

AN EVENT

A ICCG meeting is always a date that becomes an event, that means, a nowadays event that goes into our lives. It is not meant to be an answer, but a question that asks my life, that alters and that crashes into it to change it.

AN AGREEMENT

A ICCG meeting is always an agreement among all the participants. The ICCG "meeting" is always a discovery. Give you the chance of being amazed, being surprised. The "meeting" is the background that creates new common causes, new friendships, new faces, new projects, that sets new looks in the world, that makes a new guide life be born, that shows a new world and a complete new future.

A WAY

To do so, the ICCG "meeting" needs a way, an itinerary of stages, of directions and of sense. This way is opened by the ICCG pedagogy.

A PEDAGOGY

This ICCG pedagogy is that one of the World Guide that has all the good actions of the AMGS. But ICCG lights this pedagogy with the Gospel light. The "Good news" from Jesus Christ Gospel is not a different pedagogy, it is the same pedagogy but in a different way. It is not one more idea, or an aside idea, it is not a doctrine or an advertisement, and it means giving it a sense.

THE YEAST OF GOSPEL

It's a breath, it's a smell, it's "a pinch of salt" that gives taste. Gospel is a nice taste that makes people want to live. It is yeast that makes us rise, that calls us to move, to go further, deeper. It is yeast that makes move. Because the ICCG pedagogy is rhythm. It is a score. It is an orchestra that respects times. It really is a process.

MEETING TIME

First time, it is the "meeting time" that starts learning, it is time to open the eyes, to discover faces, the faces' names, the languages, the countries, the culture, the guides' responsibilities, each one's profession or studies. It is giving time, taking time. Not to jump to conclusions. To welcome. To refuse to make any conclusion too fast. To walk. Not to have prejudices.



BASE GROUP CONSTITUTION TIME

As everything in Guiding, the ICCG "meeting" is a team experience. For all the ages, in every Guiding branch, to every responsibility, the team is the link of Christian community, the close church also called "base community". The meeting takes its time to build base groups taking into account different languages and cultures and choosing a kind of communication based on the respect and the will of those differences.

IN-CULTURE TIME

Every ICCG meeting is always situated in a place, a country, a history, and so in a culture. This is never random, it is always a choice. The meeting place is always part of the "meeting", it is a "meeting" Word. Because immersion in cultural realities in the "meeting" country does not mean tourism but the process of a real in-culture, the will of being interrogated by the cultural realities of that country, of taking time, of being marked, of inviting oneself, of understanding, of welcoming, of owning and helping. It is the way to go into the meeting.

NEW SOLIDARITIES

It is, of course, about the respect of differences that will be founded in the base groups, but most of all, it is about trying to avoid these differences from being walls that divide but being engines that make new solidarities work. Differences, should not be seen as obstacles to the meeting to take the meeting value. It is not about stopping the differences or pretending they do not exist anymore. New solidarities can only be born from the truth, with no tricks, calling one by one to get to their own best extreme. New solidarities are not built by ideas but by living experiences.

CONFRONTATION TIME

The "meeting" is a once in a life moment that allows us to discover what happens in other places, trespassing my boundaries, my prejudices, my history, my customs. It is time to confront what we do our way in our association with what other associations do their way. But all the same, it is clearly seen that in the ICCG process Guiding is a concrete project of living "with the others and not a charity to the others". Guiding is a concrete project of living together. It is the shared will and dynamic that makes people work to build a new world, the one that Gospel wants, a world full of beauties that makes an option in favour of the poor. Every time we live it together, we are changing the world.

DESERT TIME

The desert is the "nothing" place. It is the "imperfection and emptiness" of the beginning of the world, when it hadn't been created yet. The desert is the place where there are so many things to be done, where everything is to be created, so everything is possible. The desert time is the option time. Among all these things that I've lived during

the meeting time; which are the things I choose to live everyday? What can they change my daily life? What do they mean to my compromise as a Guide? Which Gospel words call me as a voice during this meeting and change my life?

EVALUATION TIME

During this time we work together in teams or in base groups to find the changes that we have experienced during the "meeting". We re-read, going back to every moment of this "meeting" being sincere to oneself and to the others, with the concrete reality of what we have lived and being under the Gospel light. In which sense has this meeting changed us? In which sense have we got a new point of view? In which sense is today a starting point? Why have we been able to go out of our own prejudices prison? Of our routine? Of our habits? What will make us rise? And, how are we going to rise? What will make me work and advance for three years? What about you? Which stages do I propose? Which times? What about you? What about your group? Am I aware of being responsible of translating my own decisions into actions, in activities for my association, in my ICCG region? How can I register them in this three years long calendar? How will I check that I've done it well?

CELEBRATION, PARTY AND SENDING TIME

It is time to celebrate together this meeting that is now an authentic international event. Each one's particular experience, each one's feelings, this amazement is worth being celebrated. This new happiness becomes a song, this end becomes a beginning, this being together becomes a dance, each of us recognises the other one, and the other recognises one. Everybody is in the sight of the other. The head raises meaning and endless thanks, the thanksgiving celebration that lays the tablecloth to start celebrating the feast of bread, wine and the Eucharist, which means Thanks in Greek. We only have to leave, but it is not an end or a separation. It is not a split or sadness, it is a sending.