A large crowd of students is marching in a parade. They are wearing maroon and gold striped shirts with the word "BATERIA" and a circular logo. Some are carrying drums. The background shows a street with buildings and other people.

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dreams?



The educational community of UCDB

To begin this academic year, we would like to express our fulfillment in giving you welcome. We would also like to share true meaning of the university, which are the students, the professors, the contributors and the officers. We believe that in the spirit of community, should prevail generous interaction among these groups; a fraternized community of masters and disciples, seeking the truth. At the beginning of a new academic year, the heart of the University seems to receive harder pumps, and each part of the University gets new sounds and new colors.

Catholic University Dom Bosco has often been indicated by the Ministry of Education as one of the best in the midwestern region. We are so thankful for that as well as by all of our

academics and new freshmen that as part of our history. One of the students' goals, when they start attending the university, must be to strengthen it. They want to understand the world and the society which they live in. They want to learn how to live in this environment in a free and responsible way, using all their knowledge and full potential.

We recommend all of you to recognize your own place, living with enthusiasm and responsibility such an important moment to develop your professional skills and human formation. The University has many opened channels for you to monitor everything that happens in the teaching process, the researching, the extension programs, the Pastoral work and everything about the institutional management. You can keep up with all the

events and every institutional implementation through the social networks, the website and by the monthly newspaper, printed edition.

This edition of the UCDB newspaper demonstrates our joy in giving welcomes to the freshmen and seniors students. We've highlighted some works and researches that have been developed at the University. For instance: The research about Brain Stimulation, developed by the Psychology Post-graduation program; realizations offered by services for the community at the School Clinic; Academics that teach concepts in robotics at the capital's elementary schools; and much more.

We wish you a great academic semester. Enjoy the reading!

Fr. José Marinoni
Dean from UCDB



Phrase from Dom Bosco

"Always seek to act according to the principles of faith, and never by chance or for purely human ends."

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Professors' research about transcranial simulation

Master and Doctorate group in Psychology evaluates the benefits of technology in various treatments

SILVIA TADA

Translational research group in Mental Health, from the Graduate Psychology program – Master's and Doctorate from the Catholic University Dom Bosco develops a research about current transcranial electrical stimulation to see patients who suffer from anxiety, depression, who have had a stroke (cva), memory loss and some other diseases.

The group is coordinated by Dr. André Barcielas Veras, psychiatrist. In case of researches involving electrical stimulation the works are developed in association with the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, represented by Professor Sérgio Machado. "There are several routes of group research, and one of them involves electrical currents to stimulate neurotransmitters to act uniformly.

Physiotherapist Jorge Aparecido Barros integrates the group research and details the goals of the studies: some neurons can have less activity than expected; others above. Then, with the simulation we do, they go back to behave the normal way. This result, nowadays, is achieved

with medication and other kinds of therapy. Through the use of electrical current we can have the same benefits without the side effects of the medicine." With "standardization" of cortical function, neurotransmitters are produced, such as, dopamine, serotonin, gamma amino butyric acid (GABA) and others.

Researches are at an early stage, but there are several references proving that the correct use of technology improves memory and functions which suffered stroke, with short term and long term results. "The current used is very close to the natural electrical current of the brain, that's why the results are very promising".

André Veras adds that the developing therapy should be complementary to the work of the psychologist, physiotherapist and the doctor. According to him, nowadays there is already an application of magnetic stimulation, approved by the Federal Councils of Medicine and Physiotherapy. "Now, let's get the greater knowledge of electrical stimulation. Only big federal universities have similar projects, so



UCDB stands out by investing in researches in this area".

Professors: Jorge Aparecido Barros and André Barcielas Veras explain about electrical stimulation

WARNING

The researchers warn that the researches are still in progress and all the treatments should be done with medical monitoring. "Each region of the brain is responsible for a specific answer to our body. If the electrodes are placed in the wrong way (inverted pole) or in a different area of the proposal, the risk is too

big. You cannot play with that kind of treatment", said Professor Jorge Barros, reinforcing that any treatment must be carried out by qualified professionals.

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“Information is essential to reporting and fighting the human trafficking and forced labor”

Catholic University Dom Bosco held “Knowledge in Action” event in October 2014 and had the visit of authorities and state representatives to discuss relevant issues to society. The General Attorney from the Ministry of Labor, Luiz Antônio Camargo de Melo, participated in the round-table discussion about “Globalization: human trafficking and forced labor”.

Melo is graduated in Law and Social Sciences and specialist in Labor Advocacy at Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ). He started working at the Ministry of Labor in 1989, and he is a member of Scientific Developmental Council of the Union’s Public Ministry College, Professor of Labor Law at the Higher Education Institute of Brasília – IESB, and was invited by the National Training School and Improvement of Magistrates of Labor (Enamat) of the Superior Labor Court - TST.

He actively participated in the eradication of the current slave labor and child labor in Mato Grosso do Sul. Read his interview to UCDB News:

Luiz Antônio Camargo de Melo

UCDB news: Mr. Melo, you took part in a discussion about human trafficking and slave labour at UCDB, two situations are still recurrent in Brazil and the world. What are the ways to identifying and fighting these cases?

