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INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATIONS (FIAMC)

FIAMC is an association of about 60 National Catholic Physicians' Associations from across the world.

It is divided into six regions:

- Africa
- Asia (AFCMA)
- Australia and New Zealand
- Europe (FEAMC)
- North America
- Latin America (FAMCLAM)

The aims of FIAMC are listed in its official Statutes and are summarised as follows.

- To coordinate the efforts of Catholic Medical Associations in the study and spread of Christian principles throughout the world.
- To encourage the development of Catholic Medical Associations in all countries, in order to assist Catholic Physicians in their moral, spiritual and professional development.
- To participate in the general development of the medical profession and to promote healthcare and social action in accordance with the Magisterium of the Catholic Church.
- To devote itself to the study of medical ethical problems with their practical and theoretical solutions.
- To establish models of cooperation in health and pastoral care with developing countries.

At the request of John-Paul II, one of the primary missions of FIAMC is the protection, promotion and safeguarding of human life within the different cultures.

Since its foundation FIAMC has organized world Congresses every 4 years. This is the first occasion that it is being held in Lourdes.

FIAMC has its permanent secrétariat in Rome. Its president is Dr José-Maria Simón-Castellvi, from Barcelona.

XXIII World Congress of FIAMC



**Congress and pilgrimage
of catholic physicians**

"Our faith as physicians"

**6-9th May 2010
LOURDES**

Under the patronage of:
**The Pontifical Council for Health
Pastoral Care**

with the assistance of:

- The International Medical Association of Lourdes (AMIL)
- The Catholic Centre of French Physicians (CCMF)
- Love and Truth ("Amour et Vérité")



PRESENTATION

As a result of the major technical and scientific advances, modern medicine is now more effective and able to achieve great wonders. However, we recognise that these advances are not without their problems, bringing into question the true understanding of the person in all his dimensions, which in turn influence our practice, as doctors of faith, in the medical management of our patients. Under the patronage of the Pontifical Council for Health Pastoral Care, FIAMC invites all Catholic doctors of the world to meet and consider the theme:

"Our faith as physicians"

It is a combined Congress / Pilgrimage taking place in Lourdes, France, a city known world-wide for its miraculous cures, and its testimony of compassion for people suffering in body, mind and spirit.

At this site of the apparitions of the Virgin Mary, we shall be able to make a real pilgrimage, pray together, and better understand our role as believer physicians in today's society, from a vision of man based on the Scriptures and the teaching of the Church.

All spouses are cordially invited.

Participation in the usual Liturgies and other ceremonies is planned (Eucharistic procession, torchlit Marian procession, international Mass), with the possibility of joining in with other highlights of Lourdes: The baths, Rosary, Stations of the Cross, confession ...

Either before or after the Congress, you may wish to visit the Museum of miracles, St Bernadette's museum, the museum of sacred art as well as the excursions into the Pyrenees (Cirque de Gavarnie, Pic du Midi, etc..).

Four working sessions are planned in four languages (French, English, Italian and Spanish), addressing four main themes related to the creed we profess:

"God - the Creator"

"Jesus-Christ - suffering and healing"

"The Spirit of Life"

"The Church, the Body of Christ"

The aim is to shed light on these points, which are fundamental to our identity as Catholic doctors, in order to inform our decisions and better understand our practice.

This congress is also an opportunity for participants to meet colleagues either in already established groups, or National Associations, or in linguistic groups, etc...(please, apply in advance).

There will be an exhibition of achievements of associations and centres of ethics involved in the service of the patient.

PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 6th MAY

Whole day: **Registration of congress delegates / pilgrims**

Morning: **FIAMC Executive Committee meeting**

Afternoon: **FIAMC General Assembly**

4:30 PM: OFFICIAL OPENING in Church of St. Bernadette

Moderators: T. Csáky-Pallavicini, F. Loh et F. Balzaretto

9 PM: **Torchlit Marian procession**

FRIDAY 7th MAY

Opening Mass at the Grotto

Session 1 "GOD – THE CREATOR"

- Moderators : F. Blin, H. Stevens, M. García

- **Speakers** : D. Turbón, F. Euvé, Federica Marchini, M. Davenport, A. Anzani, P. Ide, R. Colombo, G.L. Gigli.

Session 2 "JESUS-CHRIST SUFFERING AND HEALING"

- Moderators : F. Díaz, B. Galichon, G. Isajiw

- **Speakers** : X. Sanz, R.A. Watson, A. Nolzco, B. Duncan & M. Barbacki, T. Anatrella, O. De Dinechin.

Evening: **Concert of sacred music** (trumpet and organ)

SATURDAY 8th MAY

Mass in Church of St. Bernadette

Session 3 "THE SPIRIT OF LIFE"

- Moderators : J. Lee, P. Theillier, A. Laureano Santos

- **Speakers** : K. Murrell, E. Pavesi, J.F. Mattei, A. Mielnik, X. Sobrevia, A. Lastman, S. Fernandes, J. Markeljjevic.

Session 4 "THE CHURCH, THE BODY OF CHRIST"

- Moderators: E. Kaboré, R. Giertler, V. Saraceni

- **Speakers** : A. de Arquer, R. Walley, P. Effa, M. Aupetit, B. Chazan

Eucharistic procession, worship, and blessing of the sick

Evening: **Prayer in Church of St. Bernadette**

SUNDAY 9th MAY

International Mass in the underground Basilica St. Pius X
25th anniversary of the Pontifical Council for Health Pastoral Care

Prize-giving ceremony: **"Pope John XXI"**, & **"FIAMC Science and Faith"** prizes

Closing cocktails in "Accueil Notre-Dame"

Afternoon: Depart

TARIFF INFORMATION

FLAT BASE RATE = 350 €

The package price includes registration fees, meals and overnight stays from dinner Thursday 6th to lunch Sunday 9th; transfers; cocktails

(Additional expenses (drinks, telephone, ...) will be at your charge).

All delegates will be housed in comfortable hotels in Lourdes near the Grotto area. Rooms have already been reserved. We will send you further details of your accommodation.

Please note, single rooms are limited and therefore subject to availability.

Extra charges:

- Single room: 120 €

- Better quality hotel: 90 €

- Single room + better quality hotel: 150 €

Discounts:

- Student: -75 €

- Accompanying person: -100 €

A deposit of 100 € is payable at registration.
Payment of the balance to be made before 1st March 2010

