

CIB News Bulletin #4
What you need to know about the latest developments in the CIB
Meeting of the CIB Conference Sept. 16 – 17, 2008
Sant’Antonio, Aventine, Rome.

The annual CIB Conference meeting held Sept.16/17 2008 in Rome was well attended. There were a number of new delegates present. The names can be seen on the roster attached to this Bulletin. Here is a short summary of some important items on the agenda:

1. Profile of Benedictine life: Sr. Anna Niculescu presented a profile of the Camaldolese Congregation and of the community of S. Antonio Abate on the Aventine. This was followed up by exchange in groups where thoughts were shared on common themes as well as variations in the profile of our communities in the different regions. This was a continuation of the ongoing discussion on a word we might have for the world. Some delegates had prepared written summaries of developments in their regions which were passed round.
2. The theme of the next Symposium 2010 will be: “Benedictine Women – Witnesses of Hope”. This theme was prepared through a process on hope during the meeting. Key-note speakers will be Sister Maricarmen Bracomontes, OSB and Mère Prieure Thérèse-Marie Dupagne, OSB. They will be speaking in their mother-tongue (Spanish and French respectively).
3. The proposed dates of the next Symposium Sept. 8 – 15, 2010 are expected to be confirmed by S. Anselmo very soon. Please take note of the dates of the CIB Conference before and after the Symposium (see Calendar). The presence of all delegates is necessary for the election of Moderator and Administrative Council, due every four years.
4. A team of 5 sisters (Co-ordinator, Facilitators and Liturgists) has been put together for the preparation of the Symposium. They will be having a first meeting February 2009.
5. The numbers of invitations to the Symposium to be given to each region will be calculated on the basis of the numbers in each region as listed in Catalogus 2006. You will know the number of invitations allotted to your region by September 2009.
6. Statutes: We reviewed a draft revision of the Statutes incorporating suggestions from the meeting of the Conference in Manila as well as suggestions in form and structure from canonist Abbot Richard Yeo and other resource people. Substantive changes have not been made but the content is much clearer. The new text will be sent out in a few weeks with the small corrections we made at the meeting for you to look at again, and it will be voted on at the Conference meeting September 2009.
7. Secretariat: It is hoped that we will be able to move the Secretariat from Assisi to Rome after January, 2009.
8. Finance: There is a new Euro account after October 1, 2008. Sr. Caterina Görden of the monastery Engelthal in Germany has agreed to take over responsibility for this. The account is called Kloster-Engelthal - CIB, # 400 3400 013 at the Pax Bank Cologne, BLZ 370 601 93. The IBAN is DE 71 37060193 400 3400 013 and the BIC is GENODE D1PAX. When using this account, please notify Sister Caterina and give the reason for the transfer. Her e-mail is: verwaltung@Kloster-Engelthal.de. She speaks English well.
9. Translations: The Delegates are asked to find good and reliable translators in their regions for the languages of the region. Where several regions have a common language, they are encouraged to work together for the necessary translations of CIB papers. Names can be pooled at the secretariat. The official version of all documents is in English.
10. The Spanish-speakers expressed their great gratitude to Sr. Mirijam Schaedt in Germany for providing a Spanish copy of all important papers needed for the meeting, despite short notice and a full schedule at home.

11. The next CIB Conference meeting will be in Croatia. It is often cheaper to book a flight early. If you want to use the help of the Solidarity Fund, we would be grateful if you would email Carlson Wagonlit Travel, Erie, PA. The person to address is Beth. Ask her to book the ticket and bill the CIB account. This saves extra work with reimbursement. The email of Sr. Diane Cooke (to be informed) is dianeosb@peoplepc.com and the email of the agent, Beth, is: bethc@carlsonerie.com. She works Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Thank you.
12. If you need an invitation letter in order to get a visa for Croatia, please write to Sr. Judith Ann as soon as possible, jheble@shmlisle.org giving your name as in your passport, your date of birth and the number of your passport. She will pass this on to our host in Croatia.
13. Thanks to good sales of the Catalogus we have now covered our expenses. It is possible to buy a copy at half price. The Order form is at the end of this Bulletin.
14. There will be a meeting of Young European Benedictine Women October 20 – 24, 2008 in Dinklage, Germany, in order to develop networking in Europe. The young people will be taking up the theme of the last Symposium. There has been a good response and at least 8 countries will be represented.

The following attachments come with this Bulletin:

- Report of the Moderator to the Abbots' Congress
- Words of Pope Benedict at the Audience for the Abbots' Congress
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