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Former Superior General Antonio Pernia stated that the **Anthropos Institute (AI)** should “act as the guardian of the Anthropos tradition of the Society” (*VERBUM SVD* 45, 1 (2004), 34). This issue of *Interlink* presents the 2017 activities of AI individuals and various institutions, dedicated to the social and religious sciences, within the global network of Anthropos Institute (AI) that contribute toward the fulfillment of this purpose.

A number of AI members continued in 2017 to be involved with the follow-up for the **2012 SVD General Chapter**, “From Every Nation, People and Language: Sharing Intercultural Life and Mission.” The generalate-approved **Resource Committee for Interculturality (RCI)** consists of ten persons, including the following five AI members: Philip Gibbs (PNG), Jon Kirby (USW), S.M. Michael (INM), Alexander Rödlach (USC), and Roger Schroeder (USC).

The interculturality resource persons, who participated in the January 2015 and/or 2016 Nemi workshops submitted reports and materials from their work during 2017 to Schroeder, who then forwarded them in monthly bundles to the RCI and the Generalate. Over twenty reports/files were received in 2017.

Several AI and RCI members contributed to a jointly-sponsored SVD and SSpS three-week bilingual (English and Spanish) **workshop on “Interculturality and Formation”** in Nemi over January 15 until February 3, 2017 for thirty formation personnel from the two congregations. Adriana Milmanda, SSpS, and Roger Schroeder of the RCI were the co-chairs of the Organizing Team for this workshop, and the following AI members were presenters: Robert Kisala (CUR), Michael (INM), and Schroeder (USC). There were nine joint SVD/SSpS presentations. The participants sent the reports of their activities in 2017 to the liaison persons in their respective generalates—Mark Weber, SVD, and Maria Cristina, SSpS.

AI members Kirby (USW) and Rödlach (USC), together with fellow RCI member Victor Zackarias

(ROM /INM), edited and published *Stories of Our Intercultural Living and Mission* through the SVD Publications of the Generalate. In addition to the co-editors, other contributors included the following AI and/or RCI members: Fernando Diaz (CHI), Lazar Gnanapragasam (INH), Gibbs (PNG), Michael (INM), Milmanda (Argentina), and Tim Norton (Nemi).

A number of AI members and many other interculturality resource persons have contributed to the **spirituality of interculturality project** over the past couple of years in collaboration with the Arnold Janssen Spirituality Team in Steyl and members of the SVD and SSpS General Councils. In December 2017, the revised and edited 160-page booklets of the eight day (sixteen module) retreat material in both English and Spanish were published on the two generalate websites. See: <http://svdcuria.org/members/ajsc/20nn/1710ic/1710ic.pdf>

The **Coordinating Council of Anthropos Institute International**—Roger Schroeder (USC), Philip Gibbs (PNG), and S.M. Michael (INM)—had a Skype meeting on January 18, 2017 from Nemi. Among other agenda items, they discussed the possibilities of collaborative efforts and regional or national meetings of AI members, such as, at the ASPAMIR gathering in Tagaytay, Philippines, in April 2017, and a national meeting in India for directors of centers with some AI affiliation.

During 2017, International Coordinator Schroeder was able to meet personally with the following AI members: Estepa (USC), Heisig (JAP), Kisala (ROM), Michael (INM), Müller (ROM), Rödlach (USC), and Florine Tellis (NE India / Paraguay).

In terms of **AI membership**, Augustine Kanjamala died on July 4, 2017, at the age of 77 in India after many years of dedicated service to the work of Anthropos Institute. Willi Müller resigned as an AI member since his recent and current efforts have shifted in other areas. Two new members joined Anthropos Institute in 2017. Carl Milos Bulilan has an MA degree in Cultural Anthropology and recently completed a PhD in International Development from Nagoya University in Japan. He

is now working in the Philippines. Ignatius Soreng has MA and PhD degrees in Odiya Literature and is the new director of Sanskruti Kendra Centre in Odisha, India. **There are now forty full members, one emeritus, and six associate members for a total of forty-seven Anthropos Institute members, the same total as a year ago.** An updated list has been posted under “Official Members” on the Anthropos Institute page of the SVD curia website.

AI members are strongly encouraged to submit articles and write book reviews for the Anthropos journal. If interested, contact our editor Darius Piwowarczyk at editorial@anthropos.eu. On another point, the **homepage** of Anthropos Institute on the SVD Curia website (<http://www.svdcuria.org>) provides general information and other links.

The Anthropos Institute International **list server**, established at Creighton University, USA, offers a possibility for the exchange of ideas among AI members. I encourage you to post an article or discussion point. If you wish to add your name, go to the site by either clicking on the URL below or by copying and pasting it into your web browser: <http://lists.creighton.edu/mailman/listinfo/anthropos>. You will receive a notification of that registration. Direct any technical questions to Alexander Rödlach at AlexanderRodlach@creighton.edu.

Please contact me, regarding any business related to the international network of Anthropos Institute at rschroeder@ctu.edu

Best wishes for 2018!

Roger Schroeder, SVD
International Coordinator of Anthropos Institute

Publications of the Institute

The **official publications of the Institute** are entrusted to the Editorial Board at Anthropos Institute St. Augustin. Darius Piwowarczyk serves as Editor-in-Chief, and Stanislaus Grodz has joined fellow AI members Othmar Gächter, Joachim Piepke, and Vinsensius Adi Gunawan as members of the editorial team.

The two volumes of *Anthropos* 2017 (112th year) with 768 pages offer 22 articles, 19 reports and commentaries, and 121 book reviews. In addition to the extensive work of the five AI members of the editorial team, Joachim Piepke wrote one report (“The Last Yagan” pp. 562-568) and two book reviews (pp. 352-354; 708-709), the new AI member Joshua Gariba Awienagua wrote a long report (pp. 583-596), and the following SVD each wrote one book review: Stanislaus Wargacki (pp. 334-335), Alexander Rödlach (pp. 339-341), and Othmar Gächter (pp. 677-679).

