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EDITORIAL

THE CONGRESS AND THE STATUTES

In a recent ETC bulletin sent in March, we made the first invitation to attend the VI WUJA World Congress that will be held in Saint Xavier College, as the main venue place, Kolkata (Calcutta) India from January 21 to 24, 2003.

In this new edition of the ETC we would like to invite all our alumni, alumnae and every association, specially those of English language, to participate actively in the Congress and to come to Kolkata, where we will have the first congress ever to be held in an Asian country. In this edition we are also including the WUJA Statutes and the Regulations for implementing the Statutes for the knowledge of all our alumni/ae and associations. The statutes and regulations were modified and approved in the last Congress held in Sydney, Australia in July of 1997.

In the following article, we include a general information on the General Assembly (The Congress) with the important deadlines for those who wishes to participate.

Last month I had the chance to meet with Fr. Kolvenbach in Rome. He sends everyone of you his regards and invite all of you to come to Calcutta. Fr. General is very interested in the Congress and he will be accompanying us during the whole Congress. We would like to invite you to visit periodically the website of the

Congress at: www.jawcon.org or the WUJA website at: www.jesuitalumni.org to obtain the updated information on the Congress.

During the Kolkata congress there will be numerous opportunities to exchange ideas and programs with our fellow alumni and alumnae from all over the world. This exchange of ideas is perhaps, one of the best parts of a congress like ours, that will enrich our perspective and the work that we perform at our associations. The organizers of the congress are also preparing an area where the different associations, federations and confederations could present their programs, specially those social programs that they have for the poor and the needed in their region.

We are sure that the Indian Federation and the Organizing Committee are preparing a wonderful Congress in Kolkata. It is important that we participate actively and we attend the congress in good numbers. Our World Union and the relationship with our fellow alumni/ae in the world depend greatly on our Congresses. I hope that I will have the chance to say hello to all of you in January. We'll see you there.

Fabio Tobon
President WUJA

WELCOME TO CALCUTA. PLEASE REMEMBER THE INDIAN FEDERATION OF JESUIT ALUMNI/AE IS WAITING ALL OUR FELLOW JESUIT ALUMNI AND ALUMNAE. WE NEED YOU AND YOUR CLASSMATES. FOR DETAILS AND REGISTRATION FORM, PLEASE VISIT: www.jawcon.org

Invitation to the general assembly of the World Union in Calcutta

In accordance with the regulation for implementing the Statutes (Article 1), which is published in the present issue of ETC, I invite all full members of the World Union to take part in the general assembly due to be held at the end of the Calcutta Congress on 24 January 2003.

1. The role of the general assembly, which is itself called "congress" of the Union in the legal sense, is described in our Statutes (Article 8) that are also published in the present issue of ETC. According to the same Statutes (Articles 6 and 8 § 1), full membership of the Union and consequent right to vote in the general assembly are open to associations of former students of educational institutions of the Society of Jesus or of Ignation inspiration.
2. These associations exercise their membership rights through national groupings, federations or confederations. This is organised in detail in the regulation for implementing the Statutes (Article 2). I invite, then, all member associations to read carefully these provisions to find what they have to do in order to be validly represented in the general assembly: in particular, they have to delegate their rights to presidents of federations/

confederations or to national delegates; these have to make known to the Secretary their intention to take part four months in advance.

3. Member associations are entitled to put forward proposals for the agenda of the general assembly. These have to be received by the President four months in advance (Article 1 of the regulation). A proposal that comes from at least a twentieth of members has to be included in the agenda. The agenda itself is finally set up by the President and I will send it to all concerned some time before the congress.
4. The general assembly has to elect officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer) and members of the Council of the World Union. Candidacies for these posts have to be sent to the Secretary one month in advance.
5. Finally the general assembly has to choose the location of the following congress according to a rotation among world areas established by Article 8 § 2 of the Statutes. The rotation puts Africa as next on the list after South Asia, and African countries have to come forward with candidacies for hosting the 2009 congress (Let us remember that the Congress takes place every six years). These candidacies have to reach the Secretary at least six months before the previous congress. If there is none, the Council has to find a solution (Article 4 of the regulation).

