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2018 ACTIVITIES REPORT

President's Report on the Activities for the year 2018



The Ordinary Assembly of the members took place on March 23, 2018, with the participation on their own or by proxy of 27 members. During this Assembly, the application to join the Association of Federica Chiaro, Lucia Compostella and Paolo Frizzi was accepted, and it was approved, at the proposal of the President, that the Board of Directors for the next three years be composed of seven members.

As the three-year term of office of the Association expired, the assembly unanimously appointed the following Councilors for the next three years: Lucia D'Auria, Federica Chiaro, Lucia Compostella, Marco Desalvo, Paolo Frizzi, Cecilia Landucci, Alessio Valente, as well as the members of the Board of Statutory Auditors in the persons of Angelo Spinosa (Chairman), Beatrice Vecchione and Ennio Buri.

The Executive Council then unanimously appointed President Marco Desalvo and Vice President Paolo Frizzi.

The whole Council expressed its feelings of profound gratitude and appreciation to the previous directors, in particular Marco Aquini and Virginio Grillo (respectively former member of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors), for their qualified generous contribution to the growth and consolidation of the Association and its image at national and international level. The irreplaceable and invaluable contribution of Marco Aquini, who, after a very brief illness, left us on 4 January 2019, can never be adequately described. We are immensely grateful to him for the support and expertise he gave to the Association from 1987 until his last days.

During 2018 the Board of Directors met 10 times (01/23 - 02/06 - 03/23 - 04/17 - 05/14 - 06/11 - 09/03 - 10/16 - 11/14 - 12/18).

The Board Council also met with representatives of the Association's foreign offices:

- 3 times in video conference (01/23 - 06/11 - 10/16)
- once in the headquarters of the Association in Grottaferrata (03/24-25).

Implementation of proposal for the reorganization and strengthening of New Humanity, presented in 2016, continued. Its general objective lays on the development of a path that can improve its collaboration with the Focolare Movement in the perspective that New Humanity collects, in a unified manner, projects of the Focolare Movement of a global nature and represents it at international institutions and civil society.

In this process, with regard to the awareness process on New Humanity within the Focolare Movement, the following steps took place in 2018:

- presentation of New Humanity Association to several conferences promoted by the Focolare Movement;
- development of the structure and texts of the site, www.new-humanity.org;

- proposal to update the Statutes of the Association, in particular to highlight its link with the Focolare Movement, and to adapt it to the regulations of the Third Sector.

Furthermore, the commitment to strengthen/reorganize the head office and the foreign offices continued.

For the *Headquarter Office*:

- greater involvement of young people (active presence during meetings with representatives of the Association's foreign offices);
- frequent contact with the different offices (4 meetings);
- encourage communication for greater synergy within the agencies of the Focolare Movement, in particular with the AMU and AFN associations;
- highlight projects based on the active focuses in the international institutional centers that best meet our priorities;
- extension of the headquarters offices in Via Piave 15, Grottaferrata.
- a half-time collaboration of two people for the administrative functions of the Association.

For *Foreign Offices*:

- activation of a 3-month internship at UNESCO in Paris for a young woman, Maria Chiara Humura, on behalf of New Humanity.
- activation of scholarships funded by the Diana Foundation to support 2 young people at the UN headquarters in New York on behalf of New Humanity. 26 qualified young people from different continents applied to this 'call'. For the internship, besides Catarina Bezerra and Grazia Perreca, the two selected youth, two other young people joined in, Michael Grueter and Felipe Muniz, funded by other foundations: they are all part of the New York internship from February to June 2019.

During the course of 2018 the activities of the Association developed, like the previous years, according to the two main guidelines concerning representation and presence in the international UN institutions (Economic and Social Council and Human Rights Council) and UNESCO and in supporting activities and projects in particular in the youth field. A special thanks goes to the valuable work done by the representatives in Geneva, Paris and New York and to the commitment of members, councilors, experts and collaborators.

For the **Headquarter** Office, we underline:

- an increasingly close link with the 'United World Project' program;
- work for the Genfest 2018 in Manila, obtaining the UNESCO partnership for this event;
- the formation of the network of United World Ambassadors, some of which have had very fruitful meetings in Manila with the UNESCO National Commission and the FAO national headquarters;
- a collaboration with FAO, producing the publication of the book, "Generation #ZeroHunger - Teens on the Road to a World Without Hunger".

As far as **New York**, we underline the participation, with an oral declaration (May 2018), during the negotiations for Global Compact on Migration entitled "The contribution of faith-based organizations in service to migrants", supporting the position of the Holy See and several other member states. Also for the Global Compact on Migration, some issues were sustained such as "no juvenile detention" with the missions of the United Kingdom, Italy and the Holy See.

Moreover (October 2018), a document was presented for the 57th session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD) entitled "Benefits for social inclusion deriving from fiscal policy and from Italian laws governing social cooperatives".

In November 2018, the Migration Committee chose the "Host Spot" project to be included it in a compendium of 12 migrant projects, distributed to delegates attending the intergovernmental conference held in Marrakesh (December 2018). In addition, a list of 10 New Humanity projects on migration was presented to the United Nations special representative for 'International Migration'.

The service of Joe Klock, main representative of New Humanity in New York, continues as treasurer for the NGO commission on Migration, as secretary of the NGO commission for Development Financing and as part of the Forum planning group for the Commission for Social Development.

As far as **Geneva** is concerned, the commitment to follow issues related to International Solidarity, the Right to Development and the Right to Education continues. Multiple Written Statements were presented at various Human Rights Council sessions in collaboration with other NGOs.

