Laity - interreligious dialogue.
- International NGO Conference - UNESCO in Queretano- Mexico – FEDECMEX.
- Visit Vatican Congregation Catholic Education - Rome.
- Encounter with the WUJA; World Conf. AA Don Bosco and AMASC, Sacred Heart.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

- Web internet: 82 news - web master.
- Bulletins - e-OMAEC World (18/27 = 10 bulletins).
- Facebook: 234 followers.





- Group of emails by language: 560 contacts.
- Elaboration of the ANNUAL presentation of OMAEC 2017 (hardcopy).
- Executive Board WhatsApp group
- Skype meeting

#### **MEMBERS - APPOINTMENTS – DIMISIONS**

- New Ecclesiastical Assistant Mons. Luis Argüello.
- Correspondents from Madagascar, India, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Colombia, Tunisia and Cameroon.
- Resignation of Ms. Alessia Clemente, president of OMAEC YOUNG.
- Resignation of the General Treasurer, Mr. Paul Pied.

#### **RELATIONS MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS**

- Several contacts with the president of the UAEEC-America, Margarita Llanos in order to solve their permanent irregularity regarding lack of elections since 2010.
- SWOT participatory member organizations + correspondents.
- Welcome to CONPAEEC Paraguay.
- Frequent contact with CORRESPONDENTS.

#### **OMAEC SOLIDARITY**

- Fair Trade - remember our commitment.
- Seed management for sowing, through PROYDE and ESMABANA, in Mozambique.
- Agreement BT-British Telecom - donation 30 computers and 70 mobile phones for solidarity projects - PROYDE-OMAEC.





## ORGANIZATION XV CONGRESS-ROME

- Preparation and program management.
- Speakers, testimonies.
- Logistical issues, headquarters, details.
- Communication, dissemination.
- Contact with the Congressmen.
- Audience Holy Father Pope FRANCISCO.

The report of the Executive Council is approved unanimously with 32 votes in favor.

### 4- Economic report (January 01, 2016-December 31, 2016).

Chairman Mr. José Antonio Cecilia, presents this section before the impossibility of the presence of Mr. Paul Pied, Treasurer General who has requested his resignation, until today's date.

There is stated that the favorable certification of the Account Supervisors appointed in Paris, France for the next 3 years has been received from: Mr. Alejandro Galván (Mexico) and Mr. Polydor Lokombe (South Africa), whom we want to thank for their management.

The balance presented corresponds to the full year of 2016, highlighting the following points:

- Funds at 01.01.2016: € 1,275.62
- Income: € 2,401.09
- Expenses: € -3,633.79
- Final balance: € 42.92

The economic report is approved with 25 votes in favor and 7 in white.

### 5 - OMAEC strategic plan.

Previously to the Assembly, OMAEC Vice Chairman Angel Gudina presented the OMAEC Strategic Plan, It was prepared based on the ideas received from the member





and correspondent organizations, through the SWOT instrument; work meetings and consultation by languages have been made to speed up the process.

In the Assembly the different proposals are discussed and the project has been approved by 31 votes in favor and 1 in white, delegating to the Vice President Gudina the final draft.

## 6 -Mission, Vision, OMAEC Values

Previously to the Assembly, the OMAEC Vice President Angel Gudina, presented the proposal for the definition of the Mission, Vision, Values of the OMAEC; the meeting of groups by language is used to make easier comments and suggestions.

In the Assembly some proposals are discussed and approved by 31 votes in favor and 1 in white, delegating to the Vice Chairman Gudina the final draft.

## 7 -Report OMAEC members

In the first place, Mr. Alain Deneef, WUJA -World Union of Jesuit Alumni- President, (Observer member in OMAEC since 2002), request intervention to explain that their organization has been observer member so long due for two main reasons: lack of true international representativeness (a very European organization), and lack of autonomy faced with the Vatican.

After 15 years of absence, the WUJA Council observed that these two reasons have been overcome by the OMAEC, then Mr. Alain Deneef formally request the inclusion of WUJA as a full member of the OMAEC.

It is submitted for the approval of the General Assembly and is approved unanimously by 32 votes in favor; the president of the OMAEC and the president of the WUJA merge in a hug.

## Delegation to UNESCO

Following with OMAEC members reports, Mr. Laurent Grégoire, OMAEC delegate to UNESCO; First of all, it recalls the need for all OMAEC member organizations to submit a written report to the General Assembly. The one of the delegation between the UNESCO, is presented in French and English.





The report states that it is supported by an alternate delegate (Mr. Paul Pied) and a renewal and completion of the equipment would be necessary.

Our statute in UNESCO is only consultative and for this reason priority is given to active participation in the CCIC International Catholic Center for Cooperation with UNESCO, which brings together some 30 Catholic-inspired NGOs. This organization is chaired by Mrs. Christine Roche.

### **UNAEC- Europe**

As stated in the submitted written report, Mr. Laurent Grégoire, UNAEC-Europe general secretary, reports on the activities carried out since the last assembly in Paris, France in April 2016, highlighting the appointment of an Ecclesiastical Assistant, Fr. Alberto Zanini, Salesian priest. Creation of a website and a Facebook account.

