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Central European Pastoral Seminar in 2010 in Prague

At the outskirts of Prague, in Průhonice, took place for the eight time the Central European Pastoral Seminar. From the 30th of September to the 3rd of October participants from Poland, Hungary, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Slovakia and Germany worked on issues of better communication, exchange of projects and pastoral materials, status in ICC, efficient structures of the preparatory team and on the themes/issues of the next annual Seminars. In 2011 the Seminar will take place in Warsaw, Poland.

An highlight of all was the baptism of Vaclav, son of Vaclava and Vojtech Dabrowski, the chairman of Catholic Scouting in Junak, Czech Republic, during a Holy Mass where all the participants were present.



The General secretary Baldur Hermans participated in the Seminar. We like to renew his congratulations also through this Circular Letter.

Jordi Bonet handed over the key to the Pope Benedict XVI

During His Pastoral journey to Spain from 6th to 7th November, Pope Benedict XVI visited Santiago de Compostela and Barcelona. As well in Santiago as in



ICCS World Seminar in Curitiba (Brazil)

From 07th to 09th January 2011, just before the World Scout Conference, there will be held an ICCS World Seminar under the title : **"You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world (Math. 5). Our challenge in Scouting for Family, Church, Community and Social Life"**.

Key-note speakers will be Mgr. **Marco Aurelio Poli**, Bishop of Santa Rosa in Argentine, and Fr. **Jonathan How** from England, both experienced with practise and ideas of scouting.

Details on ICCS web site: www.cics.org

Barcelona he got a tremendous welcome by the people, obviously also by many scouts. Jordi Bonet, former General Secretary of ICCS from 1977 to 1981, and Chief Architect in this time of the Cathedral Sagrada Familia, the great Project of Antoni Gaudi, handed over the key of the Cathedral to the Pope who consecrated the Church. Sagrada Familia became by that a pontifical Basilica.

2nd Ecumenical Event in Athens

From the 15th to the 17th of October the second Ecumenical Encounter took place in Athens (Greece). In 2008 ICCS started with the first Ecumenical Encounter in the World Scout Movement, in Aylesford, near Canterbury, UK. DESMOS (The Conference of Orthodox Scout Groups and Associations) had invited for the second Encounter. The Meeting took place in an Orthodox Monastery and Conference Centre place of

the Greek Orthodox Church in a suburb of Athens. All participants got an heartfelt welcome and could work in a friendly and stimulant atmosphere. Main subjects of the program have been Christian scouts' special responsibility for creation – nature and environment – and necessary efforts to bridge young people in their daily life to their Church communities. Important impulse was given by Most Reverend Joseph, Metropolitan of Prikonissos on Christianity and the Environment, by Professor Dr. Marios Bezgos from the University of Athens on the principles and conditions of "continuous dialogue" and by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Athens Msgr. Nikolaos Foskolos on *"How youth will return to the Churches"*. Unfortunately the encounter was missing the protestant participants.



ICCS invited for the 3rd Ecumenical Encounter in 2012 in Münster (Germany) or in Assisi (Italy). The main subject of the program in 2012 will be our "mission for peace" as Christians.

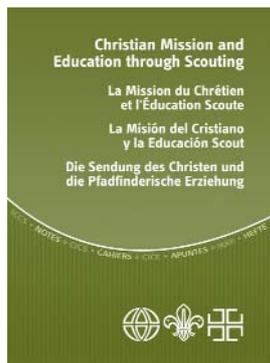
The documentation of the first Ecumenical Encounter 2008 is available at the ICCS Headquarters in a new *Cahiers, Apuntes, Notes, Heft* n. 9 at the price of 5 Euro. The document is in English, French, German and Spanish.

Encounters at home

The Secretary General got the opportunity to meet scouts from the Japan Catholic Conference of Scouting, on the 15th of August in Neviges (Germany) . Since many years the Japanese scouts and the big local scout group at Neviges (DPSG) are cultivating a friendship in an active way.

At the same time the the Catholic German Scout Association of St. Georg (DPSG) in the Rhür area had organized a big international scout camp in Essen due to the fact that Essen is in 2010 *"European City of Culture"*.

During this camp the Secretary General could have friendly and informative talks with our friends, the Catholic Scouts from Jordan and from Palestine.



Publications in the pipeline

After the last "Cahiers/Apunte /Notes/ Hefte" n. 9 (Documents from the 1st Ecumenical Encounter) as next publications are foreseen:

- A small booklet "songs of faith"

that can be used in the liturgy and prayers of our conferences and encounters;

- The documentation of the most important texts (speeches) and interventions of experts from the Peace Seminar 2007 in Santiago de Compostela and from the World Seminar of ICCS in Jeju Island (Korea) in 2008;
- Religious and ethical basis texts for reflections in workshops, encounters and seminars;
- Models and saints for scouts;
- "Catholic Scouting under the fascist regime (a history book)". Deadline for manuscripts, extended to May 2011.

