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CURRENT ACTIVITIES OF THE CENTRO PRO UNIONE

We present in this issue of our Bulletin the first update of $An\ Interna$ tional Directory of Ecumenical Centers and Publications; what is here contained supplements the work of the same title which appeared in the N. 20 (Fall 1981) issue of this Bulletin.

The present update of the Directory contains:

- 1. additions, i.e. entries which do not appear in the 1981 issue;
- 2. corrections, deletions and substitutions referring to entries which already appeared in 1981; minor corrections are indicated by an arrow on the card; the cards republished are always complete, thus replacing those which appeared in the previous edition;
- 3. one page inadvertently omitted from the 1981 issue, which should thus be inserted in the complete Directory.

As the 1981 edition, both sections of this update are subdivided according to centers and publications. Unfortunately, we must confess that there are always worthy centers left out, usually due to our lack of information on them, but also from lack of response to our inquiries. We welcome suggestions, additions and corrections, which we intend to publish regularly in the Fall issue of our Bulletin.

Elsewhere in this issue, Sever J. Voicu describes the two major publication effcets of the Centro. In addition to the Bibliography and the Enchiridion, a number of other projects currently occupy our attention: a five-volume Corso Breve di Ecumenismo, wrose individual volumes are entitled:

- 1. La Chiesa Cattolica e il Movimento Ecumenico, 2. Conosciamo i fratelli, by several authors, 3. Il Popolo d'Israele e la Chiesa, by Augusto Segre,
- 4. La Chiesa Cattolica oggi nel dialogo, by several authors,

5. Le nuove sette, by Giovanni Cereti.
These volumes form the texts of a seminar held each year at the Centro for catechists and other local people in the Diocese of Rome who are interested in ecumenical formation.

An English version of volume 4 has been published in One in Christ 18 (1982) 3, pp. 193-259, under the general title The Catholic Church in Dialogue Today.

The Centro also publishes each year the Italian version of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

As usual, this Fall issue of the Bulletin contains the list of Recent Materials received by the Centro Pro Unione in the area of Ecumenics.

The Italian language bulletin of the Centro, Conversazioni, will cease publication in the Spring of 1983; instead the Centro staff will cooperate with the Istituto di Studi Ecumenici S.Bernardino of Verona, a project of the Order of Friars Minor affiliated with the Pontificio Ateneo "Antonianum" of Rome, in the publication of a new ecumenical review whose title will be Studi Ecumenici. This quarterly will include documentation and book reviews prepared by the staff of the Centro Pro Unione. The termination of one of our publications will enable us to devote our limited staff and financial resources to other projects, and at the same time, ensure us a wider audience in Italy for our research.

> CHARLES ANGELL, S.A. Director, Centro Pro Unione

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ADDITIONS

CENTERS

ARGENTINA

CENTRO DE ESTUDIOS CRISTIANOS Parana 489, 29/of.9. 1017 BUENOS AIRES Tel. 49-4996

F: 1963

A: Federation of Evangelical Churches in Argentina and in Uruguay, and other ecumenical agencies

L: 1,300 volumes on local topics

P: occasional papers on ecumenism and missiology

DENMARK

DET ØKUMENISKE STUDIE- OG KONTAKT-CENTER Kløvermarksvej 4 DK-8200 AARHUS N.

F: 1966

A: Independent

Tel. (06)162655

L: undergoing reorganisation

D.

FRANCE

INSTITUT DE THÉOLOGIE ORTHODOXE 93, rue de Crimée F-75019 PARIS Tel. (1)208.12.93

F: 1925

A: Archdiocese for France and Western Europe of the Ecumenical Patriarchate

L: 22,000 volumes, mainly on Orthodoxy

P: Pensee Orthodoxe

ACTION 365

Kontaktstelle für Ökumenische Basisarbeit Kennedyallee 111a D-6000 FRANKFURT 70

D-6000 FRANKFURT 70 Tel. (0611)63 20 63

F:

L:

