

## JAAI's Blood Donation Drive

Many Jesuit Alumni Associations across India joined hands in the JAAI's National Program. The "Blood Donation Drive" was kick started on Gandhi Jayanti, the 2nd October, 2011.

The basic concept was to have a common activity carried out by all the alumni associations across India. And of doing something nationally under the JAAI umbrella on a regular yearly basis. This is probably the first time that Jesuit alumni organizations across India have acted as one for a very noble cause.

The Number of donors, blood units collected and media coverage were performance indicators which were monitored locally. At the National level the priority focus was to popularize blood donation for saving a life. The other national objective which emerged was to make this a permanent feature in the JAAI's annual national calendar.

Donate your

**blood**  
for a reason



Let the reason be **Life**

# Voice of JAAI

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***Group Photograph of the participants at the GC meeting at Jaipur***



***JAAIs Call: Donate your Blood for a reason... "Let the reason be Life ..."***

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### ATTENTION

**JAAI MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS  
ITS IS NOW TIME TO PAY  
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## EDITORIAL DESK

**Dear Reader,**



The Ignatian principles of education and the JAAI motto of "To give and not to count the cost" prompted alumni associations across the country to join hands for JAAI's 1st ever national campaign. Started on 2nd October 2011 the JAAI blood donation drive was spread over three months.

Many alumni associations across the length and breadth of the country contributed to make this national campaign a grand success. This issue is dedicated to highlight the grand success of the campaign.

In the next issue of JAAI News we shall bring to you for the first time ever the "Roll of Honour" chronicling alumni who have excelled in various walks of life and have reached the pinnacle or have been awarded for their contributions. If you would like JAAI News to feature any personality from Jesuit schools in India do write to the editorial team at [editorjaai@gmail.com](mailto:editorjaai@gmail.com)

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*Editor - Anil Chugh ,Editor*

### **Strategy for Future Blood Donation**

JAAI is developing a Best Practices Manual for organizing Blood Donation Camps. All the associated activities including publicity and promotion, donor checkups, donor data base, process of blood donation etc. would be detailed and would work as a reference guide for organizing these camps efficiently and effectively. JAAI News invites Alumni Associations to volunteer to lead this initiative.

### **Data Bank Of Blood Donors**

During this blood donation drive we capture donor data. JAAI has decided to enlarge the scope of the data and maintain the donor's data base in a computerized on line format and challenge our donors to donate blood during National calamities or during personal emergencies. JAAI plans to create a searchable database of donors all over India and put it online. JAAI News invites Alumni Associations to volunteer to lead this initiative.

### **JAAI's Call for 2012**

Let us make the Blood Donation drive a National Jesuit Alumni movement year after year. The costs are affordable and the time requirement is very much manageable. Here we have the opportunity and challenge for our alumni to create a National image and contribution. Let us work in a manner to catch the imagination of our Alumni in 2012. JAAI has decided to act together and organize the blood donation drive nationally which will start again in October 2012. Let's Act Now! Let's Act Together!

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Last Year was special for JAAI. At the Bhopal Governing council meeting in August 2011, it was decided that shortage of blood must be focused upon and all the Jesuit Alumni/ae Associations across the country were requested to organize blood donation camps during Oct-Dec quarter.

In the very first year of this national initiative under the umbrella of JAAI, there was a zealous response and more than 25 associations participated in this noble activity and over 1000 units of blood was collected.

The success of this activity lead us to make it an annual event and it is expected that it will grow in size with every passing year.

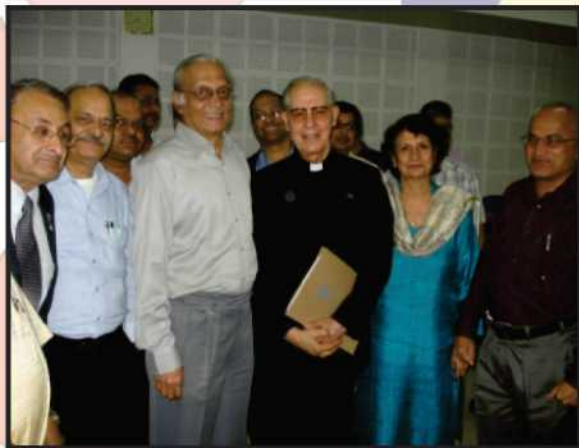
JAAI is also planning to initiate efforts to maintain data of donors for future use for donating blood on SOS Calls.

