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GREETINGS COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS OF ICUSTA 9/20/2011

Please be advised of the following notes regarding ICUSTA related information and activities:

1. LATEST ICUSTA DIRECTORY = Attached you will find the latest ICUSTA Directory of Members and Friends. We gained several new friends as a result of the WCCU Conference held at UCA Avila, Spain in August. (More on that gathering later in the newsletter.) Kindly proof read your entry and e mail me directly if you want to make any changes. We have added several new members which I will introduce to you in this Newsletter.

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2. NEW ICUSTA MEMBERS SINCE PUBLICATION OF LAST DIRECTORY

- A. Campion College = Located in Old Toongabbie, Australia, just outside of Sydney was founded in 2006. It is named after the English martyr St Edmound Campion. It is solidly liberal arts and Catholic with an enrollment of about 100 with an anticipated cap in enrollment between 300- 400 students maximum. Campion provides a fully accredited quality education with a full BA degree in three years as is typical in Australia. Students take 24 required courses in the liberal arts. The essential purpose of Campion is to place students on the path to Christian wisdom through the integration of faith and reason. Their motto is "educare ad aeternitatem" (to educate for eternity.) Campion most recently launched a new Centre for the Study of Western Traditions. Their President is Dr David Daintree, d.daintree@campion.edu.au Dr. Daintree will be visiting UST Houston in late January 2012. You may learn more about Campion by going to www.campion.edu.au
- B. University of Notre Dame Australia = Our newest member has three campuses in Australia located at Freemantle, Broome and Sydney. The Vice Chancellor at Freemantle, where the University was originally founded is Dr. Celia Hammond. The Vice Chancellor at the Sydney Campus is Dr Hayden Ramsay, dvc.syd@nd.edu.au (I met Dr. Ramsay at the WCCU Conference as we arrived together at the airport.) The University was chartered in 1989 and began operations in the Perth Diocese at Freemantle. Today UND has some 9000+ students enrolled in its three campuses, with the Sydney campus having about 8000 students. The University has embraced both the Australian university traditions and the traditions of Catholic universities in Europe and North America. It is a Catholic University that emphasizes excellence in undergraduate education. Its focus is the education and training of its students for major professions and positions in: medicine; law; teaching; nursing; account and finance; physiotherapy; counseling; health sciences; and the priesthood. UND Australia has also assumed a special role in the education of, and service to, the indigenous people of northern Australia--- hence its campus in Broome. UND Australia has inaugurated the Centre for Faith, Ethics and Society on the Sydney campus, its remit is University wide. The Centers purpose is: "to promote the study of the Catholic intellectual tradition and moral tradition, with a particular focus on faith and ethics and their application and integration into the broader life of society." You may learn more about UND Australia by going to www.nd.edu.au
- C. IPC: Faculte's Libres de Philosohie et Psycholosie, located in Paris, France. Is a Catholic private institution of denomination faculties in Philosophy and Psychology, with an emphasis on the teachings of St Thomas Aquinas. It is recognized by the Bishop's Conference in France. Founded in 1969 on the initiative of parents of pupils in denominational education and teachers, the PPC aims through an original philosophy-based process to train tomorrow's managers in the fields of education, teaching human resources communication journalism and

marketing. IPC prepares its students for the state Degrees in Philosophy and Psychology. The Dean of IPC is Dr. Michael Boyance, mboyance@ipc-paris.fr and the International Counselor is Dr. Bertrand Doncieux, bdoncieux@ipc-paris.fr They currently have an enrollment of 220 students and they are located in downtown Paris. You may learn more about IPC by going to: <u>www.ipc-paris.fr</u>

ICUSTA members may wish to e mail our newest members and welcome them to our organization.

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3. WCCU = The first World Congress of Catholic Universities held in August at Catholic University of Avila, Spain was an outstanding success. Our friends at UCA took a risk in planning for the first such conference to take place a week prior to the Pope's visit to World Youth Day in Madrid, Spain. They were hopeful and prayed that colleagues around the world would respond and respond they did. The total number of students, faculty and staff from Catholic Universities around the world who attended the Conference exceeded 600+ people. There were 41 nations represented and I counted 164 Universities and Catholic organizations who registered for the Conference. ICUSTA can take special pride in that 18 or 60% of our ICUSTA members registered for the Conference. The facilities were excellent, the programs and presentations were outstanding and challenging, and the Mass's that were offered were spectacular. Ms. Lydia Jimenez, the President of the Cruzadas de Santa Maria de Espana, the Rector of CUA, Dr. Maria del Rosario Saez and her outstanding staff and volunteers deserve our applause and appreciation for bringing together so many of us involved in the Lord's work. We all made new friends and strengthened our commitment to Catholic Education. ICUSTA was proud to be a small part of this wonderful event. I have attached the concluding recommendations from the Congress in both Spanish and English for your perusal.

