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## ANNUAL REPORT

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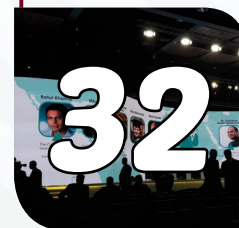
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# ANNUAL ACTIVITIES

## INTRODUCTION

Dear readers, partners and members of the global family of IMCS Pax Romana. We have just concluded another year and, with great joy, would like to share with you our missionary experience in the world of Catholic students.

2017 has been a year of growth for all of us. In both the number and quality of encounters we witnessed in the past year, we are delighted to see the growing investment of young people in carrying out the activities of the movement. We also welcome the great innovations made by the members of the movement in the day to day functioning of the movement as well as in the concrete implementation of our goals. This spirit of innovation has brought about the creation of an international media commission due to launch in 2018 with a dedicated intern accompanying the movement in this capacity.

The major events that marked this year were the Summer School that took place in Indonesia, the international short film festival, and the Migration Study Session and International Council in Italy, parallel to which we made the short film about refugees. Each of these activities had a large participation of established members, new members, and non-members. This demonstrates the great desire present in the member base to engage in meaningful development through enacting the Sustainable Development Goals,, as well as through the promotion of intercultural dialogue, holistic education, social justice, human rights,, awareness of migration issues , etc.

Our advocacy work was also rich in both events and impact. The previous themes served as a framework for all the movement's actions. With the dynamism of our United Nations Task Team (UNTT), we have actively participated in the ECOSOC Youth Forum, the High-level Political Forum (HLPF) in New York, and the World Youth Forum in Egypt. Many other initiatives have been attended by the IMCS members such as the youth meeting on the sidelines of the G20 summit in Germany, the UNESCO Forum and active participation in the selection process of the new UN Secretary-General's Youth Envoy for which IMCS proposed three African candidates.

Furthermore, our relationship with the Holy See has deepened through the World Youth Day preparation and evaluation meetings as well as the gatherings dedicated to the preparation of the Bishops' Synod on Youth.

We thank God for all that has been done and we thank all those who contributed to the success of the activities of the movement throughout the year. Our gratitude to the partners who support the movement's work around the world and continue to believe in the potential of our global family.

Yours in Christ,  
*The International Team*







# ECOSOC Youth Forum

## New York

On January 30th and 31st, 2017, the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Youth Forum provided a platform for youth to engage in dialogue with Member States and share ideas on innovation, collective action and solutions to global problems in order to follow through with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. IMCS Pax Romana sent two members of the United Nations Task Team (UNTT) with the UNTT coordinator to attend the session and co-host a breakout session titled “End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.” This session highlighted positive experiences in dealing with food security and agricultural sustainability.

The UNTT members on the first day attended the SDG 2 consultation. Sameh Kamel focused on negotiating measures necessary to maintain food security, creating food stocks helps eliminate food mafia that dramatically raise prices in one area over the other. Abdul Ibrahim elaborated on methods of rebranding agriculture to encourage youth to invest in farming, as young people now are directed more towards tertiary jobs with set pay. Such investments are necessary to ensure the improvement of agriculture, lowering the costs of production and trade, ultimately aiming to to the eradication of malnutrition and hunger. On the second day, the UNTT members went to a regional breakout session that focused primarily on getting youth to discuss how they understand their role in achieving the SDGs and to showcase the solutions they have developed. Throughout the session, there were discussions focusing on the challenges facing the region, empowering youth ,

SDG achievements, and social change initiatives. Abdulrahman gave his input on how to improve the education systems, with regards to how the youth of tomorrow are properly educated and capable of thinking critically. This would, in return, increase the chances of the future generations to be prepared for their careers and become a beneficial, innovative addition to their communities. Sameh focused on the Youth, Peace and Security aspect of the discussion highlighting UNSCR 2250, as safety is one of the most significant struggles faced by Arab youth today, he role of NGOs and government partnerships was strongly emphasized as a main way of achieving the 2030 agenda.

Our generation strongly believes that we can be the first generation to end poverty and the last generation to address climate change before it is too late. Pope Francis emphasized the importance of acting now when he said e importance of the “We cannot permit ourselves to postpone certain agendas for the future. The future demands of us critical and global decisions in the face of world-wide conflicts which increase the number of the excluded and those in need.”



