



AVEPRO

2007-2008

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES



## 2007 – Summary of Activities

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*The following calendar summarizes the major activities and events attended by members of the Agency, since the effective beginning of its work in August 2007 until December 2008.*

The main activities have included:

- Pilot Project (cf. annex)
- Participation in international events
- Contact with the various stakeholders: Roman Universities and Faculties, students, etc...
- Internal organization and strategic plan
- Work in common with the Congregation for Catholic Education on:
  - Statute of the Agency
  - Website
  - Database of ecclesiastical faculties
  - Handbook for Ecclesiastical Faculties
  - Description of the system of ecclesiastical studies



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## AUGUST

- 20 Beginning of AVEPRO activities at the offices of the Congregation for Catholic Education (Congregazione per l'Educazione Cattolica), Rome, Piazza Pio XI, 3

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## OCTOBER

- 6 Participation in the meeting of the Bologna Process Commission (CEC).
- 29-31 Participation of Fr Imoda, together with Mons. Zani, in the Seminar organised by the University of Salamanca on the Bologna Process. Address by Fr Imoda on: “*Quality Assurance* in the Bologna Process and the Holy See’s Quality Agency”

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## NOVEMBER

- 14 ENQA Seminar: *Current Trends in Quality Assurance*, taking place at the Pontical Academy of Sciences.  
Co-organised by: ENQA, Congregation for Catholic Education, AVEPRO
- 15 Work group aimed at giving a start to the work of the Agency:  
Cong. Cath. Educ.: Mons. Zani, Fr. Bechina, Mons. Ide  
Experts in Quality Assurance: Prof. Don McQuillan, IUQB (Irish Universities Quality Board), Emanuela Stefani, CRUI (Conferenza dei Rettori delle Università Italiane). Prof. John Davies (QA international expert), who could not physically attend sent a written contribution.  
AVEPRO: P. Imoda (President), A. Johnson (Director), V. Napoleoni (Secretary)
- 15-17 Participation of AVEPRO in the Second European Quality Assurance Forum, Rome (La Sapienza)
- 23 First meeting of the Work Group serving as advising group to the Agency:  
Mons. Zani Undersecretary of CEC (Congregazione per l'Educazione Cattolica)  
P. Bechina, CEC  
Mons. Ide CEC
- Prof. Blasi, former Rector of the University of Florence  
Don Pellerrey, former Rector of the Salesian Pontifical University



Dott. Finocchietti Director of CIMEA (Italian ENIC/NARIC)  
Mons. Thivierge, General Secretary of IFCU (International Federation of Catholic Universities)  
Fr Franco Imoda AVEPRO  
Annick Johnson AVEPRO  
Valerio Napoleoni AVEPRO  
Planning and Pilot Project approved. Useful contributions and advice from participants.

- 27 Meeting for the choice of the institutions of the Pilot Project (Germany, Italy, Poland, Spain)  
Mons. Zani, Fr Bechina, Fr Imoda, A. Johnson, V. Napoleoni
- 29 Meeting of information for the Roman Pontifical Universities and Faculties on the Bologna Process and Quality Assurance.  
Presentations by Mons. Zani (“The Holy See and the Bologna Process: Assessment and Perspectives”) and Fr Imoda (“Quality Assurance in the Bologna Process”). Place: Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, Rome

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## DECEMBER

- 4 Participation of Annick Johnson at the meeting of the Students’ Conference of the Roman Pontifical Universities and Faculties and brief presentation of the Agency. Place: Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, Rome
- 15 Participation in the meeting of the Bologna Process Commission (CEC):  
Outcome: Exchange of information and presentation of AVEPRO to the Commission.  
Confirmation of the choice of the 6 institutions of the Pilot Project (Rome Auxilium, Palermo, Salamanca, Burgos, Münster, Frankfurt)
- 20 Positive answer of the ENQA Board to AVEPRO’s request for the status of Associate of ENQA
- 21 CEC/AVEPRO meeting on the planning of the Pilot Project:  
- Date  
- Institutions  
- Contents of the first workshop  
- Letter of invitation to institutions



- Financial aspects

## 2008 – Summary of Activities

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### JANUARY

- December- Preparation of the Guidelines for the Pilot Project by Prof. Don McQuillan  
January
- 21 Participation of AVEPRO in the Audience of the Congregation for Catholic Education with the Holy Father
- 24 Visit to the Pontifical Universities of the Angelicum and the Gregorian with Prof. Don McQuillan
- 25 One-day encounter with CEC, Prof. Don McQuillan and John Davies, and Dr Emanuela Stefani on the work of AVEPRO in the context of European Quality Assurance
- 31 Answer to the ENQA survey on the work of European Quality Agencies

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### FEBRUARY

- 6 Joint work meeting AVEPRO-CEC about the Pilot Project
- 19-22 Annick Johnson (Director of the Agency) as observer in the peer review group of the Department of mathematics of the University of Galway (Ireland) to get a practical knowledge of the procedures of internal evaluation
- 23 Participation in the meeting of the Bologna Process Commission (CEC).  
Update on the Statute of the Agency and on the beginning of the Pilot Project

