



**International Movement  
of Catholic Students  
- Pax Romana -**

# ANNUAL REPORT 2014





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### IMCS-MIEC International Team 2011-2014



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## Introduction

This particular report focuses and highlights some of the activities of the International Team during 2014.

2014 it was a very hard year were, our national movements as our International office has faced a big challenges (economically and structurally), often overwhelming challenges which have been a big pressure, but a big motivation as well.

In the face of these events, in our changing world, student members of IMCS have been finding ways to address these challenges through the lens of the Gospel and retaking the base work of our Christian family.

As agents of non formal education, Catholic student groups, movements and chaplaincies are finding diverse and creative ways to address the challenge of putting our faith into action in our campuses, Church and world. Also, our international structure has started the evaluation, restructuration, and planning for the next four years, where must again become the common-unit between all the movements who compose the IMCS-MIEC family.

In this important task, the international coordinating bodies of IMCS (continental and global) continue to play a key task in supporting, empowering and representing the actions of students at the local level. It strengthening our internal net how IMCS could made this process of renovation.



## Acknowledgements

The International office of IMCS and regional Coordination count on the support of many friends, partners and benefactors. Thanks to these friends we can continue changing student's life. We are grateful for this support and solidarity.

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This report it was created to present the activities and events of IMCS-MIEC over the world, and to show the economical report 2014 y budget 2015.

IMCS-MIEC will be grateful to have your economic support as every year.

### Timeline

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The IMCS International Team works closely with IMCS regional coordinators, national movements as well as partners and friends to support the work of students around the world. Depending on the situation, the International Team has participated physically at meetings/formations or through virtual presence.

This year one of our focus it was to work on the identity of IMCS-MIEC and the transmission of memory to our national members.

The pilot experience it was during regional meetings in Latin America and Europe (common regions between IMCS-MIEC and IYCS-JECI), were one International Team Member of IMCS– MIEC has prepared a workshop (called “who are we?”) about internal network and development on IMCS structure, and the IYCS collaboration link.

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## Youth, Gender and Development

### "Meeting of Latin American experiences on Gender equity" Potosí-Bolivia



Working in collaboration with the international team of IYCS, IMCS International Team ran a formation and program about Gender equity for student leaders in Potosí-Bolivia during the first week of December 2013

30 students leaders from Bolivia (JECl and MIEC members) and also 8 leader, from other Latina American movements, participated at this activity, which had the main objective to ***Empower young women and men, leaders, with regard to equal rights, socio-political participation, and active exercise of human rights in Latin American society.***

Following the study session, a member of IMCS International Team, hold the following up with part of the national movements which had participated.

The Latin American Secretariat (SLA), whit a role of local collaborator, made the last part of the follow up process, ensuring that every leader carried out the duplicate workshops.



**From Left:** Adrian and Mabel (Bolivia), Jhoana (Colombia), Libia (Perú), Katiuska and Carlos (Ecuador), Camila (International Team), Sebastian and Rosa (Chile)





## UN Representation, New York

Traditionally, the IMCS New York team has been participating at UN in many different areas. These by our intense work through/with ICMYO platform, allowing us keep the contact with many youth NGO all over the world.



## UN Study Session

The Water Crisis: A call to Action  
20 March to 22 March 2014

Students, academics, and other professionals gathered in New York City to learn about the global water crisis and how youth can respond through faith and solidarity. The Study Session focused on the interplay of the UN, civil society actors, and Catholic Social Teaching in the area of discussion relating to the global water crisis and advocacy by and for youth

During the first part of this meeting the participants shared about the Catholic Social Teaching relating to water issues, and perspectives of different non-governmental organizations on how to increase availability of water supply and sanitation.





Participants had the opportunity to learn about the technical side of water treatment, as well as energy issues and solutions relating to water.

Participants also participated in focus groups on issues relating to water including gender, food, sanitation & hygiene, and urbanization.



On the last day, participants were first exposed to the structure and history of the United Nations. Then the participants had the opportunity to have dialogue with members of the NGO Mining Working Group; Also had the opportunity to speak with several representatives of Catholic NGOs at the United Nations.

## **The Water Crisis: A Call to Action**

**Catholic Social Teaching  
Study Session @  
the United Nations (NYC)**

**March 20 - 22nd 2014**

**International  
Movement  
of Catholic  
Students**





## Representation

Part of our work as International Team is the International representation. Because that, the Team has responsibility to represent the national movements and consider their needs at international platforms, and also collaborates with many different partners and networks with various groups and organizations.