All the member associations of JAAI had been doing philanthropic activities on their individual level but this was a very successful joint effort.

JAAI is also contemplating taking an initiative of suggesting that more philanthropic joint activities be organized by alumni/ae associations. I invite suggestions from member associations for the projects and activities which may be undertaken by JAAI.

**President - Naresh Kumar Gupta**

## **Rev. Adolfo Nicolas, participated in the South Asia Conference in Jamshedpur**



Rev, Fr. Nicolas Superior General was presented with the reports of the Alumni Association of XLRI, St. Xavier's School, Lupungutu, Chaibasa, De Nobili School, Digwadih, XIM Bhubaneswar and Loyola College of Education, Jamshedpur.

His message to the Alumni is "carry forth the learning's of the Jesuit education by working among the marginalized". He emphasized that the current boom in globalization through electronic means must be leveraged to a deeper and more sustainable relationship rather than just a surface contact. He urged the alumni to do what they have been trained in and love most, thus extending their skills of their profession to beyond their career to help those in need.

Fr. Mike Raj, President, Jamshedpur Province, urged the alumni present to always remember that they have benefitted from the pioneering foresight of the Jesuits and they should continue to be the source of encouragement.

A major outcome is a suggestion to have an organising committee consisting of six associations to create a team to work together.

**Ronald DCosta, Alumni, XLRI, St. Joseph's North Point, Loyola School, Jamshedpur**



*Reverend Fr. Adolf Nicolas message: "Carry forth the learning's of the Jesuit education by working among the marginalized."*

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## JESUITS AND JAAI IN INDIA

### How it all began ...The Jesuits in India

The Jesuit Order "Society of Jesus" was founded by St. Ignatius of Loyola in 1530s. One of his first companions was the then professor of the Paris University, Francis Xavier, who came to India in 1542. He opened the first Jesuit school in Goa in 1543. It was named St. Paul's College. Nothing exists of this institution today except its memory, but it was the predecessor of hundreds of other schools and colleges.

Today, in India the Jesuits conduct not less than 38 university colleges, 5 Institutes of Business Administration and 155 high schools spread throughout the country. Almost all of them are among its most reputed for example: St. Xavier's, Kolkata, Mumbai, Ranchi; Loyola, Chennai, Vijayawada; St. Joseph's, Bangalore, Trichy; XLRI Jamshedpur; XIM, Bhuvaneshwar). In them, more than 250,000 students belonging to every religious, linguistic and socio-economic group, receive their education.

### JAAI in India

The Federation of Jesuit Alumni Associations of India (JAAI) is an association of all alumni associations of Jesuit academic institutions in India. It hopes to bring together all Jesuit alumni in the country together and direct their energies for the betterment of the society.

As beneficiaries and as inheritors of the Jesuit/Ignatian legacy of Education, the members of several Alumni/AE Associations have come together to form a Federation, bonded in love and fellowship, endeavor to become men and women for others

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The 6th National Congress was held between February 4-6, 2011 in Patna on the theme "Public-Private Partnership for better education". JAAI is also affiliated to the World Union of Jesuit Alumni. JAAI

#### Motto:

**To Give and not to count the Costs.**

### JAAI Objectives

To bring all Jesuit Alumni/ae Associations of India together for consolidating the voice and efforts of the Jesuit Alumni/ae of India and to provide a forum for networking, interaction and exchange of ideas and thoughts between different Alumni/ae Associations of India.

To encourage formation of Alumni/ae Associations in Jesuit Institutions in India where such Associations are not existing and also to revitalize the existing Jesuit Alumni/ae Associations and to make them active.

To foster links with Alumni/ae Associations in other parts of the world, to act as the voice of the Jesuit Alumni/ae of India and to represent them before world bodies like the World Union of Jesuit Alumni/ae and to participate in the World Congress.

To play a constructive role in shaping of public policies in favour of secularism, alleviation of poverty, empowerment of women, upliftment of the marginalized, safe guarding of human rights, preservation of the environment and spread of literacy.

### JAAI Structure

JAAI has been divided nationally into four zones

–North, South, West and Central.

North: Calcutta, Patna, Darjeeling, Delhi and Kohima Provinces

South: Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Madurai Provinces

West: Goa, Pune, Bombay and Gujarat Provinces

Central: Dumka-Raigunj, M. P., Hazaribagh, Jamshedpur & Ranchi Provinces

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## NATIONAL BLOOD DONATION DRIVE

### Blood Donation Camp by TOXA - Ahmedabad

A Blood Donation Drive ,as a part of part of JAAI's National initiative , was held on the campus of St. Xaviers College Ahmedabad, under the leadership of TOXA - The Old Xavierites Association and under the umbrella of JAAG -Jesuit Alumni Associations of Gujarat.

