

Report of SECIS general assembly 2012

Place: Fribourg (Suisse) **Date:** 28-30 June 2012

Members present : Pierre Devos (chairman), Marco Cattaneo (treasurer), Hermann Weber (vice-chairman), Avin Kunnekkadan (vice-chairman, secretary) , Charles De Hemptinne (honorary chairman), Sabine Schwartz (England), Agnès Rausch (Luxembourg), Sr.Christine Joly (France) and Sr. Assunta Bridi (Vatican).

Received excuses letters of inability to attend the meeting from Leon O Giollain (Ireland), Jean Charles van Caloen (Belgium), Peter Wilson (England), Benoit Rivière (France), Elke Giacomozzi (Austria), Johann Schneider (Germany), Lucien Descoffres (France), Donal Mckeown (Northern Ireland) and Méréte Klinke (France).

Day one 28-06-2012

The president of Secis, Pierre Devos, welcomed the members to the general body meeting. The agenda points were finalized with the consent of the members present.

A message from His eminence Cardinal Antonio Maria Veglio, president of the pontifical council for the pastoral care of the migrants and itinerant people was read by Pierre Devos (for details see the attachment).

The participants gave a short self-introduction.

The SECIS report of the year 2011 was given to the members. After a brief discussion, the report was unanimously approved by the members.

The treasurer Marco Cattaneo presented the accounts for the year 2011 and the budget for the year 2012. The deficit was mainly due to the failure of membership payment. -The treasurer was asked to write to all the members to request them to pay the annual membership fee 200.00 each to the bank account of SECIS ING: IBAN BE08310141573913 BIC :BBRUBEBB . After a brief discussion, the budget was passed for the year 2012. Hermann Weber informed that he KAAD will contribute some money for the Ex-change program in 2013. The session ended at 20-00 hour.

Friday 29-06-2012

Secis presence in Europe

-9:00, each member was given 10 minutes to present the chaplaincy work in his /her country and university campus.

-After having listened to the good practice of each country and university, the members proposed that each country representative will write a short report of an A4 size on the chaplaincy work and will

forward it to the secretary before the end of August 2012 so as to enrich each other with documentation of the good practice of each country.

-10:30 The members took a coffee break

Evaluation of the third world congress Rome

- 11:00 to 12:00 An evaluation was made of the 3rd world congress on the pastoral care of the international students Rome 30 Nov.to 3 December 2011. The members felt that the congress was well organized. Every one appreciated the audience with the pope and the visit to the Vatican museum and expressed a word thank you to the personnel effort of the cardinal in this realization. After having discussed the third world congress report as well as the final recommendations of Rome, the members decided to study the recommendations seriously for the application of the same to the context of each one university campus. Finally, it was decided that the president of SECIS will sent a letter to the cardinal Antonio Maria Veglio expressing the views of SECIS on the final recommendations. To prepare the letter to the cardinal, each country member of SECIS is asked to send their comments or short explanation to Pierre Devos on selected points of recommendations applicable to the context of each country. A draft the letter will be prepared by Pierre Devos and will be circulated among the members to receive comments before forwarded to the cardinal.

Conference: Bishop Stephen Theophilus from the Idukki India gave a detailed analysis of the inter-religious dialogue practices and the inter-church dialogue practices. The text of this conference is available by sending a message to Marco Cattaneo at justinus@justinus.ch

Holy mass on the fest of Peter and Paul .The bishop along with other priests concelebrated the holy mass . The Bishop gave an inspiring homily and explained how Peter and Paul, though different in the age and missionary outlook, worked together in dialogue to bring the good news. The members wished fr.Pierre a happy Feast day.

Dinner and sight seeing

18:45 We started a sightseeing of Fribourg and by 18:30 we began a traditional meal of the local place and all present enjoyed the hospitality of St. Justinus

Saturday 30-06-201

SECIS Things to do list for the attention of all members

1. It was decided that the general assembly of 2013 will be in Luxemburg from July 11-13, 2013. The proposed theme is *"Pastoral challenges in a secularist university campus"*.
2. Pierre Devos will contact Agnes with regard to the arrangements of general assembly in 2013.
3. The next SECIS board meeting will be on 22-23 Feb 2013. All are requested to send their suggestions for the board meeting.
4. Each member will write an A4 size report of chaplaincy situation and the best practice in each country so as to inform and enrich each other.

5. Each country representative will send their comments on the recommendations of the third world congress to Pierre Devos to compose a response letter to the cardinal.
6. Each member of SECIS will send a report on the best practices of chaplaincy in each country before the board meeting of February 2013.
7. It was decided that in future, if a member of the SECIS is not able to come for the meeting, he /she has to find a substitute to represent the country to SECIS general assembly meeting.
8. Pierre Devos is requested to send the statutes of SECIS and a comprehensive account statement to all the members.
9. Since Vatican shall write some guidelines for chaplaincies, it was decided at the request of the pontifical council for the pastoral care of the migrants and itinerant people to collect comments and best practices of each country in a two year project work. The general assembly in 2013 should take up the project to finalize it for the Vatican.
10. The exchange program of students will start in academic year 2012-2013. Pierre Devos will collect the exchange proposals of each country and will send this program to the SECIS members as well as put it up on the website of SECIS.
11. The term of the present SECIS board will end in 2013 and it was decided to hold the election of the new board during the general assembly in 2013.
12. The members decided to write an appreciation and greetings card to the newly elected and appointed auxiliary-bishop Johannes Schneider of Halle-Wittenberg (Germany).

Communication and website matters

The members took a detailed look at the website under construction and proposed ideas to improve the communication system.

The log in ID is www.secis.info

All the members are requested to send information and a short write up of the local chaplaincy situation and the good practice to the webmaster of SECIS so that the information can be shared. All the members are encouraged to send the newsletters and special events, photos etc... to the webmaster of SECIS, Marco Cattaneo. He can be reached at justinus@justinus (Switzerland).