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INVITATION

COCTI – 15th GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2018

from May 23 to May 26, 2018

Faculté de théologie et de sciences religieuses – Université Laval

Quebec City – Canada

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION IN THE DIGITAL ERA

CHALLENGES-CHARACTERISTICS, OPORTUNITIES-MODALITIES

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

We are pleased to invite you, in the name of COCTI, to the 15th General Assembly, which will be held in Quebec City, Canada, at Université Laval, 23-26 May, 2018.

Every two years, the General Assembly offers a unique opportunity for Deans and professors, which are engaged in Higher Education and in research in the field of theological studies, to meet and discuss matters that are related to their academic leadership. This year, the Assembly will provide an opportunity to discuss an important issue related to theological education, the digital shift in training.

This General Assembly is open to the representatives of all COCTI members and associates, as well as to the heads of any other theological institution that shares the objectives of COCTI.

Your presence and participation will be highly appreciated.



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PROBLEMATIC OF THE 15TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The preparatory document of the Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on young people, faith and vocational discernment, begins with a consideration of young people in today's world. In general terms, the document attempts to describe that rapidly changing world and the new generations that are emerging within it. The paper, which raises the question of the ways in which young people of this generation belong to institutions, the multiculturalism which characterizes them, and their often difficult conditions of life, finishes by speaking of a hyperconnected generation. In the last years, FIUC has been concerned about this issue and has implemented a survey of young people in Catholic Universities.¹ We ourselves began reflecting on the issue during the COCTI assembly in Bogota, 2016.

The Quebec assembly will aim to continue and focus this reflection by considering the following questions: What does theological education mean for a hyperconnected generation? How do we conceive such an education? What are its modalities? How is this context transforming the pedagogical relationship? Can we enter into the digital era without getting lost within it? Other questions could include: What is the relationship between the sources of tradition and the classics? What is the place of teachers? And so on.

To this end, the assembly will invite well-known specialists in education and the pedagogical opportunities of the digital era. There will also be room for the presentation and exchange of experiences related to the topic in the various faculties of theology. Each presentation will identify the challenges, the possibilities and the limits discovered in the development of these experiences.

With the aim of facilitating broad participation, the work sessions of the assembly will be open to all teachers of theology who wish to reflect on theological education in the digital era. Only the COCTI ordinary assembly (general assembly) will be reserved to the representatives of COCTI member faculties.

The assembly will take place in Université Laval (Quebec City, Canada) from May 23 to May 26, 2018.

The workshops will take place in French, English and Spanish.

Please find the map of the campus:

https://www.ulaval.ca/fileadmin/ulaval_ca/Documents/plan-campus-Universite-Laval-2017-08.pdf

Welcome to all!

¹ http://fiuc.org/fr/ccr/news/youth_cultures_study_already_available



PROGRAM

Wednesday, May 23 – PM

Arrival – Set-up – Registration and opening

- 3:30 pm - 5 pm Registration: Félix-Antoine-Savard building, local 813
Time off for dinner
- 7:30 pm Opening of the Assembly: Jean-Paul-Tardif Amphitheatre, La Laurentienne building, local 1334
- o Welcome from the President of COCTI
P. Hermann Rodriguez Osorio
 - o Welcome to Université Laval
Mrs. Sophie D'Amours, Rector
 - o Welcome from the President of FIUC, Mr. Pedro Rubens Ferreira Oliveira, s.j., Rector, Universidade Católica de Pernambuco
 - o Presentation of the theme of the Assembly and information
Mr. Gilles Routhier, Dean of FTSR
- 8:15 pm Opening cocktail – Lobby of La Laurentienne building

Jean-Paul-Tardif Amphitheatre, La Laurentienne building., local 1334

Thursday, May 24 – AM

Digital development: challenges and opportunities for our faculties

Developments in new information technologies may encourage new collaborations between faculties (exchange of journals distributed on digital media, sharing of databases, etc.) or create new inequalities between faculties. Are these developments source of new solidarities or do they represent the entry into a new phase of competition?

