Assembly of General Coordinators
Annual Ordinary Meeting – January 2006

Agenda

Pre-meetings

(Some themes: reading of the previous minutes; evaluation of the proposed themes for the year; levelling of works carried out during the year; reading of the contribution of Tomas Hirsch and conversations in Mendoza; interchange and proposal for future work)

Saturday 14th January 2006

Informal Interchange among General Coordinators

Sunday 15th January 2006

Informal Interchange among General Coordinators

Interconnection of nodes through Internet:

India: 21:30	Spain: 17:00	Argentina/Chile: 13:00	Colombia: 11:00

Meeting

Monday 16th January 2006

India: 19:30	Spain: 15:00	Argentina/Chile: 11:00	Colombia: 19:00

Video-conference

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Interchange and synthesis of the evaluation of the work of levelling carried out
3. Interchange and synthesis of future proposals
4. Agree the date of the next meeting
5. Close the meeting.

Post meetings – according to each node.

Tuesday 17th January 2006

Distribution of the minutes

Supplementary documents

Appendix 1 – Report of the Commissions working since January 2005

Appendix 2 – Agreements and Resolutions of the Assembly December 2005

Appendix 3 – Situation of Coordination bodies and Organisms

Appendix 4 – Minutes of the previous meeting of the Assembly January 2005

Appendix 5 – Agenda Commission meeting minutes December 2005

Appendix 6 – Agenda Commission – requirements sub-commission

Commission 18 – Risky Countries

Commission 19 – Centre of Cultures

Commission 20 – Commissions (Document and Process chart)

Report of commissions working since January 2005

Commissions of internal working of the assembly and ideological positions	Responsible	Status
Convergence of structure, action fronts and organisms inside the Humanist Movement	Franco di Nitto C.37	Converted to Contribution
The position of the Humanist Movement regarding Sexual Orientation	Marianella Kloka C.44	Delivery due March 2006
Mechanisms of coordination and ways of working of the Regionals and the relation with the International	Loredana Cici C.33	In final round of approval
Setting in motion organisms in countries of high risk	Philippe Moal C.110	**Approved – Commission 18**
Study about the Centre of Cultures	Nicole Meyers C.209	**Approved – Commission 19**
Civil disobedience and non-violent direct action	Alexandre Sammogini C.51	Delivery due 1st semester 2006
Commission to study the format of the next virtual meeting of the Assembly, including a study to investigate the possible creation of a new node in Bogotá, Colombia	Wilfredo Alfsen C.9 and Enrique Nassar C.6	Incorporated into the Agenda Commission
A study of responses to recover about how to grow massively applying at the same time the “Theory of Organisation”	Nelsy Lizarazu C.125	Commission dissolved
Rapid Action in front of social disasters.	Petur Guddjjonson C.15	In second round of approval
Education	Mario Aguilar C.93, Rafa de la Rubia C109	In progress
Commissions	Oscar Cevey C57	**Approved – Commission 20**
Agenda Commission – January 2006	Tony Robinson	In progress

Commissions of Events and other contributions	Responsible	Status
The development of the first congress of the African Regional	Christian Heinrici C.95	Completed
Contribution about the statistical archive of the Movement	Oscar Cevey, C.57 and Yolanda Muga, C.99	Completed

SYNTHESIS OF AGREEMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE HUMANIST MOVEMENT ASSEMBLY

The following list consists of three parts:

1. Agreements recorded in the minutes
2. Strategic lines for the next two years
3. Resolutions and agreements coming from the approved works of the commissions

1) Agreements recorded in the minutes

The list is ordered by theme, making reference to the date of the meeting where the agreement was made

Functions of the Assembly

January 2001

The Assembly sets the objectives, the strategy, and the official and recommended materials of the Movement, leaving the tactics and concrete implementations to the discretion of each particular Council.

Autonomy of the Councils

January 2002

The priority of interchange and coordination between General Coordinators through the agreements taken define the limits of autonomy of the councils.

Functioning

January 2001

- The rhythm of ordinary meetings is set to yearly, allowing for extraordinary meetings to take place whenever circumstances dictate and the coordinator delegate deems appropriate. The date and place of the next ordinary meeting will be set in the preceding one. The Assembly does not have permanent functions but instead creates commissions according to needs.
- The Assembly does not have funds and resolves its logistic needs as these arise.
- The resolutions of the Assembly are documented in Minutes which are public and are freely circulated.
- The day-to-day communication among its members is carried out through the Assembly electronic mailing list among other means.
- The work performed by the Assembly is a team work; it is a work of interchange and collaboration.
- Structural statistical data by country and council is periodically collected with the objective of having general information available to all and to facilitate the coordination of activities.
- The Assembly does not organize campaigns, does not produce materials nor does it set the amounts for the financial campaigns, leaving the coordination of these themes up to the councils that develop activities in each particular geographical location, as well as everything concerning the organisms that are not yet autonomous and all the other joint activities.
- The Assembly will arbitrate the necessary means for its protection

New members

January 2001

- The promotion of new members to the Assembly takes place according to the requirements established by the Humanist Movement and known to all. The responsibility of the promotion falls upon the person who promotes, the Assembly not being required to accept those who do not fulfil the requirements. In the same fashion, those who have the conditions to be promoted and confront resistance in their Council of origin, may request the Assembly to hear their case.

January 2002

- The sectors that a general coordinator promotes when closing a council also participate in the Assembly.

January 2003

- "Promotions may be effected during the months of the seasonals, coinciding with the month of the financial campaign. It is suggested that the councils who modify their financial campaign rhythm notify the coordinator delegate."

Commissions

January 2001

- Commissions are ad hoc functions that are created for a specific objective and are dissolved once their objectives are met.

January 2002

- It is one of the forms of work of the Assembly.
  Each commission, upon being formed, defines its interest, development and how long will it last.

  These commissions are created from the Assembly. Commissions are constituted by two General Coordinators as a minimum, with no maximum limit of participants. Commissions are open and any general coordinator who manifests their interest to participate in them may do so.

  The Assembly will consider, at the initiative of a general coordinator, the convenience of forming a particular commission. The initiative, with proper foundation, will be circulated in the mailing list of the Assembly, and the coordinator delegate will be informed; the latter will, after consultation to the Assembly, make the commission official or will keep it as an initiative.
- The work of a commission is presented to the members of the Assembly so they may interchange about it and consider it, for the purpose of converting the commission into an instrument of the Assembly. Time will be given for such consideration and interchange.

January 2003

- An agreement was reached to number the commissions and the bi-yearly edition of the list of official materials and documents produced by the different commissions.

January 2004

- Before making a commission official the Assembly will be consulted and then it will be formalised by the General Coordinator Delegate.

Delegate Coordinator

January 2001

The Assembly chooses a coordinator delegate—through the system of self-postulation and triple secret voting—who will exercise their function for two years, without the possibility of being re-elected. Their function is to serve the Assembly by coordinating in time and form what the Assembly decides.

- The coordinator delegate coordinates the preparation of the agenda for the meetings, the place and duration of the same, the distribution of information, communication with the members and all other aspects that make for a good functioning of the Assembly.
- The coordinator delegate receives information about promotions, records contact details of the promoted members and assigns a number correlative with the prior ones to the new general coordinator.

In case of impediment due to a greater force, the coordinator delegate will be replaced in a new meeting of the Assembly called by the most senior member—according to his or her number of promotion—that accepts the function.

The mechanism used is the self-postulation and triple secret voting.

