

CIB News Bulletin #2

What you need to know about the latest developments in the CIB Annual Meeting of the CIB Conference Tagaytay - Manila, September 3 - 11, 2007

The annual meeting of the CIB Conference was held at St. Scholastica's Spirituality Center in Tagaytay, 50 miles south of Manila, Philippines, from September 3 - 11, 2007. The Missionary Benedictine Sisters of Tutzing, who have a large and active community in the Philippines, hosted the meeting. Two of them, Prioress Mary John Mananzan and Sr. Angelica Leviste, gave introductory talks, giving us a picture of the situation of the Church and the Benedictine presence in the Philippines. There was time for discussion in small groups on Benedictine topics, some business matters to be dealt with and some cultural events to introduce us to the world of our hosts. Here in summary form you will find information about CIB developments and decisions:

- M. Vera Lucia Parreiras Horta, Salvador, Brazil, has decided for personal reasons to resign as delegate to her region.
- M. Zoë Davis has agreed to take the place of M. Vera Lucia as Assistant Moderator.
- M. Benita Vadakkepurakal has been asked to take the place of M. Vera Lucia on the Council.
- The Conference confirmed the co-opting of the new Prioress General of the Missionary Benedictine Sisters of Tutzing, M. Angela Strobel, as member of the Conference.
- The Conference also confirmed the co-opting of M. Teresa Paula Dias Perdigão as full member of the Conference, after her having been elected to the Administrative Council by the Conference, September 2007. Both M. Angela and M. Teresa Paula will nominate their own Substitute from their own Congregation.
- A working paper presenting suggestions for the revision of the Statutes has been distributed to all delegates. The Conference looked at these suggestions and authorised the Council to move towards making a draft of changes in most of the suggested places. That draft will need several revisions before it is ready for voting on.
- The finance Committee is now in place. Sr. Diane Cook, USA, is now CIB Treasurer, the other members of the Committee are Sister Kunigundis Amon, Italy, and Sister Clare Condon, who is the contact person to the Administrative Council. A Euro account has been opened in Germany. Responsible for this account is Sister Ulrike Soegtrop, Dinklage, Germany.
- The Administrative Council accepted the financial report and approved the budget 2008.
- The regions are reminded that their annual subscription is normally due by July 1.
- The costs of the Catalogus have not yet been covered, so all are asked to make an effort in promoting the sale of copies to monasteries in their region. See order form at the end of this Bulletin.
- The WEBSITE is moving to a new address by mid October: www.benedictines-cib.org (please note - not as previously with .com !!!!)
- This News Bulletin will in future be available on this site.
- Sr. Chiara d'Urbano of San'Antonio, Aventine, Rome, has agreed to take over as secretary to the CIB Conference and to the Administrative Council replacing Sr. Monica Lewis. The preparation of the Symposium will in the future be treated as an extra project of the CIB with its own co-ordinator. Sr. Christine Vladimirof, now prioress of Erie, USA, will be taking over this task for Symposium 2010.
- The next Symposium is tentatively planned from September 7 - 16, 2010. A theme for the Symposium was discussed at the meeting in Manila, but the final decision will be made by the Administrative Council in January 2008.
- A Newsletter giving more details about the Manila meeting is planned and will be published on the new website.