Mr. Melo: The connection between the contemporary slave work and what is called human trafficking is a degradation of the working conditions that also involves a submission of the employee which is retained in the place where the service is provided, for several reasons: debt, threat, violence and for being unable to break the job contract. And the connection to what is called human trafficking is because these people are lured in their home countries to come to Brazil or sometimes come to Brazil by their own free will, but get into a situation of real mafia and they are also submitted to these conditions we understand as contemporary slave work. What we can do to face these conditions is to report to the Public Ministry of Labor, Ministry of Labor and Employment, so that the institutions organize expeditions, diligences, supervisions to rescue the workers. I mention these two because they are public authority institutions and they do this for over 20 years and have this knowledge, and learn and will continue to learn working in an articulated way.

UCDB NEWS: You worked in Mato Grosso do Sul and helped to

rescue children from the charcoals. How has the work to prevent the child labor been done?

Mr. Melo: I lived in Campo Grande and I’ve kept this period in my mind as one of the best moments of my life. I lived here in 1990, and our job to prevent the child labor was taking a financial support to the families. It was an agreement, so they didn’t allow their children to work in the charcoals. We used to give them some money support provided they respected that rule. The result was rewarding. Many children stopped working since that time and years after it. Some municipalities were awarded by UNICEF. The Project was a success. We could eliminate the child labor at the charcoals in MS. I preserve that within my soul as a medal, and the trophy is the incredible work experience I had. From thereon, we kept optimizing our intervention. Nowadays, we face a variety of situations involving children and teenagers in to the mire of illegality and our job is to combat them. One of the recurring situations is in the landfill. 20 years ago we thought we couldn’t confront this kind of situation but, nowadays our action is not just with the judiciary nevertheless, we articulate solutions with the public authority and the civil society. The legislation says that the way to rescue children from the land fill is the waste recycling, providing dignity to people. So I consider that we’ve been having a good trajectory of interven-

tions that I also classify as successful and it makes me really grateful about my life skills development.

UCDB NEWS: Are people reporting more? Do you have the number of the reports done and proven? Are people aware of their right and duties as workers?

Mr. Melo: I think so. The presswork give us an uncountable support, because some cases that happen and can also happen are made public and it helps us know how to face each of them. The publicity is very important to guarantee our work and disseminate information that allows the combat. The number of reports is increasing but it’s really important to observe that the rescue of workers is decreasing. I think we are facing better this kind of situation. I consider us more organized nowadays. Our main goal is life changing and human dignity and we are obtaining good results.

UCDB NEWS: In 2014, we had the enactment of the amendment on slave labor, which provides the expropriation of rural and urban properties involved with exploitation of slave labor. How do you believe it will impact the society when the regulations of its new concepts come into force?

Mr. Melo: I’ve got this approval in congress as a great victory. It’s one more tool that is able to decree the penalty of forfeiture of property —

and it happens in a legal action. There is no possibility to expropriate the land if it is not supported by the legal process, provided with a court action, enabling the right to defense and the judiciary’s decision. The land may be expropriated and it will be decreed the penalty of property forfeiture. The owner will lose the land without any rights to argue about damages. It is an important tool because you cannot afford to have a land whether urban or rural, that has a social value, used as a place for exploitation. The Constitution does not allow this. To me, it’s also a big step forward.

UCDB NEWS: You are a Professor too. How has it been to form future operators to act in law?

Mr. Melo: We’ve got a disability. Not just in legal education, however in general education. We’ve got a large number of academics that have difficulty in learning key skills such as reading and writing. They can’t understand what they are reading and they have difficulties of writing and it may be very harmful. That’s why, among other things, we have a high index of failing in the Brazilian Order of Lawyers (OAB) test. It’s because we have a poor teaching, not just in colleges, in which there should be more research and more cultural production. The disability comes before. It starts in elementary education with low or no valorization of teachers’ work.



Course in Biotechnology area brings together researchers from Four Countries

Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay were represented in a Course about Vaccine Production

LARISSA RHANELLY

Catholic University Dom Bosco, in association with Embrapa Gado de Corte, Oswaldo Cruz Institute (Fiocruz) and Federal University of Mato Grosso do Sul (UFMS), promoted, in December, the International Course about “Innovative development of vaccines and diagnosis methods of animal diseases” with the gathering of Brazilian, Argentinean, Paraguayan and Uruguayan researchers. The course is one of the activities of the Brazilian – Argentinean Center of Biotechnology (CBAB/CABBIO), which aims to consolidate cooperation ties between both countries.

In total, 90 hours of class were given, which covered topics such as immunology, molecular biology, production and purification of recombinant proteins, technological

development of vaccines, proteomics, immunodiagnostic and molecular techniques and bioinformatics supporting the genomic analysis.

“We have strong studies on animal Biotechnology, and internationalization is essential for researching and training of human resources,” said the course coordinator, UCDB Master in Biotechnology, Dr. Cristiano Marcelo Carvalho Espinola.