The commitment of Jorge Ferreira as coordinator of the Catholic-inspired NGO Forum continues. Contacts are intensified with the International Forum based in St. Callisto in Rome, both in terms of our contribution to the topics covered as well as for the preparation of the Congress which will take place in Rome in December 2019. The collaboration with the Permanent Mission of the Holy See continues, and in particular with the Nuncio Msgr. Ivan Jurkovic, his main collaborator Carlo Maria Marengi and with the other Catholic-inspired NGOs. The side event commemorating the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was co-organized titled, "Right to Life and Human Dignity," which brought together some 200 participants, including 30 embassies.

The animation of formation sessions of the University of Human Rights continues, actively participated and various work sessions at the UN, in addition to the training visit of the focolarini and Gen schools of formation from Montet.

In October 2018, Dr. Alfred Fernandez, Director General of the NGO OIDEL, left us. New Humanity is very grateful to him, in particular for being one of the main architects of the Catholic-inspired NGO Forum in Geneva (CINGO) and for helping to train, through the Summer University of Human Rights, more than 2,000 students from 115 countries, including twenty young people from New Humanity (also guaranteeing a broad financial coverage for them).

As for **Paris**, we underline the contribution to the Forum on Migrants "Another look at human migration" (one of the four Forums organized by UNESCO's NGOs for the period 2016-2018) collaborating in regular preparatory meetings, with the presence and active participation in Tunis of 4 representatives of New Humanity: Marie-Annick and Pierre Benoit, Melchior Nsavyimana (from Kenya) and Maria Chiara Humura, who was, at that

time, doing an internship in Paris on behalf of New Humanity. Strong links have been established with African NGOs or those working in the African continent, collaborating to create a platform of projects on the African continent that corresponds to the guidelines of UNESCO.

In addition, representatives of New Humanity in Paris bridged between the project "Back to Africa - Together for a New Africa" (see below) and the UNESCO headquarters in Paris, also obtaining funding from UNESCO for the project, and collaborated with the Youth sector obtaining the patronage of UNESCO for the Genfest in Manila.

During the year 2018 we also collaborated with the working group on Education for Global Citizenship, in view of the organization of a Forum in 2020, and with the Education Group of the International Forum of Catholic-inspired NGOs.

New Humanity representatives for the year 2018 have been:
at the UN-ECOSOC

- New York: Joe Klock (Main Representative), Emily Christy, Mary Ann Cottone and (from September 2018) Maddalena Maltese.
- Geneva: Jorge M. Dias Ferreira (Main Representative), Marco Aquini, Davide Bilardi, Esther Salamanca.

For UNESCO

- Paris: Chantal Grevin (Main Representative), Pierre Benoit, Marie-Annick Benoit.

In 2018 some relevant **projects** started, such as:

- o "Back to Africa - Together for a New Africa". The project promoted by young African former students of I.U. Sophia aims to develop guidance and support paths to strengthen the leadership skills of young Africans who have received higher education so that they can spend their skills in favor of developing their own countries. The project is sponsored by the National UNESCO Commission of Kenya and has entered the UNESCO programs of Kenya, also receiving funding.
- o Seminar "Cultural competence: the challenge of the future health system", promoted by Medicina in Communion, held at the Medical Center of Man (Ivory Coast) in November 2018. The project received funding from AMU and was significant for the launch of a network among the medical centers promoted by the Focolare Movement in Africa.
- o "Driving European Citizens Forward" project developed together with the Secretariat of the New Humanity Movement and the MPPU for the promotion of the role of cities and active citizenship. The project was presented to the European Commission and to the European Commission representation in Italy obtaining the patronage, while until now no funding has been obtained. A re-presentation is planned through the "Europe for Citizens" program.
- o "Mariapolis City Smart". Project, presented to the European Commission, in which New Humanity is a partner, for the strengthening of the network among the small towns of the Focolare Movement and to promote capacity building in the youth field and to increase the planning capacity.

- BLUEming Europe: Youth make the EU blue bloom. Project urged by young people of the Focolare Movement in Europe with the aim of strengthening the European perspective, defining forms of commitment and participation for young people in the EU. Presented to the European Commission, despite having obtained an excellent evaluation, it was not funded. It is thought to be presented again.

Furthermore, in 2018 some projects financed by the European Commission within the Erasmus+ community program were concluded:

- "Milonga" project. It enabled the development of an international volunteering program and an online platform (www.milongaproject.org), responding to a need expressed by youth of the Focolare Movement to facilitate access for young people who wish to carry out a period of voluntary work in social projects, Centers and towns of the Focolare Movement in various European and non-European countries. During the pilot period, the project involved over 150 young people, and of these more than 100 actually did the volunteer period. It also encouraged the mapping of social and cultural projects based on fraternity in various countries of the world, especially in Latin America, developed the skills of youth workers, encouraged and strengthened the network among the structures of the Focolare Movement in favor of welcoming young people .
- "Breaking Rays" project. It developed a network of young film makers for fraternity that formed the Genfest communication team (y4uw.org/events/genfest-2018), held in Manila (Philippines) in July 2018.
- The "NEST" project, which ended in June 2018, contributed to the improvement of the skills of the staff of 9 Associations, linked or representing the Focolare Movement in 7 European countries and to the strengthening of this network as a prerequisite to joint actions at European level. A second NEST project for the expansion of the network has just been presented.

The report on the Budget for the 2018 financial year and a summary of the activities carried out by the Association during the year 2018 follows.