For the running of these various operations before the Calcutta Congress, we have then the following deadlines:

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- 1) **End of July 2002:** submission to the Secretary of African candidacies for the hosting of the 2009 congress.
- 2) **End of September 2002 :** submission to the President of proposals for the agenda of the general assembly in Calcutta;

submission to the Secretary, by presidents of federations/confederations and national delegates, of their intention to take part in the general assembly.
- 3) **End of December 2002 :** submission to the Secretary of candidacies for World Union offices (posts of officers and of Council members).

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STATUTES

of the World Union of Jesuit Alumni and Alumnae

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a non-profit making society is set up governed by these statutes and by the 21 April 1924 Luxembourg act on non-profit-making societies and foundations.

I. NAME, REGISTERED OFFICE, EMBLEM

Article 1: Name

The society is called the "World Union of Jesuit Alumni and Alumnae". It is hereafter called "the Union".

Article 2: Registered office

To comply with the law, the Registered office of the Union is in the City of Luxembourg.

Article 3: Emblem

The emblem of the Union and of all its member organisations is the coat of arms of Loyola.

II. DURATION AND OBJECT

Article 4: Duration

The Union is set up for unlimited duration.

Article 5: Object

The Union is an international society with spiritual, cultural and social purposes. It can carry out its activity in every country. Its officers and council can meet either in its registered office or in any other place in the world.

The Union's objectives are the following:

1. To preserve and develop bonds of friendship, communication and solidarity among alumni/ae throughout the world.
2. To encourage alumni/ae to co-operate actively with the Society of Jesus in its various missions, particularly in education, spiritual life, community service and social justice.
3. To help alumni/ae to stand by the education which they were given, based on Christian humanism and Ignatian spirit, above all so that they play their part, through their personal life and their social action, in the building of a world where persons can fulfil themselves with complete dignity; for this, to encourage them to address their minds to all issues of spiritual and moral life leading to personal and collective commitment.
4. To offer alumni/ae the opportunity of continuing formation to help them to integrate their Ignatian obligations into their personal and professional lives.

The Union will achieve these objectives partly by its own means and by supporting the initiatives of the local associations.

III. MEMBERS

Article 6: Access to membership

Full membership of the Union is open to all associations of former students of educational institutions of the Society of Jesus or of Ignatian inspiration

that accept these Statutes. Membership can be obtained either directly or through national groupings, federations or confederations.

Individual membership of the Union is available to alumni/ae of the above educational institutions.

Article 7: Loss of membership

A member association can withdraw from the Union by written notice to the Secretary. In addition, the Congress can, by a two-thirds vote, exclude an association whose activity is incompatible with these Statutes. Equally the Council may suspend an association whilst awaiting the final decision of the Congress.

On its side, the Society of Jesus can cease to recognise an association which no longer retains the Jesuit character.

IV. ORGANISATION

Article 8: The Congress

1. Composition

The Union's general assembly, called "the Congress", is open to every former student of an educational institution of the Society of Jesus or of Ignatian inspiration as an individual member. But only the representatives of full members, i.e. of associations, have a right to vote, through their national groupings, federations or confederations. 3

2. Periodicity and place of meetings

The Congress normally meets every six years. The President may, however, ask the Council to postpone this date by up to three more years. The meeting place of a congress is chosen by the previous congress in accordance with a rotation among world areas in the following order: South Asia, Africa, Latin America, North America, Europe/Middle East, East Asia/Oceania. In addition, the Congress must also be convened when the Council or a fifth of member associations asks for it; the Council then decides where it will be held.

The association or federation of the place that has been chosen carries out the practical organisation of the Congress.

3. Convening the Congress

The President convenes the Congress and sets the Agenda which must include any proposition coming from at least a twentieth of full members. The notice, comprising the Agenda, is addressed to all member associations.

4. Prerogatives

The Congress:

- a) elects the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the members of the Council, each for a mandate lasting until the following congress;

- b) approves the President's report and the Treasurer's financial report;
- c) determines the level of the annual dues which cannot exceed 1000 euros;
- d) passes resolutions aiming at guiding the Union's action, which may be proposed outside the agenda;
- e) chooses, within the limits set up in paragraph 2 of this article, the meeting place of the following congress;
- f) decides on the exclusion of an association whose behaviour has been inconsistent with the Statutes;
- g) modifies the Statutes;
- h) decides on the winding up of the Union.

Points a) to e) are subject to simple majority vote, f) to h) to a two-thirds majority vote. Besides, any modification of the Statutes concerning the object of the Union requires a majority of three-quarters.