Disappointingly many interested donors could not donate blood because of various reasons like high blood pressure , low hemoglobin, diabetes, depression tablets etc. It was decided that Check -Up and Evaluation of prospective Donors Basic Health would be a full fledged medical camp activity in future Blood Donation Programs by TOXA.

### APX and St.Xaviers - Loyola Hall, Ahmedabad Blood Donation Camp



The Association of past Xavierites-APX and the St. Xavier's High School Loyola Hall organized a blood donation drive on the school campus and over 100 units were collected.

APX Alumni members regularly and generously donate blood .There are more than 50 members who go directly to the blood banks to donate blood every 3-4 months.

### Blood Donation Camp at Holy Family, Mumbai



The highlight of the Blood Donation Camp organised by the PTA and the ex-Students Association of Holy Family High School, Andheri East Mumbai was a multipronged publicity campaign which included about 350 emails, 320 SMSs; 880 Face book group message; 3500 circulars to parents of students in school; Announcements in 5 churches and 2 gurudwaras for 2 weekends; banners in all churches and the school for over 10 days; over 25 posters in Gurudwaras, medical shops, fitness centers, CCDs, societies etc.

The blood bank made all the necessary arrangements including snacks and refreshments for donors. The associations provided lunch for all the Blood Bank staff and the organizers. All donors were provided with a donor card and a certificate of appreciation by the Blood Bank staff

### Blood Donation Camp by XESAKOP, Kolhapur

The St. Xavier's High School Kolhapur (XESAKOP) supported by the PTA, staff and the school management organised a Blood Donation Camp along with Raj C

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## NATIONAL BLOOD DONATION DRIVE

Shahu Blood Bank. Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. sponsored the refreshments and Nisarg Nursery presented saplings to all present. NCC cadets from the school were present as volunteers. More than 60% of those who came voluntarily could not donate blood due to health reasons but still 121 units were collected. The Press and Media gave an excellent coverage to the program.

### Blood Donation By SXCEAA, Patna



A blood donation camp was successfully organized The Alumni Association of St. Xavier's College of Education, Patna (SXCEAA) in the college campus. The entire process was taken care by the expert group of nurses and a doctor of Kurji Holy Family Hospital, Patna.

The blood sample were first taken, and then the B.P., Hemoglobin and blood group were checked and all those who were found fit were permitted to donate blood. The college Principal Prof. Fr. Thomas Perumalil S.J., Fr. M. A. Jacob, President, Ramesh Narayan, Vice President, Marie D'Cruz, Secretary, Ranjeet Joint Secretary, Eric, Angela and Deep Kumar as the members of the association were present during the camp encouraging the donors and helping the hospital team in the paperwork.

### St. Aloysius College, Mangalore Blood Donation Camp



Sanjeevini, is the annual Blood Donation Camp of St. Aloysius College Mangalore was organized by the MBA dept of AIMIT.

To publicise the camp, on the previous day, students staged street plays at various locations in Beeri and Thokkattu to allay fears about blood donation and also to bring home to the public the benefits of blood donation.

Dr Shantharam Shetty, Vice Chancellor, NITTE University was the Chief Guest. In his inspirational speech, he highlighted the importance of blood donation in saving one's life and also educated the gathering of its benefits. He ensured that the myths related to health hazards with blood donation were put to rest. He expressed his happiness over the enthusiasm shown by the organizers in taking this big life-saving mission and also congratulated everyone for their efforts.

The camp had the footfalls to 168 blood-donors. An equally great response was shown by 133 persons for the other medical checkups - 77 for dental, 125 for eye and 55 for homeopathic check-up. This encouraged the organizers to pledge and come up with an even more impressive edition in 2012, in order to make some difference, somewhere, to someone's life



*The Future Objective One of Blood Donation Drive : Develop a best practices manual for organizing Blood Donation Camps and an online computerized blood donor's database to reach out and help all that we possibly can in their hour of need.*



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## NATIONAL BLOOD DONATION DRIVE

### SOXA - Sahibganj Blood Donation Camp

SOXA organised a blood donation camp was in St.Xavier's School. Sahibanj Campus. The Civil Surgeon inaugurated the Camp along with Dr. Devesh Kumar an alumnus of the school. The Doctors advised limiting the donors as there were not much facilities to keep more units of Blood in the Hospital. A second camp was organised in the month of November. The local press and the local channel covered the event extensively