P: Oekumene am Ort

GERMANY

GERMANY

OEKUMENISCHES INSTITUT DER UNIVER-SITÄT HEIDELBERG Plankengasse 1 D-6900 HEIDELBERG Tel. 543340

F: 1946

A: Theologische Fakultät der Universität Heidelberg

L: 14000 volumes, 130 Periodicals, microfilms on the Ecumenical Movement, Cathclicism, and Orthodoxy

P: occasional papers

GHANA

GHANA CHURCH UNION COMMITTEE P.O.B. 1434
ACCRA
Tel. 76748

F: 1957

A: Interdenominational: African Methodist Episcopal Church; Evangelical Presbyterian Church; Mennonite Church; Methodist Church; Presbyterian Church

L: Small, on church unions

P: Occasional papers on Church union

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U.K.

HONG KONG

TAO FONG SHAN ECUMENICAL CENTRE PO Box 33 SHATIN, NT Tel. 0-611490

F: 1930

- A: HK Christian Council, WCC, Association for Theological Education in South East Asia (ATSSEA), and Assoc. of Christian Institutes for Social Concern in Asia (ACISCA)
- L: 10,000 volumes, 220 periodicals on Chinese Religion and Culture, Christianity in China, Asian Religion and Society, Asian Christian Theology
- P: Ching Feng

ISRAEL

THE ISRAEL INTERFAITH COMMITTEE 12A Coresh St. P.O.B. 2028
JERUSALEM Tel. (02) 222493

F: 1957

A: interreligious

L: mainly reference materials

P: Interfaith Israel

ITALY

CENTRE OF NEWMAN FRIENDS Via Aurelia 257 I-00165 ROMA Tel. (06)63.17.05

F: A: L:

P: Recent Publications on Newman

ITALY

CENTRO ECUMENICO RUSSO VLADIMIR SOLOV'EV Via Roma 17 I-35010 CAMPODORO (PD) Tel. (049)500537

F: 1981

L: P:

A: conferences and expositions on the Orthodox Church

THE ASSOCIATION OF INTERCHURCH FAMILIES
The Bakery
Danehill
HAYWARD'S HEATH, Sussex, RH17 7ET

F: 1968

A: interdenominational; organizes annual conferences

L:

P: Interchurch Families

U.S.A.

ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE
St. Mary's Seminary & University
5400 Roland Ave.
BALTIMORE, Md, 21210
Tel. (301)323-1463/3200 ext.74

F: 1968

A: RC Archdiocese of Baltimore & Episcopal Diocese of Maryland

L: 74,000 books; 14,000 bound periodicals

P:

U.S.A.

WASHINGTON THEOLOGICAL CONSORTIUM 487 Michigan Avenue, N.E. WASHINGTON, D.C. 20017 Tel. (202)832-2675

F: 1967; incorporated 1972

A: Interconfessional (10 independent theological schools)

L: 10 theological libraries

P: Oikoumene

ZAMBIA

MINDOLO ECUMENICAL FOUNDATION P.O. Box 21493
KITWE
Tel. 214572/211488/215198

F: 1956

A: Interdenominational

L: 18,000 volumes

P: Mindolo Newsletter; reports of conferences and consultations

PUBLICATIONS

BACKGROUND INFORMATION (q)

Commission of the Churches on International Affairs 150 route de Ferney CH-1211 GENEVA 20, Switzerland

BRIDGES (10 yr)

Buffalo Area Metropolitan Ministries, Inc. 24 Linwood Avenue BUFFALO, N.Y., 14209, U.S.A.

CHRISTIAN JEWISH RELATIONS (q)

Institute of Jewish Affairs, Ltd. 11 Hertford Street LONDON, W1Y 7DX, U.K.

CHURCH UNION NEWSLETTER (OCC)

Faith and Order Secretariat 150 route de Ferney CH-1211 GENEVA 20, Switzerland

IMMANUEL (2/yr)

Ecumenical Theological Research Fraternity in Israel P.O.Box 249 Prophet's Street 58 JERUSALEM 91002, Israel

INSIDE THE OIKOUMENE (6/yr)

Council on Christian Unity P.O.Box 1986 INDIANAPOLIS, IN. 46206, U.S.A.

