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World Union of Jesuit Alumni/æ

The "World Union of Jesuit Alumni/æ" (WUJA) (or ASIA: "Antiqui Societatis Iesus Alumni") was established on July 31, 1956 in Bilbao, Spain, during the Congress of Loyola held on the occasion of the 4th centenary of the death of St Ignatius of Loyola. Its purpose is to unite, in one common apostolic effort, the spiritual and cultural forces of all former students of all Jesuit educational institutions, joined together in their local, regional, national and international organizations.

The spirit of the World Union is the spirit of the Magna Carta of Loyola of 1956, revised in Drongen (Belgium) in 1979. These two documents are appended to the present Statutes; together they are regarded as the Constitution of the World Union.

Statutes are necessary in any organization to ensure it meets its aims. In response to the call of Fr Pedro Arrupe SJ, repeated and made more specific by Fr Peter-Hans Kolvenbach SJ, the 1986 World Congress reaffirmed the commitment of the World Union to action: an action which will be more effective if it is worldwide under a common inspiration, and if it is reviewed periodically at a World Congress.

**World Union of
Jesuit Alumni/æ
established
July 31, 1956**



Fr Pierre Salembier SJ, Father General's Delegate to the World Union of Jesuit Alumni/æ, celebrating evening Mass in the Chapel at Casa Manresa, the Jesuit Retreat House, where the Meeting was held.

Ensemble Together Concorde

The Newsletter of the World Union of Jesuit Alumni/æ *Ensemble Together Concorde (ETC)* began publication in the early 1970s and is the official Newsletter of the World Union of Jesuit Alumni/æ.

Originally it was set up and edited by the Fr Delegatus SJ, in Rome. After the Versailles Congress, from 1987, it truly became the organ of the WUJA, jointly produced by the WUJA Jesuit Counsellor and Secretary General.

From 1998 to 2003 WUJA President Fabio Tobon was its editor and directly in charge of its publication, working very hard to publish it in the traditional three language editions of French, English and Spanish. *ETC* is sent to over 500 Jesuit Schools, Colleges and Universities, Jesuit Communities and Alumni/æ Associations around the world. The electronic edition is published on the WUJA website to allow those interested to read news and activities of alumni/æ worldwide.

At the meeting of the WUJA Council held in Miami, November 2006, Mrs Robyn Treseder, Council Member for Oceania of the World Union of Jesuit Alumni/æ, was appointed the new editor of *ETC*.

The World Union of Jesuit Alumni/æ and the Latin American and US Jesuit Alumni/æ Associations gathered for a Meeting in Miami, Florida, USA, hosted by Belen Jesuit Preparatory School November 2 – 5, 2006, to celebrate the Jesuit Jubilee Year and the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the World Union of Jesuit Alumni/æ.

Editorial

Bienvenue Welcome Bienvenido



It is with great pleasure we reintroduce Ensemble Together Concorde (ETC), the publication of the World Union of Jesuit Alumni/æ (WUJA). After an absence of four years, we wish to assure you that ETC is back, to inform you of the work of WUJA, of Alumni/æ Associations around the world and of the Pedro Arrupe Association, in its role supporting the work of the Jesuit Refugee Service.

In this edition announcement is made of the next World Congress of Jesuit Alumni/æ in Africa. Also included is news of the November 2006, meeting in Miami of the WUJA Council with the Latin American and US Alumni/æ Association delegates and Belen friends.

Following are some personal memories of that meeting. From Europe, François-Xavier Camenen attended and presented an exhibition of the WUJA archives he so faithfully maintains – special thanks go to him. I particularly remember the Eucharist celebrated with Fr Salembier (picture front page), when the liturgy included French, English, Spanish, and ended with the Lord's Prayer recited in Chinese. Especially beautiful was the spontaneous singing in Spanish.

Another special memory is of the wonderful welcome extended to us by Fr Marcelino Garcia SJ, the Jesuits and staff of Belen Jesuit Preparatory School, the Alumni of Belen and Fr Fred Kammer SJ, Provincial of the New Orleans Province. Also most memorable are the celebrations of the Eucharist held at Belen – the Mass of welcome in the School Gymnasium, and the Mass of farewell held in the beautiful school Chapel. For all this we offer Belen our sincere thanks.