Finances

January 2002

The Assembly does has no financial budgets, does not carry out monetary collections, nor does it have funds of any type available to it; therefore, it resolves its logistical needs as they arise.

Meetings

January 2002

- The rhythm of ordinary meetings is set to yearly. Extraordinary meetings may be carried out when circumstances demand it and/or when the coordinator delegate deems it necessary. These extraordinary meetings can be promoted by any general coordinator and their realization will depend on the agreements reached with the majority of the general coordinators.
- Virtual meetings will have priority and may be carried out physically when the Assembly considers it convenient.
- The agenda for each meeting will be proposed by the general coordinators prior to the meeting and will be studied in commissions. The coordination of this agenda and its full preparation will be a function of the coordinator delegate.
- Joint meetings incorporate the work performed in the commissions, so that common agreements regarding coordination may be arrived at the meetings.

Materials

January 2002

- Official materials are those that have been considered as such in an Assembly meeting. The same criterion holds true for the recommended materials.
- Other interesting materials and productions done in the councils will be circulated, at the discretion of each general coordinator, in the Assembly mailing list. Such is the case of the Retreat of the Force, the Guide, etc.

- It is advisable that these productions be accompanied by a summary and a position paper in cases where it might be necessary.

January 2004

- It was agreed to incorporate an index by theme into “Collected Works” by Silo, volume I and II.

Assembly decision making

January 2002

The Assembly aims at the convergence of diversity. To this end, it gives precedence to the search of consensus over all other form of decision-making. This search for consensus takes place in the work of the commissions, in the permanent interchange among its members and during the joint meetings.

- While recognizing that the majority is not infallible, in any case we need a mechanism to make decisions when consensus is not achievable.
- This mechanism is simple majority mixed voting in which each voter chooses his or her mode of voting—secret or open—according to their option. This mechanism will be reviewed in the future.
- Voting will take place after organizing the commission for a third time and failing to achieve an agreement of the Assembly.
- The decisions of the Assembly, whether by consensus or voting, are binding for all general coordinators.
- Minority positions that wish to may have their opinion appear in the Minutes.
- The extensive diffusion of the Assembly’s agreements and decisions is the best mechanism for its protection.
- Cases of extreme seriousness to the whole, arising from a particular council, will be dealt with by the Assembly which will take the necessary measures for its protection.

Instruments of the Assembly

January 2002

- **Minutes.** The resolutions of the Assembly are recorded in minutes which are public and circulate freely. This instrument is of the utmost importance because it is the only one where a record will be made of the themes that were dealt with, the decisions that were made, the procedures that have been set, calendars, etc. It is the only material that will set a precedent in the manner of “jurisprudence.”
- **Archive.** Productions of the Assembly will be available to general coordinators of the Movement and the public at large in the materials archive web. This web site will contain official materials, productions of the Assembly, interchange materials, an index of council-specific web sites and the bulletins of the councils. The coordinator delegate will be the responsible person for this web site. Materials that are in the process of being translated and those that already have an official version in another language are also included.

January 2004

- **Synthesis of activities.** It was agreed that the collection of information for the World Bulletin will be made through the Bulletin website.

Languages and translations

January 2002

- Minutes will be available, at least, in the following 5 languages: Spanish, English, French, Portuguese and Italian.
- Simultaneous translation will be available for Assembly meetings.
- A commission is created to complete a study of this theme (languages) taking into account the direction of planetarisation in which we are going.

January 2004

- It is convenient that the messages and materials that circulate through the list are done simultaneously in the official languages.
- Given the important number of members of the Movement that use French it was agreed to accelerate the translation of the works of the commission into this language.

February 2005

- Incorporation of French as an official language.

Ideological positioning and the press

January 2002

- The Assembly may adopt ideological positions whenever it considers it convenient. In order to accomplish this, commissions will be formed to study themes within a fixed timeframe. The outcome of the commission's work will be a position that requires the approval of the Assembly.
- In case of an emergency, the coordinator delegate will form a team of general coordinators and will let all other members of the Assembly know about this, so that any and all interested parties may join as well. This team will immediately produce an initial position.
- The Assembly will let the press know about the ideological positions it takes, as well as any other theme. General coordinators will take care of the implementation in their respective countries, in the name of the Assembly of General Coordinators of the Humanist Movement.

Definition of structure, procedures and official materials

January 2002

We will maintain the known form of structuring, levels and promotions, as well as procedures such as the annual financial campaigns of the councils of the Movement—divided into two parts—and the official materials. Likewise we will maintain the known designations (General Coordinator, Coordinator, General Delegate, Team Delegate, Group Delegate and Supporter) and the specialization of sectors (structural, administrative and support).

With respect to the structural proportions of 1 to 10 or 1 to 7 (according to gender, male and female respectively), from the point of view of autonomy it doesn't seem necessary to add or change anything given the objective and the interest that gave rise to these proportions.

The amount of financial campaigns should be homogeneous by country.

Ad-hoc coordination

January 2002

For the purpose of resolving difficulties and promoting joint activities in a country where several councils operate, it seems useful to coordinate in an ad-hoc basis according to need and particular circumstances (excepting the case of autonomous organisms).

Agreements and coordination correspond to the highest level, the delegation of this function being performed after the agreements among general coordinators have been reached in each country.

Autonomy of organisms

January 2002

One of the objectives of the Movement has been to launch and develop different organisms that translate and apply their action to the issues as they appear in each geographical point, according to a global strategy. It is not the function of the Assembly to create or support organisms.

Differences between organisms and other tools of action

January 2002

- The Movement has organisms and actions fronts. Different councils participate jointly in the organisms. Action fronts arise from one or more councils.
- The Movement sets in motion action fronts through its councils. Later on, if these prove to be efficient, they may be declared by the Assembly as official organisms of the Movement.
- All members of the councils operating in a country who wish to support an organism may participate in it. For this to be possible, it is important that all councils have the information available to them. People who have a liking for it, work in the organisms.

January 2002

The Movement organizes action fronts through its councils. Later, if these prove to be efficient, they may be declared as official organisms of the Movement.

What does it mean for an organism to become autonomous from the Movement?

January 2002

Autonomy refers to a disconnection of an organism from the orientation given by the Movement—its orientation, internal functioning and general dynamics being left now in the hands of those people who have the interest and liking for its development, according to the internal planning of activities that its members set for it.

In the case of action fronts or other initiatives coming from the councils, we don't speak of autonomy since their basic characteristics depend on the structure of the council or councils of the Movement that set them in motion.

If an organism does not achieve autonomy, this is an indicator that it lacks real strength.

Any of the international, regional, national or local problems that an organism may face are resolved by that organism according to the rules established in its own foundation document, rules and regulations or bylaws.

Starting an organism

January 2002

Starting the activities of an organism in a country (when that organism already exists in other countries) must be done with the agreement of all councils that operate on that point, independently of whether they participate or not in said organism.

Who decides on the autonomy of an organism? How, when and where is this produced?

January 2002

The Assembly has no organic relationship with the councils or the organisms; it does not create them nor does it support them; the organization of organisms is not defined by the Assembly.

- The autonomy of each organism is decided in each country by a common agreement among the general coordinators of the councils operating in that country and in the moment they deem opportune.
- An organism is either autonomous or not. In each case the procedures and the orientation of activities is different.
- Certain conditions are necessary to achieve autonomy; for example: to have an ideological, conceptual and organizational foundation; to have continuity in time; the capacity to agglutinate people; the participation of several councils; etc.
- In this stage, we lean more towards a rapid autonomy of existing organisms than towards keeping them under the orientation of the Movement.
- When an organism in a particular country has not yet achieved autonomy and there's more than one council operating in that country, it is necessary to coordinate all joint activities.

