



World CLC Day
 in Transylvania
 23rd to 25th of
 March 2012

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Daniela Frank, the WCLC president and Inge Höpfl, member of the Euroteam, followed an invitation of CLC groups in Transylvania. Some of the group members had previously participated in CLC holidays in Dobokogö/Hungary and/or in Tannenlohe/Germany. Their main question was: How can we join World CLC? During these days about 35 people from all over Transylvania met, some of them with quite a long CLC history, others have joined only recently. As a next step each group will nominate a representative for the new coordinating team which will be in charge of future common activities.

Apart from mutual support information CLC plans to start an apostolic discernment process. Through a quite extensive retreat program most members are well formed in Ignatian spirituality, but would like to deepen the community dimension and to discover ways of common social initiatives. Daniela and I were very touched by the cordial hospitality and experienced once again that in CLC we can easily communicate beyond language borders as the last hymn in our final mass expresses:

“From you I receive, to you I give. Together we share, by this we live.” *Inge Höpfl*

Euroteam Meeting Rome; February 17 - 20, 2012

This year the first meeting of the Euroteam was held in Rome at the Retreat House of the Suore Ancelle di Cristo Re in Monte Cucco. This was planned to overlap with the meeting of the World Ex-Co which was taking place at the same location. This enabled us to meet with the Ex-Co in order to discuss priorities and concerns related to CLC in the European Region. It was a joy to be able to share the Eucharist as well as meal times with the Ex-Co. Together with the Ex-Co, we were also able to spend an evening with members of CVX Italia

On the agenda of the Euroteam meeting was the initial preparation for the Eurolinks meeting which will be held in Austria in November of this year. You will be receiving further information about this meeting soon, and there will also be a special section of the website which we will keep up to date as more details become available. It will also be possible for participants to submit their registrations online.

We also discussed the proposed Leadership Course. Based on the feedback from the National Communities and the participants of the original course in Rome, the conclusion was that this should be a short course (or series of short courses), possibly a long weekend. Ideally there should be more than one participant from each National Community so that they will be able to work together to pass on the training when they return.

We remember with gratitude the blessings of these few days in Rome - not only what was achieved in the service of CLC in Europe, but also the true senses of companionship in CLC as a World Community

Saviour Borg

**unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies,
 it remains just a single grain;
 but if it dies, it bears much fruit.**

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LISEL, Luxembourg

A place of initiatives and services to students

LISEL was founded in 2006 by 5 catholic organizations, of which two are CLC and the Jesuits, to respond to needs of students in the light of the Gospel and social teachings of the Church.

Six years later, LISEL developed as:

- a community of students (Europeans, Africans, Asians) to reflect, discuss, pray, celebrate,
- a service with 3 community houses and social counseling,
- a place which supports studies according to personal needs,
- a stepping stone to discover the world in Luxemburg, in the neighboring countries and beyond.

Since 2008 LISEL organizes for Luxemburg students a 3- weeks social immersion experience in Kenya (3 x) and this year 2012 in Cameroon. The aim is to raise concern amongst young people for African people, to change their views on Africa, to make them discover deep humanity and spirituality in materially deprived areas.

It was a pleasure to have CLC-Kenya as organizing partner, as it is now for CLC-Cameroon. They appoint a contact person, choose the local students and the host families, as well as the social initiatives, where the young people stay in peer groups during 3 weeks. They also organize the introduction days and are present to the final evaluation.

In Luxemburg, LISEL prepares young volunteers for the encounter with Africa and organizes fundraising activities with their active participation. A preference is given to small size groups: 8 students from Luxemburg + 4 from Kenya/Cameroon, sent in groups of 3 to 4 different immersion places. In Kenya these places were: orphanage, Empower-Women-group, health project for kids, parish summer activities, tuition, and hospital. As for Cameroon the selection procedure is not yet finished; it might be possible that the section for minors in prison will be included.