Deep thanks also go to Casa Manresa, the Jesuit Retreat House in Miami, where all meetings were held and where we were accommodated and looked after so very well.

As editor of ETC, I will do my best to present, Ensemble Together Concorde, as a Newsletter that is interesting, informative and accurate. To do that, I require your assistance – I need to hear of your work – please contact me. Thank you.

Robyn Treseder

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XIV Latin American Congress of Jesuit Alumni

November 8–11, 2007 – Guadalajara Mexico

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The meeting program will include three sections:

- 1 There will be an exhibition of successful social ministries that have been developed by alumni in Latin America.
- 2 Plenary conferences, panels and workshops on the theme: *Jesuit Alumni of XXI Century: A new paradigm*
- 3 Reflection on distance education programs, to raise awareness of marginated communities.

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Letter from Bernard Thompson

President, World Union of Jesuit Alumni/æ



Welcome to this first issue of the new ETC.

I am indebted to Robyn Treseder for taking on the task of editor and I am sure you will all agree that she has done a magnificent job.

Last year was notable for the commemoration of 450 years since the death of St Ignatius, and 500 years since the births of St Francis Xavier and Blessed Peter Faber. It was also the 50th anniversary of the World Union of Jesuit Alumni/æ.

This time last year I was invited to Mexico to discuss the Latin American Congress planned for November 2007. I met some wonderful alumni/æ during my short stay and it was during this visit that the seeds of our 50th anniversary celebration in Miami were planted. Miami was suggested as the most appropriate location and the Belen Jesuit Preparatory School in particular.

How glad I am that I took their advice and asked them to organise it on our behalf. Details of the event can be found elsewhere in this magazine, but I would like to take this opportunity of extending my thanks to some of the people involved.

In Mexico I am particularly indebted to Alfonso Fernandez del Valle y Bickel and Eduardo Torres-Arpi for their enthusiasm and support in the whole planning process. In Miami there were so many people involved that it is not possible to list them all. I would particularly pick out Fr Marcelino Garcia SJ who welcomed us as though we were old friends. Alvaro Cosculluela and Alex Zequeira and his colleagues, whose help certainly went beyond the call of duty, were perfect ambassadors for their School and Ignatian spirit.

We had excellent speakers and I would thank our four key speakers, Alain Deneef, Xavier Wiechers, Tom Smolich SJ and Chris Lowney for their invaluable contribution, and all the other speakers and contributors who made this such a successful event.

Our next big event will be the World Union Congress to be held in Yaounde, Cameroon in July 2009. Fr Pierre Salembier SJ is making a tour of Africa helping us to prepare for this and I will be attending a pan-African meeting in Nairobi later this year to prepare a congress program.

If you have any suggestions or comments, which would help the World Union to support the work of your alumni/æ, please let me know. I can be contacted through our website. Good luck in all your projects.

Bernard Thompson

President – World Union of Jesuit Alumni/æ



Letter from Fr Pierre Salembier SJ



Father General Delegate, World Union of Jesuit Alumni/æ

Dear Friends,

I am happy that the newsletter *ETC* is once again being published as preparations for the World Union of Jesuit Alumni/æ Congress, to take place in Yaounde, Cameroon in July 2009, are underway. Two years may seem like a long time, but, considering the distances which separate us and activities which take up a lot of our time and energy, we will not indeed have too much time to get ready for the Congress.

As the Father General Delegate, I can assure you that he takes to heart the success of this Congress. On January 13 of this year, President Bernard Thompson and myself were able to have a long conversation with Fr Kolvenbach, during which he asked me to go to Cameroon, the site of the future congress, and while in Africa make all the necessary contacts in order to ensure that this will be a truly significant event. I will also endeavour to ensure that as much as possible, representatives from all of our schools in Africa and the Jesuits of the various concerned African countries, all become involved.