INTERFAITH ISRAEL (3/yr)

The Israel Interfaith Committee 12A Coresh St. P.O.B. 2028 JERUSALEM, Israel

KRISHT VIDYA (q)

Christian Retreat & Study Centre P.O. Rajpur DEHRA DUN, 248 009 U.P., India

OEKUMENE AM ORT (m)

Action 365 Kontaktstelle für ökumenische Basisarbeit Kennedyallee 111a D-6000 FRANKFURT 70, Germany

OIKOUMENE (occ)

Washington Theological Consortium 487 Michigan Avenue, N.E. WASHINGTON, D.C. 20017, U.S.A.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS ON NEWMAN (a)

Centre of Newman Friends Via Aurelia 257 I-00165 ROMA, ltaly

STUDI ECUMENICI (q)

Istituto di Studi Ecumenici S.Bernardino Studio Teologico S.Bernardino Str. A.Provolo 28 I-37123 VERONA, Italy

Through an editing error, next page was omitted from the 1981 Fall issue, where it belongs

JAPAN CHRISTIAN ACTIVITY NEWS

National Christian Council 551 Totsuka-machi, 1 Chome Shinjuku-ku TOKYO 160, Japan

THE JAPAN MISSIONARY BULLETIN

Oriens Institute for Religious Research 2-28-5 Matsubara Setagaya-ku TOKYO 156, Japan

JEEVADHARA. A journal of Christian interpretation (q; two editions: English and Malayalam)

Theology Centre KOTTAYAM, Kerala 686 017, India

JOURNAL OF ECUMENICAL STUDIES (g)

Temple University PHILADELPHIA, Pa. 19122, U.S.A.

JUNTS. Boletín del Centro Ecuménico Interconfesional de Valencia (6/yr)

Cirilo Amorós 54, 19 VALENCIA 4, España

KEK-NACHRICHTEN (24/yr; also in English & French)

Conference of European Churches 150 route de Ferney 1211 GENEVA 20, Switzerland

KIRCHE UND KONFESSION (bs)

Konfessionskundliches Institut des Evangelischen Bundes Eifelstrasæ 35 Postfach 82 6140 BENSHEIM 1, Germany

KIRKON TUTKIMUSLAITOKSEN (bs)

see

Publications of the Research Institute of the Lutheran Church in Finland

KONFESSIONSKUNDLICHE UND KONTROVERS-THEOLOGISCHE STUDIEN (bs)

Johann Adam Möhler Institut für Ökumenik Leostrasse 19a 4790 PADERBORN, Deutschland

LAITY EXCHANGE (3/yr)

The Audenshaw Foundation Muker RICHMOND, N.Yorksh. DL11 6QQ, U.K.

LETTER FROM TAIZE

Communauté de Taizé 71460 TAIZÉ, France

LETTER FROM WOOD HALL (occ)

Wood Hall Centre LINTON, Wetherby, W.Yorkshire LS22 4JA, U.K.

LETTRE À NOS AMIS (occ)

Centre MI-CA-EL 4661, ch. Queen Mary MONTRÉAL, Qué., H3W 1W3, Canada

LETTRE DU FOYER ORIENTAL CHRÉTIEN (q)

Foyer Oriental Chrétien Pro Russia Avenue de la Couronne 206 1050 BRUXELLES, Belgique

CORRECTIONS, DELETIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS

CENTERS

↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ AUSTRIA

INSTITUT FÜR ÖKUMENISCHE THEOLOGIE UND PATROLOGIE Universitätsplatz 3 A-8010 GRAZ Tel. (03122)31581/338

F: 1966

A: Universität Graz (R.C.)

L: A collection of ecumenical works

P: Oekumenisches Forum

FRANCE

CENTRE D'ÉTUDES OECUMÉNIQUES 8, rue Gustave Klotz F-67000 STRASBOURG Tel. (88)36.10.57

F: 1965

A: Lutheran World Federation

L: With an emphasis on ecumenical theology, II Vatican Council and Luther.