After each experience students are touched, discovering that all can be one, despite differences of race, culture and religion (one of our volunteers was Muslim); Africans discover that their prejudices against white people were wrong and vice-versa; Luxemburg students discover a huge hospitality, a deep faith and a great sense of celebration. And each time they remain friends and I myself end up having more and more children and Mamas in Kenya, in Luxemburg and soon in Cameroon.

Since February 2012, LISEL has also a new social project in one of its student homes in Luxemburg-city: students from Moldavia, Rumania, Senegal, Ivory Coast and Cameroon volunteer every week in projects for homeless people. They meet every Sunday evening to talk about their experiences and once a month I join them for guidance. North-South development assistance is now definitely turned upside down, to show that we all need one another.

Luxemburg, 28 March 2012, Agnes Rausch



LISEL, Luxembourg

Diary

A diary to inform you of events taking place and also to ask for your support in prayer for these events.

Euroteam Meeting. Milan.
June 29 - July 2, 2012

International CLC Holiday
Ljubljana, Slovenia
July 21 - 28, 2012

Eurolinks meeting. Austria.
November 1-4, 2012

Meeting for EAs,
June 4 - 6, 2014

European Assembly
June 6 - 9, 2014

To further information look at the CLC Europe website:
www.clc-europe.org

News of the CLC in Germany

From 27th to 30th of April we will have our National Assembly in Bad Salzschlirf. The assembly theme: "Do you not know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough?" (1 Cor 5,6).

We will talk about simple and sustainable style of life and the process of dialog in our Catholic Church of Germany (sense of the Church). At this meeting we will also elect a new National Executive Council.

International Holiday Week in Slovenia

The Slovenian Christian Life Community invites you to an international holiday week. We are looking forward to spending a few days together with families, couples and singles in the heart of Slovenia, our capital city Ljubljana.

During the week we wish to seek God through beauty – beauty in nature, culture and people. [More Information](#)

Two days in Vienna

Evelyne Maloret



ExCo of CLC Austria with Evelyne: Joseph Waif, Gertrud Zeller, Evelyne Maloret, Karin Hampel, Martha Dumphart, Nicholas Holmes-Edinger

Following a meeting of the euroteam (ET) in Rome I spent two days in Vienna at the invitation of Martha Dumphart, the Austrian eurolink. Karl Jurik a member of CLC Vienna gave Martha and I a very warm welcome to his home in Vienna where we enjoyed two very full but enjoyable days exploring the beauty of the city but also visiting the proposed venue for

the Eurolink's meeting this November. This will take place at the beginning of November at Lilienhof, St. Pölten. The retreat centre is situated in a rural part of St Polten and has very modern facilities and is surrounded by wide open spaces. It offers a very peaceful and prayerful environment for our next meeting and will be, I am sure, a very inspiring venue for our Eurolinks. During our visit here we spoke about the possibility of an excursion for the group on the Saturday of our meeting and the suggestion was made that we might consider a visit to the Abbey of Melk, a beautiful Benedictine monastery. This is only a 30 minute drive from our retreat house and stands on the banks of the Danube. We will also have the Jesuit Provincial with us on the Saturday evening for the Eucharist along with members of the CLC community in Austria.

The final evening of my visit was an opportunity to meet with the members of CLC Vienna at their monthly Mass followed by an Agape. Here we spent a beautiful evening sharing our CLC life and experiencing the wider CLC community. We were joined by Sr. Mary Fehr, companion to the new CLC Group in Klagenfurt. I just want to say a very sincere thank you to CLC Austria for their hospitality and look forward to being with them again in November at the Eurolink's meeting.

CVX Italy: Summer Experiences

The summer experiences organized by LMS (Lega Missionaria Studenti) aim at letting people establish relationships, beyond poverty, social differences and health problems, to discover the real meaning of humanity.