- 9 am Conference (Keynote speaker)
- 10:15 am Coffee-break
- 10:30 am Sharing experiences
- 11:15 am Round Table (3 speakers: 15 minutes each)
- 12 pm Lunch – Dining room

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Thursday, May 24 – PM

Imagine new training and research networks

What possible collaboration in this new context: development of joint programs, scientific exchanges, etc.? What new network of training and research can emerge, in the field of theology, from the development of information technologies?

- 2 pm Conference (Keynote speaker)
- 3:15 pm Coffee-break
- 3:30 pm Sharing experiences
- 4:15 pm Round Table (3 speakers: 15 minutes each)
- 5 pm Travel to Notre-Dame Basilica-cathedral of Quebec City
- o Celebration directed by the Cardinal Gérald-Cyprien Lacroix (6 pm)
- Time off for dinner and nightlife in Old-Quebec City

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Friday, May 25 – AM

New communications technologies and pedagogical renewals

How to renew the teaching of theology by relying on these new technologies (courses offered at distance, programs development entirely at distance, hybrid or co-modal courses, etc.)? Can theology benefit from the pedagogical renewal brought about by the development of new information technologies?

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Friday, May 25 – PM

Teach theology to a digital-born generation

How does our teaching of theology take into account the new generation of students who are digital and have grown up in this environment?

- 2 pm Conference (Keynote speaker)
- 3:15 pm Coffee-break
- 3:30 pm Sharing experiences
- 4:15 pm Round Table (3 speakers: 15 minutes each)
- 5:30 pm Award of a doctorate of honor
Time off for dinner and nightlife

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Saturday, May 26 – AM

- 9 am **General Assembly of COCTI**
Report of the President.
Election of the Administrative Board.
Adoption of the budget.
Discussion on the next General Assembly (theme and place).
Only members who have paid their fees can take part in the voting for the election of the Administrative Council. *Associates* have a right to discuss on the report and activities of the COCTI. The statutes can be found on the COCTI website: <http://cict-cocti.org>.
- 10:15 am Coffee-break
- 10:30 am Free discussion: How to promote the sharing of resources, mutual contributions in research projects, ways to enhance collaboration between institutions, and enhancing the network?
How to ameliorate our organisation?
Reports of regional assemblies.
You are invited to prepare proposals to be discussed during the Assembly.
- 11:30 am Closing
Lunch – Dining room

PROGRAM

Saturday, May 26 – PM

1 pm	Tourist trip <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré Basilica○ Montmorency Falls○ Île d'Orléans
5 pm	Closing dinner – Auberge la Goéliche, Sainte-Pétronille, Île d'Orléans <i>The Auberge La Goéliche is located at the western tip of the picturesque Île d'Orléans, the ideal resort where you will find the calm and tranquility of island life less than 15 minutes from Old Quebec. On the banks of the river in the flowery village of Sainte-Pétronille, this inn favors contact with the majestic St. Lawrence River.</i>
11 pm	Back to Université Laval

INFORMATION

The General Assembly will be held in Quebec City - Canada, on the campus of Université Laval ([campus de l'Université Laval](#)). It will begin on Wednesday, May 23, 2018, at 7:30 pm, and end in the evening, Saturday, May 26, 2018. Participants coming from abroad, because of the jet lag, may arrive from Tuesday, May 22. Departures are scheduled for Sunday, May 27th.

A pre-seminar on the theme *Theology as a teaching gesture* will be held on May 22 and 23, 2018. Information about this event is available at the following address: <http://www.ftsr.ulaval.ca/350/colloque/>.

ARRIVAL IN QUEBEC CITY

In Quebec City, May announces the return of nice weather and the average temperature is 12 °C - 54 °F. At night the temperature drops to 7 °C - 45 °F and during the day it can reach 17 °C - 63 °F. You should be entitled to beautiful sunny days, but as this time of year is still very wet, rain and showers are not to be ruled out. Have in your luggage an umbrella, warm and comfortable clothes.

