

Mother General FMA and General Council,  
SDB General Councillors,  
SDB and FMA Provincials,  
ASC World Councillors,  
ASC Provincial Coordinators (SDB and FMA)  
National and Provincial Delegates SDB and FMA,

Topic: re-organisation of the ASC

Dear friends,

Attached to this message which comes under the name of the World Executive Secretariat (WES) of the Association of Salesian Cooperators (ASC), you will find the text of the letter sent to the Rector Major in which, following on from what has been decided by the First World Council of the ASC held in December last, there is a proposed **re-organisation of the Association at World level**.

The proposal, which we bring to everyone's attention, has already been examined and adjusted by the Rector Major himself, as Superior and Supreme Moderator of the ASC, and it is he who authorises our sending this item to you.

May I ask all of you are due to receive this message, each in his or her proper role, to take an active part in the actual process of re-organisation, offering your observations and proposals for the WES to examine and bring to the next World Council meeting so we can arrive at finalising this re-organisation of structures in the ASC. You are asked to send your proposals and observations for any possible alterations before 30 April 2008.

I thank you all and extend to you all the greetings of the WES

Yours in Don Bosco  
Rosario Maiorano  
World Coordinator ASC

**ASSOCIATION OF SALESIAN COOPERATORS**  
**WORLD COUNCIL**  
*World Executive Secretariat*

**Rome, 12 January 2008**

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Dear Fr Pascual,

We were able to quickly catch up, and you will have certainly already learned through Fr Adrian Bregolin, your Vicar (to whom we are grateful for being completely available for our work), that during the first World Council meeting for the Salesian Cooperators Association ASC we examined a possible re-organisation of the ASC at World level, as our first task. We did this in the light of provisions of the Project of Apostolic Life (art. 24 Regulations), discussing and redesigning current regional arrangements on the basis of new cultural, economic, religious needs which have emerged from the various provinces.

The task we were to undertake foresaw that we would arrive, after careful local evaluation, at a proposal for your attention and acceptance, one that will help achieve greater participation on the part of all members in the life of the Association, as well as a better spread of information and communication, and again, well-contained structural expenses relating to Cooperator movement around their area, for those with responsibility at local, provincial and regional level. The proposal which has come from this, which we will explain to you below should, once it has your authorisation and once any changes have been made, be brought to the attention of the Mother General of the FMA and her Council, Regional SDB Councillors, Provincials SDB and FMA, Provincial ASC Coordinators and SDB and FMA provincial delegates.

The World Executive Secretariat (WES), after receiving all reports and other information (expected before the end of April), will bring the final proposal to your attention so you can evaluate it and reach a final conclusion, in view of the Regional Congresses (which will commence from 22 May 2008 next with the Asia Congress in Macau), which are to elect the new World Councillors.

The proposal is the fruit of careful work carried out by our World Council (from 12 to 16 December). Working in three language groups (Italian, Spanish, English) then in full assembly, Councillors came to the following first proposal, after careful attention which was also the fruit of earlier evaluations at province level, and involved everyone. For the first time we had all World Councillors in attendance, and regional representatives.

**Summary of the first proposal which foresees 11 Regions achieved by:**

- **confirming 6 existing regions** (Itamor, India, Brazil, Asia, South America, Pacific South Caribbean)
- **suppressing one region** (Anglophone),
- **redeveloping 5 regions**

**Iberian Region:** Spain, Portugal

**Central Europe – East Region:** Slovenia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Hungary, Ukraine, Austria, East Europe Circumscription;

**Central Europe – North Region:** Belgium, Holland, France, Germany, United Kingdom, Ireland

**America Pacific – North Caribbean Region:** divided into two “Areas”: ***English-speaking*** (USA Anglo-american, Canada); ***Spanish-speaking***: (USA Hispano-american culture, Central America, Haiti, Antilles, Mexico)

**Africa and Madagascar Region:** divided into 5 “Areas” which are geographically homogeneous

**Italy, Middle East and Malta Region – no changes**

**India Region – no changes but with two 2 “Areas” geographically homogeneous**

**Brazil Region – no changes**

**Australia – East Asia Region – no changes**

**America South Cone Region – no changes**

**Pacific – South Caribbean Region - no changes.**

Awaiting your indications to be able to proceed further with the above proposal and send it to the people indicated and involved in the discernment process, in the name of all the members of the ASC World Council our warmest greetings and best wishes for the coming General Chapter.

Yours,

Rosario Maiorano