

THE 5TH DESMOS CONFERENCE HELD ON JEJU ISLAND, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, ON JULY 13, 2008

One day before the opening of the 38th World Scout Conference in Korea, Desmos had its 5th Conference, in the premises of the International Convention Centre, on Jeju Island, Republic of Korea.

The Conference treated a number of important issues, including the elections of the new Desmos Committee.



Wishing to enable as many as possible participants from as many as possible countries to take part at the 5th Desmos Conference, and considering the fact that many of the delegates had to make quite a long trip to reach Korea, the beginning of the Conference was scheduled for late afternoon, at 17h. And yet, quite a number of delegates to the World Scout Conference was still arriving during the afternoon and the evening, so the number of participants at the 5th Desmos Conference was not as expected. However, the Conference had enough countries present in order to carry on its legitimate work.

The Conference was chaired by Mr. Constantinos Tsolakidis, Member of the Board and International Commissioner of the Scouts of Greece (Soma Hellinon Proskopon).

With the kindness of His Eminence **Metropolitan Sotirios of Korea**, who understood the importance of having the representative of the Orthodox Church at the Desmos Conference in Korea, the Vicar General of the Orthodox Metropolis of Korea, Rev. DANIEL NA, attended the 5th Desmos Conference and contributed with the presentation "ORTHODOXY AND ENVIRONMENT".

Desmos Conference welcomed with great pleasure Rev. DANIEL NA, and expressed to him the gratitude for coming to JEJU Island specially to offer the presentation on a very actual issue, as the Key-Note speaker.

Desmos President, Mr. Christos Papageorgiou, addressed the Conference and his address was followed by the PowerPoint presentation offering review of all Desmos activities in the period between the two Desmos conferences.

Desmos Conference was attended by guests representing the International Catholic Conference of Scouting (ICCS) and the International Union of

Moslem Scouts (IUMS). The Vice-Chairman of the European Scout Committee, Mr. Marios Christou, and member of the European Scout Committee, Ms. Zorica Skakun, also took part at the Conference.

The delegates of some countries - the new WOSM members – took part at the Conference too, and expressed their strong interest for Desmos, like Montenegro and Ukraine.

One of the items on the Conference Agenda was the elections for the Desmos Executive Committee. The Conference elected the following members of the new Committee:

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| 1. ABOUD Georges | Lebanon |
| 2. JEFTIC Goran | Bosnia&Herzegovina |
| 3. MITSIDES Nicolaos | Cyprus |
| 4. PAPAGEORGIOU Christos | Greece |
| 5. PETROVIC Zoran | Serbia |
| 6. SAHLIEH Maher | Palestinian Authority |
| 7. SHAHADA Naaman | Israel |



The 5th Desmos Conference was closed the same day around 20h30.

More details can be found in the Conference Summary, which will be available at the Desmos web site, in the segment Resource Materials/Desmos Materials.