Stimulated by the importance of this mission, I shall spend the whole month of March touring Africa, going firstly to Douala (Cameroon), where the alumni from Libermann School will welcome us, then on to Yaounde where the Congress is to take place. I will then travel on to visit Nigeria, Kinshasa (Democratic Republic of Congo), Lusaka (Zambia) and Harare (Zimbabwe). I shall also visit Nairobi, where, because of the strategic location of this city for air travel in Africa, we will hold a meeting, which will decide on the program for the Congress.

Naturally, the other schools in Africa, which I shall not be able to visit during this trip, will be asked to participate in this meeting in Nairobi: included are the alumni from Sarh (Chad), Dar es-Salaam (Tanzania), Bujumbura (Burundi) and Tananarive and Fianarantsoa's schools in Madagascar. With all schools being invited to participate in the preparations for this event, we hope that this 2009 Congress in Yaounde will be a truly Pan-African event.

Why does the Society of Jesus value this co-operation? This gathering is so valued because during its last General Congregation the Society decided to make Africa one of its priorities. We hope that this event will provide the opportunity for the alumni from the various countries of Africa to establish contacts and to begin collaborating together. We also hope that alumni/æ from the rest of the world bearing interest and concern for Africa, and those who have some experience of Africa, will find in this African World Congress, a privileged place for exchanges and sharing.

Pierre Salembier SJ
Father General Delegate

The World Union of Jesuit Alumni/æ (WUJA) website, maintained by Mario Soavi in Milan, Italy, is presented in three languages: French, English and Spanish.

Please visit this site where you will find listed:

- the WUJA Statutes
 - the WUJA World Council (with contact information)
 - a list of all 405 Jesuit Alumni Associations around the world
 - a link to Jesuit Institutes and the Pedro Arrupe Association
- <http://www.jesuitalumni.org> Email: info@jesuitalumni.org**

Message of Father General Peter-Hans Kolvenbach SJ



to the Meeting of the *World Union of Jesuit Alumni/æ* with the

Latin American and US Jesuit Alumni/æ Associations
Miami, Florida, USA – November 1–5, 2006

Dear Friends,

It is a pleasure for me to send some words of greeting to the members of the Council of the World Union of Jesuit Alumni/æ and to everyone who is participating in this meeting in Miami.

The President of the World Union, Mr Bernard Thompson, invited me to be with you, but I had to decline because of previous commitments. I am pleased, however, that my Delegate to the World Union, Fr Pierre Salembier SJ, will convey my thoughts to you.

First of all, I want to congratulate you as you celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the World Union. A half-century ago a group of people who had attended various educational institutions of the Society of Jesus decided to strengthen the bonds among themselves by forming an association. It seems to me that what they did was truly Ignatian. As you know, Ignatius had the ability to immerse himself in the local context and the apostolic task at hand without losing his vision of the universal good. Those who founded the World Union were certainly dedicated to their professions, their families and the Jesuit institutions which formed them, but they saw the value of creating an association which would bind them more closely with one another and help them have more impact on the Church and the world. Thus the World Union was born.

It is significant, therefore, that you have chosen Miami as the venue for your meeting. This city is truly the crossroads of the Americas. Since Belen Jesuit Preparatory School is sponsored by the Jesuits of the Antilles Province, you have a particular link with the Caribbean. With all of you I share the hope that these days together will encourage ever greater solidarity among alumni/æ of Jesuit educational institutions throughout North America and Latin America.

I commend you for choosing "Ignatian leadership" as one of the topics which you will discuss at this meeting. All of you are in leadership positions of one kind or another, and I would suggest that the vision and values of Ignatius have much to offer you as you carry out your responsibilities in the professional world. In fact, many would say that the true value of a Jesuit education is to be found in the quality of the lives which Jesuit alumni/æ lead after they have left the Jesuit institutions which nourished them.

As you know, the Society of Jesus will be holding its 35th General Congregation in January 2008. I ask your prayers for us at this important moment in our history.

My own prayers are with you during these days. I wish you pleasant companionship and stimulating conversation. May God bless all of you and your families.