Report to Financial Statements 2018



The financial statements for the year ended 12.31.2018 were prepared taking into account the guidelines issued by the Third Sector Agency for the financial statements of non-profit organizations.

It consists of two parts: the **Balance sheet (BS)** and the **Management report (MR)**.

In the BS **assets** the item Credits for a total of Euro 42,280.52 are made up of:

- Credits to Geneva office of 574.76 euros
- Credits to UNESCO of € 707.00
- Credits to projects for € 10,145.54
- Credits to the Bnet Association of Treviso for € 5,000.00
- Tax receivables of € 850.00
- Credits to Banks of Euro 3.22
- Credits to third parties for € 25,000.00.

Credits to third parties, for a total of € 25,000.00, consist of:

- € 15,000.00 towards P.A.M.O.M., for institutional activity contributions 2018;
- € 10,000.00 towards Opus Mariae T4NA, for project Back to Africa in advance.

With regard to the receivable from the Treviso Bnet Association, of € 5,000.00, the board of statutory auditors will request a new repayment plan with reference to the first plan proposed on March 14, 2018, for the total repayment of the credit.

In **liabilities**, the item payables for a total of € 39,052.01 refers to payables to projects for € 36,692.60, payables to third parties for € 850.00, to volunteers - collaborators for € 507.21, to the EACEA Agency for 952.00 euros and to Banca Prossima for E / C and 2018 closing fees for 50.20 euros.

The **costs** of the MR have been divided into **charges by typical activities** that include:

- Expenses (881.00) and provision (989.00) for the Co Governance Conference (1.870,00), Expenses (3.206.08) for the Nest Project, expenses (45.849,64) for Milonga project, expenses (408.00) and provision (14,622.00) for the Come Back to Africa project (15.030,00), expenses (76.352,62) for the Breaking Rays project and expenses (1,659.04) for the Cayrus-Living Peace project;
- expenses for the representative offices (Euro 2.755,94) of Geneva (UN) and Paris (UNESCO).

Among the **General support charges** amounting to € 15,464.18, which relate to the management of the activities carried out by the central administrative office, site maintenance and updating, also including translations, stationery, trips to foreign offices and miscellaneous expenses to supporting youth activities, we highlight in particular a loss on receivables of € 7,000.00 due to the EACEA Agency's failure to recognize staff costs under the 2017-0605 support measures and a contingent liability of € 952.00 for a request to return the EACEA Agency for sums already paid in 2017.

The **proceeds from typical activities** relate to the institutional activity for Euro 17,115.00 including the foreign offices and the central office and the **proceeds for specific projects** incurred in the year for Euro 144,797.38.

The financial year closes with a negative operating result of Euro 2,934.51 which is proposed to be covered by the International Organizations Relations Fund.

NEW HUMANITY INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2018

BALANCE SHEET

	Statement 2018	Statement 2017
ACTIVITY		
<u>Active Circulating</u>	€ 49,345.49	€ 118,888.91
<u>Credits</u>	€ 42,280.52	€ 28,821.91
<u>Cash on hand</u>	€ 7,064.97	€ 90,067.00
bank deposits	€ 6,447.30	€ 89,418.55
cash and cash on hand	€ 554.40	€ 648.45
Total activity	€ 49,345.49	€ 118,888.91
LIABILITIES		
<u>Net assets</u>	€ 10,293.48	€ 13,077.99
Entity endowment fund	€ 2,114.51	€ 2,114.51
Fund for Organization Relations	€ 8,713.48	€ 10,000.00
Fund for youth activities		€ 5,295.06
Associative fees	€ 2,400.00	€ 2,250.00
Management surplus / deficit in previous years		
Operating surplus / deficit for the year	-€ 2,934.51	-€ 6,581.58
<u>Debts</u>	€ 39,052.01	€ 105,810.92
debts to suppliers		€ 16,001.13
tax debts		€ 615.00
other debts	€ 5,059.41	€ 1,797.99
Projects	€ 33,992.60	€ 87,396.80
<u>Accrued liabilities /</u>	€ -	€ -
Prepaid expenses	€ -	€ -
Total Liabilities	€ 49,345.49	€ 118,888.91

MANAGEMENT REPORT

CHARGES	Statement 2018	Statement 2017	PROCEEDS	Statement 2018	Statement 2017
Charges from typical activities	€ 146,667.38	€ 157,830.58	Income from typical activities	€ 161,912.38	€ 187,967.58
<u>Conferences</u>	1,870.00	-	<u>Institutional activity</u>	17,115.00	35,708.00
Shopping Services	881.00		- by private individuals	1,425.00	35,000.00
Collaborators and consultants			- by public bodies		
Different management charges	-		- from associations and private bodies	15,690.00	708.00
Accant.to conferences	989.00				
<u>Projects</u>	144,797.38	157,830.58	<u>Projects</u>	144,797.38	152,259.58
<u>Project Nest</u>	3,206.08	2,716.31	<u>Project Nest</u>		
Nest project provision		5,633.69	- by private individuals		
			- by public bodies		
			- from associations and private bodies	1,246.26	8,350.00
			- Use of Project Fund	1,959.82	
<u>Milonga project</u>	45,849.64	21,054.08	<u>Milonga project</u>		
			- by private individuals	3,055.00	
			- by public bodies		
			- from associations and private bodies	33,795.92	21,054.08
			Contrib. to receive	8,998.72	
<u>Project Come Back to Africa</u>	408.00	5,821.00	<u>Project Come Back to Africa</u>		
Back to Africa project provision	14,622.00		- by private individuals		250.00
			- by public bodies		
			- from associations and private bodies	15,030.00	
<u>Breaking Rays project</u>	76,352.62	37,533.07	<u>Breaking Rays project</u>		
Breaking Rays project provision		81,763.11	- by private individuals	4,928.20	50.00
			- by public bodies		119,246.18
			- from associations and private bodies	2,710.00	
			- Use of Project Fund	68,714.42	
<u>Cayrus-Living Peace project</u>			<u>Cayrus-Living Peace project</u>		
Cayrus project provision	1,659.04		- by private individuals		
			- by public bodies	1,659.04	
			- from associations and private bodies		