The section of “Zeitschriftenschau” is a rich

resource with the titles of articles from an impressive list of over 160 journals specialized especially in the field of social and religious sciences. It is a great service made possible through the Anthropos Institute’s library at St. Augustin.

Anthropos is **available on JSTOR**. Consult the website (<http://www.anthropos.eu/anthropos>) for further information regarding the journal.

In terms of the *Studia Instituti Anthropos series*, *L’histoire au corps: Mémoires indociles et archives du désordre dans les cultes de possession en Afrique* by Roberto Beneduce was published as No. 55; and AI member Darius Piwowarczyk published *Transforming Africans into Cogwheels of the Imperial Machine. Ideology of Progress, Nationalism, and Ultramontane Catholicism in Service of the German Colonial Project in Togo, 1892–1914* (760 pp.) as No. 56 in the series. The following is in preparation as No. 57: Segundo E. Moreno Yáñez, *Religiones Aborígenes en Andinoamérica Ecuatorial*, 2018.

In *Collectanea Instituti Anthropos*, Johannes Hämmerle OFMCap published *Das Herz von Hias spricht. Die Urbevölkerung auf der Insel Nias, Indonesien. Migration, Dorfgründungen, Rituale, Recht-feste und Tigersturz*, 2017, as No. 49 in the series. **It was a very productive year for our two monograph series.**

Anthropology and Mission No. 55 (July 2017) contained 31 book reviews (prepared by O. Gächter and V. Adi Gunawan) and 14 reviews of articles (prepared by J. Piepke, D. Piwowarczyk and V. Adi Gunawan). No. 56 (December 2017) contained 33 book reviews (prepared by O. Gächter and V. Adi Gunawan) and 8 reviews of articles (prepared by J. Piepke, D. Piwowarczyk, V. Adi Gunawan, S. Grodz). The July issue contains a review of Wilhelm Dupré’s book: *Paul J. Schebesta mit Briefen aus dem Urwald*, Wien: Verlag der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften, 2017. 298pp. The December issue highlights the above mentioned book by D. Piwowarczyk and J. Gariba Awienagua’s text in the ‘Reports and Comments’ section of *Anthropos* 112.2017/2.

The **current and back issues of Anthropology & Mission** are available on the Anthropos webpage of the generalate website <http://svdcuria.org>.

Reports by Individual Members

These reports include publications, conference papers, teaching and other activities/events during 2016. Materials in press will normally be mentioned when they appear. Members, however, sometimes also report on their works in progress to communicate what they are currently working on. These reports reflect the great diversity and depth of the work of the members of Anthropos Institute.

There are 29 individual reports.

Joachim Andrade

Andrade has done the following academic teaching. In the Claretian Faculty – STUDIUM THEOLOGICUM, he taught Sociology of Religion, Ecumenism and Inter-Religious Dialogue and Missiology. He also taught Missiology in the Faculty of Vincentians Fathers in the second semester. One of the achievements of 2017 was entering into the Pontifical Catholic University of Paraná in Curitiba, where he is a full-fledged professor at the moment, having classes for the graduation and post-graduation as well.

Other activities:

He contributed to courses on Interculturality and Mission that were organized by the Religious Conference of Brazil – CRB, in six different parts of Brazil. He continues to be a member of missiological reflection team (Equipe Interdisciplinar) on the national level of the Religious conference of Brazil. Every 4 months the team of 12 members from the different part of Brazil meet to reflect and produce scientific material for the religious in Brazil. Andrade has offered ongoing formation on interculturality for the following congregations: Xaverian Fathers, Sisters of Divine Providence, Scalabranian formators, and Sisters of Mary Immaculate of Conception.

He has been teaching missiology, interculturality and inter-religious dialogue, as preparation for the Brazilian missionaries of different congregations who have received the ad gentes mission assignment, and a course on interculturality and inculturation to the incoming missionaries to Brazil of various congregations. Through the Bishops conference of Brazil (CNBB), he has given the following courses: Inculturation and interculturality for new missionaries, Brasilia; Interculturality in the Religious congregations in the Symposium of Missiologists in Brasilia; Interculturality for the religious, Brasilia; course for seminarians on the national level on interculturality and mission., Brasilia.

Carl Milos Bulilan

Bulilan was transferred from Japan to the SVD Philippine Southern Province, where he is currently the assistant to the Dean of College of Arts and Sciences and a research associate at Holy Name University in Bohol.

He is working on a case study on local tourism development as part of a research project based in the National Graduate School Institute for Policy Studies in Tokyo. The resulting papers for the said research project will be published next year. He also presented a research paper entitled: "Preserving Dignity in Poverty: Courtship and Marriage Practices among the Badjaos of Cebu" in an academic conference: Philosophy, Culture, and Communication Congress of 2017, that was organized by the Society of St. Paul and the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines-Episcopal Commission on Culture, and held in St. Paul's Seminary, Cavite, Philippines.

Bhaskar Das

Das is Assistant Professor of Anthropology at

DHSK College, Dibrugarh, Assam (India), and also the Coordinator of the Information and Career Guidance Centre (ICGC) at DHSK College. In 2017, he became a Member of The International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES).

Publications:

1. Book chapter entitled 'Indigenous Health Practices among the Oraon of Assam,' in: *Indigenous Health Practices among the People of North East India*, Sarthak Sengupta, ed., (Kalpaz Publications, Delhi, 2017): 147-152.
2. Article entitled 'Lifestyle and Sustainability' published in Jagriti, Mouthpiece of 25th District Level National Children's Science Congress, 2017.
3. Edited a book entitled *Child Health in India* jointly with Dr. Moromi Talukdar and Anup Jyoti Bharali. Book published by Omsons Publications, New Delhi (India) (2017).
4. Currently editing a book entitled '*Social Science Research: National Perspectives and Regional Priorities*' jointly with AI member Jose Jacob.

