



## ICMICA Newsletter No 13 - March 2010

### **Welcome.**

Welcome to our first European Newsletter of 2010. **Could federations please respond to the request for help in preparing the Pax Romana input into the MEIC conference in Padova (q.v.)** Comments and contributions for the Newsletter are most welcome to [kevin@newman.org.uk](mailto:kevin@newman.org.uk)

### **EUROPE**

#### **Council of Europe**

The purpose of the Council of Europe is to promote economic and social progress in Europe and especially defend and support the human rights of European citizens. It is the only international organization where the Conference of International NGOs is officially a participative member and this provides opportunities to raise issues within member states. There is a need to channel information from Pax Romana members to the Council and vice versa. Reports of the work of the delegation will appear in subsequent newsletters. Further information from Philippe Grolleau [pgdusser@club-internet.fr](mailto:pgdusser@club-internet.fr)

#### **ELC**

The European Liaison Committee met with members of the Croatian Christian Academic Circle in Zagreb in February. This group is newly established but includes some members of the original Croatian federation which died out during the Balkan conflicts in the 90's. The ELC dealt with a number of issues, some of which appear in this newsletter. The next ELC meeting will be held after the Cluj symposium in July. The Luxembourg federation are planning their centenary conference in October and planning is under way for a European Assembly in Budapest in 2011. A booklet of the proceedings of the conference in the UK in November 2009 is being prepared.



Some of the delegates in Zagreb

#### **Finance**

Invoices for the 2010 membership fees will be sent out soon. To simplify the system the invoice will include both the international and European fees.

#### **Italy**

MEIC are planning a conference on *The relevance of Christians in Public Life* from **30<sup>th</sup> April to 2<sup>nd</sup> May in Padova**. (contact [allegralibera@libero.it](mailto:allegralibera@libero.it) ) Philippe Ledouble will present a paper on behalf of Pax Romana at this conference and asks for contributions from member federations. [ledouble@club-internet.fr](mailto:ledouble@club-internet.fr)

#### **France**

A symposium was held in Paris In February on *Global Challenges and Cultural Shocks* with the aim of establishing an international relations network within the MCC through Pax Romana and SIIAEC.

#### **UK**

The Newman Association has arranged a special conference entitled *Lead Kindly Light* to be held on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June in Birmingham** to mark the beatification of its patron Cardinal John Henry Newman. The beatification ceremony will be held in Birmingham during the Papal visit in September. The next Newman Pilgrimage will return to the Holy Land in March 2011. Further information from [kevin@newman.org.uk](mailto:kevin@newman.org.uk)

#### **Austria**

The Eurosposium 2010 will be held from **7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> May in Vranov near Brno**, Czech Republic on the theme *It's simply not communicated - Wounds and Scars of Central Europe in the 20th Century*. The working language is German. Further information from [annemarieweinzettl@hotmail.com](mailto:annemarieweinzettl@hotmail.com)

KAVO is running two summer schools from **10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> July in Vorau, Styria** on *The Holy Books in Judaism, Christianity and Islam*. Also from **25<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> July in Tainach / Carinthia** on *What can Art say about God?*

Further information from Lisa Simmel [l.simmel@edw.or.at](mailto:l.simmel@edw.or.at)

## **Basque Country**

A series of seminars will be held in Bilbao during March and April on Cardinal Martini's book *Looking for Light in the darkness*. Contact [mikel.gotzonetxebarria@bizka](mailto:mikel.gotzonetxebarria@bizka)

## **Catalonia**

The Catalan federation organised a symposium in February to honour Joaquín Ruiz-Giménez Cortes, former president of Pax Romana. The Basque-Catalonia Symposium 2010 will be held from **22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> October in Poblet** (Tarragona), Catalunya. Further information from Nuria Sastre. [sastredomenech@icab.cat](mailto:sastredomenech@icab.cat)

## **Ukraine**

Obnova will celebrate its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Lviv from **10<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> April**. Obnova is also planning a conference on *Christian Values* in Ivano-Franivsk from **15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> October**. Further information [mmlazaruk@gmail.com](mailto:mmlazaruk@gmail.com)

## **SECRETARIATS**

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

The European Section, Women's Vision, is planning its second symposium in **Cluj, Romania from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> July** on *Migration – Integration – Diversity – and Citizenship*. Further information from:- [annemarieweinzettl@hotmail.com](mailto:annemarieweinzettl@hotmail.com)

### **SIESC**

The European Federation of Christian Teachers next meeting *The book, the song, nature – an alternative approach to the world and to God* will be held in **ORADEA (Romania) July 25<sup>th</sup> –31<sup>st</sup> 2010**. Further information from [www.siesc.eu](http://www.siesc.eu)

### **SIIAEC**

SIIAEC are currently planning a conference in Zagreb. Further information will be available in the next newsletter.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Website**

The Pax Romana – ICMICA website is being rebuilt with the English version almost completed. This version will be trialled over the coming months and it is hoped that the full version will be released in June. Currently there is an urgent need for help in translating English material into Spanish. Offers of help to Lawrencia Kwark [lkwark@yahoo.com](mailto:lkwark@yahoo.com)

### **International Team**

**President** Javier Iguiniz (Peru)  
**Secretary General** Lawrencia Kwark (Korea)  
**International Chaplain** Fr Luis Maria Goikoetxea (Basque Country.)

## **International Council**

The next International Council meeting will be held from **22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> July 2010 in Geneva, Switzerland**. An International seminar on the *Role of the International Institutions and the Global Governance – the Task and Mission of Pax Romana ICMICA-MIIC* will be organised just before the IC from **19 to 21 July 2010 in Geneva**. Those who are interested to take part in this Seminar, write to [lkwark@yahoo.com](mailto:lkwark@yahoo.com) or [lkwark@paxromana.int.ch](mailto:lkwark@paxromana.int.ch)

### **Geneva Office**

The Pax Romana office in Geneva is at **3 rue de Varembe, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 1302 Geneva – CP 161 Geneva 20**.

### **Requiescat in Pace**

Rosemary Goldie died on 27<sup>th</sup> February in Australia aged 94. She became a member of Pax Romana in 1939 and took part in the foundation meetings of ICMICA in 1947. Rosemary was appointed as one of the two lay under secretaries of the Council of the Laity in 1967 and she was one of the few official women observers at the Vatican Council.

With best wishes

Kevin Lambert (on behalf of ELC)

### **Dates for your Diary**

**10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> April** Obnova's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lviv

**30<sup>th</sup> April – 2<sup>nd</sup> May** MEIC Congress

**7<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> May** Eurosymposium, Brno

**12<sup>th</sup> June** Newman Conference, Birmingham

**2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> July** Women's Vision Symposium, Cluj

**10<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> July** KAVO summer school, Styria

**19<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> July** International seminar, Geneva

**22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> July** International Council, Geneva.

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