Recommended materials

January 2002

The ample diffusion of the animated presentations based on the book Self-Liberation is recommended.

How final versions of translated materials become official

July 2002

- If a material progresses through the different instances or steps defined as 1 through 5 and is finally picked up by someone who gives it a final polish, we may consider it to be a translated "final version," but not necessarily "official." It remains as a final version of a process that has been cared for sufficiently.
- Councils are left with the initiative to conduct good translations that progress to the end of a 5 stage process. This would allow for the printing and circulation of a good translated version of the original. For this reason we change "official" for "final version."
- We could add a responsible person or team of responsible persons per language and have them determine when a translation is in its final version. These would be versions that have gone through a 5 step process and they would be in conditions of being printed.
- Since the Assembly has reached an agreement on this matter, we could start by proposing responsible persons or teams of persons by language. The proposal could take the form of self-postulation and/or a proposal from those councils that have been involved in the translations in each language.

- The way of conducting these self-postulations is through the Assembly mailing list.

Collection of information

July 2002

We agree to keep the collection of structural information through the Assembly web site on the 24th of June and 24th of December. We also agree not to collect more information than necessary for the purposes of coordination.

Working with themes and agenda for the meeting

July 2002

The different themes to be dealt with at the meeting will be discussed in open commissions, with a responsible person in charge, within a timeframe and after having presented a brief summary that serves as the frame of discussion of the theme to be worked on.

Commissions, coordinated by a responsible person, may conduct their work through forums, chat and electronic mailing lists among the interested parties. Their conclusions will be included in the agenda for the virtual meeting at which point their approval or modification will be determined.

January 2004

Before each meeting of the assembly the appendix II prepared by the “Agenda Commission” will be updated with the agreements of the Assembly in force.

Closed councils

January 2003

We incorporate to the memory of the Assembly the closing minutes of the councils that complete their structural process. The General Coordinator Delegate is the custodian of these materials.

Regarding the Commissions and Contributions

May 2004

In the present moment of our development we have considered taking into account the following parameters in the works of the Assembly

Internal functioning and technical works, such as communications, technical aspects of the meetings, the website, the bulletin, collection of data, translation to the official languages and those aspects that we can include in the responsibility of the General Coordinator Delegate and their team; these works would be included in the report that the General Coordinator Delegate makes in every period of two years, along with the modifications of functioning that would require the approval of the assembly

Situational and tactical works, which contemplate possible implementations but do not inhibit others, or better, are for a fixed period of time that allow for subsequent amplification; these works we propose to frame them as Contributions and not requiring approval. Their circulation would remain to the judgement of the General Coordinators.

Works of ideological positioning that are considered as opinions require approval of the Assembly and cover the whole Movement. These would be commissions to which we assign a number and would be for wider circulation.

There could also be works which cover diverse areas, as is the case of the Agenda Commission, which could include a technical subsection for the development of the meeting or the voting, but also include a position or study of the world situation. In these cases we can differentiate between these in the appendixes where some would be public and others would remain as contributions or in the archive of the Assembly.

2) Strategic lines for the next two years

COMMISSION REGARDING JOINT ACTIONS FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS (2003/2004)

Organisms:

It would be important to consider in these next two years, in places where organisms have not yet been set in motion, the creation of these organisms and their development in the direction of autonomy. From the same point of view, it would be interesting to set in motion the regionals where these have not yet been constituted.

Coordinated actions inside countries:

It will be important to give impetus to the Coordination among Councils as a very important instrument.

The role of the Assembly in the psycho-social world:

A dynamic Assembly, with permanent work and sustained interchange, with strong participation in the tasks of its commissions and with an increasing positioning towards the social environment (…) will no doubt be useful for the Assembly to increasingly become an instrument capable of generating psycho-social models and stimuli.

Demonstration effects:

In the same direction pointed at before—the production of stimuli and models that act as guiding images, illuminating the landscape of the future and mobilizing individual and collective consciousness—it will be relevant to consider the urgency of generating conditions for the production of demonstration effects in some point in the planet.

COMMISSION REGARDING JOINT ACTIONS FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS (2005/2006)

Organisms

Decidedly pushing our 3 organisms, creating them where they are not even formed and developing them where they already exist, multiplying their action and presence respectively to political, social and cultural conflicts, to become a reference and aspiring to their legalisation and autonomy in the maximum number of countries.

Regionals

The foundation of the Regionals that are not constituted and the development of the Regionals that are already formed, with the inclusion of many organisations in its heart and with a relevant social presence.

Humanist International

The development of the International, looking to become a factor of coming together, intelligence and public pressure at a global level.

Commissions

To give priority to the Commissions of Positioning in the works of the commissions of the Assembly.

3) List of resolutions that come out of the approved works of the commissions

TRANSLATIONS COMMISSION

Suggestions for mechanisms to use in the coordination of the translation of materials.

a) Before beginning a new translation, to notify through the Assembly mailing list for the purpose of preventing duplicate efforts.

b) After completing the first draft, upload the translation to the Materials web site so as to make it available. In time, the translation will be improved thanks to the action of the translators of the different councils. This process will be regulated through the Materials web site.

c) To complete the work on missing translations, as well as improving on the ones already started until getting them to their final version. The Assembly may give itself a timeline to complete this process, and may form commissions for this task.

d) Once new materials are made official by the Assembly, they may be placed in the Materials web site as well as the translated versions as they become available.

TECHNICAL TEAM COMMISSION

Bibliographical Form

We suggest that each new or revised version of an official or recommended material be accompanied by a short form in which the responsible council, version (according to the classification agreed upon), date, name and electronic address of the responsible person and size of the file are stated. This additional information can be inspected in the web page by hovering the cursor over the material.

Quarterly update bulletin

We propose the quarterly distribution of an update bulletin which will contain information about new translations and updates made to previous versions. This bulletin will be distributed by the webmaster to those that are subscribed to said bulletin.

We think that this bulletin would allow the councils to always work with the most up to date versions of each material in an agile manner.

Proposal to create an online catalogue of multimedia materials (or website of materials in new formats)

COMMISSION ON THE FORMATION OF COORDINATING BODIES BY COUNTRY

We propose that the coordination among different councils of the Humanist Movement acting in one country be done through the general coordinators or those whom they so designate.

The agreement among two General Coordinators will be sufficient for the promotion and formation of a Coordinating Body and the invitation of the rest of General Coordinators to participate in it.

The representing member at the Coordinating Body, irrespective of their structural level or instance, acts as a representative of the General Coordinator of the councils he belongs to. It will be the General Coordinators the ones who will have to coordinate among themselves in case of difficulties at the local level.

The minutes of the meetings of coordination will be sent through the list and will be included in the Assembly website (to show the historical process), in the minutes the councils that participate will be recorded.

COMMISSION ON THE USE OF LANGUAGES IN THE WORK OF THE ASSEMBLY

Criteria for the adoption of a new language in the work of the Assembly

1. There have to be General Coordinators who require this language as they are unable to communicate in any of the other languages presently being used.
2. The language in question should be international—that is, widely used in different cultures and geographies—so that the effort expended in the adoption of a new language has maximum applicability.
3. There should be reasonable availability inside our organization of people that can help with translations in this language.

