MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL COORDINATING GROUP (ICG) OF THE DEHONIAN FAMILY
January 12-14, 2015, Rome

From January 12 to 14, 2015, the International Coordinating Group (ICG) of the Dehonian Family gathered in Rome to prepare a program for its 3 years mandate as was decided during the international meeting of May 2014.

We started the meeting by situating ourselves in the context of the International Year of Consecrated Life and by being encouraged by Pope Francis on his words regarding Spiritual Families, that is, associations sharing the charism of Founders with the people of God:

Indeed, around each religious family, every Society of Apostolic Life and every Secular Institute, there is a larger family, a “spiritual family”, which includes a number of Institutes which identify with the same charism, and especially lay faithful who feel called, precisely as lay persons, to share in the same spiritual reality.

I urge you, as laity, to live this Year for Consecrated Life as a grace which can make you more aware of the gift you yourselves have received. Celebrate it with your entire “family”, so that you can grow and respond together to the promptings of the Spirit in society today (Apostolic Letter, November 21, 2014)

We began the topic of the meeting by reviewing the contents of the Charter of Communion of the Dehonian Family. We revisited the four objectives stated in the final message of the international meeting of May 2014, namely:

a) to further develop and implement the “Spiritual Path for Lay Dehonians”;
b) to encourage communication via the internet and other resources, including a website;
c) to prepare for the establishment of a future coordinating committee; and
d) to create the possibility of a process of growth in the living of the charism together.

In the afternoon, the group had a dialogue with Fr Isidoro Murciego, O.SS.T regarding the experiences of the Trinitarian Family.
On the second day, the group reflected on the 3 years program in order to understand the steps to be taken until May 2017. We examined different modes of communication to allow us to share and coordinate the activities of the Dehonian Family. We also reviewed the financial resources to support certain events and the necessary expenses of the group.

On the final day, we outlined the following program of the International Coordinating Group of the Dehonian Family for 2015 to 2017, specifically, the objectives, actions, persons responsible and the period of its execution:

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| Develop the Spiritual Path *(Iter Formativo)* (Formation for Lay Dehonians) | • Support the Working Group until the completion of the project  
• Help with the translations  
• Support the implementation and promote the usage of the *Spiritual Path*  
• Gather the experiences (comments, suggestions and modifications) and the resources developed in the implementation of the *Spiritual Path* | ICG in their respective continents  | 2015-2017       |
| Communication                                                             | • Create a Facebook account under the name “International Dehonian Family”  
• Create a link to and from www.dehon.it  
• Highlight and make a Dehonian Family section in www.dehon.it  
• Make all ICG members administrators of all current and future means of communication  
• Connect with all the local levels of the Dehonian Family  
• Identify the correspondents or contributors  
• Prepare a proposal re. various media and their contents | Br. Roberto Garcia, SCJ and Grace Escobia  
ICG as administrator | January 2015-2017 |
| Preparation for the future International Coordinating Group | • Follow-up and promote the Continental Coordinating Group and organize a continental meeting  
• Prepare the schema on how to organize and establish a coordination with the African continent (Meeting in Africa in French and/or Portuguese)  
• Prepare the 2017 international assembly | ICG | 2016  
2016 meeting of ICG in Rome |
| Process for the development of the Dehonian Family (SCJ, Lay, and Consecrated Persons) | • Organize each of the components of the Dehonian Family (Lay and Consecrated person) at the local and continental level  
• Form and organize the Continental Coordinating Group: SCJ, Consecrated Persons, and Lay  
• Highlight the concrete experiences expressing the Dehonian Family Life | • Ida Coelho and Grace Escobia for the Lay component  
• Fr. Bruno Pilati and Fr. Claudio Weber (General Councilor of SCJ) for the Congregation  
• Silvia Bertozzi for consecrated persons  
• ICG | 2015-2017 |

In order to prepare for the international assembly planned in May 2017, we set the following objectives, contents, participants and duration:

**OBJECTIVES:**

1. Reflect and clarify what it means to be a Dehonian Family in terms of organization, formation, autonomy, mission and communication;
2. Design the animation of the Dehonian Family for the following years;
3. Choose the members of International Coordinating Group of the Dehonian Family with representatives from the distinct groups;
4. Study the possibility of creating an association of Lay Dehonians (as a juridical entity recognized at the ecclesial and civil levels).
CONTENTS:

1. Reflection on the meaning of Dehonian Family;
2. Structure and tasks of the International Coordinating Group;
3. Dehonian values: Sint Unum (spirituality and communion);
4. Experiences of being a Dehonian Family (how Sint Unum is lived).

PARTICIPANTS:

Anyone who has participated in the Dehonian Family in any of its component and from each continent. The choice, however, is left to the Continental Coordinating Group. The expected number would be around 30-40 persons.

DURATION:

Four (4) days.

At the conclusion of this meeting, we happy to report that we have achieved a clearer vision of the three-year program for the development of the Dehonian Family and the International Coordinating Group. In line with the charism of Father Dehon, we extend an invitation to all the components of the Dehonian Family in their distinct realities and geographic areas to help us realize this plan of action. May we be urged on by the love of Christ.

This message has been unanimously approved by all members of the provisional International Coordinating Group.

Rome, January 14, 2015

Members of the Coordinating Group:

Fr Bruno Pilati, SCJ, Province ITS, Italy
Silvia Bertozzi, Consecrated Person, Finland
Ida Coelho, Lay Dehonian, Brazil;
Rosalie Grace Escobia, Lay Dehonian, Philippines;
Fr Claudio Weber, SCJ, General Councilor