



## REPORT OF CTIA FOR THE INTERCHAPTER

Monday, 18 February

15:00 13TH SESSION – FIRST PART

Within the duty of realizing the indication: «*Rekindle with creative fidelity the gift received from God through St Paul and Blessed James Alberione*», the International Technical Committee for the Apostolate (CTIA), has undertaken the following activities, according to the request of the IX General Chapter.

1. Firstly, the General Government has reviewed and updated the *Statutes* of CTIA, according to the outline of **operative guidelines 1.2.1**, and has published it in the diverse languages where the Congregation is present with its apostolic work, with the exception of the Japanese language.

In the same way CTIA has worked with the respective Statutes of the linguistic-continental groups, GEC, CAP-ESW; which have already been actualized and updated with the aim of greater functionality and involvement also in the process of the formation of future Paulines.

In reference to the group CIDEP, the Statute will be actualized and updated in the General Assembly on 11-15 November.

We can say that all the linguistic-continental Groups CAP-ESW, CIDEP and GEC, are operational and are trying to work on the agreed respective strategic plans of the Final Document of the General Assemblies of the respective Groups. Cf. **Attached report of each Group, 1A, 1B, 1C.**

### 2. **Activities of CTIA during the past two years.**

As activity, CTIA have made 4 informal meetings in Rome and 5 online meetings during which it had:

- a. established its plan of work for three years. Cf. **Attachment 2**;
- b. reviewed and updated the Methodological Guidelines for Setting Up the Apostolic Project of the Circumscriptions of the Society of St Paul 2011-2016, and highlighted respective frame of reference.
- c. reminded the Secretaries of the geographical areas to do all things possible so that each Circumscription may produce and put in place the Apostolic Project. The actual situation is illustrated in **Attachment 3**;

- d. made an agreement with the *Editrice Vaticana* in which ST PAULS, at an international level, will pay 3% for the rights of the Pontifical documents that are to come out (the agreement was communicated through e-mail);
- e. The coordination of the **Frankfurt Bookfair** – the most important publishing event for ST PAULS – continue to show good results, even if the economic cost is a principal impediment. We must say that participation in the last editions of the Frankfurt Bookfair has opened a fruitful moment of the exchange of useful ideas to concretize common projects among individual Circumscriptions and inside the intercontinental-linguistic Groups, from the time that these started to be more operational. For this reason we want to thank you for the great work, encouraging you to continue participating and with good presentation of the catalogues. We invite you to be constantly vigilant on the correct application of the Logo in all the products and activities of your Circumscription.

2.1. The IX General Chapter, **priority 4.1**, asks “*To utilize in the best way the human and financial resources of the Congregation in view of formation and mission*”. To this end, the General Government has asked CTIA to set some basic criteria in the best use of the resources and in its most efficient control and treatment. Accordingly CTIA, having received the approval of the General Government, came up with the following documents *ad experimentum*:

- a. *Administrative Policies and Procedures and Control in the Circumscriptions of the Society of St Paul 2011-2016*. Cf. **Attachment 4**.
- b. *Guide for Setting Up of the Manual of Procedures*. Cf. **Attachment 5**.
- c. *Guide for Setting Up of the Budget*. Cf. **Attachment 6**.

At this moment, the three documents are the working tools for the secretaries of the intercontinental-linguistic areas. They have the responsibility of applying it in all the Circumscriptions.

The application of the administrative policies provide the Congregation and the Circumscriptions in general, working instruments with the aim of “programming, organizing, executing and controlling all the apostolic activities” (cf. *SdAM* 426), establishing in the use of the resources (financial and technological) the responsibilities of their respective guarantors: Major Superiors, General Director, Circumscriptional Bursars, Administrative Director and other persons involved (Paulines, lay collaborators)

It speaks thus of activating the Administrative Policy in accordance to the needs and exigencies of the Circumscriptions and in an adequate manner to the dimension and measure of the Apostolic Work.

It is not for nothing that CTIA insists in the effective application of the instruments which facilitates the decisions taken at the right moment and provide strategies suitable to overcome the difficulties that are present.

