

YEAR 2019
(following basically the chronological order)

January 2019

- Contacts with the Dean of the Faculty of Theology of the Vytautas Magnus University (Lithuania) regarding accreditation of the Theology course;
- Fr. A.S. Wodka [hereafter “A.W.”] meets H.E. Mons. A. V. Zani, Secretary of the CCE, to discuss the planning of joint activities for 2019;
- A.W. receives the Rector of the Pontifical Gregorian University, Prof. Nuno da Silva Gonçalves, S.J., in view of the second cycle of evaluation;
- R. Cinquegrani [hereafter “R.C.”] participates in a Meeting at the P.U. Gregorianum with ANVUR representatives to outline possible areas of cooperation;
- Meeting with Elisa Mancinelli regarding the preparation of AVEPRO’s Self-Evaluation Report in view of the ENQA visit;
- A.W. meets Fr. F. Bechina, F.S.O., Undersecretary of the CCE, to discuss issues regarding the Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies (PISAI) and AKAST Agency;
- R.C. meets representatives of the SUPR (Association of the Students of the Pontifical Roman Universities).

February 2019

- Preparation of a document comparing *Sapientia Christiana* and *Veritatis Gaudium* with the aim of highlighting similarities and differences;
- Agreement between AVEPRO and SQAA/NAKVIS, the Slovenian Quality Assurance Agency, in the context of cooperation on QA and possible future projects;
- Sending of a questionnaire to the European ecclesiastical academic Institutions regarding the implementation of quality policies and the centrality of students; subsequent collection and processing of responses;
- Meeting with Cecilia Gatti of the Pontifical Lateran University to clarify certain aspects regarding the preparation of the Strategic Plan;
- Brussels: Samanta Bongini [hereafter: “S.B.”] participates in the meeting “Towards a European Education Area: Promoting Higher Education in Europe”;
- R.C. follows a webinar about the Harmonisation of African Higher Education, Quality Assurance and Accreditation (HAQAA);
- A.W. visits the Italian Embassy to the Holy See to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Lateran Pacts;
- A.W. meets Fr. F. Bechina, F.S.O., Undersecretary of the CCE, regarding the Agency’s ongoing activities;
- A.W. and R.C. receive Prof. Beate Kowalski and Prof. Dr. Harald Suermann of the Institute of Missiology Missio e.V. from Aachen, to discuss matters on cooperation in a professional teacher training programme for academics;
- A.W. and R.C. meet Philippe Perraud, a student of Antonianum in Rome, in view of his appointment to the Scientific Council;
- A.W. and R.C. meet H.E. Mons. Ignazio Sanna, President of the IEC, jointly with the secretary Roberta Leone, to discuss the planning of the second cycle of evaluation in the ecclesiastical academic Institutions located in Italy;
- A.W. meets Fr. Ihor Boyko from Ukrainian Catholic University in view of the evaluation visit to the Faculty of Education of the Accademia Ignatianum in Kraków (Poland).

March 2019

- A.W. and R.C. participate in a meeting with Father Bechina, F.S.O., Undersecretary of the CCE, and Prof. A. Lo Presti (LUMSA) in view of collaboration with Porticus and possible funding;
- A.W. and R.C. meet the academic authorities of the Institut Catholique de Paris in view of the second cycle of evaluation;
- R.C. meets Giovanni Della Valle, graphic designer of the journal *Educatio*, in view of the publication of the Agency's new *Guidelines*;
- Meeting with the Rector of the Catholic University of Congo, Abbé Kinkupu, on various evaluation-related issues and the innovations introduced by the apostolic constitution *Veritatis Gaudium* regarding all the ecclesiastical Faculties and Institutions higher education in Africa;
- External evaluation visit to the Pontifical Athenaeum S. Anselm carried out in Rome;
- R.C. participates in the seminar "Universities in defence of science and common good" organized by UKA and the CRUI at the Swedish Institute of Classical Studies;
- A.W. participates with a contribution in a study session on "Theology after *Veritatis Gaudium*" at the Salesiana Pontifical University;
- R.C. participates in the meeting "Erasmus today and tomorrow" at the Gregorian Pontifical University;
- A.W. and R.C. meet representatives of Porticus at the CCE to present funding projects;
- A.W. and R.C. meet Prof. Leszek Adamowicz, Katolicki Uniwersytet Lubelski of Jan Paweł II, for an update regarding the situation in Poland following the new higher education laws.

April 2019

- A.W. and R.C. participate in a meeting at the CCE to define strategies of future collaboration;
- A.W. meets with the students of Canon LA.W. Faculty of the Card. Wyszyński State University in Warsaw to discuss the involvement of students in QA processes;
- Visit of Tamás Végheő of the Hungarian Byzantine Catholic Church, Rector of the St Athanasius Greek-Catholic Theological Institute, to discuss the Institute's situation and issues (A.W. and R.C.);
- Paris: S.B. participates in the EUA meeting: "Driving innovation in Europe's universities";
- R.C., Prof. Piero Tosi and Elisa Mancinelli meet to prepare some chapters of the Self-Evaluation Report in view of the ENQA visit next December;
- R.C. meets representatives of the Vatican Secret Archives to discuss the recognition of qualifications issued by the Archive;
- Tallinn: Valerio Napoleoni [hereafter "V.N."] participates in the IX ENQA Forum (Estonia).

May 2019

- External evaluation visit to the Jesuit Faculty of Pedagogy *Ignatianum* in Kraków completed;
- Visit of a delegation of Doctoral Students of the Catholic University of Lublin (Poland): A.W. and R.C. participate in a working session on the AVEPRO's mission of Quality Promotion in the Ecclesiastical HEIs;
- Pontifical Lateran University, Rome: Study session on *Internationalization* (contribution of R.C.);
- Visit of Prof. J. Keenan SJ (Boston College and CTEWC) and colloquium on "University and Ethics" (A.W. and R.C.);

- Visit of the Agency for Control and Quality Assurance of Higher Education (ACQAHE) of Montenegro and sharing on best practice in Quality Assurance (A.W. and R.C.);
- AVEPRO-CCE Institutional Consultation (Meeting 3) on shared concerns in Quality Assurance in the Ecclesiastical HEIs (A.W. and R.C.);
- AVEPRO: visit of an expert of the Polish Accreditation Commission (PKA), Rev. Prof. Grzegorz Chojnacki (Stettin University) and extended colloquium on Polish criteria of evaluation and QA as compared with the AVEPRO's approach (A.W.);
- CCE: a working session between CCE and AVEPRO experts on *Data collection and management* in the CCE system (Cristiana Palo and S.B.);
- Wrocław, Poland: Symposium of Rectors and Deans of the Ecclesiastical Faculties in Poland on AVEPRO's Evaluation System to be implemented in Poland, at Wrocław Theological Faculty, 21-23 May 2019 (A.W. and R.C.).

June 2019

- Scientific Council of AVEPRO: VIth Meeting in Rome (Augustinianum), June 7th 2019;
- Visit of Prof. Øystein Lund, member of NOKUT (Norway) and of the Board of ENQA, to discuss emerging critical aspects of QA (A.W.);
- AVEPRO's SAR for ENQA External Review 2019 - further integrations (R.C. and E. Mancinelli);
- The Synagogue of Rome: Celebrations of the 25th anniversary of the Diplomatic Relations between the State of Israel and the Holy See, organized by H.E. Oren David, Ambassador of Israel to the Holy See (A.W. and S.B.);
- AVEPRO: a follow-up encounter with one of the experts, Prof. M. Kozubek, after the Ignatianum Academy (AIK) external visit in Kraków on important aspects of QA in Poland (A.W.);
- Visit of Prof. Shane MacKinlay of the Catholic Theological College in Melbourne, an expert of the Australian QA Agency. Sharing on recent developments in Quality Assurance in the English-Speaking Areas of the Catholic HE System (A.W.);
- AVEPRO-CCE Institutional Consultations (Meeting 4) on shared issues in Quality Assurance in the Ecclesiastical HEIs (A.W.).