5. Votes

The right to vote in the Congress belongs to full members, which are local associations. These associations exercise their voting rights through national groupings, federations or confederations, which they delegate for doing so.

Each national grouping, federation or confederation has a number of votes related to the number of associations it represents, according to the following scale:

-from one to five associations	:	one vote
-from six to ten associations	:	two votes
-from 11 to 15 associations	:	three votes
-from 16 to 20 associations	:	four votes
-from 21 to 40 associations	:	five votes
-above 40 associations	:	six votes

Article 9: The President and the Vice-President

The President inspires and leads the Union on the basis of the objectives set up in these statutes and of the resolutions voted by the Congress.

He represents the Union. He appoints, on a proposal from the Secretary, or from any member of the Council, permanent representatives of the Union to international organisations to which it belongs.

He is assisted by the Vice-President, who replaces him in case of temporary disability. In case of permanent disability or of resignation, the Council elects a new president who remains in office until the following congress. In the same cases and for the same mandate, the Council elects a new vice-president.

Article 10: The Secretary

The Secretary conducts the ordinary business of the Union. He keeps the list of member-associations and maintains contact with them. He drafts the minutes of the Council and Congress meetings and maintains the archives of the Union. In co-operation with the Treasurer, he ensures that membership dues are collected. He helps the President to convene the Congress and ensure that it is well run. He is responsible for disseminating its resolutions.

In the case of resignation or permanent disability, the Council elects a new secretary who carries out his duties until the following congress.

Article 11: The Treasurer and Finance

The Treasurer is responsible for the Union's assets. He manages its bank account, receives its financial resources, in particular annual dues, and makes the payments which fall on it. He keeps the accounts.

Each calendar year, he submits to the Council the accounts of the last year and the budget of the following year.

In case of resignation or permanent disability, the Council elects a new treasurer who remains in office until the following congress.

Article 12: The Council

1. Composition

The Council of the Union is made of seventeen members:

- four *ex officio*: the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer;
- thirteen elected by the Congress on the basis of two each for Africa, Latin America, North America, Europe and South Asia and of one each for the Middle East, East Asia and Oceania.

In the case of resignation or permanent disability of an elected member, the Council appoints a new member who remains in post until the following congress.

2. Functioning

The Council meets at the time of each congress and at least once in the interval between congresses. Its annual decisions are made using written communication.

It is convened and chaired by the President and takes its decision by simple majority. The President has a casting vote in the case of equal division of the votes.

3. Attributions

The Council decides on the major action lines of the Union such as are proposed by the President. It approves the budget and the accounts. If necessary, it elects persons responsible for carrying out on a provisional basis the duties of President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer. It approves donations made to the Union. In general, it has management and administrative powers, with due regards to prerogatives given to the Congress by article 8§4.

Article 13: The Jesuit counsellor

The Union is assisted by a Jesuit Priest who is appointed by the Superior General of the Society of Jesus and who acts as his delegate. He takes part, without voting right, in meetings of the Council and of the Congress of the Union and remains in close touch with the President and the Secretary. His role is to assure the relationship between the Union and the Society of Jesus in order to make known to alumni/ae the Society's priorities and to the Society the concerns of the alumni/ae.

V. MODIFICATION AND INTERPRETATION OF THE STATUTES

Article 14: Modification of the Statutes

Every member association and every member of the Council may propose modifications of the Statutes. Proposals of modification must be sent to the Secretary at least 12 months before the following congress. They are listed in the agenda of the Congress which decides on them by a two-thirds vote, three-quarters if it concerns the objectives of the Union.

Article 15: Procedure for the implementation of the Statutes

The Council approves, to the extent that may be required, the regulations for the implementation of the present Statutes.

Article 16: Interpretation of the Statutes

Problems in interpreting the provisions of the Statutes are resolved by the Secretary, who proposes a solution to the Council, including, if necessary, a modification of these provisions to be submitted to the following Congress. All terms of male gender used by these statutes to express qualifications (alumnus, President, etc. . .) are to be considered as having an equal female value. The Statutes are written in French, English and Spanish which are the three working languages of the Union.

REGULATION FOR IMPLEMENTING THE STATUTES

Article 1 Convening of the Congress

The President of the World Union invites full voting members to the Congress (the "general assembly" provided for in Article 8 of the Statutes) eight months in advance in ETC or by mail and asks them to put forward proposals for the agenda. These proposals must be received not less than four months in advance.

