

**Presentation of Report on 2018 CAPP Foundation activity by the Chairwoman Professor
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Dear Friends:

Now let me give you some information on the Foundation's structure and our work over the past year, the gist of today's Agenda.

Attendance to the Convention is as follows: 168 members from 15 local groups, representing approximately 49 % of total membership.

1. The structure

The Board has two new Directors, replacing the Past President, Mr. Domingo Sugranyes Bickel, and the Past Vice President, Ms. Camilla Borghese, whom I wish to thank again for their precious work, commitment and dedication. The new Directors are Ms. Claudia Cattani, President of FERROVIE RETE ITALIA, who is very sensitive to the issues of sustainability, of formation of the young and their integration in the labor market, and Mr. Borja Barragan Frade, founder of ALTUM FAITHFUL INVESTING, a young Spanish entrepreneur and expert on NPOs investment. This means the Board is now formed by two ladies and seven men: we shall have to work toward a better gender representation.

Currently the Foundation is present in 12 countries with 27 different local or national groups. In total the members are in excess of 350.

In the first months of 2019 the Acireale - Catania group was set up in Sicily, adding to the 7 local and national groups founded or revamped in 2018: Hong Kong, Paris, Messina, Padua, Rome, Treviso and Prato. The Young International Network (YIN) is now operational, a further proof of the increasingly international nature of the Foundation.

As I mentioned, the groups meet on average 4/5 times a year. Their methods of work are diversified: some groups regularly involve outside personalities, others are more focused on getting their members together. Some are more structured, others less. Relations with local Dioceses vary, as well as contacts with other associations in the area that pursue goals similar to those of our Foundation.

To address this variety of approaches the Board deemed opportune to set some operational guidelines. Obviously membership is open to all accepted entrants, even if they are not part of a formal group: the contribution and commitment of every member is welcome and certainly useful.

Taking in consideration this variety, the Board has come to the resolution to fix guidelines for the approval of new established local groups. Obviously all people can apply to the Foundation even if not member of a group already established. The effort and contribution of each of you is more than welcome.

As I said, we must be a reference point for the territory in which we operate, giving tangible witness of our values, cooperating with local Dioceses, Universities and unions. Dialogue and the exchange of information and reflections are very important to our mission of SDC diffusion: we can give and receive meaningful input.

2. Activity

Continuing the tradition of past years our central activities focused on two important events: the May International Conference on the theme “New Policies and Lifestyles in the Digital Era” and the New York consultation of the *Dublin Process* in cooperation with Fordham University (March) which addressed the theme “An ethical compass for the digital age” (a synopsis is available on our website). There have been some important national conferences: in the USA “Reduce Hunger: Pope Francis’ Call for New Approaches”, September 27, 2018); in Germany the national conference “Digitale Kulturrevolution” and in Italy the Padua conference “Labor is man’s friend and man is labor’s friend”.

All relevant material is available on our website.

The outcome of all these meetings led to the drafting of our 2019 Declaration that we sent you on February 23rd last.

In 2018 our 12th book “Catholic Social Teaching in Action: Facing the Challenges of the Digital Age” was published by the Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Our books have reached a good scientific level and can be a useful instrument of SDC diffusion: we intend to increase the number of these publications to share the work and mission of the Foundation with a wider public.

Last year, in my capacity of designated Chairman, and as moved by the Board, I began a series of visits to Italian groups, accompanied by the Secretary General and the National

Ecclesiastic Assistant Fr. Walter Magnoni. They proved very useful: I had the opportunity of meeting the local Ordinaries, of bringing the Foundation's work to their attention and of receiving inputs. I will continue this process meeting also non-Italian groups. It is a task that requires time and energy but I am convinced of its usefulness.

At the end of January 2019 we held in London the 6th *Dublin Process* Consultation on the theme "An Ethical Debate on Finance and Technology".

The beginning of 2019 saw also the beginning of the Italian SDC course with a new format (part residential and part online) and new contents, under the guidance of Fr. Francesco Occhetta SJ. This course continues to be very successful. The US course is also well structured and successful. Fr. Occhetta will give us some detailed information during the 2nd Session.

A residential SDC course for priests and deacons will start next July, in response to the urgings of some Archbishops. Its coordinator will be Fr. Walter Magnoni.

These courses are an important instrument of SDC diffusion and could be offered also in other countries.

3. Economic and financial report

The Secretary General will brief you on the financial results but in the meantime I will give you some data. Our 2018 Annual Report shows a profit of about €107,000 which is €102,000 less than in 2017: the difference is due to increased costs (for the 25th anniversary event) and negative market trends, the latter affecting also our Balance Sheet. We are taking steps to reduce expenditure and increase revenue, first of all through the acquisition of new members. However, these are measures that will bring fruit in the medium term.

Traditionally membership dues cover the Foundation's overhead expenses and capital yield allows us to make the annual donation to the Holy Father. Unfortunately this year the donation is about half of what it was in 2018, due to a much lower return on investment and some devaluations.

We face a sustainability problem for some of our initiatives. The Board is looking into the matter.

We are considering an extraordinary fund raising campaign.

Some ideas for the future

As any other organizations foundations must have an outlook, a project for the future. We are thinking of setting up an ad hoc commission, called “2030 Commission”, getting all our members involved. The idea is to ask for their opinions by means of a questionnaire, to be submitted anonymously, that will be sent out at the end of the International Conference.

It might be useful to hold a meeting with all the local coordinators in October/November of each year, to talk about what was done and look into possible projects for the following year. I realize it would mean a lot of work for the General Secretariat and the Local Coordinators but I like to listen to your opinions. It would be a way to keep in touch and strengthen dialogue.

Another idea: a short newsletter, to be issued twice a year, that could be called CAPP News. A synthetic and easy to read one, published on our website or circulated by mail, reporting our main news and some short article of local/national groups. But we would need the help of some volunteers, since we cannot impose further on the General Secretariat, nor sustain additional costs (one/two members of the Scientific Committee? Some members?

Now I give the floor to the Secretary General, Mr. Eutimio Tiliacos, who will present the 2018 Mission and Management Report.