**60th Annual Meeting of SIESC in Rome**

From July 23rd to 29th, 2015 70 Christian teachers of 14 European countries met in the Casa Bonus Pastor near the Vatican in order to listen to lectures and statements coming from various spheres and dealing with the topic ***„Otium et negotium: Educate young people to the human dimension of work“*** and to increase their knowledge in discussions in language groups and individual conversations.

In two Round Tables entitled ***„Young people and work: between projects and uncertainty“*** statements were presented concerning ***“… in society“* (Don Mario Tonini), “*… at school“* (Gian Carlo Sacchi), “*… in the family“* (Francesco Belletti), *“… in Italy“* (Alfonso Balsamo, *“… in Europe“* (Roberto Cipriani), “*… in the world“* (Gian Cesare Romagnoli).** In the following lectures **Sofia Corradi** asked **“*Which pedagogy for the generation of uncertainty?”,* Don Carlo Nanni** presented the topic with respect to the **“*work of Don Bosco”*** and **Andrea Porcarelli** gave a glance at the future ***“at the beginning of the 3rd millennium”***. The occupation with the topic ended in a short summary of the considerations of the language groups and the presentation of **two European projects** developed by the Italian Ministry of education and by UCIIM.

The rich programme offered a lot of matter for discussions, unfortunately the necessary translations from Italian could not be made available for some of the statements. (All the Italian texts can be found on the website of UCIIM: [www.uciim.it](http://www.uciim.it) .) A special difficulty was the translation of questions and answers into (this time exceptionally) four languages. But SIESC members are used to difficulties of that kind and overcome them with great patience.

On two afternoons the Italian colleagues took us to Trastevere (with Santa Maria in Trastevere as the highlight) and to the “Romans’ place of pilgrimage” Santuario Divino Amore. During the relaxed excursion on the last day we travelled down the Tiber by boat, visited Ostia Antica with the heat mitigated by a breeze, and spent some time at the seaside.

The Casa Bonus Pastor allowed good work and sleep by its air conditioning, the meals and the service were excellent.

SIESC thanks the colleagues of UCIIM for the preparation of the rich offer of contents and the administration of the meeting. Even though the opinions about the strictness of the organisation differed sometimes, we managed to bring everything to a good end.

Rome and the SIESC meeting were really worth the often long journey.

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