Mechanism for the adoption of a new language in the work of the Assembly:

When a new General Coordinator who is unable to communicate through the currently available languages is incorporated into the Assembly, he or she may request from the Assembly, through the General Coordinator Delegate, the inclusion of a new language which, fulfilling the requirements outlined above, allow for his or her normal participation. The General Coordinator Delegate will submit this request for the consideration of the Assembly, and once approved the new language will be incorporated as a working language.

Regarding the use of languages in the different forms of work.

Meetings:

A service of simultaneous translation will be incorporated in the virtual or physical meetings of the Assembly. The technical team responsible for the organization of said meeting may determine the most appropriate mechanism for this task.

Work in Commissions:

Commissions will use the language or languages that are appropriate for their efficient work. Translations will not be necessary in case all participants speak the same language.

Once the commission produces a final document to be submitted to the Assembly, this document should circulate in all the languages that at that moment have been determined to be working languages for the Assembly.

Each commission will make their own arrangements for the translation of their productions.

General communications:

Communications with a general scope whether it be it from one member to the rest of the Assembly, from a commission to the Assembly or from the General Coordinator Delegate to the Assembly, will be translated to all the working languages of the Assembly.

Assembly website:

Menus used in the Assembly web site may be translated to all languages of widespread use in addition to official working languages in order to facilitate access to and use of the site since this is not a difficult task. The archives area contains materials in all languages in which they're available.

Official Materials:

All official materials of the Assembly must be translated to, at least, the official working languages as a condition of they being made official.

Recommendations:

This commission proposes to add English to the official working languages of the Assembly.

Additionally, we propose the support of French, Italian and Portuguese.

COMMISSION ON ACTION FRONTS AND THE MECHANISM FOR THEIR CONVERSION INTO ORGANISMS

Means of conversion:

It is not the function of the Assembly to create organisms. Nevertheless, the Assembly may make official different initiatives presented by the councils.

In this fashion, one or more councils may propose to the Assembly the conversion of an Action Front into an official organism, accompanying their proposal with a report that helps Assembly members make a decision.

This report should include the conditions and experiences of said Action Front that justify the conversion, and other recommendations that may be useful to Assembly members to implement such Action Front or organism.

Then the Assembly will analyze the situation and decide whether or not to make the organism official.

COMMISSION ON NEW FORMATS

The graphic contributions of the commissions are obtainable in the rooms of WinMX.

Instructions of how to use it is included in the section of contributions on the website.

COMMISSION LAUNCHING OUR THREE ORGANISMS IN RISKY COUNTRIES

The Coordination body of each country will be the most appropriate instance to analyse the actions to follow, based in the parameters described in the material of the commission.

It is important to assess organisms and people that have direct knowledge of the reality of the country.

It is important to work with other organisations that have affinity with our ideas, in a way that together we can build new forces.

COMMISSION ABOUT THE CENTRE OF CULTURES

- Creation of an **International Network of Centres of Cultures**
- To have a common homogeneous logo for all Centres of Cultures
- To have a common official document
- To develop common positions in front of common conflicts at a regional and international scale
- To study the possibility to set in motion coordinated campaigns, with a common objective and common materials. It would also be interesting to carry out a common action of specific support to a community that needs it.
- To organise global gatherings and participate in international summits
- Creation of an electronic list through which information, significant experiences and documents can circulate for interchange about themes of interest for the development of the organism and an international (internal) website with various areas that can be updated every 6 months.
- Gatherings between those who push the Centres of Cultures in cities, cultural regions, countries or areas.
- International gatherings in which those who have interest can come together independently of the culture or country from where the organism is pushed.

COMMISSION "COMMISSIONS"

1. Ways of working in the Assembly

The work in the Assembly is in collaboration and interchange, in teams. It aspires to the convergence of diversity. To that end, it gives priority to the search for consensus and in its absence, it resorts to voting.

The work in Commissions and Meetings, are the ways of working in the Assembly.

The decisions taken in the Assembly, whether by consensus or by voting, are binding for all General Coordinators (GC).

2. What is a Commission?

A Commission is a working team that is constituted to study a specific subject of general interest in the Assembly, generating the production of a material. That is to say that those subjects that encapsulate a universality and not partialities will be themes of Commissions, except in the case of a subject that the assembly considers to be of interest even though it does not meet this requirement.

In the Assembly we give priority to the Commissions of ideological, doctrinary and organisational positioning

Commissions are created by the Assembly, on the initiative of one or more GC, there being necessary at least two GCs to constitute it. All GCs that manifest an interest are able to participate in them.

The Commissions are ad hoc functions (there are no permanent commissions), agreed with a fixed time scale; coordinated by a responsible GC, and chosen by the participants thereof. Once the work is approved, the GCD officialises it and designates the next sequential number.

3. Way of presentation of an initiative in order to form a Commission

The inscription of new participants is permanently open until the moment of its officialisation.

Before proposing to form a Commission, I need to investigate if the subject that I am going to suggest was already dealt with in another Commission. However, it can be proposed to broaden what was already worked on, to modify it or to request its abolition and its replacement by new studies.

The above having been carried out, it would be of interest to follow the following procedure:

a) Subject of study and Interest.

b) Timescales: of inscription of participants and to do the work

4. Officialisation of the Commission

The initiator will propose to their peers and to the GCD to form a Commission. The GCD will consult the Assembly and those interested will declare themselves and include themselves in a period of no more than one week. Once the proposal is accepted the GCD will officialise its formation.

5. Designation of the "responsible coordinator"

The integrants will designate a "responsible coordinator", whose function will be to search for the points in common in the presented proposals, looking after the maintenance of the pre-fixed subject and interest.

6. Ways of working in Commission

We use a form of work that is work in teams. This work in teams can be implemented if certain conditions are taken into account, that are those of carrying out the work always searching for affinity and distension.

7. Sending of the production to the Assembly

The material will contain: the subject studied, Interest, a mention of the participants, and the date of conclusion of the work. Description of what was dealt with, Summary and Synthesis. The sources or bibliography that were consulted can be mentioned.

The material produced will be sent by the "responsible coordinator" to the Assembly, requesting their interchange and consideration, and then the GCs can: a) approve it; b) request and/or suggest clarifications or additions; c) partially or totally reject it.

8. Ways and timescales for approval

The acceptance or rejection of the material produced by the commission must be expressly manifested; excluding, in any case, tacit or fictitious approval.

Full and absolute consensus does not exist, so the assimilation and identification of all the interests in play is not possible. In the work of Commissions we try to reach a reasonable consensus.

The GCs in the subsequent 15 days will express their adherence or, ask for explanations or suggest modifications, requesting that the material return to the Commission.

The Commission will be able to, in the following 15 days: a) accept the suggestions, incorporating them into the production; b) ratify the production without amendments

Upon sending the material for the 2nd time, the GCs within a period of one week will express their adhesion, or ask for new explanations or suggestions for modifications, requesting that the material return to the Commission.

The Commission in the following week will be able to: a) Accept the suggestions, incorporating them into the production; b) ratify the production sent the 2nd time and consider that the subject has been sufficiently debated, having defined the positions. In this instance the Commission can: a) request that the material produced is approved through a vote or b) consider the work of the Commission finished, withdrawing the proposal considering the possibilities of development to be exhausted.

In this case, the Commission sends the material to the Assembly for the 3rd time. The GCs have a period of one week to express their adhesion or total or partial rejection of the work.

If this third version of the material does not achieve a consensus the Commission can: a) request a vote for the approval of the material, or b) consider the work of the Commission concluded, withdrawing the proposal, considering that the possibilities of development without achieving a consensus are exhausted.