JANUARY 30 - 31, 2017



## VISIT OF PARTNERS

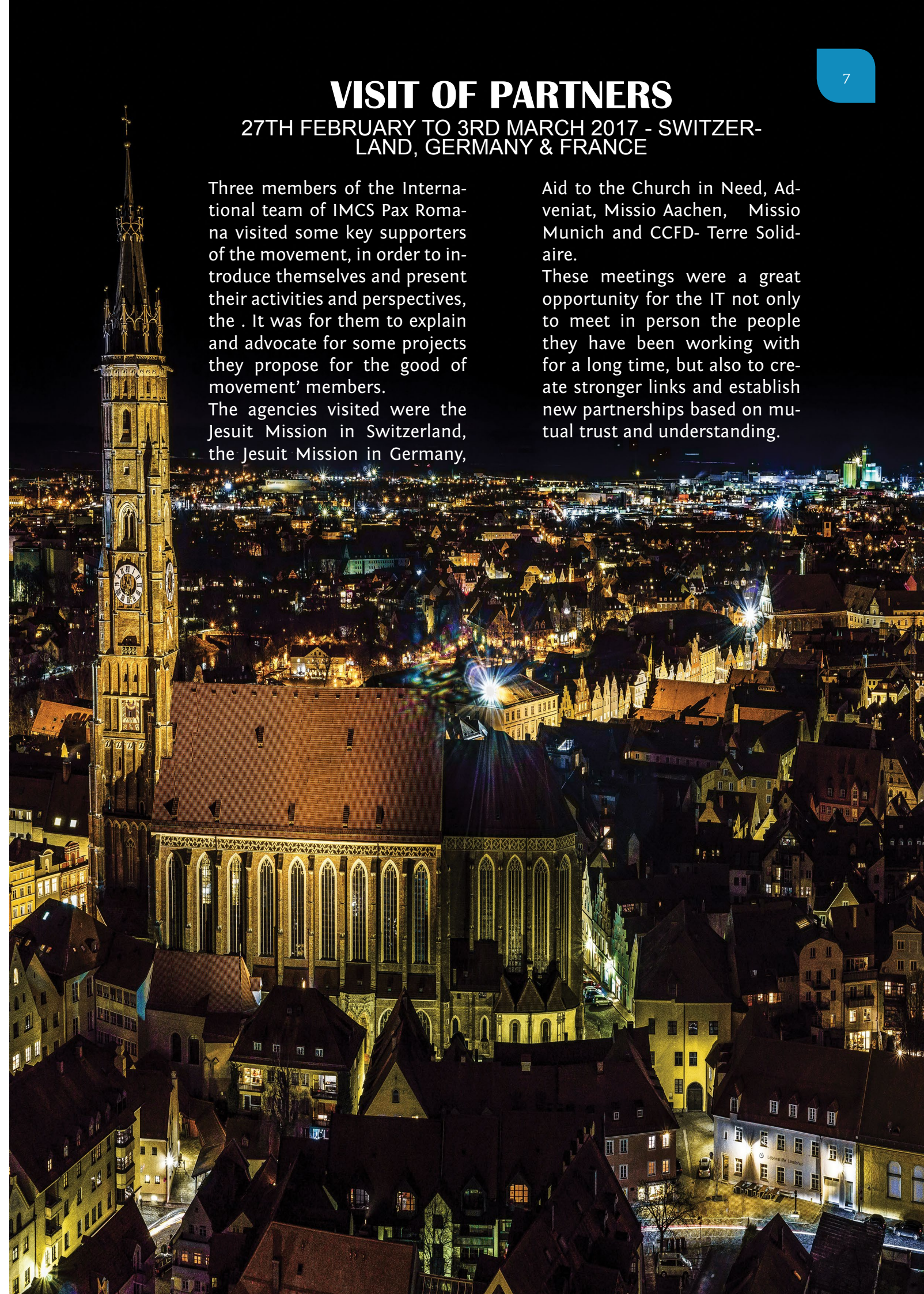
27TH FEBRUARY TO 3RD MARCH 2017 - SWITZERLAND, GERMANY & FRANCE

Three members of the International team of IMCS Pax Romana visited some key supporters of the movement, in order to introduce themselves and present their activities and perspectives, the . It was for them to explain and advocate for some projects they propose for the good of movement’ members.

The agencies visited were the Jesuit Mission in Switzerland, the Jesuit Mission in Germany,

Aid to the Church in Need, Adveniat, Missio Aachen, Missio Munich and CCFD- Terre Solidaire.

These meetings were a great opportunity for the IT not only to meet in person the people they have been working with for a long time, but also to create stronger links and establish new partnerships based on mutual trust and understanding.





# IMCS South Africa Leaders summit

ZIMBABWE - 2ND TO 6TH FEBRUARY 2017

From the 2nd to the 6th of January 2017 the first ever South Africa sub regional leaders summit took place in Chinhoyi. The summit was convened under the theme : *The renewal of the African continent is in our hands. IMCS-Pax Romana, as a student-faith based driven community, must respond to the signs of times. "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening" (1 Samuel chapter 3).*



This summit as objectives :

- Strengthen the solidarity between the South Africa movement members
- Increase the knowledge about the IMCS Pax romana movement
- Exchange about the common challenges especially on the appeal of Laudato Si and Evangelii Gaudium

This meeting was a great opportunity for the international president and the Pan African coordinators to share the Identity of the movement and its involvement in society with the national leaders. Meanwhile Sameh Kamel, member of the UNTT shared information about the work of IMCS in the UN Platforms such as UNMGCY and ICMYO.

The International President, Edouard Karoue, presented the history of the movement and its activity in the world, and led a workshop on "The consumerism : a threat for our time " reflecting on alternative and responsible forms of consumption with consideration given to the sustainability of creation His communication helped representatives to better understand the realities of consumption in a capitalist society.

The International President provided a training to IMCS Leaders in the Southern Part of Africa

on Spirituality of action and consumption in the context of Laudato Si from 2nd to 6th February in Zimbabwe. Participants attended from Zambia, Malawi, Zimbabwe, South Africa and Lesotho. An article of Radio Vatican on this training can be found online.

The summit was a successful moment for the participants in the way it energised them to go back for the mission in their countries. It was an inspiring moment for other African subregions who take the commitment to organise such meetings to strengthen the movement.







FOR 7 DAYS THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT  
PAYED A VISIT IN KENYA FOR TWO REASONS :

- Meet the african coordination and discuss the challenges they are facing;
- Meet the national leaders of the movement and learn about their realities as well.

