

NEWSLETTER no 5



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Dear friends,

In front of you is the 5th Newsletter of UCESM. If you think you missed something in the past: you can always find the first four newsletters, like this one, on our website.



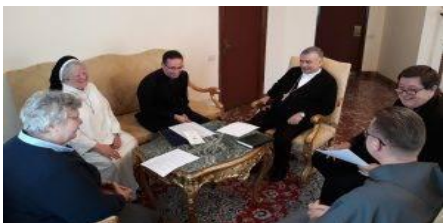
The most important initiative in the last period was the organization of two study days which were held in Rome, at the Seraphicum, from 16 to 18 January of this year. On the website you can find a short report; a more extensive report was sent to all superiors.

The 1st October 2018 was a significant date: on that day Nicole celebrated her 20 years with us! We are more than grateful for everything she has done and still does for UCESM, which wouldn't be the same without her! I asked her to write a little story about what she has experienced during these 20 years. You'll find it [here!](#)



There have been several activities in which I participated. I was able to celebrate with the Dominican Sisters in Hungary their Jubilee of 150 years of existence: a wonderful celebration, where I enjoyed the presence of many young sisters!

The DOK (Germany) had organized days of study under the guidance of Prof. Myriam Wijlens and Mr. Andreas Machnik with the topic: 'Missionary activity in changing structures'.



With almost all members of the Executive Committee we traveled to Rome for a meeting with Card. Braz de Aviz and Mons. Carballo, Sr. Mercedes and Ms. Daniela Leggio at the CICLSAL

– and with Sr. Patricia Murray and several collaborators in the offices of the UISG.

We went home with the assurance of a good collaboration in the future.



During the combined VFÖ and SKÖ General Assembly in Vienna I was able to experience the joy of a rising union between the two national Conferences.

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In an informal meeting at the COMECE I could establish or renew some valuable links with the different movements within Christian life.

But there are also interregional things: I was in the European Parliament by the end of January to see and discuss a movie ("White right: meeting the enemy") that showed a Pakistani female journalist who faces the contact with strongly radical men (fascists, racists and men of "allright ideologies") and what impact a personal encounter may have on those radicals.

That's all for today!

With warm greetings from the Secretariat in Brussels.



Sr. Marjolein Bruinen OP
General Secretary



Changes within the UCESM member Conferences

KVPZR from the Czech Republic – October 2018

Election of a new President:

Sr. Krista CHLÁDKOVÁ op



USMSR from Switzerland – November 2018

Election of a new President:

Sr. Marie-Emmanuel MINOT shf



SKÖ from Austria – November 2018

Appointment of a new Secretary General:

Mr. Peter BOHYNÍK



Appointment of a new Secretary General:

Mrs Valerie NAZARETH



KSMR from Malta – January 2019

Election of a new Secretary General:

Fr. Frankie CINI mssr



KVRPS from Slovakia – January 2019

Election of the President of the new mixed Conference:

Fr. Václav HYPIUS cssr



And of the Vice-President, too:

Sr. Petra SIČÁKOVÁ ssnpm



LKDIPAK from Latvia – February 2019

Election of a new President:

Sr. Hannah Rita LAUE op



And of a Vice-President, too:

Fr. Jānis MEĻNIKOVS sj

