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REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2017

President's Report on the Activities for the year 2017



The Ordinary Assembly of the associated members took place on 1 April 2017, with the presence either physically or by deputy of 17 members.

During 2017 the Board of Directors met eight times (9 January – 27 February – 23 March – 1 April – 10 May – 12 June – 13 Sept and 16 October)

The Board of Directors met also with the representatives of the international offices of the Association:

- Twice through video conference (10 May and 13 Sept)
- Twice in the main office of the Association in Grottaferrata (1-4 April and 10-11 November)

The proposal presented in 2016 of re-organisation and re-enforcement of New Humanity was implemented during the year. The proposal's general objective is to develop a strategy in order to improve the cooperation with the Focolare Movement with the prospective that New Humanity collect the Focolare Movement's projects of global character in a unitary way and represent it to international institutions and civil society.

In this process the following steps have been realized:

- presentation of the New Humanity Association to the Presidency of the Focolare Movement, to the General Council, to the local delegates, and to 4 conferences of the same;
- production of a video presentation of New Humanity presentation in English and Italian (two versions, one of 6 minutes, one of 10 minutes);
- reprint of an updated brochure of the Association;
- proposal of graphic updating and structure of the site, www.new-humanity.org, in the context of a better definition of the communication modalities of the Association as a whole.

We have also dedicated ourselves to strengthening/reorganizing the headquarters and the overseas offices.

For the Central Office:

- greater involvement of young people (active presence during meetings with representatives of the Association's overseas offices);
- frequent contact with the offices (4 meetings);
- foster communication within the agencies of the Focolare Movement (meetings scheduled to be held in 2018);
- highlight projects based on the active focus of the international institutions that are more suitable to our priorities;
- guarantee adequate human and economic resources (recruitment of a part-time person).

For the overseas offices:

- ensure:
 - o visibility (formal presence with people and an office),
 - o competence (to produce, among other things, documents, as the result of the life and thoughts of experts of the Focolare Movement),
 - o continuity (presence not only for a particular interest);
- To give greater openness to young people, also through the activation of internships, scholarships, etc ... at the headquarters and international offices of New Humanity. In this regard, the Diana Foundation has approved funding to support internships of 2 young people of the Association at the United Nations for New York office and at the UNESCO for the Paris office.

During 2017, the activities of the Association have developed, as in previous years, according to the two main guidelines of representation and presence at the international institutions such as the UN (Economic and Social Council and Human Rights Council) and UNESCO and in supporting activities and projects in particular in the field of youth. A special thanks goes to the valuable work done by our representatives in Geneva, Paris and New York and the commitment of members, advisers, experts and collaborators.

In particular, in New York, we emphasize the participation in the Commission on Social Development, with the presentation of a written contribution on the role of the "Economy of Communion" in the fight against poverty and the participation in a side event together with other NGOs, as well as contributions on the issue of refugees and migrants and the strengthening of women's skills.

As for Geneva, among the many activities, we underline the continued collaboration on the theme of human rights and international solidarity through the commitment of the consultant Esther Salamanca. Ms. Salamanca was invited by the High Commissioner for Human Rights to a seminar of experts who reviewed the current draft Resolution from a legal point of view.

Also noteworthy is the participation of Jorge Ferreira, as the representative of New Humanity, and coordinator of the Forum of Catholic-inspired NGOs in Geneva, to the International Forum of Catholic-inspired NGOs, organized by the Holy See and held in Rome, on 11 -12 December. Such Forum was also attended by Chantal Grevin and Marco Desalvo. Jorge Ferreira also took part in a private audience with Pope Francis, who greatly appreciated the coordination work of Catholic-inspired NGOs, offering indications on future work.

As for Paris, note the participation of Chantal Grevin, representative of the UNESCO Association, at the 39th Session of the General Conference of UNESCO Member States, on November 4, 2017, with an intervention that presented some good practices on how to counter violent extremism, emphasizing the theme of global citizenship, and in particular highlighting the commitment of young people through initiatives such as the United World Week.