<u>Other projects</u>		
- <u>Project Preset</u>		
<u>Host Spot Project</u>		3,309.32
<u>Accant.to Seminar in Man</u>	2,700.00	
- Different management charges	-	-
- <u>Foreign offices New Humanity</u>	2,755.94	2,927.55
Geneva UN	1,691.34	2,404.62
Paris UNESCO	1,064.60	522.93
Financial charges	€ -	€ -
Extraordinary expenses	€ -	€ -
General support charges	€ 15,464.18	€ 33,800.04
Shopping		830.20
Services	1,817.86	19,171.15
Collaborators and consultants	5,340.32	13,499.69
Different management charges	7,354.00	299.00
Passive contingencies	952.00	
Benevolent work	€ 5,000.00	€ 5,000.00
Taxes - IRAP	€ -	€ -
Total charges	164,887.50	199,558.17
Positive management result		
Total in Draw	164,887.50	199,558.17

<u>Other projects</u>		
- by private individuals	-	-
- by public bodies		
- from associations and private bodies	2,700.00	3,309.32
Financial income	€ 40.61	€ 9.01
Extraordinary income	€ -	€ -
Benevolent work	€ 5,000.00	€ 5,000.00
Total income	161,952.99	192,976.59
Negative operating result	2,934.51	6,581.58
Total in Draw	164,887.50	199,558.17

Main Activities of New Humanity during the year 2018



African youth contribute to the future of their continent



3-7 January 2018, Nairobi (Kenya)

First Seminar of the project "Come Back to Africa".

The first seminar of the New Humanity project "*Come Back to Africa – Together for a New Africa*" was coordinated by a group of students and young graduates, with the support of experts from the [Movement Politics & Policies for Unity](#)

and the [Sophia University Institute](#) for higher education. The project's goal is to prepare young African leaders of the future!

About **thirty students and experts** from various African countries participated to the seminar, which took place at the Center for Education 'Mariapolis Piero' near Nairobi. The meeting was an excellent opportunity for developing future programs and for programming the education strategy of the entire project. The workgroup also did the **preparatory work for the upcoming series of annual summer schools** for 100 youth from East Africa (age 20 to 35), active in their civil society environment. They will in turn become promoters of actions, laboratories, and initiatives in their own country, **and engage possibly a thousand young people**,

<http://www.new-humanity.org/en/projects/back-to-africa/516-back-to-africa-2.html>

International Call for Young People to become "United World Ambassadors"!



February 2018

#FraterniTALES: the international call of the United World Project.

For young people between 18 and 24 years of age, and actively committed in the building of a more united world, New Humanity has launched last February the call #FraterniTALES: the goal is to share good practises

of fraternity in a language most suitable to young people, in preparation of Genfest 2018. The jury will be responsible for choosing the 25 most deserving candidates who will then have access to a formation program culminating in Manila with the Genfest (6-8 July 2018).

New Humanity 2018 Assembly: Approved the new 2020 three-path strategy



23-24 March 2018, Grottaferrata (Roma)

New Humanity main focus in the next 3 years: Sustainable Development, Human Rights, Peace Education and Culture of Peace. These were highlighted during the General Assembly that took place at the headquarters of the Association in Grottaferrata (Rome).

It was a very important event because of the election of the new Board of Directors, which is now made up of seven members, and the presentation,

discussion and approval of the new strategy for the next three years.

Strategy 2018 - 2020. New Humanity intends to contribute to, and have an impact on the fulfillment of the United Nations **Sustainable Development Goals** (SDGs). In this view, it has promoted initiatives that are meant to raise awareness in the global society - especially in young people, also through the **Genfest 2018** and several other initiatives connected to the [United World Project](#) - of the need to achieve a fully sustainable global development and to present at every level the best practices that its active members promote every day all over the world.

Thanks greatly to the commitment of its representatives in **New York**, New Humanity will focus on promoting the Sustainable Development of Peace and Justice at global level, on strengthening the tools for its fulfilment and on **giving new vitality to the global partnership for sustainable development**, as proposed by SDG 16.

In coordination with the other Catholic-inspired NGOs that are active at the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) in **Geneva**, New Humanity will increase the commitment to promote the **protection of all fundamental human rights**, with a special focus on the right to development, to international solidarity, to education and peace, in particular for the most vulnerable groups and geographical areas where these rights are most threatened.

In synergy with the initiatives promoted by UNESCO – the UN Organization in **Paris** specialized on those issues - New Humanity will continue to work for the **promotion of a Culture of Peace** at global level, and of an **Education toward achieving that goal**.

<http://www.new-humanity.org/en/events/rome/549-new-humanity-2018-assembly-approved-the-new-2020-three-path-strategy.html>

UNESCO's International Sports Day Celebrations in Nairobi with Children and Young People



6 April 2018, Nairobi (Kenya)

International Sports Day for Peace and Development

Approximately **100 children and youth from different countries**, social and economic backgrounds participated in this historic event, as well as different organizations and **various personalities** representing the National Commission of UNESCO in Kenya (KNATCOM),

the UNESCO Regional Office East Africa, UNHCR, the Russian Embassy, some Sports and Talent Institutions and various Children Homes.