P: Ökumenische Perspektiven; Ökumenische Dokumentation; a circular letter

GERMANY

INSTITUT FÜR ÖKUMENISCHE FORSCHUNG DER UNIVERSITÄT TÜBINGEN Nauklerstr. 37a D-7400 TÜBINGEN Tel. (07071) 292871/90 +

F: 1964

A: The Faculty of Catholic Theology, University of Tübingen

L: A large library specialized on ecumenism

P: Articles for reviews and books. Theses for theological degrees

HOLLAND

delete

KERK EN WERELD/THE INSTITUTE CHURCH AND WORLD

Tel. Rajpur-258
F: 1954

CHRISTIAN RETREAT & STUDY CENTRE

248 009 DEHRA DUN, U.P.

A: The Centre is affiliated to and sponsored by all of the major Protestant denominations working in North India. These bodies provide the bulk of the support of the Centre with the rest being raised from interested individuals and groups

L: About 6,000 volumes mainly on Church History, Christian Doctrine, Biblical Studies, Christian Ethics, Church & Society, Non-Christian Religions

P: Reflection and Action; Krisht Vidya

ISRAEL

INDIA

ECUMENICAL THEOLOGICAL RESEARCH FRATERNITY IN ISRAEL

→ P.O.Box 249
 Prophet's Street 58
 JERUSALEM 91002
 → Tel. (02)246816

F: 1966

Rajpur

A: Interconfessional

L: Jewish-Christian Studies

P: Immanuel

ITALY

CENTRO "UNO" Piazza Tor Sanguigna 13/2 I-00186 ROMA Tel. (06)6569598

F: 1961

A: The Focolare Movement

L: Small, with books and periodicals on ecumenism

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CORRECTIONS CENTERS

ITALY

SWITZERLAND

ISTITUTO DI STUDI ECUMENICI S.BERNARDINO Studio Teologico S.Bernardino Str. A.Provolo 28 I-37123 VERONA Tel. (045)59.10.68

F: 1981 A: RC L:

P: Studi Ecumenici

F: 1980

A: Federation of Evangelical Churches in Switzerland

EVANGELISCHE ÄRBEITSSTELLE OEKUMENE

P: Occasional

Sulgenauweg 26

Tel. (031)46 26 85

3000 BERN 23

ITALY

SEGRETARIATO ATTIVITÀ ECUMENICHE Via della Cava Aurelia 8 I-00165 ROMA Tel. (06)637.40.33

F: 1963

A: Interdenominational

T.:

P: Atti della Sessione di formazione ecumenica

MEXICO

CENTRO REGIONAL DE INFORMACION ECUMENICA (CRIE)

→ Yosemite 45

→ Col. Nápoles

→ 03810 MEXICO 18 D.F.

→ Tel. 536-9321

F: 1976

A: Centro Estudios Ecuménicos

P: Bulletin

SWITZERLAND

INSTITUT D'ÉTUDES OECUMENIQUES DE L'UNIVERSITÉ DE FRIBOURG

→ Université CH-1700 FRIBOURG Tel. (037)21 94 86

F: 1964

A: Faculté Théologique de l'Université de Fribourg

L: 5,000 volumes on Church history, hermeneutics, ecumenical questions and basic works on Anglicanism and Orthodoxy

P: Freiburger Zeitschrift flr Philosophie und Theologie; Ukumenische Beihefre -Cahiers oecumeniques

U.K.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES CENTRE

subsided by: NACCAN

U.K.

+ NACCAN-THE NATIONAL CENTRE FOR CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES AND

+

NETWORKS

Westhill College

Selly Oak

BIRMINGHAM B29 6LL Tel. (021)472-8079

SWEDEN

PAKISTAN

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delete

SVERIGES EKUMENISKA KVINNORÅD

F: 1981

A: Interdenominational

P: Directories, a newsletter & Community

CHRISTIAN STUDY CENTRE

U.S.A.

PARTNERS IN RECONCILIATION

→ 308 W. 46th St./3rd Fl.