The representatives of New Humanity for the year 2017 were:
at the UN-ECOSOC

- New York: Joe Klock (Principal Representative), Emily Christy, Mary Ann Cottone and Lain Fon-Sing.

- Geneva: Jorge M. Dias Ferreira (Principal Representative), Marco Aquini, Davide Bilardi, Esther Salamanca.

For the UNESCO site

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

It should also be noted that 2017 saw the transfer of the registered office of the Association, due to the unavailability of the premises in Via Valle della Noce 16/6 in Grottaferrata (Rome). The new office is located in the same Municipality, in Via Piave 15.

The projects presented in 2016 to the European Commission have been consolidated and have obtained funding under the Erasmus + community program:

- The "Milonga" project, which involved about 60 young people in voluntary activities. Volunteering is carried out at NGOs in contact with New Humanity and at Social Training Centers of the Focolare Movement in various European and non-European countries. The experience has been positive so far and therefore requires a better definition of the objectives and organizational methods in light of the first year of activity.
- "Breaking Rays" project, dedicated to youth activities in the field of communication, also in relation to the Genfest youth event to be held in Manila (Philippines) in July 2018.
- The "NEST" project, which foresaw four mobility projects for planning training during 2017. The project is strengthening the network of associations linked or representing the Focolare Movement in 7 European countries.

In addition, a contribution of 35,000 euros was approved by the European Commission to support the Association's ordinary activities for the year 2017.

In 2017 the COEXIST project could be presented as part of the REC community program to support the Focolare Movement's commitment to dialogue and tolerance in Europe. The result has not yet been announced.

Below is a summary of the activities carried out by the Association during the year 2017.

Main Activities of New Humanity during the year 2017



Four Days for a Challenge: A United World



1 – 4 April 2017

New Humanity Annual Assembly and Seminar

Days of intense work at the New Humanity's annual assembly and conference in Castel Gandolfo, Italy. A challenge for a greater incisiveness towards a united world.

Civil life, global citizenship, ecology, migration and refugees, inter-religious dialogue and peace education are only a few of the topics that were addressed during the seminar

organized in Castel Gandolfo by the New Humanity NGO. Representatives from its own overseas offices at the United Nations in Paris, Geneva and New York were also present.

During the conference, attendees had an opportunity to compare projects and proposals that this unique observatory is able to bring to the international debate.

The active participation of young people brought a lot of liveliness to the work and discussion; and the proposals concerning the development of many future projects and events that the NGO promotes were very promising. **Davide Bilardi**, adjunct representative at the center in Geneva, has been working in New Humanity for seven years: "I am part of the work group on Law and International Development in Geneva, and I believe that an NGO like New Humanity can have an impact within the context of an international organization like the United Nations. Common solutions can be found for the global challenges if, at the same time, civil society increases its sensitivity toward issues of interest to the entire planet and gets involved in the process such as in solidarity projects."

There was an important moment of sharing and exchange of ideas during the meeting with Maria Voce and Jesùs Morán, president and co-president of the Focolare Movement, respectively. They encouraged everyone involved in New Humanity to continue in their work and highlighted how their efforts contribute to creating a network which connects new opportunities and the various projects that the Focolare promotes at different levels, including reflection and cultural elaboration. This is a project they want to strengthen so that it can contribute to a more united world.

New Humanity's Economic Vision, presented at The World Bank



18 April 2017, Washington DC, USA

EoC at The World Bank Civil Society Policy Forum (CSPF)

For the first time, New Humanity takes part in an event sponsored by The World Bank Group, with the purpose of presenting the Economy of Communion project as a model and tool for social development.

The New Humanity speaker was Mr. Nicola Sanna, CEO at RiskLens, President of the FAIR Institute and member of the Economy of Communion North American committee. The presentation focused on some concrete examples of initiatives that the Economy of Communion promotes in the world, to favor social development and a fairer and more fraternal world. The audience included more than fifty people, representing different NGOs from all over the world, as well as World Bank, International Monetary Fund (IMF) and Bretton Woods Project staff members. At the end of the presentation, several of them wanted to know more details on the initiative.