Informal conversations during lunch break offered the delegation an opportunity to share with invited representatives of UNESCO about two **major projects that the New Humanity is currently proposing** on an regional level: "[Sports4Peace](#)" in Eastern Africa (Educating to Peace through Sports and Games) and "**Back to Africa – Together for a New Africa**". New Humanity had the privilege of participating in the sports day, courtesy of an invitation from UNESCO/KNATCOM, with four representatives: **Johnstone Duba, Mr. Ernst Ulz, Eva Maria Anyango, and Gilbert Makokha.**

What was most fascinating about the activities was that all people **including persons with disabilities** came out to show case their skills by playing together. It was a concrete example that the responsibility of promoting peace and development requires the joined efforts of every individual regardless of their physical status, social, economic or religious background, and that sport may be a good tool for promoting peace between ethnic communities in conflict.

New Humanity Elaborates on the Theme of Solidarity in EU's Asylum Policy



20 June 2018, Palais des Nations, Geneva

"International Solidarity and Migration" Seminar

Coinciding with the 38th ordinary session of the UN Human Rights Council, New Humanity and other NGOs members of the Forum of Catholic-inspired Organizations (CINGO), the Bangladesh Permanent

Mission to the United Nation and the Holy See Permanent Mission organized a seminar on International Solidarity and Migration at the Palace of Nations.

The Spirit of Solidarity proposed by **Pope Francis** on the occasion of the World Refugee Day 2018 was at the center of the debate, as well as the key words proposed by the Pope on migration: **welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating.**

The event was moderated by **Dr. Jorge M. Dias Ferreira**, main representative of New Humanity in Geneva, and was attended by leading experts in the field, such as **Dr. Obiara C. Okafar**, new independent expert on Human Rights and International Solidarity, who opened the event.

On behalf of New Humanity, prof. **Esther Salamanca** - professor of international law at the University of Valladolid (Spain) - presented a study on the theme of solidarity in the European asylum policy by the title **"Solidarity in EU's Asylum Policy: A Difficult but Necessary Pathway"**. The study was published on the Sophia review magazine (January - June 2018). *"The focus should not be placed on "us" – she said at the end of her speech – but on "them". That is what solidarity really means."*

At the end of her speech, prof. Esther Salamanca launched an appeal aimed at reaching a consensus at national and European level on how to implement the principle of solidarity in a way that human rights of asylum seekers are guaranteed inside and outside the EU (extraterritoriality) while sharing responsibility fairly and equitably between Member States.

<http://www.new-humanity.org/en/events/geneva/567-new-humanity-elaborates-on-the-theme-of-solidarity-in-eu-s-asylum-policy.html>

New Humanity Proposes the "Fraternity Principle" as a Way for Dialogue Between Right to Education and New Technologies



20 June 2018, Palais des Nations, Geneva

"Right to Education and New Technologies: A Necessary Dialogue "

Prof. Juan Garcia Gutierrez of National University of Distance Education (UNED) offered his remarks on behalf of New Humanity at the panel discussion organized by OIDEI NGO and the Smart Internet Users project.

"Where danger grows, safety also grows". During his speech, prof. Garcia quoted the German poet Hölderlin, to underline how it is possible to adopt an approach that applies the "spirit of fraternity" contained in the first article of the Universal Declaration. With such approach, a potential risk presented by the introduction of new technologies in the Education field can become a new opportunity to fully enjoy all human rights, including the right to education.

The twofold approach proposed by prof. Garcia foresees, on one hand, the need to base scientific and technological development on human rights and, on the other, the need for technologies to be at the service of, and promote human values, the "spirit of fraternity" and human solidarity. Internet and digital technologies do not per se constitute a human right, but they are an indispensable means to fulfil other human rights, including the right to education.

The event was moderated by Dr. Pablo Nuño, First Secretary at Permanent Mission of Spain to the UN in Geneva. Dr. CharoSébada, Director of Communication for Smart Internet Users and Dr. Renato Opertti of the UNESCO International Education Office also intervened.

<http://www.new-humanity.org/en/events/geneva/566-new-humanity-proposes-the-fraternity-principle-as-a-way-for-dialogue-between-right-to-education-and-new-technologies.html>

#Zero Hunger Project



Rome, FAO Headquarters, 20 June 2018

600 girls of Teens for Unity of the five continents involved in the project “Zero Hunger” visit FAO.

Today’s youth can become the first generation that will manage to eradicate hunger in the world. This is indicated by the 17 Sustainable Development Goals approved by the 193 **United Nations Member States** on September 25, 2015. The Member States agreed

on the commitment to implement these goals within 15 years (2015-2030). The second goal, “**Zero Hunger**” is at the heart of this program. The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) is very keen on achieving these objectives, so the young girls were gladly welcomed at its headquarters in Rome.

The young people of the Focolare Movement chose to make “Zero Hunger” the central point of their annual congress of formation, from June 20 to 24: **630 girls** met at the International Mariapolis Center in Castel Gandolfo, and **250 boys** taking part in a congress at the Focolare International small town of [Loppiano](#) in Tuscany. They come from different Countries of Europe and South America. In Loppiano the boys deepened the theme “Zero Hunger” trying to understand how to live it in their everyday life, rediscovering values such as courage, forgiveness, service, effort, spirituality, patience, responsibility, faithfulness, and recognizing each other’s talents. Instead the girls lived a special day on June 22, when they visited the international headquarters of FAO, in the center of Rome, in order to participate in the discussion on the “Zero Hunger Goal”. At the end of the morning, they were the first ones in the world to become “Zero Hunger Citizens”!

