

## **ICUSTA Newsletter 2012-1**

### GREETINGS COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS OF ICUSTA

This then is the first ICUSTA Newsletter of the new year and I have some important news from our members to share. I have also attached important information in this newsletter, including the latest and most up to date ICUSTA Directory. Also attached you will find the guidelines for the second round of funding in the Gerardo Rocha Global Solidarity Fund. (GRGSF See Below. )

### NEWS FROM ICUSTA

#### "Future ICUSTA Meetings"

Be sure to mark your calendar for two important ICUSTA meetings to be held at ICES in France. The first will be a Conference on Secularism and Catholic Higher Education at ICES on October 16 and 17 2012--- details will be forthcoming soon. The second is the 1th General Assembly also to be held at ICES in France June 12-14 2013.

#### "Second Round of Funding for GRGSF"

The ICUSTA Executive Committee has announced the second round of funding available for projects submitted to the Gerardo Rocha Global Solidarity Fund. (GRGSF) GRGSF guidelines and deadlines are included in the attachment. Last year you may recall UST Mozambique was awarded \$ 10,000 to support their proposal entitled: "Adopt a Community: A Program of Community Immersion." All members in good standing are eligible to submit a proposal. Proposals are due via e mail to the Executive Director by February 20 2012. See the attachment GRGSF for more information.

#### "Announcement of a New Grant Program for ICUSTA Members"

The Executive Committee of ICUSTA is pleased to announce a second funded grant available to ICUSTA members in good standing. The new grant program has been funded with funds from the Angelicum Foundation and ICUSTA general funds from our dues paying members. Information and guidelines for this program will be forthcoming later in February so as not to conflict with the GRGSF grant. The second fund will be called the "St Thomas Aquinas International Exchange Program," or STAIEP. Grants will be available on a matching basis to encourage more international exchange opportunities among ICUSTA membership. Guidelines and deadlines will be announced in February with a late March deadline. We are pleased that the Angelicum Foundation under the leadership of Gerardo Gabriel Rocha has made ICUSTA a funding priority for their Foundation.

#### "Latest ICUSTA Directory: January 15, 2012"

Attached you will find the latest ICUSTA Directory. Kindly review your listing and let me know of changes and corrections.

### NEWS FROM ICUSTA MEMBERS

#### "Forthcoming Conferences"

Several of our members are sponsoring important conferences in the coming months that I bring to your attention.

++CAMPION COLLEGE, Australia= will host a three-day colloquium on the Christian view of History and the re-manifestation of the Liberal Arts—the ancient Trivium and Quadrivium—in colleges and

universities during the past 100 years. The conference will be held from Friday August 31 to Sunday September 2. Contact Dr. David Daintree for more information at [d.daintree@campion.edu.au](mailto:d.daintree@campion.edu.au)

++UST Santiago, Chile, announced two special conferences that they encourage their ICUSTA colleagues to attend.

"Congress on Thomistic Philosophy," to be held in Santiago the first week of July 2012. The Conference subject to be addressed is: "Person: Divine, Angelic, Human." Conference Director Gonzalo Letelier has announced that the most important researchers on Thomistic philosophy have confirmed their participation. Contact Gonzalo Letelier Widow for more information at: [gletelier@santotomas.cl](mailto:gletelier@santotomas.cl)

"UST Chile announces a call to attend the Third Saint Thomas International Debate Tournament.' Teams from among our ICUSTA members are invited to debate academically relevant global issues of our time. The official language of the tournament is Spanish and the tournament is programmed for five days. The host institution will be UST at Vina del Mar, Chile. The host institution will be responsible for accommodations, food, transportation to and from airport, and city tours. Transportation to the city of Santiago is the responsibility of visiting institutions. For more information contact Jose A Weinborn, Headmaster of Santo Tomas at Vina del Mar at [jweinborn@santotomas.cl](mailto:jweinborn@santotomas.cl) The deadline for ICUSTA institutions to apply is May 4, 2012. The previous tournaments have been most successful, forming new lines of friendship among ICUSTA members and strengthening the spirit of St Thomas Aquinas, the patron saint of many ICUSTA members. Contact Headmaster Weinborn for more details, it is an exciting event. Members may also want to check the following link that illustrates the debate format to be used at the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Debate Tournament ICUSTA 2012. See the audio visual resource at: <http://vimeo.com/34394090>

#### "Forthcoming Publications"

Several publications have recently been announced for which we extend our congratulations. They include:

++THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME, Australia, announced the publication of a new book to be launched on their campus on January 31, 2012 by His Eminence Cardinal George Pell, Archbishop of Sydney. The new book by Bishop Anthony Fisher, OP, is CATHOLIC BIOETHICS FOR A NEW MILLENNIUM. Bishop Fisher addresses dilemmas arising in contemporary health care from the perspective of Catholic moral theology. In addition to showing the relevance of ancient wisdom he offers new suggestions for social policy and regulation.

++Fr Hanna Kildani, of the Martyrs of Jordan Church who is assisting in the development of a new Catholic University in Jordan, announced the preview of his new book MODERN CHRISTIANITY IN THE HOLY LAND.

++ICES, France has announced the publication of GLOBALIZATION: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVE, on behalf of ICUSTA. The book contains the modules written for the ICUSTA on-line course on Globalization offered in the fall of 2009. Armel Pecheul, the President of the Scientific Council at ICES guided the publication through its printing. Dr. Pierre Canac, UST Houston, Texas, was the course director. The publication includes modules prepared specifically for the course by participating ICUSTA faculty members from: Australian Catholic; UST Chile; UST Colombia; ICES France; UST Philippines; Abat Oliba Spain; and UST in Houston (3). The book is printed in English and contains 297 pp. All members of ICUSTA will receive a copy of this special publication in early February. Congratulations to

the faculty who participated in the ICUSTA on-line course and to the 150+ students who successfully completed the course.

#### NEWS FROM OTHER ICUSTA MEMBERS

"MARY IMMACULATE, Limerick Ireland announced that the inauguration of their 9<sup>th</sup> President, Prof Michael A Hayes will take place on February 2 at 4 p.m. in the new Lime Tree Theatre at the College . For more information you may contact Deirdre Carroll at [Deirdre.Carroll@mic.ul.ie](mailto:Deirdre.Carroll@mic.ul.ie)

"UST Houston and STU Fredericton, Canada" Each year two students are selected from each University to present their research at one another's student research symposium/ideas fair. This student exchange has been on-going for a number of years. This year the STU Research and ideas Fair will be held on March 17 in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada. The UST Research Symposium will take place on April 12-14 in Houston, Texas, USA. The student research exchange is an example of a good exchange that has resulted from ICUSTA contacts and friendships.

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I trust you are all actively involved in the New Year on your respective campus. I wish you a most rewarding and happy New Year campuses. Come visit ICUSTA at UST Houston or your other ICUSTA colleagues to keep the spirit of friendship fervent among us. Watch for news about STAIEP in the next ICUSTA newsletter. God bless, hope to see many of you this year in France.

Regards,

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