Research:

Successfully completed (as a Principal Investigator) two years University Grants Commission sponsored research project entitled '*Incidence of anaemia and malnutrition among the female tea garden workers of upper Assam*'.

Lectures:

1. Delivered lectures as a Resource Person in Teachers' Workshop at Graham Bazar Girls Higher Secondary School, Dibrugarh and Assam Vidyapith Higher Secondary School, Chabua. The lectures were delivered in order to prepare the prospective child scientists (10-17 years) for the District Level, State Level as well as National Level Convention of the National Children Science Congress, 2017.
2. Delivered lecture on 'Social and Cultural aspects leading to Early Marriage' at the Sensitization Program on prevention of Early Marriage and Early Pregnancy at Padmini Resort, Tinsukia (Assam).
3. Delivered a lecture on 'Lifestyle and Sustainability' at Sampurna Kendriya Vidyalaya, Dibrugarh organised by Rotary Club of Dibrugarh.
4. Delivered a talk on 'Anthropology of Tourism' in the Regional Level Workshop on Tourist Guide held at DHSK College, Dibrugarh (Assam).

Othmar Gächter

Gächter is a member of the Editorial Board of *Anthropos*. He proofread the "Book Reviews Section" in *Anthropos*. He also co-edited (with Vinsensius Adi Gunawan) the "Review of Books" in: *Anthropology & Mission* 2017/55+56 (8+8 pp.). He published the following book review: Howard, Christopher A.: *Mobile Lifeworlds. An Ethnography of Tourism and Pilgrimage in the Himalayas*. New York, 2017. 182 pp. *Anthropos* 112.2017: 677–679.

Joshua Awienagua Gariba

Gariba is the Director of the Tamale Institute of Cross-Cultural Studies (TICCS) in Ghana.

Publication:

"Appropriating Land, Worldviews, and Spiritual Navigation: The Dynamics and Praxis of Everyday

Life in the Alavanyo-Nkonya Land Dispute in Ghana,” *Anthropos* Vol. 112, 2 (2017): 583-596.

Workshops:

1. Led a three day workshop on Cross cultural introduction to the Carmelite Nuns at the Carmel Monastery at Tampe Kukuo, near Tamale. The workshop offered the Nuns the culturally appropriate tools/skills of appreciating the cross cultural challenges that impact their work and relations with locals.

2. Gave lectures on: “Introduction to Ghanaian Sociocultural life”, “Cross Cultural Approaches to Ministry to the Poor”, “Intercultural living” and “Cross Cultural Spirituality” to 15 senior and young professed brothers of the Christian Brothers who come from different African countries and Australia, Ireland, and Canada. They were in Tamale to hold an International Orientation Program based on the charism of the congregation.

Conferences:

Gave a presentation on the role and impact of *Laudato Si* on the programs and courses at TICCS at the 4th annual conference of the Network Pastoral Africa (NPA) in Arusha, Tanzania. This conference consists of directors/representatives of leading pastoral and academic institutes in Africa who come together annually under the sponsorship of Missio Aachen, in Germany to share the experiences of their work, and to strengthen and inspire one another. This year’s theme was on Pope Francis’ encyclical *Laudato Si*. The 5th annual conference, which is on the theme: “Youth in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities for the Church” will take place in Tamale at TICCS from 2nd to 5th February, 2018. He was feverishly preparing for this conference.

Patrick Gesch

Gesch is Professor at Divine Word University (DWU) in Madang, Papua New Guinea. He had a very good experience of co-teaching with Professor Don Kulick of Uppsala University a general unit of an Introduction to Cultural Anthropology in 2017 and is doing this again in 2018.

Professional Activities:

1. Gesch delivered a paper at the ASPAMIR Symposium at the Institute of Mission Studies at Tagaytay, the Philippines on the theme of “Witchcraft, Healing and Christianity.” He noted, “It was a surprise to find some of the concerns and excesses of witchcraft in Papua New Guinea echoed in Indonesia and parts of India.”

2. In response to an invitation by the Australian National University, Gesch joined one of the observer groups covering the PNG National Elections. He had a team on the ground who were very active in getting around to the campaigns of the 16 candidates. They had detailed survey manuals to fill out, and the nominations and the counting of votes were all done locally. They reported that it was generally a free and fair election.

Research:

1. Gesch is very involved in the new Cadet Researcher Program at DWU in Madang. Of the first four students in this program, Gesch is working with one of them to complete some older material that Gesch has on traditional male initiation for a

local village, material that comes from repeated personal observation as well as from a series of interviews with older men who have now passed on. Another topic is the court system, where the magistrates are just basic villagers without any developed education, who perform a most necessary function for the communities around the settlements in town. They generally succeed in satisfying the needs of the local people for justice and reconciliation, and yet their principles are a fine mixture of legal resources, traditional wisdom including witchcraft, and also “seat-of-the-pants” discernment of what will work in a given situation.

2. A group of men has asked the DWU department to write the story of their village nearby, presumably with the intent of proving that they are the original landowners and should be receiving compensation.

3. Gesch is also researching what the Street Preachers are saying, what their techniques might be, as they hold forth on the street corners and markets of Madang.

4. In order to prepare a paper for a conference of the Association of Australian Studies in Religion on “Sacred Sites and Sacred Stories,” Gesch went back to a parish in the East Sepik Province to pursue the matter of spirits of the bush and stories of migrations which unite large sets of communities by recounting the deeds of the first people coming out of a hole in the ground. Gesch noted, “This is not just a generalized animism, but encounters in a few places with named characters.”