July 2019

- Visit of the Directive Members of the Agency for Quality Assurance and Accreditation of Canonical Programmes of Studies in Germany - AKAST (Prof. M. Gabel, B. Reitmeier and M. Karger). Working session towards the accommodation of the Apostolic Constitution *Veritatis Gaudium* and its related *Ordinationes* to the German Academic System (A.W.);
- Embassy of the USA to the Holy See: celebrations of the 243rd USA Independence Day, on the invitation of H.E. Ms. Callista Gingrich (A.W.);
- Secretariat of the State: meeting with Msgr. R. Ruiz Mainardi on emerging aspects of the AVEPRO's mission and structures (A.W.);
- Secretariat for Economy: AVEPRO's response to the Questionnaires on ordinary and extraordinary workload measures (R.C. and V.N.);
- AVEPRO's SER for ENQA External Review 2019 – further integrations as suggested by the Councils (R.C. and E. Mancinelli);
- Extraordinary meeting with H.E. Msgr. A.V. Zani, Secretary of CCE, on the first year of presidency of Fr. A.S. Wodka C.S.S.R. in AVEPRO (A.W.);
- CCE: Preparatory meeting of various Stakeholders in view of the possible measures to be adopted in the process of optimization of the Roman Pontifical Universities in Rome (A.W. and R.C.);

- Secretariat of the State: meeting of the president of AVEPRO with H.E. Msgr. E. Peña Parra, Substitute for General Affairs of the Secretariat of State, on pending issues related to the ENQA visit in December 2019 (A.W.).

August 2019

- CCE: Meeting with Under-Secretary, Fr. F. Bechina F.S.O., on the matters of AKAST and of the renewal of the Statute of AVEPRO (A.W.);
- UDESCA: Meeting in Rome with representatives of the rectors of the five French catholic universities in view of the second cycle of evaluation (R.C.).

September 2019

- AVEPRO-CCE Institutional Consultation (Meeting 5) on shared concerns in Quality Assurance in the Ecclesiastical HEIs (A.W. and R.C.);
- Meeting in view of the ENQA 2019 External Review (R.C. and Prof. P. Tosi);
- Meeting with H.E. Msgr. Natale Paganelli (Makeni Diocese, Sierra Leone). Preliminary talks in view of a pilot project for the evaluations of the African Ecclesiastical/Catholic institutions (R.C.);
- Visit of Archbishop Bashar Warda of the Chaldean Catholic Church in Erbil, Iraq. Exchange of ideas in order to help organize a Catholic University in Erbil (A.W. and R.C.);
- Pontifical Lateran University: “Riflessioni d’Alta Quota”, by Msgr. L. Sapienza - Book presentation (S.B.);
- Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization, Rome: Congress on *Meeting God: Is It Possible? Ways of New Evangelization* (S.B.);
- Pontifical Irish College, Rome: FIUC Meeting - Presentation of AVEPRO and the System of Evaluation and Promotion of Quality in the Ecclesiastical Academic Institutions (A.W. and R.C.). Subsequent dinner with the IFCU Academic Team (Nicolas Vergier, Fernando Sanchez, John Davies, Robin Smith, David Lock, Michael Holman, S.J., Loïc Roche) and sharing on possible collaboration in leadership and institutional development imperatives (J. Davies, *Aide Memoire*, 8.10.2019);
- Basilica of St. Maria in Trastevere, St. Egidio Community: Priestly ordination of Rev. Philippe Perraud, member of the AVEPRO’s Scientific Council (A.W.).

October 2019

- Pontifical Theological Faculty «Marianum», Rome: XXII International Mariological Symposium, Telling Mary’s Story: From Scriptural Sources to Artistic Expressions – President of AVEPRO heading a session with an introductory address (A.W.);
- Pontifical University Antonianum, Rome: Meeting on Competence, Teaching and Evaluation (R.C.);
- Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome: New Academic Year 2019-2020 Inauguration (R.C.);
- Munich: Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church (CTEWC), Meeting on Catholic Ethics - Latest Challenges and Developments (A.W.);
- Salesian Pontifical University, Rome: New Academic Year 2019-2020 Inauguration (A.W.);
- AVEPRO: Meeting with Porticus – Düsseldorf for possible future involvement in AVEPRO’s development (A.W.).

November 2019

- AVEPRO: Meeting with Dr. Celine Socrates, Philosophy Student at the PUSC, with her membership in AVEPRO's Board of Directors;
- Ambassador of Guatemala at the Holy See Meeting in view of possible future collaboration (R.C.);
- Pontifical University San Tommaso d'Aquino, Rome: *Dies Academicus* (Contribution on *Ideal University* – R.C.);
- Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram, Bangalore, India - Pontifical Athenaeum of Philosophy, Theology and Canon LA.W. Theological Faculty: Campus Visit and Seminar on the Ecclesiastical Academic Quality Assessment and Promotion in the context of India (A.W.);
- European Council for Theological Education Meeting with General Secretary Marvin Oxenham for a round table in view of the General Assembly (R.C.);
- *Global Compact on Education* Preparatory Events: Congress on "Education, human rights, and peace. The instruments of international action and the role of religions" (Pontifical Lateran University, S.B.).

December 2019

- AVEPRO: Meeting with Declan O'Byrne (Sophia, Loppiano) in view of the forthcoming ENQA External Review (R.C.);
- AVEPRO: ENQA's External Review Visit (3-5 December 2019) in view of the possible reconfirmation of AVEPRO's full membership in the European Network (AVEPRO and Stakeholders);
- Visit of prof. Carlos Salto of the Pontifical University Antonianum - meeting in view of the second cycle of evaluation (R.C.);
- Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, Rome: Session on "Serving a Wounded Humanity: Christian Foundations". Participation of AVEPRO's President, Fr. A.S. Wodka with a reflection on "Ethical Approaches";
- Secretariat of the State: Meeting with Msgr. Ruben D. Ruiz Mainardi on the Fifth AVEPRO Member Profile and other Management issues (A.W.);
- Pontifical Urbaniana University, Rome: Christmas annual CRUIPRO Gathering (R.C.);
- AVEPRO: Meeting with Rev. Prof. Thierry Magnin, spokesman of the French Episcopal Conference in view of the second cycle of evaluation of the ecclesiastical institutions in France (A.W. and R.C.);
- Visit of Prof. Ø. Lund (ENQA): Meeting on a possible follow-up of the 3-5 December 2019 Visit (A.W. and R.C.);
- AVEPRO-CCE Institutional Consultation (Meeting 6) on shared concerns in Quality Assurance in the Ecclesiastical HEIs (A.W. and R.C.);
- Visit of Prof. Waldemar Graczyk from Kalisz Higher Seminary (Faculty of Theology of Poznan University, Poland). Meeting with AVEPRO's President on Polish State Higher Education Reform and its impact on Polish Seminaries (affiliated institutions);

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(by interactions with Addresses of Mission, Stakeholders and Partners)

January 2020

- Agency's regular activities.
Weekly Briefings with All (3.01 - B53; 8.01 - B54; 14.01 - B55; 21.01 - B56, 29.01 - B57); Monthly administrative and reporting Tasks: APSA, SFE (V.N.).
- Agency's particular activities.
Preparing AVEPRO's *Guidelines 2019* for professional printing (S.B., R.C., V.N.).
- AVEPRO's Councils. No relevant interaction.
- AVEPRO and the Holy See.
Consultations with CCE on AKAST (A.W. and Msgr. A.V. Zani).
- AVEPRO and Bishops' Conferences.
Meeting with Raquel Pérez (Subcomisión Episcopal de Universidades) in preparation of the II cycle of the QA evaluation in Spain (R.C.).
- AVEPRO and QA Agencies.
Meeting Christoph Grolimund and Monika Risse of AAQ, on the joint evaluation of the Faculty of Theology in Lucerne (Milan, R.C.).
- AVEPRO's Experts.
New Experts Enquiries and Data-Base updating (A.W., R.C., V.N., S.B.); Meetings with: Prof. Beate Kowalski, an expert on distance learning, for formation of AVEPRO international experts (Dortmund, R.C.); Prof. Richard Brosse on some concrete aspects of the Formation of Experts Project (Düsseldorf, R.C.); F. Hunter for Porticus Project (Milan, R.C.); Elisa Mancinelli on *Project Management* (Prato, R.C.).
- AVEPRO and HEIs.
Issuing Certificates on recent External Evaluation Accomplished for Spanish Academic Institutions in Madrid, Granada, Vitoria and Valencia (A.W. and V.N.); preparing and sending out the *Survey EU 2020* (2nd edition) and subsequent dialoguing with the Respondees (S.B.); Meetings with: Prof. Salvatore Loiero (Scientific Council, Fribourg) on the Quality Advancement in the Swiss context (A.W. and R.C.); Prof. Mariola Kozubek (Katowice University) on the recent reform of the Polish HE System and its impact on the Ecclesiastical HEIs in Poland (A.W.); Prof. Basilio Petrà (President of PFTCI), on collaboration in the new cycle QA evaluation in the Ecclesiastical Academic Institutions in Italy (Florence, R.C.).
- AVEPRO and CRUIPRO (Rome).
P.U. Antonianum and P.U. Salesianum University Feasts (A.W.); Training session on the AVEPRO's *Guidelines 2019* with Rectors and Heads of Academic Quality Offices (P.U. Antonianum, A.W. and R.C.).
- AVEPRO and other Partners.
Meeting with Dr. Fabio Pagnoncelli, Representative of the UBI Bank Community, Third Sector Service and Civic Economy (A.W. and S.B.).
- AVEPRO and special Programmes.
Global Compact on Education preparatory events: Congress on "Nature and environment" at the P.U. Antonianum (S.B. and A.W.); "Community Building: *Service learning*" at LUMSA, Rome (S.B.); Ezio Aceti and Jesús Morán dialoguing on "The beauty of educating" in Castelgandolfo (A.W.).