In the case where a reasonable consensus about a material produced is not achieved, we resort to the mechanism of simple majority voting, that is approval or not by the vote of half plus one of the GCs.

A vote for the work of a Commission will be triggered when the unfavourable opinions are more than five percent (5%) of the members of the Assembly.

In such a situation the Commission with request the GCD to initiate the election mechanism on the website, doing so in the timescales, days and times chosen by the GCD. A minute of this vote will be made where the GCs participating, the results and the minority positions that have been requested are recorded.

Works that have not been approved by the Assembly will not take any other character.

Each version of the material that the Commission presents will be accompanied by an addendum where the modifications are recorded.

9. Officialisation of the productions

The GCD will officialise and designate a sequential number. It will be incorporated into the biannual report of the Assembly.

10. Other productions

Works that we know as “contributions” are not works of Commissions although at times they are group works. These productions are not binding.

COMPARATIVA COORDINADORAS Y ORGANISMOS

DICIEMBRE 2004 - DICIEMBRE 2005

COORDINADORAS	Dec-04	Dec-05
TOTAL PAÍSES	110	103
PAÍSES CON MENOS DE 10 MIEMBROS	16	10
PAÍSES CON UN SOLO CONSEJO OPERANDO	25	23
PAÍSES CON DOS O MÁS CONSEJOS OPERANDO	**69**	**70**
Nº COORDINADORAS	30	41
% DE COORDINADORAS EN PAÍSES CON 2 O + CJOS	**43.5%**	**58.6%**

ORGANISMOS			2004	2005	% de organismos sobre total países (2004)	% de organismos sobre total países (2005)	% de organismos en países con 2 o más consejos (2004)	% de organismos en países con 2 o más consejos (2005)
PARTIDO HUMANISTA	EN FORMACION		s/dato	**8**		**8%**		**11%**
	LEGALIZADO		19	**23**	17%	**22%**	28%	**33%**
	AUTÓNOMO		3	**2**	3%	**2%**	4%	**3%**
LA COMUNIDAD	EN FORMACION		s/dato	**15**		**15%**		**21%**
	LEGALIZADO		16	**17**	15%	**17%**	23%	**24%**
	AUTÓNOMO		1	**0**	1%	**0%**	1%	**0%**
CENTRO DE LAS CULTURAS	EN FORMACION		s/dato	**8**		**8%**		**11%**
	LEGALIZADO		11	**14**	10%	**14%**	16%	**20%**
	AUTÓNOMO		1	**0**	1%	**0%**	1%	**0%**

COORDINADORAS, ORGANISMOS

December-05

PAÍSES	CANTIDAD DE CONSEJOS OPERANDO (*)	EXISTE COORDIN.	ORGANISMOS								
			PH			LC			CDC		
			EN FORMACION (**)	LEGAL	AUTON	EN FORMACION (**)	LEGAL	AUTON	EN FORMACION (**)	LEGAL	AUTON
AFGANISTÁN											
ALEMANIA	3										
ANGOLA	5										
ARGELIA	2										
ARGENTINA	73										
AUSTRALIA											
AUSTRIA											
BANGLADESH	14										
BELGICA	2										
BENIN	15										
BOLIVIA	31										
BRASIL	43										
BULGARIA	1										
BURKINA FASO	2										
BURUNDI	2										
CABO VERDE	2										
CAMERUN	11										
CANADA	1										
CHAD											
CHILE	40										
COLOMBIA	24										
CONGO	8										
COSTA DE MARFIL	12										
COSTA RICA	7										
DINAMARCA	1										
DJIBOUTI	1										
DOMINICANA	1										
ECUADOR	23										
EGIPTO	1										
EL SALVADOR	3										
ESPAÑA	32										
FILIPINAS	5										
FRANCIA	8										
GABON	1										
GAMBIA	7										
GHANA	17										
GRECIA	4										
GUATEMALA	2										
GUINEA	6										
GUINEA ECUATOR.	1										
GUINEA-BISSAU	5										
HAITI	11										
HOLANDA											
HONDURAS	3										
HUNGRIA	1										
I.COMORES	1										
INDIA	28										
INDONESIA	1										
ISLANDIA	1										
ISRAEL	2										
ITALIA	24										
JAMAICA											
JAPON											
KAZAJSTAN											
KENYA	13										
KUWAIT											
LIBERIA	2										
LUXEMBURGO											
MALI	11										
MARRUECOS	8										
MAURITANIA	7										
MEXICO	13										
MOLDAVIA	2										
MOZAMBIQUE	21										
NEPAL	2										
NICARAGUA	3										
NIGER	4										
NIGERIA	2										
NORUEGA											
PAKISTAN	3										
PALESTINA	1										
PANAMA	5										
PARAGUAY	17										
PERU	43										
PORTUGAL	4										
PUERTO RICO	1										
R. D. CONGO	4										
REINO UNIDO	1										
REPUBLICA CHECA	1										
REP. DOMINICANA	8										
REP. ESLOVACA	1										
RUMANIA	9										
RUSIA	1										
RWANDA	3										
SENEGAL	49										
SIERRA LEONA	2										
SRI LANKA	2										
SUDAFRICA	2										
SUDAN	1										
SUECIA	1										
SUIZA	2										
TANZANIA	5										
TIMOR ORIENTAL	1										
TOGO	22										
TUNEZ	1										
TURQUIA	3										
U.S.A.	6										
UCRANIA	1										
UGANDA	8										
URUGUAY	16										
VENEZUELA	11										
ZAMBIA	3										
ZIMBABWE	2										

NOTAS:

(*) Sin contabilizar consejos con desarrollos menores a 10 miembros

(**) "En formación" se refiere al caso donde como minimo hay reuniones de un plantel o equipo impulsando con miras a la legalizacion

Fifth Ordinary Annual Meeting of the
Assembly of General Coordinators of the Humanist Movement
13 and 14 January 2005

Participants:

Argentina, 96 participants
Chile, 58 participants
Italy, 29 participants
Spain, 43 participants
Apologies, 4
Total, 230

See Appendix 1 for the list of participants by point of connection

Day 1

- □ Reading and agreement of the Agenda
- □ Presentation of new General Coordinators
- □ Presentation of closed councils
- □ Report of the outgoing General Coordinator Delegate
- □ Presentations of reports by commission and contribution
    - Massive stage
    - Demonstration effects
    - Public dissemination
    - Digital Archive
    - E-Learning
    - Ad-hoc teams: African and Asian regionals
    - Education
    - Rapid action
- □ First round of voting for the new GCD
- □ Terminate video-conference
- □ Second round of voting for the new GCD

Day 2

- □ Third round of voting for the new GCD (the new GCD takes over the meeting from this point)
- □ Interchange and approval of the resolutions of the Agenda commission.
- □ Proposals for new commissions and contributions
- □ Summary of the agreements
- □ Final words of the new GCD

First day of the Meeting

A welcome was given to the new General Coordinators, who were presented to the assembly.
(See Appendix 2 for the list of new General Coordinators)
The closures of councils 4, 6, 9, 24 and 28 were congratulated.
The GCD made a summary of the biannual report.
Each commission presented a brief report.
There were no commissions that required approval by the Assembly in this part of the meeting.
Two rounds of voting for the new GCD were carried out.

In gatherings prior to the meeting, and between the first and second days of the meeting there was an interchange about the proposals for joint actions from the Agenda Commission and about the contribution “The present structural construction. Perspectives for the future” by Luis Milani, Dario Ergas and Fernando Garcia, that was sent to the different points of the meeting. Proposals for commissions were derived from these interchanges.