Philip Gibbs

Gibbs is a member of the International Coordinating Council of Anthropos Institute and the SVD Resource Committee of Interculturality. He is now Professor of Social Research and Vice President of Research and Higher Degrees at Divine Word University, Madang, Papua New Guinea.

Publications:

1. (With Elly Kale) “Completion rates in flexible learning”. *DWU Research Journal*, vol 26, May 2017, pp. 56-66.

2. (With Miranda Forsyth) “Witchcraft accusation based violence gets international attention for the first time,” <http://devpolicy.org/witchcraft-accusation-based-violence-gets-international-attention-first-time-20170929/>

3. (With Miranda Forsyth) “International Debates around Witchcraft Accusation Related Violence.” <http://devpolicy.org/international-debates-around-witchcraft-accusation-based-violence-20171004/>

4. Edits monthly the social concerns blog at <https://tokstret.com>.

Other activities:

1. He attended the annual meeting of the Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania in Hawaii, and presented a paper, “Conversations with Accusers and Accused.”

2. He attended the ASPAMIR Conference at Tagaytay, the Philippines, and presented a paper, “Witchcraft Accusations, a Modern Missionary Challenge.”

3. He attended a conference at Catholic University, Melbourne, Australia and presented two papers, “Global Influences in the Growth of the Catholic

Church in the Pacific Region”, and another on the “History of the Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania”.

4. He attended a UN Experts Workshop on Witchcraft and Human Rights with UNHCR in Geneva, Switzerland.

Josef Glinka

Glinka in 2017 celebrated his 85th birthday and 60 years of ordination. Some friends and colleagues are currently writing two books about him--one about his scientific and didactical activities, and the other his CV.

Lazar Gnanaprakasam

Gnanaprakasam is the Director of Sanskriti -- Institute of Dravidian Culture and Research in Hyderabad, India. See the institutional report below.

Stanislaw Grodz

Grodz was named the new director of the Anthropos Institut, Sankt Augustin in October 2017. For most of the year, his attention was focused on learning German. During the winter semester 2017/18 he joined Prof. Norbert Hintersteiner to co-run a seminar *Anthropologie außereuropäischen Christentums at Institut für Missionswissenschaft und außereuropäische Theologien*, at the Universität Münster.

Publications:

Editorial work:

The work on the *Bibliographical History of Christian-Muslim Relations, 1500-1900 (CMR1900)* – a project sponsored by the British Art and Humanities Fund and headed by Prof. David R. Thomas, University of Birmingham with assistance of an international group of scholars – continues (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/ptr/departments/theologyandreligion/research/projects/CMR1900/project.aspx>). Grodz has been a member of the core editorial board since 2012. So far, they have published 6 volumes (for 16th-17th centuries – together over 5,000 pages). Approximately three/four volumes for the 18th century should appear in 2018; and eight other volumes are estimated for the 19th century. Grodz co-edited the following in this project: D. Thomas, J. Chesworth with C. Bennett, L. Demiri, M. Frederiks, S. Grodz and D. Pratt (eds), *Christian-Muslim Relations. A Bibliographical History. Volume 9: Western and Southern Europe (1600-1700)*, Leiden: Brill, 2017, pp. XVI+1052.

Book review:

1. J.Y. Tan/Q. Tran SJ (eds.), *World Christianity. Perspectives and Insights. Essays in Honor of Peter C. Phan*, Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books 2016, XV+400 pp. *Verbum SVD* 58:2017 pp. 339-341.

Other activities:

He delivered papers at the following conferences:

1. Pieniężno, *Klasyca misji*; paper: “Paul Schebesta – kapłan-misjonarz oddany Bogu, ludziom i nauce”
2. Lublin, *100 years of Fundamental Theology at the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin*; paper: “Chrześcijaństwo jako pełnoprawny przedmiot religioznawczo-afrykanistycznych badań i religiami w Afryce”

And Grodz was elected vice-president of the *European Society for Intercultural Theology and Interreligious Studies* (ESITIS).

Jon Kirby

Kirby is a member of the SVD Resource Committee of Interculturality, and together with Alexander Rödlach and Victor Zackariam, he co-edited *Stories of Our Intercultural Living and Mission*, that was published in 2017 by the Generalate in English and Spanish.

Kirby is in his second year as pastor of a transitional San Diego parish that currently serves 50 households of elderly Anglos and 2000 families of Latinos (a large variety), Vietnamese, Filipinos, Myanmar, Indians, Lebanese, Syrians, Sudanese, Ugandans, Kenyans, Eritreans, D R Congolese and Nigerians. So he is putting interculturality into everyday practice.

As a certified trainer in the “action methods” of J.L. Moreno, he has organized and run some 20 Bibliodrama sessions with a group in his parish and have trained two highly qualified parishioners (Mexican and Anglo) to offer “culture-drama” sessions in culturally diverse SVD parishes of the Western Province in order to help build intercultural relations.

Internationally, he offered an interculturality workshop in Benin for an assembly of SMA formators. Together with **AI Associate member Kofi Ron Lange**, he is working on the Twi translations of a new book on the prayers and praises of Afua Kuma.

Robert Kisala

Kisala gave the following presentations:

1. Co-presented a talk with Eleonora Cichon, SSpS, on “SSpS/SVD Journey Towards Intercultural Life and Mission” at a workshop on interculturality and formation at Nemi in January 2017.
2. Led with Tim Norton, SVD a workshop on interculturality for the general leadership of the OFMs in Rome.
3. Led with Tim Norton, SVD a workshop on interculturality for the general leadership of the OMI in Rome.

Peter Knecht

Knecht, who is retired, was invited to give five double units of classes on "Shinto and Folk Religion" for the participants in the "Interreligious Studies in Japan Program" of the NCC Center for the Study of Japanese Religions. The course lasted from September to December.