February 2020

- Agency's regular activities.
Weekly Briefings (4.02 - B58; 12.02 - B59; 21.02 – B60; 25.02 – B61); Administrative meetings (A.W., R.C.) and monthly reporting tasks APSA, SFE (V.N.).
- Agency's particular activities.
 AVEPRO's *Guidelines 2019* preparation for printing continued (V.N.); assuming the Holy See's first regulations on the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- AVEPRO and the Holy See.
 CCE – Plenary Assembly 2020. Preparation of the USB “Gadget” for the Plenary Assembly Members on AVEPRO (A.W., V.N.). Participation in: two study sessions on: “Education for the going-out Church”. An in-depth study on the “Four Criteria” of VG (A.W. and R.C.) and World Observatory on the Catholic Education (A.W. and R.C.); the Plenary Assembly with the *Report on AVEPRO* (A.W. and R.C.); the General Audience with Pope Francis (AVEPRO's Staff and Fr. F. Imoda S.J.).
- AVEPRO and Bishops' Conferences.
 Meeting with H.E. Msgr. M. Jędraszewski, archbishop of Cracow, on the proposed nominees for the “Contact Group” for Poland (A.W.); Nomination of the “Contact Group” by Msgr. M. Jędraszewski, President of the Council for Science of the Polish Bishops' Conference.
- AVEPRO and QA Agencies. No relevant activity.
- AVEPRO's Experts.
 New Experts Enquiries and Data-Base updating. Visit of a newly appointed expert from Warsaw, Prof. W. Kućko (UKSW).
- AVEPRO and HEIs.
 EU Survey 2 data collection and management (S.B.); drafting of the Report related the *Survey EU 2020* for the CCE Plenary Assembly (S.B.); issuing a certificate on recent External Evaluation Visits accomplished for Spanish Academic Institutions in Salamanca Catholic University (A.W. and V.N.); Preparation of a Seminar on QA for France (planned in Paris for 29.04.2020), in collaboration with CEF (Th. Magnin, A.W., R.C., V.N.); meeting with Prof. Marek Kotyński (PWTW, Warszawa), member of the Polish “Contact Group” (A.W.).
- AVEPRO and CRUIPRO (Rome).
 Meetings with: the new Rector of the P.A. Anselmianum, Prof. Bernhard Eckerstorfer, O.S.B., on forms and structures of Q. Advancement in the Athenaeum; the authorities of the Augustinianum (A.W. and R.C.).
- AVEPRO and other Partners.
 Visit of David Matthews, Europe Reporter from Berlin for THE (Times Higher Education). Interview on QA in the Holy See's HES (A.W.).
- AVEPRO and special Programmes.
 Pontifical Academy for Life, Workshop 2020: *The “good” algorithm? Artificial Intelligence, Ethics, Law, Health* (S.B.).

March 2020

- AVEPRO and COVID-19 Pandemic.
 Disposal of some immediate sanitary measures for prevention in the office (A.W.); Agency's activities organised in a shared form (presence/remote) in the first three weeks of the emergency (R.C. and A.W.). Pre-Covid programmed meetings, events and activities cancelled or postponed: Prof. Harald Suermann, from Missio Institut di Aachen; Table of Five Stakeholders on AKAŠT; External Evaluation Visit of the PFT in Ljubljana, Slovenia, postponed

- (Boyko, Lintner, Chojnacki, Borghi); Agency's Internal Regulations in Response to the Emergency: monitoring the Holy See's Directives; Website *Note on the Pandemic* (V.N.);
- Agency's regular activities.
Weekly Briefings (4.03 – B62; 10.03 – B63; 17.03 – B64). Zoom Platform Staff and Management meetings started on 23 of March; Monthly reporting tasks by V.N.: APSA, SFE, IOR; Financial procedures with ENQA; Budgeting 2020 - SPE; Reporting Package; Badge Request.
 - AVEPRO's particular activities.
 AVEPRO's *Guidelines 2019* for professional printing preparation continued (V.N.).
 - AVEPRO's Councils.
 Letters of from the Agency to the two Councils on the Covid-19 pandemic emergency (A.W.); student Membership in the SC concluded (Ph. Perraud, thanksgiving letter – A.W. and V.N.); Contacts with SUPR in search of the successor (R.C.); Board of Directors Student Member: Celine Socrates - CV published on the Agency's website (A.W. and V.N.).
 - AVEPRO and the Holy See.
 Institutional Consultation with CCE (Meeting 7) on shared concerns in Quality Assurance in the Ecclesiastical HEIs (A.W. and R.C.); Zoom Session with CCE Enic-Naric Representative, Dr. Melanie Rosenbaum, on the German/Swiss Context of the future Accommodation Decrees to VG (A.W.); Letter on the Work-Mobility Declarations to the Secretariat of State (Substitute, H.E. Msgr. E. Peña Parra); Response to the retreat proposal by the Secretariat of State (Card. P. Parolin); Deadline for the Statute revision (May 2020) proposed for postponing - request letter to the Secretary of State and positive response (A.W., V.N.).
 - AVEPRO and Bishops' Conferences. No relevant interaction.
 - AVEPRO and QA Agencies. No relevant interaction.
 - AVEPRO and HEIs.
 Exchanges with the Faculty of Theology at the University of Ljubljana and the Evaluation Commission on the necessity of convenient postponing of the EEV from March/April to a more secure period (Pandemic limitations in Slovenia - A.W.).
 - AVEPRO and CRUIPRO.
 Zoom meeting with the Conference of Rectors, with the participation of Msgr. A.V. Zani and of the President of AVEPRO, on current issues of the Pandemic and the impact on the Holy See's HE System, particularly in the international lockdown context: criticalities and answers. Distance learning, care for less equipped students and colleges (A.W., March 30th).
 - AVEPRO and other Partners.
 Responding to the Survey of the "Center for Effective Philanthropy" (www.cep.org) related to the phases of realisation of the Porticus Grant and Project (A.W.).
 - AVEPRO and special Programmes.
 Global Compact on Education events monitoring (A.W.).

April 2020

- AVEPRO and COVID-19 Pandemic.
 The Agency facing the Holy See's restrictions: preparing the plan of action for the months from May through October 2020 and disposing a grid of activities for all the Staff (R.C.). Particular calendar of the Agency's activities in shared form (presence/remote) constantly revised for the following weeks (4-8) of the emergency (R.C. and A.W.). Contacts with APSA and Vatican Pharmacy for the acquisition of the sanitary products for AVEPRO and obtaining them (R.C.).
- Agency's regular activities.
 Weekly online briefings (16.04; 20.04; 24.04), Monthly reporting tasks: APSA, SFE, IOR and regular bills payments (Initial, Seclan, Vatican Typography), website occasional updating;

records of presence and free days maintained (V.N.); Work on the Reporting Package (V.N. and R.C.).

➤ Agency's particular activities.

