



INVITATION TO MIGRATION FORUM -- UPDATE

6 May 2010

We remind you that on the occasion of the *WORLD SOCIAL FORUM ON MIGRATIONS – WSFM* (Quito, Ecuador, October 8-10, 2010) the Society of Jesus – through the Secretariat for Social Justice and Ecology in Rome, the Conference of Provincials in Latin America (CPAL), the Province of Ecuador, the Jesuit Refugee Service of Latin America and the Caribbean (SJR-LAC), and the Jesuit Migration Service of Latin America and the Caribbean (SJM-ALyC) – cordially invites the participation in the WSFM of Jesuits and those collaborating with them in the area of migration on the different continents. We would like to have a significant presence at the Forum and also, prior to that, at the **PRE-FORUM ON MIGRATION FOR WORKS AND APOSTOLATES OF THE UNIVERSAL SOCIETY**. The **Pre-Forum will be held on October 4-6**, with a threefold aim:

- 1) Doing a survey of what the works of the Society of Jesus are doing by way of advocacy, research, and/or pastoral ministry in the field of migrations, specifying the principal themes of advocacy or research that we are promoting, and defining the organizational structures we have developed at the Province and Assistancy levels.
- 2) Shedding light on our work with the help of analytical studies of the reality of migration from different perspectives.
- 3) On the basis of the survey, elaborating an organizational and operational proposal for ways in which the universal Society can meet the challenges that are being presented to it by migration.

LATEST NEWS AS OF APRIL 22, 2010:

1. The Pre-Forum will have its own web page: www.preforumsj.org, to be launched on May 10, 2010.
2. We have extended the deadline for registration for the Pre-Forum until May 31st. Those interested in taking part may register on the web page, <http://www.preforumsj.org>, or send their registration forms to Rossana Cueva: preforo@sjrmecuador.org.ec. Rossana can also provide additional information about the Pre-Forum.
3. The registration fee for the Pre-Forum is **US \$150** for those coming from Latin America, the Caribbean, Africa, and Asia, and it is **US \$250** for those coming from the USA, Europe, and Oceania. The fee includes materials, lodging from the night of October 3rd till the morning of October 12th, and all breakfasts. It does not include other meals, transportation, or registration for the WSFM, which costs **US \$ 35**.
4. The SJM will organize two events at the WSFM: 1) Migration and Religion; 2) Border problems related to migrants and refugees: the grey zone. For more information, contact Pep Buades, relacionesexternas@ceimigra.net or pepbuadessj@jesuitas.es.
5. The organizers of the Forum have decided to extend the WSFM an extra day so that the closing march will coincide with the march of the CLOC/Vía Campesina. Thus, the activities of the WSFM will take place on 8th, 9th, and 10th of October; the Social Movements Assembly of the WSFM will be held on October 11th, and the combined march will be on October 12th. More information on the forum is available at: www.fsmm2010.ec.
6. Each individual should register him- or herself personally for the Forum at: www.fsmm2010.ec.

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