The week before, the New Humanity representatives, together with representatives from other faith-based organizations, participated in a session promoted by the World Bank on global commitment. This institution in fact, has the task of **implementing the millennium development goals number 1** (Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger) and **number 10** (Develop a Global Partnership in order to reduce inequality). The World Bank office is looking for good practices able to contribute to the solution of Extreme Poverty. New Humanity and other faith-based organizations are regarded as great intermediaries between the World Bank and the civil society. In particular, **the Economy of Communion project is seen as an excellent example capable of producing concrete results in the eradication of poverty.**

Project NEST: four meetings for the formation to project planning



15 – 19 February, Mariapolis Centre Scandicci, Florence, Italy

22 – 26 May, BadUrach, Germany

9 – 13 September, Budapest, Hungary

2 – 6 November, Luxembourg

In 2017 the project NEST (<http://nest.new-humanity.org>) started to implement its program of strengthening

the network of the partner Associations and of improving the staff professionalism through four meets hosted by four partners of the project (International Students' Center Giorgio la Pira, Starkmacher, UjVaros and AMU Luxembourg). The seminars helped to: increment the technical capacity; develop a greater awareness of active citizenship in Europe; create local networks and develop a plan for an effective and efficient influence on civil society.

At the UN, the Tassano Consortium sets itself as an example of a public-private partnership model in the fight against poverty



24 May 2017 – United Nations, New York

Side event at the ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development

At the event on "New models of interaction between the public and private actors: successes and challenges and their meaning for development finance and the eradication of poverty", New Humanity presented the **Tassano Consortium**, inspired to the Economy of Communion. **The** experience of public-private

partnership promoted by the Tassano Consortium in collaboration with the public administration in Genoa, Italy, was met with enthusiasm by the expert speakers and audience, **which included about forty people representing government officials, UN representatives and private citizens.**

Speaking on behalf of New Humanity, Mr. Joseph Klock noted that "the example of the Tassano Consortium and of numerous other initiatives that take inspiration from the principles of the Economy of Communion, show that public-private partnerships can serve the public well if the people in both the public and private entities have at heart the common good of the community they serve."

With its twenty-year long experience, **the Tassano Group's primary mission is to take inspiration from and to promote that economic model.** It's not by a chance that 156 of its employees (48%) belong to vulnerable categories. At the same time, **the Roberto Tassano Consortium does not shy from the responsibility of a strongly market-oriented business group.** In fact, it includes 22 cooperatives that are active in social services in the territory, such as employment services, homes for the elderly and for the disadvantaged. In 2016 the Consortium had revenues of 25 million € (US \$30 million).

Regarding the interface with the public sector, Mr. Klock's presentation highlighted how the Tassano Consortium's management was able to set up **a wide partnership network with local and state-run government institutions:** their work at the service of the territory and especially for the most vulnerable groups was well recognized and supported through adequate social policies. **This aspect was particularly welcomed by the audience** to the point that the chairperson of the UN Committee on Financing for Development requested to repeat the presentation of the Consortium and of the Italian social Cooperatives model at a future committee meeting so that more people could hear this positive example of how public-private partnerships can work to serve humanity together.

The Right to International Solidarity, as NH priority at the Council of Human Rights



35th Regular Session of the Human Rights Council, 6-23 June 2017
Item 3: Interactive Dialogue with the Independent Expert on Human Rights and International Solidarity

Joint oral statement

"The Right to International Solidarity"

6 - 23 June 2017, Geneva

35th Regular Session of the UN Council of Human Rights

A presentation on behalf of New Humanity and other Catholic Inspired NGOs highlights the need for Right to international solidarity. *"The Right to international solidarity represents a new tool that enables us to face the*

complexity of many global issues". These were the opening remarks offered by Dr. Maria Mercedes Rossi of the Pope John XXIII Community, on behalf of the Forum of the Catholic Inspired NGOs in Geneva (CINGO), during the 35th session of the Council of Human Rights.