AVEPRO's *Guidelines 2019* for professional printing preparation continued (V.N.).

➤ AVEPRO's Councils.

Initial considerations towards possible online SC Meetings (one or more sessions);

➤ AVEPRO and the Holy See.

AVEPRO reporting its regulations on COVID-19 emergency to the Secretariat of State (A.W. and V.N.); Privacy Regulations: reporting the typology of data transfers on the request of Secretariat of State (R.C., V.N., AW, S.B.). Letter from the Secretariat for Economy on expenditure/travel/meetings restraints received. All the necessary adaptations in the Budget 2020 studied and applied (V.N., R.C., A.W.). Partial derogation of the restrictions related to the Porticus Grant and Project: consulted with the Secretariat for Economy (R.C.), addressed as request to the SFE (A.W. and V.N.) and successfully obtained. Synthesis of AVEPRO Activities 2019 prepared and sent to the Secretariat of State (A.W. and V.N.).

➤ AVEPRO and Bishops' Conferences.

Nomination letter from H.E. M. Jędraszewski for the "Contact Group for Poland" received.

➤ AVEPRO and QA Agencies.

ENQA's Panel Drafted Report received. Own analysis, study of the remarks of some members of the Scientific Council and of the Board of Directors, necessary clarifications with the Panel (R. Heintze) and ENQA (M. Kelo). Response on "factual errors" drafted and sent (A.W. and R.C.), ultimately corrected (R.C.). Response to the Survey on the ENQA's assessment visit (R.C.); AAQ and AVEPRO possible collaboration in Lucerne (pilot project) and in Switzerland (towards a formal agreement). Contacts and dialogue with Ch. Grolimund e M. Risse (R.C.); ENQA Online General Assembly 2020 (April 29, 2020): study of the documents and remote participation (R.C.).

➤ AVEPRO's Experts. No relevant interactions.

➤ AVEPRO and HEIs.

Preparation of the evaluation of the FT, University of Lucerne, Switzerland. Types of collaboration with the University and AAQ. Series of documents prepared (R.C.). Postponing of the EEV in Slovenia for September/October, the emergency allowing.

➤ AVEPRO and CRUIPRO.

Contacts with Prof. M. Mantovani of the Pontifical Salesian University facing the pandemic emergency in the campus (A.W. and R.C.). Second Zoom meeting with the Conference of Rectors with the participation of Msgr. A.V. Zani and of the President of AVEPRO, on current issues of the Pandemic as faced in the Roman HEIs and the Holy See's expected new norms (A.W., April 22th).

➤ AVEPRO and other Partners.

Porticus: contacts with F. Hunter and other Stakeholders in order to redefine the "Porticus project" in the Pandemic context (R.C.); negotiation on the timeline of the Project (A.W. and R.C.), revision of the project's timeline and activities (R.C. with F. Hunter), accepted by Porticus (R. Brosse).

➤ AVEPRO and special Programmes.

Global Compact on Education events monitoring (A.W.).

May 2020

- AVEPRO and COVID-19 Pandemic.
The AVPERO's plan of action for the months affected by the pandemic (May through October 2020 – redaction and communicating of the document – R.C.); emergency calendar of the Agency's activities in presence and/or in remote constantly updated for the following weeks of May (9-12) of the pandemic (R.C. and A.W.). Acquisition of sanitary equipment for the pandemic emergency (R.C.); Visit of the Director, Vice-Chancellor and President of Australian Catholic University (May 18th) postponed.
- Agency's regular activities.
Weekly online briefings (05.05; 12.05; 19.05; 26.05/double), regular monthly reporting tasks: APSA, SFE, IOR and bills payments, website occasional updating, records of presence and monitoring of annual leave days (V.N.); Institutions related data updating (S.B.).
- Agency's particular activities.
AVEPRO's *Guidelines 2019* for professional printing preparation continued (V.N.); Preparation of the Minutes of the VIth Meeting of the Scientific Council of June 2019 (R.C.).
- AVEPRO's Councils.
First considerations on the program, preparatory letters and first drafting of the Summer Online meeting of the Scientific Council (A.W. and R.C.); Contacts with M. Mantovani e G. Uríbarri (R.C.) on recent publications on the state of the Pontifical Roman Universities and on Theology teaching (R.C.); Consultation on the timeline for materials in preparation of the SC (A.W. and S.B.).
- AVEPRO and the Holy See.
Exchange with Fr. F. Bechina (CCE) on current problems with AVEPRO Experts training programs and possible academic rewarding, on Covid situation and further measures (A.W.). Exchange with the SFE on certain new aspects of the expected AVEPRO's *Forecast document* and on Porticus Project management (R.C.); additional documentation on Porticus Budgeting forwarded to SPE (R.C.); Contacts with the Internet office of the Holy See on the proper bandwidth for online conferences (R.C.); drafting of the Final Report related to the *EU Survey 2020* and its translation into Italian (S.B.).
- AVEPRO and Bishops' Conferences. No relevant interaction.
- AVEPRO and QA Agencies.
Feedback survey on ENQA on-site visit of AVEPRO (R.C.); preparation, redaction of the formal request of *full membership* in ENQA (2020-2025) and its delivery (R.C. and A.W.); ENQA *feedback survey* following the Online General Assembly (R.C.); preparation and realisation of a virtual session with AAQ (Ch. Grolimund, M. Risse) on the next steps in establishing cooperation for Switzerland and on possible shared evaluation visit in the Lucerne University with the Faculty of Theology (May 26th – A.W. and R.C.); response to the Survey of Asia-Pacific Quality Network (APQN) on the "Influence of COVID-19 on Quality Assurance Agencies" (R.C.); further communications with Ch. Grolimund on models of formal agreement between AVEPRO and QAA (A.W.).
- AVEPRO's Experts.
Preparation of an updated report on the experts' internal database and the AVEPRO's expert system (S.B.).
- AVEPRO and HEIs.
Exchange of letters with the FT of Lucerne (R.C.); consultations on the necessity of the external evaluation of an ecclesiastical HE affiliated institution in Romania by the National Agency ARACIS (R.C.); contacts with the Centre Sèvres of Paris to plan the process of external evaluation (R.C. and A.W.); communication of the results of the pre-agreements with AAQ

related to the joint Quality Assessment of the Lucerne University and of the PFT of Lucerne (F. Loretan and R.C.).

➤ AVEPRO and CRUIPRO.

Online celebration of the Pontifical Salesian University (A.W., May 22nd); Contacts with the Claretianum and the Alphonsianum of Rome on the practicalities of the next evaluation preparation and calendar (A.W. and R.C.).

➤ AVEPRO and other Partners.

Porticus Project: letter of information to the Portfolio Manager, R. Brosse, Düsseldorf (A.W.); consultation with the working team on the professional figure of an *Instructional designer* and on particular adaptations of the Project to the emergency regulations of the Holy See (R.C.).

➤ AVEPRO and special Programmes.

Global Compact on Education events monitoring (A.W.).

June 2020

➤ AVEPRO and COVID-19 Pandemic.

Virtual administrative briefings with the Staff (3.06; 5.06; 19.06); disposal of the emergency in-presence or remote modes of the office attendance (A.W. and R.C.); receipt of the new procedures on Vatican personnel medical care and of the guidelines for the correct management of the air conditioning system; receipt of the new *CCE Norms of Application of the Apostolic Constitution Veritatis gaudium for the Coming Academic Year*; contacts with various Holy See's responsables for the anti Covid-19 measures in order to exchange information and practices (R.C.).

➤ Agency's regular activities.

Administrative activities by V.N.: completion of the regular activities related to the monthly ordinary accounting (APSA, SFE, IOR), receipt and payment of invoices; staff daily attendance and vacation data updates, letters or communications – help in preparation and sending out; website updating: the ENQA full membership Report and related news, new Scientific Council member: short bio of Ms. Rawan Naber; HEIs databases monitoring and updating: experts' database and evaluations progress (S.B.).

➤ Agency's particular activities.