### Blood Donation by VINCA-VOBA & Vincents High at Pune:

In Pune, in keeping with the spirit of the suggestion of JAAI, VINCA (Vincent's Night College Alumni), VOBA (Vincentians Old Boy's Association) and the PTA of St.Vincent's High School joined hands and with the support of Ruby Hall Hospital, to conduct a blood donation drive on 26th Jan 2012 at the Gulati Hall, St.Vincent's High School. The coming together of the three associations was a unique feature and it strengthened the bonds between these institutions and we hope to repeat this as an annual feature every year.

With the coordinated efforts of all the three groups, the blood donation drive saw a large turnout of over 135 volunteer donors of all age groups.

VOBA had organized a lunch for all the organizers. All blood donors were given a Certificate and key chain by Ruby Hall Clinic while the three associations gave a pen set as a token of appreciation. The organisers thanked the alumini of the three associations as well as the parents of the school children for their proactive support for this Blood Donation Camp . bobbyjacob@yahoo.com Feb 9, 2012

### Blood Donation by ROBAH and St. Roberts , Hazaribagh

ROBAH, the former students of the Hindi medium St.Robert's plus two High School, Hazaribag organized a very successful blood donation camp. The local Red Cross made all the arrangements and full support was given by the Principal of St. Robert's Fr. Xavier Tigga. It was strategically decided to have the camp on a school day so that all the students could become more aware of the need to donate blood. The program started with a special assembly in which the whole school was told all about blood donation .Subsequently the blood donation began, with the ROBAH President Vijay Singh being the first donor . Besides former students some older plus two students also donated blood. The camp was given very good publicity in the local newspapers.

### SSESA Blood Donation camp:

St. Stanislaus Ex-student's Associations blood donation drive was held in the school's Therapy room from 8.00am to 1.30pm. The alumni actively participated in this blood donation drive which was widely publicised. This blood donation drive was part of an All India blood donation program initiated by Jesuit Alumni Associations of India (JAAI) across Jesuit alumni organizations.

### St.Joseph's College Tiruchirapalli Blood Donation Camp



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## ACROSS BOUNDARIES - ALUMNI EXCHANGE PROGRAM - SPAIN

The World Congress of Jesuit Alumni held in Kolkata in 2003 brought the Federation of Jesuit Alumni of Spain and Federation of Jesuit Alumni Associations of India (JAAI) to work together and formulate a unique international Alumni Exchange Programme (AEP) between Spain and India. Historically, culturally and emotionally both Spain and India share very close relations.

At the invitation of JAAI, 2 Spanish Groups have visited India (Kolkata in 2007 and Jamshedpur in 2010). The First Indian Group of Jesuit Alumni visited Spain in 2008. The respective Groups engaged themselves in social work with their hosts, cultural exchange, home hospitality and promoted fellowship between Spain and India.

### Objectives of Alumni Exchange Program:

- To encourage international understanding and give a fillip to the Alumni movement
- Further aim and provide opportunities for action to create "men & women for others"
- Sensitize Alumni and study comparative social & human problems in Spain and India.
- Alumni to act as cultural ambassadors of their respective countries
- Strengthen bonds between alumni and help expand horizons
- Boost interest of younger members in the activities of their alumni associations.
- Learn about best practices of the West and bring them to the East and vice-versa;
- Sensitize the developed world to the needs of the developing countries.

### Motto of Alumni Exchange Program:

**"Twinning for making Men & Women for Others"**

### Visiting Team Selection:

The objectives of the AEP and the eligibility criteria for the visiting team were circulated widely and applications invited from members of JAAI. Candidates' participation was vetted by their respective Alumni Associations. The applications were screened and following participants were selected.

### Team Members:



The Group members acted as ambassadors of their country to promote international understanding with the Spanish people. Their strength was their mental aptitude and physical fitness for service to humanity. Members cherished Ignatius values, and firmly rooted to Indian culture, and had undergone extensive orientation to make their visit meaningful and successful. They had raised resources for their travelling, boarding and lodging expenses in Spain.

The second Indian group has paved the way for the third Spanish Alumni visit to India later in this year. Regarding the trip of Spanish students to India the second half of July is being considered. The Ahmedabad Associations has evinced interest in hosting the Spanish group.

