

April 16, 2013

To All ASEACCU Member Institutions

Dear Rector/President

Taking up a topic that is particularly close to the heart of our institutions - human development and faith - the theme of this year's ASEACCU Annual Conference is "New Ardor, New Method, New Expression: The Mission of Catholic Higher Education for New Evangelization." The hosting institution of this year's conference, the Catholic University of Korea, has put a good amount of time and effort into the preparation of a program that will explore this theme in three sessions, each focusing on one specific aspect of the theme:

Session I. <Education> Whole Person Education at Catholic Universities

Session II. <Research> Creative Dialogue between Faith and Reason in Catholic Universities

Session III. <Service> Following the Truth - New Paradigms of Voluntary Service for Catholic Universities

As an additional help for the presenters, the preparatory committee has also provided a set of sub-themes for each session:

Session I. <Education>

- 1) Educational programs or curricula to develop body, soul, and spirit
- 2) Ways to reflect the Catholic vision in classes and curricula
- 3) Curriculum development for the promotion of new evangelization

Session II. <Research>

- 1) Research programs which contribute to the promotion of respect for human life, environmental protection, and human solidarity at all levels
- 2) Research centers and research support systems to promote Catholic ideas and practices
- 3) New research areas for Catholic universities responding to new social changes and challenges

Session III. <Service>

- 1) A new model of the service functions of Catholic universities to strengthen their Catholic identity
- 2) A new paradigm of pastoral care to promote new evangelization on university campuses
- 3) Service learning programs at Catholic universities to promote new evangelization

The presenter is free to choose these topics for organizing his/her presentation.

Each session will feature a speaker invited by the Catholic University of Korea and a

junior faculty from a member institution - which brings me to the main purpose of this letter. As you know, since the 2008 Conference in Bandung, ASEACCU has invited junior faculty from member institutions to present their research at the annual conference. This year, again, three junior faculty members from member institutions are invited to give a 25 to 30-minute presentation (with an additional 10 minutes for questions) on the theme of the conference. Proposals for a presentation should focus specifically on one of the three sessions, i.e., <Education>, <Research>, or <Service>.

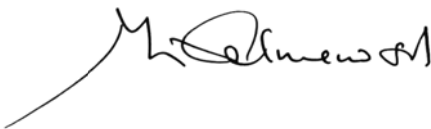
A written proposal for the presentation (preferably in a more or less final version) should be submitted to the secretariat of ASEACCU not later than June 30. Proposals should be written in English and forwarded in the form of a word-processor file, preferably Microsoft Word. To facilitate the printing of material at the conference, please use a 3cm left, right, and bottom margin and a 3.5cm cm margin for the top, double-spaced with an 11 point font size. The hosting institution will provide support for PowerPoint presentations.

The ASEACCU secretariat, together with the organizing committee, will look at the proposals and decide on the candidates to be invited to the conference. As always, expenses (air fare and registration fee) for the participation of our young researchers will be covered by ASEACCU.

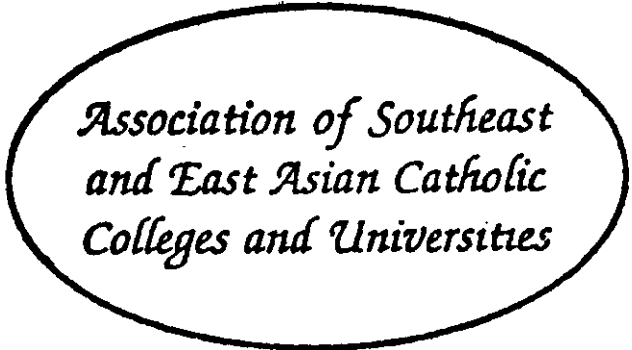
Please encourage your junior faculty to take this opportunity to make their research known to a truly international audience. If there are no objections, presentations will be published on the ASEACCU web page.

If you have any further questions, don't hesitate to contact me at calmano@nanzan-u.ac.jp. Please make sure that a copy of your correspondence goes to my secretary, Mrs. Yokoi at yokoik@nanzan-u.ac.jp.

Sincerely



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