

# AUSJAL *al día*

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

## AUSJAL in the General Father's Meeting

The agenda for the Meeting of the Jesuit Universities and the General Father that will take place at UIA in Mexico City from April 22 to 24 includes the



following themes: Theology, Science, and Culture; Ecology and Sustainable Development; Regional Challenges and Networking. The General Father will reflect on "Ministry Learning and Intellectual Apostolate." The following AUSJAL universities presidents and researchers have prepared written presentations: Fernando Montes s.j. (UAH,

Chile), Mauricio de Maria y Campos (UIA, Mexico City), Jose Roque Jungues s.j. (Unisinós, Brazil), Arturo Sosa s.j. (UCT, Venezuela), Jose Morales s.j. (UIA, Mexico City), Luis Ugalde s.j. (UCAB, Venezuela), and Luis Arriaga s.j. from the "Miguel Agustin Pro Juarez" Human Rights Center of Mexico. The AUSJAL universities presidents will take advantage of the occasion and will hold an extraordinary assembly. More in <http://www.uia.mx/shapingthefuture>

## Peers on Human Rights at Costa Rica

The Annual Coordination Meeting of the AUSJAL Diploma on Human Rights was held in San Jose, Costa Rica from November 4 to 6. It included the participation of the UCU (Uruguay), "Instituto Filosofico Pedro Bono" (Dominican Republic), UIA (Mexico City), URL (Guatemala, Campus Quetzaltenango), "Universidad Javeriana" (Bogota), UCAB (Caracas), and Marisela Barrios from UCAB Online Studies Center, the IIDH, and Ana Maria Rodino. The AUSJAL Executive Secretariat also took part through two audio conferences.

One of the most important agreements during this meeting was the Program's General Coordination turnover, as it had been hold by

UCAB until now. This responsibility will be carried out by UCU (Uruguay). We are sure they will perform an excellent work along with the support of all participant universities. Other agreements of the meeting were related to developing strategies to reach the program sustainability and to keep increasing their scope throughout the region.

The meeting confirmed the commitment of all participant universities, AUSJAL and IIDH to this program. Since its beginning in 2003 this program has reached 500 graduates who are working in different fields in order to demand and become true the human rights protection and defense, around the region.

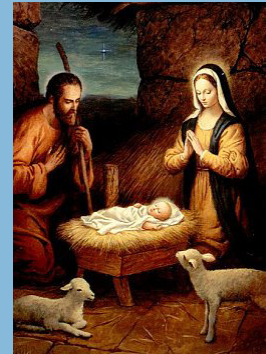
## Promoting Volunteering

Seven AUSJAL peers on University Social Responsibility from "Universidad Javeriana" (Cali), UIA (Mexico City), UCAB, "Universidad Antonio Ruiz de Montoya," "Universidad Catolica de Cordoba," "Universidad Rafael Landivar," "Universidad Alberto Hurtado," as well as the AUSJAL Executive Secretariat, took part at the International Seminar on Management Policies and Instruments to Promote Volunteering, which was organized by the Latin American Network of University Volunteering for Social Inclusion (REDIVU) and held at the "Universidad Autonoma de Madrid." This network is promoted by the UNDP Regional Direction for Latin American and the Caribbean, the Agency on International Cooperation for Development from Spain, and the UN Volunteering Program.

The AUSJAL Executive Secretary presented the work that has been executed by the Network of Peers on University Social Responsibility regarding the design and execution of the Self-Assessment and Management System on University Social Responsibility. She pointed out the need of going beyond discussing the purpose of the higher education in Latin America in order to enhance the analysis and the actions to improve the mechanisms used for university management especially in the field of Self-Assessment on University Social Responsibility, Management Transparency, and Accountability. Among the work fields that REDIVU will develop, stand out the following: Continuous formation on Impact; Development of thematic forums; Exchange of experiences; Experiences systematization and publication; applied research and institutional strengthening.

## Merry Christmas!

The AUSJAL Presidency and Executive Secretariat send their best wishes and Christmas greetings to the universities communities and to those who offered their best efforts in favor of strengthening the AUSJAL Network during 2009. The year 2010 will be a special



year: the World Meeting of Jesuit Universities and the General Father will take place in Mexico City in April; new authorities will lead the AUSJAL destinies, and the Strategic Plan for the 2010-2014 periods will be prepared. We ask Baby Jesus from Bethlehem to light our university work and that the 2010 will be full of love, simplicity and identification with the dispossessed. We wish our associates, their families and loved ones Merry Christmas and a year 2010 full of health, prosperity, peace and joy

## Tribute to the Martyrs

After twenty years of the martyrs' murder, the government of El Salvador officially and publicly recognized the courage, dignity, and services that these men from the UCA-El Salvador provided to that nation. These were generous men who gave their strong thinking and generosity to give peace with justice in our lands. During the Ceremony of the Jose Matias Delgado Order of Merit, the UCA President Jose Maria Tojeira s.j. offered a speech to thank the government from El Salvador. He said: "Recognizing the dignity of these people is essential for the union and harmonic development of our country; there is not a human group who can achieve its integration by leaving aside the suffering from the past and the history of the innocent victims from its social process."

## New: The Digital AUSJAL Newsletter

There is something new about the AUSJAL Newsletter. It is our 1st digital edition. The content has been designed for this format taking advantage of all its potential and resources. It means reaching more readers so that our articles and discussions will not remain limited to the number of newsletters that we were able to print and to the difficulties of distributing it among 30 universities in 14 Latin American countries. We are sure that these new format will be a powerful communication tool for all members of this community. The edition is available at [www.ausjal.org/wp\\_carta](http://www.ausjal.org/wp_carta).