

English abstract

CATALAN SECRETARIAT OF CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

The Catalan Secretariat of Children's Choirs (SCIC in Catalan) was set up in 1967 by a small group of already existent independent choirs that shared many things in common.

The SCIC believes that choral singing broadly contributes to children and youth's education, the love for Catalan language, the joy of friendship and the pleasure of collaborating with one another.

The choirs that form the SCIC are mixed and voluntary. They are open to children aged from five to sixteen and sing basically in Catalan language. At present, within SCIC there are hundred and twenty choirs joint together and scattered throughout Catalan land.

As an activities coordinator, SCIC promotes the knowledge of Catalan traditional repertoire amongst children, the organisation of courses for choir directors, workshops as well as the coordination of annual meetings.

SCIC has three-monthly magazine called *La Circular* and has launched three CDs along with Catalan public radios as well.

SCIC Coordination Staff

CELEBRATION OF 70 YEARS OF THE NATIONAL STUDENTS FEDERATION OF CATALONIA

In 1932 April 26, a group of Catalan students founded the National Students Federation of Catalonia (FNEC in Catalan) to bring into university day life the ideas of Catalan nationalism.

As a Catalan university union, its goal is to achieve a national quality university that helps to build up a fairer and better society. Even 70 years have passed by, its aims are still valid, for neither a complete Catalan university nor a free country have been achieved yet.

Last year it took place the 70th anniversary of the National Students Federation of Catalonia and during the year two books were launched. The first one includes the history of the Republic, the dictatorship and exile, and the second one goes from the rebirth of the union, in 1985, up until nowadays.

FNEC Coordination Staff

1ST WORLDWIDE MEETING OF THE YOUTH NETWORK FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PEACE

The Youth Network for the Construction of Peace was created on the experience of the Catalan Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Associations and the UNESCO Centre of Catalonia in the organisation of meetings amongst youth, in which it was detected the need to keep permanent links to perform projects in common.

The main goals of the youth network are connecting youth from all over the world, enhancing associations and sharing experiences to learn from one another about peace culture. The youth network coordinates meetings addressed to youth promoters of UNESCO Clubs and Associations in zones of conflict where Human Rights are being infringed.

During 2002 the youth network has carried out some activities, such as, the creation of its website, some projects support and international meetings as the Youth Latin-American Meeting for the Construction of Peace.

This year, the aim is to enhance the Youth Network for the Construction of Peace along with the Catalan Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Associations, the Spanish Commission of Cooperation with the UNESCO and the Worldwide Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Associations, by organising the first Worldwide Meeting of the Youth Network for the Construction of Peace. This meeting will be held in Manresa (Barcelona) from the 9th to 16th of November, where over fifty youth aged from eighteen to twenty-five will study in depth the United Nations system and the way to improve youth compromise in international organisations.

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THE THEMATIC AGORAS OF THE UNIVERSAL FORUM OF CULTURES, BARCELONA 2004

In the preparation process for the Universal Forum of Cultures it has been designed a period of associative participation called Thematic Agoras that will take place next October.

The Agoras are structured around the three core themes of the Forum; cultural diversity, sustainable development and conditions for peace. The goal of these Agoras is to join together the different selected proposals that later on will be part of the contents of the Forum. They are split into a working area, where the previously selected proposals will be discussed, and an expression area, where the proposals will be performed by doing workshops, games, activities, theatre or performances.

In this free and active frame, FOCIR (Federation of Internationally Recognised Catalan Organisations) is preparing a proposal addressed to debate how the structures of civil society, either local or global, interact to preserve cultural diversity. Also, some organisations that are members of FOCIR are preparing proposals that will be accepted, for sure, in the preparation of the Forum 2004.

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