
INSTITUTIONAL COVENANT



MONTE ESPERANÇA INSTITUTO BÍBLICO OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD OF PORTUGAL,
INSTITUT DE THÉOLOGIE BIBLIQUE OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD OF FRANCE,
ISTITUTO BIBLICO ITALIANO OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD OF ITALY
FACULTAD DE TEOLOGÍA OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD OF SPAIN

PREAMBLE

MONTE ESPERANÇA INSTITUTO BÍBLICO OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD OF PORTUGAL, INSTITUT DE THÉOLOGIE BIBLIQUE OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD OF FRANCE, ISTITUTO BIBLICO ITALIANO OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD OF ITALY AND THE FACULTAD DE TEOLOGÍA OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD OF SPAIN, are Pentecostal theological institutions that, under the auspices of the Southern European Assemblies of God Fellowship (SEAGF), are founded on the Holy Scriptures and dedicated to the training of Pentecostal leaders for the development of the church and the fulfillment of its mission. For this reason, we maintain our doors open to all those that have been called of the Lord to dedicate themselves to Christian leadership and to offer programs of preparation in various areas of the ecclesiastical-pastoral fields of service.

These study programs concentrate on the analysis and comprehension of the Scriptures and of theology as well as a socio-anthropological understanding of man in his contemporary cultural setting. Therefore it is our indispensable charge to reach our fellow man with the message of the Gospel. It is with this understanding that we constantly seek to relate theoretical knowledge and its application to all areas of ministerial functions. Thus, our students learn by way of investigation and analysis as well as the appliance of their knowledge in their field of work.

We must also take into consideration the reality of the elevated demands, goals and expansive outreach of the European Union that afford a broader character and vision to those that would be the instruments of the extension of the Kingdom for the 21st century. The relationship between the four Assemblies of God seminaries in the European community facilitates the possibility for a propitious environment for the establishment of instruments that will favorably enrich a missionary vision offering the opportunities to learn and develop in other countries and cultures within the ambience of the academic atmosphere of our seminaries.

So then, with the purpose of establishing a covenant of organizational and academic collaboration that favors reciprocity in the formation of Biblical-theological-pastoral studies, MONTE ESPERANÇA INSTITUTO BÍBLICO OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD OF PORTUGAL, INSTITUT DE THÉOLOGIE BIBLIQUE OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD OF FRANCE, ISTITUTO BIBLICO ITALIANO OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD OF ITALY AND THE FACULTAD DE TEOLOGÍA OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD OF SPAIN, officially establish, on this date, the following PACT of Institutional RECOGNITION AND ACADEMIC COLLABORATION.

ACADEMIC ASPECT

- 1.) The joint venture of these four institutions is governed by the here-in mentioned COVENANT.
- 2.) MONTE ESPERANÇA INSTITUTO BÍBLICO OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD OF PORTUGAL, INSTITUT DE THÉOLOGIE BIBLIQUE OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD OF FRANCE, ISTITUTO BIBLICO ITALIANO OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD OF ITALY AND THE FACULTAD DE TEOLOGÍA OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD OF SPAIN, mutually recognize one another as Institutions of Superior Theological Education.
- 3.) MONTE ESPERANÇA INSTITUTO BÍBLICO OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD OF PORTUGAL, INSTITUT DE THÉOLOGIE BIBLIQUE OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD OF FRANCE, ISTITUTO BIBLICO ITALIANO OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD OF ITALY AND THE FACULTAD DE TEOLOGÍA OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD OF SPAIN, can recognize, accredit and co validate all Biblical-theological-pastoral studies of the corresponding academic ministerial programs to the Bachelor Degree graduation level that

are successfully taken in the respective Centers of Study in accordance to this present covenant. We also hold in consideration that which the legislation of each country advocates concerning the mobility of students between educational entities and the transference of credits.

4.) MONTE ESPERANÇA INSTITUTO BÍBLICO OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD OF PORTUGAL, INSTITUT DE THÉOLOGIE BIBLIQUE OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD OF FRANCE, ISTITUTO BIBLICO ITALIANO OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD OF ITALY AND THE FACULTAD DE TEOLOGÍA OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD OF SPAIN, will accept as students from the graduate level programs giving the recognized accreditation for the courses studied in these respective seminaries and conveniently integrating them into the appropriate academic level deserving of the successful completion of said studies in the theological seminary that receives them in accordance with the current legal norm in both countries according to the aforementioned article.

