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GENEVA	 <p>It is with great sadness that OIEC informs you of the passing away of our friend Alfred Fernandez, president of OIDEL, who died in Geneva on October 29, 2018. We will never forget his immense competence in the field of the right to education, his humanism, and his great hope when facing death. We express to his family, his community and all his friends our warmest feelings.</p> <p><i>By convention, OIDEL represents the OIEC in Geneva</i></p>
Strasbourg <i>Intercultural cities</i>	<p>File followed by Pierre Dussère : the intercultural cities. For the criteria of election to this program of the Council of Europe :</p> <p>https://rm.coe.int/1680301909 (cf pages 32-38)</p> <p>To view the list of cities participating in this program :</p> <p>https://www.coe.int/fr/web/interculturalcities/list-of-participating-cities</p>
Strasbourg <i>Symposium of January 17, 2019</i>	<p>On Thursday, January 17, 2019 in the afternoon, the UNAEC and the OIEC are organizing at the Palais de l'Europe a symposium called « <i>Intercultural dialogue, learning about citizenship and democracy - Practices of Catholic schools</i> ».</p> <p>The symposium is officially placed under the patronage of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Mr. Thorbjørn Jagland.</p>
Paris <i>Migrants Forum in Tunis</i>	<p>On September 26-27, the UNESCO Forum took place in Tunis: another look at human migration. For a report on this forum see https://youtu.be/QZ1yA9HF5IM Our representative Gloria Parra can be seen at the minute 3 48 (blue top, on the left).</p>
Paris UNESCO GA of NGOs Elections (17-18-19 Dec. 2018)	<p>Every two years the International Conference of NGOs (the GA of NGOs accredited at Unesco) elects its president and its liaison committee. The procedure is quite complex and for some positions there is only one candidate elected ex officio. To prepare for these elections the members of the CCIC (International Catholic Center for Cooperation with Unesco) will meet on December 6. In addition, OIEC is trying to follow the work of the CCONG (implementation of the SDG4), but the CCONG coordination group is not very communicative.</p>
OIEC Extract from the monthly Newsletter n° 31 (Oct.)	<p>Some still wonder why the OIEC is still needed. Good question! Thank you for asking it, as they say in French! We should take it seriously and sketch the most substantiated reply. There are several ways of justifying the existence of the OIEC: by legal-organizational arguments: the OIEC is an organization with statutes, which must be lived statutorily. Insufficient argument. By historical arguments: the will of the founders must be maintained. Insufficient argument too. By lobbyists arguments: it is necessary to defend at all costs the Catholic schools and the freedom of education against any attempt of destabilization by the States. Insufficient argument, even if it could at least justify itself, as the pressure on the catholic schools around the world is so strong. It is through a recent exchange with UNESCO's Deputy Director of Education, Ms Giannini, that the existence of the OIEC is best justified. Indeed, ...</p>
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Please view the OIEC website	<p><i>Philippe Richard, Secretary General of the OIEC.</i></p>
URCEC	<p>L'URCEC (Union des Réseaux Congréganistes de l'Enseignement Catholique – France/ Union of Congregational Networks of Catholic Education - France) recalls the OIEC :</p> <p>https://www.urcec.org/actualites/les-essentiels-de-l-enseignement-catholique/congres-exceptionnel-de-loiec-a-new-york</p>

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