New Humanity has very much at heart the approval of such Right, particularly since it is directly rooted in the principle of fraternity of the humanity, which constitutes the inspiring pillar of NH. Furthermore, the United Nations recognized this right since their foundation.

As Dr. Rossi very well expressed at the end of her remark, "we are convinced that the development of international solidarity from a legal standpoint, as a right, is the only feasible way for that principle to become effective and operational, **especially for the benefit of the most vulnerable people.**"

The debate on the promotion of a Declaration on International Solidarity continues



9 June 2017, United Nations, Geneva

Event "Right to International Solidarity: Meeting with the independent expert on the revised draft of the Declaration"

The meeting **was held in order to review** the draft of a Declaration on the Right to International Solidarity, in collaboration **with the UN expert on the topic, Dr. Virginia Dandan**. Dr. Ferreira, New Humanity representative in Geneva, was the

moderator of the event co-sponsored by New Humanity and other organizations, members of the Forum of Catholic Inspired NGOs in Geneva (CINGO), as well as by the Permanent Mission of the Holy See in Geneva.

In her presentation, Dr. Dandan emphasized in a particular way that **international solidarity is based on the norms of international law and on the values of universal fraternity, of the dignity and value of each human person** as a member of the human family of which we all

are part. Remarks were offered also by **Dr. Alfred-Maurice Zayas**, independent expert at the UN for the promotion of a fair and democratic international order, and **Dr. Maria Mercedes Rossi** from the Pope John XXIII Association and spokesperson of the CINGO Forum for the Work-group on international solidarity. **Mons. Ivan Jurkovic**, Apostolic Nuncio and Permanent Observer of the Holy See Mission at the UN in Geneva, gave the opening and closing addresses, in his role as event host.

Expert in International Solidarity thanked by New Humanity



9 June 2017, Geneva

Farewell party in honor of Virginia Dandan

New Humanity and the other Catholic Inspired NGOs in Geneva (CINGO) held a meeting to thank the **Independent Expert on International Solidarity Virginia Dandan**, for the important work she performed and her fruitful collaboration.

Dr. Dandan highlighted that: "The meaning of Human Rights is love. To work for the respect of Human Rights in fact means to concretely love people who sometimes are physically far away or we will never have the chance to get to know in person, but who need to be loved in a special way, either because they are abused or often deprived even of the most basic rights, to the point that their dignity and their value as human beings are seriously crushed, if not destroyed all the way. **Taking care of these people is practicing concrete love for the least."**

Educating towards fraternity: a collective challenge



12 – 14 June, Rosario, Argentina

First International Congress of Educators from the Southern Cone.

408 participants from Chile, Uruguay, Paraguay, Argentina and Colombia, in the 1st International Congress for Educators of the Southern Cone, held in Rosario (Argentina). **Main theme was fraternity as a style for education**

within the wealth of shared educational practices. Besides the participants, about 500 educators took part at the live streaming during moments dedicated to the various topics of the meeting: *"Learning service," "Education for a fraternal economy," "Inter-generational dialogue", and "Empathy and Intercultural Workshop"* to name just a few. Present also Marie-Annick and Pierre Benoit, representatives of New Humanity at the UNESCO.

A few personalities came to visit the congress: The first day started with the visit of the Governor of Santa Fe, *Miguel Lifschitz*, and authorities of other local institutions. The Archbishop of Rosario, *Bishop Martin*, gave a speech the second day.

What came to light was not only the life of fraternity between the students and their teachers but also between directors and inspectors, proposing innovative institutional policies for the benefit of the entire educational community. The art-oriented schools that adhered to the project of fraternity gave their testimonials on how inter-culturation is lived through art, demonstrating new ways of being artists. The workshop on inclusion helped to clarify the concept of how **"the other, with all his or her differences is a gift."**

The theme on education and formation outside the school environment, which is a life-learning process focusing on brotherhood as its methodology, indicated a pathway which consists in going out towards the peripheries with a program centered on values. Many educational practices that achieved excellent results were presented, regarding the potential of body language and the Decalogue of the golden rule in the field of sports as a way of building bridges in such important environments.