The apostolic works which generate 63.19% of the apostolic sales (collective) have been producing operative loss and generating a reduction of the fixed assets of the Congregation. 45% of the Circumscriptions do not have an apostolic project, or have it and places it only in the drawer. This means managing the apostolate without planning and clear horizon.

These weakness is a worry and effective and proactive solutions must be found.

2.2. Having studied the new pulpits which highlights the development of the means of communication and the great possibility which opens for the Pauline mission, and in response to the request of the IX General Chapter which says: “*The Circumscriptional Governments will initiate or strengthen – by the Interchapter – the apostolic presence in the digital world*” (**operating guidelines 1.1.2**), CTIA has reviewed and re-formulated the **Criteria for the Multimedia Development of ST PAULS**. This is in the certainty that their fulfillment will engrave into the Congregation and its apostolic work a significant presence in the digital world. It speaks simply of a frame of reference, which does not put aside creativity but rather facilitates our presence in the internet in a uniform manner. *Cf. Attachment7*.

In the same way CTIA, with the approval of the General Government, is spearheading the **Project of Unification of the Institutional Image of the SSP**, applying stable criteria for multimedia development. It has begin with the re-elaboration of the website of the General Government, [www.paulus.net](http://www.paulus.net), which must act as a portal. We hope that it be ready by 4 April this year. Within the same architecture of information – as is already done by CIDEP - all our websites must conform so as to arrive at a common image and style.

2.3 Operating guidelines 1.2.2 ask that “*The General Government and the Governments of Circumptions, in accord with the International Apostolic Organisms, set up a project which coordinates the biblical pastoral activity of the Congregation*”.

Studying in-depth the situation of SOBICAIN and examining other possibilities, CTIA has decided that it is necessary to create a congregational Organism, all our own, and to make a project of effective International coordination of the biblical apostolate – which was dear to Blessed Alberione - , leaving SOBICAIN as a part of the new ST PAULS Biblical Centre, PAULUS, ST PAULS, etc.

The **general objective of the ST PAULS Biblical Centre** is “to coordinate at a congregational level, the realization of the Biblical Project for the benefit of all the Circumscriptions. Its priority and guidelines will be periodically reviewed and updated so as to favor a harmonious synergy of forces among the Circumscriptions to re-launch the biblical pauline apostolate.”

The concrete objectives are described as follows:

1. To be an organ of coordination and reference for the biblical activities of the Congregation oriented towards a congregational Biblical Project.
2. Serve as an intermediary and to facilitate among the Circumscriptions and International Organisms in everything that refers to the biblical apostolate.
3. Stimulate collaboration for common biblical projects among the Circumscriptions, Intercontinental linguistic Groups or for the entire Congregation.
4. Orient the Pauline Biblical Apostolate as a service of biblical animation for all the pastoral activities of the Church, in the different local realities.
5. Encourage the biblical apostolate in all means and languages, above all in the new digital instruments.
6. Coordinate the biblical initiatives at all levels, enhancing local distinctiveness and proposing common projects, like new translations and editions of the bible, online courses, pamphlets for study and diffusion of the Bible.
7. Enhancing the activity of diffusion and the precious heredity of the Catholic International Biblical Society (SOBICAIN). It was founded in 1914 in Alba by Fr. Alberione and re-proposed by the Generla Government on 2 June 1987 to give incentive to the Pauline biblical apostolate in the world with the following aims:
  - a. Distribute biblical texts and present them in a way that all peoples can discover the plan of God, giving way to faith and the growth of Christian life;
  - b. Have, in such regard, a particular attention to those who are separated from the faith, those socially marginalized and those who live mission areas (*Cf.* SdAM 114). *Cf. Attachment 8.*

What we have accomplished until now constitute the first phase, in which we have elaborated the proposal of the Organism which must take definite shape; after the approval of the Statute. The second phase will consist in putting in place, under the direction of the International Coordinator, the projects as such, whose execution is foreseen by the Statute.