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## MINUTES OF GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

### Minutes of the 2nd JAAI Governing Council Meeting at Bhopal

1. The 2nd meeting of the Governing Council of the Federation of Jesuit Alumni Associations of India was held on Sunday 7th August, at Campion School, Bhopal. The meeting was attended by 27 members, inclusive of G.C. members, Province Coordinators and other Jesuit Fathers.

2. The meeting started with self introduction. Fr Edward and Fr.N.Ekka were presented with Uttariya. The secretary welcome Fr.Edward, Fr.Norbert and Fr. Bob Slattery with Gujarati Art work. Naresh Gupta welcomed everyone to this 2nd JAAI Governing Council meeting and expressed his happiness that so many were present. He briefed the members on various issues. Fr. Norbert offered Prayers before the meeting started. Immediate Past president Dr. S. Rollands introduced the very Rev. Fr. Edward Mudavassery S.J., Provincial of South Asia to the august gathering, and he was welcomed heartily. Fr. Edward briefed the members present and encouraged and inspired one and all with his message and speech, and he stressed that JAAI has surely come of age now.

3. The minutes for the 1st Governing Council meeting held at Patna, were approved and passed ,after a few minor changes.

4. Secretary Shapath Shah shared his views regarding various issues, activities, National level projects and membership drive and mentioned that this was a special occasion with so many GC and PC members present, and this tempo should be maintained.

5. Treasurer Bobby Jacob gave a brief on the accounts till date, and expressed his difficulties in maintaining in one place and he being far away at another place performing duties of Treasurer. There were discussions regarding the dues from member associations. It was decided that it was better to involve the Zonal Councils and also Province Coordinators along with the GC members to get the outstanding dues. Fr. Augustine paid Rs 15000 as

annual dues for fifteen South Zone associations. This Awas highly appreciated.

6. Bobby Jacob who doubles up also as Web Master briefed the members on the website status. Discussions on making the website proactive and sharing all news and information on the website. Problems regarding in updating and maintaining the website were discussed Many members suggested that a part time employee can be on duty to take care of this and also the newsletter, this would ease the pressure and the concerned people would be more responsible to perform. Efforts of the West Zone Council Secretary Gerry Mascarenhas were appreciated for posting links on the web regularly. Website would enable all the members across India to get and share information with minimal lapse of time

7. The JAAI newsletter was released by Rev Fr. Edward Mudavassery SJ, and copies were given to the members present. Editor Anil Chugh promised to post the copies to all member associations soon. Colin Coelho was appreciated for his efforts in bringing out the newsletter. It was discussed that the JAAI newsletter should come out 3 times in one year. The cost of printing and posting of Voice of JAAI would be borne by JAAI. Naresh Gupta mentioned that the WUJA newsletter had been sent to all the members by hard copy/post. It was decided that the Newsletter will also be translated and printed in vernacular language. The cost of translating, printing and posting for this newsletter would be borne by the Central zone.

8. Follow up on the theme of the Patna National Congress was discussed, and after lots of deliberations and thought, it was decided that this subject is not one which can be followed uniformly across India, laws and situations being different in each state, as well as this being a complex and complicated subject, it was agreed upon by the house to move ahead, and next time the Council would discuss and decide on the theme which can be applicable and followed by all associations across India.

9. The proposed Blood donation drive scheduled for 2nd October was discussed.

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Suggestions and opinions on the date were discussed, and after deliberations, it was decided that the proposed Blood Donation Drive would be held between 1st October and 31st December this year. From next year one date would be decided, it could be 31st July or 3rd December, the Feast of St. Ignatius or Feast of St. Francis Xavier respectively. This drive has generated keen interest amongst all, a common uniform activity is to be staged for the first time and this should kick start many more in the near future. The blood donation drive committee comprising of John, Anil, Ronald, and Pravin was formed.

10. Associations coming up with concrete projects would be given Rs.15000 as is the procedure.

11. AEP: Ronald D'Costa presented the report on Alumni Exchange Program with Spain. It is our turn to send a group in April 2012. He suggested some financial grant for the participants. After discussions and a brief note by Fr. Bob Slattery, it was decided that the grant be given to financially needy participants, which would be decided by the concern appointed body. Ronald took the responsibility of drafting a form to be sent to all associations. Efforts of Siddharth Dudhuria to continue this activity were appreciated.

12. WUJA matters: Ronald D'Costa, treasurer of WUJA informed the house about the telephonic meeting which he had in the recent past. He briefly informed the house about the discussions held during this meeting. He mentioned that the next meeting is scheduled in USA in October this year.