The suggestion of the meeting was to create a report about the experiences shared, new proposals and works developed over 12 days of activities to collaborate with new studies and show the performance of those involved. It was a golden opportunity of learning as a professional. “Being in control of a course with international relevance brings importance to UCDB”, he added.

INTERCHANGE

The professional upgrading, the possibilities and future partnerships between the organizations were pointed out by one of the participants, the PhD student in parasitology, Jorge Miret, also specialist of Research Institute in Health Sciences, in Assuncion National University (Paraguay).

To the Argentinian biologist Jose Manuel Jaramillo Ortiz, specialized in the development of vaccines for bovine Babesia, it is an “exchange of ideas and experience. A unique opportunity for learning and integration”.

Miret and Ortiz, in an interview with Embrapa Consulting Communication Gado de Corte, pointed out the efforts of the involved countries in training of new Science talents. Professor at Mar

del Plata National University and scientist at the National Institute of Agricultural Technology (INTA), Fernando Alberto Paolicchi validates this effort reminding the required physical, human and financial investment to conduct the training but, especially “for scientific strengthening and the consolidation of great research work in Latin America that will come out in better products available to society. With 30 years in Education and Science area, Paolucchi feels comforted to realize a scientific continuity initiated by his contemporaries and notes that “Mercosul with no quality in human relationships and well-built won’t achieve success”. He, the biochemist Martin Jose Zumarraga (INTA), and the veterinarian Flabio Ribeiro Araújo (Embrapa), gave lessons related to bovine tuberculosis and they are partners in research projects.



One of the welcome moments. Students were received by Fr. José Marinoni, Rectors and teachers

New academics were integrated at UCDB with concerts, lectures and discussions

A programming was prepared to integrate freshman into the university's routine

SILVIA TADA / EDYELK DOS SANTOS

Three activities settled the beginning of the academic term at Catholic University Dom Bosco. All of them with the same goal: Introducing new students to their new routine. The events were organized by the commission of welcoming formed by the Rector's representatives, employees and central university level directory - DCE. "It's the beginning of a new step, and it requires efforts of a different kind. Do not seek good grades but try to really learn because what the labor market demands from you is becoming competent professionals", said Rector Fr. José Marinoni in one of the warm welcome's moment.

During the first day, members of the "Athletic Battery of Law"

passed through the hallways of blocks A, B and C during the morning, afternoon and evening shifts inviting the academic community to participate the welcoming on the sport courts. There, musical presentations and a concert of country music singers "João Gustavo e Murilo" were held.

Paula Moraes, 19 years old, a college freshman really liked the reception: "I chose UCDB because, I think it is a very good institution and I'm surprised with the hosting", she said. Maitê Benites, fifth semester of Publicity and Advertising agreed: "This kind of activity is always very nice, the freshmen feel hosted and we can meet old students and the professors, in a good way".

During the second college day, the academic routine kept going with lectures at the amphitheater, with the presences of the Rector, Vice-Rectors and DCE members. In all blocks, the Rector welcomed the freshmen, talking about the institution and its principles. According to Fr. Marinoni, it's on academics' hands to keep UCDB as one of the best Brazilian universities. "You will only be at the best university, if you are", he said.

An important theme to the entire population, "Urban Mobility", was chosen to guide the actions on the third and final day of the reception in 2015. Simultaneously, in every block in the morning and evening, guests discussed the topic: "The city is to

walk: Urban mobility, traffic and accessibility". The representatives of the Municipal Agency of Transport and Traffic - Agetran, The Traffic Department of Mato Grosso do Sul-DETRAN, The Municipal Secretariat of the infrastructure and habitation - Seintrha, the Civil Society and some of the UCDB's Professors were also present to debate with academics.

One of the speakers was the head of traffic supervision of Agetran, Éder Vera Cruz, said it's really important for everyone to be sure about their place in the traffic and the respect that must exist. "We need to plan together and help build a better society, but for that we need to have an ethical behaviour and respect the rules. That's why our discussion is so important", said Éder.

"We need to discuss the collective rights, building a city made by people and not for people. Only that way we can change and improve perspectives", said journalist Rafael de Abreu.

For the academic in Civil Engineering, Giovana Fernandes de Souza, the lecture was essential to everybody, to express their opinions and then think of real solutions. "With these lectures, we can listen and also give our opinions. That's how we can find a way in which real solutions can be exposed and maybe put into practice" concluded Giovana.





Cultural Wednesday. A good showcase for the new talents

ROSANA MOURA

“A house without music is like a body without soul” — as Dom Bosco said. And by this thought, the culture and art sector of Catholic University Dom Bosco – UCDB, develops the cultural Wednesday Project, which has the purpose of giving value and making public the talents in Mato Grosso do Sul.

The Project provides the direct contact with music, dancing and joy. The event always happens during the study recess at 9:00 in the morning or at 8:30 in the evening and, of course on Wednesdays. The academics like the initiative and they feel privileged to have direct access to art and culture at the university. “I like the shows and I’m always in the crowd. I think they are all very interesting and a good leisure activity”, said Luana Neves, academic in the second semester in Physical Education. The academics in the second semester in Law Course have fun with all the presentations and support this project that brings joy to everybody that participates. “Dancing and Music are never too much, this kind of joy is always welcome”.

