



CATECHESI DEL BUON PASTORE
Consiglio Internazionale

**Statutes of the International Consiglio
of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**
Annex “D” of the Council Act 2014

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1. The International Consiglio of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd was established in Rome (Via degli Orsini 34), October 25, 1996.
2. The International Consiglio of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a sign of the unity of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd which is present in various countries through the Associations which have been formally established according to the guidelines of the Consiglio.
3. The International Consiglio of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an instrument for maintaining unity among the catechists and the identity of the Catechesis as delineated in the “Characteristics of the Catechesis” (the “32 Points for Reflection”).
4. The International Consiglio of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd assembles every three years and is made up of two representatives from each Association and an Executive Board⁽¹⁾ (“Giunta”) made up of Francesca Cocchini, Nora Bonilla, Tere Loyo, and Rebekah Rojcewicz
5. The Associations to be represented are those which have been formally established in countries where the following requirements have been met:
 - experience of having worked with children in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for at least seven years
 - knowledge and understanding of all three levels, along with the capability of guaranteeing the formation of catechists in all three (2) levels
6. The representatives chosen by their Association must be selected according to the following qualifications:
 - They must be catechists with have a solid, lengthy experience working with children in the atrium (in all three levels) and have the whole vision of the catechesis.
 - The responsibility rests with the Board or equivalent governing body of the Association to select catechists who have the most complete vision of the Catechesis, knowledge of its development in their country, plus the willingness and capability to report back to their respective Association concerning the content and decisions of the Consiglio meeting.
 - At least one of the representatives must be currently working with children in an atrium (3)

- The selection of representatives should also respect and reflect the particular ecumenical situation in the respective country.

7. The tasks of the International Consiglio are as follows:

- Communication: Facilitate communication and the sharing of experiences at the international level.
- Formation: Reflect on formation content (4) and practices with children and adults.
- Research: Encourage research and the deepening of understanding regarding aspects of the Christian announcement and methodological aspects of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.
- Materials: Respond to observations and questions regarding the material in use
- recognition of New Associations: Approve the requests of new Associations to become part of the International Consiglio.
- Also the Consiglio will seek to make decisions necessary to ensure the correct application of the methodology of the catechesis.

8. The Executive Board:

- Has the task of following up on the decisions made by the Consiglio at their triennial assembly and to address matters arising between those assemblies, which will be then brought to the following Consiglio assembly for ratification.
- Designate among the representatives of the Associations (members of the Assembly) the members of the Executive Board, up to a maximum of 7, always guaranteeing the presence of at least one or more catechists with specific Montessori formation.(5)
- Communicates with the Board of Directors or equivalent body of the respective Associations in order to prepare the next Consiglio assembly.
- May invite one or two persons as guests to the Consiglio assembly if their presence is deemed advantageous in reference to a particular theme to be discussed.

9. Each Association has the task of implementing the Consiglio's decisions in their respective country.

(adopted in 1996 and then revised in 2014, based upon the proposals of the Giunta meeting of February, 2010)

(1) This point was modified in September 2014. It used to say honorary members: Sofia Cavalletti, Silvana Montanaro, Adelaide Balmas, Luigi Capogrossi

(2) This point was modified in September 2014. It used to say: two levels.

(3) This point was modified in September 2014: The word children was added.

(4) This point was modified in September 2014: Before it used to say programs, it was changed to contents.

(5) This point was modified in September 2014: The whole paragraph, was in point 7, it was changed to point 8, because it was not for the Consiglio to elect representatives to the Executive Board, but a function of the Executive Board