→ NEW YORK, N.Y. 10036

F: 1979

A: Lutheran Church of America, American Lutheran Church, Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches and Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

L:

P: ReConcile

PUBLICATIONS

delete

THE ARK (q)

COUNCIL COMMUNICATOR

Canadian Council of Churches 40 St. Clair Ave. E. Suite 201 + + TORONTO, Ont., M4T 1M9, Canada

CRIE. Centro Regional de información ecuménica (24/yr)

→ Yosemite 45

Col. Nápoles

→ 03810 MEXICO 18 D.F., Mexico

INTERCULTURE (q)

Centre Monchanin 4917, rue St.-Urbain MONTREAL, Que. H2T 2W1, Canada

Council on Christian Unity 222 So. Downey Ave. P.O. Box 1986 INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. 46206, U.S.A. MINDOLO NEWSLETTER (occ)

Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation P.O. Box 21493 ← ← KITWE, Zambia

delete

MONCHANIN JOURNAL

NEWSLETTER OF TASK FORCE ON CHRIST-IAN-MUSLIM RELATIONS (OCC)

Task Force of NCC
Task Force at the MacDonald Center

→ → 77 Sherman St.
HARTFORD, CT. 06105, U.S.A.

Reconcile (m; supplement to Forum Letter)

→ Partners in Reconciliation

→ 308 W. 46th St./3rd F1

 \rightarrow NEW YORK, N.Y. 10036, U.S.A.

REVUE MONCHANIN-MONCHANIN JOURNAL title changed to: INTERCULTURE

delete

WSCF JOURNAL (q)

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ECUMENICAL DIALOGUES: BIBLIOGRAPHICAL PROBLEMS AND FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

by Sever J. Voicu

(this is a substantially revised version of a paper delivered on August 25, 1982 at the "Journées d'études" organized by the Monastery of Chevetogne - Belgium)

Our paper aims at presenting two publishing projects in the area of ecumenical conversations which are under the total or partial responsibility of the Centro Pro Unione. The first deals with the bibliography of the theological dialogues; the second is a cumulate edition, in various translations, of the documents these dialogues have issued.

Before describing the actual contents of these publications and the problems involved in their redaction a terminological caveat might be in order. Although the practice of dialogues between more or less authorized representatives of different Christian confessions is long since established (the Council of Florence is just one example of this), currently the expression "ecumenical dialogues" applies mostly to conversations inaugurated after 1960.

a) A Bibliography of Interchurch and Interconfessional Theological Dialogues

As you know, the first attempt at presenting systematically these very recent dialogues is the booklet by Nils Ehrenström and Günther Gassmann, Confessions in Dialogue, whose third edition appeared in 1975. This remarkable work in some respects has not been replaced up to now. It records 46 dialogues, with their chronology and a short description of their characteristics and aims; the second part of the book contains more than 100 pages on general methodological considerations and summaries about the themes discussed in the dialogues, which give a fairly comprehensive picture of the progress in this area (1).

In 1978, Fr. James F. Puglisi, former director of the Centro Pro Unione, published A Workbook of Bibliographies for the Study of Interchurch Dialogues. His pattern is quite different from that of Confessions in Dialogue, for it records only the chronological summaries of the dialogues (numbering now to 52); his main effort is devoted to collecting an extensive bibliography of the conversations, whereas Confessions in Dialogue has only few selected entries in this area.

Fr. Puglisi's work has been continued by myself under the form of annual supplements published with the Spring issue of the bulletin $Centro\ Pro\ Unione$. Four of such supplements have appeared up to now.

A couple of years ago the Centro became aware of the need of reprinting the Workbook, the first edition being already almost exhausted. Fr. Charles Angell, current director of the Centro decided instead that a completely revised book be prepared; it would incorporate also the entries published separately in the yearly supplements, whose proliferation would compel researchers to tiresome inquiries for retrieving the appropriate bibliographical information. The provisional title of this work, which will be published in 1983, is: A Bibliography of Interchurch and Interconfessional Theological Dialogues.

Now, a long bibliographical research ends up often by posing methodological questions, both practical and theoretical, about the criteria for inclusion or exclusion of entries and their most suitable presentation.

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The actual presentation of the entries has been modified already in the last supplements. Preparing uniform typewritten cards makes it easier to correct mistakes, to use them for offsetting the supplements and the final work, to sort them for different purposes.

