



Namur, 04<sup>th</sup> March 2022

## SECIS General Assembly 2022

### On line meeting

Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 at 9.30 a.m.

Participants: Raquel Pérez (Spain, chairwoman), Pierre Devos (Belgium, secretary), Hermann Weber (Germany), Jean-Charles van Caloen (Belgium, treasurer), Edith Weber-Sinner (Luxembourg)

Excused: Marco Cattaneo (Switzerland), Eduardo Duque (Portugal), Helen Townsend (England & Wales) and Anne Van Nuffel (Belgium)

1. Welcome to the participants of the General Assembly 2022 by the chairwoman
2. The report of the General Assembly 2021 was approved by the Assembly with the following correction: financial report concerned the accounts of only 2020 and the budget for only 2021.
3. The treasurer, Jean-Charles van Caloen, verbally introduced the 2021 accounts. He will send the document later on. The balance between expenses and income for 2021 represent -53,12€. At the end of 2021, the current account represented 1.465,91€; the saving account, 4.551,62€; the shares, 40.525,45€; i.e. a total amount of 46.542,98€.

Given that there was no Annual Encounter in 2021, it was agreed to extend the validity of the member's annual contribution from 2021 to 2022. After approval by the General Assembly, discharge was granted to the directors.

4. News and information to SECIS members  
In the framework of the EU policies after Covid-19 pandemics, concerning Education & Culture, the chairwoman presented the project of FRH (*Future for Religious Heritage*, <https://www.frh-europe.org/>), a non-faith, non-profit organisation open to all that intends to bring together those working to protect religious heritage across Europe. It is registered in Belgium, with members all across Europe. Pierre will contact this association which is located rue de Trèves, 67 in Brussels with the aim to look at a possible collaboration.

Edith reported on the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of LISEL (*Lieu d'Initiatives et de Services des Etudiants au Luxembourg*) in 2021.

Hermann reported on the international students in Germany. They account for 325.000 people with the Chinese in the first place (about 41.000). This number includes the “on line” participants which aren’t without consequences for the local pastoral activity. There was a 20% reduction of newly enrolled International students in 2021. Hermann gave also news on its succession as general secretary of KAAD.

5. Preparation of SECIS Annual Encounter 2022 to be held in Braga (Portugal), from 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

First of all, we wish to thank Eduardo Duque for welcoming us in Braga next summer. We identified as potential participants those in charge of pastoral work with international students in universities and high schools from Great Britain, Austria, Germany, Netherland, France, Italy, Belgium, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Spain and Portugal.

The main topic is the impact of digitalization on the exchanges of students in Western and Central Europe. COMECE and FIUC should intervene in the deciphering of this impact.

The meeting ended at noon.

Pierre Devos, secretary