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EDITORIAL

Dear friends,

It is nearly September and now it's time again for our member organisations to start off the daily activities. Many of you returned back to "normal" activities after the great adventure of the yearly summer camp. This camp is usually the end of a whole year of commitment.

Last July, Fimcap had its General Assembly in Ghana. Where is the link? This assembly is like a camp. It is the end of the work done during the last three years of which I believe that we can be all proud of.

The financial situation of Fimcap is getting better. The change we had in the Secretariat after the last General Assembly worked well. Besides organising a world camp in Paraguay in 2000, we have also been very active at the continental level, for example, the conference held in the Great Lakes Region in Africa about the role of our organisations in conflict resolution.

Just like a camp, the General Assembly gives us the opportunity to look at the future and we took the important work orientations for the next three years. We also elected the Fimcap president. Johan Cottyn continues his mandate as Ecclesiastical Assistant. Chiro Flanders will continue to assume the General Secretariat (the person in charge being Zeger Van Besien) and a new President has been elected. She is Carme Carrion I Ribbas from CCCCCE, Spain

Therefore, I am writing this editorial as former president and thus this is a good opportunity to say 'goodbye' and 'thank you' for the commit-

ment in your organisations and in Fimcap. In fact it is here that I take the opportunity to think of the past.

My first Fimcap activity was in 1990, the Euroforum of Brescia. Then I quickly became the delegate for the National Federation of Patro at the European Bureau and step by step I took up more and more responsibility, first as Fimcap delegate at the Youth Forum and finally, six years ago, as Fimcap president.

As a good accountant, I am tempted to make an evaluation like a financial statement but I would quickly become conscious that the current credit is higher than the current liabilities...

During these years in Fimcap I took part in intensive meetings during which I made friends and had unique and unforgettable experiences like for example the world camp with great moments of solidarity and community feeling. Finally, a big experience of faith was the Gospel lived through meeting the others.

Let us forget about the tensions, the partly difficult meetings we had sometimes, the time lost in some airports... These are just small nuisances compared with the benefits on the personal and relational level.

I wish the best for our new president Carme for the coming years and I hope that she will experience the same joys. I also wish that





member organisations will live through the real solidarity and will continue to be open to others and to the world.

I wish that all of you can invest more in Fimcap to learn more.

Thanks to all for all the wonderful moments, God be with you,

See you soon,

Olivier HEYEN

GENERAL INFORMATION

■ Upcoming activities and meetings

Intercontinental Bureau	18-21 / 10	Denmark
General Assembly ICO'S	2 - 9 / 12	Bangkok
European Bureau	30/11 - 2/12	Lituania
Afro Bureau	15-18 / 11	South Africa

■ ■ XXth Fimcap General Assembly, Ghana.

About 50 delegates and Fimcap officials from Belgium, Lithuania, Switzerland, Spain (Catalonia), Malta, Denmark, Burundi, Rwanda, Uganda, Southern Africa, Namibia, Ghana, Sri Lanka, Chile and Paraguay met in Ghana, at the Presbyterian Woman Centre of Abokobi for the 20th Fimcap General Assembly.

“Youth - Protagonists of Peace” was the theme we worked on during a few days in the frame of the study part of the General Assembly of our beloved Fimcap. Side by side, the delegates from the different countries from all over the world have deepened this topic and talked about our task as protagonists of peace in our own organisations.

Starting from the different political, social and economic situations existing in the different countries, we went home with very clear ideas about our tasks. We have much to do and to say in our own organisations. Through the education of youngsters and children in their leisure time, we can transmit a way of life, of struggling for rights, of being attentive to others, of living in a community, based on an active non-violence.

The example given by the organisations working in Central Africa, in countries suffering armed conflicts with lots of consequences helped us to set necessary priorities in each of our organisations.

During this week, we also took time to have feed-back on the work done during the past three years and to examine which project we would support in the future, with



*Carme Carrion i Ribas
New elected Fimcap president*





the wish to achieve a lot: - World camp, meeting of the national chaplains, international camp for children. Fimcap will only be able to realise these many propositions, both short or long term, with the commitment of each of us, of course depending on our possibilities.