THE FIRST DAYS IN NAIROBI WERE USED TO VISIT THE NATIONAL OFFICE OF YOUTH TO MEET NATIONAL LEADERS. AT THAT MEETING, THE NATIONAL LEADERS OF THE MOVEMENT SHARED THEIR CHALLENGES WITH THE PAN-AFRICAN COORDINATOR, PATRICK OCHIBA AND THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT, EDOUARD KAROE. THE NEED FOR THE MOVEMENT TO BE BETTER KNOWN AT THE CHAPTER LEVEL WAS HIGHLIGHTED. FURTHERMORE, THE NATIONAL MOVEMENT EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL LEADERS VISITING FROM TIME TO TIME IN ORDER TO ENERGISE THEM AND LET THE MEMBERS KNOW THE STATE OF THE GLOBAL MOVEMENT. THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT USED THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE INFORMATION AND REFLECTIONS ON THE REALITY OF THE MOVEMENT IN THE WORLD.

ADDITIONALLY, A VISIT WAS PAID TO THE CHAPTER GROUP OF KIKUYU WHERE THE TWO PAN-AFRICAN COORDINATORS AND THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT TOOK THE TIME TO SHARE AROUND THE LEADERSHIP FORMATION IN THE MOVEMENT, HOW TO INNOVATE TO MAKE THE MOVEMENT MORE ATTRACTIVE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

ALONGSIDE THIS, THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT HAD A MEETING WITH PAN-AFRICAN TEAM TO DISCUSS CHALLENGES FACED AND IDEAS FOR MOVING FORWARD. THE THREE OF THEM VISITED THE FORMER COORDINATOR OF IMCS, AARON FENOUE.

**MONITORING  
VISIT IN  
KENYA** - 7TH TO 14TH FEBRUARY 2017



# FROM KRAKOW TO PANAMA

THE SYNOD JOURNEYING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE  
ROME, 5-9 APRIL 2017

The Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life, in collaboration with the General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops organized an International Meeting in Rome from 5 to 9 April 2017 on the theme: From Krakow to Panama - The Synod Journeying with Young People. The International Office of IMCS Pax Romana was represented by the Secretary General, Evelina Manola.

During the first part of the meeting, the young people had the opportunity to share their testimonies from their participation in the last WYD in Krakow, discuss about the experience during their in Poland and evaluate the organization and the logistic part of the event. After the brief assessment of WYD Krakow 2016, the second day introduced us to the upcoming Synod theme and the synodal process. During that part, there were panel discussions with youth coming from different countries of

the world discussing their expectations from the Synod.

Additionally, throughout the two days, we worked in smaller groups in order to reflect on several issues regarding the forthcoming Synod. The groups were divided respecting the geographical and gender balance and gave the opportunity for every participant to share their thoughts and reflections and come to fruitful discussions. The final day of the meeting was dedicated to the preparation of WYD Panama 2019. Many presentations on the organizational, pastoral and cultural aspects of the upcoming WYD took place and there was space for participants to give input and ask for clarification on certain issues. The meeting ended with the celebration of Palm Sunday Mass and the Diocesan Celebration of the 32nd WYD, presided by the Holy Father.



## KRAKÓW 2016

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# YOUTH COMPACT MEETING IN GENEVA.

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27-28 April 2017

Following the 2016 World Humanitarian Summit in Istanbul, youth organisations that are involved in humanitarian action signed the Youth Compact. Every year a meeting is organised as a platform for these organisations to exchange their achievements and ideas. This gathering is helpful as a means by which ideas can be shared and developed in order to further the work of the member organisations with regards to the 5 key actions that were chosen as a response to the humanitarian situation in the world.



This meeting, hosted by the International Federation of Red Cross (IFRC), was an opportunity for signatory organisations to share the challenges related to the implementation of the 5 key actions of the youth compact as well as the achievement that can inspire other stakeholders.

The task force constituted for every key action, after reflections and analysis of the situation, came

up with some concrete propositions and timelines for their realisation. The International president of IMCS Pax Romana Edouard Karoue, representing the movement expressed the desire to see more networking in the achievement of the compact goals for the compact. He explained the approach and pedagogy of IMCS towards the realisation of the compact.







# PREPARATORY MEETING FOR IMCS STUDY SESSION

27TH TO 29TH APRIL 2017 IN FOLIGNO ITALY



issues regarding the upcoming event. The daily schedule was set, as well as the field visits and all the requests the two parts had. In addition, Caritas gave its input on the educational part of session due to its expertise and years of experience on the migration field. Last but not least, Evelina had the opportunity to explore the venue of Caritas in Rasiglia, the so called youth center of “Neos Kosmos” which would host the 50 participants of the Study Session, as well as the offices of Caritas and some parts of the city that the youth group was going to visit.

After the postponement of last year’s Study Session due to the devastated earthquake that happened in Amatrice, early in 2017 IMCS Pax Romana started the communication with the Italian Diocesan Caritas of Foligno in order everything to be organized on time for our annual event. After many emails and skype calls, a preparatory physical meeting was set to take place from 27th April to 29th April 2017 in Foligno. Hence, the secretary general of the movement, Evelina Manola, visited Foligno and she was able to meet the preparation team of Caritas and explore all the places the event was about to take place.

During her three day stay, Evelina had several meetings with the preparation team of Caritas Foligno where they could discuss and agree on the important





# FUCI National congress

4TH TO 7TH MAY 2017, PAVIA

From the 5th to the 8th of May 2017, the national movement of Catholic Students in Italy (FUCI) had the 66th national congress under the theme: “Mediterranean: border of hope”. The meeting took place in Pavia, an old city close to Milan. As the theme shows,



the educational aspect of the meeting was focused on migration issue and its links to Mediterranean and hope. Can we see Mediterranean as foun-

tain of hope? which realities animate and activate migrants' experience in the sea? etc. Many questions have been answered by the different speakers that participated to this congress that knows the implication of hundreds of the delegates from different regions of Italy. The International president had the opportunity to address the crowd and invite them to be more committed



and support the Pope Francis encyclicals (Evangelii Gaudium and Laudato Si) by being examples in the society. Beyond conferences that were the main activities of the congress, there have been visits of old (Gothic) Churches facilitated by the local FUCI group.





