

## CIB News Bulletin #1

### Highlights of the Administrative Council Meeting, January 22 - 24, 2007

The six members of the new Administrative Council met for the first time 22, 23 and 24 January 2007 at the monastery San'Antonio on the Aventine in Rome. The venue was also new and proved to be a wonderful experience. Abbot Primate Notker Wolf was able to visit for a few hours on the evening before the meeting began. He always takes great interest in what the CIB is doing. Previously the Council always met at the Generalate of the Tutzing sisters in Rome where we were always very welcome. M. Angela Strobel, successor of M. Irene Dabalus as Prioress General of the Tutzing Benedictines, invited the Council to a meal at their house on January 23 in order to keep up that good tradition of hospitality.

#### Highlights of the meeting in Rome:

- *Preparation of the meeting of the Conference September 3 - 11 in Manila.* The main theme of that meeting will be work on "developing a profile for the 21<sup>st</sup> century" (See goals of CIB 2006 - 2010). We will be hearing about the profile of the Philippine Church, and the profile of Benedictines there in answer to the situation of the Church in their country. Learning from them we will be asking ourselves: "Who do we say we are in our region?" and "Who do other people say we are in our region?" All delegates are asked to take up this question and pass it round in their region, perhaps also discussing it with lay people who are friends of the communities, in order to be able to share ideas on these questions with the others at the meeting.
- *Setting up a revision committee* to consider questions concerning the statutes.
- *Financial restructuring:* We have started a process of setting up a new financial committee and appointing a new treasurer. Sr. Johanna Domek has resigned as treasurer and the previous finance committee is no longer working.
- *Secretarial restructuring.* After a transition period Sr. Monica will be leaving her role as secretary. Her task has involved three areas: doing secretarial work for the Council and the Conference, archiving CIB material and co-ordinating the CIB Symposium. If you have any suggestions to offer relating to personnel, please contact Sr. Judith Ann Heble. E-Mail address: [jheble@shmlisle.org](mailto:jheble@shmlisle.org)
- Sr. Clare Condon will be working on the question of civil status for the CIB.
- Sr. Zoë Davis is facilitating future developments of the website and will be providing orientation to new members at the meeting in the Philippines.
- Sr. Judith Ann informed the Council that she has received many invitations to visit regions since her election as Moderator. She has only been able to take up one of these invitations and will be going to France from March 5 - 9, 2007, for the meeting of the French Abbesses and Prioresses in Pralines.
- Dates and locations have been fixed for meetings for the coming four years. Some of these dates still need final confirmation. But for your orientation the following tentative plans have been made:
  - Administrative Council meeting at San'Antonio, Rome, January 10, 11 and 12, 2008.
  - The Abbots' Congress meets from September 18 - 27, 2008 in San'Anselmo. All CIB delegates are invited to the Abbots' Congress and that is an important opportunity to meet our brothers as a working group of women with our own profile. The CIB Conference is invited to meet at San'Antonio on the two days before the Congress, September 16 and 17, 2008.
  - The Administrative Council is planning to meet outside Rome January 8, 9 and 10, 2009. The location has not been decided.
  - The CIB Conference has been invited to Zadar in Croatia from September 2 - 13, 2009.
  - The Administrative Council will be meeting again probably in Rome January 7, 8 and 9, 2010 to prepare the Symposium which is tentatively planned from September 7 - 16, 2010.

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