Contacts with the SFE related to the management of Porticus Grant and Project (R.C.); emails exchange with the graphic designer for the sending of final version of the AVEPRO's guidelines (VN); emails with the technical staff of APSA and delivery of the Report on fire-fighting devices; validation of the coordination minutes received after the testing of the fire-cutting doors at the office (VN); Response to the Holy See's Financial Intelligence Authority on the self-assessment risk questionnaire of money laundering and financing of terrorism for public authorities at the Vatican and the Holy See (V.N. and A.W.). Contacts with the Vatican Telecommunications Office related to the expanding of the bandwidth for the Agency so to improve data transmission during video conferences (R.C.). Monitoring of the Recent Holy See's *Safeguarding Policies* and legal provisions for minors and vulnerable adults (A.W. and S.B.).

➤ AVEPRO's Councils.

Scientific Council: nomination of the new Student Representative, Ms. Rawan Naber, Jordanian, of the Lateran University (A.W.); preparation and delivery of the digital materials for the SC's summer online session (A.W., R.C. and S.B.); preparatory exchanges with the SC's members before the meeting (A.W.); definition and drafting of the Agenda (R.C. and A.W.); drafting of the report of the Agency's activities and revisions of all the materials (A.W.); drafting of additional documents for the SC's summer online session, e.g. the Rules of Engagement, AVEPRO in a new context, Porticus Grant and Project, and their delivery (R.C.); contacts with the members and the CCE officials invited to the meeting to define the details of

the presentations and interventions (A.W. and R.C.). Elaboration of the corresponding PPT presentations (A.W., R.C.).

Board of Directors: email consultation with the members on the convenience of previous external evaluation of the affiliated teaching institutions before they get aggregated or incorporated to the awarding HEI.

➤ AVEPRO and the Holy See.

Participation in the course on “Internal safeguards and mechanisms for preventing and combating money laundering and terrorist financing” offered by the Holy See’s Financial Intelligence Authority (V.N.); Examination of the internal questionnaire on the *Privacy and data protection*, received by the Agency and designing of the steps towards a compliant response (A.W. and S.B.); consultation in preparation of some regulatory documents of the CCE (A.W. with involvement of R.C.).

➤ AVEPRO and Bishops’ Conferences.

Exchanges with the Conférence des évêques de France (CEF) in order to define the forms of collaboration for the future evaluations and a preparatory seminar for March 2021 (A.W. and R.C.); Exchanges with the representative of Conferencia Episcopal Española (CEE) on issues specific to the ecclesiastical HEIs in the country (R.C.). Zoom session with S. Loiero (SC member), on the Swiss HE Context on 22.06.2020 (A.W.).

➤ AVEPRO and QA Agencies.

Contacts with the Swiss Agency AAQ for the definition of a collaboration protocol in relation to the 2021 evaluation of the Faculty of Theology at the University of Lucerne (R.C. and A.W.)

➤ AVEPRO’s Experts.

Preparation of an updated report on the experts’ internal database and the AVEPRO’s expert system (S.B.).

➤ AVEPRO and HEIs.

Exchanges with the academic authorities of the Centre Sèvres Facultés jésuites de Paris (France) regarding the organization of the evaluation process and the sending of the SER (R.C. and A.W.); subsequent delivery of the SER of the Centre Sèvres. Exchanges with the Theological Faculty at Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas (Lithuania), in view of an upcoming evaluation (R.C. and A.W.); exchanges with the Theologische Fakultät at the University of Lucerne in Switzerland related to the joint evaluation with AAQ continued (R.C.); questions of the Spanish ecclesiastical HEIs and their status (R.C. and R. Pérez).

➤ AVEPRO and other Partners.

Exchanges with ENQA related to some necessary amendments in the AVEPRO External Review Report (R.C. and A.W.); Receipt of the full membership confirmation for the Agency (2020-2025) and of the ENQA External Review Report; communication of the related information to the Holy See’s interested Organisms (Secretariat of State, CCE, SFE); receipt of the ENQA Annual Report 2019; exchanges related to the ENQA General Assembly planned for November 2020; contacts with Fiona Hunter on the realisation of the Porticus Grant and Project (R.C. and A.W.); contacts with S. Loiero on the program of the visit of the German Akkreditierungsrat to AVEPRO, planned for November 2020 (R.C. and A.W.).

➤ AVEPRO and special Programmes.

Global Compact on Education events monitoring (A.W.). “Biblical on-line Festival of Vicenza” with a contribution for cd Salotto San Paolo (R.C.). Subsequent interview for *L’Osservatore Romano* (R.C. for Marco Bellizzi).

July 2020

- AVEPRO and COVID-19 Pandemic.
Virtual administrative briefings A.W. and the Staff (6.07; 5.06; 19.06). Implementation of a new tool for internal communication: Vatican Cloud space – drive.cloud.va (A.W.).
- Agency's regular activities.
Administrative activities by V.N.: completion of the regular activities related to the monthly ordinary accounting (APSA, SFE, IOR); archiving and cataloguing of paper or electronic Agency's correspondence; receipt and payment of invoices (Initial, Seclan, Vatican Typography); Staff's daily attendance and updates on annual leaving days; receipt and update of changes in the Papal Yearbook. Contacts with the internal Vatican office for lodging arrangements for the visitors from the German Akkreditierungsrat, a meeting planned for November (V.N. and R.C.).
- Agency's particular activities.
Receipt of the update on the *Vatican Safeguarding Policies* in the form of a new *Vademecum* on the procedures for the treatment of cases of abuse (A.W. and S.B.); verification of the state of AVEPRO's internal privacy, data protection and security (A.W. and S.B.). Contacts of the President with the ULSA on the correct understanding of the procedures to follow in the management of internal administration (A.W.); emails exchange continued with the graphic designer on the amendments of the AVEPRO's *Guidelines 2019* and their final preparation for professional printing (V.N.). Formal letter communication to the Staff with the indication of additional security measures for the office on 31.07.2020 (A.W.).
- AVEPRO's Councils.
Communication of the reconfirmation of the full membership of AVEPRO in ENQA (2020-2025) to both Councils (A.W.).
Scientific Council: final preparation and sending of materials necessary for the SC's summer meeting continued (A.W. and S.B.); Formal letter of appreciation to Prof. Mary Melone S.F.A. upon the conclusion of her work of the SC (A.W. and V.N.); celebration of the VII Meeting of the Scientific Council: Summer Online Session – July 9th, 2020 (A.W. and R.C.); exchange of post-meeting feedbacks with the participants (A.W. and R.C.) and their redactional compilation (A.W. and S.B.); consulted and shared setting of the date for the autumn 2020 online meetings (A.W. and R.C.).
Board of Directors: conclusion of the consultation on the convenience of the evaluation of the affiliated teaching institutions prior to their aggregation or incorporation to the awarding HEI. Joint setting of the date for a virtual Board meeting on 16.12.2020 (A.W.).
- AVEPRO and the Holy See.
Communication of the ENQA reconfirmed full membership to the Vatican Authorities - Secretariat of State, CCE and SFE (A.W. and V.N.); official response to ENQA's formal communication of the full membership confirmation (R.C. and V.N.); receipt and first analysis of *New Procurement Code* and of the *Decree of the Pontifical Delegate* (A.W. and S.B.) from the Holy See (SFE); retrieval of matching information related to the *Privacy and data protection* questionnaire of the Holy See and subsequent drafting of the requested report to the questionnaire (S.B.); provision of the further necessary information on AVEPRO's paper communications for the report on *Privacy and data protection* (V.N.); Meeting with Msgr. R. Ruiz Mainardi of the Secretariat of State on management aspects within the AVEPRO's structures as complying with the Holy See's administrative system on 27.07.2020 (A.W.).
- AVEPRO and QA Agencies.
Formal response to ENQA's Director communicating the reconfirmed full membership of AVEPRO in ENQA (R.C. and V.N.). Further contacts with AAQ Switzerland (Ch. Grolimund e M. Risse) on the joint evaluation of the Faculty of Theology at the University of Lucerne (R.C. and A.W.). First contacts with Ch. Niemand, the new Rector of the Katholisch-Theologische

Privatuniversität in Linz on the renewal of the collaboration with AQ Austria, for joint external quality reviews in Linz and other Ecclesiastical Faculties in Austria (A.W.).

➤ AVEPRO and HEIs.