## World Youth Day

Evaluation Meeting

On April 2014

Vatican has invited to all the youth organization linked to the World Youth Day to evaluate the last meeting in Rio 2013. Also, we have been invited to Work on the pastoral and logistic planning of WYD in Krakow 2016.

At the same time, IMCS took the chance to visit the coordination of CIJOC in Rome to planning possible future actions and evaluate our network. Also, part of our constant contact with CIJOC, we shared the planning on our representation at the ILO Seminar in Rome.



**From Left:** Amelie Peyrar (CIJOC), Nuno Paes and Francois Mendy (IYCS-JECI) ,  
Camila Jara Aparicio (IMCS-MIEC)



## Seminar “Decent Work, social justice, and global poverty eradication”

Rome - Italy

On April 28th - 30th 2014

Seminar organized by the Group of Catholic Inspired NGOs on Decent work and the ILO, under the patronage of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace



**In the picture:** International team CIJOC, International team JOCI, General Secretary IMCS-MIEC, National coordination MMTC Spain.)

After the work made during the last year, the Group of Catholic Inspired NGOs, decided participated actively in this seminar in Rome. It was a good moment to share the good practices of our organization on Decent work topics over the world.

The main objectives of our IMCS team it were:

- i. Reinforce the collaboration between the Catholic Church and its different entities, the ILO, the Social partners and other relevant partners in the context of Post 2015 discussions.
- ii. Reinforce the link between youth's ONGs based in the Catholic Action tradition
- iii. Present a speech on Good work experiences on decent work



## World Conference on Youth 2014

Sri Lanka

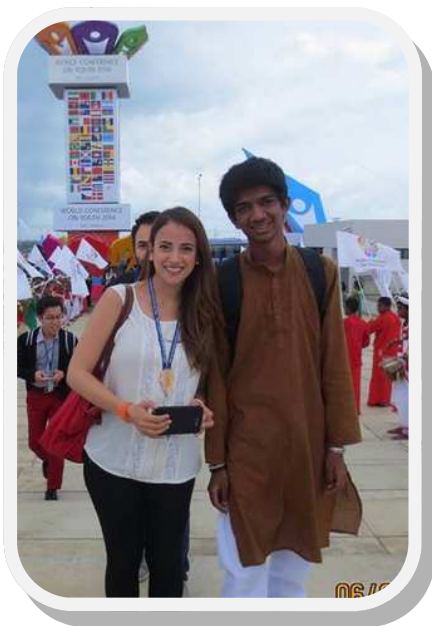
On Jun 2014

As a International movement we must connect our regional offices and national movements together, to delegate different tasks with the objective of involve them in our international work as well. Through this collaboration we strength the link between our members.

During the World Conference on Youth, which took place in Sri Lanka, IMCS-MIEC has sent a delegation with participants from Asia Pacific region (the regional coordinator and one national member from India), Africa (the regional coordinator), and New York team members and collaborators (which are part of the task desk)

The main objectives to participate in this conference were:

- i. Representing IMCS voices on education and sustainable development
- ii. Advocating efforts around the Post-2015 Development Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- iii. Involving national and regional leaders to represent IMCS-MIEC at international level.





## 103<sup>rd</sup> International Labour Conference.

Geneva

28 May - 12 June 2014



IMCS and ICMICA (International Catholic Movement for Intellectual and Cultural Affairs ) are the two movements of the Pax Romana family.

This year saw a very effective collaboration during ILO meeting were the collaboration between our Pax Romana delegation continued very strong and effective.

The objective for this year it was to follow up the conventions and recommendation adopted in the last meeting of 2013, with the special focus on decent work and the youth unemployment.

The objectives of our representation were:

- i. Representing to Pax-Romana in the groups of Catholic inspired NGOs for ILO meetings.
- ii. Following up and pushing the lobby on decent work and youth employment.



## Team Transition

Paris

August - September 2014

At the 2014, the International Team members based at the IMCS secretariat in Paris, almost have completed their third full year of mandate.



During this year, International office has faced the resignation of their team. The resignations have been for different reason and motivations, but principally for the stress caused by the quantity and complexity of the work, and also all the challenges faced in the difficult moments of the international office.

For these, the international office have lived a Internal transition process.

During the summer the regions have led a reflection on this issue. We went back to work with the clear decision to organize early elections.

This matter will be developed later in detail (see page 19)

## European Committee

Luxembourg

15th - 21th September

The team of IMCS and IYCS share three common regions and Europe is one of them. Both international secretariats have been participating as observers in the European committee which is the supreme decision making body of the European Coordination JECI-MIEC and gathers the leaders of national movements.



