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PROGRAMME OF THE CONGRESS

MONDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2006

8.00 - Holy Mass: Casa S. Marta. Chapel of the Holy Spirit
       Officiating: H.E. Card. Javier Lozano Barragán

9.00 - Breakfast: Casa S. Marta

Opening Session

9.30 - Greeting of the President of the PAV, H.E. Msgr. Elio Sgreccia

9.45 - Prolusion: The Culture of Death against the Culture of Life in the
       Teaching of 'Evangelium Vitae'
       H.E. Card. Javier Lozano Barragán

10.30 - Coffee Break

N.B. During the second part of the morning with every probability an Au-
dience will be granted to those taking part in the Congress by the Holy
Father Benedict XVI.

13.00 - Lunch: Casa S. Marta

First Session

Moderator: Prof. P. Ventura-Juncá

15.30 - Genetics and Epigenetics in the Development of the Embryo before
        Implantation
        Prof. M. Zernicka-Goetz

16.00 - From Gametogenesis to Fertilisation
        Prof. R. Colombo

16.30 - The Development of the Embryo before Implantation
        Prof. G. Sica

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17.00 - Coffee Break

17.30 - The Mother-Embryo Dialogue and the Preparation for the Implantation
Prof. G. Sica

18.00 - Debate and/or Possible Communications from the Academicians (10')

19.00 - End of the Proceedings

19.30 - Dinner: Casa S. Marta

TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2006

8.00 - Holy Mass: Casa S. Marta. Chapel of the Holy Spirit
        Officiating: H.E. Card. Alfonso López Trujillo

9.00 - Breakfast: Casa S. Marta

Second Session

Moderator: Prof. A. Fiori

9.30 - Preimplantation and Prenatal Diagnosis
       Prof. C. Bellieni

10.00 - Biomedical and Ethical Considerations on Pre-implantation Diagnosis
        Prof. K.T. FitzGerald

10.30 - Coffee Break

11.00 - Prenatal and Pre-implantation Diagnosis: the Point of View of Parents
        Prof. M.O. Rethoré

11.30 - Debate and/or Possible Communications from the Academicians (10')

13.00 - Lunch: Casa S. Marta
Third Session

Moderator: Prof. I. Carrasco de Paula

15.00 - The Criteria of Organismic Individuality and the Bio-anthropological Status of the Embryo before Implantation
H.E. Msgr. W.J. Eijk

15.30 - Classical and Medieval Thought (St. Thomas) on the Human Embryo
Prof. M. Pangallo

16.00 - The Theories on the Human Embryo as ‘Not Yet a Man’
Prof. P. Ide

16.30 - Debate

17.00 - Coffee Break

Round Table: Is the Embryo a Person?

Moderator: Prof. A. Grzeskowiak

17.30 - The Pre-implantation Embryo between Biology and Philosophy: the Individual
Prof. A. Gil Lopes

17.45 - The Pre-implantation Embryo between Nature and the Person
Prof. I. Carrasco De Paula

18.00 - Can a Human Individual not Be a Person?
Prof. R. Spaemann

18.15 - The Reasons for the Duty to Have a Juridical Defence of the Embryo
Dr. J.-M. Le Méné

18.30 - Debate and/or Possible Communications from the Academicians (10’)

19.00 - End of the Congress

19.30 - Dinner: Casa S. Marta

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PROGRAMME OF THE XII GENERAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY 1 MARCH 2006

8.00 - Holy Mass: Casa S. Marta. Chapel of the Holy Spirit
       Officiating: H.E. Msgr. Elio Sgreccia

9.00 - Breakfast: Casa S. Marta

Session dedicated to the Internal Life and Activities of the PAV
       (participation reserved only for the Members of the PAV)

       President: H.E. Msgr. Elio Sgreccia

9.30 - Presentation of the new Ordinary and Corresponding Members

10.00 - Communications of the President of the PAV

10.30 - Coffee Break

11.00 - General discussion and proposals for subjects for the General
       Assembly of 2007

12.00 - Presentation to the Academicians of the first draft of the final
       document

12.30 - Conclusions

13.00 - Lunch: Casa S. Marta
LIST OF PRESIDENTS, SPEAKERS AND CHAIRMEN

- H.Eminence Card. Alfonso López Trujillo, President of the Pontifical Council for the Family;

- H.Eminence Card. Javier Lozano Barragán, President of the Pontifical Council for Health Pastoral Care;

- H.E. Msgr. Willem Jacobus Eijk, Bishop of Groningen, Holland; Co-Founder and President of the Stichting Medische Ethiek, Maastricht;

- H.E. Msgr. Elio Sgreccia, President of the Pontifical Academy for Life;

- Prof. Carlo Bellieni, Pediatrician, Neonatal ICU, Policlinico Universitario "Le Scotte", Siena;

- Prof. Ignacio Carrasco de Paula, Chancellor of the Pontifical Academy for Life, Director of the Bioethics Institute, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Rome;

- Prof. Roberto Colombo, Professor of Human Biology, Faculty of Psychology, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milan;

- Prof. Angelo Fiori, Emeritus Professor of Forensic Medicine, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Rome;

- Prof. Kevin T. FitzGerald, Assistant Professor, Medical Center of the Department of Oncology, "Georgetown University", Washington D.C., U.S.A;

- Prof. Anibal Gil Lopes, Professor of Physiology, Institute of Biophysics "Carlos Chagas Filho", Rio De Janeiro, Brazil;

- Prof. Alicja Grzeskowiak, Professor of Criminal Law, Catholic University of Lublin, Poland;

- Prof. Pascal Ide, Physician, Officer of the Congregation for the Catholic Education, Vatican City;

- Dr. Jean-Marie Le Méné, President of the «Jérôme Lejeune» Foundation, Paris;

- Prof. Mario Pangallo, Ordinary Professor of History of Medieval Philosophy, Pontifical Gregorian University; Professor of Natural Theology, Pontifical Lateranensis University, Rome;

- Prof. Marie Odile Rethoré, Genetist, Faculty of Medicine, Hospital for Children, Necker Hospital, Paris;
- Prof. Gigliola Sica, Director of the Institute of Histology and Embryology, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Rome;

- Prof. Robert Spaemann, Emeritus Professor of Philosophy, University of München, Germany;

- Prof. Patricio Ventura-Juncá, Pediatrician, Bio ethicist, Former Director of the Bioethics Center, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, Santiago of Chile;

- Prof. Magdalena Zernicka-Goetz, Physician, Wellcome Trust Senior Research Fellow, Wellcome Trust-Cancer Research UK Gurdon Institute, Cambridge University, UK.