Three possibilities are offered this year:

- Romania (7-23 July, 21 July-6 August or 4-20 August). In the town of Sighet there are three foster homes maintained by LMS. You'll be hosted in a family, and work entertaining parentless children or helping invalids and old people.
- Peru (30 July-30 August). In Trujillo we have a small centre that educates to the family values and hosts ill-treated children. You'll live in the centre and entertain the children, or participate in the prevention initiatives carried out in the surroundings.
- Cuba (2-23 August). You will be accommodated in a government building. You will work either in social labs or in charity and missionary activities, supporting the nuns in their work. *Gabriele Aghardi*

[Email for more information](#)

The Rome Accommodation Project

We have received from the World Secretariat the good news that until March 6, 2012, 77% of the funds needed for this project had been collected. The aim of this project of the World ExCo is to purchase an apartment in Rome for the Executive Secretary. In this way, the heavy annual cost of renting the apartment can be directed to other projects and apostolic works. We ask you to continue supporting this project in any way that you can. Further information can be found on the [World CLC Website](#) or by email from the [World Secretariat](#).

World CLC Day 2012: Switzerland

The World CLC Day 2012 and its specific focus on the "The meaning of CLC membership" was celebrated by CLC Switzerland in conjunction with its 30th anniversary. CLC members from all over the German speaking part of Switzerland were meeting in the premises of the AKI, the Catholic student community in the center of Zurich. We were invited to celebrate this anniversary within a group of 26 on March 25, a sunny Sunday afternoon with feelings of spring. *Helmut Schift*

More information about the celebration of World CLC Day in Switzerland and other National Communities will be available on the [World CLC Web Site](#).

World CLC Day 2012: Malta

CLC Malta celebrated World CLC Day with the Initial Commitment of 19 members. The event included presentations by Chris Micallef, on his experience in the World Ex-Co, Saviour Borg about the Euroteam, Edward Warrington about the significance of commitment in CLC and testimonies of two members on the process by which they arrived at Initial Commitment. The meeting ended with the Eucharist, within which the commitment ceremony took place. *Saviour Borg*

CLC International Cookbook

We remind you of this World General Assembly project aimed at greater awareness of being members of one world community as well as raising some funds for the World Secretariat. The project proposal is to develop an international cookbook that will represent the menus of typical meals reflective of the various cultures and tastes of the world community. The cookbook will be an opportunity to celebrate food as a symbol of unity and diversity. Let's share the richness of our unique world community by sharing recipes.

Each national ExCo is invited to submit a menu typical to their region that could include up to five recipes: soup, salad, meat or fish, vegetable, rice or beans and dessert (any combination). Additionally, each national ExCo is invited to send an e-mail picture of their CLC national symbol, a brief description of their apostolic initiative (2 or 3 sentences) and a short Prayer (Grace) that could be said before meals.

[Download further information.](#)



CLC international volunteering experience

SIGVOL Ecuador: July-August 2012

Dear world CLC brothers and sisters,

It is a pleasure for us to present to you with the proposal for our CLC international volunteering experience for young people in Ecuador for this vacation time July-August 2012, presented to you by SIGVOL (Ignatian Volunteering Service) Apostolic institution of CLC Ecuador.

We hope it is well received, since it responds to a dream of many years that has been supported in every way by CLC World EXCO, and we encourage your young member communities to take part on this experience of learning-serving, which intends to continue building the kingdom and to "be more, to serve more". See attached power point and executive summary to find all the details and information.

For any further information please contact us.

United in the Lord,
Gabriel Lozano
Executive Director of SIGVOL Servicio Ignaciano de Voluntariado - SIGVOL

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[DOWNLOAD more information](#)

Queridos hermanos-as de la CVX-Mundial,

Es un gusto el poder presentarles la propuesta de voluntariado internacional para jóvenes en periodo vacacional 2012 que desde la Fundación Servicio Ignaciano de Voluntariado (SIGVOL), Obra apostólica de la CVX-Ecuador, se quiere presentar a cada uno de ustedes.

