

Kircher Network General Assembly of Presidents and Deans

PROGRAM OF THE EVENT

20
23



3, 4 AND 5. JULY. NAMUR

How could Jesuit universities and centres in Europe and Lebanon continue functioning and make a distinctive contribution to the region and the world?

KIRCHER NETWORK

THE NETWORK AT A GLANCE

28

INSTITUTIONS

98.000

STUDENTS

16

COUNTRIES

8 UNIVERSITIES

1. Jesuit University Ignatianum - Kraków, Poland
2. Université de Namur, Belgium
3. Université Saint Joseph, Lebanon
4. Pontificia Università Gregoriana, Italy
5. Universidad de Deusto, Spain
6. Universidad Pontificia Comillas, Spain
7. Universidad Loyola Andalucia, Spain
8. National College of Ireland, Ireland

17 STAND ALONE FACULTIES/CENTRES

9. Collegium Bobolanum, Warszawa, Poland
10. Pontificia Facoltà Teologica dell'Italia Meridionale, Italy
11. Centre Sèvres, France
12. Saint Thomas Institute, Russia
13. Pontificia Facoltà Teologica della Sardegna, Italy
14. Lumen Vitae, Belgium
15. Institut Catholique d'Arts et Métiers (ICAM), France
16. Munich School of Philosophy, Germany
17. Philosophisch-Theologische Hochschule Sankt Georgen, Germany
18. Newman Institute, Sweden
19. Jesuit Worldwide Learning (JWL), Switzerland

9 CENTRES & FACULTIES LINKED TO OTHER INSTITUTIONS

20. Campion Hall, UK
21. Faculty of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Croatia
22. Teologická fakulta - Trnavská univerzita, Slovakia
23. Faculdade de Filosofia e Ciências Sociais, Universidade Católica Portuguesa, Portugal
24. Innsbruck Katholisch-Theologische Fakultät, Austria
25. Loyola Institute Trinity College, Ireland
26. ESADE Business School, Spain
27. Institut Químic de Sarrià, Spain
28. University Centre Saint-Ignatius Antwerp - UCSIA, Belgium

OUR STRATEGIC GOALS

GOAL 1: FORMATION

Fostering collaboration, faculty and student virtual and in-person mobility and the development of joint courses and programs among the members institutions and with IAJU universities.

GOAL 2: RESEARCH

Promoting reflection and research projects on critical topics for the apostolic mission of Jesuit higher education, as guided by the UAPs.

GOAL 3: IDENTITY AND MISSION

Facilitating formation initiatives and exchange of best practices and know-how to strengthen the hallmarks of Jesuit higher education.

Promoting a culture of solidarity.

LOCATIONS OF THE EVENT



WELCOME COCKTAIL LOCATION
(FACULTÉ DE DROIT, REMPART DE LA VIERGE 5, B-5000 NAMUR)



PLENARY SESSION LOCATION
(4TH FLOOR - RUE GRANDGAGNAGE 21, 5000 NAMUR)



GROUP SESSIONS' LOCATION
(2ND FLOOR - REMPART DE LA VIERGE 8, 5000 NAMUR)



LUNCH LOCATION
(RUE BRUNO 11, - 5000 NAMUR)



EUCHARIST LOCATION
(RUE GRAFÉ 4 - 5000 NAMUR)

PROGRAM

2-5 | JULY | 2023 • GOALS FOR THE MEETING

GOALS

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SESSION 2

TO REPORT ON THE NETWORK'S DEVELOPMENTS AND FINANCE AND DISCUSS THE 2023 - 2024 BUDGET PROPOSAL.

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SESSIONS 1, 3 AND 4

TO DISCUSS THE NEW STRATEGIC PRIORITIES FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS AND THE POSSIBLE CONCRETE AND FEASIBLE PROJECTS OUR NETWORK COULD DEVELOP.

