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ICUSTA: ENHANCING OUR RELATIONSHIP

JAIMÉ VATTER
NATIONAL PRESIDENT UNIVERSIDAD SANTO TOMÁS



Welcome to our Biennial ICUSTA Meeting in Santiago, Chile!

We live in an everyday more global World, in which distance has been reduced and interconnection is increasing. At present, international engagement is of utmost importance, since it allows us to be closer and to get to know different cultural and academic realities. This better understanding is required to improve mutual collaboration, especially in today's World. For Universities, internationalization is part of their core activities, because it provides prestige and involves both, students and Faculty members.

Since its foundation in 1993, The International Council of Universities of St Thomas Aquinas (ICUSTA) has fostered cooperation and academic exchange of students and Faculty members, thus enhancing their practice thanks to the cultural diversity and environments provided by the different universities.

We hope that these multiple realities will be

presented in this conference, and that we are able to build a space for debating and sharing experiences, which will contribute towards our academic duties.

We shall pay particular attention and give an important amount of time to deeply analyzing our academic engagement, especially in regards to programs leading to double degrees, faculty exchange and support for research and seminars, as well as sharing good practices that can serve as guidelines for our institutions.

Universidad Santo Tomás de Chile is proud of housing the ICUSTA 2015 biennial meeting. I hope we will continue making progress in enhancing our successful relationship, promoting our growth as higher education institutions and contributing to the development of society as a whole. I am also sure that you will enjoy your stay in Santiago, the capital of Chile, land of friendship.

WELCOME TO THE 12TH BIENNIAL



RAVI SRINIVAS
ICUSTA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The theme of 2015 Biennial Meeting is—*Renewing the Promise: Refocusing with Purpose*. Since its founding, ICUSTA has served a platform for advancing our collective identity as Catholic Universities and organizations devoted to advancement of Catholic Higher Education in the global arena. In each of the biennial meetings to date, we as members of this consortium have agreed to work cooperatively in pursuit of mission-centric goals, projects, and initiatives; many of which have been realized primarily on a bilateral basis. This meeting is an opportunity to renew our commitment to the advancement of authentic Catholic education globally by refocusing our energies and capabilities on concrete and specific projects in light of our mission.

The current circumstances in our own particular countries and regions, and the numerous new opportunities that exist today, compel us to think anew to find new and different ways to collaborate and engage with each other. The field of international education is rich with models and examples for us to draw upon. We belong to many different organizations at regional and global levels and have built collaborations and developed partnerships with institutions outside of ICUSTA. There are a number of ways in which we can develop the same across our members, ones that take advantage of our long association, shared principles, and our

shared futures. Since the last Biennial in France in 2013, many members have requested an explicit focus and efforts to be made by ICUSTA in this regard. The proposed agenda for the 2015 Biennial meeting reflects this. Therefore, a major goal for this biennial is to identify the initiatives, those member institutions who wish to participate in them as well as to develop an action plan.

While we have over thirty member institutions on our membership roster, only a half are able to attend this biennial meeting. Change in timing of the meeting as well as the location at a late date have prevented many members from participating this year. I sincerely appreciate your efforts to travel to Santiago to attend this meeting. I'd like to extend my gratitude to our hosts—Universidad Santo Tomas; especially Rector Jaime Vatter and his staff for all careful planning, hospitality and for the inspiring agenda for our meeting. I look to our productive discussions.

Lastly, this biennial meeting in Santiago is a homecoming event—it is being held at the institution of ICUSTA's founder Gerardo Rocha. We are immensely grateful for the Rocha family's continued support of ICUSTA's activities through the Angelicvm Foundation led by Gerardo Gabriel Rocha Vera.

PROGRAM

1. Academic:

- Double degree programs (Masters or Certificates)
- Exchange of faculty
- Joint projects (research, etc.)
- Academic meetings or seminars for ICUSTA Universities

2. Management:

- Learning good practices (visits of staff to other institutions)
- Managers meetings

3. Mission Related Partnership:

- Multinational students Social volunteers works in different countries

SEPTEMBER 24TH

09:00 to 20:00	Delegates' arrival at Courtyard Hotel	
17:30 to 19:00	Registration	- 7th floor Meeting Rooms Foyer
17:30	Executive Meeting at Courtyard Hotel	-7th floor, boardroom 2
19:00 to 21:00	Dinner at Courtyard Hotel	-7th floor Meeting Room 1

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08:15	Meet at the reception of the hotel – Group departures from the Hotel (Bus hired for the conference)	
09:00	Opening Mass – UST Chapel	

UST Conference Auditorium

09:45	Inaugural Welcome	Mr. Ravi Srinivas- Executive Director of ICUSTA Mr. Jaime Vatter- President of UST Chile Institutional video of Universidad Santo Tomás
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10:15	Key speaker - Mr. Benito Baranda- President and CEO of América Solidaria
11:00	ICUSTA Conference 2015 Official Photograph
11:10	Coffee break
11:30	Round Table about How adding Value in Academic area
12:15	Round Table about How adding value in Management area
13:00 -14:00	Lunch
15:00	Round Table about How adding value in Mission Related Partnership
15:45	Discussions
16:30	Return to the hotel
19:00	Departure from the hotel to restaurant
19:30	Dinner at 'El Apero' Restaurant

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8:15	Departure from the Hotel
08:45	Mass at UST Chapel

