

## English abstract

### THE INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE OF CATALAN ORGANISATIONS

The Federation of Internationally Recognised Catalan Organisations (FOCIR) is working on a survey over the international presence of Catalan organisations, especially focusing on federations and professional associations. This previous setting of the survey has to make the research more manageable and also allow to draw conclusions from an ever pending subject, the presence and involvement of Catalan organisations in the international field.

The survey should indicate and verify the real incidence of the following factors in the international scenario.

- a) A high quality level of activity carried out by the organisations
- b) The interaction and implication lead by federations and professional associations
- c) The infrastructure and means to develop an international action program
- d) The Catalanity assumed by the organisations

Catalan organisations adopt different forms of international presence, such as being themselves part of international organisations, being represented by a Spanish one or founding one that will represent Spain. Altogether, an implication and activity that will be reported by a survey, which purpose is helping to find an improvement of the presence of Catalan organisations in the international field.

### INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE, IMMIGRATION, HUMAN RIGHTS

The NGO Centre d'Estudis Eiximenis, which has a law section called Grup de Juristes Roda Ventura, is a member of the international NGO Pax Romana. During this year, it has developed its international activities in some meetings and congresses, mainly working on the fields of interreligious dialogue, immigration and Human Rights.

Concerning interreligious dialogue, the European federation of Pax Romana held a meeting in Bilbao (Basque Country), in which Edmond Chia, representative of the Catholic Church in Asia, took part. He insisted on the need to understand the refusal that western culture and religious traditions have provoked on other cultures and customs, mainly because of the way they have been imposed on. Also, demanded to rebuild confidence amongst cultures and religions through interreligious dialogue.

In the field of immigration, in a congress held in Geneva, the law section called Grup de Juristes Roda Ventura, alerted about the hardening of immigration policies as well as the cutting of the rights of immigrants.

Moreover, some of the members of the same law section, attended the International Lawyers Congress in Brussels and denounced the turning back of Human Rights that are being carried out worldwide since the terrorists attacks in USA on September eleventh. Altogether, a global situation that requires the compromise and response of the civil society.

### UNIVERSAL FORUM OF CULTURES, BARCELONA 2004 EUROPA CANTAT FESTIVAL, BARCELONA 2003

The Catalan Choral Movement (MCC in Catalan) alongside with many other Catalan choral groups will perform at the Universal Forum of Cultures that will take place in Barcelona in 2004. They will take part at the opening as well as during debates sessions and especially at the Arts Festival, in which singing and music will work as a tool of understanding amongst cultures.

Early on, in 2003, the MCC will organise the Europa Cantat Festival that will be hold in Barcelona as well. The Festival aims to open up choral music to a wide range of citizens and over 3.000 participants from all over Europe. They will all have the chance to participate in workshops and also attend performances, concerts and choirs. Come along! Everyone is invited!

### ANGELINA HURIOS CALCERRADA, LAW WOMAN

In this article is interviewed Angelina Hurios Calcerrada, who is president of the International Federation of Women in Legal Careers (FIFCJ in French). The FIFCJ is a NGO joined by jurist women (solicitors, judges, teachers, etc) and it was founded on the initiative of five women solicitors in Paris in 1928. Amongst them there was Clara Campoamor, who was member of Parliament during the Spanish Second Republic and promoter of female suffrage in Spain.

The Catalan Association of Women in Legal Careers was founded in 1989 and ever since it has developed a remarkable role within the FIFCJ. Nowadays, as a consequence of its toil, the FIFCJ includes a Catalan Language Secretariat and also their review, reports and statements are launched in Catalan as well as in French, English, Portuguese and Spanish

In the national field, the national associations focus on gender equality, the defence of Human Rights, peace, social justice, the eradication of poverty and the defence of the environment. Complementary to this way, in the international field, the FIFCJ organises meetings, congresses and promotes debates and campaigns leading a role in the fight to improve legal situation of women and the cause of universal justice.

The FIFCJ has a consultative status in the UN Economic and Social Council, UNICEF and FAO, participates in the UNESCO NGO's meetings, is included in the special register of the International Labour Organisation and also is member of the European lobby of women, which aim is to influence on matters of gender in the European Union and in the international field.

In conclusion, a president and an organisation that seeks and struggles for a fairer society in which women are no longer discriminated.