Very Reverend Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, SJ
Superior General – Society of Jesus

Report of the meeting of World Union of Jesuit Alumni/æ

with the LATIN AMERICAN and US JESUIT ALUMNI/Æ ASSOCIATIONS

Miami, Florida, USA – November 2–5, 2006

WUJA Council Members present:

Executive: Bernard Thompson (President), Pierre Salembier SJ (Jesuit counsellor), Jean Toto Moukoko (Vice-president), François-Xavier Camenen (Secretary), Ronald Ferreri (Treasurer).

Members: Géronce Balegamire (Africa), Peter Wong (East Asia), Alain Deneef (Europe), José-Luis Camborda and Alfonso Fernandez del Valle y Bickel representing Mario Ayala Coll (Latin America), Thomas Bausch (North America), Robyn Treseder (Oceania), Eric de Langsdorff (Arrupe Association);

Excused: Conrad Gonsalves (South Asia), John Riley (North America), Nagy Khoury (Middle East), Fabio Tobon (Associate member), Laurent Grégoire (Arrupe Association).

November 1 – Mass in Belen Jesuit Preparatory School Gymnasium and School tour.

November 2 – World Union of Jesuit Alumni/æ (WUJA) covered the following Agenda:

- 1 Approval of the minutes of the Lisbon meeting
- 2 Completion of the Council: welcome to Peter Wong (China) and Geronce Balegamire (Democratic Republic of Congo)
- 3 2009 African World Congress: final decision on the go-ahead for Yaoundé
- 4 Presentation of accounts since Kolkata and tentative budget for 2007 – 2009
- 5 Collection of membership dues
- 6 Presentation of the directory
- 7 Situation of *ETC*
- 8 NGO status for the World Union of Jesuit Alumni/æ
- 9 WUJA Postulate to be prepared for next Jesuit General Congregation to be held in January 2008
- 10 Review of Council members' tasks for the next two days
- 11 Other business

November 3 and 4 – WUJA Council members and alumni/æ members from the US and Latin American countries attended two days of presentations and workshops.

Alain Deneef, one of the two Council members representing Europe gave a high profile PowerPoint presentation entitled *WUJA – Can we make a difference?* He challenged the WUJA to a big vision – by putting the focus on thinking ahead to a vision of 'how can we make a difference?' (This address is featured on page 6.)

This was followed by a presentation by Xavier Wiechers from Mexico on *Silence and Discernment*, a complete change of pace, which brought each of us quietly into our own heart to focus on ourselves. (More of *Silence and Discernment* in the next issue of *ETC*.)

These presentations were followed by workshops to discuss and note opinions of each group. (There were several group workshops over the two days, which gave all a chance to have their own voice and also to listen to other points of view.)

Chris Lowney, author of *Heroic Leadership*, followed with *Leadership for our time ...* his address was strong and insightful. (An edited version is featured on page 7.)

The next speaker, Fr Tom Smolich SJ, President of the Conference of the Jesuit Provincials of USA, spoke of *Partnership* – of how alumni/æ could work with the Society. (More of *Partnership* in the next issue of *ETC*.)

Eric de Langsdorff, Vice President of the Pedro Arrupe Association, spoke passionately of the work of the Pedro Arrupe Association and Ron Ferreri spoke of the work of the Jesuit Refugee Service.

The first presentation on November 4 was by Robyn Treseder who spoke on "The New Australian Strategy" outlining the reasons why and how the new *Australian Union of Jesuit Alumni/æ* was formed.

The strategies of Africa by Géronce Balegamire, Bukavu RDC, and Latin America by Eduardo Torres-Arpi from Mexico and Alvaro Cosculluela, Delegate for Belen Prep in Miami, were also presented.

Eric de Langsdorff, now President of the European Confederation, spoke of the strategy in Europe.

Francois-Xavier Camenen presented in detail the question of an NGO status for WUJA. This question was first suggested as worthy of investigation at the World Congress in Sydney, Australia (1997) and again supported at the Congress in Kolkata, India (2003). Francois-Xavier Camenen had thoroughly researched all aspects of this question. After discussion it was unanimously agreed that the goal is, for the time being, out of the reach of the WUJA.

In the afternoon Fr Pierre Salembier SJ, Father General's Delegate to the WUJA spoke regarding the preparation of a Postulate from the WUJA to be presented before April 2007 for consideration for presentation at the 35th General Congregation to be held in 2008. This will be further considered and decided by emails between Council members, from a list of possible Postulates gathered during the workshops that followed the talk by Fr Pierre.