Article 2 Determination of voting rights in the Congress

1. The president of each federation or confederation, or his/her delegate, who intends to take part in the Congress, declares this intention to the Secretary of the World Union. This declaration must reach the Secretary four months in advance and must indicate the number of associations represented together with their names and addresses.
2. Associations of countries without a federation that wish to be represented at the Congress choose a national delegate or give a proxy to their confederation president. The national delegate or the president then declares this intention to the Secretary of the World Union. This declaration must reach the Secretary four months in advance and must indicate the number of associations represented together with their names and addresses.

3. On the basis of these declarations and of the information he has himself on the existing associations, the Secretary of the World Union determines, in conformity with the relevant provisions of the Statutes, the voting rights of each federation or confederation president or national delegate taking part in the Congress and informs them of his decision.
4. At the opening of the Congress (general assembly), the President and the Secretary, acting together, have the authority to accept further representatives. They shall determine their voting rights.

Article 3 Candidacies for World Union offices

Candidacies for the posts of officers of the World Union (president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer) and of members of the Council must be received in writing by the Secretary of the World Union, one month in advance. They must be accompanied by the written support of the association to which the candidate belongs. Candidates for election to the Council must belong to the area which they intend to represent.

Article 4 Candidacies for the organisation of the following congress

A federation or an association belonging to the area in which, according to the Statutes, the following congress is to take place, and wishing to organise this congress, shall send its candidacy to the Secretary of the World Union to be received at least six months before the congress that will take the decision. The letter of candidacy must include the town chosen, the association or federation that will take responsibility, a letter of support from the Jesuit Provincial responsible for the area and a brief outline of the organisation.

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If no candidacy is received by the prescribed time, the Council will take over the responsibility for choosing an area and a location to organise the next scheduled congress. In its choice, the Council will consider the possibilities offered by the different areas of the rotation list established by the Statutes. The President will notify the situation to the Congress. As soon as the Council has made its decision, it will be made public on the website and in ETC.

Article 5 Voting procedures in the Congress

1. At the beginning of the Congress (general assembly), the Secretary shall announce the names of representatives having the right to vote and the number of votes that they have.
2. The Congress shall choose two scrutineers who will supervise the voting operations.
3. For decisions taken relating to Article 8 § 4 a, e, f and h of the Statutes, voting shall normally be by secret ballot. For decisions taken relating to Article 8 § 4 b, c, d and g of the Statutes, voting shall normally be by open vote (show of hands).

Adopted by the Council by written procedure.

For the Council:

Fabio TOBON, president

François-Xavier CAMENEN, secretary

Done in Paris on 20 April 2002

The Pedro Arrupe World Association

The meeting held in Paris on 20 and 21 April this year under the Chairmanship of Fabio Tobon and in the presence of Bernard Thompson (Vice-President of the World Union), François-Xavier Camenen (Secretary of the World Union), Denis Larcher (Treasurer of the World Union) and Kalyan Chowdhury (member of the Executive Committee of the World Union), gave two former Vice-Presidents of the Pedro Arrupe World Association the opportunity to present the activity and financial reports for 2001 and to propose a programme of action for 2002.

Some of the key points are shown below:

The main focus of activity in 2001 was information and communication using the ETC bulletin and the World Union site on which a brochure was published, with the help of Mario Soavi, webmaster for the World Union, the main aim being to promote the anniversary of the death of Father Pedro Arrupe (5 February) as a key moment in the world-wide Arrupe Dollar Campaign. In 2001, this campaign brought in 10,213 euros. A number of new associations participated in the campaign, alongside the A.J.A.A. (Australia), which is becoming the most loyal association, and including the Ecole Ste Geneviève's alumni association (France) and Stellaner Vereinigung E.V. (Germany). These donations were used to finance programmes amounting to 19,304 euros (in Europe and Africa), the largest of which, as you know, is in the Great Lakes region in Africa (see below extracts from the activity report prepared by the Director of the JRS Great Lakes region on this project).

Report on the help of the Pedro Arrupe World Association to Great Lakes JRS

1.-The context

From 1999, the Pedro Arrupe World Association showed an interest to help the refugees and displaced people by war in the Region of Great Lakes and because the Jesuits have been working there within the framework of JRS, one of its Vice-Presidents put himself in touch with Fr. Mateo Aguirre s.j. who was The Regional Director at this moment.