Espero sea bien recibida en sus comunidades, ya que responde al sueño de muchos años y es una propuesta que ha sido apoyada en todo sentido por el EXCO mundial; esperamos se animen a participar de esta experiencia de aprendizaje-servicio, con el objetivo de seguir construyendo el reino y de "ser más para servir mejor". En los anexos encontrarán un power point y un resumen ejecutivo de la propuesta con toda la información y detalles de la misma.

Para cualquier duda estoy a su disposición.

Un abrazo en el señor --
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An Easter Prayer

May the Risen Christ fill
you with these Gifts

Freedom and Honesty...

to truly get to know yourself as a beloved child of the Father!

Joy and Wonder...

*the kind you get from looking at creation and reflecting on the
many gifts God has given you including the gift that you are!*

Strength and Confidence...

*the kind that comes from those experiences that teach you that you
can rely on God to overcome all difficulties!*

Courage and Energy...

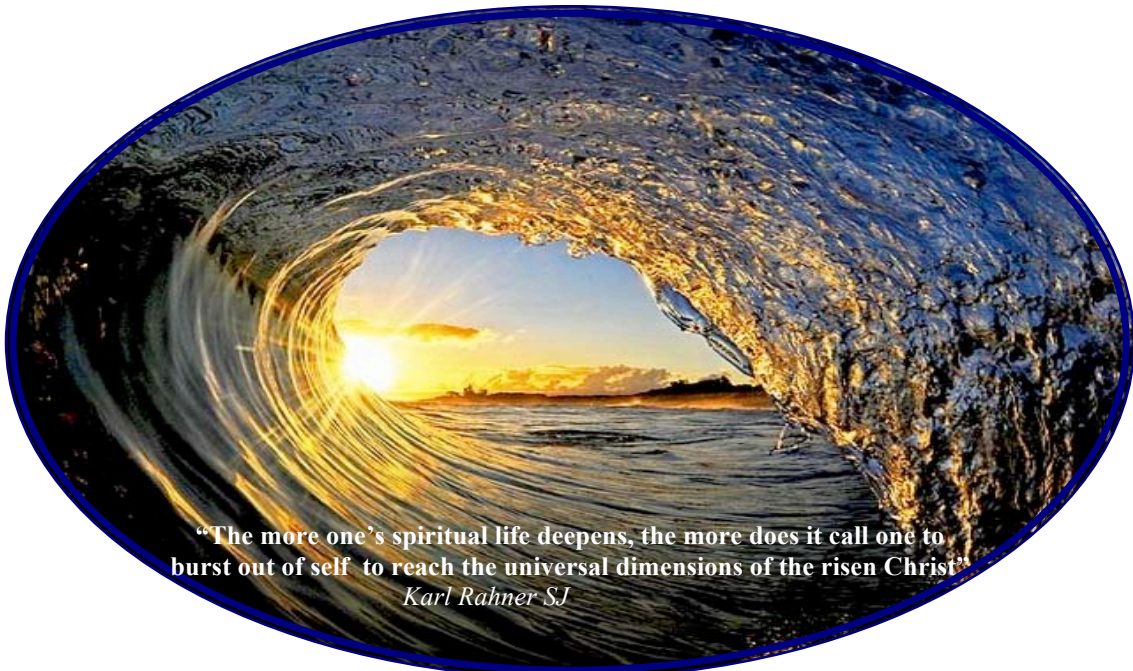
*to pursue the adventure of responding generously
to the "call of the King".*

Insight and Perspective...

*To seek and find God in all the circumstances of your life,
to see others as they are and let them be,
along with the gentle openness to learn from others, and through
discernment and prayer to be always aware and open
to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.*

Peace and happiness...

*the kind that comes from knowing you are loved
and held in Christ's embrace*



**"The more one's spiritual life deepens, the more does it call one to
burst out of self to reach the universal dimensions of the risen Christ"**
Karl Rahner SJ