

Report of the board meeting of SECIS and the General assembly of 2014 In Rome

Place : Casa TRA Noi Rome

Date : 9-th October 2014

Members present : Fr.Pierre Devos SJ, Fr.Charles Hemptine, Ms.Roberta Canning , Sr,Nathaliae Becquart, Dr.Hermann Weber, Mr.Jean Charles van Caloen, fr.Avin Kunnekkadan SVD , Dr,Uta Andre

The meeting began with a welcome by the president of SECIS fr.Pierre Devos.

First the report of the annual board meeting of 2013 at Luxemburg was reviewed and the decisions taken was reconfirmed by the **board members**

Pierre Devos SJ will continue to be the president, Herman Weber will continue as the vice president, Avin Kunnekkadan SVD will continue as the secretary and Marco will continue as the treasurer for the remaining 2 years of the period according to the statutes.

It was given concrete expression to the decision taken in 2013 general body meeting so as to have a woman member and Roberta Canning from England was proposed to be the woman board member for the remaining 2 years of the period according to the statutes.

It was proposed and decided to upload the regional or country wise reports on the SECIS website

It was observed that there was a good and deeper dialogue with Bishop of Luxemburg. All the members appreciated his open sharing of the experience in South Korean university

The report was discussed fully and was unanimously passed by all the board members.

There after a discussion followed on the **financial situation** of the SECIS and the accounts of the year 2013 were taken up for detailed discussion . The treasurer informed that there was a deficit of 1,000.15 euros in 2013 .It was mainly due to the rent of the Building of the “chaussée de Wavre” but it was informed that in 2014 the rent of the office will no more be there and in the place of 1440 only 100 Euro per year will be paid as there is now only a mail box in this building.

The budget and the accounts of the year 2013 was discussed and passed by the board and there after the budget of the year 2014 was taken up for discussion and analysis.

Jean-Charles will sent the final accounts of 2013 to Pierre so as to add to the documentation.

Then the budget proposed for 2014-2015 was unanimously passed by the board members and the general assembly.

The present **membership** of SECIS consist of the following countries

1. Luxemburg
2. Germany
3. Netherlands
4. Belgium
5. Austria
6. France
7. Switzerland
8. England.

The board members proposed to seek way and means to get more members from eastern European countries.

In many countries the youth ministry is attached to the chaplaincy. It was pointed out that SECIS is recognized by the CCEE in Europe.

Miscellaneous

-Cardinal Antonio Veglio wrote to all the episcopal conferences to prepare guidelines to the international student chaplaincy work and SECIS was especially asked to participate and help in preparing the guidelines for the international student chaplaincy.

-The exchange programme and its advantages and disadvantages as well as its needs was discussed and the following decisions were taken

1. To have more cultural exposure programmes for the international students to expose them to the reality of European Union and democratic values
2. To give more opportunities to students to participate in conferences and seminars in SECIS membership countries
3. To encourage students to visit other countries for a week end stay. SECIS can pay a maximum of 200 Euro for the stay but the travel expenses have to be paid by the student who joins the programme or by the member country
4. A short guidelines was proposed for the exchange programme with the following points
 - 1The student should have some affiliation to SECIS
 2. Student should have a keen interest to know more about European reality

3. The language proficiency of the student has to be considered to join the programme
 4. The student must write a short motivation letter
 5. The local SECIS member has to send the application to the president of SECIS for selection and approval
 6. The President of SECIS will write to all the member countries and collect all the information and set it on the website to share the happenings and events with the member countries.
- We discussed a possible presence of SECIS in the yearly meetings of the CCEE-coordinated European group of chaplains. The meeting 2015 will be in Poland.

The main time of our meeting was dedicated to the **country reports** and their consequences for our position to the **content and methodology of the "Guidelines"**.

Sr.Nathalie presented her proposed paper for the studymeeeting to the assembly and board members of SECIS for suggestion and observation. She began by making remarks on the advantages as well as disadvantages of the Erasmus and Bologna programmes for European students within Europe and the student mobility. She also presented the reasons for student mobility as well as current trends in Migration as seeking better opportunity in life as well as carrier and desire for good educational opportunities. She pointed out that global students have to use the social media wisely and with prudence. She also pointed out the following in ideas

- 1, Assimilation of good practices of the hosting country
- 2, Participation and engagements in local activities for a wider exposure
3. Integration to the local culture and active participation in the local events
4. Students need to be critical on the fundamentalist views and take traditionalism with a balanced view.

A date for the **board meeting for the year 2015** was proposed and it was decided to meet in **Namur in February 20-21 in 2015** and the **General assembly** date of **2015** was proposed as **June 25-27 in London** and Mrs. Roberta will make the local arrangements. The meeting ended by 5Pm

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