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Órgano Divulgativo de la Secretaría Ejecutiva de la Asociación de Universidades Confiadas a la Compañía de Jesús en América Latina

Latin-America Program for Ignacian University Leaders



The 4th Coordinators and Trainers Meeting and the 3rd Latin-American Forum of Ignacian University Youth were held at the "Pontificia Universidad Javeriana" of Cali, from September 13 to 20, 2009. Both events were attended by representatives from "Universidad Iberoamericana" from Mexico City and Puebla, UCA from El Salvador and Managua, UCAB from Caracas and Guayana, UCAB from Caracas and Guayana, UCAT from San Cristobal, "Universidad Javeriana" from Bogota and Cali, and PUCE from Quito.

An evaluation on the third cohort of the Program was executed during the Coordinators and Trainers Meeting. As a result, they

appointed a series of commissions in order to improve the content and methodology of the Latin-American axis of the program, to review and update the contents and methodology of the Instructional Model, to evaluate the technological platform and to suggest alternatives for virtual tools, and to analyze the conditions for the next Latin-American Forum.

Father Oscar Buroz S.J. was appointed as Program Coordinator for the next two years. Father Elkin Arango S.J. Program Coordinator since its beginning in 2005 presented a final report about his administration. From AUSJAL we would like to thank Father Elkin and its team for their excellent work.

The 3rd Latin-American Forum was attended by 33 young people from 10 universities. The agenda included a great variety of activities such as conferences, study cases, leisure activities, reflection and prayer, among others. The objective was to share their experiences from the eight-month Program including its incorporation, strengthening, and action phases.

The program emphasized also the need to develop a Latin-American Leadership. In order to share the experience with the rest of their colleagues they prepared a report, a video, and a final declaration. The meeting kept a reflective and friendly environment among the participants. The final declaration concluded that "the devastating Latin-American outlook should not be discouraging but a challenge that makes us come together and work as brothers to transform our reality."

The Network of Peers on Environment holds its first audio-conference

The AUSJAL Network of Peers on Environment has performed its first audio-conference. The university representatives presented a brief description of the projects and activities regarding academic, research and extension programs carried out by their institutions. The



audio-conference was attended by 13 participants from the "Universidad Catolica Andres Bello" of Caracas, "Universidad Rafael Landivar" from Guatemala, "Universidad

Iberoamericana" from Mexico City and Puebla, "Universidad Ruiz de Montoya" from Lima, "Universidad Centroamericana" from Managua, and AUSJAL Executive Secretariat. The participants pointed out the need of designing an action plan which will allow: analyzing possible research lines; systematizing university projects and activities; designing sustainability indicators; enhancing faculty and student exchange activities; strengthening complementarity among

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AUSJAL the University Presses at the Book Fair of Lima



The AUSJAL University Presses attended the International Book Fair of Lima. The AUSJAL Network of University Presses presented more than 200 publications from 12 universities. The people from Lima were surprised to see the publishing potential of this Network which publishes more than 400 publications per year. The fair was attended by 170,000 visitors who were able to see the novelties of the 129 exhibitors from 10 countries. Commercial transactions reached 2.4 million dollars.

5th DATIC Cohort. The Networking Formation Diploma on ICTs (DATIC) for Faculty Members will reach its 5th cohort which includes the participation of 10 professors under the orientation of Adriana Rodriguez from the "Pontificia Universidad Javeriana" of Cali.

Professors from ITESO of Guadalajara, "Universidad Iberoamericana" of Torreon, "Universidad Javeriana" of Bogota, and other institutions besides AUSJAL universities will obtain their diploma through a Closure Videoconference on October 9th. 243 professors from 22 Works of the Society of Jesus and from other 14 institutions, including the previous cohorts, have graduated from the Course.

Ethics and Values for Higher Education. The 2009 Edition of the "Course on Ethics and Values for Higher Education: Challenges and Tools for Teaching Practices" has been concluded with a number of 26 participants. Participants came from "Pontificia Universidad Javeriana" of Bogota, "Universidad Iberoamericana" of Mexico City, "Universidad Centroamericana" of Nicaragua, "Universidad Catolica del Uruguay", and "Universidad Catolica Andres Bello" of Venezuela.