Another important innovation is subdividing the entries for each dialogue according to meetings or documents. That eases the research on specific topics; e.g. the 1978 Workbook had some 300 bibliographical entries for the Anglican-Roman Catholic Dialogue in one row; the new edition will have well over 700, but subdivided under some 40 different headings.

Minor presentation changes include the partial normalization of the acronyms used for the describing the confessional partners and, where appropriate,

the localization of each dialogue.

However, between the two editions of the bibliography there are some major differencies. The 1982 supplement lists 108 dialogues; that makes quite a difference compared with the 52 dialogues recorded by Fr. Puglisi. Of course this is due in part to the enormous swelling of the ecumenical theological dialogues during the last years, but it reflects also a shift in the criteria followed for inclusion of the dialogues, a point which seems worth of some further explanation.

Four couples of opposite concepts are relevant when collecting bibliographical items in the area of interchurch and interconfessional conversations:

- 1) church unions vs. ecumenical dialogues;
- 2) international vs. local dialogues;
- 3) official vs. non official dialogues;
- 4) theological dialogues vs. conversations on practical topics.
- 1) Church Unions vs. Ecumenical Dialogues:

the theoretical borderline between these two categories of conversations is ill-defined. Usual descriptions of the church union tractations as being "mainly practical or administrative" or as "happening within one confessional family" are flatly contradicted by the classical case of the Church of South India.

Practically, church unions are distinguished from theological dialogues in that the former consider the unions as their immediate aim and express themselves through progress reports - whereas the dialogues look at the church union as a rather distant objective and express themselves through agreement documents. As a rule, our bibliographies do not cover church unions, thus avoiding any duplication with the regular and competent Church Union Surveys published by The Ecumenical Review.

2) International vs. Local Dialogues:

a quite distinctive feature of the 1981 and 1982 supplements is that they no longer have two alphabetical series for international and local dialogues (contrarily to Confessions in Dialogue and Puglisi's practice). Thus, whereas international dialogues are still clearly distinguished by the lack of any acronym indicating a localization, the general pattern of the bibliography becomes simpler. All the dialogues having the same partners are now grouped together; this means that one can appreciate immediately if a local dialogue is just some sort of appendix of the international one, or it follows different paths. So, some Anglican-Roman Catholic commissions apparently aim just at translating and diffusing in their areas the documents prepared at the international level. The Lutheran-Roman Catholic Dialogue in the U.S.A. is an outstanding example of the opposite, being by no means subordinate to the international dialogue.

One alphabetical order implies also avoiding some ambiguities in the use of "international" and "local". In this respect, things are clear only when both partners have the same rank, e.g. Anglican-Orthodox International vs. Anglican-Orthodox in the United States. But where, strictly speaking, should one place a dialogue like Russian Orthodox Church-Roman Catholic Church? It

is not local, for the Catholic communities living in the Soviet Union are altogether excluded from it. Nor it is international, for it does not compete with the general Orthodox-Roman Catholic Dialogue, where the Russian Church participates. The same question arises about conversations between local churches belonging to different countries. Where is the local dimension of a dialogue as the one between the Church of England and the Evangelical Church of Germany (EKD)?

Putting all the dialogues in one series implies that, somehow, they are all worth the same attention. It is amazing to meet otherwise committed theologians who appear reluctant to consider the results of the local dialogues, contenting themselves with the international documents. The theologians' lack of interest towards the local situation should not be fostered. Ecumenism is too often accused of being some sort of remote intellectual exercise, with few if any links with the real church life. The reconciliation of Christians necessarily implies overcoming theological strife; but dogmatic agreement, however remarkable, will have no bearing on church relations, if these are biased by prejudice and reciprocal ignorance, as it is often the case. The local conversations could provide a sign of reconciliation, contributing to improved neighbourhood links.

Again, some churches do not feel at all confortable with the centralized structures the international dialogues require.

