

December 09, 2016



CONSECRATED LIFE - Thursday, 1st December 2016 at UISG, Rome, 3 to 6 pm

Present: SEDOS Staff, Executive Committee members, 53 participants.

Absent: Br. Emili Turù, President of SEDOS, was unable to attend the AGA because he was accompanying a Brother from Aleppo to receive an award.

Minutes: Sr. Gisela Schreyer, MSOLA.

Opening Prayer: to Mother Mary, by Pope Francis (in different languages).

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Welcome address: by Sr. Veronica Openibo, SHJC, Vice President of SEDOS.

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Annual Report 2016: by Fr. Peter Baekelmans, CICM, Executive Director of SEDOS.

The new Director presented a detailed report on the Evaluation and the Reorganization of SEDOS that was done in 2016, and then outlined what still has to be done in 2017.

[See attachment, document 2](#)

After this, the following main activities of SEDOS for the year 2016 were reported:

Bulletin: Leila Benassi, secretary of SEDOS explained what has been done concerning the Bulletin: a new layout, a theme for each Bulletin, the cover in colour, articles in 4 languages, translations on the website, inclusion of short news items and documents (new section). Extra copies of the Bulletin cost 30 Euro for Europe, 45 Euro for extra-European countries. Email-address of the Bulletin, also on the pen as a gift to each participant: redacsed@sedosmission.org

Seminar 2016: some pictures were shown, such as the Sisters who had been sponsored, the whole group in front of the lake, in the lecture-hall, and during recreation in the evening.

Workshops 2016: Intercultural competence through stories (look for the best way to do it), mindfulness and yoga, Italian conversation classes (commitments for the secretary other than pure administration)

Intercultural pilgrimage: Initiative of SEDOS to go through the Holy Door together with people of other religions (with cooperation of Religions for Peace Italy, and commissions on IRD and JPIC of USG/UISG), with presentation of a short video of the event: <https://vimeo.com/193203862>

The Annual Report was followed by discussion of two questions:

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What are the needs/issues SEDOS should focus on in 2017?

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Which possible events could SEDOS organize next year?

Topics proposed by the members (in order of importance):

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Interculturality: Continue the theme of interculturality, meeting other cultures; interculturality and leadership; nonviolent communication; different cultures living the same charism; migration and interculturality...

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Ecumenism: Reformation “Jubilee”: where do we stand?; Experiences of ecumenism from outside Europe;

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Interreligious dialogue: Every year an interreligious event, actual missiology and Islam; interreligious dialogue in today’s context;

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Mission theology according to Pope Francis: what is mission today?; actual context: persecuted missionaries; migration – youth die in the desert, at sea; fragmentation and isolation, xenophobia – how to deal with these as missionaries, its impact on mission; reform of the Church according to Pope Francis; Laudato si’: how to work with it, ongoing programmes for

younger missionaries; has the Church come up with a theme for next year?

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Restructuration of SEDOS: follow up restructuring of SEDOS, through networking with other international groups – workshop of SEDOS to foster commitment... common focus needed in SEDOS.

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Presentation of the new website: by the new webmaster Mr. Fabio Perroni.

The new website is “light” to help those in places where the connection is slow; Bulletin to download in Pdf and articles to read online; adapted for cell phone and tablet; possibility to form community online – “Forum” for Seminar, Students, Bulletin...

Coffee break

Discussion on website:

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Request to make articles on mission from the old site available and to update them.

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Copyright needed for the articles of SEDOS? We have had no problems, not taken too much into account; could have a reserved area for “members only” to get around the copy right. Peter shares his experience with “Spiritus” (French missionary periodical).

Peter draws attention to the pen and to the new SEDOS Statutes of 2014 that were handed out to everyone, and will be sent to all members. The digital version, with translations, can be found on the website.

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Financial Report 2016 and Budget 2017: by Sr. Cristina Giustozzi, SMSM.

Sister Cristina made her first presentation of the Financial Report for the Year 2016 and the Budget for the year 2017. She got help from the former Treasurer Sr. Marian Murcia, SFB, because she only started in October. The Financial Report as well as the Budget were approved.

See attachment, document 3 and 4

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SEDOS Executive Committee 2017

Outgoing: Br. Emili Turù, FMS, Sr. Marian Murcia, SFB, Sr. Georgeanne Donovan, SMSM,

Sr. Marina Cassarino, SMC.

Incoming: Fr. Tesfaye Tadesse Gebresilassie, MCCJ, as new Vice-President,

Sr. Cristina Giustozzi, SMSM, as new Treasurer,

Sr. Lissy Sebastian, RNDM, as new Councillor,

Sr. Rachel Oommen, ICM, as new Councillor.

N.B.: Sr. Veronica Opinebo, SHCJ, Vice-President, will become the new President.

Fr. Peter Baekelmans, CICM, Councillor, is the Executive Director since January 2016.

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SEDOS Members 2017

Outgoing: 1. Carmelite Sisters of Charity of Vedruna, CCV.

2. Saint Patrick's Missionary Society, SPMS.

3. Congregation Sisters of Mercy, CSM.

Incoming: 1. Sisters of Providence, SP.

2. Tertiary Sisters of Saint Francis, TSSF.

3. Daughters of Mary Immaculate, DMI.

Total membership of SEDOS at present: 88 Congregations.

Extra info: Christmas Party invitation: Thursday, 15th December 2016, with a farewell to Brother

Emili Turù.

SEDOS Residential Seminar: from Tuesday 2 to Saturday 6 May 2017, at Nemi, on

the theme "Money in the service of Mission".

Closing remarks: by Sr. Veronica Openibo, SHJC, new President of SEDOS.

Closing prayer: song of the Holy Year, Misericordes Sicut Pater.