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SESSIONS 5

TO ELECT THE NEW KIRCHER COUNCIL

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SESSIONS 5

TO DISCUSS THE COUNCIL'S PROPOSAL FOR THE ADJUSTMENT OF THE STATUTES



**ACCESS THE
KIRCHER
NETWORK
ANNUAL
REPORT**

PROGRAM

SUNDAY 2ND & MONDAY 3RD JULY 2023

SUNDAY 2ND

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| 18:30-20:00 | Welcome cocktail (Faculty of Law, Rempart de la Vierge 5, B-5000 Namur) |
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MONDAY 3RD

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| 9:00 | Registration (4th floor of the faculty of Computer Science) |
| 9:30 | Prayer |
| 9:40 | Welcome and introduction |
| 10:10 | Session 1: The Jesuit context of higher education in Europe: Calls and expectations of the Society of Jesus from the Kircher universities and centres in the next five years. Keynote speaker 1: Franck Janin, SJ President of the Jesuit Conference of European Provincials. |

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| 10:45 | Coffee break |
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| 11:15 | Keynote speaker 2: Joseph Christie, SJ Secretary for Jesuit Higher Education and President of the International Association of Jesuit Universities (IAJU). |
| 11:55 | Session 1: Q & A |

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| 12:30 | Lunch |
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| 14:30 | Session 2: The steps taken and results achieved by the Kircher Network: Report on the network's developments, projects and finance. |
| 15:00 | Questions and discussion |
| 15:30 | Proposal and discussion of the 2023-2024 budget and contributions |

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| 16:00 | Coffee break |
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| 16:30 | Visit to the "Réserve Précieuse" and Church |
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| 18:00 | Opening Eucharist (Rue Grafé 4 - 5000 Namur) |
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| 19:30 | Welcome dinner (Château de Namur) |
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TUESDAY 4TH JULY 2023

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| 9:00 | Prayer |
| 9:10 | Goals for the day |
| 9:15 | Session 3: Social and Cultural challenges of Jesuit higher education in Europe. Keynote speaker: Dr. Hans Joas. "What comes after the secularisation thesis?: Religious and secular sources of moral universalism". |
| 10:00 | Q & A |
| 10:20 | Time for personal reflection (the council will send orienting questions before the assembly) |
| 10:45 | Coffee break |
| 11:00 | Session 3: Group breakout discussions-Planning for the next five years: Implications of the social and cultural challenges for the Strategic Priorities of the Kircher Network (2024 - 2028) |
| 12:00 | Plenary session - report from the groups and wrapping up. |
| 12:30 | Lunch |
| 14:30 | Session 4: Trends and disruptive challenges of higher education in Europe Key note speaker: Dr. Iván Bofarull. "Disruption in Higher Education: How can a European University stay Relevant in the Future?" |
| 15:15 | Session 4: Q & A |
| 15:35 | Time for personal reflection (the council will send orienting questions before the assembly) |
| 16:00 | Coffee break |
| 16:15 | Session 4: Group breakout discussions - Implications of the disruptive challenges and planing for the next five years |
| 17:15 | Plenary session - report from the groups and wrapping up. |
| 18:00 | Eucharist (Rue Grafé 4 - 5000 Namur) |
| 19:00 | Dinner at the University of Namur |

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WEDNESDAY 5TH JULY 2023

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| 9:00 | Prayer |
| 9:10 | Goals for the day |
| 9:15 | Session 5: Proposal of adjustment of the Kircher Network Statutes and election of the new Board (2023 - 2026) Adjustment of the Statutes - Presentation and discussion Election of the Kircher Network new Board (2023 - 2026) |
| 10:15 | Assembly final session: Wrapping up - Conclusions and agreements of the Assembly Adjournment of the Assembly. The rectors are free to stay for the meeting of the Deans of Theology and Philosophy. |
| 10:45 | Coffee break |

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WEDNESDAY 5TH JULY 2023

MEETING OF THE DEANS OF THEOLOGY AND PHILOSOPHY

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| 11:00 | Goals of the meeting |
| 11:15 | <p>Session 6: Panel on the "Role of Theology in Europe: Can Jesuit institutions provide a distinctive theological contribution to Europe amid all the differences?"</p> <p>Panelists: Philip Geister, SJ., Chair, (Newman Institute), Dr. Fáinche Ryan (The Loyola Institute - Trinity College Dublin), Gonzalo Villagrán, SJ., (Universidad Loyola Andalucía) and Zbigniew Kubacki, SJ. (Collegium Bobolanum).</p> |
| 11:40 | Time for personal reflection (some orienting questions will be handled). |
| 12:00 | Session 6: Group breakout discussions |
| 12:30 | Lunch |
| 14:30 | Cont. Group discussions. |
| 16:00 | Coffee break |
| 16:20 | <p>Plenary session: reports from the groups and wrapping up.</p> <p>Adjournment of the Deans of Theology and Philosophy meeting</p> |
| 18:00 | Eucharist (Rue Grafé 4 - 5000 Namur) |
| 19:00 | Dinner at your own (find here at the end a list of recommended restaurants) |



List of
recommended
restaurants (scroll
to the bottom)



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