During the days in Ghana, we had time for many things. We could get better acquainted with each other and to live together for more than a week. The language diversity was no problem, thanks to the fantastic job done by the translators (I would like to thank here Sarah, Sophie, Marleen and Nathalie) and the good will of all of us. We could experience that it is possible that people coming from different countries, with different cultures can work together and at the same time spend a great time together.

We also had the opportunity and the chance to discover a very beautiful country in West Africa, and more especially we enjoyed the nice hospitality of the Ghanaian people, particularly from the people and the groups of CYO Ghana. You said to us “Akwaba” at the very beginning and we felt at home in your country. We would like to say a warm ‘thank you’ for all the things you did for all of us, looking after our comfort and well being.

Finally, I would like to thank Olivier Heyen “Mister President” for the work done in and for Fimcap, and especially for the member organisations. I am sure that we can still rely on you when we need you. Thank you so much.

*Carne Carrion i Ribas
New elected Fimcap president*

■ **WORLD YOUTH DAYS
IN TORONTO 23-28
July 2002**

The next World Youth Days will take place in Toronto, province Ontario, Canada, not so far from the United States and the Niagara Waterfalls. Central meeting places will in be the Toronto Expo halls and the Downsview Park (DP), a former military airport where the big events and gatherings will take place. The other activities and meetings will take place in the whole town.

The theme will be « You are the salt of the earth..... You are the light of the world »

Since the WYD in Paris, it has been established that groups are given the possibility to spend a





few days in parishes, with families, with communities. There are a lot of activities foreseen and they are free. You only have to organise the local travelling yourself.

Programme WYD 2002

23/7: Opening ceremony in D.P. with Cardinal Ambrozic.

24/7 – 26/7: In the morning “Catechese” and in the afternoon and evening “Youth Festival” except on Friday afternoon when we do the stations of the Cross

27/7: Vigil with the Pope in D.P.

28/7: Closing ceremony with the Pope in D.P.

For more information see www.wyd2002.org

Bert Van den Bossche

AFRICA

■ News of the organisations

Xaveri Uganda - African Great Lake youth workshop

Xaveri Uganda hosted the second African Great Lakes Regional Youth Training Workshop from 9th to 14th July 2001, with the theme: « Youth and Non-violent Actions ». The opening celebrations were augured by the National Director of Pontifical Missionary Societies, Rev. Fr. Augustine Lukenge, who urged participants to witness Christ in their day to day life styles. He also led a march past the town which was conducted by Roko Brass Band.

Participants came from Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, DR Congo, Belgium. Excellent facilitators presented discussions on Active Non-Violence, Health and substance abuse, Human Resource and Mobilisation, Crime prevention, Democracy and Development, Religion and Culture, Growth of Xaveri Uganda and the Roles of Fimcap.

On Thursday 12/07/2001, participants were taken around the countryside to places of interest like the Uganda Museum, Buganda Kingdom Cultural Kasubi Tombs, the wildlife centre and Nabinonya Beach, where everyone was entertained and had fun.

A Holy Mass, cultural songs and dances from various local groups and the award of certificates crowned the closing ceremony. This was augured by the National Chaplain Rev. Fr. Gerard Nukwaya.

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■ Xaveri Burundi

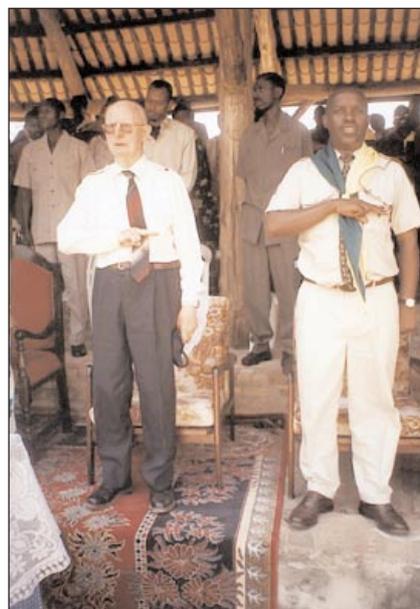
Burundi: Official visit of Father Georges Defour, founder and general chaplain of the Xaveri movement

Invited by the National Committee of the Xaveri Movement in Burundi, 7-9 July, Father Georges Defour, founder and general chaplain of the Xaveri movement paid an official work visit of three days to Burundi.