Fr. Norbert informed the house that JAAI has to nominate two alumni members from South Asia, due to the vacancies created after the resignations of Naresh Gupta and Shapath Shah. He also read an email from the Nepal Province which says that the Nepal associations are inactive and therefore both the vacancies would be filled by our JAAI members. He informed the criteria for choosing the candidate,

1. Willing to travel on his /her own cost,

2. To be recommended by the local home associations and the concerned Province Coordinator. He read out the letter of Fr. Felix recommending Mr. Pramod Mathur from Kolkata Province. As no other nominations have been received it was left open to the house, 2 names came up, Mrs Uma from Bangalore and Mr. Sunil Goel from Delhi. It was decided that both these candidates need to be nominated by their respective home associations and Province Coordinators.

13. Invitation was extended for South Zone Congress to be held in Bangalore on 8th and 9th of Oct 2011.

14. It was decided that the next Governing council meeting would be held at Ahmedabad or Mumbai in Feb/March 2012.

15. The vote of thanks was given by Shapath Shah, special thanks was given to Fr. Nirdosh Ekka, President Anil Chugh, Secretary Sanjay Sharma and all members of COBA for excellent arrangements and also for the welcome program for JAAI members, by the students

### Minutes of the 3rd JAAI Governing Council (2011-2014) Meeting at Jaipur.

1. The 3rd Meeting of the Governing Council of the Federation of Jesuit Alumni Associations of India was held on Sunday 5th February 2012, at St. Xavier's School, Jaipur. It was attended by 24 members

2. Fr. Ravi John started the proceedings with a prayer. Famous Jaipur quilts were distributed to all the delegates as a welcome gift from the host association. A minute's silence was observed in memory of Jesuit Priests, Alumni members who had passed away and also our G.C. Member S.S. Akhtar's mother.

3. JAAI President Naresh Gupta gave the welcome Address. On behalf of the local host

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association and JAAI he welcomed all to this meeting. He thanked the Jaipur group for hosting this meeting and the dinner the earlier night. He mentioned and stressed the importance of the AEP (Spain), the national JAAI program (Blood Donation Drive), WUJA related matters, the next World Congress in Medellin, Columbia, the upcoming West Zone Congress to be held in Mumbai on 14-15 April and stressed on the importance of the Zones, and also re-structuring and re-building the North Zone Council. The recently held South Zone Congress was mentioned.

4. JAAI Secretary Shapath Shah briefed the gathering about the happenings in the Jesuit Alumni Associations across India.

5. The Roll of Honor, prestigious Government of India awards given out to our own Alumni members were mentioned and applauded. Many have received the country's most prestigious awards for excellence in their respective fields. All were requested to send names along with a photograph and the area of excellence to the JAAI editor and highlight this in our newsletter.

6. The Spain AEP was mentioned, all were requested to circulate AEP forms and underline the importance of this to all the local Associations in all Provinces. Sidharth Dudhuria was appreciated for his efforts to get this JAAI project underway. It was mentioned that the next group from Spain would visit India in July this year and as mentioned in the earlier meeting, Gujarat province would host this group. The Spanish Alumni Coordinators would brief his Indian counterparts (Fr. Norbert) and the program would be finalized accordingly.

7. The JAAI National Project, the Blood Donation drive was mentioned. The Associations which carried out this noble activity were mentioned and appreciated. It was decided to go ahead with this noble activity from 1st October -31st December, and make this an annual JAAI activity. Also, we can prepare a list of donors along with their contact details and blood group, for any emergencies.

8. The importance of the Zonal Councils was

once again mentioned and it was stressed that only if Zonal Councils are active and communicative, plans and talk would be converted into action and implementation. The Province Coordinators along with the Council members from the Province should take more responsibility and get the Zones more involved and function as a cohesive unit.

9. The JAAI West Zone Congress to be held in Mumbai in April 14-15 this year was mentioned and on behalf of the West Zone Council and provinces, Shapath invited all the delegates present to participate in this Congress.

10. JAAI Treasurer Bobby Jacob and Financial Advisor Santosh Agrawal gave a brief on the accounts scenario. It was mentioned that every year surplus is accumulated in our accounts to avoid income tax and it has to be spent in five years time and if it is not spent then it would be taxed @ 30%. Rs. 2 lacs needs to be year, it is the Board examinations time, as also schools and colleges would be in their final academic phase for the year, the current state of economy and dollars/euro viz rupee is also an issue and so there is lack of interest from the West Zone Provinces.