Second day of the Meeting

The third round of voting to elect the new General Coordinator Delegate was carried out and Tony Robinson (C.105) was duly elected for the next 2 years.

The proposal "About joint action in the next two years (2005-2006)" that was included in the report of the Agenda Commission was approved. It is synthesised in the following resolutions.
The following resolutions concerning common action in the next 2 years were approved:

- Decidedly pushing our 3 organisms, creating them where they are not even formed and developing them where they already exist, multiplying their action and presence respectively to political, social and cultural conflicts, to become a reference and aspiring to their legalisation and autonomy in the maximum number of countries.
- The foundation of the Regionals that are not constituted and the development of the Regionals that are already formed, with the inclusion of many organisations in its heart and with a relevant social presence.
- The development of the International, looking to become a factor of coming together, intelligence and public pressure at a global level.
- To give priority to the Commissions of Positioning in the works of the commissions of the Assembly.

The following new commissions were agreed upon. Here is listed the name of the commission and the responsible person.

- Convergence of structure, action fronts and organisms inside the Humanist Movement (Responsible – Franco di Nitto C.37, timeframe 1 month)
- The position of the Humanist Movement regarding Sexual Orientation (Responsible Marianella Kloka C.44, timeframe 6 months)
- Mechanisms of coordination and ways of working of the Regionals and the relation with the International. (Responsible Loredana Cici C.33, timeframe 3 months). The proposed commission from Argentina – the building, ways of working and autonomy of the Regionals added itself to this commission.
- Setting in motion organisms in countries of high risk. (Responsible: Phillipe Moal, C.110, timeframe – 6 months)
- The development of the first congress of the African Regional (Responsible: Christian Heinrici C.95, timeframe 1 year)
- Study about the Centre of Cultures. (Responsible: Nicole Meyers, C.209, timeframe – 6 months)
- Contribution about the statistical archive of the Movement. (Responsible: Oscar Cevey, C.57 and Yolanda Muga, C.99)
- Civil disobedience and non-violent direct action (Responsible: Alexandre Sammogini C.51)
- Commission to study the format of the next virtual meeting of the Assembly, including a study to investigate the possible creation of a new node in Bogotá, Colombia. (Responsible, Wilfredo Alfsen C.9 and Enrique Nassar C.6)
- A study of responses to recover about how to grow massively applying at the same time the "Theory of Organisation". (Responsible, Nelsy Lizarazu C.125)

The following commission continues to work

- Education. (Responsible: Mario Aguilar C.93, Rafa de la Rubia C109)

The following commission was re-activated.

- Rapid Action in front of social disasters. (Responsible: Petur Guddjjonson, C.15)

Next Meeting

The commission that was formed to study the format of the next virtual meetings will propose the date and duration of the next meeting and the agenda commission will decide based on this proposal.

Memory of the Assembly

It was reminded that the minutes of the meetings of closure of the newly closed councils will be entered into the memory of the Assembly.

Closing words of the General Coordinator Delegate

This year has seen the incorporation of 101 new General Coordinators into the Assembly.
Five councils have closed their structural processes during the year, councils, 4, 6, 9, 24 and 28 and we congratulate their orientators; Alicia Ordoñez, Enrique Nassar, Wilfredo Alfsen, Maxi Elegido and Miguel Daulte.
In our meeting we have approved the material and resolutions from the Agenda commission: "About common action in the next two years (2005-2006)".
We have agreed 9 new commissions and 1 contribution; re-activated one commission, one commission continues to work.
A new General Coordinator Delegate has been elected by the Assembly.
Personally speaking, I would like to extend my thanks to Maxi for the contribution he has made over the last 2 years and for me he will be an excellent model to follow in the next 2 years.
The challenge for the Assembly over the next 2 years is to work with diversity; diversity of Cultures, diversity of languages and diversity of generations. I hope to use the next 2 years that have been given to me as GCD to help the Assembly manage this diversity and channel it into a convergent direction.
I wish everyone a fantastic year and I send to everyone warm greetings of peace, force and joy.

Appendix 1:

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C.2	Luis Milani	C.9	Wilfredo Alfsen	C.33	Loredana Cici	C.23	Ernesto H. de Casas
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C.4	Alicia Ordoñez	C.14	Pia Figueroa	C.37	Franco di Nitto	C.25	Aurelio Carretero
C.5	Luis Ammann	C.15	Petur Guddjjonson	C.38	Gerardo Fémina	C.26	Piro Portela
C.6	Enrique Nassar	C.16	Deborah Tormen	C.43	Alfredo Attolini	C.28	Miguel Daulte
C.7	Daniel Milani	C.17	Ariane Winberger	C.44	Marianella Kloka	C.29	Eduardo Gozalo
C.8	Eduardo Montes	C.19	Bruno Pezzuto	C.47	Gabriella Guidi	C.31	Jose Caballero
C.10	Roberto Kohanoff	C.30	Cristian Reitze	C.56	Fulvio de Vita	C.32	Jose Vazquez
C.12	Mariana Uzielli	C.41	Jose Salcedo	C.60	Antonietta Di Ruzza Marilena Livanou	C.34	Antonio Carvallo
C.13	Fernando Garcia	C.54	José Gabriel Feres	C.71		C.42	Ana Lía Dellacasa
C.18	Javier Tolcachier	C.59	Juanita Vergara	C.72	Augusto Vetrallini Jon Swinden	C.45	Charli Moreno
C.20	Nelida Rey	C.70	Susana Rubio Silvia Bercu	C.89		C.48	Juan Carlos Romero
C.21	Daniel Tesoriere	C.86	Sonia Amores	C.105	Tony Robinson	C.58	Seneviratne Epitawatta
C.22	Margarete Teraguchi	C.87	Iván Barrera	C.110	Philippe Moal	C.63	José Muñoz
C.27	Alberto Lopez	C.88	Saul Asenjo	C.119	Muriel Deslandes	C.64	Carmen Sánchez
C.36	Rosario Aiello	C.90	Leticia García	C.122	Kjartan Jónsson	C.69	Carlos Hernández
C.39	Silvia Gomez	C.91		C.123	Silvia Nocera	C.74	Hugo Rodriguez
C.40	Jano Arrechea	C.92	Marcos Aviño	C.127	Sylvène Baroche	C.95	Christian Heinrici
C.46	Victor Piccinini	C.93	Mario Aguilar	C.142	Michel Deslandes	C.103	Marisa Gabaldón
C.49	Giovanna Ubaldeschi	C.94	Madeleine John	C.155	Luciano Elmi	C.109	Rafael de la Rubia
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C.67	Sandra Caprara	C.118	Roberto Blueh			C.177	Robert Raich
C.68	Ricardo Lejovitzky	C.120	Andrés Koryzma			C.181	Carmen Gomez
C.73	Fernanda Pereira	C.121	Tomás Hirsch			C.197	Xavier Cambra
C.75	María Eliana Astaburruaga	C.125	Nelsy Lizarazo			C.198	Enrique Collado
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C.124 Pablo Ales
C.128 Andres Usuriaga
C.129 Jose Luis Solarte
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C.131 Luis Alves
C.133 Norma Coronel
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C.193 Thomas Doublette
C.195 Bernard Luckner

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Agenda Commission 2005

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The theme of the meeting was to clarify some images about the development of the meeting from the start of the pre-meetings on Saturday until the video-conference on Monday.

We started with the positions that were presented to the Assembly and approved in October.