IMCS International office has prepared a workshop about identity and networks where, including IYCS, the objective was

- i. To involve our national members in whole net of friends, platforms, national and regional movements, etc.
- ii. To clarify the structure and connections between all level of the Pax Romana movement.



*The new team elected for European Coordination (coming from France, Ukraine, Germany, Romania and Luxembourg) with the international representation of IYCS and IMCS international offices.*





# Pan African Assembly

Lusaka - Zambia

October 2014

This year we celebrated the 11<sup>TH</sup> Pan African Assembly, which took place in Lusaka-Zambia.



This meeting has included 120 delegates from 30 different countries of Africa.

The assembly was held under the theme ***“For a reconciled, just and peaceful Africa: youth engaged in sustainable and integral human development in a context of climate change”***

The main objectives were:

- i. Evaluate IMCS relevance to the young people in the continent, to the Church, to the community and generally its impact to humanity through its programs both at Individual, National, Pan African level.
- ii. Evaluate the strength of the movement structurally in its different National organs.
- iii. Evaluate the work of the Pan African Coordination Team and how they have implemented the orientations of the previous PAA (Orientations 2010 to 2014)





## IMCS ... THE NEW THINGS

During the 2014 IMAC has started the renovation process to be more accessible to all the people and supporters who want know our work and with special focus on our new generations of members. For these reason, we are renovating the media platforms and expanding the technological possibilities we can use.

### WEBSITE

After six years we retake the work to redevelop its main website of IMCS-MIEC.

The website informs about the calendar of the coming activities, also, has a Facebook box which facilitates the connection between website and social media.

New colours and pictures in the gallery had been included to show the new faces and dynamic of IMCS over the world.

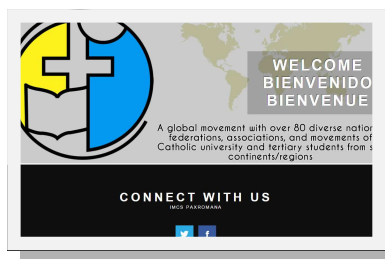
We hope we will motivate our members to visit more frequently our space and, at the same time, to help us to get more information and pictures of their national activities.

Additionally, IMCS Pax Romana is improving the Facebook exchange with the different coordination pages, which it has been a good way to “meet” the national members.

**Visit:**

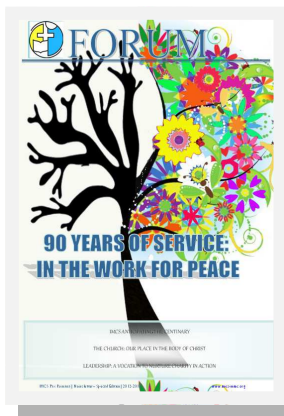
[www.imcs-miec.org](http://www.imcs-miec.org)

<https://www.facebook.com/imcs.miec/>





## IMCS ... THE NEW THINGS



### PUBLICATION

The **Forum Magazine** number for the year 2013 showed a significant delay due to the difficulties in the memory transmission, in addition to a significant financial shortfall.

The subject of the latest edition of our magazine focuses is the work and testimony of members of IMCS during the 90th anniversary of Pax Romana. Our members and chaplains from all regions sent their reports in reference to the various activities that our young people have done and the reflections were obtained in this

events. Some reports have focused on the experiences on sustainable development, Vatican II, personal testimonies, etc.

### New methodologies:

For very first time, we presented the FORUM magazine , in addition to the printed version, by digital version.

The distribution in a digital format has been decided to include in future publications in order to:

- Streamline design-production (considering the limited human resources of team MIEC).
- Encourage widespread distribution of the magazine through the new social networks.
- Increase the number of readers.
- Strengthen the exchange of material with other Catholic youth movements.
- Include values of sustainability and respect for the environment in our work.

**Do you want read it? Visit:**

<http://www.joomag.com/magazine/forum-magazine-special-edition/0309256001411394618?short>



## IMCS New Team

In an unusual process, lived within the international office, now we are preparing an extraordinary election of new International Team.

For different and personal reasons, the current team of IMCS has resigned to the mission mandated from 2011 to 2015. After a long discussion with the regional coordination and IMCS former members, the movement decided to allow and continue with this unusual process to select a new international team.

For obvious economical reasons, the process will take place through a virtual platform. The movement is sharing, each two weeks, a Skype meeting to ensure the democratic voting process, which must take place at the end of November.

At the same time, we will ensure the correct transmission of memory for the new team.

In addition, the international office will send the poll 2014-2018 to get inputs for the guidelines to the next international mandate. This pool include three level of questions (national, regional and international levels) which it will give us, also, a kind of evaluation of weaknesses and possible strengths on the connection of these three level in our structure.

