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**CIJOC ICYCW
ON LINE**

Dear friends,

Greetings from the International Secretariat of the ICYCW! This publication is one of the ways to communicate between the Movements and the Secretariat. With this edition of *ICYCW-CIJOC On Line*, we would like to share with you how we, members of the Secretariat, work with the National Movements; what activities the Movements are involved in; what external relationships with others we are building; how the Movements can get ideas for helping each other; how we are working according to the priorities and the future plans that were made during the International Council.

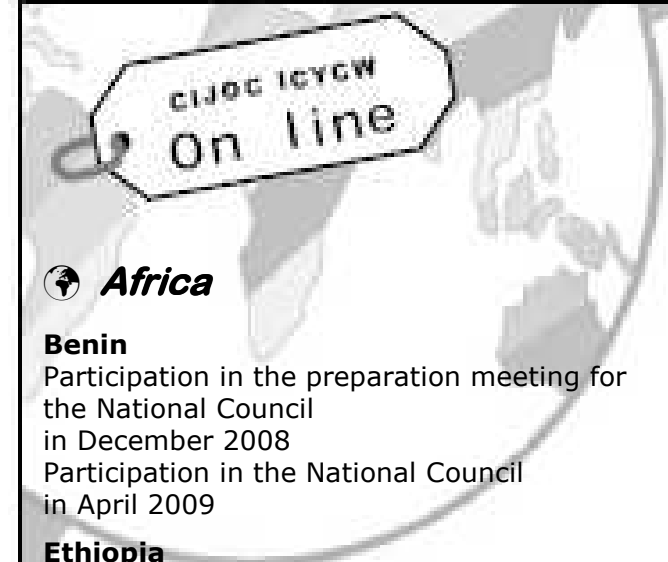
We know that this space is too small to include everything, but we will attempt to provide you with lots of interesting and relevant information. In return we are hoping for your support and interest. Please feel free to contact us at any time. You are most welcome to take part in this initiative.

We, as Christian people, are in the season of Lent. In our work and in our prayers we are always aware of you. It is you who speak to young people about Love and Hope, who are called to be a good example and a sign of hope to young people, even though we are all in an economic crisis and face many challenges. May God bless all young people who through their suffering and sacrifice participate in the Passion of Jesus and whose actions make known His loving goodness!

Work of the International Secretariat

Secretariat Meeting

From 9th February to 2nd March, the Secretariat held its first ordinary meeting of this year. During the Secretariat Meeting we reviewed the situation of the National Movements and the work accomplished by the Coordination. In particular, we looked more deeply at the situation of the Movements in 3 continents; Asia, East Africa and the Middle East. We also discussed some important subjects, especially Chaplains, Collaborators, Structure, Finances, Training, Publications, Representation Work, Future Plans for the Movements and Election for the posts of International Treasurer and Coordinator. We did the Review of Life with the topic, 'Life in Rome and the ICYCW Secretariat'. Besides this, we visited the Pontifical Council for the Laity (PCL). We met Cardinal Rylko, President of the PCL, to introduce the new team members and our work with the Report of the 7th International Council. (You can see details on last page)



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Africa

Benin

Participation in the preparation meeting for the National Council in December 2008
Participation in the National Council in April 2009

Ethiopia

Participation in the National Gathering of the Movement
Formation of national and diocesan leaders in May 2009

Indian Ocean Island

Meeting with Fr. Jean-Pierre Bourget, Collaborator, to make the plan and strategy in Paris March 2009

Nigeria

Working on the Sub-regional Coordination Preparation work for the Sub-regional Meeting of West Africa in April 2009

Togo

Participation in the preparation meeting for the Sub-regional Meeting of West Africa in January 2009

Asia

Philippines

Participation in the National Meeting in December 2008
Training Session for young leaders and adult companions
Participation in National Meeting in Butuan in March 2009

Europe

France

Participation in Administration Council in March 2009
Participation in "La jeunesse [ça] se cultive" (National Festival for young people) in May 2009

Italy

Participation in Launching the Action Campaign "Value of work for Young People"
Participation in National Team Meeting in April 2009

Activities with the Movements (November 2008 – May 2009)

Malta

Participation in the Training Session for Young Leaders "Here I am" in November 2008

Portugal

Participation in National Coordination Meeting in March 2009

Spain

Participation in the General Coordination Meeting in January 2009

Europe Commission Meeting

Preparation of the European Presidents' Meeting in Paris in November 2008

European Presidents' Meeting

Defining priority works for Europe 2009 from the future plan in London in February 2009

Middle East

Jordan

Preparation meeting with Greek Catholic Church for the Continental Meeting in 2009 in November 2008

Lebanon

Visiting the National Team to present the Future Plan in November 2008

Meeting with Continental contact person

Meeting with Majd Coussa, contact person, for Middle East in March 2009

Latin America

We are making the plan and finding partners to sponsor our visit the Movements. We would like to share with you some activities of the Movements.

Dominican Republic

National Team Meeting in March 2009

Ecuador

National Meeting in February 2009

Haiti

Visit by former member of the Secretariat and meeting with National Team in February 2009

☑ Training

Coming to Life! Training Sessions (1)



During the 7th International Council of the ICYCW there were two days of work dedicated to training. In these days certain useful tools for training were presented to help create a link between the reality which young workers experience daily and the educative plan proposed by the YCW. The topics dealt with were chosen according to the needs of national Movements and were tackled in a manner based on the experience of action at national level.