Constant tracking of the state of the evaluations (S.B.); contacts of A.W. and R.C. with the ecclesiastical HEIs in Rome, related to the QA and the SER elaboration: Pontifical Faculty of Educational Sciences Auxilium, Pontifical University of St. Bonaventure Seraphicum, Institute of the Theology of the Consecrated Life Claretianum and the Accademia Alfonsiana (both of the Lateran University), Pontifical University Antonianum and Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum; exchanges continued with the Theologische Fakultät at the University of Lucerne for the joint evaluation with AAQ (R.C. and A.W.). Self-Evaluation Reports received from Roman HEIs: Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum, Pontifical University Antonianum.

➤ AVEPRO and CRUIPRO. No relevant interactions.

➤ AVEPRO and other Partners.

IFCU: contacts with Prof J. Davies for the collaboration in the IFCU Program “Leading Catholic Universities in the 21st Century” in 2021 (R.C. and A.W.).

Porticus: contacts with Fiona Hunter on the matters related to the Grant and the necessary adaptation of the program to the Pandemic restrictions and new Holy See’s economic regulations (R.C.).

➤ AVEPRO and special Programmes.

Global Compact on Education events monitoring (A.W.). Participation in the funeral of Card. Z. Grocholewski in St. Peter’s Basilica, Rome on 18.07.2020 (A.W.); Participation in the funeral Prof. Carlo Nanni S.D.B., former rector of the Salesiana Pontifical University, on 21.07.2020 (A.W.).

August 2020

➤ Agency’s regular activities.

Period of annual vacation leave days and limited presence in the office. Administrative activities by V.N.: monthly ordinary accounting (APSA, SFE, IOR); archiving and cataloguing of the Agency’s correspondence; receipt and payment of invoices (Initial, Seclan, Vatican Typography), Staff’s daily attendance and updates on annual leaving days; receipt and update of changes in the Papal Yearbook (V.N.). Contacts continued with the Vatican office for traveling/lodging arrangements in preparation of the Akkreditierungsrat’s delegation visit in November (R.C.).

➤ Agency’s particular activities.

Preparation of the letters to be addressed to Rev. Juan A. Guerrero Alves, the Prefect of the Secretariat for Economy (SFE), concerning the *New Procurement Code* and AVEPRO’s pending projects; prior analysis of the regulations and their implications on AVEPRO (R.C.). Zoom meeting between the President and the Director, with a summary drafted (R.C.).

➤ AVEPRO’s Councils.

Scientific Council: contacts with Prof. S. Nowosad for a follow up of the Summer session of the SC (R.C.). Work on the SP 2021-2025 continued through Skype consultations with J. Davies on 21 and 25.08.2020 (R.C.).

➤ AVEPRO and the Holy See.

Privacy and data protection, final drafting of the requested report on the questionnaire (S.B.) and sending to the Secretariat of State (A.W.); *New Procurement Code* and *Decree of the Pontifical Delegate*, further analysis of the documents and contacts with the Secretariat for Economy (SFE) at various levels for clarifications on the adaptation of new rules to the Porticus’

Grant and Project (R.C.); response to the SFE on the possible candidates for the list of persons qualified to take on an administrative mandate in procurement procedures (A.W. and V.N.).

- AVEPRO and Bishops' Conferences. No relevant interactions.
- AVEPRO and QA Agencies.
Akkreditierungsrat Germany: contacts with Prof. S. Loiero for arrangements regarding the meeting with the visitors in November (R.C.); AAQ Switzerland: contacts continued with Ch. Grolimund e M. Risse on the joint evaluation of the Faculty of Theology at the University of Lucerne, with focus on the long list of the AVEPRO's candidates for the review expert (R.C.).
- AVEPRO's Experts.
Collaboration with M. Risse in the definition of a long list of AVEPRO's experts for the identification of one to take part in the AAQ Commission for the joint visit (R.C. and A.W.).
- AVEPRO and HEIs.
Report on EU Survey 2020, final revision of the English and Italian versions (S.B.). SER received: Faculty of Theology of the Catholic University of Lublin (Poland). Subsequent consultations with the old and the new Authorities (S. Nowosad – P. Kantyka) on the opportunity of the involvement of other Faculties in one evaluation visit. Contacts with the new Rector Pontifical University of John Paul II (Krakow, Poland) about the next evaluation the University. Sharing on the local ecclesiastical HEIs situation (A.W.).
- AVEPRO and CRUIPRO. No relevant interactions.
- AVEPRO and other Partners.
Porticus Grant and Project: contacts with Fiona Hunter, Neil Sparnon, Elisa Mancinelli and Elisa Bonfanti for the adaptation of the project management to the *New Procurement Code* (R.C.); contacts with Don McQuillan, former member of the Scientific Council (R.C.); Porticus and CLAYSS (Centro Latinoamericano de Aprendizaje y Servicio Solidario) – first contacts with AVEPRO in view of future collaboration (R. Brosse and N. Tapia).

September 2020

- AVEPRO and COVID-19 Pandemic.
Receipt of the Covid-19 health provisions for the Vatican employees released on June 1st and September 29th; updating of the sanitary measures for prevention in the office (A.W.). First elaboration of the basic criteria for the online evaluation format, possibly “mixed” with the regular onsite review visits, prompted by the Covid emergency (A.W.). IFCU “Leading Catholic Universities in the 20th Century programme” with AVEPRO contribution planned on 22.10.2020 cancelled; contacts with the Office of Procurement (APSA) for the acquisition of a sanitizing stand (V.N.); clarifications on the smartworking updated regulations with competent offices like ULSA, Secretariat of State (V.N. and R.C.).
- Agency's regular activities.
Administrative activities by V.N.: monthly ordinary accounting (APSA, SFE, IOR); archiving and cataloguing of paper or electronic Agency's correspondence; receipt and payment of invoices (Initial, Seclan, Vatican Typography); Staff's daily attendance and updates on annual leaving days; receipt and update of changes in the Papal Yearbook, elaboration and delivery of the Financial Forecast, Part One in collaboration with R.C. (30.06.2020). Other Agency's formal correspondence drafting and dispatching (CCE, SFE, CEE); occasional interventions on network functioning with the corresponding Vatican Authorities (V.N.).
Resuming of the regular weekly briefings (62, 63 A/B) accompanied with related minutes (S.B.); Request of regular monthly reports on the individual activities (so-called ACTA) and of the monthly attendance printouts of each Staff member (A.W.); Ecclesiastical HEIs continuous data updating related to the experts' database, evaluations in their national and particular contexts, evaluation commissions and evaluation reports (S.B.).

- Agency's particular activities.
Recent CEC-AVEPRO consultation minutes redaction (R.C.); AVEPRO's monthly activities updating and translating into English (S.B.); EU Survey 2: definition of delivery sequence of the *Report 2020* across European HEIs and other Stakeholders (A.W. and S.B.). Investigations with competent Vatican Authorities on new website of the Agency (V.N.); beginning of Skype consultations related to the new Strategic Plan elaboration on 17.07.2020 (R.C. with J. Davies).
- AVEPRO's Councils.
Scientific Council: contacts with the members for a follow up of the July 9th online session (A.W.); consultation on the timeline, monitoring and preparation of materials for the SC's Autumn sessions in October 29th and November 5th (A.W. and S.B.); sending of the materials (A.W.); Virtual session on specific questions related to Academic Strategic Planning with SC member F. Hunter on 11.09.2020 (A.W. and R.C.).
Board of Directors: contacts related to the forthcoming December meeting and sending of the *Report 2020* on the EU Survey 2020 (A.W.).
- AVEPRO and the Holy See.
Institutional Consultation with CCE (Meeting 8) on shared concerns in Quality Assurance in the Ecclesiastical HEIs (A.W. and R.C.); Quality Assurance Group of the Bologna Follow Up Group: CCE proposal to the AVEPRO Director to participate in representation of the Holy See accepted (R.C. and A.W.); consultations with CCE on AKASt (A.W. and F. Bechina); letter to Msgr. E. Peña Parra (Secretariat of State) delivering the report on data flow in the Agency (A.W. and V.N.); delivery of the *Report 2020* on the EU Survey 2020 to CCE (S.B.); consultations of the President with the CCE Secretary, H.E. Msgr. V.A. Zani on the internal issues related to the Staff of the Agency (A.W.); analogous exchanges with the involvement of the Director and of the Secretary (R.C., V.N. and Msgr. V.A. Zani); response of the SFE recognizing the Porticus Project as "pending procedure" (23.09.2020);
- AVEPRO and Bishops' Conferences.
Exchanges with R. Pérez on the issues concerning the value of the ecclesiastical academic titles against the Spanish State ministerial regulations (R.C.). Building up of the operating network with the Contact Group in Poland in preparation for the future evaluation of the Faculties based on the nation/area model (A.W.). Contacts with the new Spokesman of the French Episcopal Conference, Rev. Hugues de Woillemont with the delayed April 2020 Seminar in Paris in view (A.W.). Sending of the *Report 2020* on the EU Survey 2020 to all the Bishops' Conferences of the Countries where Ecclesiastical Faculties are located, as AVEPRO's networks building and their maintenance (S.B.); Italian Episcopal Conference (CEI) document on *Pastoral care of the school* (14.09.2020): points of contacts with QA and Global Compact on Education (S.B.).
- AVEPRO and QA Agencies.
ENQA: receipt of the materials for the revision of the ENQA statutes and the rules of procedure; consultations with ENQA on the follow-up procedures (R.C.); opening of a series of exchanges with AAQ on programming the external evaluation of the TF of Lucerne (R.C.). AQ Austria: further exchange of emails related to the development of a renewed collaboration agreement with the Agency for the evaluation of Katholisch-Theologische Privatuniversität Linz, possibly extended to other ecclesiastical Faculties in Austria (A.W. and R.C.); exchanges with SKVC Lithuania on the permission to share the external evaluation report in the Database of External Quality Assurance Reports - DEQAR (V.N. and R.C.) and with AAQ Switzerland on Lucerne Theological Faculty approaching joint visit further developments (R.C.); concluding considerations (R.C. and A.W.) and signing of the formal "Agreement between AAQ and AVEPRO" for the joint evaluation of the ecclesiastical Faculties in Switzerland (A.W. and Christoph Grolimund, dated September 29th, 2020). Launch of programming of the evaluation procedures of the Faculty of Theology of Lugano and first contacts with the related AAQ representatives (R.C. and L. Beccari).