When you arrive at Quebec City Jean Lesage International Airport, you may take a taxi to Université Laval at a cost of about \$30 CAD. Some flights arrive directly from abroad (US, Paris, etc.), but the majority of flights involve a connection to Montreal or Toronto.

ACCOMODATION

Located just 15 minutes from downtown Quebec City on the Université Laval campus, the *Hébergement hôtelier du Service des résidences* offers accommodation in a stimulating environment close to many tourist attractions. Practical, economical, and safe, our short-term accommodation offers you an unforgettable experience full of life and culture. The Convention and Conference Package offers a convenient and affordable alternative for participants who wish to stay in Quebec City. Only a few steps from the campus conference buildings, our four residences are also just five kilometers from the Quebec City Convention Center. The city bus (Metrobus 800 or 801) will get you there in only 15 minutes.

Standard University Room (shared bathroom)

These rooms have two single beds and feature all the amenities usually available in hotels or bed linen and towels, shampoo and soap, parking included, free wireless internet access and free local calls.

- **Rates:** \$48.50 + taxes in single occupancy and \$69 + taxes in double occupancy (*Breakfast is include)

Superior University Room (private bathroom) (available year round)

These rooms are equipped with a bathroom, a queen bed, a TV, a microwave oven, refrigerator and telephone. They usually have all the amenities offered by hotels or bed linen and towels, shampoo and soap, parking included, free wireless internet access and free local calls.

- **Rates:** \$89 + taxes in single occupancy or double occupancy (*Breakfast is include)

You can find more information about our service id you click on this link:

<https://www.residences.ulaval.ca/en/short-term-accommodations/short-term-accommodations-rooms/>

To book your room, for the duration of your stay, use the following address:

<https://www.sres.ulaval.ca/HebergementEte/Congressistes/index.asp>

by selecting the event below:

282739 - Colloque de la CICT (2018/05/22 - 2018/05/27)

INFORMATION

For information, contact directly at 418 656-5632 or by email at hebergement@sres.ulaval.ca and mention the name of the event.

If you prefer to stay at the hotel, various establishments are located near the campus, for example:

<https://www.hoteluniversel.qc.ca/fr>
<https://www.hotelsjaro.com/plaza-quebec/>
<http://www.althotels.com/fr/quebec/>
<http://www.hotelsepia.ca/fr/>

REGISTRATION FORM

Registration for the General Assembly costs \$60 CAD and is mandatory. This registration includes:

- ✓ Opening cocktail on Wednesday, May 23, 2018
- ✓ Coffee-break
- ✓ Lunches on May 24, 25 and 26, 2018
- ✓ Part of the costs related to the tourist trip and the closing dinner on Saturday, May 26, 2018²

All other expenses are the responsibility of the participants.

The registration form is attached to this document. Please complete it and return it to cict.cocti@fts.ulaval.ca by April 3, 2018.

Between 3:30 pm and 5:00 pm, on Wednesday, May 23, 2018, you must go to room 813 of the Félix-Antoine-Savard building to pay for your registration fees (\$60 CAD), to register, to take possession of the documents pertaining to the General Assembly, and to remit the required amount (\$60 CAD) for the tourist trip and the closing dinner.

VISA

Depending of nationality, entry visas are mandatory in Canada, and due to delays in processing applications, be sure to apply in advance, if applicable.

http://www.cic.gc.ca/francais/visiter/visas.asp?_ga=2.190548909.740306615.1517501099-1516072548.1517501099

HEALTH

Being covered by health insurance and hospitalization is essential so that you can fully enjoy your stay in Quebec without being concerned by the unexpected!

CURRENCY EXCHANGE

1 € = \$1.6 CAD

1 USD = \$1.2 CAD

² Tourist trip and the closing dinner participants will be required to pay \$60 CAD.

INFORMATION

INTERNET

Université Laval offers WI-FI service for free available campus-wide.

To connect: Connect to the network "wifi-ul" - Open the browser of your device and accept the conditions
- You are connected for a period of two weeks.