# Laudato Si Camp

9TH TO 13TH MAY, CASA VELHA, PORTUGAL

The Laudato Si camp was an initiative of the CIDSE to put together the volunteers from the member organizations in order to share experiences, good practices on Laudato Si campaign « change for planet, care for the people».

The Casa Velha that has lot of activities concerning the responsible consumption and environment protection was the host organization. It has focuses on consumption and production, the climate change, etc. In order to understand these



important topics, roundtables, small group reflections, workshops in fields was proposed for the 30 participants.

The camp continued with a walk towards Fatima where the Pope Francis was celebrating the 100 years of apparitions. There, the participants united with Pope in prayers for the world and particular intentions of pilgrims.



# Asia Pacific council and capacity building on LAUDATO SI

20-28TH MAY 2017 IN BANGALORE (INDIA)



From the 20-28th May, 67 Students from 13 countries from Asia and Pacific met at Indian Social Institute, Benson road, Bengaluru, India for a capacity building session on the theme “Laudato Si in Action: Addressing the Ecological Crisis in Asia Pacific”. Following the spirit of Vatican II, FABC, and Pope Francis’ encyclical Laudato Si, this training programme had as main goal to equip Asia Pacific Students to be critical and analytical educators and advocates of environmental justice. Through the study session, an intensive youth formation programme focused on environmental justice using a ‘Rights-based Approach’ (RBA) was also carried out.

This training organized



by the International Movement of Catholic Students(Asia pacific coordination) and hosted by All India Catholic University Federation (AICUF) had the participation of students from a diverse grassroots reality, as well as great trainers from many field of expertise. The International president participated to the session and provided a training on the spirituality of IMCS Pax Romana as well as the environmental activism of IMCS Pax Romana. By the same occasion, he run the campaign on sustainable lifestyles that aims to help student to commit for lifestyles that can make the ecological state better.



# MONITORING

VISIT IN SRI LANKA : 31 MAY 2017

In the evening of the 31st May 2017, the international president of IMCS Pax Romana, Edouard Karoue, met the leaders of the national movement of catholic students in Colombo. The purpose of the visit was to exchange with the local leaders about the spirituality of action that is linked to IMCS identity and learn from local reality. After a time of presentation on IMCS history and spiri-



tuality, Edouard Karoue Pihewa had the time to exchange with the leaders. From this meeting, the idea of having a proper national structure of IMCS was raised and there was born a will to organise a national seminar on the Catholic Social teaching, christian leadership and Laudato Si in 2018.



# PREPARATORY MEETING

FOR IMCS SUMMER SCHOOL IN INDONESIA

In order to check the preparation of the Summer School of IMCS Pax Romana in Flores (Indonesia) planned for the 7th- 17th July 2017, the International president of the movement Edouard Karoue, visited the local movement (PMKRI). During his stay, the president had meetings with the national team in order to see the main issues or challenges they are facing in the organisation of the event. It was the opportunity for the host movement to expose their difficulties and submit their requests. The calendar of activities and the fundraising process was declined.

Furthermore, along with three members of the national team, the international president met some importants former members of IMCS Pax Romana in Indonesia such as Cosmas... A prospection meeting and visits was organised as well in the Flores Island in order to check more deeply the local (grassroots) realities: Meeting with local bishop, meeting with local PMKRI of Ende, visit of the school to rebuild and touristic places, visit of the welcoming house for participants in Detusoko village, visit of Maumere ' PMKRI, are some of the main activities of the international president during its visit in Indonesia.





# IMCS SUMMER SCHOOL

17-27 July 20017

The IMCS-Pax Romana 2017 Summer School took place in Flores Island in the province of East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia. Facilitated by Perhimpunan Mahasiswa Katolik Republik Indonesia (PMKRI), the summer school spread across 10 days, travelling from Larantuka in the far east, to Labuan bajo on the west coast.

The theme of the summer school was: “reaching peripheries through social immersion and training session on Human rights and Social justice”. The participants, had the opportunity not only to get theoretical knowledge on these subjects but also to move to practical experience related to access to water and quality education.

In addition to the importance for students to have international intercultural contacts to deepen their analytical skills and their openness, it has been shown significant or urgent need to operationalize

consistent frameworks for youth exchange, conduct discussions, to be trained and learn to act on situations according to the teaching of the social doctrine of the church and also of the encyclical Laudato Si. It is also the time to exchange on the SDGs which need to be achieved for the next 13 years.

The session of Flores-Indonesia from 7th to 17th July brought together 50 students from the 4 corners of the world to build praxis in a multicultural environment on the socialization and implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

This was a real opportunity to develop awareness of students about the challenges facing humanity in an unstable international context marked by religious conflicts, plagued resignation to individualism and the deterioration of the conditions of life of vulnerable populations.

The proposed activities were a life transforming opportunity for participants to the extent that they discover other realities, exchange with students from other countries, acquire theoretical and practical skills enabling them to challenge and take personal and collective initiatives to return to their home countries for the promotion of human rights and fundamental human values.