New Humanity's plan of action on unaccompanied children migrants



13 June 2017, Geneva

Joint declaration of the Catholic NGOs

New Humanity is one of the organizations co-signatories of the joint declaration **of the Catholic inspired NGOs in Geneva (CINGO) on unaccompanied minors. The declaration** was presented on 15 June on the occasion of the event on "Migration in Central America: migrants are not a danger, rather they are in danger",

organized as a side event to the UN Human Rights Council. The proposed action plan, inspired by Pope Francis' words, is articulated in nine key points.

The declaration title: "Rights, Grace for unaccompanied children through borders" refers to the Holy Father's words: "Let's open our hearts and make them sensitive to our neighbors' sufferings, especially when children are affected."

New Humanity takes part in the debate on Science and Human Rights



14 June 2017, Palace of Nations, Geneva

Transhumanism and Cyberculture: Relationships between Science and Human Rights

Prof. Juan Garcia Gutierrez was asked to be the main speaker on the topic of **ethical challenges posed by the new technologies**, particularly for what concerns education and youth formation.

Initial phase of "Breaking Rays": "5 Ws" for a good journalism



29 June - 7 July 2017, Castel Gandolfo

Nine intense days of work and life together, for the 22 young film-makers, participants of the Breaking Rays **project** (consisting of 3 phases: in Italy, Brazil and Philippines, respectively). They were from **10 countries** (the Philippines, Indonesia, India, Burundi, Italy, Malta, Hungary, Germany, Brazil, Argentina) –

from 20 to 40 years old, with experience and/or training in the field of audiovisuals, graphic and photography. They deepened together the rules for a good journalism according to the questions of the "5 Ws": Who, What, Where, When, Why. *They write: "It was a profound and sincere experience based on building true relationships, which clearly showed how, also in a technical context like this, true human values are the key of everything".*

Presentation and Open House at New Humanity's new office



4 July 2017, Geneva

Meeting of the CINGO FORUM

The last meeting of the Forum of the Catholic Inspired NGOs in Geneva (CINGO) before the summer holidays was held at the new office of New Humanity in Geneva, at Chemin du Barbolet 5, 1213 Onex (CH). It was an opportunity to present the new venue in a simple and informal way, which included even a barbecue. Present at the meeting were the representatives of CINGO as well as H.E. Ivan

Jurkovic, **Apostolic Nuncio and Permanent Observer of the Holy See Mission at the UN in Geneva. The meeting ended with a Mass celebrated by Mons. Jurkovic, as a final gathering before the summer pause.** "It was a nice occasion to thank God for the fruits this year brought - Dr. Jorge Ferreira, **representative of New Humanity in Geneva, said – and together entrust to God our future commitments**".

New Humanity participates in the debate on the theme of Right to International Solidarity



Research Seminar

INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY: PRINCIPLE OR RIGHT?
Philosophical, political and legal aspects

Séminaire de recherche

SOLIDARITÉ INTERNATIONALE: PRINCIPE OU DROIT?
Aspects philosophiques, politiques et juridiques

5 - 7 July 2017, Geneva International Welcoming Centre and Palais Wilson.

"International Solidarity: Principle or Right?" Seminar

As part of the research seminar — which was focused on reflecting on the philosophical, political and juridical aspects of international solidarity — **New Humanity contributed with a reflection on the**

specific role of education. The event, *supported by the UNESCO*, was promoted by New Humanity and other organizations belonging to the Forum of the Catholic Inspired NGOs in Geneva (CINGO), *and was organized in collaboration with various universities and international research centers.* It consisted on an initiative in the context of a ten-year long effort on a closer dialogue among cultures, and it proposed a reflection on the concept of human solidarity based on intercultural dialogue and respect of cultural diversity and human rights. The topic is part of a wider debate on the progress of international solidarity and correlated to the Human Rights Council (UNHRC). The addresses of Dr. Jorge Ferreira, **New Humanity representative at the United Nations in Geneva, and those of the other speakers will be published in an e-book, as a contribution to the debate on the Declaration on the Right to International Solidarity at the Council for Human Rights.**