A final meeting of the Council members was held on Sunday morning prior to the Jubilee Mass of Celebration in the Belen Chapel. At this meeting discussions from the Thursday meeting and what we had taken in over the following two days were brought together and definite actions plans were made.

The African World Congress is to go ahead following the earlier presentation made by Jean Toto Moukoko, the President of the Association of "Collège Libermann" in Douala Cameroon, who is in charge of organising the congress. He attended with four other delegates from Africa, (three from Cameroon and one from the RDC) to put forward the plans made so far. Much more work is to be done of course, but the team are keen to go ahead and already have a Congress Committee in place.

During the past four years there has been a lack of communication between the WUJA and its Members' Associations because its publication *Ensemble Together Concorde (ETC)* has not been published. The matter was addressed at the Thursday meeting and it was agreed that this position must be rectified, particularly in view of the African Congress in 2009 and the need to have that information publicised to its world members.

At the Sunday morning meeting all members agreed that *ETC* should again be published with Robyn Treseder as editor and as well an 'electronic' version will be produced with Alfonso Fernandez del Valle taking on this responsibility. Both versions will feature on the WUJA website.

The meeting ended at 11.45am, November 5, 2006.

Robyn Treseder
Council Member – Oceania
World Union of Jesuit Alumni/æ



Jesuit Alumni/æ and Friends of the Society of Jesus worldwide,
you are formally invited to the

7th World Congress of the World Union of Jesuit Alumni/æ

to be held Yaounde, Cameroon, Africa – July 2009

Theme *Ignatian Values and Development: African perspectives*

Cameroon is in Western Africa, bordered on the west by the Bight of Biafra, sharing its borders with, in the north Nigeria and to the south Equatorial Guinea, Gabon and the Republic of the Congo. It shares its eastern border with Chad and the Central African Republic.

Yaounde, often referred to as the City of Seven Hills, is a bustling city, with interesting museums and universities, as well as the presidential palace and compound. Attractions include the Cameroon Art Museum, which is located in a former Benedictine Monastery, the Cameroon National Museum, and the Afhemi Museum. There are several fascinating markets, such as the Mora markets and the city's largest market in the African quarter of Moloko.

Yaounde with a population of over one million is 270 km from Douala, the busy port city situated on the coast. Both cities have international airports, with the best air connections operating out of Paris, Zurich,

Brussels and Nairobi. There are regular express coach services between Yaounde and Douala, with the trip taking between 3 – 4 hours.

Yaounde at 2,500 feet above sea level, has a pleasant mild climate during July, with temperatures averaging 75°F (20°C). Standard time is GMT + 1 and the principal languages are French and English. All visitors require a Visa (60 Euros) to enter Cameroon. A yellow fever vaccination certificate is also necessary, and all are advised to take precautions against malaria.

The Catholic University of Central Africa (Universite Catholique D'Afrique Centrale – UCAC) is the venue for the Congress. UCAC have offered 350 rooms of student residence accommodation at the unbeatable price of US\$15 per person. Other delegates preferring to stay at hotels will have a full range of possibilities, right up to 5-star accommodation.

Jesuit Alumni/æ of Cameroon
and the World Union of Jesuit Alumni/æ
look forward to meeting

Jesuit Alumni/æ and Friends of the Society of Jesus worldwide
in Yaounde, Cameroon, Africa – July 2009

to further strengthen Ignatian ties

and to develop the Congress theme:

Ignatian Values and Development: African perspectives

Join us on
a journey of
the Heart



Be part of MAGiS08
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WHO: 18–30 year olds
WHAT: Experiments (intercultural spiritual projects), Ignatian gathering, WYD, festivals, pilgrimage
WHERE: Sydney, Australia and Asia
WHEN: July 2008
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Pictured above left to right.

Breakfast at Casa Manresa. Jose Luis Camborda (Peru), Xavier Wiechers (Mexico) and Bernard Thompson (UK).

Fr Pierre Salembier SJ (France), Helene Fokoua (Cameroon), Leonce Eric Kamga (Cameroon), Eric de Langsdorff, (Arrupe Assoc).

