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News from UNESCO CHAIR on "Population, Migrations and Development"

1. Two seminars on the topic of the Chair have been held: the first one in Rome, November 2008, with Raimondo Cagiano de Azevedo and Dumitru Chitoran; the second in Paris, at CERI-Sciences Po, December 2008, with Raimondo Cagiano de Azevedo and Catherine Withol De Wenden.
2. A third seminar, of the same kind, is planned in Buenos Aires, March 2009, together with the local branch of the UNESCO's Institute for Educational Planning.
3. A new event of the same nature is proposed by Janez Malacic in Slovenia: we will discuss it at the next scientific Council Meeting in Paris (July 2009)
4. The academic course on "Population and Development" will be inaugurated in Rome the 2nd of March 2009 and will continue until the end of May with the active involvement of Raimondo Cagiano de Azevedo and Elena Ambrosetti.
5. During two meetings held in Paris (December 2008), at the UNESCO headquarter Mr. Antoine Pecoud and Mr Paul de Guchteneire reached an agreement to have a part in our Scientific Council; they will give us new inputs to our activities; they will extended to us the access to the publications of the UNESCO Service on Population, Migrations and Development.
6. A call for proposals is underway among our partner Universities: Università degli Studi di Siena, An Najah National University, Isfhan University, University of Ljubljana, Sana'a University, Institute Nationale de Sciences Politiques (Sciences Po) Paris, University of El Salvador Buenos Aires, Cairo University.
7. An initial contact has been established with the Unesco Chairs of the Universities of: Venezia Casablanca, Moscow, Santiago de Compostela, Madrid, Sevilla; in order to create a network of Chairs insisting on the same topics.
8. Catherine Withol de Wenden will make it possible to hold the next meeting of our scientific Council, in Paris at CERI-Sciences Po, on the occasion of the Unesco General Conference on Higher Education (5-10 July 2009). An informal meeting of the Council is also planed in Marrakech at the occasion of the IUSSP General Conference; a meeting room has been reserved for us. Unfortunately any financial contribution is available for that meeting.
9. A Rome Chapter of the Chair has been established in order to better involve our young researchers and senior students; a similar initiative is underway for a Paris Chapter.
10. The web-site "www.unescochair.eco.uniroma1.it" is also under construction; any contribution would be appreciated, in particular for a specific section reserved for the recent publications of the scientific Council member.