Genfest 2018: The International Youth Festival to share fraternity actions already happening!



6 - 8 July 2018, Manila, Philippines

Beyond All Borders

Eleventh edition of Genfest: 6,000 Youth for a United World (youth section of New Humanity) launched the project “**Pathways to a United World**” to start everywhere in the world: paths and actions, that aim to bring people and nations together, **building relationship of fraternity in**

the fields of economy, justice, politics, environment, intercultural and interreligious dialogue.

Ambassadors for a United World in Manila



10 July 2018, Manila, Philippines

In the framework of the Genfest 2018, the possibility of personal meetings with some representatives of the National Delegations of important international organizations of the Philippines.

Last April, the [United World Project \(UWP\)](#) selected 25 youth from all over the world to become “Ambassadors for a United world”. They represent the Youth for a United World (U4UW) and their main task is to work for the official recognition

of the United World Week by the United Nations. They met for the first time during the Genfest in Manila and their role as ambassadors started precisely there by contacting the National Commissions of International institutions in the Philippines.

On July 5 and 6, they visited the FAO and the UNESCO offices located in Manila to learn about the organizations and begin a collaboration on future common projects through [New Humanity](#).

The Ambassadors emphasized the need for a concrete reciprocal relationship **to face world challenges such as climate change, wars and migration**, focusing especially on one of UNESCO priorities such as global citizenship education.

Not only did a relationship develop between the Ambassadors and the institutions but also among the ambassadors themselves. **The meetings at the UN were a chance to reinforce their role as “engineers” of a new culture** that goes beyond race, religion and social class to promote a culture of unity through concrete actions on a local and International level. At the same time, they realized the necessity to develop into a stronger and more well-equipped team in order to have a stronger influence. Their work will now continue far beyond the Genfest taking full advantage of the energy, inspiration and unity built together as Ambassadors for a United World..

<http://www.new-humanity.org/en/events/all-the-events-from-our-delegations/568-young-people-of-new-humanity-visit-the-delegation-of-unesco-and-fao-in-manila.html>

New Humanity has co-authored an Outline of the Global Compact for Migration (GCM)



A GLANCE AT THE GLOBAL COMPACT FOR MIGRATION (GCM)

New York, September 2018

The representatives of New Humanity in New York and five other NGOs have produced an abbreviated version of the Global Compact for Migration (GCM), on behalf of the NGO Committee on Migration (CoM), with **the aim of facilitating its understanding and wide-range spread.**

The document "A Glance at the Global Compact for Migration" contains an outline of the GCM that will be approved at the Intergovernmental Conference on Migration, taking place in Marrakesh, Morocco, in December 2018..

[Download the document "A Glance at the Global Compact for Migration"](#)

New Humanity Moderates the Debate on Family and Migration



25 September 2018, Palace of Nations, Geneva

Family and Migration

Jorge M. Dias Ferreira, main representative of New Humanity in Geneva, moderated the seminar on "Family and Migration", offered by various Catholic-inspired Organizations (CINGO) at the Palace

of Nations.

Among the speakers: Archbishop **Ivan Jurkovič**, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations Office; Fr. **Fabio Baggio**, Under Secretary of the Migrants and Refugees Section of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development at the Holy See; Msgr. **Robert Vitillo**, Secretary General of the International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC); Dr. **Maria Mercedes Rossi**, ACG23 main representative in Geneva; Dr. **Maria Lia Zervino**, WUCWO (World Union of Catholic Women's Organization) Secretary General.

Africa at the Hearth of the New Humanity Participation to the Forum of the NGOs partners of the UNESCO



26-27 September 2018, Tunis, Tunisia

9th Forum of the NGOs partners of the UNESCO.

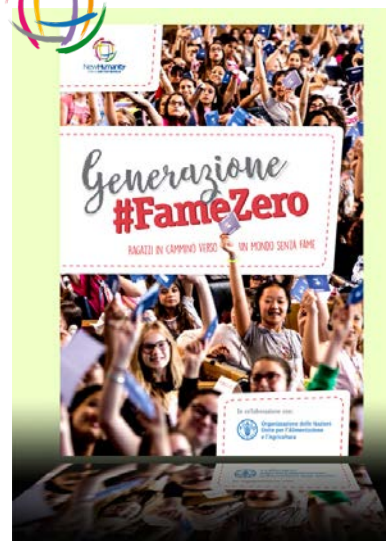
Four members of New Humanity NGO participated in the 9th Forum of the NGOs partners of the UNESCO in Tunisia from 26 to 27th September. There were about 200 people gathered on «A different look at human migrations».

The four representatives of New Humanity, besides being fully involved in the works, also created various bonds with other NGOs: interesting opportunities for future cooperation with them.

Melchior Nsavyimana's testimony of the « **Back to Africa** » Project raised great interest and positive reactions among the audience. **Marie-Annick** and **Pierre Benoit** are still involved in the post-forum pilot project. Africa is indeed one of the general priorities for UNESCO policies and "Back to Africa" – along with other projects aiming at the future of that Continent – might be counted among the participants in the follow-up of the Forum. It was also great for **Maria Chiara Humura** to be able to conclude with this Forum her 3 month training session at the Paris Delegation of New Humanity.