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### MARCH



- 3 Information meeting on the activities of the Agency:  
- CEC: Mons. Bruguès, Secretary and Mons. Zani, Undersecretary  
- Mons. Thivierge, General Secretary of IFCU  
- Don McQuillan, AVEPRO adviser  
- AVEPRO: P. Imoda, A. Johnson, V. Napoleoni  
Visit with Prof. Don McQuillan to the Salesian Pontifical University
- 5-8 Father Imoda (President of the Agency) taking part in the peer review group of the Department of Psychology of the University of Galway (Ireland).
- 10 Actual beginning of the Pilot Project:  
Workshop with the representatives of the 8 Faculties of the Pilot Project: Germany (Frankfurt Sankt Georgen and Münster), Italy (Palermo and Rome Auxilium), Poland (Cracow Ignatianum and Katowice) and Spain (Burgos and Salamanca).  
Also present: Congregation for Catholic Education: Mons. Zani (Undersecretary), Fr Bechina (officer in charge of the Bologna Process) Place: Pontifical Gregorian University
- 11-12 Presentation by Fr Imoda, President, in the encounter with the Institutes of Religious Sciences (ISSR)

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## **APRIL**

- Contact made with possible members of the peer review groups for visits to Faculties of the Pilot Project
- Various experts from various nations consulted on the Statute of AVEPRO
- 28 Work meeting with CEC on the revised text of the Statute:  
CEC: Mons. Zani, Fr Bechina F.S.O  
Don Pellerrey S.D.B, member of the Bologna Process Commission  
Dr Stefani, AVEPRO adviser  
Prof. Don McQuillan, AVEPRO adviser  
AVEPRO: Fr Imoda, A. Johnson, V. Napoleoni  
Preparation of the site visits to the institutions of the Pilot Project. Place: Gregorian University



- 29 Visit with Prof. Don McQuillan to the following Pontifical Universities: Urbaniana, Holy Cross, Lateranense
  - 30 One-day encounter on the organisation of the Agency's work with Prof. Don McQuillan and Dr Teresa Lee, from the Irish Quality Assurance Agency (IUQB)  
Identification of priorities and competences requested
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#### **MAY**

- 3 Participation in the meeting of the Bologna Process Commission (CEC).  
Final revision of the Statute
  - 13 Statute sent to the Secretariat of State for approval
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#### **JUNE**

- 23 Pilot project  
Workshop with members of the peer review groups for site visits to Faculties, members of the Congregation for Catholic Education: Mons. Zani (Undersecretary), Mons. Ide (Head of the Universities Department), Fr Bechina (Universities Department, in charge of the Bologna Process), and Quality Assurance experts: Prof. John Davies (University of East Anglia, United Kingdom), Prof. Don McQuillan (Irish Universities Quality Board, Ireland)
  - 28 Participation in the meeting of the Bologna Process Commission (CEC)
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#### **JULY**

- 11 Move into AVEPRO's new offices, Via della Conciliazione, 5
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#### **SEPTEMBER**

- 9-10 Participation of Father Imoda, President, in the Conference on: *Quality Assurance in Universities and Higher Education Establishments in Europe*, in Strasbourg (France)
- 12 Agency's yearly budget plan sent to APSA (Vatican Central Administration)



- 24 Pilot Project Workshop with Coordinators of the peer review groups, representative of the Congregation for Catholic Education: Fr Bechina (in charge of the Bologna Process) and Quality Assurance experts: Prof. John Davies (University of East Anglia, United Kingdom), Prof. Don McQuillan (Irish Universities Quality Board, Ireland), Dr Teresa Lee (Quality Enhancement Manager, Irish Universities Quality Board)

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## OCTOBER

- 11 Participation in the meeting of the Bologna Process Commission (CEC)  
Meeting with the representatives of AKAST, regional branch of AVEPRO in Germany

October 20- November 7 Site visits at 6 Faculties of the Pilot Project (Münster, Frankfurt Sankt Georgen, Burgos, Palermo, Rome Auxilium, Katowice, Cracow)

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## NOVEMBER

- 11 Presentation by Fr Imoda, President, to the Rectors of the Roman Pontifical Universities on self-evaluation in ecclesiastical Faculties
- 20-22 Participation of Annick Johnson, Director, in the Third European Forum on Quality Assurance in Budapest (Hungary)
- 24 Meeting with Father Vergez, Head of the Internet Office, about the creation of the Agency's web site

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## DECEMBER

- 1-2 Participation of Annick Johnson, Director, in the ENQA seminar held in London on: *Quality Assurance in Transnational Education – From Words to Action*
- 3-4 Work meeting on the strategic plan of AVEPRO with the Agency's advisers: Prof. John Davies (University of East Anglia, United Kingdom), Prof. Don McQuillan (Irish Universities Quality Board, Ireland), Dr Teresa Lee (Quality Enhancement Manager, Irish Universities Quality Board)





- 9 Participation in the encounter of the Students's Conference of the Roman Pontifical Faculties. Presentation of the Agency and of Quality Assurance in the Bologna Process. Place: Pontifical University Angelicum
- 16 Drafting and submission of a Questionnaire for the evaluation of the Pilot Project