A discovery mission to Syria

The General Secretary, Baldur Hermans, and Father **Wissam Mansour**, National Chaplain of the Catholic Scouts in Jordan, made from the 21st to 26th of August a trip to Syria to find out where catholic scout groups are existing, how they deal with the national scout association of Syria and what kind of contacts and relations they foster between themselves. Traditionally ICCS has cultivated only friendly contacts to the Catholic groups in the area of Aleppo. It was discovered that more than 30 groups of Catholic Scouts are existing in Syria, but the groups are corresponding with the different rites of Catholics in Syria. The "Syria Mission" will have a continuation in 2011.

ICCS Steering Committee Meeting in Amman (Jordan)

With the outstanding support of the Catholic Scouts of Jordan, the **Steering Committee of ICCS**, representing the World Secretariat and the ICCS Regional Leaderships took place in Amman (Jordan). The Steering Committee had to work on the issues given by the Statutes of ICCS and gave strong attention to the ICCS projects, the next World Seminar in Curitiba, the World Council in 2011, finances and communication. The Steering

Committee was enriched by a visit to Mount Nebo where Moses had a look on the Promise Land, to the Baptism site where Jesus was baptised by St. John. The participants of the Committee celebrated the Liturgy at this place and reflected their mission as Catholics in Scouting.



Mass celebration near the Jordan River

A special encounter with the Bishop of Amman, Mgr. Selim Sayegh, gave the chance to be informed about the difficult conditions of Christian communities in the Middle East. The Bishop expressed his big affection to Scouting, especially to ICCS. He declared to make a special intervention at the Bishops' Synod of the Middle East in Rome in favour of supporting the Catholic Scouts. He wanted to point out the pastoral chances by scouting in the parishes.

Thanks to our Jordanian friends for their great hospitality.

A Symposium at the Catholic University of LUMSA in Rome - 100 years of Scouting in Italy



On the 10th of November 2010 by occasion of celebrating 100 years of Scouting in Italy the Catholic University LUMSA in Rome and the "Centro Studi ed Esperienze scout "Baden Powell" Firenze" had organized a Symposium under the title: "Cento

anni di scoutismo in Italia - Lo scoutismo: cento anni, ma ancora giovane".

Amongst other experts who made an intervention, the former Secretary General of ICCS, **Gualtiero Zanolini** spoke about the World Scout and the World Guide Movement facing the new challenges of society; **Mario Sica**, member of the Brotherhood Saint George, spoke about the roots of Italian scouting: facts and personalities, and our Secretary General, **Baldur Hermans**, gave his perspectives on the Catholic Scouting in the world – lights and shadows. A documentary publication of this Symposium has been announced.

European Seminar Council in Mondorf (Luxemburg)

The representatives of the ICCS Member Organizations in the Europe Mediterranean Region will meet in the Annual Seminar Council in Mondorf (Luxembourg) from 18th to 21st November 2010.

For the Seminar the working theme will be: "Seeking Unity in Diversity". The Council will have elections for the Regional Secretary and for members of the ICCS E-M Committee.

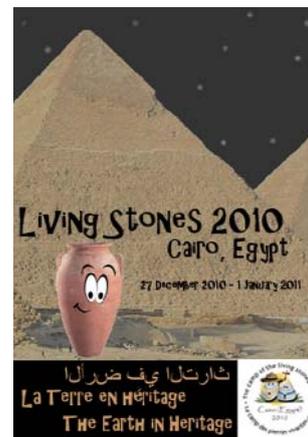
Camp of Living Stones 2010 in Cairo

The good tradition of the camps of Living Stones, organized by ICCS E-M and the ICCG in Europe and in the Middle East, will be continued by new Camp from 27th December 2010 to 1st January 2011 in Cairo (Egypt) with the challenging title: "The earth in heritage". On the program are meetings with different caritative Associations and different religious representatives. Special attention will be given to discover monastery life and a Pilgrimage hike to the Monastery Mount Saint Catherine.

Information: cicg.europe@laposte.net or go to www.iccs-em.org

Kenya Moot

There has not been an official participation by ICCS-World or by the ICCS-African Region. Unlike the World Jamboree, the Interreligious Forum was not asked by the organizers for being present in the program of the World Moot. ICCS gave up to start a special program by financial reasons. The Chaplain of the ICCS-EM Region, Father **Rui Silva**, from Portugal, partici-



pated and could celebrate the Mass with Catholic participants of the Moot! A special thank to him!

ICCS involvement at the World Scout Jamboree in Sweden



In eight months time the 22nd World Scout Jamboree will be held in Sweden. ICCS will provide a programme area as part of the faith and belief zone which we share with our other faith partners. At the UK Jamboree in 2007 many people visited the zone and found us by error, this time we would like **you** to come and visit **your** ICCS faith area.