ICUSTA made a small contribution to assist in meeting the Conference expenses and CUA Rector Maria del Rosario Saez wanted me to thank our members for their investment in and support of the WCCU Conference.

One surprising result was that there will be a Second WCCU! It will be held in 2013 in Brazil, in conjunction with the next World Youth Day. Congratulations to our colleagues at CUA! Job well done!

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4. ICUSTA NEWS

- ++ "Important Dates To Remember:"
 - --- October 2012: Conference on "Catholic Universities and Secularization," is to be held at ICES in France; dates to be determined soon.
 - ---June 12-14, 2013 The Eleventh General Assembly meeting of ICUSTA also to be held at ICES, France.
- ++ "Upcoming visitors" to ICUSTA at UST Houston, Texas USA include:
 - Dr. Herve" Magnouloux, President of ICES, October, 2011 to confer with UST officials on a variety of planning opportunities;
 - Dr. Ryan Sullivan, STU Canada, International Advisor, fall 2011 to meet with appropriate UST officials;
 - Mr. Jose Alvarez de Toledo y Melia, UST Chile, as a part of UST Houston-UST-Santiago ICUSTA Lecture Exchange, November, week of 14-18, 2011;
 - Dr. David Daintree, President of Campion College, to meet UST officials, January 28-Feb. 1 2012;

- Dr. Kit Lam, Director Communication Arts, Wenzao University, Taiwan, in spring 2012 as a part of the UST-Wenzao ICUSTA Lecture Exchange program.
- Dr. Jaime Vatter, Rector, UST Chile to attend the U-6 Conferrence at UST Houston.
- Dr. Francis So, Rector of Wenzao Ursuline College to attend te U-6 Conference at UST Houston

++ ICUSTA SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

"GRGSF" = The first ICUSTA member to receive an award from the Gerardo Rocha Global Solidarity Fund was UST Mozambique. The grant of \$10,000 was awarded to support their proposal for a University Community Outreach project that involves faculty, staff and students from UST Mozambique. Their goal is to enhance University and community relations by involving their University in a community development project to improve the quality of health and waste management in Maputo City.

Competition for the second award of the GRGSF will take place in January and February 2012. Watch for the announcement for this grant opportunity for ICUSTA members in January 2012.

"ICUSTA St Thomas Aquinas Project" = I am pleased to report that through a generous grant from the Angelicum Foundation, we anticipate launching another special funding program sponsored by ICUSTA sometime in 2012. The ICUSTA Executive Committee only recently approved of this project and endorsed the idea. We are working on project details which will focus on providing opportunities for institutional improvement projects that utilize the network of ICUSTA members. Watch for details that will be forthcoming. We anticipate awarding grants under this project sometime in early 2012.

"ICUSTA Internet Course on Globalization"

The Internet Course on Globalization led by Dr. Pierre Canac UST Houston has begun. I believe this is the fifth such course offered via internet to participating ICUSTA member institutions. This year's enrollment under the revised guidelines totals 82 students. Faculty from the following ICUSTA institutions will be preparing modules for these students and participating in the classes: UST Chile; ICES, France; Australian Catholic; UST Manila; Wenzao Ursuline, Taiwan; UCA Avila, Spain and UST Houston, Texas.

If any ICUSTA members would like to monitor the course, feel free to contact me and we will set you up with a password so that you may enter and view the course on internet.

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The next newsletter will focus more on the individual efforts of our members. There was so much ICUSTA news of importance that I did not wish to make this newsletter any longer that it is. Hopefully in the near future we will have our part time graduate student help to update our website and help develop our newsletter with an institutional emphasis.

This edition focuses on news of ICUSTA.

A very special greeting to all. Send me your information you would like included in the next newsletter--- and any corrections you wish me to make in the ICUSTA Directory. God bless,

Dr Joseph Mc Fadden Executive Director, ICUSTA