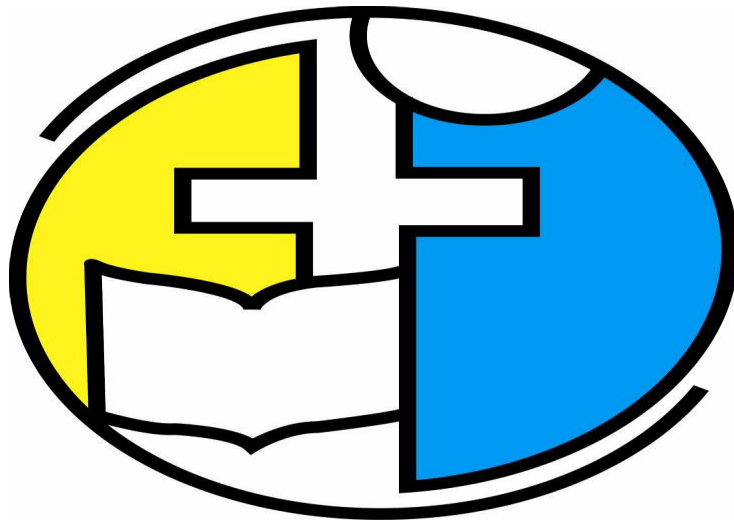


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**International  
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Narrative and Financial**

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## **NARRATIVE REPORT**

### **Introduction**



IMCS Pax Romana is the International Movement of Catholic Students which brings together over 80 diverse national federations, associations, and movements of Catholic university and tertiary students from six regions. Since 1921, when it was founded under the name of Pax Romana with the aim of promoting peace and justice at the global level, IMCS has been helping in the holistic formation of students around the globe.

The six regions operate independently to each other though we believe in all the regional realities making sure all our interventions and activities get us under the same umbrella of preaching Jesus Christ in Students' milieu through action.

The international team of the International Movement of Catholic Students (IMCS Pax Romana) in the year 2013 had been focused on the thematic areas of the movement and though not all the areas, we can still call it again another successful year through the help of God and our partners. Given that it was a success though not to the level we planned for, we have no doubt that our members played a vital role in making the year pass with fewer hurdles to jump by the international team.

The following pages of this report contain the chronologically monthly reports for the year 2013. It is framed in pictorials and descriptive information of what took place each month as per our plan for the same year. However, following the narrative is a financial report given in total expenses and sources of income for the same year.

## Activity Summary

Month	Event	Objective	Pictorial
January to February 2012	International Team meeting in Paris FRANCE	Resuming work after the Christmas and new year's holidays, evaluating the past year and planning for the new one.	 <p>The International Team. Left to right: Charles (International President); Camila (Secretary General); and Fr.Jerome SJ (International Chaplain)</p>
February 2012	Visit to our Egyptian National Movement.	This was a solidarity visit to the middle east region (Egypt in particular) given the political crises the country was undergoing and the realities our students were facing. It was also meant to conduct an inter-religious dialogue program to our members in Egypt which proved impossible due to the security situation by the time.	 <p>The Egyptian beautiful pyramids of Menkaure.</p>

March- April 2012

European IMCS regional training on Sustainable Development

The training entitled “Equipping Young People for the Responsibilities of Tomorrow’s Europe” brought together more than 30 youth from across more than 15 European countries. It was aimed at training our members in Europe on Sustainable development and how to maintain a better, inclusive and healthy Europe in the future as citizens and future leaders of this continent.



Members of the JECI-MIEC Europe training session facing the camera.



Inter religious dialogue program in Khartoum Sudan.



The aim of the program which brought together 50 students from the different Christian denominations and Islam’s sectors was aimed at building a conducive environment for young people of different faiths to discuss openly their differences in order to build a multi religious cohesive society in Sudan where Christian is the minority. It was also aimed at understanding each other’s faith.



IRD Participants pause for a picture. Charles is seated in the front row farthest right.





April	Easter Week break and individual self analysis week for the team members.	During this week break after Easter, the team members are off for a short break (the first week of Easter) to discern and get to learn themselves better. It is basically the week of self learning and individual reflection.	 <p>The Easter message</p>
May	Human Right's Training	The international team participated in a 2 weeks training organized jointly by Dignity International and the European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN). The training which brought people from all over the world in Tallinn Estonia was aimed at strengthening participants' understanding about the elements of Human Rights and how to defend Human Rights. Not only that, it was also aimed at training the participants to recognize early stages of Human Rights' abuse.	 <p>During one session and Charles is holding the red paper.</p>

