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Executive Secretary Newsletter. Latin American Universities Entrusted to the Society of Jesus

AUSJAL celebrates its 15th General Assembly

The «Pontificia Universidad Javeriana de Cali» (Colombia) will host the 15th General Assembly of AUSJAL, from May 27th to 30th.

All AUSJAL universities' presidents will gather for this event and, on this occasion, they will elect the Association's Board of Directors for the next two years. They will also debate together about the challenges and priorities of the Jesuit universities for the next decade. A panel has been organized and includes the President of «Universidad Iberoamericana Ciudad de México» José Morales Orozco SJ, and the President of «Universidad Católica del Táchira» Arturo Sosa SJ.

Additionally, the President of «Pontificia Universidad Javeriana de Cali» Joaquín Sánchez SJ will offer his reflections on Higher Education Social Responsibility: Is it desirable and feasible to walk towards a system of management indicators for social responsibility and towards a budget preparation and a social balance for our universities?

On the other hand, the President of «Pontificia Universidad Javeriana de Bogotá» Gerardo Remolina



SJ will lecture on the role of the AUSJAL universities in the context of the Latin-American Christian-inspiration universities.

The presidents will get to know the profiles of the Program on Ignacian University Management and the Institutional Strengthening Project for Social Responsibility in AUSJAL and they will also analyze the membership applications of «Universidad Loyola del Pacífico» (Acapulco, México), «Instituto Superior de Filosofía y Humanidades Luis Espinal» (Cochabamba, Bolivia) and «Universidad de Loyola» (La Paz, Bolivia).

Some of the special guests that will attend the Assembly are: Provincial of Colombia Gabriel Ignacio Rodríguez, General Coordinator of «Fe y Alegría» International Federation Jorge Cela SJ, Education Sector Coordinator of Latin American Provincials Conference Jesús Montero Tirado SJ; President of Latin American Schools Federation José Leonardo Rincón SJ; representing the Social Sector Jorge Julio Mejía SJ; Higher Education Secretary of the Jesuit Company, and on behalf also of AJCU, Paul Locatelli SJ; and representing UNIJES the President of «Universidad de Deusto» Jaime Oraá SJ.

International Seminar on University Social Responsibility in Caracas

As part of the International Seminar on University Social Responsibility, sponsored by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, the «Universidad Católica Andrés Bello» will host a meeting for the AUSJAL Network of Peers on University Social Responsibility from June 12th to 14th. This event will help to inform about the state of the University Social Responsibility in AUSJAL universities as well as to identify those experiences that might be shared among these universities. The agenda includes a discussion panel and worktables about policies and indicators on university social responsibility and it is also expected to establish guidelines for an AUSJAL Institutional Strengthening Project on University Social Responsibility.

The International Seminar will include the conferences of: PhD. François Vallaëys from the «Pontificia Universidad Católica» (Lima, Peru; President of «Universidad Católica de Temuco»-Chile- PhD. Mónica Jiménez de la Jara, about social responsibility in Latin America; and Luis Ugalde SJ who will speak about social responsibility on Christian inspiration universities. The agenda is available on

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Social Communication. The meeting of the AUSJAL Network of Peers for Schools and Faculties of Communication will take place in the «Pontificia Universidad Javeriana» (Cali, Colombia) from May 23rd to 26th. The participants will discuss about: proposals for undergraduate formation made by the member universities of the Network; proposals for postgraduate formation; and investigation tendencies in Latin-American countries, networks, and sponsoring agencies. Additionally, they will define an agenda for the Network and will elect the coordinating university.

«Continuo educativo» From June 2nd to 4th, the Education Sectors of the Latin American Provincials Conference will held a meeting in Bogota, Colombia. AUSJAL will be represented by its President Luis Ugalde SJ and Projects Director Jesus Azcargorta.

Organizing the engineers' meeting. The Engineering-Faculty Deans of the «Pontificia Universidad Javeriana de Bogota» Francisco Rebolledo and the «Universidad Católica Andrés Bello» Rafael Hernández and also the Executive Secretary of AUSJAL Susana Di Trolio and Projects Director Jesus Azcargorta met in Caracas in order to arrange the final aspects for the next meeting of the AUSJAL Network of Peers on Engineering which will take place in Bogota, during October 29th and 30th. Francisco Rebolledo visited Caracas last May 7th and 8th.

Youth Culture. The 1st Technical Seminal for the Youth Project of the AUSJAL Universities will be held during May 21st, 22nd and 23rd in Caracas. The object of this seminar is to design an instrument for the project and, in order to do so, every technical representative from the 11 participant universities must attend this event.

International cooperation progress. The Project Coordinator of the AUSJAL Virtual Diploma on International Cooperation for Development Carlos Fabián Pressacco together with Erick Lobo from ITESO and, on behalf of «Universidad Católica de Córdoba» Mario Riorda, met in ITESO (Guadalajara, Mexico) to plan the development of modules, the specialists section, the instructional design, the virtual space launching, the promotion campaign, as well as the tutors selection.

Audio Connection. On May 11th, the Network of Peers on Education organized the first of a complete cycle of audio-conferences that will help to update some of the peers that could not attend the Network meeting in Puebla last March, and it will also encourage the active integration of members for the 2007-2009 plan.