- AVEPRO's Experts.
Research and scrutiny on new candidates for the role (A.W.).
- AVEPRO and HEIs.
Sending of the *Report 2020* on the EU Survey 2020 to all the ecclesiastical Faculties in Europe (S.B.); further email contacts with K-TPU Linz (A.W.); further consultations with the Faculty of Theology at the University of Ljubljana and the External Evaluation Commission (EEC) on the arrangement of the site visit in October with the new mixed online-onsite methodology (A.W.). Continuous contacts with the Theologische Fakultät at the University of Lucerne on the programmed joint evaluation with AAQ and corresponding search for the AVEPRO's expert (R.C.).
- AVEPRO and CRUIPRO.
Consultation of A.W. with the CRUIPRO President, Prof. M. Mantovani, on some major emerging themes in view of a planned meeting with the newly constituted Committee of the Quality Offices in Roman Pontifical HEIs (online review visits, safeguarding policies, transparency in governance and forms of accountability, compliance with the European Data Protection privacy regulations, anti-plagiarism measures). Sending of the *Report 2020* on the EU Survey 2020 to CRUIPRO (S.B.).
- AVEPRO and other Partners.
Contacts on AKASt and Akkreditierungsrat Germany (A.W., R.C., S. Loiero); sending of the *Report 2020* on the EU Survey 2020 to AKASt and to UDESCA (S.B.); E4 GROUP (ENQA, EUA, EURASHE and ESU): receipt of the Statement "The ESG in the changing landscape of higher education" (dated August 2020); Marconi University representatives in search of contact with AVEPRO for possible collaboration (R.C.). CLAYSS: first virtual meeting with the members of Uniservitate "Academic Sounding Board" and the "Spirituality & Research Team", with AVEPRO's President active participation on 10.09.2020 (A.W.).
- AVEPRO and special Programmes.
Acquisition of the book of Pope Francis on Global Compact on Education (Italian original: Papa Francesco, *Il patto educativo globale. Una passione per l'educazione*, ed. Angelo Vincenzo Zani, Edizioni SCHOLE', Brescia 2020, 432 pp.); Pontifical Academy for Life/FAO/Microsoft/IBM, online international conference on "Ethics of Artificial Intelligence" (S.B.).

October 2020

- AVEPRO and COVID-19 Pandemic.
Ongoing monitoring of the Holy See's Crisis regulations and continuous planning of the in presence or remote activities of the AVEPRO's Staff.
- Agency's regular activities.
Monthly monitoring and reporting by V.N. (APSA, SFE, IOR), bills management and payments (Initial, Seclan, Vatican Typography), management of the electronic system of attendance and monitoring the annual leave days. Other Agency's formal correspondence drafting and dispatching (V.N). Contacts with the internal internet office (APSA) to solve problems with the email server system (V.N.); communication of the AVEPRO data to the Vatican statistics office for the update of 2021 Pontifical Yearbook (V.N.). Progressive clarifications on privacy standards and formats of internal communication among the Agency's Staff (S.B.); monitoring of the state of evaluations in their specific contexts and updating of the database for a better availability of the relevant data – work in progress (S.B.); examining of the exact numbers of evaluations carried out according to the the cycles of evaluation (1 and 2), with corresponding coordinators ad thematic experts (S.B.); expert database's analysis and updating and creation of an internal database related to the academic authorities of the HEIs (starting with EU) with their email contacts, organized by nations – work in progress (S.B.).

- Agency's particular activities.
 Progressive drafting, by means of scheduled Skype consultations (October 1-8-14-19-27-29) in collaboration with John Davies, on the elaboration of subsequent drafts of the Agency's Strategic Plan 2021-2025 and of the Annual Operating Plan 2021, to be presented to the Scientific Council during the Autumn Session #2 (R.C.); work on the redaction of the synthesis of the Agency's activities 2020 according to the interactions pattern (S.B.); *Report* on the EU Survey 2020: reception of the feedbacks from the ecclesiastical Faculties (S.B.).
- AVEPRO's Councils.
Scientific Council: work on a unified file (Book 1) combining the position papers and other materials of the SC June Online Session (S.B.); archiving of the relevant materials on the Agency's server (S.B.); editing of preparatory documents and position papers (S.B.). Completion of the Minutes of the previous VIth Meeting of June 7th 2019 (R.C). Preparation of other position papers like Agenda, Scheme for the possible Working Groups of the SC; Framework for the feedbacks on ST (R.C.); scheduled delivery of the work documents for the First Autumn online session of the SC (A.W. and R.C.). Celebration of the VIII Meeting of the Scientific Council on the Zoom platform: October 29th, 2020 (A.W. and R.C., with respective PPT presentations).
- AVEPRO and the Holy See.
 Response to the SFE on the AVEPRO officials as possible candidates qualified for awarding contracts (R.C. and V.N.); compilation and submission to the SFE of the requested module on "Liquidity, financial investments and significant transactions" (V.N.): letter to the SFE on the Agency's staffing changes scheduled for 2021 (A.W., R.C. and V.N.). Further consultations with the CCE on the upcoming meeting with Akkreditierungsrat of Germany (A.W.). Progressive information on the formal agreement between AAQ and AVEPRO delivered to the Secretariat of State and to the CCE (A.W.). Further clarifications on the matter with the Secretariat of State (A.W.) and with the CCE (R.C.). Collaboration requested by the CCE with Fr. Imoda on the actual state of the Agency and on future perspectives of AVEPRO.
- AVEPRO and Bishops' Conferences.
 Contacts with Rev. Hugues de Woillemont, the Spokesman of the French Episcopal Conference, continued. Internal discernment for the new date related to the delayed 2020 Seminar in Paris (A.W. and R.C.) Possibility envisioned for March 2021.
- AVEPRO and QA Agencies.
 Ongoing dialogue with SKVC on the AVEPRO's next evaluations in Lithuania (V.N.); exchanges on additional elements to be incorporated in the explanatory documents of the September agreement signed between AAQ and AVEPRO (A.W. and R.C.). New contacts with AAQ for the collaboration in external evaluation extended on the other Swiss Theology Faculties in Lugano and Chur (R.C. and A.W.).
- AVEPRO's Experts.
 Search for new experts, their recognition and selection (A.W. and V.N.); contacts with the active and qualified experts to define the AVEPRO's member of the joint evaluation commission for the external review of the Theological Faculty in Lucerne (R.C.).
- AVEPRO and HEIs.
 Email and phone contacts with the representatives of seven Polish Academic Centers (Lublin, Kraków, Toruń, Poznań, Szczecin, Warszawa), selected as Contact Group for Poland in view of future joint collaboration in QA promotion (A.W.). Contacts and email exchange with the Faculty of Philosophy in Toulouse (France), requesting information on the elaboration of the Self-Evaluation Report (R.C. and V.N.). Request of collaboration from St. Joseph's Seminary in Vilnius, Lithuania, in view of the renewal of their state accreditation (A.W., R.C., V.N.). Exchanges with the Claretianum of the Lateran University on the 2021 external evaluation of the Institute (A.W. and R.C.); attendance at the online inauguration of the Pontifical Salesian University new academic year (R.C.); contacts with the QA office at the Pontifical Gregorian University (R.C.); Updating of the internal information on the developments related to the site visit of the PFT at

the University of Ljubljana (S.B.); contacts with the Theology Faculty in Fribourg University in preparation of the next approaching evaluation (R.C.); contacts with representatives of Faculty of Theology in Lugano in view of the evaluation visit (R.C).