Publications:

Knecht wrote an article about how shamans in Inner Mongolia create sacred space for certain ceremonies, and he did a translation of an article into Japanese on the historical development of the concepts of 'purity' and 'defilement' in Shinto and Buddhism. Both texts have been accepted for publication.

Zdzisław Kupisiński

Kupisiński is on the faculty of John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin (KUL) and head of the

Department of Religiology and Missiology. He has a full load of teaching responsibilities.

Publications:

Book:

Zdzisław Kupisiński SVD (ed.). „Chrześcijaństwo w religijności ludowej - 1050 lat po Chrzcie Polski” (*Christianity in Folk Religiousness - 1050 Years after the Baptism of Poland*). Lublin 2017, pp. 263.

Articles:

1. Polska religijność ludowa (*Polish Folk Religiousness*). In: Oblicza Kościoła katolickiego w Polsce. 1050. rocznica chrztu (*The Aspects of the Catholic Church in Poland. 1050th Anniversary of Baptism*). Ed. Rev. Jacency Mastej, Rev. Krzysztof Kaucha, Rev. Paweł Borto. Lublin: Publishing House of the Catholic University of Lublin 2016 p. 139-163 (published in 2017).

2. Dusze zmarłych w ludowej obrzędowości pogrzebowej i zaduszkowej w Opoczyńskim i Radomskim (*The Souls of the Deceased in the Folk Funeral and Hymn Rites in the Regions of Opoczno and Radom*). In: Antropologiczno-językowe wizerunki duszy w perspektywie międzykulturowej. T. 1. Dusza w oczach świata (*Anthropological and Linguistic Images of the Soul in an Intercultural Perspective. T. 1 Soul in the Eyes of the World*). Ed. E. Masłowska, D. Pazio-Wlazłowska. Warsaw: Institute of Slavic Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences; Faculty of Oriental Studies of the University of Warsaw 2016 p. 455-466 (published in 2017).

3. Zwyczaje zalotne i matrymonialne w obrzędowości weselnej jako wyraz tożsamości mieszkańców Opoczyńskiego (*Flirtatious and Matrimonial Customs in Wedding Ceremonies as an Expression of the Identity of the Inhabitants of the Opoczno Region*). In: Tradycja dla współczesności. Ciągłość i zmiana. T. 10: Współczesne konteksty tożsamości społeczno-kulturowych. (*Tradition for the Present Day. Continuity and Change. T. 10: Modern Contexts of Socio-Cultural Identity*). Ed. M. Dziekanowska, M. Wójcicka. Lublin: Publishing House of the Maria Curie-Skłodowska University 2017 p. 59-71.

4. Dni krzyżowe w polskiej religijności ludowej (*Cross Days in Polish Folk Religiousness*) „Roczniki Teologiczne”. T. LXIV, n. 9. 2017, p. 123-135.

5. Małżeństwo sakramentalne w polskiej obyczajowości ludowej (*Sacramental Marriage in Polish Folk Customs*). In: Chrześcijaństwo w religijności ludowej – 1050 lat po Chrzcie Polski (*Christianity in Folk Religiousness - 1050 Years after the Baptism of Poland*). Ed. Z. Kupisiński SVD. Lublin 2017, p. 57-73.

6. Introduction. In: Chrześcijaństwo w religijności ludowej – 1050 lat po Chrzcie Polski (*Christianity in Folk Religiousness - 1050 Years after the Baptism of Poland*). Ed. Z. Kupisiński SVD. Lublin 2017, p. 9-13.

7. Sobótka w polskiej obrzędowości ludowej (*Bonfire in the Polish Folk Rituals*). In: Poznać, aby zrozumieć – misyjny wymiar Kościoła. Księga jubileuszowa dedykowana ks. dr. hab. Jackowi Janowi Pawlikowi SVD, prof. UWM z okazji 65 rocznicy urodzin, 40. lat kapłaństwa, 30-lecia pracy

naukowej (*To Learn to Understand - the Missionary Dimension of the Church. The Anniversary Book Dedicated to Fr. Dr Hab. Jacek Jan Pawlik SVD, Professor UWM on the Occasion of 65th Anniversary of Birth, 40 Years of Priesthood, 30th Anniversary of Scientific Work*). Ed. B. Rozen, R. Kordonski. Olsztyn 2017 p. 137-145.

8. Umieranie w obrzędowości ludowej (*Dying in Folk Rites*). In: Tradycja a współczesność. Dialog z Tradycją. Tom VI: Dawna i współczesna kultura funeralna (*Tradition and Contemporaneity. Dialogue with Tradition. Volume VI: Former and Contemporary Funeral Culture*). Ed. I. Steczko, R. Dźwigoł, Collegium Columbinum, Kraków 2017 p. Review:

„Roszczenia uniwersalne i kontekst kulturowy - Misja i misjologia z perspektywy etnologicznej” (*Universal Claims and Cultural Context - Mission and Missiology from an Ethnological Point of View*) „Roczniki Kulturoznawcze” 8:2017 no. 3. (John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Institute of Culture)

Other academic activity:

Kupisiński reviewed four Master's theses, presented academic papers at four scientific conferences and symposia, and participated in three Habilitation and Doctoral Committees. He received an award for achievements in order to consolidate the rich traditions of the Opoczno region from Rafał Kądziała Mayor of Opoczno.

Jose Kuzhikkattuthazhe

Kuzhikkattuthazhe is the Director of Sanskriti—North Eastern Institute of Cultural Research (NEICR) in Guwahati, India (ING).