It seems to us that the function of the ordinary meetings is:

1. ***To be a mechanism of summarisation, levelling and fixing of agreements and resolutions already taken through the permanent functioning.***
2. ***To be able to tune ourselves in as a whole, formalising the biannual agreements of direction in the joint action and any other resolution.***
3. ***To present the new General Coordinators to the Assembly, facilitating in this way their participative inclusion in this new type of work.***
4. ***To elect, biannually, a General Coordinator Delegate. (But this is January 2007)***

After discussion we came to the following conclusions:

Pre-meeting - Levelling

This theme is item 1 above. This part of the pre-meeting gives all those present the opportunity to study the following items:

- Review of the resolutions for joint action in this period (material approved in the January 2005)
- Review of the Analysis of Coordination bodies and Organisms by country (material prepared for the January 2004 meeting – this also requires updating).
- Review of the changes to the Agreement of the Assembly. (This material needs updating and distributing as soon as possible)
- Review works of Commissions approved this year:
    - Centre of Cultures
    - Risky countries
    - Commissions
    - and possibly, Rapid Action

(In addition, I will ask the responsible coordinators for all the other Commissions still working to provide a report of the current situation of their work)

Pre-meeting – Image of the future

This part of the meeting, gives us the opportunity to be more “strategic” in our thinking. It is an opportunity to collect to together and elaborate ideas for new Commissions to be launched in 2006.

To make this time as useful as possible we will open up a list of themes that GCs can contribute to through the e-mail list. In this day of the pre-meeting this list can serve as a starting point for discussions.

The aim is also to interchange BETWEEN THE NODES.

In each node, we will organise a computer with a broadband connection and attempt to connect the 5 nodes using communication software like Skype (Skype allows a 5 sided conversation). This together with other computers that can have simultaneous translations (typed) can allow us to attempt a useful interchange among the points.

With a combination of group work in the nodes and communication between the nodes we can give precision to initial images of future joint works. Of course these images will not only be about ideological positions, it can also be discussions about Regionals, Organisms, ad-hoc events, etc.

Video-conference - synthesis

The day of the video-conference allows us the opportunity to cover item 3 in the above list.

The items to carry out in the video-conference are as follows:

1. Opening of the meeting – welcoming the new nodes who are joining the conference this year
2. Welcome the new General Coordinators. This will be carried out moving from node to node. All new GCs in one node will be introduced in numerical order before moving to the next node.
3. Congratulate the achievements of the GCs who have closed their councils in the year.
4. Agree a synthesis of the work carried out in the previous days.
5. Agree the date of the next meeting
6. Close the meeting.

Post-meeting

It is expected that in all nodes the participants would like to spend time after the close of the video-conference to interchange about what happened during the meeting.

Within 24 hours the minutes of the meeting will be distributed in the usual 5 languages.

Additional items agreed in the meeting:

Tony will distribute once again the updated spreadsheet contain the current information about participation in the different nodes.

The spreadsheet showing situation by coordination and organism needs updating.

Agreements of the Assembly need updating.

For the meeting the GCD will require a list of all the new GCs by node in order to make the greetings.

The Agenda Commission will prepare a report to accompany the meeting.

A message to the Assembly is required “opening” a list of ideas for day 2 of the pre-meeting.

Proposed timetable for the weekend

We have to cope with the fact that there is a large time difference between Bogota and Mumbai. Therefore when it is 19:30 in Mumbai, it is 9:00 in Bogota. Because of this I propose that at the time of the Connection between nodes, all nodes have studied strategic matters as this is what requires the interchange.

Therefore I propose the following timetable: (See next page for graphic display)

India

Saturday – 15:30 to 22:30 – Levelling

Sunday - 13:30 to 20:30 – Strategy

Sunday – 21:30 to 23:30 – Telephone conference

Spain

Saturday – 11:00 to 18:00 – Levelling

Saturday – 21:00 to 22:00 – Strategy

Sunday – 11:00 to 16:00 – Strategy

Sunday – 18:00 to 20:00 – Telephone conference

Argentina/Chile

Saturday – 11:00 to 18:00 – Strategy

Sunday – 11:00 to 13:00 – Levelling

Sunday – 13:00 to 15:00 – Telephone conference

Sunday – 16:00 to 21:00 – Levelling

Colombia

Saturday – 11:00 to 18:00 – Strategy

Sunday – 10:00 to 11:00 – Levelling

Sunday – 11:00 to 13:00 – Telephone conference

Sunday – 14:00 to 20:00 – Levelling

As you can see I only propose one connection between the nodes before the video-conference. A connection on Saturday morning in Colombia appears to not be very interesting as they will have had no time to do anything.

Please note that this is a proposal bearing in mind what we would like to achieve with the meeting. Each node has the freedom to organise their time as is most convenient.

India	Spain	Arg/Chile	Colombia
09:30	05:00	01:00	23:00
10:30	06:00	02:00	00:00
11:30	07:00	03:00	01:00
12:30	08:00	04:00	02:00
13:30	09:00	05:00	03:00
14:30	10:00	06:00	04:00
15:30	**11:00**	07:00	05:00
16:30	**12:00**	08:00	06:00
17:30	**13:00**	09:00	07:00
18:30	**14:00**	10:00	08:00
19:30	**15:00**	**11:00**	09:00
20:30	**16:00**	**12:00**	10:00
21:30	**17:00**	**13:00**	**11:00**
22:30	**18:00**	**14:00**	**12:00**
23:30	19:00	**15:00**	**13:00**
00:30	20:00	**16:00**	**14:00**
01:30	**21:00**	**17:00**	**15:00**
02:30	**22:00**	**18:00**	**16:00**
03:30	23:00	19:00	**17:00**
04:30	00:00	20:00	**18:00**
05:30	01:00	21:00	19:00
06:30	02:00	22:00	20:00
07:30	03:00	23:00	21:00
08:30	04:00	00:00	22:00
09:30	05:00	01:00	23:00
10:30	06:00	02:00	00:00
11:30	07:00	03:00	01:00
12:30	08:00	04:00	02:00
13:30	09:00	05:00	03:00
14:30	10:00	06:00	04:00
15:30	**11:00**	07:00	05:00
16:30	**12:00**	08:00	06:00
17:30	**13:00**	09:00	07:00
18:30	**14:00**	10:00	08:00
19:30	**15:00**	**11:00**	09:00
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04:30	00:00	**20:00**	**18:00**
05:30	01:00	**21:00**	**19:00**
06:30	02:00	22:00	**20:00**
07:30	03:00	23:00	21:00
08:30	04:00	00:00	22:00
09:30	05:00	01:00	23:00
10:30	06:00	02:00	00:00

=Saturday

=Sunday

13:00 Indicates the theme of "Levelling"

13:00 Indicates the theme of "Stategy"

13:00 Indicates connection time

Agenda Commission

For the annual ordinary meeting –
January 2006
requirements sub-commission

Final version

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Introduction

The work of this sub-commission is to define the requirements of the annual ordinary meeting of the Assembly of General Coordinators.

It has previously been agreed through informal meetings of the Assembly to hold the video-conference part of this meeting on Monday 16th January 2006 giving time for pre-meetings by node on the 14th and 15th January.

This document describes:

- the objectives of the annual ordinary meeting
- Communication of the Assembly
- the proposed location of nodes
- the technological requirements for the pre-meetings
- the technological requirements for the video-conference

This document is required by the "meeting format" commission (headed by Wilfredo Alfsen and Enrique Nassar) which is reviewing the available technology and investigating the possibility to open new nodes technically.