All national movements/federations were invited to take part in this process. They can ask for more information at the regional coordination or directly to the international office.

Also, the international office has created a special website to this elections, and all people can visit to know all about the candidates and the whole process.

<http://imcs-miec.wix.com/elections2014>









# IMCS Pax Romana Around the World

## AFRICA

**Benin:** Emmaus Community; **Botswana:** MIEC; **Burundi:** MIEC; **Burkina Faso:** Cameroon: MIEC-Cameroon; **Congo:** MIEC-Congo; **Côte d'Ivoire:** MIEC-DRC; **Equatorial-Guinea:** Eritrea; **Ethiopia:** IMCS-Ethiopia; **Ghana:** IMCS-Ghana (Pax Romana); **Guinea:** Kenya: IMCS-Kenya; **Lesotho:** Madagascar: MIEC-Madagascar; **Malawi:** University of Malawi Catholic Student Association (UMCSA); **Mali:** MIEC-Mali; **Mozambique:** Nucleo de Estudantes Católicos de Ensino Superior; **Namibia:** Catholic Students Association of Namibia (CSAN); **Niger:** Nigeria: Nigerian Federation of Catholic Students (NFCS); **Rwanda:** MIEC-Rwanda; **Senegal:** Coordination des Étudiants Catholiques de Dakar (CECD); **South Africa:** Association of Catholic Tertiary Students (ACTS); **Sudan:** IMCS-Sudan; **Swaziland:** Tanzania: IMCS-Tanzania; **Togo:** MIEC-Togo; **Tunisia:** Uganda: IMCS-Uganda; **Zambia:** IMCS-Zambia; **Zimbabwe:** National Movement of Catholic Students (NMCS)

## ASIA PACIFIC

**Australia:** Australian Catholic Students Association (ACSA); **Bangladesh:** Bangladesh Catholic Students Movement (BCSM); **Hong Kong:** Hong Kong Federation of Catholic Students (HKFCS); **India:** All India Catholic University Federation (AICUF); **Indonesia:** Union of All Catholic Students of Republic of Indonesia (PMKRI); **Japan:** WAKAGE; **Macau:** Catholic Association of the University of Macau (CA UMAC); **Myanmar:** Myanmar Young Catholic Students (MYCS); **Malaysia:** Malaysian Catholic Students Council (MCSA); **Nepal:** IMCS Nepal; **Pakistan:** IMCS Pakistan; **South Korea:** Seoul Federation of Catholic Students (SFCS); **Sri Lanka:** Sri Lanka Catholic University Students Movement (CUSM); **Taiwan:** Chinese Catholic University Students Association (CCUSA); **Thai-Burma Border:** Thailand: Catholic Undergraduate Center of Thailand (CUCT); **Vietnam:** Hanoi Movement of Catholic Students (HMCS)

## EUROPE

**Austria:** Katholischen Hochschuljugend Österreich (KHJO); **Catalonia:** Moviment d'Universitaris i Estudiants Cristians (MUEC); **Croatia:** Pomak; **France:** Mission Étudiante Catholique de France (MECF); **Germany:** Arbeitsgemeinschaft Katholischer Hochschulgemeinden (AKH); **Greece:** Enosis Katholikou Fititen Elladas (EKFE); **Hungary:** Katolikus Egyetemisták és Főiskolások Egyesülete (KEFE); **Italy:** Federazione Universitaria Cattolica Italiana (FUCI); **Lithuania:** Ateitis; **Luxembourg:** JEC-Sup; **Malta:** Moviment Kattoliku Studenti Universitarji (MKSU); **Poland:** Klub Inteligencji Katolickiej (KIK) / Drum Bun; **Portugal:** Movimento Católico de Estudantes (MCE); **Romania:** ASTRU; **Slovenia:** ZKS; **Slovenia:** Skupnost Katoliške Akademije Mladine (SKAM); **Spain:** Juventud Estudiante Católica (JEC); **Ukraine:** Obnova;

## AMERICAS

**Bolivia:** Movimiento Universitario Cristiano (MUC); **Chile:** Asociación de Universitarios Católicos (AUC); **Colombia:** Juventud Estudiantil Católica (JEC); **Dominican Republic:** Comunidad de Estudiantes Católicos (CEC); **Ecuador:** Juventud Estudiante Católica (JEC); **Peru:** Unión Nacional de Estudiantes Católicos (UNEC); **Canada:** Canadian Catholic Students' Association (CCSA); **Québec:** Jeunesse Etudiante Chrétien / Mouvement des Etudiants Catholiques (JEC/MECQ); **USA:** National Catholic Student Coalition (NCSC)

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