Subsequently, in January, 2000, the Pedro Arrupe World Association donated 5.000 dollars to Great Lakes JRS. This donation was used for the building, the furnishing and the supply in books of two rooms designed to be reading-library rooms: one in the Byumba's Congolese refugee camp and the other one in that of Kibuye, both in Rwanda.

In August, 2000, Mr Eric de Langsdorff travelled in Rwanda to estimate better the needs and to elaborate a new project of help towards the refugees. He visited the camps of Byumba and Kibuye with Frs. Mateo Aguirre and Joaquin Ciervide s.j. who had just appointed as the new Regional Director of the Great Lakes JRS. The result of the visit was the present project which is still current.

2.-The current Project : Scholarships for refugees pupils registered in secondary schools of Rwanda

A. The school year 2001-2002

The JRS administers the elementary schools of the two camps, with more than 60 classes each. In the end of the 6° primary year, the pupils present the Official Exam organized by the Rwandan State. Those who obtain the best results have the opportunity to be registered in the public schools of Rwanda. These schools, although not expensive, are not free: as the refugee families live in an extreme poverty, they

would be incapable without an outside help to send their children in these boarding schools and their children would lose the place which they deserved by their application in the study.

This year 2001-2002, we have 323 pupils of Byumba and Kibuye's camps who follow courses in 58 secondary schools of Rwanda.

On August 8, 2001 we received from the Pedro Arrupe World Association 14.648 dollars and with this money, we are paying the studies for 118 pupils. On behalf of these young refugees, we thank a lot to the alumni.

B. The school year 2002-2003

For the next school year, we appeal again to the generosity of the the Pedro Arrupe World Association. If the sum put in reserve for the following-up of this programme (that is 5.037 \$) was not already used for the other activities of charity, we make the demand of it... If the prices for this school year are maintained next year, it will allow us to give a scholarship to 41 of our pupils who make their secondary education in schools of State of Rwanda. Naturally, we would be even more satisfied if the Pedro Arrupe World Association opted to maintain its help at the level of that of this year (that is for 118 pupils): It would amount then to 14.750 dollars (125 \$ x 118) instead of the 5.037 \$ which we seek at present.

Anyhow, we thank the Association for the help of 2000, for that of 2001 and, in advance, for the one that we expect of 2002.

*Bujumbura, le 17 février 2002 Joaquin Ciervide sj
Regional Director
JRS Great Lakes*

A provisional budget of 18,737 euros has been adopted for 2002. This budget is based on donations already received (4.879 euros) or anticipated on the occasion of the Arrupe dollar campaign, launched for the first time on 5 February 2002. In this first part of the year, we note the participation of four new associations - Vereniging Oud-Leerlingen (Notre Dame d'Anvers's alumni association (Belgium), Asia Ignaciana (Colegio San Ignacio de Loyola's alumni association (Medellin / Colombia), St François-Xavier's alumni association (Vannes/France) and College Ste Marie's alumni (Montreal/Canada). Other associations that already participated in previous years have announced that they are renewing their contribution. In 2002, we need to mobilise yet other associations, since the Pedro Arrupe Association is keen to participate in new programmes on top of the Great Lakes programme which will continue during the 2002/2003 school year and also to respond to requests from former alumni/ae or associations or regional directors of the JRS. These new programmes are primarily this year in Europe and Asia (Cambodia and India on the occasion of the Calcutta Congress). In Paris, the decision has been made to repeat the "Arrupe Dollar Day" in 2003 to allow the largest possible number of associations to become even more closely involved in the Arrupe Dollar Campaign. The Board of Directors, under the Chairmanship of Fabio Tobon, is keen to express its gratitude to Mario Soavi (the page which he reserved for the Pedro Arrupe Association on the World Union site enabled us to publicise the "Arrupe Day" initiative) and also to former alumni/ae and their associations who have participated in the Arrupe Dollar campaign: Their participation in it allowed the Pedro Arrupe World Association to further reinforce its status as the "charitable arm" of the World Union in 2001/2002. Of course, we will take another look at the situation during the Calcutta World Congress.

*Laurent Grégoire and Eric de Langsdorff
Vice-Presidents*