15. It was decided to continue with the Blood Donation Drive, and the dates would be 1st Oct-31st Dec. This year we should have more and more such noble activities across the country. It was also decided to celebrate 31st July, the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola as the Eco day. On this day all the Alumni Associations can take up an eco drive on or around the campus, it could be tree plantation, spreading health and eco consciousness, water conservation project etc. Dr. Ranawat mentioned that Jaipur group would have this on 11th may because the rains in Jaipur are less in July and more so in May. Centhilkumarji suggested Water conservation plans and projects.

16. The most critical point of the Government Interference in Jesuit Institutes was discussed. How to tackle this and convey to the Government about the facts and dangers faced against the RTE act were discussed. Suggestions like public protest, Bandh in all Jesuit Institutes on one common date to

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protest against this act, signature campaigns, press conferences, writing letters to local MP's, HRD minister Kapil Sibal, Salman Khurshid and UPA Chairperson Sonia Gandhi. Spreading the word across all our Alumni members across the country was mentioned. Fr. George from Patna, Fr. Van from Darjeeling, Fr. Ravi from Jaipur and JAAI advisor Fr. Norbert, all mentioned the difficulties to be faced against this act and how to go about in this issue, and all that efforts already made till date. It was finally decided that Fr. Norbert would circulate the draft of the letters to be sent to the concerned political heavyweights, and press conferences could be held by the Alumni on a stipulated date. Press Conferences could be held simultaneously in the 4th week of February. Letters could be written to the concerned people soon. This was to be taken up most urgently and seriously.

17.The report on the activities of the local associations, Zones and Provinces was mentioned. Shapath, Bobby Jacob and Colin briefed the members about the happenings in the West Zone. So many social related, awareness, sports and entertainment activities take place in West Zone. Goa, Mumbai ,Pune and Gujarat are all active Provinces and reports on the activities in these Provinces are regularly e-mailed to all the Governing Council members, PCA's and the JAAI editor. Naresh Gupta briefed the members on the North Zone, Centhilkumarji mentioned the South Zone activities, he mentioned that the South Zone hosted its Congress in Bangalore on 8-9 Oct ,2011. The theme was 'Education Generation Next ', the host was St. Joseph, and the key note address was given by Santosh Hegde, the former Lokayukta of Karnataka. The province Coordinator from Kerela Fr. Joseph Edassery briefed about the Kerela province activities like the Golden Jubilee celebrations, medical camps, football tournaments. Shiv Nadar of HCL generously gave Rs.25,00,000. Anil bhai Chugh would report on the Central Zone activities after taking a report from the concerned GC members from the Central Zone.

18.Several topics and themes came up for discussion as to what should be the theme for the next national Congress scheduled in Ahmedabad in early 2014. The topics were related to Education, Social Causes: Child trafficking, Water Conservation, Slum education and sanitation etc. It was decided to dwell on the various topics and a final decision would be taken by the Governing Council. Fr. Norbert informed about his book for parents, which deals with issues regarding children committing suicide, and is an ideal guide for parents and parenting. He is also planning a booklet on the Inspiration behind the Alumni. Naresh Gupta mentioned that Central Zone GC member Bernard Pandey was absent for two consecutive meetings now without prior notice or reason, and so he can be replaced by some other committed member as Governing council member from the Central Zone. Nraeshbhai also distributed a book to all members present , ' A Grace of our Day and a Hope for the Future: Jesuit- Lay Collaboration', edited by Snehasis Sur and printed by SXCCAA, Kolkata. The next JAAI Governing Council meeting would be held in the South Zone, preferably in Hyderabad or Bangalore sometime in August-October this year.

19.Dr. Ranawat made a presentation on the activities of the Jaipur Alumni group and the magnificent infrastructure the school has to offer.

20.Shapath thanked the Jaipur group for hosting the meeting, providing all with wonderful entertainment program and dinner, arrangements for breakfast, then for meeting, lunch and accommodation to all who required, in the Jesuit residence. All the Province Coordinators and Jesuit fathers in attendance were thanked for being present for the meeting. Fr. Van was given a standing ovation for the services rendered over so many years and for being a great inspiration. He is due to retire soon. The meeting started at 10.15 am and finished by 1.30 pm. All the delegates present felt it was a positive and fruitful meeting.