3) Official vs. Non Official Dialogues:

most of the groups involved in ecumenical theological dialogues have some sort of appointment or endorsement from their confessional constituencies. Usually this endorsement is of a very limited nature, being mainly concerned with the composition of the commission, its membership, and perhaps its agenda. It never stretches automatically to the documents produced by the dialogue group. An ecumenical document might be assumed as a basis for further discussion by the constituent bodies, it might be "received" (and there are ongoing discussions on the term and its practical implications). Or quite the reverse, one or both confessions may feel that the commission has gone "too far" in its search for an agreement; the resultant text will then be dismissed silently or vocally.

Most of the theological dialogue groups acting with some continuity have an explicit mandate from their parent bodies. But some cases which do not fall into this pattern are nonetheless worth both the bibliographer's and the theologian's attention. In several conversations the members of one of the parties act in their own personal name, whereas the others are officially designated; as some U.S.A. dialogues which have unofficial Baptist participants.

Other dialogues are "unofficial". As you might have guessed, the example I have in mind is that of Dombes, which is a "private association" with no official mandate. Nevertheless the texts it has issued have received a very conspicuous endorsement in that they are widely and extensively quoted by other agreed documents. We have therefore decided to include them in the <code>Bibliography</code>, for it would appear odd to leave them aside just because they are unofficial, paying no attention to their outstanding achievements and the wide audience with which they have been met. Together with Dombes we have recorded another remarkable dialogue, even if "unofficial": that between the Oriental and the Eastern Orthodox Churches. Theological involvement (as defined in the next paragraph) and continuity seem to be acceptable criteria for including dialogues with no official status.

4) Theological vs. Practical Dialogues:

in a very broad sense it might be appropriate to say that every interconfessional document is, or at least should be, theological and ecumenical, because it is grounded on common theological assumptions, and witnesses in some way to the world about Christian unity. But, of course, it would be

impractical to try to collect data on all the interconfessional documents, whose number is growing at an amazing pace. Therefore a rule for inclusion is needed. For the <code>Bibliography</code> it has been decided to include up to the mutual baptism recognition agreements (which, as Fr. Tillard has pointed out, imply some degree of ecclesiological recognition). Common texts on practical issues (peace, arms race, racism, abortion...) have been left aside, but provision has been made for including such a documents if they are agreed by a group which usually deals with theological topics.

This Bibliography has been commended by the First Forum on Bilateral Conversations (Bossey, 1978) as a "continuing source of information for participants in the bilateral conversations and for those who study their progress" (2).

b) Growth in Agreement

The Centro Pro Unione is participating also to another project concerning the ecumenical dialogues: a comprehensive edition of the documents they have issued.

Sponsored by the Faith and Order Commission, the Ecumenical Institute of Strasbourg and the Centro Pro Unione, the initial draft, started in Spring 1980 under the working title *Growth in Agreement*, planned several parallel editions in various languages: English, French, German, Spanish and Italian, which were at first intended to publish all the same documents.

The current situation of these editions is as follows:

- 1) it has proved impossible to find an editor and publisher for the French version;
- 2) the English edition will be published at Paulist Press (New York) as the second of a three-volume set on ecumenism. The first volume of the series, edited by Frs. Thomas F. Stransky and John B. Sheerin under the title Doing the Truth in Charity, appeared a few months ago; it contains documents issued by the Roman Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity and by the Popes; the third volume will include texts agreed by the local dialogues, mainly in the U.S.A.;
- 3) after a number of false starts, the German edition, cared of by Harding Meyer at Lembeck (Frankfurt/M.), is due to appear this Autumn;
- 4) the Spanish edition, prepared under the direction of Prof. Miguel-M. Garijo-Guembe at BAC (Madrid), has been also announced for this Autumn.

Each of these editions is supposed to have at least two sections: I) the Lima Agreement on Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry; II) some 50 texts agreed by the international official commissions. The final figure is probably approximate, depending on the actual timing of each edition and the decision whether to add or not last minute documents.

5) the Italian edition departs quite abruptly from this pattern, for, consistently with the criteria already outlined for the bibliography, it includes documents issued by local and non official dialogues, thus concurring with the planned third volume of the English edition.

Under the general responsibility of Fr. Giovanni Cereti and myself this edition, whose working title is *Enchiridion Oecumenicum*, will appear at the Edizioni Dehoniane (Bologna) probably in early 1984. It will contain some 160 texts (the final figure is not yet definitive) under five sections: I) the Lima document; II) international official agreements (as the other editions); III) appendix to the international dialogues; IV) local texts; V) other documents of ecumenical interest.