The function of the ordinary annual meeting

The assembly has permanent functioning through informal gatherings, its commissions and virtual decision-making mechanisms. The Assembly is not an executive organ but rather an ambit of interchange and coordination between autonomous Councils of the Movement. This ambit has already begun to develop a profile through a very broad diversity of cultures, languages and generations. The Assembly aspires to take resolutions through consensus and operate guided by a growing common intelligence, which surpasses the partial intelligence of the councils that constitute it. The productions and resolutions of the Assembly do not have a situational characteristic, as this function is fulfilled by the organisms of the Movement. The Assembly is a planetarising ambit that aims to surpass the local, national or regional divisions of views and other ways of division, by age, culture or ways of work.

With this in mind, it seems to us that the function of the ordinary meetings is:

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As a by-product of this gathering we cannot ignore the intangible benefits that all participants get from the opportunity to come together and connect virtually. The strength and energy received in this ambit is highly beneficial to the continued work of the assembly and the work of the councils.

Communication of the Assembly

The assembly has been defined elsewhere as an ambit of interchange among General Coordinators. It has also been written that the Assembly is in permanent session through the continuous work of its commissions.

With this in mind, it seems appropriate to propose the deepening investigation into the interchange of the Assembly and also that future sub-commissions of the Agenda Commission make proposals in this regard. It is not the intention of the Assembly, then, that all interchange and discussions wait until the pre-meetings of the Annual Ordinary Meeting.

Technologies and software are already available for communications such as:

- Chat software
- Bulletin boards
- On-line forums

All of which can be used imaginatively to the benefit of the interchanges in the Assembly, which otherwise tends to be limited to National Coordination body meetings that lack diversity and Regional meetings which lack frequency.

The recent experience of the meeting

The most recent formats for the annual meeting have been:

January 2004

- Meeting with 4 nodes: Rome, Barcelona, Buenos Aires and Santiago
- General Coordinators present: 129
- Duration: 1 day video conference meeting for 4 hours.
- Simultaneous translation available for 4 languages in each node with translation booths
- No election

January 2005

- Meeting with 4 nodes: Rome, Madrid, Buenos Aires and Santiago
- General Coordinators present: 226
- Duration: 2 days video conference meeting for 4 hours.
- Simultaneous translation available for 4 languages in each node with translation booths
- Election of General Coordinator Delegate

We now see a different situation for the Assembly since the last meeting which can be summarised as follows:

- Increased number of General Coordinators centred on Colombia and India with specific requests from Colombia and India to open nodes in those places.
- Increased pressure on translators

- Increasing costs for translation booths and headphones that can amount to 50% of the total cost of the meeting

Proposals for the meeting in January 2006

Note: there is no election for GCD taking place in this meeting.

Nodes

The Assembly is in a moment of increasing convergence but also in a moment of increasing geographical diversity of its General Coordinators.

In the course of our discussions we have reviewed the requests to open new nodes in Colombia and India and we have looked at the issue of nodes from a strategic point of view rather than simply reacting to these requests. In our opinion the opening of these new nodes that are a significant distance from the existing nodes fits with the strategy to open the Annual Meeting of the Assembly to new countries and increased diversity. It is well understood though that although we wish to open ourselves in this way, we are bound to a certain extent by the limitations of the technology that is affordable to us. Each node must have both the communications available at a high enough bandwidth and also the translation resources available to ensure that everything is understood in all the nodes.

As part of this proposal, we also request the Commission that will study the available technology to see the possibility of centralising the translations. However, if this is not possible, this should not become a barrier to the opening of the new nodes that would then have to provide translations to and from Spanish, English, French and Italian.

Therefore, assuming that the technical issues can be resolved, from this sub-commission we propose the following distribution of nodes for the January 2006 meeting:

- We propose 5 nodes in 4 zones
    - **Asian Zone - Mumbai, India** – meeting the needs of the increasing contingent of Asian General Coordinators
    - **European Zone – Madrid, Spain**
    - **The Caribbean, Central and North America and Northern South America – Bogotá**, Colombia – meeting the needs of the increasing contingent of General Coordinators in this zone.
    - **South of South America – Buenos Aires, Argentina and Santiago, Chile**

This proposal has the benefits of:

- Having nodes in geographically dispersed points on the globe, with the eventual aim of a future node opening also in Africa.
- Taking advantage of the next meeting to test the opening of two new nodes outside of the additional requirements that the bi-annual election brings.

Pre-meeting requirements

We propose that meetings prior to the video-conference are held on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th January.

We propose that every node has the human resources necessary to deal with all translations required in the pre-meetings.

We propose that the following items are covered during the 2 days of pre-meetings:

- Introduction of new General Coordinators to all those present in that node.
- Preparation of a list of new General Coordinators present since January 2005 for the GCD to be used during the video-conference.

- Review of the productions of all Commissions that have presented their work to the Assembly for approval since the last ordinary meeting.
    - Note, we do not see the pre-meetings or the video-conference as the opportunity to give approval to any commission as the mechanism for approval of commissions already exists through the mailing list of the Assembly.
- Interchange about possible new commissions.

We propose to try to connect the nodes at some stage during the pre-meetings.

- We propose that the "Meeting Format" commission studies the different technologies that are available to connect all 5 nodes during the pre-meetings at the following times (plus or minus one hour depending on local working practices):
    - Mumbai: 19:30-21:30
    - Madrid: 15:00-17:00
    - Buenos Aires, Santiago: 11:00-13:00
    - Bogotá: 09:00-11:00
- This connection can be made with telephone connections/VOIP/Web cams etc.
- The agenda for these pre-meeting connections will be open to any theme that any General Coordinator may wish to propose beforehand through the list of the Assembly
- For translations, we ask the "Meeting Format" commission to investigate technologies available that can facilitate simultaneous translation to the four languages of the annual meeting. We consider that these connections of the nodes during the pre-meetings are only worth doing if we have a solution for simultaneous translation.

Video-conference requirements

We propose the following for the video conference:

- Connect the 5 nodes at the following times:
    - Mumbai: 19:30-21:30
    - Madrid: 15:00-17:00
    - Buenos Aires, Santiago: 11:00-13:00
    - Bogotá: 09:00-11:00
- Make just one connection of 2 hours
- Agenda (provisional)
    - Introduce all new GCs by node
    - Acknowledge all new members who have closed their councils
    - Short report of the GCD on the achievements of the year
    - Confirm the approved commissions
    - Confirm the approval of changes to the Agreements of the Assembly prepared previously by the Agenda Commission
    - Interchange about proposals for new commissions for their subsequent approval through the Assembly list
    - Calendar
    - Closing words of the GCD

Translations

- We require simultaneous translations for the 4 languages of the Annual Meeting

- Historically, technical costs of translation have been high. Therefore we require that the "Meeting Format" commission study as a high priority the possibility to centralise all translations to one location and provide connections from the central location to all nodes.
- For the simultaneous translation, the use of the most experienced and professional internal translation resources is preferable given the importance of the meeting.

Summary of requirements for the "meeting format" commission

We would like the "meeting format" commission to come up with solutions for the following:

1. Incorporation of India and Colombia as nodes of the annual meeting of January 2006
2. To allow us to connect the pre-meetings through simple means of telephony and web-cams
3. To allow these pre-meeting connections to take place with solutions for simultaneous translations
4. To connect the proposed 5 nodes through video-conference of 2 hours duration on Monday 16th January.
5. To centralise the simultaneous translations as a way of reducing costs and improving quality of translations for the whole.