June	4 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> of June, the International Labor Organization's general assembly.	Being an organization recognized within the ILO, Pax Romana participated in the general assembly represented by Camila Jara (secretary general) to voice the concerns of young people and lobby with member states to ensure decent and accessible employment for young people across the globe and especially in low and middle income countries.	 <p>Camila (farthest right) with some members of Pax Romana (intellectual branch) in ILO headquarters Geneva.</p>
	ICMICA Council Meeting from 20 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup>	ICMICA is the International Catholic Movement for Intellectual and Cultural Affairs. It is the intellectual (graduate) branch of Pax Romana and as a tradition, the international team is invited for their International Council Meeting in Boston USA. The aim of the council was to discuss and deliberate how the two branches of Pax Romana (student and intellectual) work more closely and share in their burdens amicably. It's main aim was to plan for the future of the two sister movements together.	 <p>Participants of the ICMICA IC. Camila is holding a blue bag.</p>



July	Office work	This month had been occupied mainly by doing office work as both Camila and Charles were in Paris for the whole month.	 <p>The International Headquarter (7 impasse Reille Paris FRANCE)</p>
August	Summer Holiday	This had been a month in which everything is down in Europe and we as well went for summer holidays as a tradition.	 <p>From Left to Right: Katrina (IMCS North American coordinator); Camila (IMCS SG); Chris (Former IMCS SG); and Mihai (Former JECI-MIEC Europe coordinator) enjoying the summer on a mat in Paris.</p>

September	JECI-MIEC European Committee annual meeting.	The annual meeting of JECI-MIEC serves as a training platform for our European member movements and the international team is always present to support in training the members. This time round, Camila represented the international team at training session which took place in Cluj Napocca (Romania)	
	ICMYO Annual Meeting.	The annual meeting of ICMYO (International Coordination Meeting of Youth Organizations) is a platform where all the international youth organization gather and share their views as global youth and design mechanism on how to influence decision making at the highest levels such as the World Bank, United Nations, International Monetary Fund etc. Pax Romana (one of the proud founding member organizations of ICMYO) was represented by Charles. It was also an opportunity for us to visit our member movement(s) in the United States.	 <p>Camila giving a presentation during one of the sessions</p> 

October	<p>UNESCO Youth Forum</p>	<p>During this forum, youth delegates came from all over the world to UNESCO headquarter to deliberate on the challenges facing them and the educational system they want as young people. It was also a platform where youth discussed cultural barriers hindering their growth and how best that could be used to shape the future. Pax Romana was represented by Camila who also voiced out our concerns from the organizational point of view.</p>	<p>ICMYO delegates in NYC. Charles in the front row on his knees.</p>  <p>Youth delegates at the UNESCO</p>
	<p>Award of the “Degree of Recognition”</p>	<p>A “Degree of Recognition” was awarded to IMCS Pax Romana by the Vatican. It comes directly from the Pontifical Council of the Laity (Holy See’s dycastery responsible for all the lay movements of the church). The degree proves that the IMCS Pax Romana operates under the umbrella of the Roman Catholic church as a lay movement. It was awarded after ratification of some articles in our statute and some years of study carried out about IMCS Pax Romana by the Holy See.</p>	 <p>Charles (right) receiving the degree of recognition for IMCS Pax Romana from Cardinal Rylko (left). Pic. Taken at the Vatican by the press department of the dycastery.</p>



## Youth Advocacy Training

An advocacy training was organized by youth partner organizations (YMCA, Scouts and WSCF) in Paris and the international team participated as trainers and participants as well. Charles represented IMCS during the two day training session.



Charles (in the center) with some members during the youth advocacy training.

## Team building

The month of November had been a month of working in Paris and building the team spirit as most of the time is spent with one team member on a mission. It was also a time of learning to work together with the new IYCS team members that arrived Paris in September since the two movements share the same office space at the international level.



IYCS and IMCS International Team members: Standing row L to R: Francois (IYCS project coordinator); Nuno (IYCS SG); Camila (IMCS SG) and seated is Charles (IMCS President)

December 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> 2012

Training and visit for Latin American National Movements (Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador and Chile)

This project was intended to train members on issues related to the rights of indigenous populations of Latin America as a means of promoting Human Rights. It brought together both students of our member movements as well as some members from the indigenous communities. It as well served a means of visiting our members in Latin America for the first time since our mandate started in the international office.



Camila (in yellow) with some of our members in Chile after a mass in a training venue.