Publications:

He wrote a 150 page book on Bro. Prem Bhai, who was primarily instrumental in bringing Christianity to Arunachal Pradesh in 1981: *Remembering Bro. Prem Bhai (1953 - 2008) - A Saint who walked on this Earth*. This book is based on a research conducted by Jose for a period of six month.

He is editing the twenty-some papers from the 2017 11th Annual National Conference that was organized at Catholic Ashram, Banderdewa, Arunachal Pradesh. The focal theme of the conference was Changing context of Customary Laws in North East India with special reference to Arunachal Pradesh. This comprehensive volume in English is being published by a leading publishing company in India.

Other Activities:

Kuzhikkattuthazhe gave a lecture for the 2nd North East India Youth Convention in Guwahati, Assam, where 1700 youth representatives from all over the North Eastern Region of India participated in a 4 day convention. Jose also gave a major lecture on the importance of knowing language and culture for the effectiveness of mission in North East India. The venue was the Missionary Sisters of Mary Help of Christians (MSMHC), Hatigaon, Guwahati during the symposium organized to mark the platinum jubilee of their congregation in 2017. About 260 Sisters from across the globe participated.

Michael, S. M.

Sebastian Maria Michael is a member of the

Coordinating Council of Anthropos Institute International, and the SVD Resource Committee of Interculturality (RCI).

Publications:

Book:

The Humanistic Relevance of Anthropology: Further Writings on Anthropology by J.V. Ferreira. Edited by Bernd Pflug and S.M. Michael, Nav Vishnu Publications, Navi Mumbai, 2017.

Articles:

1. "Culture, Gospel and Communication in the Post-modern World", *Third Millennium, Indian Journal of Evangelization*, Vol. XIX, No.4, October-December 2016, pp.19-36.
2. "Intercultural Living for Effective Mission in the Postmodern World", *Vidyajyoti Journal of Theological Reflection*. Vol. 81/2 February 2017.
3. "Research Contribution of Institute of Indian Culture on People and Cultures of India", in the book, *The Challenges of Catholic Education in India, Perspectives*, Compiled and Edited by Janina Gomes, Bangalore: Claretian Publications, 2017, pp. 169-184.
4. "Socio-Cultural Factors Affecting Family Life in India: An Anthropological Analysis", in National Symposium 2017 – *Understanding Amoris Laetitia in the Indian Context*, edited by CBCI Office of Justice, Peace and Development (St. Pius X College, Mumbai) 2017, pp. XXV – 1-5.
5. "Foreword" for the book *The Challenges of Catholic Education in India, Perspectives*, Compiled and Edited by Janina Gomes, Bangalore: Claretian Publications, 2017, pp. 5-8.

Seminar/Conference Participation and Papers:

1. Participation in a National Symposium 2017 – *Understanding Amoris Laetitia in the Indian Context*, Organized by the CBCI Commission for Family at St. Pius X College, Mumbai.
2. "Dialogue on 'The Vision of Lokamanya Tilak' on Indian Nationalism" Paper presented at the National Seminar on "Multi-dimensional Contribution of Lokamanya Tilak to Indology and Applied Philosophy", organized by K.J. Somaiya Bharatiya Sanskriti Peetham, Mumbai in collaboration with Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi.
3. "Power & Culture in Social Movements Research" presentation at the "Ten-day National Training Workshop in Research Methodology in Sociology". Institute of Indian Culture, Mumbai, in collaboration with Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi.

Joseph Mundananikkal (M.T.)

MT Joseph has presented the following lectures and papers at conferences and seminars:

1. Lecture titled *Pursuit of Justice in India: Our Prophetic Response*. National Conference of Catholic Lawyers Forum, Jnana Deepa Vidyapeeth, Ramwadi, Pune.
2. *Tribal Identity and Religion: An Analysis from Chhotanagpur*. "Tribes in Transition: Issues and Challenges in the Era of Globalization". National Seminar organised by the Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai.
3. *Understanding Caste in India: Trajectories of*

Sociological Explanations. "Caste System and its Implications in Contemporary India". "Sanskriti", Arnold Bhavan, Habsiguda, Hyderabad.

4. Lecture titled *Renewable Energy: A Social Science Perspective*. For the short term course on "Renewable Energy and Its Applications", under RUSA at UGC Human Resources Development Centre, University of Mumbai.

5. Session titled *Religious Cultures in India and Masculinity*. Short term course "Gender and Culture". Under RUSA, UGC Human Resources Development Centre, Mumbai.

6. *Career Options with Sociology*. Guest lecture for undergraduate students at L.S. Raheja College of Arts and Commerce, Juhu Road, Santacruz West, Mumbai.

7. *Cultural Transition*. Two day workshop as part of the Overseas Training Programme for missionaries going abroad at Ishvani Kendra, Pune.

8. *Liberalization and Agrarian Distress*. Session for students of Xaviers – Berkeley Summer Programme 2017 at St. Xaviers College, Mumbai.

9. *Navayana Buddhism of Maharashtra and its Trajectories of Discourses and Debates: An Analysis*. Conference titled *Dalits and Religion*, International Conference at Max-Weber-Kolleg, University of Erfurt, Germany.

10. *Perspectives on Gender and Patriarchy*. Session for the orientation programme at Human Resource Development Centre, University of Mumbai.

11. *Qualitative Techniques: Ethnomethodology*. Session for the students at Sophia Centre for Women's Studies and Development, Sophia College, Mumbai..

12. *Gender, Patriarchy and Religion*. Session for the Refresher course titled *Women and the Social Sciences*. Human Resource Development Centre, University of Mumbai.

13. *Qualitative Research Methods: Theoretical Perspectives of Phenomenology and Ethnomethodology, and, Power, domination and marginalization: Social structure in Sociological Research*. Ten-day national training course in research methodology in Sociology. Institute of Indian Culture, Mumbai.