This summer school had the particularity to take place in different cities of Flores Island and had a diverse type of activities: Training sessions, exposures, social activities, cultural exchanges, etc.







Youth 20 Dialogue is the official youth forum of the G20 summit. Young people with different cultural and professional backgrounds met here to contribute their own ideas and concepts on the future of international dialogue. In the summer of 2017, from 2nd to 8th of June, 70 young people from G20 member states including invited organizations and groups met in Berlin for the Y20 dialogue ahead of the G20 Heads of State summit in Hamburg Germany.

Among the invited was the United Nations Major Groups for Children and Youth which was participating for the first time. UNMGCY was represented by Patrick Ochiba from Pax Romana-IMCS, Lucy Fagan and Alice Maria Sofie Claeson from the Global Health Next Generation Network, UK.

Eleven topics had been voted for discussion and those of great concern included; glob-

al climate change, implementation of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the future development of the global economy and free world trade, the migration and refugee crises, and the fight against terrorism, corruption and Youth participation.

The youth summit was part of a wide-ranging process of dialogue initiated by Chancellor Angela Merkel. This process took place ahead of the G20 summit itself and included representatives from all fields of civil society. Participants of the youth summit had the opportunity to meet Chancellor Merkel while in Berlin and to present her with their own vision of how the world's future is to be shaped and moulded.

Youth 20 Dialogue was designed as a continuous, participatory process of exchange.

Moreover, it was accompanied professionally. An online

dialogue preceded the youth summit and served as its preparation. In this dialogue, participants were able to discuss the G20 topics and carve out which of these topics they consider the most important.

Once the summit got underway in Berlin, the working focus was placed on the development of positions, solutions and suggestions, and on the preparation of a position paper for the G20 summit in July. All phases of work were accompanied by exchange with experts from the fields of science, economy, politics and civil society, enabling participants to reflect on their positions and to refine lines of reasoning. The highlight of Youth 20 Dialogue was a reception in the Federal Chancellery, where position papers were handed over to Chancellor Angela Merkel and to Katarina Barley, Federal Minister for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth.

Aside from the intense working process, the young adults were cordially invited to experience Berlin in its diversity and to start conversations with all strata of civil society. A host of cultural activities, media and sports events have been set up to facilitate becoming acquainted with and gaining insights into German culture and society.



# IMCS INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

From the 28th August to 8th September 2017, IMCS Pax Romana organized a training session in Italy Foligno under the theme "Building bridges: protecting migrants by empowering students". The event was organized in collaboration with the Diocesan Caritas of Foligno which provided the accommodation in their youth center in Rasiglia, offered the meals, the

interpretation equipment and its expertise on the issue of migration. The activities had the participation of 40 leaders of IMCS around the world. The Study Session was followed by a Statutory Session, the so called International Council, in which IMCS members reflected on crucial issues our movement is facing and took some important decisions

The idea of implement-

ing such a study session derived from the results of a global internal survey which highlighted the topic of migration as a necessity to work for and was chosen by our movement members worldwide as priority in our plan of action. Indeed, the migration crisis calls IMCS members to reach out their mission in the society by fighting for the protection of migrants' rights,



mobilizing people for the promotion of their integration, taking concrete actions and advocating in the UN platforms where we are present.

Pope Francis, on his visit to the refugees on the island of Lesbos gave a strong sign that should inspire every man. His call for international solidarity and his encouragement for Christians to be light in their societies and witnesses of the love of Christ remain heavy questioning of meaning for youth as well. The mission of the IMCS is to create leaders sensitive to their environment who can mobilize their communities for the common good. As it stands the topic of our study session, IMCSers' vision is to "build bridges" around the world – bridges that will contribute to the promotion of the human dignity and the fundamental rights of refugees, asylum seekers and immigrants. Solidarity for the ones who have fewer opportunities than us is one of our greatest values as Catholic youth and this globalization of indifference we are experiencing pushes us to act.

The training organized by IMCS used an interactive methodology to animate sessions, developed different tools and activities in order to meet the goals settled. It was also an opportunity for cross cultural exchanges among participants





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# Twitter chat

The International Movement of Catholic Student celebrating the 2017 United Nations International Youth Day, organised a twitter chat on the role of youth in peace building The 11th August 2017. These exchanges was replaced in the context of the resolution 2250.

Indeed, the United Nations Security Council adopted unanimously, on 9 December 2015, a ground-breaking resolution on Youth, Peace and Security which recognizes that “*young people play an important and positive role in the maintenance and promotion of international peace and security*”. [UNSCR 2250 \(2015\)](#) identifies five key pillars for action: participation, protection, prevention, partnerships and disengagement and reintegration.

This landmark resolution urges Member States to give youth a greater voice in decision-making at the local, national, regional

and international levels and to consider setting up mechanisms that would enable young people to participate meaningfully in peace processes.

The guests had the opportunity, during the Chat, to expand their knowledge on the field and explain how IMCS Intl Pax Romana team as many Youth led organizations can significantly contribute to Peace and Security all over the World.