Through this section in *ICYCW-CIJOC On Line*, we want to keep alive the memory of the themes which we worked on and to prompt national leaders to organise national and diocesan meetings to follow up and deepen this work.

In this first number of 2009 we present the workshop on **Training for YCW trainers in Life Situations**.

The aim was to get to know the fundamental principles of the YCW so as to then propose the same kind of training to young leaders at the local level.

- **The YCW Training Manual** produced by the ICYCW: how to get to know it, put it to use and keep using it; how to prepare a training session.
- **The Action Campaign**: its formative value and how to carry it out in our particular situation.
- **Finance**: the management of the finances in a Movement such as the YCW.

Training Manual – How to use this booklet

This manual is intended for the use of those responsible for the development of the YCW Movement at Regional/Diocesan level to understand the principles and methods of the YCW in a more extensive and deeper way. The book is intended as a help to **training others**. We have tried to keep it as simple as possible so that the material can be used to present the key elements of the YCW.

It is written from an overall international perspective and will require adaptation to local practice and culture whilst keeping to the essential principles and method.

After the presentation of the Manual we experienced together the planning of a training session for a Diocesan team on one of the sections of the Manual adapting the suggestions according to the needs of the local Movement.

Action Campaign

In this part of the workshop we saw how to organise an Action Campaign and how this could be an educative process for young people.

An action campaign is a process of: awareness and study, reflection and prayer, decision and action on a chosen topic which is important to young people. It is carried out on a regional or national basis. It involves many YCW groups with their friends and contact joined together in a united effort.

The YCW action campaign follows the **SEE JUDGE ACT** method. Before starting the SEE JUDGE ACT stages, is necessary a preparation phase concluded with the launch and after is good to have a finale and a review with the coordination team.

The purposes of an Action Campaign are: take action, train leaders, promote togetherness, publicise the YCW, make contacts and build friendships.

Finance

In this part of the workshop we looked more deeply into the role of the Treasurer in a Movement like the YCW which tries to be self financing. From the Training Manual we discovered the importance of the role of the leader not just in a technical sense but above all in training others to appreciate the value of the economic autonomy of the Movement and of the young person.

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Representation Work

• **European Youth Forum**

Participation in General Assembly in Rotterdam in November 2008

• **The group of Catholic-inspired NGOs Forum in Rome**

Participation in the preparation meeting for constitution of the Group of Rome in December 2008, February 2009
Participation in Assembly for official constitution of the Group of Rome in March 2009
Participation in Assembly in April 2009

• **The Diocese of Rome**

Visiting Cardinal Vicar to introduce the ICYCW and to present its mission in Rome in April 2009

• **World Youth Day (WYD)**

Attending evaluation & preparation meeting for 2011 WYD in April 2009
Participation in 2009 World Youth Day on Palm Sunday (5th April) in Vatican

• **Vatican Secretariat of State**

Meeting to introduce the ICYCW Secretariat members and to present our work in May 2009

• **International Organisations (Youth)**

Visiting International Organisations to make a contact and to introduce the ICYCW work in Paris in April 2009

• **Comité Catholique contre la Faim et pour le Développement (CCFD)**

(Catholic Committee against Hunger and for Development)

Visiting to introduce the ICYCW mission in Paris in April 2009

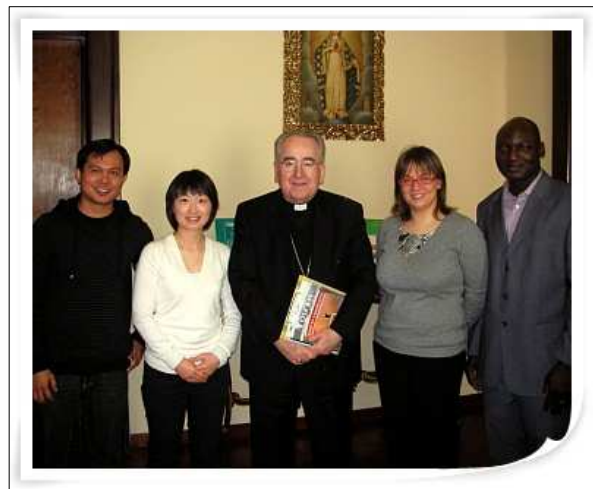
• **The Pontifical Council of the Laity (PCL)**

Meeting with Cardinal Rylko, president of the PCL, to present the ICYCW work in February 2009

Meeting with Cardinal Rylko

The members of the Secretariat had a meeting this year with The Pontifical Council of the Laity (PCL).

In this meeting with Cardinal Rylko, President of the PCL, we introduced the Secretariat members and presented our activities. We also took the opportunity to give him the Report, Resolutions, and Future Plans (General and Continental) of the 7th International Council.



We spoke to him about the situation of the National Movements, the reality of young people and especially we talked with him about the difficulties facing young people in working life such as unemployment and insecure jobs. We presented some Action Campaigns of the Movements on these issues.

About this, Cardinal Rylko said that the YCW's work and mission are important to the present situation of the world, and he encouraged the YCW Movements. He reminded us that the YCW has a Christian identity and that the PCL always support the ICYCW.

We received a lot of support and encouragement from this meeting and it was a good time to reflect more on our challenges as young Christian working people.

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