14. *Sociological insights for the formation of religious personnel in India*. Two day sessions as part of a three week long course for formators (priests and religious) at Ishvani Kendra, Pune.

15. Resource person for three day national conference *Developing possibilities for mission today* at Ishvani Kendra, Pune.

Roger Vanzila Munsu

Munsu since April 2017 was shifted from the Faculty of Foreign Studies to a newly established Faculty of GLOBAL LIBERAL STUDIES. The university board selected at least two professors in each faculty or department to establish this new Faculty. He taught five courses including Anthropology of Religion, Studies in Religion, Human Dignity and Ethnic Issues at Nanzan University while being involved in different research activities (meetings, workshops, collaborative research) organized by the Nanzan Anthropological Institute. His teaching will

continue to deal with topics such as Interculturality, Globalization and Multiculturalism.

Publications:

LEGRAIN, Laurent. *Chanter, s'attacher et transmettre chez les Darhad de Mongolie* (Singing, Attachment and Transmission among the Darhads of Mongolia). Paris: Centre d'Etudes Mongoles et Subaériennes-Ecole de Hautes Etudes, Collection Nord-Asie 4, 2014, 397 pages. Reviewed by Mungsi, Roger Vanzila in *Annual Papers of the Anthropological Institute (Nanzan University)*, Vol.7 (2017), pp.118-130.

Conference papers and seminar:

1. Mungsi gave a paper on *Kakure Kirishitan Survivors* in Japan during the Annual Meeting of the International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS) held in CHIANG MAI (THAILAND). This material will be included in his forthcoming book on *Kirishitan Shrines in Japan*.

2. He gave a Special Lecture on "Japanese Hidden Christians in Contemporary Settings" during the Interreligious Study in Japan Program (ISJP) organized annually by the NCC Institute for Religious Studies in Kyoto.

Fieldwork:

1. During summer 2017 Mungsi carried out a cross-sectional research in the hinterland of the Democratic Republic of Congo, precisely on the "Hidden Memories of the Mabie Chiefdom in Sakataland". The outcome of this research will enrich my forthcoming book on the same topic.

2. He conducted a second phase of his visual anthropological study of the "Sakata Folklore Dancing in Urban Settings". The study focused more specifically on the Sakata band and residents found in Bandundu city. The main data from this research was put together for publication in 2018.

3. He carried out fieldwork in Nagasaki districts among the Kakure Kirishitan Survivors (Hidden Christians). Emphasis was put on the (1) "Age-Old Ritual Practice of *Ohastuhoage*" (a symbolic equivalent or ritual substitute of the Eucharist) performed by these religious minorities, and (2) Kirishitan Shrines and related Festivals held annually by Hidden Christians, Catholics and Buddhists. Some of this data will be inserted into his forthcoming book.

Piotr Nawrot

Nawrot was editor of *Sebastián Durón. Su obra en Bolivia*. Archivo y Biblioteca Nacionales de Bolivia. Estudio y transcripción: Piotr Nawrot. Fondo Editorial APAC. Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia 2017, pp. 141. He also received the 2017 individual special first-class scientific prize awarded by the Rector of the University of Adama Mickiewicza in Poznan for academic teachers for outstanding publishing output in 2016.

Research:

1. Music manuscripts from the 17th and 18th centuries preserved by the Chiquito Indian community and the Moxo Indians, in the eastern part of Bolivia (South America).

2. Musical manuscripts from the cathedral in La Plata (today Sucre) gathered in the Archives and the National Library of Bolivia in Sucre.

3. Musical manuscripts from monasteries and from Franciscan missions in Bolivia, gathered at the Ecclesial Documentation Center in Tarija, Bolivia.

4. Research on music practices in the Spanish America during the colonization period. Research carried out in archives in Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Bolivia, Argentina, Peru and the USA.

5. History of music in Bolivia. The research work on the collection of manuscripts consists in their collection, restaurants, inventory, cataloging and reconstruction of the music contained in them.

Public lectures:

1. Georgetown University. Washington, D.C., USA "Baroque Music Festival, Misiones de Chiquitos, in Bolivia: foundation, growth and goals".

2. Universidad Católica de Salta. Salta, Argentina. "Música de la película La Misión vs. auténtica música de las reducciones jesuíticas de guaraníes, chiquitos y moxos. ¿Si Ennio Morricone se equivocó?"

3. Center for Ecclesiastical Documentation. Tarija, Bolivia. "Clase magistral: Música Barroca Americana."

4. Lectures at the Castle. Poznan, Poland. "An error could cost a life. Badly played music offended the gods."

5. Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin, Lublin. "Baroque music from the missions".

Concerts:

Nawrot conducted concerts in the following venues: Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., USA (February); Minor Basilica of Saint Francis, Salta, Argentina (April); two events in Kalisz, Poland (October); three other events in Poland (Poznań in November and in Lublin in December); Chicago Latino Music Festival, Chicago (November).

Organization of cultural events:

1. Supervision over groups and centers of education in music in mission villages and cities of Bolivia: Santa Cruz, Tarija, Sucre, Potosi and others;

2. Preparation of a musical programs with compositions of early music from archives in Bolivia and organization of a concert of the Arakaendar choir directed by Dominique Vellard, Capilla de los Huerfanos, Santa Cruz, Bolivia;

3. Preparation of a musical program with compositions of early music from archives in Bolivia for the concert "Christmas, 2017", Iglesia San Roque, Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

4. Preparation of a program together with Ashley Solomon, professor and director of the Early Music Department of the Royal College of Music in London and the Arakaendar choir and orchestra.

Lectures:

1. On sacred music and missiology at WT AMU, and on music history in Jesuit missions

2. In the field of music in music schools in missions in Bolivia.

3. Cooperation with many music bands in Bolivia, America, Europe and Asia, specializing in Renaissance, Baroque and Classical music in America; in particular in Bolivia.