## **Orientation Document**

The orientation document which informs our activities is decided every four years by the World Assembly of IMCS Pax Romana. The following is the document containing the main thematic areas of our mandate. (2011-2015)

- 1. Full and active participation of students**
  - a. Good Governance
  - b. Anti-corruption
  - c. Social development
- 2. Students combating pollutions (Responsible choice-making in the student milieu)**
  - a. Students and consumption
  - b. Health and well-being
  - c. Respecting the environment
- 3. Students dialoguing for fairness and dignity**
  - a. Appreciating differences
  - b. Identifying the cement/adhesive of pluralistic societies
  - c. Inventing a new social fabric / seamless garment
- 4. Student mobility in a globalized world**
  - a. Access to and success in education
  - b. Success after tertiary education
  - c. Empowerment of the genders

Each thematic priority will have two major approaches taken:

1. Awareness building
2. Capacity building

The four themes are divided into sub-divisions for the ease of implementation according to the availability of funding for our specific regional programs.

## **Successes**

However, for the year 2013 witnessed many successes though not according to the original plan for the year. For example;

- The international team was able to visit and organize events in four regions out of the six we have.
- In spite of the dwindling budget, we were able to execute more than 70% of all our planned activities for the year.
- Our members at the regions (through the regional coordinators) were able to run activities and programs without our presence thus meaning the empowerment aspect of our policy is working (or at least worked) out well.
- Almost all representation missions at the church, United Nations, youth networks and many others were possible though sometimes we have to delegate members from the various countries where those events take place in an attempt to cut down the international travel cost.



- Fundraising attempts were carried out with different partners though the results are still pending.
- National movements, alumina and friends of Pax Romana were ready to support the international team financially and were always there when called upon. This for us was a positive strength.
- Office rental had been negotiated and achieved some better deals now in comparison to the last years and this gives us some little financial cushion.
- We have received yet a full recognition by the Holy See as a lay movement operating under a church umbrella.

## **Challenges**

Our challenges seem to remain the same ones every year though we always try out new solutions to increase our activities through the least use of money. However, the realities that remained a challenge during the last year were:

- Inability to reach out to all our national movements in spite of the efforts put in place from both sides. That is to say, the national movements and the international team though the regional coordinations are perfectly performing now on ground.
- Due to the global financial crises, almost 50% of our annual funding partners were unable to support our activities of the year.
- Although our students are thirsty for particular programs such as the building of peace through dialogue especially in areas such as the Middle East, the political situations on ground couldn't allow for such programs to take place. Cairo was a real experience in which we had to shift a program to Sudan.

## **Conclusion**

Though the year had been rocky, it was however better in comparison to the preceding one. It had not only been the achievement of the international team but that of the members of this precious movement plus all our partnering organizations especially the youth organizations. Not only is that, there is no doubt that our funding partners played a vital role through supporting us financially to bring all our plans into reality. We as well understand the realities faced by our partners that couldn't support us financially for the year 2013 and still believe that we shall continue working together as our bond is not only financially link to each other. We are also indebted to all those people who supported us in the cause of last year. God bless you all!

Being a movement established to address challenges facing social justice, the IMCS is determined today more than ever to face the world that grows wilder every day. A world where the gap between the rich and poor keeps widening, religious and cultural intolerance being at their peak and dialogue had become a rare commodity.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### Expenses

<b>1* INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY</b>	<b>28,749.51</b>
- Administration staff salaries	20,397.83
- Office charges, maintenance	4,800.00
- Communications (Telephone-mailing-internet)	2,129.31
- Stationary, equipment	281.02
- Audit of accounts	598.00
- Others / welcoming visitors	282.84
- Bank charges	260.51
<b>2* INTERNATIONALE TEAM</b>	<b>13,633.08</b>
- Social charges	2,111.72
- Housing charges and maintenance	10,083.64
- Training International Team	1,437.72
<b>3* INTERNATIONAL ACTIONS - GLOBAL PROGRAM</b>	<b>33,913.04</b>
- Asia-Pacific	1,968.00
- Africa	1,968.00
- North America	1,082.40
- Latin America	2,379.20
- Europe	2,266.70
- Middle East	590.40
- Forum of Catholic NGOs	492.00
- United Nations	1,627.50
- World Youth Day	1,371.20
- International Relations	2,993.56
- Strategic planning	1,476.00

- Publications	1,024.00
- www.imcs-miec.org	574.08
- Training Session –Sudan and Bolivia	14,100.00
<b>-TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>76,295.63</b>

## Income

INCOME 2013			
	<b>1 - FUNDING</b>	<b>58,806.99</b>	
	CAREME SUISSE	24,307.24	
	CCFD	30,000.00	
	FONDATION PIE XII	4,499.75	
	<b>2 - SELF-FINANCES</b>	<b>3,644.39</b>	
	Donations from friends of IMCS	3,494.39	
	Financial services	150.00	
	<b>3 - SPECIFIC PROJETS</b>	<b>14,700.00</b>	
	DKA Austria	7,200.00	
	MISSIO	7,500.00	
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>77,151.38</b>	
	Positive accounting results (Balance)	<b>855.75</b>	