Project Milonga: Changing the world is in your hands



5 – 11 August 2017, Mariapolis Ginetta, Brazil

On August 5th, representatives from the Focolare's permanent Mariapolises around the world, and representatives from various NGOs, met for one week at the Mariapolis in Brazil to discuss strategies for further network development, examining strategic and management aspects of the program, selection and

accompaniment, monitoring and reception of participants into the project; and also to offer a quality formation process that will have a positive impact on both the individual volunteers and on the host communities. 80 young people who participated in the pilot projects will now have the opportunity to fulfil their dream of volunteering beyond their own borders.

Young people from New Humanity learn on the Right to Development



7-11 August 2017, Geneva

14th Summer University Seminar on Human Rights

This year too, two young people from New Humanity, Giacomo Fabris, from Italy, and Maria Chiara Humana, from Rwanda, *were invited to take part in the* summer seminar on Human Rights *sponsored by the Henry Dunant University College. The topics focused on the definition of universality and on identifying objectives for a*

***sustainable development, with a particular attention on the Right to development and the current economy.* The two New Humanity representatives were selected together with other 29 participants from 12 European and African countries among more than 250 candidates. They received a general overview on the international procedure concerning human right protection and attended interactive workgroups and thematic workshops.**

The participants also contributed to the drafting of the first *report of the Observatory for the economic, social and cultural rights* of the Henry Dunant University College, which was then presented at the United Nations on September 25. The summer university seminar coincided with the session of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD), attended as well by our participants.

New Humanity and Teens4Unity at the FAO headquarters



8 September 2017, Rome, FAO headquarters

Generation “Zero Hunger”

The new generations of the Focolare Movement and New Humanity are on the frontline, together with FAO, in the project called «Zero Hunger» by 2030. A goal that is reachable with the cooperation of everyone, with the commitment of everyone.

Today's teens and youth can become the first generation able to eradicate hunger in the

world. In order to reach this goal, FAO decided to target the new generations. For this reason, on 8 September, during a meeting at its central headquarters in Rome, two of its executives made a proposal to the international Centers of Teens4Unity and Youth for a United World Movements, with the support of New Humanity, to work with them for this major objective. The young people agreed with great enthusiasm. They took up the challenge inserting it as one of their priorities in building a united world.

Project “Living Peace”: a congress for Educators to Peace



25- 29 October 2017, Castel Gandolfo (Rome)

An educational path to peace: A congress for teachers, animators, educators.

Within the project “Living Peace International”, New Humanity and other sister organizations addressed topics such as the culture of peace and reciprocity, starting from concrete initiatives like the cube of peace and the project “Let's color our city”. The 30-hour program was recognized as a formation course for school staff (D.M. 170/2016). About 100 people from 30 countries of four continents took part in the congress. Many others followed it via live streaming. The topics – “the value of peace”, “the pedagogy of the cube of peace”, “6x1: six stages for a goal” as a methodology introduced to the Teens4Unity in order to

develop peace projects in their areas – were very much appreciated by the participants for the actuality of the themes, for the language and for the scientific expertise of the speakers. The course deepened the awareness that a culture of peace is born from the personal commitment wherever each one lives and works, and from being part of a worldwide net that gives more courage and visibility.

«Living Peace » at UNESCO



Paris, UNESCO Headquarters

Through the representatives of New Humanity at UNESCO, the project “Living Peace” was presented to Madame Ann-Belinda Preis, director of the intercultural dialogue in the department of human and social sciences. New possibilities of reciprocal

cooperation were foreseen after this meeting.

New Humanity presents the literacy challenges and fight against illiteracy from the African point of view



11 September 2017, Paris, UNESCO

International Literacy Day

On the occasion of International Literacy Day, which took place on Monday 11 September 2017, the NGO Soroptimist International organized a daylong conference and panel discussions at UNESCO's Headquarters. New Humanity was part of the program not just through the presence of Chantal Grevin, Marie-Annick and Pierre Benoit, its official representatives at UNESCO, but in particular

through Melchior Nsavyimana's remarks.