Two more days were then dedicated to the **Day of Peace** (28th September) and to the **70th Anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights** (10th December 1948). The **Arab Institute for Human Rights in Tunisia** welcomed these three events, thanks to its president, Dr Abdelbasset Ben Hassen.

New Humanity and FAO Publish the Activity Book With Good Practices of Teens of the "Zero Hunger Generation"



November 2018

The first book of good practices of the Teens of the Focolare Movement was published; a great work of collaboration between New Humanity, FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations), AMU (Associazione Azione per un Mondo Unito) e AFN Onlus (Azione per Famiglie Nuove). The book, written by young people for young people (...and not only!) presents many concrete ways from all over the world that can contribute to reach Goal number 2 (Zero Hunger) of the Sustainable Development Goals of the UN Agenda 2030 (SDGs 2030).

"Generation #Zero Hunger. Teens on the Road to a World without Hunger" - [PDF Book Download \(21.07 MB\)](#)

New Humanity Offers a Contribution to the Formation of Teachers in Valle d'Aosta Region (Italy) on the Human Right Issue



Aosta, 22-23 November 2018

Jorge M Dias Ferreira, main Representative of New Humanity in Geneva, held a formative session dedicated to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and to its main anthropological and pedagogical aspects. The presentation was part of the seminar on Human Rights, organized by the Henry Dunant University College (CUHD) in Geneva, for teachers in the Valle d'Aosta Region.

During his speech, Dr. Ferreira focused on the key points of the declaration, adding his personal experience as a trainer and expert on child psychology. The other experts who intervened offered contributions that were complementary to the session held by Dr. Ferreira. The program included also practical workshops, focused on ways and tools useful for the teaching human rights.

The seminar also offered our representative in Geneva the opportunity to meet several representatives of Valle d'Aosta, Italy, region. Both the representatives from the region and the teachers who were present expressed their appreciation for the contribution offered by New Humanity. There was a common desire to continue the collaboration in the future, for the purpose of the protection of Human Rights in their territory.

<http://www.new-humanity.org/en/events/all-the-events-from-our-delegations/582-new-humanity-offers-a-contribution-to-the-formation-of-teachers-in-valle-d-aosta-region-italy-on-the-human-right-issue.html>

In Geneva, New Humanity reflects on the Right to Life as a Way to Celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights



**RIGHT TO LIFE AND
HUMAN DIGNITY**

70th Anniversary of the
Universal Declaration of Human Rights



3 December 2018, Palace of Nations, Geneva

70th Anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights: The Dignity of Life.

The Permanent Missions of the Holy See and the Order of Malta to the United Nations, together with other Catholic-inspired NGOs present in Geneva, organized a seminar to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights, and **to reflect on the topic of Dignity of Life.**

For the occasion, a **booklet** entitled "The Right to Life and Human Dignity" was created with the contribution of New Humanity and distributed

among the participants.

New Humanity contributed to the booklet through the articles by Dr. **Jorge M. Dias Ferreira**, main representative of New Humanity in Geneva and by Prof. **Vincenzo Buonomo**, rector of the Pontifical Lateran University. Both articles underline how the defense of human dignity in its entirety is a crucial task for the contemporary international community and requires the joint intervention of all its actors. **The conference** - divided into two sessions dedicated respectively to "Universality of the Declaration of Human Rights and its challenges" and to the "Right to Life" - saw the participation of numerous representatives of national delegations, UN agencies and NGOs present in Geneva.

Among the speakers: Msgr. **Ivan Jurkovič**, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations Office; His Excellency Dr. **Martin Ihoeghian Uhomobhi**, President of the Pan African Institute for Global Affairs and Strategy; Her Excellency Dr. **Thérèse Pictet-Althann**, Ambassador of the Order of Malta to the UN; His Excellency Dr. **Zbigniew Czech**, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland at the UN; Msgr. **Vincenzo Paglia**, President of the Pontifical Academy for Life.

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New Humanity participates to the COP24 on Climate Changes



COP24 KATOWICE 2018
UNITED NATIONS CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE

Katowice, Poland, 3-14 December 2018

Professor Alessio Valenti of New Humanity (professor at the University of Sannio di Benevento) participated as a speaker in COP24, that is the United Nations Conference on Climate Change, which was held in the Polish city of Katowice, from 3 to 14 December, 2018. During the Conference an evaluation on the results that the countries are reaching collectively to respect the Paris objectives (COP 21 of 2015) and to increase the level of action for future years. Our event was entitled **"Youth for Water and Climate - from local actions to policy making"** and

took place on December 4th. Among the accredited speakers, dr. Luca Fiorani (physicist and ecology expert, lecturer at the LUMSA, Marconi and Roma Tre universities) and prof. Valenti. Prof. Valenti's report dealt with responsible actions in environmental issues triggered by climate change. Two young Polish people from New Humanity also participated: they helped presenting some of our actions, such as the ["Earth Cube"](#).

Prof. Valenti wrote for the magazine Città Nuova: *"... for those like me, who had the opportunity to participate in the side events that took place outside the main arena where representatives of governments were almost exclusively admitted, **there was a lot of enthusiasm in the stands and in thematic sessions**. Going around the stands, we felt hope, which emerged from the initiatives and from the determination of non-governmental organizations, environmental associations and agencies, to reverse the path of non-return of our planet. [...]. In each of these trustworthy actions there is a willingness to involve*

communities and even politics that in many countries still does not listen to those voices. There is the enthusiasm of those who proudly presented their experience of protecting local environments or of developing their own situation even through great difficulty. [...] Once again, at an international conference calling for a choral commitment, desired by those suffering from the effects of climate change and by those who care about the lives of future generations, it seemed that there was no significant progress in this direction. However, as Pope Francis says, we hope **"that our struggles and our concern for this planet of ours do not take away from us the joy of hope"**.