*The Future Objective One of Blood Donation Drive : Develop a best practices manual for organizing Blood Donation Camps and an online computerized blood donor's database to reach out and help all that we possibly can in their hour of need.*

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## PERSONALLY SPEAKING



One of the perks of being on the JAAI Governing Council is the opportunity to visit new places where the GC meetings are held. Therefore when Campion School, Bhopal hosted the Governing Council on 7th August 2011, my wife and I decided that this was an opportunity we could not pass up. We were also lucky to have a convenient train to Bhopal and thanks to our colleague on the Executive Committee Mr. Anil Chugh from Bhopal, we had our bookings and pick up well coordinated when we reached on 6th morning. Since we reached in the morning, we took the opportunity of using the day to explore Bhopal and we had the pleasant company of Eugene Herbert from Trivandrum who joined us for a day long trip when we visited the Sanchi Stupa and the Bhojpur Temple.

The GC members were hosted for dinner by the Campion School Alumni and it was a wonderful experience meeting up with both the local alumni as well as the Governing Council members and province coordinator from all over India. In fact there was a record attendance for the Bhopal meet and I must mention the special follow up by Naresh Gupta, Shapath Shah and Anil Chugh in ensuring this

excellent turnout. I must mention that a number of my GC colleagues did feel that they missed out on the opportunity to get their spouse along.

The formal meeting of the Governing Council was held on the 7th morning at Campion School. The meeting was preceded by a well coordinated and impressive variety show by the students of the school. We were also proud to note the expansive campus of the school and the chests of the Jesuit Alumni in us swelled a wee bit more. The GC meeting partly because of the good attendance and partly due to the agenda was a very interactive and spirited one. The meeting was attended amongst others by the POSA Fr. Edward Mudavassery and the Jesuit Alumni advisor Fr. Nobert Menezes. All of us were then hosted for a sumptuous lunch by the Campion School Alumni at a very scenic restaurant situated on the hilltop overlooking the lake. Rounding up the day, all of us went for a conducted sight seeing tour of Bhopal city. This gave us a good feel of the old city and the new city and a whirlwind peek into the magnificence of the city of Bhopal.

Thank you Campion School, the principal staff, students and the Alumni for being such hospitable hosts.

PS: My wife and I as well as a number of other GC members, were pleasantly surprised to note that we were put up in a Hotel which also happened to host a conference of eunuchs. This was our first experience of seeing eunuchs from various parts of the country and from very affluent backgrounds from such close quarters and we must confess that this too would remain an enduring memory of our Bhopal trip.

Mr. Bobby Jacob - Treasurer - JAAI



*St. Stanislaus will celebrate its sesquicentenary (150 years) in 2013. I look forward to support to put St Stanislaus on the global map. Also receiving your creative ideas on ways to celebrate our successes & making our school a centre of learning excellence. Shapath Shah – Secretary JAAI - shapathgshah@yahoo.com*

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## WUJA COMMITTEE MEETING IN MEDELLIN



World Union of Jesuit Alumni – Photograph taken at WUJA meeting in Washington (Left to Right) Edward Fassett SJ (Secretary for Partnership Formation, Jesuit Conference, United States), Tom Smolich SJ (President of the Jesuit Conference in the United States), François-Xavier Camenen (Secretary), Alain Deneef (Vice-President), Ron D'Costa (Treasurer), Bill Currie SJ (Spiritual Counsellor).

### **The Birth of WUJA**

The World Union of Jesuit Alumni (ae) - sometimes known in short as ASIA (“Antiqui societatis Jesu Alumni”) - was established on 31 July 1956 in Bilbao (Spain) during a congress held on the occasion of the fourth centenary of the death of Saint Ignatius. This congress adopted a statement, known as the “Magna Carta of Loyola”, setting out a number of general objectives, insisting above all that the Alumni actions should be strictly linked with those of the Society of Jesus. At that time, the Union was known as “the international movement of Alumni”. It had no statutes and no formal organisation. It laid on the personal commitment of three strong personalities : Enzo Sala and Pietro Addonino from Italy, and Théo Lombard from France.

### **WUJA Meeting in Medellin**

The WUJA Executive Council had its regular meeting on the 4th of February, 2012 at St. Ignacio School, Medellin. On the following day, the Bureau consisting of the President Thomas Bausch, Vice-President, Alain Deneef, Secretary, Treasurer, Ronald D'Costa and Francois Xavier Camenen held a co ordination/implementation meeting to streamline the implementation of the decisions taken the previous day.



*GC Meeting : The next Governing Council meeting of JAAI will be held at St. Joseph's College, Bangalore on Sunday, 23rd September 2012.*