➤ AVEPRO and CRUIPRO. No relevant interactions.

➤ AVEPRO and other Partners.

CLAYSS: virtual meetings with the members of the Spirituality & Research Team of Uniservitate Program with AVEPRO's President active participation on 01.10.2020 and 27.10.2020 (A.W.); a follow-up encounter with a representative of the UbiBanca Community on possible ways of collaboration in favour of the ecclesiastical HEIs (A.W.); contacts for comments on the Statutes of ENQA (R.C.); attending an ENQA webinar on 21.10.2020 and 23.10.2020 (R.C.); previous preparation and exchange of pertinent opinions on the ENQA Statutes, and attending at the online ENQA annual General Assembly on 21.10.2020 (R.C.).

➤ AVEPRO and special Programmes.

Participation of the President in the inauguration of the Academic Year at the Alphonsian Academy with the proslution on "Morality as proximity: resources, culture and quality" on 12.10.2020 (A.W.). Participation in an online Conference on Formation in Religious Life with an extended contribution at the Card. Wyszynski State University in Warsaw (UKSW), Faculty of Canon Law on 21.10.2020 (A.W.).

November 2020

➤ AVEPRO and COVID-19 Pandemic.

Planning of the in-presence or in-remote activities of the Staff continued to be easily consulted through the updated files on the shared Vatican Cloud space (A.W.).

➤ Agency's regular activities.

V.N.: monthly reporting to APSA (regular accountability and fire prevention report), financial correspondence with SFE and IOR, work on the AVEPRO Budget for 2021, its completion and delivery, recurrent bills management and payments (Initial, Seclan, Vatican Typography), management of the electronic system of Staff's attendance and monitoring of the annual leave days; paper and digital documentation archiving; updates related to the Pontifical Yearbook. Other Agency's formal correspondence drafting and dispatching by V.N.: sending of the letter to AAQ Swiss Accreditation and Quality Assurance Agency containing the complementary documentation to the agreement signed with AVEPRO (prepared by A.W. and R.C.); sending of the letter of appointment to an AVEPRO's expert; Website management: uploading of the Agency's Report 2020 on EU Survey 2; supplying for the office stationery.

S.B.: tracking of the evaluations in their particular contexts - Institutions, Faculties, evaluation commissions, evaluation reports, follow-ups; updating of the database with insertion of new experts; further implementations for a better access to the data; analysis to verify numbers, uncertain due to the limitations of the technical tools available; drafting of the corresponding report with attention to the Agency's expert system and related issues – work in progress (S.B.).

➤ Agency's particular activities.

Completion of the drafting of the Agency's Strategic Plan 2021-2025 and of the Annual Operating Plan 2021 (Skype consultations scheduled on 3-12-18 November) for presentation to the imminent Scientific Council's Autumn November session and subsequently to the Board of Directors in December, in collaboration with John Davies (R.C.); continuous updating of the Agency's activities according to the interactions pattern proposed by the President (S.B.).

➤ AVEPRO's Councils.

Scientific Council: scheduled preparation for the Second Autumn online session of the SC. Subsequent celebration of the VIII Meeting #2 of the Scientific Council on the Zoom platform: November 5th, 2020 (A.W. and R.C.); further works on the compilation of the position papers

and other work materials of the SC Autumn Sessions for the 05.11.2020 BoD meeting (S.B.); final delivery of the SP 2021-2025 and of the AOP 2021 to the SC members for their approval (R.C.). Reception of the responses and ultimate integrations (all affirmative).

Board of Directors: scheduling, preparations and effective delivery of the position papers and other materials for the Board of Director's Meeting in December (A.W., R.C. and S.B.); Preparation of the Minutes of the 10th Meeting of the Board of Director of November 2018 (R.C.).

➤ AVEPRO and the Holy See.

Further consultations of the President with the CCE and Secretariat of State on the necessary processes and instruments to foresee for the Agency's development (A.W.). Participation of the Director of AVEPRO in the redaction of the text on AVEPRO to be inserted in the next Circular Letter of the CCE (R.C.).

➤ AVEPRO and Bishops' Conferences. No relevant interactions.

➤ AVEPRO and QA Agencies.

Contacts with AAQ continued on the joint visit of the ecclesiastical Faculties in Lucerne, Lugano and Chur (R.C. and A.W.); final exchanges for the formal integrations in the explanatory documents of the AAQ–AVEPRO agreement (A.W. and R.C.) and their postal delivery (V.N.).

➤ AVEPRO's Experts.

Search continued for new experts, their recognition and selection in collaboration with the CCE (A.W. and V.N.). Prof. Ulrich Rhode: second mandate appointment for the role of an AVEPRO's expert (A.W.).

➤ AVEPRO and HEIs.

Email exchange continued with the Lithuania SKVC and the St. Joseph Seminar in Vilnius in order to arrange the next regular evaluation (V.N., R.C., A.W.); further contacts with the QA office at the Pontifical Gregorian University (R.C.); communications continued with the Faculties in Lucerne, Lugano (emails and a Zoom session – R.C.) and Chur (R.C. and A.W.); exchanges on the long lists of possible AVEPRO's experts for the evaluation of the Faculties in Lugano and Chur (R.C. and A.W.). Elaboration of the Long Lists of the AVEPRO's experts for the Faculties of Lugano and Chur (A.W.) and their delivery (R.C.); Catholic University of Lublin, Poland – attendance at virtual conference on "Church's Response to the *Cultural War*. Dialogue – Apologetics – Criticism – Action" on 25.11.2020 (A.W.)

➤ AVEPRO and CRUIPRO.

Setting up of a permanent Joint Committee of the Quality Offices of the Pontifical Roman HEIs (CSUQPR) and a virtual meeting of the Representatives with the CRUIPRO Presidency. AVEPRO's President and Director invited for sharing of good practice and examination of some new challenges and proposals on 17.11.2020 (A.W. and R.C.).

➤ AVEPRO and other Partners.

CLAYSS - Uniservitate "Spirituality & Research Team" virtual meeting on further collaboration on 19.11.2020 (A.W.); attending at "Leadership Learning Lab" of ASSFOR on 26.11.2020 (R.C.); attending at an EUA webinar on 17.11.2020 (R.C.); attending at an EQAF webinar on 12-13.11.2020 (R.C.); attending at the online EQAF 2020 (R.C.); attendance at the virtual EHEA Ministerial Conference, Rome 2020 (A.W., R.C., V.N., S.B.) and reception of the Conference documents; Prof. Beate Kowalski of Dortmund University proposing a formation project for AVEPRO's consideration (R.C.).

➤ AVEPRO and special Programmes.

"Ethics of Artificial Intelligence": online following Pope's Francis up-to-date teaching on Education and its developments (S.B.); "Festival of the Social Doctrine of the Church": online attendance (S.B.). Toruń (Poland), College of Social and Media Culture, XIII International Congress on Catholics and education: "Contemporary challenges for higher education and science. *In memoriam* of H. Em. Zenon Cardinal Grocholewski", online participation with a pre-recorded greeting and *Memorie* on behalf of AVEPRO, on 20.11.2020 (A.W.).