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Subject: Presentation of the International Congress for Jesuit Education Delegates

Rome, Italy.

The Secretary of secondary and pre-secondary education of the Society of Jesus, Father José Alberto Mesa, SJ made the official announcement of the first International Congress for Jesuit Education Delegates (JESEDU-RIO2017). The event will take place between the 16th and 20th of October 2017 in the city of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Father Mesa made the announcement through a letter to the Delegates of Education as well as the management teams of schools and the global educational network. The letter presented some background of the congress in reference to prior events of the global network: The Colloquium Boston in 2012 and SIPEI of Manresa in 2014.

In JESEDU-RIO2017 will participate around 100 Delegates from 6 regions of the universal mission of the Society of Jesus. Also, the Secretary informed, there will be held a Virtual Congress in the months of March and April 2017, with expected participation of those responsible for networks and educational centers within the global network. According to official figures, the number will exceed 5,000 participants. In this regard the Secretary said, *"In October 2017 we will meet with the delegates in Brazil, but before that, in March and April, we want to have an open participatory process to build together the basis of the agreements, which, we hope, will be transformed into a common agenda for our global network"*.

The event, promoted by the Secretariat of Education, will be organized entirely by the School Network of Latin America (FLACSI) and the Network of Associations of Brazil (RJE-BR) together with other institutions and support by the Global Network for Education. In this regard, the President of FLACSI Alexis P. Hugo Moreno SJ said that, "it is a joy and great responsibility for us to be the host and organizer of this Congress, we trust in the great shared spirit to comply our objectives as a global network".

The theme of the Congress, "United in a Global Network: A fire that kindles other fires", describes the general meaning of the gathering, where reflection and synthesis about our call to provide education at the service to the universal mission can be achieved through minimum agreements in order to convert our beliefs into action, in all places where the apostolate of education is set into operation today.

All information about the Congress is available on the website <http://jesedurio2017.educatemagis.org/>. For any further questions, we invite you to write us to info@jesedu.net.

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Attached are pictures and the logo of Congress