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CIRCULAR Letter

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Farewell and thanks

The mandat of Dr. Baldur Hermans as Secretary General of ICCS and of most members of the World Secretariat (2008-2011) came to an end at the World Council of ICCS from 1st to 4th December 2011 in St. Louis (Missouri/USA). **Baldur Hermans** (Germany/DPSG) served ICCS as Secretary General for nine years, before as a Deputy six years and as Regional Secretary of the European Mediterranean Region for 7 years. Br. **José Antonio Warletta** (Spain/MSG) was as a most active and devoted member to the World Secretariat, dealing with all kind of communication and with training, Fr. **Imad Twal** (Jordan/CSJ) was about six years activ member and busy with issues of the Middle East and writing Handbooks for Catholic Scouting in Arabic, **Werner Friese** (Germany/DPSG) looked 9 years after translation and had tasks in formation and representation, **Walter Hofstetter** (Switzerland/VKP) took the burdon of treasurer. He and **Bray Barnes** in his new function as Chairman, and Fr. **Leo LeBlanc** as World Ecclesiastical Assistant go on.

Thanks from the General Secretary and the World Secretariat to all who supported us and gave us their friendship all over the years, mainly to the members of the Steer-

ing Committee: **Anthony Thng** (Singapore), Fr. **Vivat Praesiri** (Thailand), **Hubert Douampo** (Ivory Coast), Rev. **Caesar Matovu** (Uganda) and late Rev. **Victor Adjamagbo** (Togo), **Rolando Rocha** (Bolivia), **Gerry Glynn** (Ireland), Rev. **Rui Jorge de Sousa Silva** (Portugal) and Rev. **John Seddon** (England). And last but not least our gratitude by heart to our former World Ecclesiastical Assistant and now Bishop of Charleston in South Carolina/USA, Msgr. **Bob Guglielmone**, Rev. Prof. **Jonathan How** as animator, Msgr. **Josef Clemens**, Secretary of the Pontifical Council for the Laity (Rome), Mr. **Luc Pannissod**, Secretary General of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM, Geneva) and to the driving actors of our Foundation (IFCS) **Roger Richter** (Luxembourg), **Benoit Blanpain** (Belgium), **Jean Tiquet** (France) and to our friend **Claude Troester** (France). Finally we give thanks to Mrs. **Francesca de Laura**, the soul and best motor of our Headquarters in Rome.

A good start and the Lord's blessing for the new leadership of ICCS: Mr. **Bray Barnes** (USA) and Mr. **Roberto Cociancich** (Italy), elected in St. Louis by the World Council as Chairmen/Presidents.

New members of the Brotherhood Saint George

The Steering Committee decided at its last meeting on the 1st December 2011 in St. Louis/USA to honour with the medal and membership of the *Brotherhood Saint George*:

P. **Ton Peters** OFM, Utrecht/ Netherlands, former President and spiritual adviser of Scouting Nederland,

Piet Deckers, Wellerlooi/Netherlands, co-founder of INTERCAMP, spiritual animator and Coordinator of the "Peace Light of Bethlehem" action in his country,

P. **Akos Elöd Brückner** OCist, Boldogasszony/Hungary, President of the Committee of Hungarian Catholic Scouting and motor of connecting the Catholic Scouts in Hungary with ICCS after the fall of Communism,

Dr. **Baldur Hermans**, Essen-Borbeck/Germany, former Internatioanal Commissioner of DPSG, Regional Secretray of ICCS EM, General Secretary of ICCS 2002-2011. He received already the medal and document at the end of the World Council in St. Louis. *Congratulation!*

A National Chaplain became Archimandrit

The Archbishop for the Melkits of Akko, Haifa, Nazareth and all Gallilee (Israel) Msgr. Elias Chacour appointed the National Chaplain of the Catholic Arab Scout Association in Israel, Rev. **Simaan Jaraisy**, as Archimandrit.

We like to congratulate Father Simaan for this special honour!

