



AVEPRO

2009

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES



The main activities of the Agency in 2009 have included:

- Conclusion of the Pilot Project and beginning of its Follow Up
- Internal organization and strategic plan
- Setting up of the Board of Directors (appointed in September) and the Scientific Committee (still to be appointed)
- Organisation and beginning of the work of evaluation with the seven Roman Pontifical Universities
- Contact with Lithuania: Quality Agency and Faculty of Kaunas
- Work on the various guidelines: modifications and translations
- Preparation of the website
- Work in common with the Congregation for Catholic Education: Bologna Process Commission, Circular Letter number 7 from the Congregation about AVEPRO, setting up of the Board and the Scientific Committee, website
- Participation in international events: INQAAHE international Conference, Fourth European Quality Forum



2009 – Summary of Activities

JANUARY

- Preparation of the meeting for the final evaluation of the Pilot Project.
 - 17 Meeting of the Bologna Process Commission at the Congregation for Catholic Education (CEC) Project for a Circular Letter about AVEPRO.
 - 21 Meeting for the *final evaluation of the Pilot Project* with:
 - Representatives of the faculties
 - 2 chairs and 2 members of the evaluation teams
 - CEC: P. Bechina, Mons. Ide
 - AVEPRO advisers: Prof. John Davies and Don McQuillanReactions, suggestions, analysis, conclusions.
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FEBRUARY

- 5 Meeting at CEC about the CEC web portal and AVEPRO web site
 - 12 Letter from the Secretariat of State announcing the *approval of AVEPRO's statute* by the Holy Father
 - 25 Letter to the Secretariat of State asking for the appointment of the members of the Agency's Board of Directors and Scientific Committee
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MARCH

- Preparation of follow up for the faculties of the Pilot Project
- 3 Meeting with P. Vérgez, Head of the Internet Office, and Ing. Salimbeni, about the AVEPRO web site. First e-mail invitation to Roman Pontifical Universities for the workshop of May 6
- 10-11 *Meeting on strategic plan* with Prof. John Davies and Don McQuillan and Don Piotr BAJOR (CEC): updating of the strategic



plan, identification of priorities, work on CEC's Circular Letter about AVEPRO and on guidelines

- 12 Meeting at CEC on web portal and AVEPRO web site
- 21 Bologna Process Commission
- 27 Annual report on activities sent to Secretariat of State and CEC

APRIL

- March 30 - Participation of Fr Imoda in the INQAAHE (International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education)
- April 2 international Conference in Abu Dhabi: contact with other agencies and collection of information on international good practice
 - Preparation of the workshop with the seven Roman Pontifical Universities: invitations, documentation prepared and sent, logistics
- 1 Message on follow up to the faculties of the Pilot Project
- 20 Contact established with the Lithuanian Agency

MAY

- 6 *Workshop on internal evaluation with representatives of the seven Roman Pontifical Universities*
- 20 Meeting at CEC on portal and web site
- 28 Meeting with Mons. Alojzij Uran, Archbishop of Ljubljana, Slovenia, on Quality Assurance in Ecclesiastical Faculties

JUNE

- Exchange of mails with Auxilium and Burgos (Pilot Project) on follow up
- 12 Circular Letter 7 from CEC about AVEPRO



20 Bologna Process Commission

24 Meeting at CEC on portal and web site with the AVEPRO web site included in the CEC project

JULY

July- New documentation prepared and translated for the Roman Pontifical Universities

August

July- Work on guidelines and pages for the web site

August

July- Contact with group of peers on Burgos' Quality Improvement Plan

August

6 Meeting at AVEPRO offices with IDS&Unitelm on AVEPRO website

24 Meeting of Fr Imoda and AVEPRO advisers Prof. John Davies and Don McQuillan with the Secretary of CEC, Mons. Bruguès: project of evaluation procedures for Ecclesiastical Faculties in France

28 Meeting at AVEPRO offices with IDS&Unitelm: proposal of project for website

30 Request to the Secretariat of State for the appointment of 2 new members (theologians) in the Board of Directors

SEPTEMBER

-- Exchange of information with the Faculty of the Auxilium (Roma) on their follow up to the Pilot Project

September- Work with Prof. Don McQuillan and John Davies on the various guidelines: modifications and translations into Italian
October

September- Setting up of the archive system Oracle by the CED at AVEPRO offices and initiation to its way of functioning
October

September- Translation of documentation into French and Italian

November

15 Agency's yearly budget plan sent to APSA



- 15 New documentation in Italian sent to Roman Pontifical Universities with reminder of the encounters planned for October
 - 30 *Appointment of the members of the Board of Directors by the Holy Father*
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OCTOBER

- October - Exchange of information with the Dean of the Faculty of Kaunas (Lithuania) on the procedures of evaluation at their faculty
 - December
 - 8 Meeting of Fr Imoda, President, with representatives of the French ecclesiastical faculties in Paris
 - 12 Documentation on AVEPRO and Quality Assurance procedures sent to France (Union des établissements d'enseignement supérieur catholiques)
 - 15 Preliminary encounter of AVEPRO at the Pontifical University Saint Thomas Aquinas with Fr. Morerod, the new Rector and Fr. Adam, the Director of Strategic Planning
 - 17 Bologna Process Commission
 - 20-22 Encounters at the seven Roman Pontifical Universities with AVEPRO and adviser Prof. Don McQuillan for practical details on internal evaluation
 - 27 Meeting of Fr Imoda, President, with Sr Véronique Margron, Dean of the Faculty of Theology of Angers, wishing to be informed on evaluation procedures
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NOVEMBER

- 16-20 Participation of Fr Imoda, President, in the General Assembly of the IFCU (International Federation of Catholic Universities)
- 17 Informal meeting of AVEPRO with Prof. Peter Jonkers (Tilburg University and our contact with AKAST) at the IFCU
- 19-21 Participation of Annick Johnson, Director, in the Fourth European Forum on Quality Assurance in Copenhagen (Denmark)



26 *First meeting of the Board of Directors.*

DICEMBRE

- First requests for information on self-evaluation from the Roman Faculties
- 4 Meeting with CEC on the web site and the data base
- 12 Bologna Process Commission
- 16 Information to the Secretariat of State on the first meeting of the Board and on the situation regarding the evaluation of the Faculty of Kaunas (Lithuania)
- 18 Proposal of the members of the Scientific Committee, approved by the Board, to the Secretariat of State for appointment by the Holy Father