## IMCS TWITTER CHAT UN INTL. YOUTH DAY 2017

Theme: “Youth Building Peace”

**Guests:** @marouane\_bakit  
@erlyoxanamunoz

**Moderators:** @nellasunshine22  
@saulzenteno

This week, join us celebrate the commemorative opening of the United Nations International Youth Day

Friday August 11, 2017  
16:00 GMT

@unoy\_peace @WfunaYouthNet

@PaxRomanaIMCS  
#PeaceIMCS



## INTERVIEW WITH MARIA ROSARIA LEPECHOU

In the context of the documentary in preparation for the centenary of Pax Romana (July 1921), the media team of IMCS had an interview with Maria Rosaria Lepechou who is a former member of FUCI (IMCS-Italy) and represented Pax Romana (ICMICA and IMCS) at UNESCO For Many years. She has been Vice-President of IMCS in 1950s and has participated to the first ever Interreligious meeting organized by Pax Romana for UNESCO in Manila in 1961. Leaving in France since then, she shared with the team her experience in FUCI and how she participated and learn in Pax Romana Family for many decades. She said “*If I was born again. I will be again member of Pax Romana. The international dimension of the movement is so enriching*”.

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*Maria Rosaria Lepechou*





# IYCS GLOBAL TRAINING SESSION & INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE “PROTECTING OUR COMMON HOME; STUDENTS BUILDING A PEACEFUL TOMORROW TODAY”

AMMAN, JORDAN 5TH-13TH OCTOBER, 2017

From 5th to 13th October 2017, the International Young Catholic Students (IYCS-JECI) organized a global training session with the theme “Protecting our Common Home; Students Building a Peaceful Tomorrow Today” followed by a statutory session, the so called International Committee. The event was hosted and co-organized by the national movement of IYCS Jordan and there were about 40 participants coming from all over world. IMCS was invited as a guest and was represented by the secretary general, Evelina Manola.

The main goal of the training was to educate IYCS members on integral ecology through peace building, conflict transformation, and environmental protection by 2019. The program of the meeting included interactive training sessions, sharing in group discussions, learning from each other, field visits, colloquium, workshop on the Sustainable Development Goals, cultural events and an

introduction to the Catholic Social Teaching. The methodology used during the whole session was See-Judge-Act. During the last part of the training session the participants were encouraged to plan actions that they could implement on local, national or international level. In addition, the participants drafted and adopted a final declaration and they also made a short video to raise awareness around the issue of integral ecology. The training session was followed by the International Committee during which the IYCS members discussed and decided upon important matters that concern the international secretariat of the movement.



## EIGHTH INTERNATIONAL FORUM OF NGOS IN OFFICIAL PARTNERSHIP WITH UNESCO 7-8 DECEMBER 2017, PARIS FRANCE

One of the priority issues of the current International Team is the Climate Change and therefore Sustainable Development. The last two years, IMCS has been running several actions and global campaigns around this issue. Considering that, we couldn't miss the FORUM on Climate Change organized by UNESCO in order to involve civil society in addressing this issue. The theme of the Forum was “NGO's and Climate Change” and it took place in UNESCO headquarters in Paris on 7 and 8 December 2017.

Within this context, NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO had the opportunity to discuss the contribution of the civil society in the implementation of the UNESCO's Strategy in its fields of competence - education, sciences, culture and information and communication. The discussions were organized around three general themes:

- The role of Civil Society Organizations in addressing Climate Change
- Ocean and Climate Change
- World Heritage, Biosphere Reserves and



### Indigenous People's Knowledge and Action

The Forum gathered NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO, as well as representatives of other institutions and Member States. The movement was represented by the secretary general Evelina Manola and the representative of Pax Romana in UNESCO, Mrs. Mrguerite Dauny.





# World Youth Forum Sharm El-sheikh

Proposed by the Egyptian government as a multicultural exchange framework, the first edition of the World Youth Forum was held from 4th to 10th November 2017 in Sharm el Sheikh, called the city of tourism and peace. The initiative was attended by 3200 young people from all over the world and discussions focused on related development topics.

IMCS Pax Romana, was officially represented by 5 students (Sameh Kamel and Abdul from Egypt, Fandis Ngarang and Thompson Sabungan Silalahi from Indonesia, Carine from Lebanon and the International President Edouard Karoue). They formed the same delegation with the United Nations Major Group for Children and youth (UNMG-CY), which is the UN-mandated platform to facilitate youth participation in the UN processes. This group was therefore the framework of action of IMCS Pax Romana during the forum in Egypt.

As a prelude to all official activities, a meeting with the Minister of Youth and Sport of Egypt was held at the Rixos Hotel on the morning of 05 November. The objective of this

meeting was to introduce the UNMGCY to the Minister and analyze to what extent he could bring his experience to the organization of a future forum of this scope. It was also discussed the contribution that the UNMGCY could be for the Egyptian youth in terms of participation and capacity building within the framework of the United Nations. The interaction with the minister and his team lasted nearly two hours and resulted in fruitful collaboration. Other meetings with the national authorities represented at the meeting will take place on the sidelines of the sessions scheduled for the Forum.



**WORLD YOUTH FORUM**  
SHARM EL SHEIKH 2017

The opening ceremony of the evening of 05th November was attended by several

heads of state and government. During this ceremony, it was privileged the interventions of young models who have rewarding experiences in various fields. These interventions were supplemented by official speeches, including that of the President of the Republic of Egypt. The ceremony was accompanied by a dinner hosted by the President of the Republic Abdel Fattah el-sisi.



Other dinners will be offered to participants at the end of the scheduled daily sessions throughout the week.

The main topics of the forum range from peace issues to the crucial issue of intercultural dialogue, as well as topics related to technology, humanitarian art, tourism, sustainable development, etc. In short, it was widely stressed the need to include the dialogue of cultures as a part taking the conditions for achieving the SDGs. A detailed report outlining the quintessence of the presentations is being compiled by the UNMGCY delegation and will be made available. The participation of the delegation of the UNMGCY was noticed by the availability of speakers and the participation in the interviews as well as the animation of groups of reflections.