Different interventions in the Eurobosco congress. highlighting the fields where UNAEC-Europe, COFAEC and OMAEC can play a role in civil society; the defense of the freedom of education, the role of parents in Catholic education, the defense of the family, intercultural dialogue, the reception of migrants, fair trade, help in training and job creation for young people in developing countries, etc.

UNAEC-Europe is working on the creation of a letter of identity for Alumni of Catholic education and on the appointment of representatives in the largest number of countries.

### **COFAEC France**

As President of COFAEC France, Mr. Laurent Grégoire summarizes the written report of the French Confederation, delivered at the session, highlighting its General Assembly on Nov.19, 2016 under the motto "*Living Mercy in our associations*"; next Assembly will be held on Nov.18, 2017 with the motto: "*the memory of its schools*". A tribute to Mr. Michel Lesueur, former president of COFAEC and OMAEC is planned.

Collaboration is maintained with Father Camille Gomis for the Casamance project, already explained in previous reports.

A new website has been created: [www.cofaec.fr](http://www.cofaec.fr).





COFAEC is an active partner of UNAEC-Europe and OMAEC, assuming representation in front of the Council of Europe (Strasbourg, France) and UNESCO (Paris, France).

Mr. Laurent Gregoire, thanks the chairman and general secretary of OMAEC for the efforts in communication and for the organization of this 50th anniversary and reminds the need for the OMAEC to create new, representative and active confederations.

### **FESAEEC-Senegal**

Mr. Hubert Dacosta, president of FESAEEC, presents a report from his organization and especially from its member associations, whose activities are essentially social. They have created a blog: [fesaec.blogspot.com](http://fesaec.blogspot.com)

FESAEEC supports the joint project with the COFAEC France called CASAMANCE "*Non-Violent Generation*" coordinated by Fr. Camile Gomis. Preparation of a relaunch plan that will be complete by the end of 2018 to incorporate around 12 new associations.

## **8- Appointments.**

### **General Treasurer**

Upon the resignation of the General Treasurer Mr. Paul Pied, Mr. DOMENICO BOSI (Italy) is proposed to assume this service. It was approved unanimously with 32 votes.

### **President OMAEC Youth**

With the resignation of Ms. Alessia Clemente, Mr. MARCO ANGUISSOLA (Italy) is proposed as the new president of OMAEC Youth. It was approved unanimously with 32 votes.

### **ECCLESIASTICAL ASSISTANT**

There was informed to the Assembly that the Executive Council appointed Monsignor Luis Argüello, Auxiliary Bishop of Valladolid, Spain, as Ecclesiastical Assistant of the OMAEC

According to article 19 of the Statutes, this appointment does not require the approval of the General Assembly.







## CORRESPONDENTS

- BRAZIL – Mr. Silvio Calazans
- COSTA RICA – Mr. Daniel Langlois
- INDIA – Mr. Ronald Dacosta
- MADAGASCAR: Mr. Ny Ando Rakotoarimalala
- GUATEMALA: Mr. Raúl Hernández Chacón
- COLOMBIA: Mr. Oscar A. Pérez
- TUNISIA: Mr. Raoul Fone
- CAMEROON: Mr. David Tenefogne

According to Article 11, these appointments do not require the approval of the General Assembly.

### 9- Proposal petition to Pope Francis

The Executive Council meeting in Madrid on February 11-12, 2017, agreed to propose to the Holy Father the following proposal, which is submitted to the approval of the Assembly:

*With all due respect, we ask that you study, the possibility of **ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL YEAR, IN FAVOR OF THE LAY COMMITTED TO THE CHURCH** (we refer to millions of catechists, professors, volunteers of the penitentiary pastoral, volunteers of the pastoral care of health, supporters of humanitarian NGOs, etc.), whom from the silence, the anonymity and the gratuity, carry out this impressive ecclesial service.*

This proposal is approved by 31 votes in favor and 1 blank.

### 10- Various issues

- Hubert Dacosta, informs that the UNAEC-Africa has been constituted in Rome, after having realized an Extraordinary General Assembly of the AFRICAN UNION OF OLD STUDENTS OF THE CATHOLIC TEACHING, with the participation of Senegal, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Tchad and Madagascar (They will contact the other countries with OMAEC correspondent).

The composition of the members of the Bureau are:

President: Senegal - Hubert Dacosta





Vice President: Madagascar - Ny Ando Ratoarimalala  
Secretary: Dem. Rep. of Congo: Pelagie Maholo  
Treasurer: Tchad - Mbeté Nangmatnan Felix  
Deputy Treasurer: Senegal - Claude Sylva  
Ecclesiastical Assistant: Abbé Camille Gomis  
The provisional headquarters will be in Senegal.

- The representatives of the World Confederation of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians inform that in December 2017 they have a meeting of their Confederal Council and will study the possible integration to the OMAEC.

The great work of the translation service into English, French and Italian of the Vice Chairmen Mr. Angel Gudina and Mr. Giuseppe Mariano in this Assembly is appreciated.

This Assembly interrupted its sessions at 7:00 pm for dinner and ends at 9:30 pm.

General Secretary  
José Ramón Batiste

The Chairman  
José Antonio Cecilia