5.) MONTE ESPERANÇA INSTITUTO BÍBLICO OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD OF PORTUGAL, INSTITUT DE THÉOLOGIE BIBLIQUE OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD OF FRANCE, ISTITUTO BIBLICO ITALIANO OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD OF ITALY AND THE FACULTAD DE TEOLOGÍA OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD OF SPAIN, will accept as students from the post graduate level program (to work towards a Master's degree) to all those students that have earned a Bachelor's degree in theology from their respective seminaries and that, at the same time fulfill the academic requirements of the host country.

6.) By way of this covenant we agree to celebrate together as one, when the circumstances so require for seminars, special trips, symposiums, etcetera. Each institution bringing with them those professors that are deemed required by said educational entities for these determined functions.

7.) The students of the four institutes can participate in courses and seminars given by either one of these two institutions and receive the corresponding credits.

8.) Given the relationship that is being established by way of this pact, all students and professors of the four institutions can participate in any activity given by these participating centers enjoying the very same functioning status and position during such events in each establishment as they do in their own institution.

9.) By way of the present covenant, both institutions will facilitate the establishment of inter-institutional visits of students, professors and leadership staff of said centers of learning with the goal of fomenting a missionary vision between the institutions represented.

10). Also, these institutions promise an exchange of information about their program curriculum, methodologies, evaluation, etc. That will be able to enrich and provide tools for the betterment of the quality of each institution.

RELATIONS

11.) The official relationship between the MONTE ESPERANÇA INSTITUTO BÍBLICO OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD OF PORTUGAL, INSTITUT DE THÉOLOGIE BIBLIQUE OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD OF FRANCE, ISTITUTO BIBLICO ITALIANO OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD OF ITALY AND THE FACULTAD DE TEOLOGÍA OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD OF SPAIN, will be conducted by was of the Rector: Rev. Paulo Gomes; Rev Lionel Rolland; Rev Eliseo Cardarelli and, by Rev. Jesús Caramés.

12.) The present covenant will have the duration of ten years beginning from the date that this pact is officially signed by all parties involved. Said pact can be renewed for a period determined by the signing parties and modified when agreed upon by mutual consultation.

13.) This present covenant will be null and void the moment that one of any of the four academic entities so requires by way of a validated writing by a sanctioned authority of the institution motivating the annulment.

14.) The responsible parties that will authorize this covenant are:

For the MONTE ESPERANÇA INSTITUTO BÍBLICO OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD OF PORTUGAL

Rv. Paulo Gomes (Rector)

For the INSTITUT DE THÉOLOGIE BIBLIQUE OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD OF FRANCE

Rv. Lionel Rolland (Rector)

For the ISTITUTO BIBLICO ITALIANO OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD OF ITALY

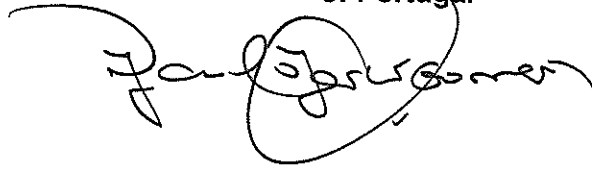
Rv. Eliseo Cardarelli (Rector)

For the FACULTAD DE TEOLOGÍA OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD OF SPAIN

Rev. Jesús M. Caramés Tenreiro

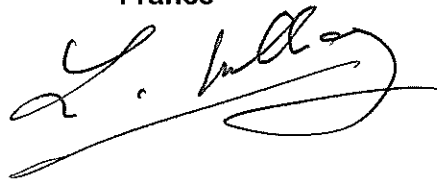
In proof of compliance on behalf of the THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD OF PORTUGAL, FRANCE, ITALY and SPAIN the document is being signed in duplicate copies, in Bordeaux, France the 13th of April in the year of our Lord 2016.

On behalf of the MONTE ESPERANÇA INSTITUTO BÍBLICO of the Assemblies of God of Portugal



Rev. José Paulo Gomes

On behalf of the INSTITUT DE THÉOLOGIE BIBLIQUE of the Assemblies of God of France



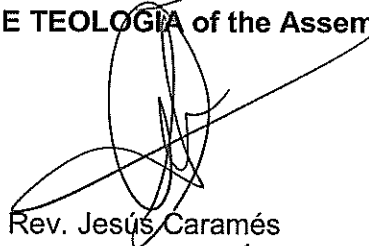
Rev. Lionel Rolland

On behalf of the ISTITUTO BIBLICO ITALIANO of the Assemblies of God of Italy

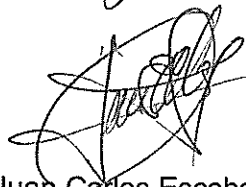


Rev. Eliseo Cardarelli

On behalf of the FACULTAD DE TEOLOGIA of the Assemblies of God of Spain



Rev. Jesús Caramés



Rev. Juan Carlos Escobar

President Southern Europe Assemblies of God Fellowship (SEAGF)