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# ERI Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

Here is the **latest news from the ERI**.

We will tell you about what was accomplished at the latest meeting that was held in **Paris, October 7th to 11t**, at the Glacière (Teams' Offices).

**All ERI members were present.**

Various **subjects** were treated throughout the **week**.

And just before the ERI meeting, the ERI met the **Association of the Friends of Father Caffarel**, whose president is Edgardo Bernal, Responsible Couple of the ERI.

You will learn about it all in this edition of the Newsletter!

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- October 7th, 2019

## **The Meeting of The Association of the Friends of Father Caffarel**

**The Association of the Friends of Father Caffarel** held a meeting on October 7<sup>th</sup> and all ERI members were invited to attend. Also present were the **Association's** President, Vice-President and Treasurer, all three of whom are also ERI members: Edgardo Bernal, Mariola Calsing and Giovanni Cecchini Manara respectively.

The de Roberty were also present, as were the Genillon (who are in contact with the Association's secretariat) and Father Marcovits (editor of the cause for canonisation of the Teams' founder). Various subjects were

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**DIARY 2020**

March

**Togo/Lomé – ERI Meeting n° 5, 15th-22nd**

July

**Poland/Warsaw- ERI + International College Meeting n° 6, 22nd -31st**

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## ERI SOCIAL MEDIA



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We would be delighted if you were to share the important moments that characterised your **SR or RR**. So that we can make them available to everyone... and so that everyone can see how great our Movement is! Do send us pictures with captions... in your native language.

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treated and the book, *Married Love, A Path towards God*, that has just been published in France, was presented as well as the fact that it is to be published in some of the Movement's other languages too. Of course, the cause for canonisation of Father Caffarel was also discussed. It was important for the current ERI to meet up with this Association and to be aware of its focus and concerns.

**General Meeting**



**Father Paul-Dominique Marcovits**



- October 8th-11th, 2019

**Daily Meetings and the Agenda's Various Topics**

- The work sessions began with a Sharing, that like in every Team in the Movement helps to open us up to each other, and to open the hearts of the couples (and Spiritual Counsellor) so that they get to know each other better and can thereby establish strong ties.
- **Everyone was present** over these days: Clarita & Edgardo, Mariola & Elizeu, Paola & Giovanni, Thérèse & Antoine, Sylvestre & Bernadette, Márcia & Paulo, Kevin & Faye, Dora & João, and Father Ricardo Londoño.

- Work truly began with **Clarita & Edgardo's summary of the ERI's first year of activity: Who are we and where are we going?** The Main Guidelines were spelt out again and refocused.



- Then followed a **summary of the Valencia College**, during which the answers to the survey distributed to all Valencia participants were analysed in detail. Overall, the College's assessment was very positive and naturally the less positive aspects were identified in order to be corrected at the Warsaw College,
- **Zone Reports** also were an important focus for the ERI. Each day, the Liaison Couples for the Zone presented images, figures, questions, difficulties and joys, that led to discussions and reflection. One of the points that emerged from these presentations was to understand what criteria ought to be used to group together SR and RR in the Zones as they already exist. This is a subject that will continue to appear on the ERI's agenda in subsequent meetings.
- The **Satellite Teams'** Responsible Couple, Mariola & Elizeu, presented the 4 newly created teams, who had met up in Turcifal, Portugal, a few days beforehand. The dice were thrown and the couples in these teams are already working on the proposed topics: Young Couples, Teams of Our Lady's Pedagogy, Couples in a Second Union, Reflection and Research.
- The next two ERI meetings were planned: March in Togo; July in Warsaw along with the College. The framework for the next College was also outlined.
- Another subject that occupied the ERI's attention at this meeting was the **Regional Encounter** that will be held in **Rome in 2021**.

- The **Study Topics** for the next 2 years were discussed.
- The “**forming and training of trainers,**” always an important subject, was discussed and the trainers’ names were chosen. Before long, couples will be invited to take up this service.
- **Communication** was also highlighted with the publications on the International Social Media, the Newsletter, the ERI’s Letter and the examination of the new website, soon to be online. Furthermore, the “Translations’ Protocol”, a central question for works at a global level, was discussed here, and new perspectives will be communicated to everyone before long, in order to ensure that the procedures established at Valencia work correctly.
- Another subject that Clarita & Edgardo had asked everyone to think about was discussed. It is a delicate and topical issue for the Church and one that had been suggested to the Teams’ Movement by the Holy See’s **Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life**: What propositions can Teams of Our Lady come up with in relation to the abuse of minors and vulnerable adults. A lively debate ensued and various elements emerged that will be communicated to the Dicastery and to all Responsible Couples in Teams.
- Finally, amongst the more formal subjects, the **Movement’s accounts and statistics** throughout the world were also presented by the Responsible Couple for the Secretariat. This is obviously a topic that is constantly being revised and updated and merits everyone’s full attention.
- Every day, in order to refocus the work on what is the most important in our lives, Father Ricardo celebrated **Mass**, the **Angelus** was recited and certain couples were detailed to prepare a **moment of Prayer** at the end of the day. The day the Team went out on a cultural visit of the City of Light (Thursday afternoon, October 9<sup>th</sup>), the **Rosary** was recited in the church of Saint Etienne du Mont.



Reciting the Rosary



After Mass at the Church of Saint Etienne du Mont



The day of the **cultural visit** ended with a **lovely dinner** in a restaurant close to the church they visited.





Meals at the **Glacière** also punctuated the work sessions and helped deepen friendships as people shared and got to know each other better.





Here we send a **hug** to the **Teams of the French-speaking Africa SR** and especially the **Togo Teams**, who we will get to know next year in March, and with whom we will work in order to continue together to help our dear Movement grow. The next Newsletter will come from there.