Melchior, a member of New Humanity, is from Burundi and studied Political Sciences at Sophia University, where he just discussed his doctoral dissertation. The very first round table he participated in, focused on the issue: **“What are the challenges of literacy and fight against illiteracy in today's world?”** His remarks, in which he presented to the audience Africa's point of view, were striking and constituted an important moment in the discussion, especially his statement of *“not acting in the place of Africans, but together with them”*.

Melchior Nsavyimana also presented the project “Come back to Africa: turn your dreams back to Africa in order to contribute and build the Africa we want”. The project, launched and promoted by Melchior, has the purpose of raising awareness in African youth who study and get a degree in Europe, about the need of development of their countries of origin and need of formation of their fellow compatriots, from a peace perspective. Six countries in East Africa plus the Democratic Republic of the Congo are engaged in the “pilot project” intended to form youth to responsible leadership and active citizenship.

New Humanity Attends the NGOs-States Dialogue towards a Better Mutual Cooperation



6 October 2017, Paris, UNESCO

On Friday October 6th 2017, the Committee on non-governmental Partnerships (PNGs) of the UNESCO Executive Council held a meeting in which the three representatives of New Humanity in Paris were present.

The NGOs were invited to discuss with the States belonging to this Committee how to improve cooperation and dialogue between the

NGOs and the State Members. The work was based on a report that outlined a mapping of the cooperation between the various organizations of the UN.

HOST SPOT: third phase concluded



28 October – 2 November 2017

Alexandria, Egypt

From 28 October to 2 November the third and final meeting of HOSTSPOT was held in Alexandria of Egypt. It was promoted by various ONGs and Associations, among which the International Association New Humanity (Italy), Starkmacher EV (Germany), Caritas Jordan (Jordan), VACA (Palestine), Jesuit Cultural Center (Alexandria), Association bNET (Italy), Fundación Igino Giordani

(Spain), Focolari Trust (Ireland), ÚjVáros Alapítvány (Hungary) and Non dalla Guerra (Italy). Starting from the experience of being together in the refugee camp in Jordan in August 2016, the young people continued their journey with two other events where they deepened some communication techniques and finally, last stop, in Egypt.

The young people, coming from Hungary, Bosnia, Palestine, Egypt, Spain, Ireland, Italy and Jordan, spent ten days together as the conclusion of this innovative project promoted by the European Community. The project has helped to create links and build bridges among the youth's associations on topics like the pursuit of peace, through dialogue among cultures, formation on today's issues, and information seminars on the mechanisms that rule the media and communication worlds on migration matters. An experience that has seen the young protagonists review and summarize the activities already undertaken and decide together how to continue this precious collaboration among the associations, and how to develop projects and put together new synergies in spreading a culture of peace, primarily through training on present issues.

New Humanity's Historic Statement at the UNESCO General Conference



4 November 2017, UNESCO

39th Session of the General Conference

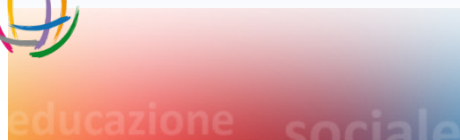
For the first time on its history, New Humanity delivered a Statement at the plenary session of the UNESCO General Conference of the member States. The NGO presented some good practices on the

topic on how to stop violent extremism.

"How can violent extremism be stopped? How can we give the youth of our countries hope for peace?" During her remarks, Ms Chantal Grevin, permanent representative of New Humanity in Paris, commended UNESCO for choosing, in recent years, to promote the concept of global citizenship as a key solution to such problem. In her address, MsGrevin reminded the audience of the United World Week: a week dedicated to Article 1 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The event gathers together the New Humanity youth (Youth for a United World) with the goal of making visible universal fraternity through actions that they themselves have been promoting during the year in every part of the world. Since a few years ago, those good practices have been collected in an **Atlas of Fraternity**, which the young people have already brought to the UNESCO national commissions of their own country.