(The whole article in Italian available at this link: <https://www.cittanuova.it/cop-24-polonia-cronaca-agrodolce/>)

International Call Prometeo World UN 2019



December 2018

THE VOICE OF YOUTH AT THE UN: PROMETEO WORLD UN 2019 INTERNATIONAL CALL - TRAINING AND RESEARCH INTERNSHIP

Prometeo World UN 2019 is an international project promoted by the International Association New Humanity and the Mario Diana Onlus Foundation from Caserta (Italy). The two organizations subscribed a collaboration agreement in order to promote a greater impact of young people on the social level and to increase the success of lobbying the international institutions for the promotion of a culture of peace and for a more

united, caring and fraternal humanity. Through the international call, two university students had been selected. Each one of them will benefit of a grant, that will enable them to do a four-month training and research internship at the United Nations Headquarters of New York. Tutors from New Humanity will accompany them through the internship.

The aim of the internship is to conduct research on one or more issues related to the work of NGOs and to the young people's impact on UN projects, aimed at achieving the objectives defined by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Part of the project involves the creation of criteria and processes for the recognition, by the United Nations, of the "United World Week": the international expo of good practices oriented to fraternity and social sustainability which, for over 30 years, has been promoted and organized by the youth of the Focolare Movement. 26 young people from different regions of Italy and of the world answered the international call.

UNESCO International Conference of NGOs



17 – 19 December 2018, UNESCO Headquarters, Paris

New Humanity has taken part in the International Conference of UNESCO's NGO partners with a delegation of five people: Chantal Grevin, Pierre and Marie-Annick Benoit, representatives of the Association at UNESCO in Paris, Catarina Bezerra, a committed young woman of New Humanity, and Lucia Compostella, member of the Board of Directors from Italy. Already the title of the

conference: "Improving and promoting the commitment and contribution of UNESCO's NGO partners" highlighted the focus of all the NGOs present, in finding common methods and themes for both acting together and demonstrating collective strength and innovation of the NGOs, for a more profitable communication, information and dialogue between all and with UNESCO. The conference, which meets every two years and has the task of electing the members of the NGOs Liaison Committee with UNESCO, was also a special time to review the state of cooperation between the two entities, considering in particular the main lines of cooperation for projects, thematic days and events for the next two-year period (2019-2020).

Representatives of New Humanity were involved in the election committee (Pierre Benoit), in the highly appreciated presentation of a pilot project on the follow-up to the conference on migration held in Tunis and for the design of a creative platform that would group projects initiated by various NGOs in the African continent and in the Maghreb region (Marie-Annick Benoit), and in the preparation of the final document of the Conference with the recommendations and commitments for the next two years (Chantal Grevin). Furthermore, because our local New Humanity representatives interwove authentic and collaborative relationships in recent years with various NGOs, some very important themes for the Association were included in the final document, on future forums and events, such as education for global citizenship, non-violence and peace education (both target 4.7 of the 2030 Agenda SDG4), inclusive and equitable education, climate change, and a peace festival for young people.

The HOST SPOT Project of New Humanity Among the Good Practices Promoted by the NGO Committee on Migration (CoM)



December 2018

The NGO Committee on Migration has published the report **"Concrete Policies, Practices and Partnerships to Promote Implementation of the Global Compacts for Migrants and Refugees"**. The **Host-Spot Project** of New Humanity was mentioned among the best 40 policies and practices in support of migrants and refugees in

situations of vulnerability. Eight other New Humanity projects have also been taken into consideration. *"We believe - the Report reads - that the time is ripe to circulate a compendium of good policies and practices that relate directly to the Compact goals just approved and that Member States, civil society and other actors have already implemented with shared interest, effort and commitment."*

The Host-Spot Project is presented as an international initiative funded by the European Commission, promoted in 2016-2017, capable of "spreading a culture of understanding and of promoting respect for human rights". The project engaged "young volunteers from 9 countries volunteering at welcoming centers in Jordan" where they experienced "face-to-face encounters with refugees and what they experienced each day". The report also highlights how the documentaries on the stories of migrants produced by the young people involved in the project helped spread real-life stories of refugees at a European and international level, thus contributing to "eliminating all forms of discrimination and promoting a public debate based on factual data in portraying the phenomenon of migration", as envisaged in Goal 17 of the Global Compacts for Migrants and Refugees.

The other projects presented by New Humanity although not present in the final version of the report are **Back to Africa - Together for a new Africa** (Africa, 2018-2021), Interfaith Welcome Coalition (San Antonio, USA, 2014 to today), **Sewing Peace** (Syria, 2012), **Creating a system – Beyond the Initial Welcome** (Italy, 2016), **The Village of Joy** (Seoul, South Korea, 2003-2016), **Africa's Friends** (Freiburg, Switzerland, 2002 to today), **Maison Notre Dame** (Lebanon, 2005 to today), **Social Cooperative "MissioneFamiglia"** (Italy, 2018).

[Read the Report](#) - [Read the card of the 9 projects presented by New Humanity](#)

During the year and in numerous parts of the world, many projects and events were organized by **Living Peace International**. For a complete vision of what was done in 2018, the report is published on the web page: <http://www.livingpeaceinternational.org/en/>

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