Our objectives are to help Young People and Adults:

- Identify ways of developing their relationship with God
- Recognise the benefit of having a personal relationship with God
- State Scouting values, demonstrate their commitment to them and accept them as a code of conduct for life
- Discover how faith and beliefs impact on individual lives
- Articulate their own faith / belief
- Respect the faith and belief of others

We will have seven (7) **areas of involvement** at the World Scout Jamboree:

1. ICCS programme area - *faith and belief zone*
2. Liturgical Activities
3. The Spirit of Taize
4. ICCS stand at the World Scout Centre
5. The Sanctuary - 'a quiet place for Leaders and visitors'
6. Join-in-Jamboree - '**Simply Scouting - Simply the Spirit**'
7. Day Visitors Activities

In our ICCS programme area we shall workshops and activities where participants and visitors can spend time learning something new in an atmosphere of peace and tranquillity.

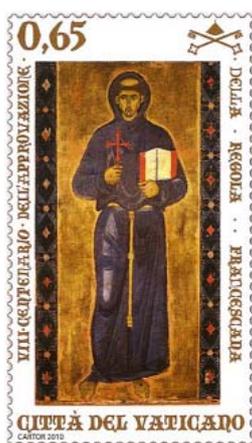
We shall provide a wide range of Liturgical Activities designed to assist all Catholics present at the Jamboree in fulfilling their religious obligations. Based on our experi-

ences at previous World Jamborees we estimate that approximately twelve thousand Catholics will attend the Jamboree and many may wish [at some time or other] to attend one or more of the Masses.

Mass for Participants: As the Jamboree takes place over two weekends we will be providing mass Mass for participants. We will have daily Mass in the 'ICCS Abbey' church at 5:30pm on each day for those who wish to attend.

Contingent Masses: It has become a tradition for contingents from associations who have a majority of Catholic members to attend and participate at both single and combined 'contingent Mass' during their time at Jamborees.

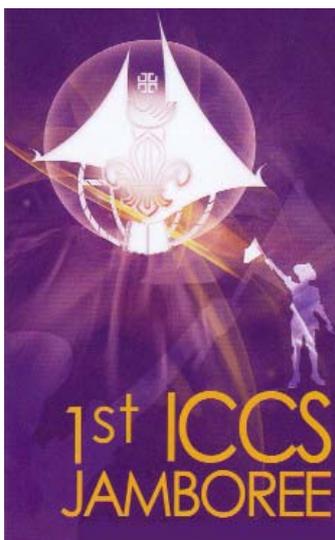
Member association of ICCS, or contingents who would like to use the ICCS Abbey Church or who would like some support with faith activities during the Jamboree are asked to contact Fr: Guido Huguen through our **ICCS Simply the Spirit** web site: <http://www.iccs-em.org>



Stamp of Saint Francis by the Vatican Post

On the 15th of November due to the approval of the Franciscan Order 800 years ago the Vatican Post has emitted a very nice stamp with the portrait of Saint Francis. The price of the stamp is Euro 0,65. There are 10 stamps in a sheet. Saint Francis is the Patron of cub-scouts.

Reminder: 1st ICCS Jamboree in Thailand



Please check again your availability for participating in this extraordinary event. For this look at the announcement in the previous Circular Letter and on the ICCS web site and the Jamboree site.....

Gordon Stiefel passed away

Gordon Stiefel died unexpectedly on August 13. He was being treated for cancer. Gordon was a long time member of the NCCS from Chicago. Many of you came to know him at the 2007 Centenary Jamboree in the UK where he was a great help at the ICCS Stand and in other ways too. His humour and scouting spirit will long be remembered. He leaves behind his wife Tina and two children.

We send with sympathy our condolences and will pray for him and his family.

The Scouts in the WYD-2011 in Madrid

The Catholic scouts want to participate actively in the World Youth Day, and offer to our young people a unique experience.

For this reason, from the *Movimiento Scout Católico* in Spain, in collaboration with the Official Organization of the WYD and the ICCS, we offer you the opportunity of living it intensely as scout.

- You can stay at the **WYD International Scout Camp** in Madrid, with other thousands of pilgrims.
- You can live the previous days participating in scout activities in the different Spanish dioceses.
- You can be **WYD Volunteer** giving a service and contributing to the success of the event.

For further information, visit the web site: <http://scoutswyd.es/> or contact the address: jmj2011@scouts.es

Card. Paul Josef Cordes Emeritus

Pope Benedict XVI accepted the demand of renunciation by the reason of age of Cardinal **Paul Josef Cordes**. Cardinal Cordes, a German, has been the Secretary from 1980 to 1995 vice-president of the Pontifical Council of the Laity. In this time he proposed and called Baldur Hermans and after him, Jacques Carton from France, both at this time Regional Secretaries of ICCS E-M as consultants of the Pontifical Council for the Laity. In 1995 Card. Cordes became President of the Pontifical Council Cor Unum. In 2007 Pope Benedict XVI made him Cardinal. Thanks for his attention to Scouting he always has shown.



A new Chaplain for the Inter-America Region

Fr. **Joseph Weber** from St. Louis, Missouri, USA, has been appointed as new Ecclesiastical Assistant of the Inter-America Region of ICCS in October 2010. He follows Fr. **Donald Hummel**.

Fr. Joseph Weber has been an active member of the *National Catholic Committee on Scouting* (NCCS) in United States and has served as Chair of the Chaplains Committee for NCCS.

We send him a heartily welcome and good wishes for his spiritual and pastoral work in ICCS.

Secretariat Members changed their base

José Antonio Warletta and Fr. Imad Twal, Members of the World Secretariat of ICCS, changed their places of living and working.

José Antonio Warletta, Brother of the Congregation of the La Salle, has got a new location by his Institute. He is now working in communication in Dos Hermanas, near Seville, Spain.

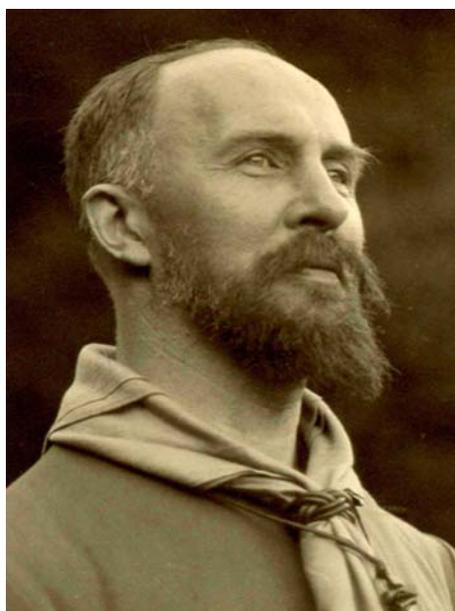
Fr. **Imad Twal** got a scholarship at the University of Liverpool and he is studying now for a PHD. Both will stay in the World Secretariat and support the activities of ICCS.

Our former World Chaplain Father John Reynolds died

In the very last moment we got the information that the former World Ecclesiastical Assistant (World Chaplain) of ICCS from 1983 to 1989 died already on the 13th of December 2009. A good time now to think of him and to pray for him who passed away one year ago. We will give a wider portrait of John Reynolds in our next Circular Letter. We lost a great priest and friend in Scouting! *R.i.p!*

The process of beatification of Fr. Jacques Sevin on a good way

On the 23rd of October the Theological Assembly of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, which is responsible for the



processes of Beatification and Sanctification in Rome, has voted with unanimity on the heroism of virtues of Fr. **Jacques Sevin**. This is an important step on his way for Beatification. Fr. Jacques Sevin, a Jesuit, is co-founder of the Scouts de France and initiator of the International Catholic Conference of Scouting, which was in his time the International Office of Catholic Scouts, sited in Paris. Finally Fr. Jacques Sevin is the founder of the Congregation of the Saint Croix de Jerusalem. There is still a strong relationship between ICCS and the Sisters of this Congregation which have the General House in Boran (France).

Jesuits, Catholic Scouts and the Sisters of the congregation Saint Croix de Jerusalem are looking forward for Fr. Sevin's Beatification. We ask you for your prayers.

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Peace Light of Bethlehem

For the first time the Palestinian Catholic Scouts of St John the Baptist have reproduced a star from olive wood with a candle like the star in the Grotto of Nativity in Bethlehem. It is a well done artistic product and is sold in packages for 5 Euro each inclusive shipping. This year this activity starts a little bit late but it will have continuation in the following years. The income from this activity is for getting an own National Camp Site which they need very much. You can send your order to: Saed Shomali (Palestinian Catholic Scouts) e-mail: saedshomali@hotmail.com. Or by phone: 00972545824373.

Reopening of the Catholic Scout Centre in Nazareth

The Nazareth Scout Center wants to follow through on this. It wants to provide you plenty of room to prepare people to play their part in today's world, to develop and use creative ideas to make a difference in this world and to do so in an atmosphere of friendship and companionship. Visit their web site:

<http://nazareth-scoutcenter.org>



(**Attention:** they have written **center** in the address; you have to use this spelling)

Gathogo Ngugi passed away

Our friend **Gathogo Ngugi**, former executive member of the World Scout Bureau Africa Regional Office and Director of last summer's historic World Scout Moot in Kenya, died recently as a consequence of a car crash in Nairobi. He was 56 years old.

May he rest in peace.



Merry Christmas
Feliz Navidad
Joyeux Noël
Frohe Weihnachten