Gregory Neonbasu

Neonbasu is the Head of St. Arnold Educational Foundation of the Catholic University of Widya

Mandira Kupang, West Timor, Indonesia.

Teaching:

Neonbasu teaches anthropology, ethics, Gender-Politics, Governmental anthropology and sociology at several campuses: UNIKA Widya Mandira, STIPAS of St. Gregory the Great of the Archdiocese of Kupang; STIPAS of St. Peter of the Diocese of Atambua; Christian University of Artha Wacana of Kupang (undergraduate students); Christian State College in Kupang for the postgraduate (doctorate, S3, PhD) program.

Papers presented:

1. "Tracing the Timorese History" (The Dynamic of the Melanesian World, seeking Origins, Migrations and Settlements of the Timorese).
2. "Melanesia dalam Perspektif, Prospektif Mempertahankan Indonesia dan Kawasan Pacific (Kajian Antropologis)"
3. "Dialog Kebudayaan (Sebuah Kajian Antropologi NTT)"
4. "Prospek Penerapan Pembelajaran Berbasis Riset di Perguruan Tinggi dan Implikasinya (Refleksi Antropologis)"
5. "Konflik Sosial Dalam Perspektif Antropologi Budaya (Sebuah Refleksi)"
6. "Budaya Melanesia Indonesia (Kajian Antropologi)"
7. "Spiritualita Kosmis, Sebuah Gerakan Alamiah Hidup Manusia (Refleksi Antropologi Teologi)"
8. "Antropologi dan Perilaku Sosial (Kuliah Tamu pada Poltekes Kemenkes Kupang)"

Publications:

Book: Second edition of *Citra Manusia Berbudaya, Sebuah Mongrafi Tentang Timor dalam Perspektif Melanesia*, 2017, Jakarta: Penerbit ANTARA.

Articles:

1. "DO HAWU, Dalam Perspektif Budaya", forward to Rev. Pdt Paolina Ngefak – Bara Pa's book entitled *Tradisi Ru-Ketu, Suatu Kajian Budaya dan Refleksi Teologi* (2017: xiii-xvii), Bandung: Penerbit Majelis Sinode Gereja Kristen Pasundan.
2. "Melihat Lintas Dalam Perspektif Antropologis", forward to Fritz Meko's book entitled *Crossing The Wave of Faith, Melintas Gelombang Iman* (2017: 17-27), Yogyakarta: Penerbit Pohon Cahaya.
3. "Tebarkan Sayap....", forward to Dony Kleden's book entitled *Cermin Buram Rambu* (2017: VIII-XIV), Yogyakarta: Penerbit Lintang Pustaka Utama.
4. "Pancasila: Gagang Kehidupan Bangsa Indonesia (Perspektif Antropologis tentang Struktur Masyarakat Indonesia)", forward to Valeri Guru's book entitled *Pancasila Lahid di Bumi NTT (Pidato Soekarno di Hadapan Sidang BPUPKI 1 Juni 1945)*, 2017: iii-xxi, Kupang: Penerbit Dinas Perpustakaan Provinsi NTT.
5. "Catatan Awal Kehidupan Malaka, Refleksi Sejarah Sebuah Kawasan", forward to Yohanes Bernardo Seran's book entitled *Satu Tahun SBS-DA Memimpin Malaka* (2017: ix-xiv), Kupang: CV Karya Guna
6. "Citra Pembangunan Desa", Valeri Guru (Ed.) *Desa Sejahtera, Negara Kuat, Aspek-Aspek Penting Pembangunan Pedesaan Provinsi NTT*, (2017: 77-90), Singaraja, Undiksha Press, ISBN: 978-602-6428-22-6

Research:

He has done research on anthropology and religion entitled *Kajian Spiritual Capital Dalam Pengembangan Pendidikan Kegamaan Pada Masyarakat Biboki, Kabupaten Timor Tengah Utara, Sebuah Pendekatan Antropologis*.

Francis Pereira

Pereira did the following teaching.

- 1) Thirty lectures on introduction to theology for the first year theology students of Khristo Jyoti Mohavidyalayo (KJM), the Interdiocesan Regional Theologate of Odisha at Sambalpur, Odisha.
- 2) Classes on Theological Anthropology, Eschatology and Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick for the third year theology students of KJM.
- 3) Classes on Tribal Culture for 17 first year theology students, twenty religious candidates and novices at Samanvaya Theologate at Kolchoor, Chhattisgarh state.
- 4) Fifteen lectures on Tribal theology and fifteen lectures on Dalit Theology to the fourth year theology students at KJM, Sambalpur.
- 5) Classes on Tribal Theology to 26 third year theology students of St. Charles Seminary, Nagpur in Maharashtra state.

Other activities:

Pereira guided research papers of 12 theology students for a two day annual seminar on the topic *Tribal Religions Promoting Eco-theology*, and two B.Th theology research papers at KJM, Sambalpur for the academic year 2017-2018. He also organized a seminar on Policy of Catholic Bishops Conference of India for dalit (indigenous marginalised people) empowerment for 119 lay leaders, priests and sisters from six Catholic dioceses of Odisha.

Joachim Piepke

Piepke completed his long-time service as the Director of Anthropos Institute, Sankt Augustin.

Publications:

Book:

Ein befreiender Gott ist anders. Für Menschen, die an der Kirche verzweifeln [A Liberating God is Different. For People Who Despair of the Church]. St. Ottilien: EOS Verlag, 2017. 750 pp.

Articles:

The Last Yagan. Reminiscences of Cristina Calderón from Tierra del Fuego. *Anthropos* 112/2: 562–568.

Pentekostalismus zwischen Pietismus und Showgeschäft. Brasiliens religiöse Landschaft im Wandel [Pentecostalism between Pietism and Show Business. