

News from UNIAPAC Executive Office

It is a joy to offer to all my very best wishes for this New Year. May 2011 brings all of us happiness and to our Associations the joys to help further our members to answer the Gospel call.

The last quarter of 2010, we have been very active in setting up the UNIAPAC Foundation. It is now in place. Eduardo ANINAT is fully operational and we have defined with him our priorities for 2011 where we will put in place the Foundation capacities to act at the service of our Associations.

Our key 2011 priorities are:

- to pursue the development of the UNIAPAC net work in Africa
- to establish the UNIAPAC International Think Tank which will nourish the National Associations and radiate in the world our vision of a man centred economy
- To support our continuous drive to promote our CSR vision
- To establish links with Universities
- Review National Association needs and resources
- Start to create our lobbying network with International Institutions

-In Africa, we have now created 4 National Associations in Senegal, Burkina Faso, Cameroun and Angola and are setting up 3 new ones in Togo, Benin and Gabon. With our older association in RDC this will add up to 9 associations by the end of this year. We are also building up a training corpus to train their members on how to run a UNIAPAC Association, how to build a common spiritual path and on CSR.

-For the Think Tank, we organized on December 20th 2010 a brain storming meeting with the participation of Michel Camdessus, Professors Zamagni and de Woot, Jérôme Vignon, Michael Naughton (who made a special round trip from the US to participate), Dr Krauze from Germany. A very fruitful half day meeting which set very good bases on which to build the International network of the Think Tank.

-For CSR, our Latin American associations are preparing a plan to update the Protocole and further expand the CSR training in Latin America.

Contact with Universities and training bodies are being engaged. Eduardo will be next week in Chile to sign an agreement with UNESCO/LACSO to build and promote a common training corpus on CSR. We will launch this first quarter a survey of our National Association to review the work they have already carried and which could be of interest globally and of their needs to promote our vision of the economy.

-For the International Institutions, Eduardo is very active and has already established very positive contacts with UNESCO, OECD, ILO, World Bank and IMF.

-For UNIAPAC, I am also extremely happy to report that Burkhard Leffers has accepted to take the European Presidency with the strong support of the BKU. This is a wonderful sign of hope and I am sure that with the European Associations support, he will be able to create a new collective dynamism in Europe.

We all devote energy and work to deploy UNIAPAC wonderful resources. Let all make sure that with the help of the Holy Spirit, 2011 will mark a new major step forward for UNIAPAC.

Pierre Lecocq, President

UNIAPAC EUROPE

***ADIC/ BELGIUM**

a) Conferences & Events

***January 26th 2011:** Conference with **Etienne de Callataÿ**, Chief Economist of the Bank Degroof/
Subject: «Fiscality and social choices». He will talk about the budget challenges and the social and economic stakes resulting from a necessary change of the Belgium fiscal policy.

http://www.recontresadic.org/invite_callatay.htm

Etienne de Callataÿ worked before in the National Bank of Belgium, in the International Monetary Fund and in the Prime Minister and Finance Minister's Offices.

***January 28th to 30th 2011:** Session "Ora et Labora".

***February 9th 2011:** Special Guest **Madame Marguerite Barankitse**, "Maggy, mother of more than 10.000 children".

A Tutsi woman who began to take care of 25 children on October 25th, 1993, one of the worst days of the civil war of Burundi. By means of European and Burundian friends, she has succeeded to organize a network helping a number of children bigger and bigger. She founded the "Shalom House".

b) Publications

*Adic magazine: The last Number (last quarter of the year /December 2010) was on "The social Teaching of the Church". Subtitle: "Market Economy and Economy of Gratitude: two contradictory realities?"

***ACEGE/ PORTUGAL**

1) Conferences & Events

*****Theme for the year: «Portugal has a future»**

***Conference cycle "Portugal has a future":** 17 conferences in different Regional Centers/
3 Seminars addressed to Small & Medium Enterprises: Ethical Management, Entrepreneurship Corporate Strategy.

***January 26th 2011:** Signing Protocol with the Confederation of Portuguese Business about the Commitment of Payments in due time to Suppliers.

***Monthly meetings :** Groups of reflection and personal development with monthly meetings: "**Bringing Christ to our business**" Over the next 3 months 12 groups have been formed.

*ASE/SPAIN

a) Conferences & Events

***January 25th, February 22nd, March 29th 2011** : 3 two hours' working Sessions on "How to stamp an eminently Christian content to the economic management of the Company?", animated by the spiritual adviser of ASE the Father Manuel Matos s.j..

*BKU/ GERMANY

a) Conferences & Events

***January 31st 2011**: New Year reception in Berlin, Guest of honor: the Home secretary, Dr. Thomas de Maizière.

***February 10th & 12th 2011**: Conference together with the Catholic University Eichstaett-Ingolstadt for high profile economists, business executives and church leaders. **Subject "Trust Resource"**

***February 18th 2011**: 2nd Jena Convent for the renewal of Social Market Economy" together with the University of Jena, the Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation, the Ludwig-Erhard-Foundation, the Walter-Eucken-Institute and others. **Subject: "The Economic Order in a globalised world"**

***February 24th to 26th 2011**: Nuremberg, "Christian Leaders Congress" together with other Christian organisations (ecumenical). **Subject: "Leading with and by values"**

*CABE/ UK

a) Conferences & Events, formation & seminars

***February 16th 2011**: CABE London Network with Eve Poole, Deputy Director of the Ashridge Public Leadership Centre at Ashridge Business School, speaking on "The Church on Capitalism".

***March 9th 2011**: CABE Guildford Network with Peter Heslam, Director, Transforming Business, writer and researcher, University of Cambridge, speaking on "Business for the Common Good".

*KÉRME /HUNGARY

*The president of KÉRME, **Mr Szalma**, has been elected president of the **KDNP (Christian democratic popular party)**. In the General election of 2010, the KDNP counts with 36 members of parliament out of a total of 386. It supports the government of ORBÁN Viktor relying on 226 members of Parliament of the FIDESZ (Alliance of the young democrats). Both represent for the moment 68% of the members of the Parliament).

<http://kdn.hu/news/szalma-botond-a-kdnp-uj-budapesti-elnoeke>

Mr SZABÓ Zsolt, member of the KÉRME Board has been elected Secretary of the KDNP in Budapest. Mr BICZÓ Imre (member of KÉRME) works in *the Parliamentary Commission for Future Generations in the Strategy and Science Departement*.

<http://www.jno.hu/hu/?&menu=alk>

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The catholic Church in Hungary announces the year 2011 as **“the year of the Family”**/ Project linked to the Hungarian presidency of the European Union Council as from January 1st 2011.

For this occasion, the Hungarian Catholic Bishops'Conference published a letter which was read in all parishes on December 26th, Sunday of the Holy Family.

A lot of KERME members work on the preparation of many events in relation with the year of the Family with the presence of the Hungarian television.

The New KERME web site: will be finished **by the end of January 2011.**

***Publication**

The translation to Hungarian of “Profit of Values” will be finished **by the end of January 2011.** KERME will send the book to the Bishops, and teaching institutions of economics, etc...

***Les EDC/ FRANCE**

a)Conferences & Events

*Every other year each region organize its own Regional meeting called “Assises regionales”:

Some of them:

“How is applied the Church Social Teaching in the company”

“In the heart of the company, share the Hope”

“Bet on fragility and gratuity: hope (or future) of the company”

“The Manager, co-actor of the Creation”.

b) Publications

*The next number of **“Dirigeants Chrétiens”** (Les EDC magazine): **«Continue to hope»**

In the instable environment where we live, there is no creativity without solid managerial methods.

c)Les EDC in the media

*Broadcast called **“Entrepreneurship Spirit”** in a Catholic Radio “Radio Notre Dame” last December 22nd 2010 whose subject was: **“My faith, motor of my company”**.

*Article in the magazine **“L'Expansion”** on **Pierre Lecocq** **“This catholic is managing in “good faith”**.

***PACE/ POLAND**

a)Conferences&Events

*Monthly meetings of Association members.

*Weekly service in the center for Christian Entrepreneurship: advisory services for persons creating new business and for unemployed people.

b) Events in relationship with economical and social institutions.

***February 5th, 2011:** Members of association will participate in the conference “Bible about the finances”, organized on in Wroclaw by “Edukacja Finansowa CROWN” and Priesthood for Entrepreneurs and Employers TALENT under the auspices of Marian Golebiewski, Archbishop of Wroclaw.

c) Events in relationship with political institutions

Meeting with selected politicians regarding a book of a German writer on mafia and corruption "Europa Mafii (European Mafia) written by Jurgen Roth. Subject: "Position of political parties in regard to some issues described in this book and their influence on the situation of Christian Entrepreneurship in Poland".

d) Events in relationship with the Church

The "Profit of Value" will be presented to selected Polish Bishops as one of the alternative methods of evaluation of the current economical situation in Poland.

***UCID/ ITALY**

a) Conferences & Events, formation & seminars

***February 19th 2011:** the fourth "Cardinal Siri Day" in Genova for scouting the "best practices" on CSR, with the participation of the Cardinal Bagnasco, president of the Italian Bishops Conference.

***March 5th 2011:** in Bari, conference on "The work as a gift" in conjunction with the annual assembly of the accountant and the Italian auditors' association.

***January 15th & 16th 2011:** Youth Group: "Winter School" in Cortina d'Ampezzo, with a ski weekend. Working session on the CSR practices

b) Publications, press articles

***February 2011:** the number 1 of the UCID Letter, with editorial in English (on our website: <http://www.ucid.it>, and click on Pubblicazioni Ucid).

c) Events in relationship with economical and social institutions

Various events in Italy to discuss about the encyclical "Caritas in Veritate" with the local industrial associations.

d) Events in relationship with the Church, diocese

UCID Technical and Scientific Committee: a forum every 3 months involving people with leading profile:

***February 18th 2011** in Genova, with the Cardinal Bagnasco.

e) Internal organization

***May 24th 2011:** General Assembly of Ucid Italy/the new president for 2011-2013 will start his functions.

***VNO NCW/ THE NETHERLANDS**

a) Conf, formation, seminars

***January 22nd to 25th 2011 : Zen for Leadership, new ways for leaders/** Conference with Brigitte van Baren (Company Inner Sense), Paul Kohtes (manager), with the cooperation of Willigis Jäger (Benedictin monk and zen master), and two members of the Board of Labour Union CNV).

Zen is an eastern meditation technique

***January 25th 2011: The Meaning of the Shadow of Life,** conference with Willigis Jäger (Benedictin monk and zen master), Brigitte van Baren (Inner Sense), Jan-Willem van den Braak (VNO-NCW) and Harry Starren (Management center De Baak).

***February 4th & 5th 2011: Bilderberg conference “New Responsibilities”**

Speakers among others: Mark Rutte, Prime Minister; Harry Garretsen, professor International Relations in the State University of Groningen; Dick Boer, Chief Operations Officer of a big Dutch company (Ahold) and member of the Ahold Executive Board, Klaas van Egmond, professor Geofysics University Utrecht.

***February 8th 2011: Human Rights and Business, the John Ruggie (UN Delegate) framework on Business and Human Rights meeting** with branches/Speaker: Huib Klamer (VNO-NCW).

***March 9th 2011: Innovation of labour relations/** Conference with Bernard Wientjes (president VNO-NCW), Jaap Smit (president Labour Union CNV).

***March 23th 2011: Lunchmeeting around CSR.**

****VCU/ SWITZERLAND**

*Regional reunions - which all can be seen on the website www.vcu.ch.

*Since December 2010, setting up a new DEPARTMENT within VCU whose role is to publish articles and organize contacts between exponents of the church and the industry & economy on a high level.

***ZKPS/SLOVENIA**

a) Internal organization

***Nov 29th 2010:** ZKPS had its annual assembly with elections for the next four year period. The assembly re-elected mostly all members of the ZKPS board with Dr. Drago Rudel as the president. Celebration of St Nicholas day.

***In the first quarter of 2011:** De-centralisation by the creation of two regional ZKPS satellite organisations in the city of Maribor for the east region and in Novo mesto for the south region of Slovenia.

2) Media

ZKPS was offered a possibility to have all major events recorded and broadcasted by a private Catholic TV in Slovenia.

Besides maintaining its web page (www.zkps.si) ZKPS board plans to open also its profile to use the technology to improve contacts with the members and to open itself more towards public.

UNIAPAC LATIN AMERICA (Jan 2010/ March 2010)

***ACDE/ ARGENTINA**

***February 2011** : the members' commissions will start to plan and organize the internal activities (members meetings, spiritual time, program of advisers...) and the external activities like Breakfast meetings, annual meeting, annual day for young people and professional Actualization.

***March 2011**: Launching of the 2011 Program of managerial leadership (PRODIEM) adressed to all the persons who assume managerial responsibilities whose decisions affect the Common Good. It has benefited to more than 130 managers. It is now being incorporated as formative resource for the managerial framework of important companies of Argentina.

***March 2011**: Launching of the Breakfast Meetings/between 130 and 200 attendants are invited. Subjects of actuality handled by prestigious speakers.

***ACDE/ URUGUAY**

***December 22nd 2010** : Meeting with the Government's economic team : The Minister of Economy and all his advisers, the President of the Central Bank and the Director of the Office of Planning and Budget.

***January 2011**: Vacational time

***February 2011**: Programation of all the activities for the year.

***ACDE Minas Gerais/ BRAZIL**

a) Conf, formation, seminars

News: New Directors will begin their two years' mandate. Sergio Cavalieri remains the President.

***February 2011:**

- Lunch meeting/ Subject: **"The new government of the President Dilma Rousseff"**

- Monthly Mass in the morning followed by breakfast.

- Discussions with ADCE Rio Grande do Sul and Sao Paulo in order to:

1) Reorganize ADCE Brazil/ 2) Organize the National Symposium on Sustainability to be held **in April 2011 in Porto Alegre** (State Rio Grande do Sul).

***April 8th 2011**: ADCE Rio Grande do Sul will be formally admitted as a Uniapac Member during the next Uniapac International Board Meeting in Roma.

b) Publication

***February 2011**: Release of two ADCE articles: "Estado de Minas" (newspaper) and "Viver Brasil"(magazine).

-Release of the book **"Protocol of Social Responsibility"** in the Portuguese version.

***March 2011:**

- Lunchmeeting/ Subject: ISO 26000.

- Monthly Mass in the morning followed by breakfast/Meeting with ADCE Rio in order to launch again ADCE in Rio .

***USEM/ MEXICO**

a) Conf, formation, seminars

***Cufoso trainings** : 2 in February, 1 in March, 1 in August.

***January to December 2011:** Radio program on the Social Market Economy with interviews, reports, "success stories", analysis.

***January to November 2011:** Comité for a unique economy whose aim is to integrate & consolidate the informal or illegal economy in order to have just "One economy". Private and public initiative

***January to December 2011:** Network in favor of the Education (REDU) : there are now 5 REDU organizations (USEM/UNIAPAC initiatives) The aim is to obtain a good level education. Pushing initiatives done by different civil organizations of the country.

***January to December 2011:** Protocol of the Social Responsibility.

Active work with the Social responsibility Committee for the conclusion of the Protocol, which should be concluded during the first quarter of 2011.

***January to December 2011:** Comité of Institutionalization.

Active work whose objective is to reinforce the USEM-UNIAPAC associations and push for the standardization of the working of the associations in the country.

***February 2011:** 4 hours Seminar Workshop : «ISO 26000, what is it for?»

Team work. Round tables.

***February 2011 :** Meetings : "Experiences of the Social Market Economy"

***March 31, April 1 & 2 2011:** Annual meeting USEM-UNIAPAC/ **XIV USEM National Congress in San Luis Potosi/ Subject "Let's give a future to Mexico".**

Work on the organization, logistics and promotion of the Congress.

Different subjects: "The human being in a new historical context", "impact of this change of era", "Market Economy at the service of the humanity".

***January to December 2011:** Creation of 4 new USEM associations

***January/ March 2011:** Publication in Spanish of the book of the Profesor de Woot "**Open letter to Christian Leaders**".

***USEC/ CHILE**

a) Conferences & Events

***January 5th 2011:** First session of the year of "Ciclo Café con..."Subject: "ISO 26000: opportunities and challenges for the Chilean company". The ISO has been ratified by all the Latin American countries, except Cuba.

***March 2011:** Beginning of the 2011 conferences' cycle: with international speakers on Managerial interest centered on human values.

*Round tables on social dialogue organized by **USEC** and the **University Alberto Hurtado (CELAH)**, with the participation of academics, government, trade unions, church, ILO and entrepreneurs in order to promote the social dialogue as a mechanism for virtuous Labor relations. It gave birth to a cycle of 4 conferences: "Chile in the OCDE: New challenges for the social dialog " (**Sept 2010**), "Woman, work and family" (**Dec 2010**). **In March 2011/ Third conference:** "Social Dialogue and collective Negotiation"

***April 2011:** Launching of the Managerial Mission (MM) The objective of the MM, directed by USEC in 2010, 2011 and 2012, is to push the business leaders, executives to be testimonies of Jesus Christ in their companies.

Same dynamic as the "continental Mission", CELAM initiative in order to give a new evangelizing impulse in Latin America. It is addressed particularly to business leaders and executives, not only for catholics but for those who want to discover the particular mission within their professional responsibilities toward the common good and the integral human development of all his collaborators/ Formation of an executive committee to be launched in 2011; objective for 2013 to have a participation of 5 000 persons.

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***PADIC/CAMEROUN**

a) Conferences & Events

***January 7 to 10, 2011:** Church Social Teaching. Training given by a priest, one of the spiritual adviser of Cameroun.

***January 21st 2011:** Conference on "the contribution of the Christians to the organisation of the worldwide economy since middle age". Presence of the profesor Zumi, s.j. The students are invited as well.

***Mars 4th & 5th 2011:** Seminar for the decision-makers near Douala. Presence of the Cardinal Tumi, the Profesor Oscar Eone Eone, the Father Foungo specialist of the Church Social Teaching, as well as Pierre Lecocq and Eduardo Aninat and Philippe Mine.

***April 7th to 9th 2011:** Conference organized by the catholic University on "the contribution of the Christians to CSR"/ Presence of Philippe Mine, Eduardo Aninat who will present the CUFOSO. Presentation of "The Profit of Values" by Jean-Baptiste Homsy, the president of PADIC and a University Teacher. A workshop on the Protocol will be organized.

***ACGD/ SENEGAL**

*A catholic radio has been launched (Radio Espérance Sénégal):

-Days of reflection for the programs' elaboration of the radio.

-Meeting with experts in radio, mostly Christian persons.

-Inauguration of the premises of the radio under the blessing of the Cardinal.

*High quality contribution to a well known magazine : "**SUCCEED**" (**REUSSIR**) whose title is: "**Is there a catholic lobby?**"

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-Meetings of the presidents of commissions and members of the association for the elaboration of micro-finance projects and social projects.

*CADICEC/ RDC

***January & March 2011:** Training on Tax system in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce of Belgium, RCD and Congo.

* **January 2011:** General Assembly of CADICEC

* **January 2011:** Publication of the minutes of the last congress on the "businesswomen" in R.D.C., organized last December 18th 2010.

*ACGD/ ANGOLA

a) Conferences and seminars

*Trainings, conferences on the Social Church Teaching.

b) Support to the Church

***March 2011:** Visits to the dioceses: to pursue the economic, social and administrative help to the dioceses. / Help to reorganize the health part with the support of the Portuguese Uniapac member ACEGE.

c) International field

***February 2011:** Organization and preparation of the Uniapac Board Meeting of UNIAPAC Africa taking place in **February 18th 2011** in Luanda.

UNIAPAC ASIA

*CBEG/ THAILAND

***January, March 2011:**

1) Membership

- Big Networking Dinner January 1st 2011/ 26 attendants in order to collect individual membership fee for 15 members, and get renewal of corporate membership fee for 3 companies.

-Meeting Businessmen and PR CBEG at the church in Bangkok Archdiocese/ at least one church

2) Education

***February 2011:** The "Knowledge Exchange": seminar of the 1st quarter/ 26 attendants.

***January 20th 2011:** the seminar on Social Teaching will be scheduled after the meeting.

3) Activities

***Remarks:** The above activities are the current ones held annually. An important meeting is forecast to focus on the future CBEG Plan in order to comply with the new Pastoral Plan of the diocese. Therefore, there will be some additional activities for the first quarter.



The current activities will start **from April 2011**.

Setting up of small groups of members depending on their interests/ at least one group

4). Funding

***September 2011:** The annual funding project will start.

5). Public Relations

*Increase the number of website visitors/ increase by 10% from Dec 2010.

6). Central Office

***January 20th 2011:** To hold Meeting to focus on strategic Plan and future CBEG Plan from 2011-2015/ 30 attendants.

*To arrange monthly Executive Directors' Meeting and a quarterly Board of Directors' Meeting/ One third of the Directors attend the meeting.

*To find books or articles related to CSR, social teaching, etc, in order to enhance Christian values among members for their website/at least one book or couple of articles.