The Meeting. Friday November 3, 2006.

Pictured below left to right.

Saturday. Fr Pierre Salembier SJ, Bernard Thompson and Fr Marcelino Garcia SJ. Geronce Belgamire (Democratic Republic of Congo), and Peter Wong (China).

Belen 'Friends' at the Rusty Pelican – WUJA thanks you for your magnificent hospitality.



Two presentations follow from the WUJA Miami Meeting held November 2006

WUJA: Can we make a difference?

Speaker

Alain Deneef – Council Member, Europe



In 2006, WUJA celebrated its 50th anniversary. Let's rejoice about such longevity, but ... What have been the real achievements so far? We have to recognize that they have been very limited.

If we have a look at the obstacles we have faced and we still face in our ambition to "make the difference", there are plenty: the lack of representation of our associations amongst our alumni/æ; the heterogeneous type of our various associations; their lack of professionalism and hence of permanence; the piling up of organizational levels in the world alumni/æ movement; the mitigated support received from the Society of Jesus.

In search of an identity: who are the alumni/æ?

Not the least of our challenges is the quest to find our own identity as a group. One definition could be that we are former pupils or students from a Jesuit institution of education landed there by family heritage, practical proximity or chance, having developed (for many of us) a loyalty feeling to a school or university and/or to a religious order and/or to a few individuals (teachers and mentors). Perhaps also do we simply remain faithful to our youth?

It is true to say that we are a wide array of individuals engaged in all sorts of professions ... of family lives, social lives, political activities ... with all types of civil statuses ... in all regions of the world. One wonders, if reconciling all these alumni/æ in any original project could ever be achieved! But that is precisely what we have in mind.

Here is the challenge. Usually, when people gather for a project, it is because they feel called by its purpose, not by their origin or current background. For them, focus is not a problem. We face here a different issue: how can we motivate people with the same origin but with a different background (carved by life experiences) to work on projects that can be miles away from their preoccupations? For us, alignment is key.

After all, in whose name do we speak? Our alumni/æ are so diverse and embrace the whole spectrum of philosophical, political, social, cultural and even religious beliefs ...

We can only aim at launching projects while considering ourselves not as "the" but as "some" Jesuit Alumni/æ.

If we want to achieve something as alumni/æ, as a group with a definite origin and a desire to respond to a call to action, what should it be? What could we achieve that could not be accomplished otherwise, i.e. by non-alumni/æ or by alumni/æ acting individually?

Our uniqueness

As a group, we may well have distinctive features that combine to create something really special: the received education, our multicultural touch, our worldwide reach, our multidisciplinary skills.

Far from any arrogance, we should indeed try to cultivate that uniqueness. Indeed, if we, as a group, are not different from other groups, what is the legitimacy and the unique claim we have to act specifically as an organization of alumni/æ? And if our group is a mere collection of individuals, why don't we simply encourage our members to be "men and women for others" at a personal level. As a matter of fact; many people do a splendid job in many areas without being alumni/æ.

And many of our alumni/æ are committed at all levels in various organizations where they act as individuals, not as alumni/æ. And when they act as alumni/æ, it is not necessarily in conjunction with their local association. Some of our associations also act as such in various projects but the results can widely vary from place to place. And let's face it: virtually no project does occur at an international level grouping alumni/æ associations of different countries.

The untapped potential

If we can be convinced to act specifically as a group, WUJA would have a huge untapped potential ... Indeed, even with modest expectations, if we draw concentric circles among the alumni/æ family, we come to an awesome potential.

Three million alumni/æ do exist worldwide without necessarily being members of our associations.

If we take a tenth of that number, there are 300,000 alumni/æ who could be informed about our activities and projects via *ETC* and our website.

If we take a tenth of that number, there are 30,000 alumni/æ who could give to the Arrupe Association and/or the various projects of a potential NGO.

If we take a tenth of that number, that would still give 3,000 alumni/æ who could start actually doing things.

If we take a tenth of that number, that would still make for 300 alumni/æ who could actually engage in enduring programs worldwide.

If we take a tenth of that number, we could certainly find 30 alumni/æ who could decide and follow up on the implementation of strategies.

If we take a tenth of that number, three alumni/æ could certainly be found to manage the programs decided by the supervisory board of WUJA.

What do we need to attain that objective?

First, WUJA needs to put itself back in question. It has started to do so during the meeting held in Miami last November. There we decided to draft a strategic proposal for our own consideration and that of the future Father General.

We also decided to submit to the 35th General Congregation to be held in January 2008, a Postulate formulated by WUJA on behalf of the alumni/æ asking for a greater co-operation between the Society of Jesus and its alumni/æ.

More practical needs are also felt, like a permanent secretariat and its necessary funding. We also feel the need for a rejuvenated website and a powerful database with the necessary funding.

Perhaps we also need to forge a new instrument that could prove more effective to pursue some of our objectives.

Obviously, carefully, objectives should be defined. Ongoing formation, help to the refugees, actions for a sustainable development could and should all be envisaged.

We have work to do for at least another 50 years! But I hope it is not going to take us that long before we really make the difference.

Alain Deneef
Council Member – Europe
World Union of Jesuit Alumni/æ



Leadership for our time ...

Speaker

Chris Lowney – author of *Heroic Leadership*

A gifted speaker, Chris Lowney made some very challenging points. Using PowerPoint to develop these points and arguments, his address was strong and insightful. An edited version follows.

Chris began by developing the following points:

What values characterize Jesuit-inspired leadership?

- Heroism
- Self awareness
- Ingenuity
- Love

The Vision is a "Jesuit project" that transcends WUJA and alumni ...

The full resources of the "Jesuit project" – Jesuits, alumni, CLC, JRS, faculties, etc

Gripped by the spirit and values of the Spiritual Exercises 'Thinking globally and acting locally' – common strategic direction and priorities combined with local initiative

Loving and serving their neighbours

He continued: What's the reality of the "Jesuit project" vs this vision? First he gave the good news. He followed with the bad news.

He went on to list: the strengths of the Jesuit Alumni Network:

- Unparalleled geographic reach
- Large numbers
- Lots of wealth
- Great schools with dedicated Ignatian leaders
- Expertise in virtually every professional and academic specialty

"Brand loyalty".

He completed this section with:

The 'Jesuit project' ought to be ashamed of itself if it can't figure out a way to be ingenious enough to make greater use of these incredible resources! (The next World Union of Jesuit Alumni/æ Congress is to be held in July 2009 in Yaounde Africa.) Chris Lowney then went on to talk about Africa, challenging alumni/æ by suggesting:

"An all out effort" for Africa.

Aggressively expand Fe y Alegria to Africa?

Open a "web university" in Africa?

Open a "real" university in Africa?

Jesuit-educated "Doctors without borders"?

Co-ordinate school-based projects?

Money and volunteers to support Jesuit ministries in Africa?

... all accomplished through a co-ordinated, accountable plan.

He ended: Heroes combine vision and tough realities ...

WUJA may have limited capacity to implement an ambitious vision Jesuits need to muscle discrete bodies into a room and into a shared strategy, not "WUJA's" strategy

Jesuits and alumni need to break the "tyranny of the schools," ie The 'Jesuit project' is not identical with the financial support of one's own school

Individual alumni have to take some risks and be proactive.

His concluding advice:

One Jesuit's verdict on another critical moment in Jesuit history ...

"I believed that to handle misfortunes of an uncommon nature, uncommon means should be employed ... I was convinced that exceptional daring was essential ..."

Chris Lowney

Author of *Heroic Leadership*



Message from the Pedro Arrupe World Association March 2007

The 7th Arrupe dollar campaign (Arrupe euro in Europe), aimed at Jesuit alumni/æ and their associations, was launched this year on February 5, the anniversary of the death of Fr Pedro Arrupe SJ, former Superior General of the Society of Jesus and founder of the Jesuit Refugee Service.

In 2006, thanks to donations collected from alumni/æ and their associations, (which totaled 11,480 euros), the campaign contributed principally, to two emergency aid operations via two Jesuit education institutions: the first one was for rehabilitating the Jesuit schools in Yogyakarta (Indonesia), a region struck this year by a violent earthquake; the second operation was for St Joseph University in Beirut (Lebanon), which launched a substantial social program, directed towards victims of the war that once again devastated the country this year. The campaign also developed its program of university bursaries for poor students in Cambodia and pursued its program in favour of refugees in Rwanda (total to cover these programs: 9,023 euros).

In 2007, the Pedro Arrupe World Association intends to participate in two programs carried out by two Jesuit networks in Africa (African Jesuit Aids Network and Jesuit Refugee Service), first, the one related to the efforts aiming at working against AIDS, second, the one concerning the reintegration of child soldiers.

We would like to ask in advance Jesuit alumni/æ and their associations throughout the world that have not participated in preceding campaigns to consider doing so in 2007. We are 3 million Jesuit alumni/æ throughout the world: one dollar per person (or one euro) is a small sum for each individual, but combined with the contributions of all, would allow us to do so much more to assist those in need. Please consider participating especially in Lent.

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The restoration of St Francis Xavier's Chapel Shangchuan (Sancian) Island, China. The Society of Jesus in Hong Kong and Alumni from Wah Yan Colleges, the Wahyanites, take on this task.

The Jesuit Jubilee Year of 2006 celebrated the 500th anniversary of the births of St Francis Xavier and Blessed Peter Faber and the 450th anniversary of the death of St Ignatius Loyola, three of the founding members of the Society of Jesus.

Of the three, St Francis Xavier was the only one who set foot in the East. His missionary zeal brought him to India, Malacca and Japan. He was determined to carry the Gospel to China, but he had barely arrived there when he was stricken with fever and died on December 3, 1552, on the island of Shangchuan, just a few miles short of mainland China.

In 1869, a chapel was erected on Shangchuan Island in his memory. And to this day, the island and the chapel have attracted regular visitors and pilgrims. Although work has been done over the years, the chapel has aged and restoration was badly needed.

In May 2005, a group of Jesuits and Wahyanites (alumni of Wah Yan Colleges, Hong Kong) visited Shangchuan Island, and were prompted to take on the task of the restoration of St Francis Xavier's Chapel.

So, to celebrate the Jubilee Year, work began on restoration of both the exterior and interior of the chapel. The works included replastering the exterior, repairing the tiled roof, re-plastering and repainting the interior walls and ceiling, replacing window frames, and renovating the main door.

The work of restoration was completed late November 2006, in time for the celebration of the feast of St Francis Xavier on December 3. The Chapel was blessed in the presence of local officials and a group of Wahyanites on November 30, 2006. Pilgrims can now pray in this restored Chapel on the hill overlooking the sea and the China mainland.

The Society of Jesus in Hong Kong

The Bishop of Hong Kong invited the Irish Jesuits to help with education. They came in 1926, when the need was for a Catholic presence at the University of Hong Kong. Ricci Hall, a residence for mainly Catholic students was opened there in 1929.

Since 1931, the Jesuits have been teaching theology in the South China Regional Seminary at Aberdeen (now known as Holy Spirit Seminary College), for the formation of Chinese priests.

In 1932, Mr Peter Tsui entrusted Wah Yan secondary school, founded by him in 1919, to the Jesuits. It was situated in Robinson Road, near the Catholic Cathedral, on Hong Kong Island. In 1955, the school moved to a new building at its present site at 281 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong.

This same Catholic layman founded another school, again called Wah Yan, in 1924 on the other side of the Harbour in Kowloon. He also handed this school to the Jesuits in 1952, when this Wah Yan College was opened as a new school on a magnificent site at 56 Waterloo Road, Kowloon.

The Wahyanites

The Wah Yan Alumni, the 'Wahyanites' are drawn from the graduates of both schools in Hong Kong and have 15 Chapters worldwide; Singapore, Australia (2), USA (5), Canada (4), United Kingdom and Bangkok. These Chapters and members attended the 10th Wah Yan International Conference held in Vancouver in August 2006.

Wahyanite, Peter Wong from Hong Kong, was recently appointed as Council Member representing East Asia, on the World Union of Jesuit Alumni/æ.



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