Corrigenda

By mistake in Circular Letter No. 2/2011 a wrong name was given. The name of the new National Chaplain of the Italian Catholic Scout Association (AGESCI) is correctly: P. **Alessandro Salucci**. *Sorry!*

Honoured at the W. Council 2011

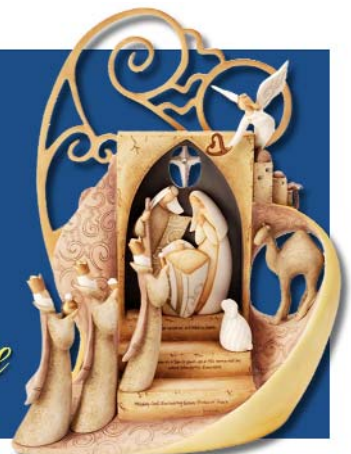
The Secretary General of ICCS, Baldur Hermans, honoured **Georges El Ghorayeb**,

Thanks by the editors

This is the last edition of the **Circular Letter** under the editorial responsibility of Baldur Hermans and José Antonio Warletta. We say thanks to all who helped us to get actual information and pictures and to all who gave us as readers a feed-back. Particularly we thank Francesca de Laura, in our Headquarters in Rome, who was often involved in the work for a new Circular Letter.

We wish all readers a Merry Christmas and a successful A.D. 2012!

Merry Christmas
Feliz Navidad
Joyeux Noël
Fröhe Weihnachte



with the medal and membership of the *Brotherhood Saint George* during the World Council in St. Louis. The decision by the Steering Committee was already taken in October 2011 in Rome.

Baldur Hermans pointed out Georges' services to ICCS as auditor, to his Association (Scouts du Liban) as President, his role as a Christian Arab in his Region, his work as member of the World Scout Committee (WOSM). He always fulfilled his tasks with the spirit of a faithful Christian and as a person with a high readiness for dialogue. *Con-gratulation!*

ICON - Conference on Holy Land



Fr. Imad Twal (Jordan), member of the World Secretariat of ICCS, participated in a Conference of ICON (*International Catholic Organization Network*) as representative of ICCS on the 21st of November in New York/USA. The topic of this Conference were the political and social situation of the Holy Land (Palestine, Israel and Jordan) and the presence of the Christians, living there as "living stones" of the Church. The participants of the Conference discussed also ecumenical aspects and realities and looked after the impact of the "Arab spring" on the region. Finally the role of the Catholic Church for the development of the Middle East countries was a subject of discussion under the aspects of social commitment as well as of spiritual and moral education.

Key note speaker was Theodore Cardinal McCarrick, Archbishop emeritus of Washington D.C., with whom Father Imad Twal had an exchange of experiences and ideas.

Fellowship Saint Paul established

The World Council of ICCS in St. Louis 2011 has welcome the decision of founding the Fellowship Saint Paul as a new element in the system of provision of financial help for the work of ICCS. The Fellowship, an idea of the leaving Secretary General, Baldur Hermans, was presented by the members of the ICCS Foundation (ICFS) Toby Suzuki (Japan), Jerry Scanlan (USA) and Roger Richter (Luxembourg), treasurer of the Foundation.

Con-gratulation for this initiative!



This Apostolic Letter which is addressed to the Bishops, the clergy, the members of orders and congregations and to all lay people, who are faithful to Jesus Christ, is an important document for the mission and work of ICCS in the African Region. The document speaks about important issues: reconciliation, justice and peace, the integration of African Culture, the ethics of common social life, the respect for creation and nature (environment/ecology), the ecumenical dialogue and last but not least about the fundamental pillars of our Christian existence: the sacramental life and the important study and reflection of our Holy Scriptures!

The full Document can be downloaded in different languages from:

<http://www.vatican.va>

2014 African ICCS - Symposion

Upon the proposal of the ICCS African regional meeting during the World Council in St. Louis 2011, the plenary of the World Council decided that in 2014 the Region, by the support of World ICCS, should run a Symposion on the future of ICCS in all Africa (mission, growth, spreading, stabilization, finances). All African Regional Bishops' Conferences will be invited to take part with their responsible members for Youth Pastoral.

Africae Munus

Pope Benedict XVI seized the opportunity of his pastoral visit to the Republic of Benin in Africa to publish in Quidah/Benin on 9th November a Post-Synodal Apostolic Letter *Africae Munus* in consequence of the discussion from the African Bishops' Synode that took place in October 2009 in Rome.



ICCS Calendar 2012 of St. George



The ICCS pocket calendar for 2012 shows a colourful modern painting of Saint George by the German Expressionist painter August Macke (1887-1914). August Macke became famous for his aquarell sketches from a trip to Tunisia. In Bonn, Germany, the Museum "August Macke Haus", where he lived and worked many years of his life, shows the biggest public collection of his artist work.

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