The creator and promoter of the project is the coordinator of the art and music section, Professor Roberto Figueiredo. According to him, since the beginning, the work has this striking feature. “I am an art fan and I always loved to bring good things to all the people around me”, said Roberto. He also mentioned that one of the most important points of this movement is the promotion of the artists

inside the academic atmosphere: “The doors are always open for those who want to show their talents. We give them space and the audience and the artists do what they have to” he concluded.

This university is famous for bringing good luck to the artists and has already leveraged many artists’ careers. Among those who have already presented their shows at UCDB are the country music singers Maria Cecília and Rodolfo, and “Grupo Tradição”, top artists in Brasil nowadays.

Artists that dream of success also presented at UCDB. Some examples are the country music singers “Kleber and Ruan” and “Arthur and Fernando”. Their style is alike, the so-called “sertanejo universitário”, although they don’t leave out the famous “módão” one of the most popular rhythms.

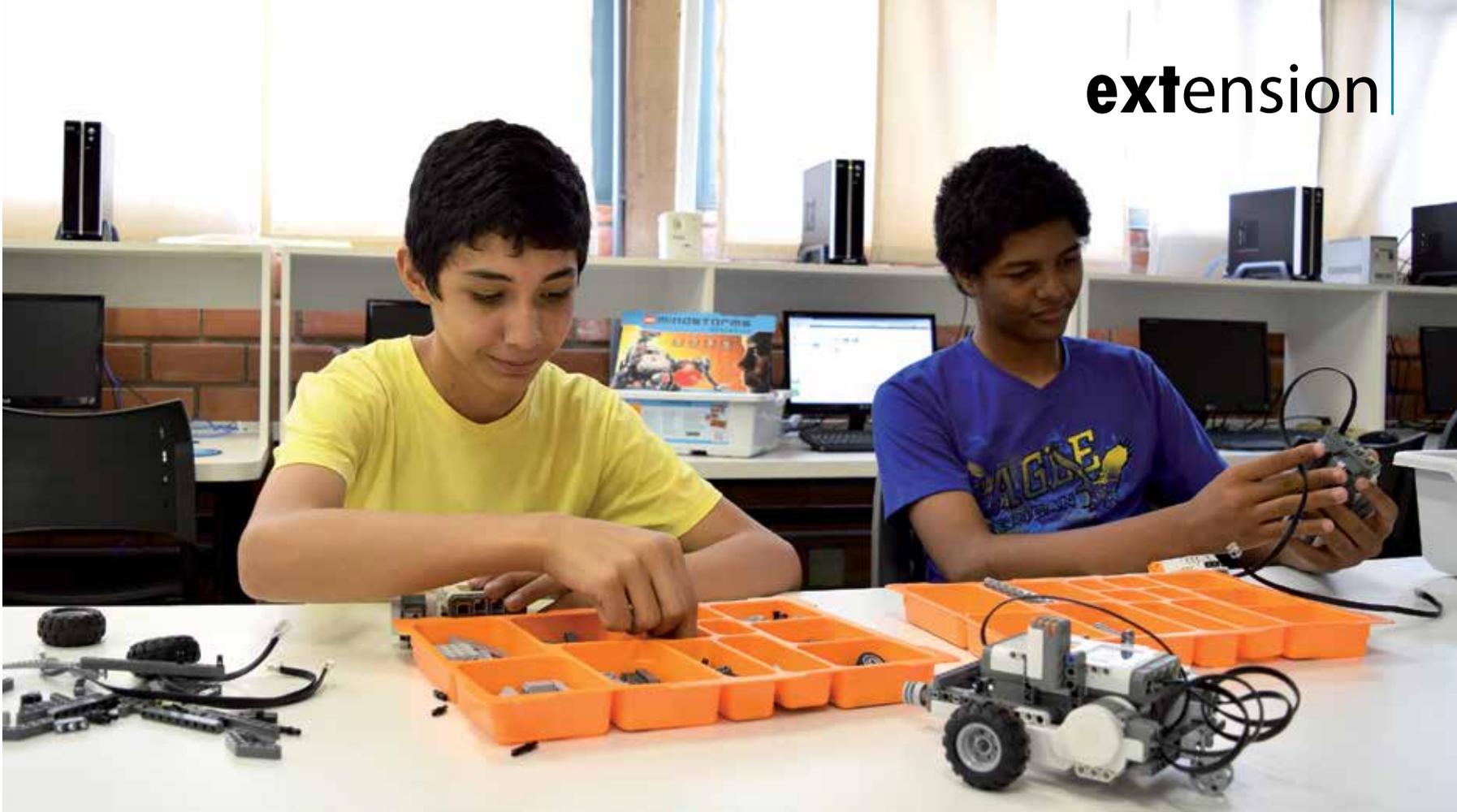
Artur is a singer and, to him, the space that the project provides is a good step in his career to bring up the success. His partner Fernando thinks that the university’s atmosphere is the ideal place for the artists that are seeking musical recognition. “The style is okay, people really like that. I think that’s important in our career. And regarding the project, it should be congratulated, and I hope it continues, because I’m sure the artists will not fall short”.

