



**CONFEDERACIÓN EUROPEA DE ANTIGUOS ALUMNOS
DE JESUITAS**

50º Aniversario

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We have met in Rome representing of twelve European countries, integrated in thirteen national federations, that we constituted at the present time the European Confederation of Former Pupils of Jesuits.

This meeting has his reason in the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the formation of the Union Européenne des Anciens Élèves of the Compagnie de Jésus, that took place in this city from the 3 to the 6 of September of 1954. For that reason, we want to direct to the P. Peter Hans Kolvenbach SJ, Superior General of the Jesuits, and through him, to all the Company of Jesus, the following message:

R.P.Kolvenbach:

Celebration of fiftieth anniversary of foundation of Confédération Européenne des Anciens Élèves des Pères Jésuites, that agrees with the signature in this city of Rome of the Treaty of the Union, subscribed by the Government and Chiefs of State of the 25 countries that integrate the European Union, is an occasion in order that we address to ourselves on our representatives and directive responsibility of the European Alumni, raising the three ignatiens questions to us: what we have done in these fifty years, what we do at the present time, what we projected to do in the future?

During these fifty years the Alumni have debated vividly on our role in the society and on the way of returning her what we have received in our formation in the educative centres of the Company of Jesus. For it we have held numerous meetings and 19 continental congresses. After the first original congress of Rome (1954), the second in Loyola was celebrated (1956), on which next to the Latin American Confederation our World-wide Union was based.

We want to represent all of them in the X Congress celebrated in Valencia (1973), in which through the interpellation of the P. Arrupe, the Alumni we became aware from our objective of being Men and Women for the others.

Since then, our national federations have developed an important work with some disappointments, mistakes and failures, but at the same time with entusiasme and without a doubt with profits and successes.

Next to the work of the different local, national associations and European confederation, the most important and effective work has been the one of the hundreds of thousands of European Alumni, that in their work, its family, her social surroundings and its Christian and political commitment, have been instruments fundamental to advance in the construction of the Kingdom of God in one more a

more human Europe, more shared in common, righter, it jeopardize more and freer.

Conscious of the limitations of our past, but with the pride of it to have lived, today we can present/display the reality of our Confederation shaped in the document In everything To love and To serve, approved in Gent in 2000, as well as the situation of the different national federations developed in the attached information.

We are attending a little while crucial of the history of Europe that we approached from the Christian roots of the received inheritance. Our Confederation is enriched by the incorporation of the Alumni of countries from the East of Europe, with the presence of the federations of Lithuania and Poland, and the attendance for the first time of representatives of Hungary in this meeting.

All it raises a challenge to us: the one of being true agents in the transformation of our society. For it the European Alumni we want to be present in our society:

1. Presence in the field of the European construction in the context of a multicultural and global society, in whom the inherited structures have remained obsolete: cultural, economic, familiar (family), religious...
2. Presence in the field of education working closely with the Society by intensifying their role at school but also of evangelisation. We can constitute good resources through the network represented by our organization.
3. PRESENCE IN the POLITICAL, MORAL and SOCIAL DISCERNMENT, on aspects that arise derivatives from the scientific advances, or of new socio-economic models: bioethical, sexual moral, ethical policy, ethics of the businesses...
4. PRESENCE OF OUR ASSOCIATIVE NETWORK, cradle in the adjustment of our organizatives structures (associations, federations and confederation) to the reality of the Alumni. European Alumni.. It is fundamental to integrate but not only to jeopardize to all without distinction of age or origin, but intensifying the work of the YOUNG PEOPLE and the east European countries.
5. VISIBLE PRESENCE, intensifying the visualization of the human network that we constituted the AA. European AA. As well as the work that we made, effectively promoting the meetings and the communications.

This it is the objective that will orient our performance in the next months and will constitute the leit motiv of our XX Congress which will be held in Lisbon in July 2005, to that - as always we have the honour to invite you cordially