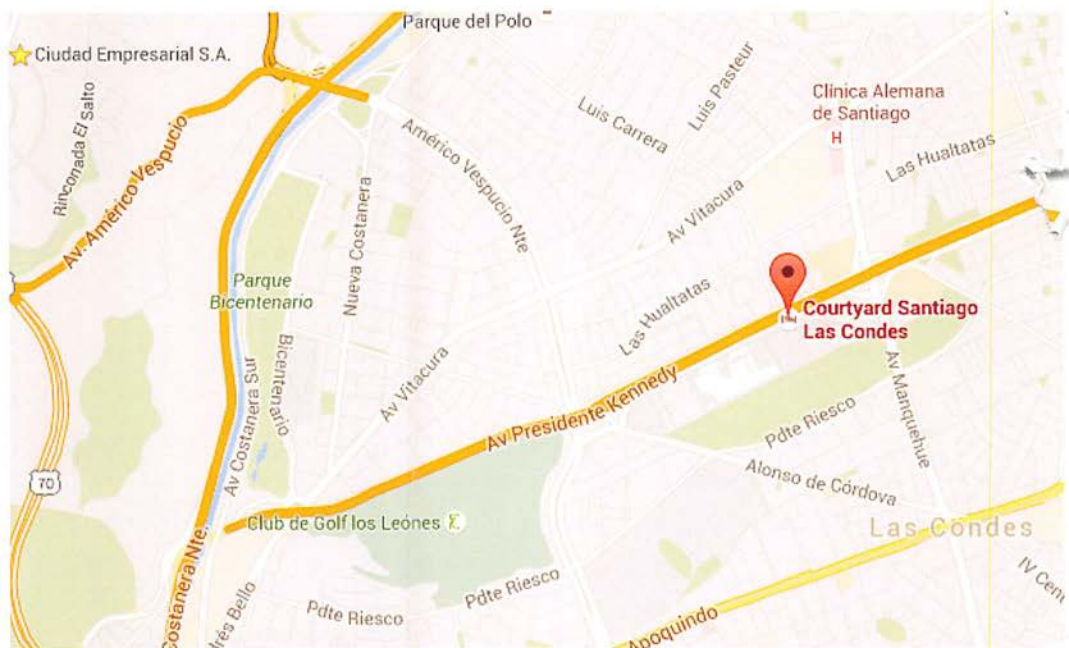
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9:30	Group conclusions
11:30	Presentation by Rector of Universidad Católica de Avila, Mrs. María Rosario Saez
12:00	Departure from UST
12:30-16:30	Lunch and tour at 'Morandé' Vineyard
20:00	Farewell Dinner at Courtyard Hotel

SEPTEMBER 27TH

Delegates leave to their countries.

MAP



List of useful contacts:

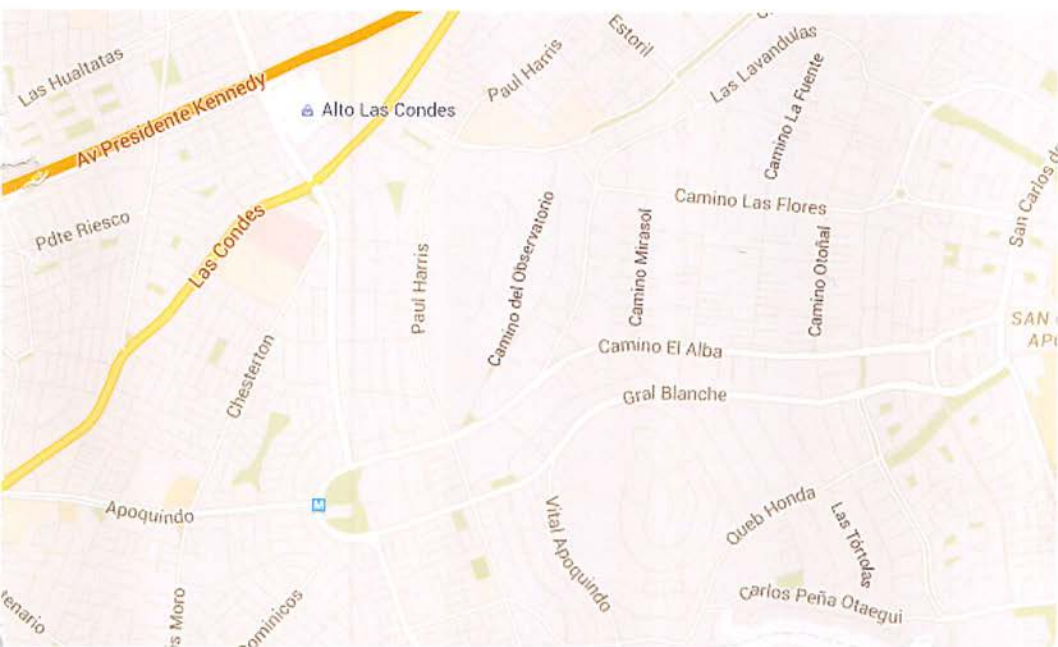
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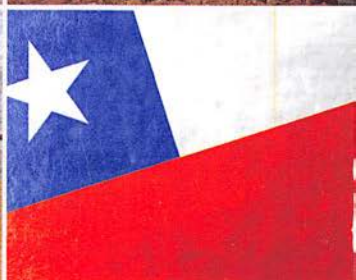
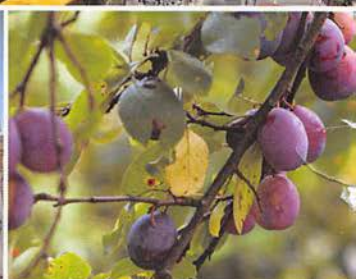


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