If you are interested in showing your talent at UCDB, contact us and schedule your presentation. Our phone number is (067) 3312-3406.

The Project from the art and culture sector makes room for singers and encourages academics



Artur & Fernando had a presentation to students during recess



Project teaches robotics to High School students

Lessons also provide opportunities for involvement in competitions like Brazilian Computing Olympic games

EDYELK DOS SANTOS

In order to train and prepare elementary and high school students from Campo Grande to participate in the Brazilian Computing Olympic Games (BCOG) Initiation Category Level 1 and Robotics Brazilian Olympics Games (RBOG) Practice Category - Lego, Professor Mauricio Alves Teixeira coordinates the extension project in Programming and Hardware with Robotic Kits (Arduino and LEGO), at Dom Bosco Catholic University.

The activities are performed every Tuesday and Thursday, at the Robotics lab (Promove), at UCDB, beginning at 2 pm and ending at 5 pm. According

to professor, the time of the classes is necessary to develop the project. "Time is satisfactory, because besides the activities that are performed during the meetings, exercises can be developed over the days we are not here at the lab", he commented.

The robotics lab at the Institution gets all the resources required to develop the project, as well as an excellent physical and material infrastructure, promoting the familiarization with technological resources, the computers (algorithm and Programming language C e C++) and Robots (Lego and Arduino).

With this program we want

to offer to the student the integration with the computer and robotic resources, through a lot of training and dedication, and for this we also count on the support of our extension workers", said Maurício.

For the students to stay more prepared for the competitions, professor Maurício applies a test, an internal evaluation, at the Robotics lab, with the tests of OBI/OBR realized years before.

2nd semester academic in Technology in Analysis and System Development, Otávio Oshiro de Oliveira, 2, competes as part of the project and considers it necessary to the students.

"It's important to participate by the contact with younger students, and then help them, as I've always liked teaching. Finally, I understand that the project is only an encouragement for those who like exact sciences, since it helps a lot who intend to enroll in college later".

"It's possible to note that the use of Lego Robotic Kits increased the students interest not only in how to build a robot, but also in everything that involves its operation, helping more and more the students' learning, expanding their worldview", reported professor Ana Maria Ribas, who monitors the students at Osvaldo Cruz school.

Br. Altair Monteiro is nominated the as new manager of Salesian Mission in MT

MISSÃO SALESIANA

The Administrator chancellor of Dom Bosco catholic University, Altair Gonçalo-Monteiro da Silva, is the new administrator of the Salesian Mission. The nomination was performed by the Salesians Rector Major, Father Ángel Fernández Artime, in December, 2014, and begin the new task in January this year.

He replaces Br. Antonio Teixeira as inspection adminis-

trator, who remained in the job for 6 years. Br. Altair, born in Cuiabá (MT), made his life career at Salesian Society, on January 31st, 1969. He is graduated in Philosophy by Philosophy and Languages College in São João Del Rei (MG), in Exact Sciences by Toledo Institute of Teaching, in Araçatuba(SP), and Education college by Fucmt. He has latu-sensu specialization in Teaching in higher education by Severino

Sombra Foundation (RJ), Preventive System by PUC- RS and Higher Education Methodology by Fucmt. He is a master in Licenza in Scienzadell'Educazione by UPS, Rome. He was an administrator in Lins, College principal and Santa Teresa Salesian School principal, in Corumbá and nowadays he is the Catholic Administration chancellor. He will act in the jobs of managing at MSMT and UCDB until July, 2015.



Br. Altair Monteiro da Silva is a new economic administrator of the Salesian Mission

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Dreams? Why not?

We often wonder whether: Which is the power of a dream? As dreaming seem to us, most of the time, something so ephemeral, distant or utopian. Perhaps this, the fleetingness, is one of the dream's dimensions, but there are more and it's about them I would like to invite you to reflect.

One of the dimensions of dreams that really catches my attention is the projectable skill.

Project as we known by the *pro-ietare* Latin, means to launch ahead, to propel, and here I see one of the great strengths of dreams, and it's by them that we can create possible scenes, we expand horizons and we can customize our own life to seek a different and positive reality.

It is thanks to dreams-projects, those who we normally have with our eyes opened that we plan our lives and we give it a tool called perspective.

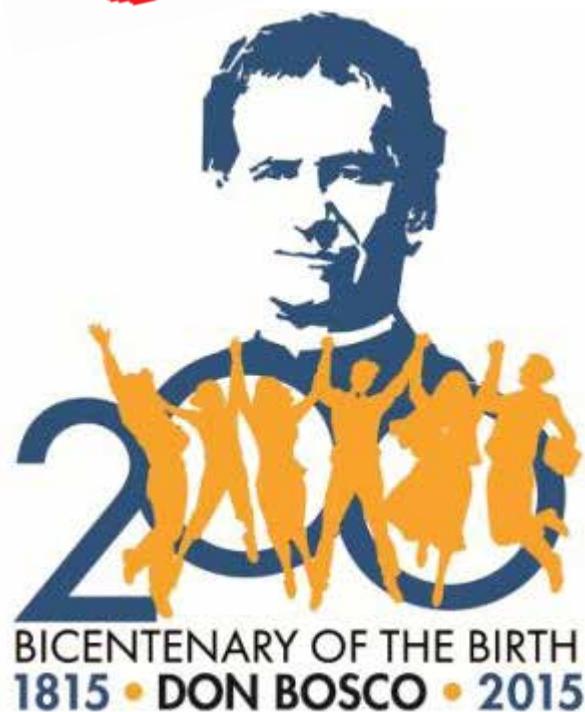
At this point, I believe that 2015 is a year that invites us to dream, because 200 years ago a dreamer was born, son of peasants, fatherless at two years, someone who had everything to be one among many, in a lost region of northern Italy. That boy would later become the great Dom Bosco.

However, what was different about this boy's life?

The single and magnificent fact: He believed in his dreams. John Bosco made a goal of his dreams and turned his utopias into propulsion forces for a future that he forged with the help of a lot of dedication and a lot of people.

If we look closely, there is something in common between Dom Bosco and all of us, because the halls of our university are beginning to fill with dreams again. We study, we work and we live together at this university which is a large barn transforming dreams into possible realities, such as that normal boy from Northern Italy, however we do that in a particular way. There is a different tone in this dreamlike melody.

This particular way is called preventive system and we do it because we are sons and disciples of a dreamer who believed that educating, much more than transmitting information, means creating possibilities of realities and horizons. To Dom Bosco among all human realities, educating is something engaging and enhancer. Where there is a human reality, there is also a potential educational reality. It is in this sense that we augur that 2015 will be similar to a construction site of hopes and projects and never let us forget to believe that a dream shared by many can be the seed of a new, hopeful, and always better reality.



I NACIONAL CONGRESS OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR THE YOUNG, ADULTS AND SENIORS: QUALITY IN QUESTION.

Rio de Janeiro hosts from May 20th to 23rd, the I National Congress of Educational Programs for young, adults and seniors: quality in question. It will be held at Fluminense State University Darcy Ribeiro and Federal Fluminense Institute, in Campos dos Goytacazes. The event is focused on Language Arts academics, and the registration forms can be filled out until April 20, but the paper submission can be done until March 20. The Executive Secretariat of I CONPEJA will receive the paper registrations in the categories of communication and poster. More information about the event can be achieved on the site: www.conpeja.com.br.

XVII INTERCOM CENTER – WEST

XVII Intercom Center – West will be held from June 4th to 6th, at Federal University of Mato Grosso do Sul, in Campo Grande. The objective of the event is to exchange knowledge among researchers and working professionals, besides stimulating the developing of scientific production between Masters and PHDs, students and newly graduated students in Communication, giving prizes as a way to recognize those who stand out in the events promoted by Professor Marcos Paulo da Silva. More information can be achieved in: www.portalintercom.com.br.

MEDVEP CONGRESS 2015

Veterinary Medicine academics can enroll to the 3rd edition of Medvep Congress, that will take place from July 22nd to 25th, at Expotrade Convention Center, in Curitiba, Paraná. Topics as Intensive care Medicine, animal nutrition, pathology, reproduction, and others, will be discussed during the event. More information in: www.medvep2015.com.br.

III NATIONAL CONGRESS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

From July 15th to 18th the National Association of Brazilian Catholic Education (ANEC) will perform the III National Congress of Catholic Education of ANEC, at Catholic University of Paraná, in Curitiba. The event goal is to promote the discussion among the education professionals to new ways of education. The event schedule predicts case presentations, workshops, poster presentations and other activities. More information can be achieved through the site: congressoanec2015@anec.org.br.

NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM OF BIOPROCESS AND HYDROLYSES ENZYMATIC SYMPOSIUM OF BIOMASS

From September 1st to 4th, Praia Centro Hotel in Fortaleza holds the XX National Symposium of Bioprocess (SIMAFERM) and the XI Hydrolyses Enzymatic Symposium of Biomass (SHEB), organized by the Brazilian Association of Chemical Engineering and the organizing committee for the Engineering and Biological Science academics. More information can be achieved on the site: <http://agenda.galoa.com.br/eventos-cientificos/agenda/xx-sinaferm-xi-sheb-simposio-nacional-de-bioprocessos-e-simposio-de>

BRAZILIAN CONGRESS OF PARTICULATE SYSTEMS

It will happen between October 18th and 21st, in São Paulo the Brazilian Congress of Particulate Systems (ENEMP 2015), at São Carlos Federal University, for the academics of Electric, Civil and Environmental Engineering courses, and others. The summaries registration and submission can be done until June 15th. The full public notice can be accessed in the following link: <http://listadecongressos.com/site/engenharias/engenharia-civil/191-congresso-brasileiro-de-sistemas-particulados.html>

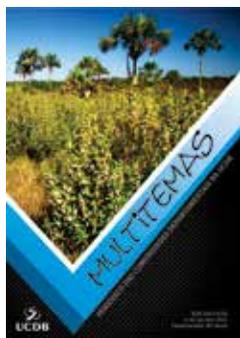
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BOOKS: TITLES: MULTITEMAS N.46 (JULY/DEC.2014) AUTHORS: VVAA

Carrying out its purposes and not moving away from the goals of its conception, Multitemas Magazine presents, in this issue, a beautiful scientific work collection of different knowledge areas, valuing the multidisciplinary.

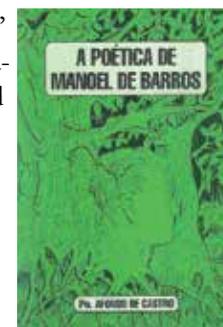
The diversity of approaches help a lot to understand the interdisciplinary wealth, as a solid possibility of making epistemological advances, representing an opening invitation to the extensive logical thinking about reality.

Prof. Dr. Heitor Romero Marques



TITLE: A POÉTICA DE MANOEL DE BARROS
AUTHOR: Fr. AFONSO DE CASTRO

This book brings up a detailed study of Manoel de Barros' poetry, based on Heidegger, Gadamer and Bachelard thoughts. From the methodological academic tools, formulated by these authors, Fr. Afonso de Castro gathers the poetic universe introduced by Manoel de Barros uncovering the horizon, the limits, and in particular, the amplitude of this universe, whose visual referential looked for inspiration in the Mato Grosso do Sul's Pantanal.



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Rome, 8th December 2014

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I want to begin this letter which is intended to be an extended commentary on the subject of the Strenna, by greeting most affectionately all my Salesian Brothers, and the Salesian Sisters to whom by tradition each year in the person of Mother General the Strenna is first presented. It then becomes a single programme for the whole of our Salesian Family throughout the world.

I accompany this presentation of the Strenna with my very sincere best wishes for Christmas and the New Year - both of them celebrations of the Gift and Grace of the Lord. I would very much have liked this to be an opportunity for a personal exchange of greetings. This not being physically possible, I hope that at least this expression of my feelings may reach each one of you as I offer you this simple commentary on the central theme of the Strenna for this year 2015.

1. A BEAUTIFUL SPIRITUAL INHERITANCE

I am calling our family tradition of the Strenna a beautiful spiritual inheritance, since it is something that was always very close to Don Bosco's heart. As part of our tradition, the first messages - similar to mottos - go back to the 1850s. In the "Biographical Memoirs"[1] we read that it was a practice of Don Bosco every so often to write a little note to someone to whom he wanted to give a piece of advice. Some of these have been preserved and they are very personal invitations to do something good or to avoid something that is not quite right. But besides this, from the first years of the Oratory, towards the end of the year, Don Bosco had begun to give a strenna/motto to all his boys in general, and another to each one individually. The first one, the general one, used to consist in recommending certain forms of behaviour and

some things for them to remember so that the new year about to start would go well. Don Bosco continued to give these strennas almost every year.

The last Strenna - Don Bosco's last Strenna for his boys - was given in a situation that was very special. We find this too in the Biographical Memoirs.[2] Feeling that his final hour had come, Don Bosco had Don Rua and Mons Cagiero called, and with the little strength that he still had gave them his final recommendations for themselves and for all the Salesians. He blessed the houses in America and many of the confreres living in them. He blessed all the Italian Cooperators and their families, and finally he asked them to promise him that they would love each other as brothers and sisters... and that they would recommend frequent communion and devotion to Mary Help of Christians.

Taking up these words of Don Bosco, Don Rua in his third circular letter described that moment and those words, and added that: "this could serve as the Strenna for the new year and be sent to all the Salesian houses. He would like it to be for the whole of one's life and gave his approval that it might be the Strenna for the new year."[3]

2. THE STRENNA, AN EXPRESSION OF UNITY FOR THE WHOLE OF OUR SALESIAN FAMILY

It is a distinguishing feature of our Salesian Family that in the first place it is a charismatic family[4] in which the Primacy of God-Communion is the heart of Salesian mysticism. This is so because it takes us back to the origin of that "charism" of the Spirit that has been passed on to us by Don Bosco, by us "to be lived, safeguarded, deepened and constantly developed... in harmony with the Body of Christ continually in the process of growth."[5]

In this communion we recognise the diversity and at the same time the unity that has its origin in baptismal consecration, in sharing the Spirit of Don Bosco and in participation in the Salesian mission at the service of the young, especially the poorest.[6]

For this reason, in every Strenna we emphasise this aspect of communion which holds the first place in our Family. To the extent that the same Strenna can help the pastoral planning of the different branches

and groups it is welcome; but this is not its primary purpose. The intention is not to make it a pastoral plan for the year, but rather for it to be a message that builds up unity and communion for the whole Salesian Family in a common objective. Then it is up to each "branch" of the family to see how to give it practical expression in their life and to put it into practice.

For this reason dear brothers and sisters of our Salesian Family, for this year 2015 which the Lord is giving us I propose as the Strenna:

LIKE DON BOSCO, WITH THE YOUNG, FOR THE YOUNG!

3. LIKE DON BOSCO: WITH HIS PASTORAL HEART AND HIS OPTION FOR EDUCATION CAUGHT UP IN GOD'S PLAN

To say LIKE DON BOSCO nowadays, means first of all coming to know, and rediscovering in all its fullness, the spirit of Don Bosco which today as always needs to have all its charismatic power and relevance.

From everything that could be said regarding this charismatic gift, for the present I should like to underline just two of its aspects:

- Pastoral Love (or the heart of the "Good Shepherd") as the driving force behind who Don Bosco was and what he did.
- His ability to interpret "Today" in order to prepare for "Tomorrow".

3.1 Don Bosco with the heart of the "Good Shepherd"

The heart of Jesus the Good Shepherd is the hallmark of all our apostolic work and an essential point of reference for us. At the same time we find in Don Bosco a practical approach "in Salesian fashion" (shaped by the extraordinary spirit of Valdocco or the similar spirit of Mornese or what is most typical of every group in the Salesian Family). Therefore in our Family the first point of convergence which applies to all is the charism of Don Bosco raised up by the Holy Spirit for the good of the Church. This is what we call the Salesian charism which includes and has a place for everyone.

In Don Bosco, "the happy expression (which was his plan of life) 'that you are young is enough to make me love you very much' was the watchword and even before that the fundamental educational option of the Saint."[7] We know very well that for his boys and for his young-

sters "Don Bosco undertook a striking series of activities by his words, writings, institutes, journeys, meetings with civil and religious authorities; for them, above all else, he showed an attentive concern for each one individually, so that in his fatherly love the boys might see a sign of a higher love still."[8]

It was this special love for the young, for each young person, that led him to do everything that was possible, to break every mould, to confound every stereotype in order to reach out to them. As Fr Francis Dalmazzo at Don Bosco's "canonical process of holiness" declared under oath in 1892: «One day I saw Don Bosco leave Don Rua and me who were accompanying him to give a helping hand to a young builder's labourer who was in tears because he was unable to pull an overloaded cart; and this was on one of the main roads of the city.»[9]

This special love for the young led Don Bosco to put his whole being into finding ways to help them in their growth and development, their human welfare and their eternal salvation. This set the scene for the whole life of our father, being everything for them even to his last breath. One of our Sisters, a Don Bosco scholar, expresses this very well when she writes: "Don Bosco's love for these youngsters was shown in practical and timely gestures. He took an interest in all of their lives, recognising their most urgent needs and instinctively those most hidden. To state that his heart was given over entirely to the boys means to say that his whole being, intelligence, heart, will, physical energy, his whole being was directed towards their good, to promoting their all-round development, to desiring their eternal salvation. For Don Bosco, therefore, being a man of heart meant being totally consecrated to the good of his boys and giving them his all even to his last breath."[10]

This same zeal led him to try to find a solution with similar criteria to the problems of young girls, with the support and cooperation of the Co-Foundress Mary Domenica Mazzarello and the group of young women united with her and in a parochial setting dedicated to the Christian formation of girls.

His pastoral heart led him in the same way to rely on other collaborators, men and women, those 'consecrated' with formal vows, 'cooperators' associated in sharing his pedagogical and apostolic ideals."[11] To this should be added

his activity as a great promoter of a special devotion to Mary the Help of Christians and Mother of the Church, and his care and continuing affection for his past-pupils.

And as his personal driving force at the centre of all this activity and his vision there was "the fact that he achieved his personal holiness through his commitment to education lived with zeal and an apostolic heart"[12] pastoral love. For Don Bosco, precisely because he felt himself to be a part of God's plan, this pastoral love meant that God held the first place in his life. He was the one who gave meaning to his life, to his activity, to his priestly ministry, to such an extent that he abandoned himself to Him to the point of recklessness. Because he felt that he was a part of the plan of God, this pastoral charity meant loving young people whatever might be their condition or circumstances, in order to lead them to the fullness of that human life that was found in the Lord Jesus and which took practical form in the possibility of living as an upright citizen and a child of God.

This is the key to our existence, our living and putting into practice the Salesian charism. If each one of us can come to feel in our very being, in the depth of our being that same fire, that passion for education that Don Bosco had, meeting each young person at a deeply personal level, believing in each individual, convinced that in each one there is always a seed of goodness and of the Kingdom in order to help them to give the very best of themselves and to draw them to a close encounter with the Lord Jesus, then we shall certainly embody in our lives the best of the Salesian charism.

[1] Cf BM III 433-434
 [2] Cf MB XVIII 502-503
 [3] Ibidem
 [4] Cf Salesian Family Charter art 5
 [5] Mutuae Relationes, 11
 [6] Cf Salesian Family Charter art 4
 [7] John Paul II *Iuvenum patris* n. 4
 [8] Ibid.
 [9] Ordinary Process, published version pp 870-972, quoted in Bosco Teresio, Don Bosco visto da vicino, Elle di Gi 1997, p. 108.
 [10] P. Ruffinato, *Educhiamo con il cuore di Don Bosco*, in "Note di Pastorale Giovanile", n. 6/2007, p. 9
 [11] Ibidem, 10
 [12] Ibidem, 5

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