He was accompanied by Mr Gustave Lunjwire, International Secretary of the Xaveri Movement. This visit took place under the motto “Go therefore, and make disciples of all the nations”, (Mt 28,19)

The strong moments of this visit were:

- a talk on the orientations of the Xaveri movement in the Third Millennium,
- a cultural Xaveri evening,
- a Eucharist celebration at the Cathedral of Bujumbura,
- visit to the Musée Vivant of Bujumbura with a light meal and





- courtesy visits to the highest administrative authorities of Burundi.

For the Third Millennium, the Xaveri Movement is aiming

- To have countrywide influence and to be spread by the use of the different mass-media,
- To have an active pastoral presence in life and work environment,
- To promote a development charity,
- To have a reasonable and reasoned obedience towards hierarchy,
- To develop programmes of mutual acceptance and progressive reconciliation,
- To deal in a positive way with the sexuality issue and to deal with issues linked to HIV/AIDS,
- To focus on training at all levels and work out programmes of permanent self-education,
- To consider a partnership between the Xaveri Movements in the different countries.

The contacts and talks with the highest political and administrative authorities acknowledged the important contribution of the Xaveri Movement to social peace and to the development of the people in general, and particularly of the Burundi community. The State also acknowledged its support in the realisation of the Xaveri Movement programmes.

Father Georges Defour and Mr Gustave Lunjwire were very moved by the warm welcome that they were given at their arrival and during the whole visit.

Térence Mbonabuca, Xaveri Burundi

EUROPE

■ EUROCONTACT 2001 - Streetwise

Over 90 young people from seven different countries (Malta, Sweden, Belgium, Switzerland, Spain, Denmark, and Netherlands) participated in the Eurocontact 2001 organised by Fimcap and hosted in Malta by Z.A.K.

The aim of the Eurocontact 2001 this year was to give an opportunity to the participants to get a feel of society by participating in different workshops and hands on experiences that include visits to the Drug Rehabilitation centres, Homes for the elderly and Children's Residential homes. The participants also spent some time with families that have a member with a disability.

Workshops and games were an integral part of the program to help the young people accept more the different culture and opinions which were amazingly diverse

The Eurocontact 2001 opening held at St. Agatha's motherhouse was characterised with a lot of enthusiasm coming from the par-

ticipants and organisers. Present for the opening there was Bishop Annetto Depasquale, Malta Catholic Action President Ms. Ninette Borg Grech and Johan Cottyn, the international chaplain of Fimcap.

Throughout the week the participants were involved in different workshops and games held in the limits of Mdina and Rabat. The workshops treated topics such as:

- The interpersonal relationship.
- The relationship with our friends.
- The relationship with the families and the community.

Activity by the participants to the general public:

One of the activities was held at Pretty Bay B'Bugia where the participants were expected to meet the general public. The activity consisted of different representations such as drama, dance, music and art. The participants were PRETTY @ PRETTY BAY and the Maltese community could feel the joy these young people felt and enjoyed throughout the whole week.

*Martin Chetcuti
ZAK*





Acceptance can lead to enjoyment of life.

As you may have probably already read in the previous article young people from all over Europe have gathered to participate in Eurocontact 2001 organised by FIMCAP and Z.A.K. with the theme 'Streetwise'. 'Streetwise' was supposed to give the participants an insight of community co-operation and youth worked on several tasks to gain new experiences.

One of the activities organised during the Eurocontact 2001, encouraged the participants to visit different families that have a member with different abilities. During the family visit the participants talked about different experiences and shared a family life for a few hours.

The youth participating in the Eurocontact 2001 agreed to pass on the following message to you all. "Each and every person has the right to live. No one in the world has a disability but unfortunately our society makes people disabled by means of lack of awareness.

Thus each person should be responsible to accept any individual no matter who he / she is, since acceptance can lead to enjoyment of life."

All the participants - Eurocontact 2001

Impressions of participants

Eurocontact 2001 - My Experience

Without doubt the nicest of all were the people! However when I look back at the programme some thoughts come to my mind.

The idea of doing something for the community was splendid! It was something I never saw before! I enjoyed the visit at the family and at the institution.

For sure "the traditional dance' evening was also very great!

So thank you for the organisation for all the great ideas that made eurocontact 2001 in Malta the greatest camp I ever experienced!

Vince Chiro