This collection of documents will appear in one volume uniform with the famous <code>Enchiridion Vaticanum</code> published by the same printer some years ago. A continuous updating is expected to appear in the documentation of the forthcoming Italian quarterly <code>Studi Ecumenici</code>, as a part of the contribution of the Centro Pro Unione to this new ecumenical venture.

c) Some remarks:

dealing with ecumenical dialogues and documents gives some insight into their geographical and confessional patterns.

Using the "List of Dialogues" published in the bi-annual bulletin of the

Using the "List of Dialogues" published in the bi-annual bulletin of the Centro Pro Unione, No 21 (Spring 1982) as a basis for comparison, it is easy to notice that the ecumenical theological conversations are almost exclusively a First World affair. Out of 108 dialogues listed here, 20 are "international" to all effects and purposes. Of the remaining 88 only 21 (= 24%) are totally unrelated to North America and Western Europe (the somewhat tortuous phrasing accounts for eight dialogues convened by Western Churches with East European churches, notably with the Russian Orthodox Church).

From a confessional standpoint it is worth remarking that involvement in the ecumenical conversations varies considerably from church to church. The data we present reveal that those churches having no episcopal structure or one which is loose do not feel at home with the theological dialogues, whereas the churches which possess a firm hierarchical system are fully conversant with them. This applies in a very particular manner to the Roman Catholic Church, which has an overwhelming presence in the area of the dialogues and a quasi-monopoly as far as joint documents are concerned.

Taking as a basis the above mentioned "List of Dialogues" with its 108 entries we obtain the following figures:

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66 dialogues (61.1%) have Roman Catholic participants
36
               (34.3%)
                             Lutheran
       11
                         11
37
               (23.7%)
                             Anglican
       11
                         17
28
               (25.9%)
                             Orthodox
20
               (18.5\%)
                             Reformed
       *1
                         71
12
               (11.18)
                             Methodist
       11
                         F1
                                                    19
              (7.4%)
                             Baptist
       11
               (5.6%)
                             Old Catholic
       11
                         11
               ( 4.6%)
                             Oriental Orthodox
                         11
                4.6%)
                             United
       11
                        11
               ( 3.7%)
                             Disciples
                 .9%) has
1 dialogue
              (
                             Pentecostal
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If we consider the documents collected up to now for the *Enchiridion Oe-cumenicum*, we have 125 relevant items, with the following distribution:

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92 texts (73.6%) have been agreed to by Roman Catholics
45
           (36%)
                                               Anglicans
      11
                           11
                                  11
                                        17
32
          (25.6%)
                                               Lutherans
      11
                           n
                     12
                                  13
                                        F1
                                           -
27
          (21.6%)
                                               Orthodox
      н
                           11
                                  11
                                        11
                                           24
18
          (14.48)
                                               Reformed
11
      11
                     11
                           12
                                  17
                                        28
                                           11
          (8.8%)
                                               Old Catholics
          (7.2%)
                     11
                                  17
                                           11
 9
                                        17
                                               Methodists
      79
                     11
                           11
 6
          ( 4.8%)
                                               Oriental Orthodox
     11
                     н
                           **
                                  41
                                        19 (1
 3
          ( 2.4%)
                                               Baptists
     11
                     11
                                  11
                                        11
                                           11
          ( 2.4%)
                                               United Churchmen
     17
                     21
                           **
                                  11
                                        24
           ( 1.6%)
                                               Disciples
                           91
          ( .8%) has
                                  Ħ
                                        87
                                           19
 1 text
                                               Pentecostals
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Perhaps these figures are only approximate, and perhaps they tell only part of the story. Nevertheless, bearing in mind that the Ecumenical movement started at Edinburgh in 1910 mainly under the impulsion of people deeply involved in missionary activities, Third World and Evangelical as if were, we are forced to admit that the ecumenical scene has undergone dramatic changes since that time and that the tension we experience today in some areas might be firmly rooted in this shift.

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