Interpersonal meetings have been a crucial part of this forum as they allow for new

collaborations for bilateral initiatives. It was an opportunity for several young people to meet for the first time the national authorities of their country and to have physical contact with them.

To close the internal activities of the UNMGCY, a consultation was organized with about thirty young people to collect their views on migration (in the global sense of the term) and the challenges they see as a young local actor. These views will be compiled in the UNMGCY advocacy document for the preparation of the Global compact on Refugee following the New York Declaration (<http://refugeesmigrants.un.org/declaration>).

The President of the Egyptian Republic has promised to work for the organization of a second edition of the World Youth Forum. Highly a successful evaluation of this forum for a second edition more successful.



# CAMPAIGN ON SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLES

As it started in 2016, the campaign on sustainable lifestyles continued this year. For this time, the International office of IMCS Pax Romana provided tools to (or run the campaign in) 7 national groups of IMCS ( Bangladesh, Benin, In-

dia, Indonesia, Nepal, Zambia, Zimbabwe) to run the International campaign on sustainable lifestyles. This campaign reached almost 2000 young peoples in 2017.

In addition to the ordinary campaign, a international short film competition on sustainable lifestyles has been launched and known the application of 40 participants. After the training and the preselection, 3 best videos has been selected and awarded in Italy at the concluding ceremony of the International council of IMCS Pax Romana.



THE FIRST PRIZE GOES TO ANGEL FROM INDIA

THE SECOND PRIZE TO PAUL-CRISTIAN FROM ROMANIA

THE THIRD PRIZE TO VICTOR MULA FROM KENYA

ALL THEIR FILMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE YOUTUBE CHANNEL OF IMCS PAX ROMANA (IMCS MEDIA)







## IMCS CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF UN SECRETARY GENERAL YOUTH ENVOY

IMCS has played a central role in the work of the UN Secretary General's Envoy on Youth since the post was established in 2013.

Through our work in ICMYO and the UN MGCY, our UN Advocacy Team, as well as our international and regional coordinators, have had an excellent relationship with the Office of the SG's Envoy on Youth (OSGEY).

The first Envoy, Ahmad Al-hindawi, was a close friend of youth-led organizations and was a major supporter of the work of IMCS in intergovernmental processes at the UN.



Through his support, the profile of youth-led platforms like ICMYO and the UN MGCY has risen considerably at the UN. Moreover, the entire youth agenda has been greatly upgraded since he took office.

At the end of the mandate of Ahmad Al-hindawi, a call for application for the UNEY has been opened and IMCS, as active member of UNMGCY and ICMYO followed an internal strong process of selection.

At the end of this process, three african ladies has been selected as official candidates of IMCS Pax Romana: Achievement from Zimbabwe, Michelle from Zambia, and Mildred from Kenya.



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YOUTH**



# THE NEW MEDIA TEAM OF IMCS PAX ROMANA

*In order to strengthen its capacities to communicate and reach its targets, The International office of IMCS Pax Romana, with the help of John Romeo (former member of IMCS in India and expert in Media) created by call for application, an international Media commission. the objectives behind such initiative is to:*

1. Create a space for Students involved in Media studies from the movement to deepen the way of using media for positive impact in the society and on which the movement can rely for all communication matters;
2. Provide opportunities for training and International experience to IMCS Pax Romana members studying media and/or are on the communication field;
3. Produce more innovative tools and ways to inform and educate on major Catholic magisterium documents;
4. Increase the virtual presence of IMCS Pax Romana as channel of evangelization and youth friendly initiatives during the year 2018;



John Romeo  
- Expert for  
the media  
Commission  
( IMCS Media  
Team,)



The global methodology that will be used to reach out the target is to produce tools to communicate. This is handled as in the context of a proper department of communication of an organization, but which members are spread all over the world. The provision of the content to be communicated involves all the structure (leaders) of the movement (especially the knowledge team under the Science and Policy Interface commission) but the work of tool production and publication as well as animation of debates on social medias (twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Youtube). The media team and its work are organized in three teams:

## The production team:

creating innovative audiovisual materials to communicate with youth communities (especially IMCS Pax Romana members). This team will be in charge of preparing and developing IMCS Web TV concept to address important issues in a youth friendly way;



## The promotion team:

In charge of sharing materials, messages, information's, tools on social medias;



## Designing team:

Designing communication material in order to put beauty and attractivity in the tools created in the way people can be interested to read it;





# HLPF

THROUGH THE UNITED NATION MAJOR GROUP FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH (UNMGCY), IMCS HAD THREE REPRESENTANTS THAT PARTICIPATED IN SESSIONS DURING THE HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM IN NEW YORK (JULY 2017). IMCS PAX ROMANA’S PARTICIPATION HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL BY THE INPUTS THAT WAS GIVEN BY THE DELEGATES OF THE MOVEMENT AND THEIR STATEMENT. GENERALLY, THE SPACE GIVEN AT THE UNITED NATION IS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE MOVEMENT PROCLAIM THE TEACHING OF THE CHURCH ON THE FUNDAMENTAL ASPECT OF HUMAN BEING BY CALLING ALL STAKEHOLDERS TO RESPECT THE DIGNITY OF ALL HUMANS OF ALL SOCIETIES.



INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT OF CATHOLIC STUDENTS

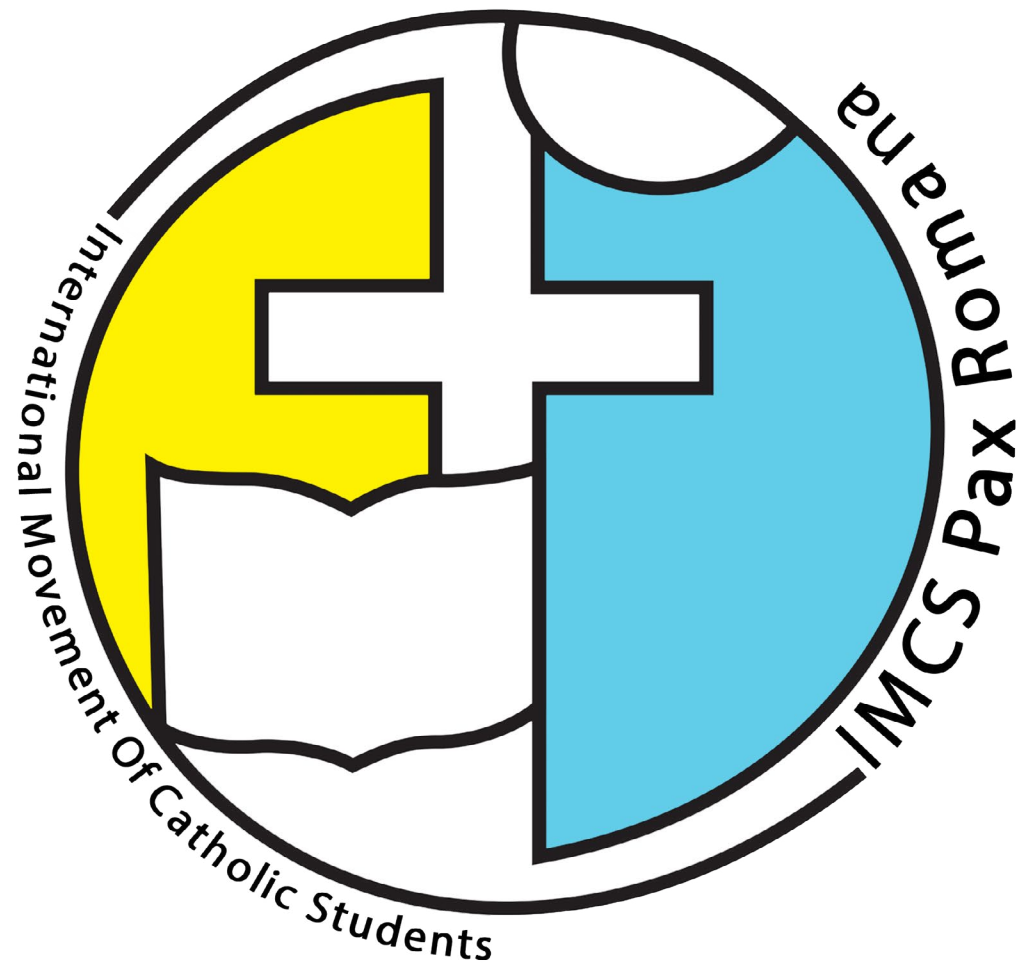
FINANCIAL REPORT 2017

EXPENSES

<b>1* INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT</b>	<b>17.912,93</b>
- Charges and office maintenance	5.069,14
- Communication (Téléphone-courrier-internet)	2.515,52
- Supplies and equipment	974,44
- Communication-publication utilities	1.413,68
- website <a href="http://www.imcs-miec.org">www.imcs-miec.org</a>	2.120,00
- Financial and accounting management	4.600,00
- Welcoming visitors	976,74
- Bank services	243,41
<b>2* INTERNATIONAL TEAM</b>	<b>33.499,34</b>
- Indemnities	19.680,00
- Formation-meetings	241,53
- Social Charges	2.224,68
- Housing Charges and maintenance	10.913,13
- Property, plant and equipment	440,00
<b>3* GLOBAL ACTIONS</b>	<b>104.458,35</b>
- Asia-Pacific	412,81
- Africa	637,79
- Europe	265,44
- United Nations	587,63
- International Relations	2.623,27
- Laudato-Si campaign	10.753,74
- Study Session Italy	49.335,83
- Summer School Indonesia	39.841,84
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>155.870,62</b>

	<b>INCOME</b>	
<b>1 - SUBSIDIES</b>	<b>74.277,95</b>	
CAREME SUISSE	19.277,95	
C.C.F.D.	30.000,00	
JESUITES	25.000,00	
<b>2 - SPECIFIC PROJECTS</b>	<b>72.293,24</b>	
Summer School Indonesia	22.957,41	
Study Session Italy	49.335,83	
<b>3 - SELF FINANCING</b>	<b>2.122,50</b>	
CONTRIBUTIONS	83,48	
IMCS FRIENDS	587,07	
EXCEPTIONAL PRODUCTS	1.299,20	
FINANCIAL PRODUCTS	152,75	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>148.693,69</b>	
<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>7.176,93</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>155.870,62</b>	





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*“Many people say that young people are distracted and superficial. They are wrong! Still, we should acknowledge our need to reflect on our lives and direct them towards the future. To have a past is not the same as to have a history. In our life we can have plenty of memories, but how many of them are really a part of our memory? How many are significant for our hearts and help to give meaning to our lives? In the social media, we see faces of young people appearing in any number of pictures recounting more or less real events, but we don't know how much of all this is really “history”, an experience that can be communicated and endowed with purpose and meaning. Television is full of “reality shows” which are not real stories, but only moments passed before a television camera by characters living from day to day, without a greater plan. Don't let yourselves be led astray by this false image of reality! Be the protagonists of your history; decide your own future.”*

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