MsGrevin highlighted how several other NGOs, the Catholic International Education Office (OIEC), and the International Catholic Child Bureau (BICE) are supporting the advocacy for the recognition of the United World Week by the United Nations. This initiative, and other similar ones are promoting Article 1 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and will hopefully become the heritage of all, as an instrument to become a citizen of the world.

Publication of a Book on: "Education, Inclusion and Solidarity - Settings, Practices and Perspectives"



Educación, inclusión y solidaridad
Ámbitos, prácticas y perspectivas

Prof. Juan Garcia-Gutiérrez - New Humanity Expert on Education - and professors del PozoArmentia, A. and d'OreyRoquete, M. published the study: "**Educación, inclusión y solidaridad. Ámbitos, prácticas y perspectivas.**" (original title)

Madrid: UNED". (ISBN: 9788461740864; 288 pp.)

New Humanity's Contribution on Ethics, Solidarity and Rights for Climate Justice



7 December 2017, UNESCO

8th International Forum of NGOs partners of UNESCO

On December 7 and 8, the 8th international forum of the NGOs partners of UNESCO took place in Paris. The title - **"Changing Minds, rather than the Climate"**, was a clear reference to the role that NGOs can play on the

climate change issue.

The Forum was opened by Mrs Audrey Azouley, the new Director-General of UNESCO, which was a strong indication of her interest in the collaboration with the NGOs. **Yves Froissart, a member of New Humanity and an environmental engineer**, took part in the first panel discussion about **"Ethics, Solidarity and Rights for Climate Justice"**. His presentation on **"Responsibility and role of local players – that is, each of us – in the fight against climate change"** was well received by the high qualified and attentive audience. Using a plain language and giving concrete examples, Yves challenged the audience to action and responsibility, as he emphasized the importance of diversity and subsidiarity, practiced by players belonging to different cultures and spiritualities. **The panel moderator**, in her closing words, underlined the importance of the word spirituality, mentioned by Yves.

New Humanity discusses developments and future prospects with other international Catholic-inspired NGOs (CINGO) in Rome



11-13 December 2017, Rome

3rd Forum of Catholic-Inspired NGOs (CINGO)

The New Humanity main *representatives took part in an important event that hosted representatives from over 100 NGOs, Apostolic Nuncios to different international organizations in New York, Paris, Brussels, Geneva, Nairobi, Strasbourg, etc., as well as other civil and religious authorities, among*

whom Cardinal Parolin, Vatican Secretary of State. Mr. Marco Desalvo, New Humanity President, and Dr. Chantal Grevin, main representative at UNESCO, were also present, together with Dr. Jorge Ferreira, main representative in Geneva, who during the Forum, presented the socio-political context, challenges and way of operating of the Catholic-Inspired NGOs in Geneva.

On 13 December a **small delegation**, among whom also Dr. Ferreira, had the opportunity to meet personally with **Pope Francis** who encouraged everyone to work in a spirit of

communion and cooperation as a sign of the Church's commitment to building a more fraternal and just world.

The conference included workshops and discussion sessions, as well as meetings that helped increase dialogue and sharing among all the participants. Particular focus was given to topics that are key to New Humanity's work, like the need to increase fraternity and unity, while respecting diversity. Many are the planned initiatives because of the numerous new synergies developed during the conference.

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Hombre Mundo Laboratories: 50 fraternity labs were held during the month of July in various cities of Eastern Europe, Middle East, Central and South America and one in Africa, too. The young people deepened the theme of communication starting from the labs' title: **Head Hands Hearts**. Three dynamic "H" launched the teenagers beyond the barrier of diversity in order not to avoid the conflict but to "develop a

communion of the differences", as Pope Francis wrote in the *"Evangelii Gaudium"*, because "unity is greater than conflict".

United World Project: The work of cooperation continues, especially in view of the GenFest 2018 in Manila, Philippines.

The post-UNESCO commission continues the programmed work.

Many the projects and events realized everywhere during the past year by *Living Peace International*. For a complete view of the 2017 endeavors, the annual report is published in the organization's website <http://www.livingpeaceinternational.org>

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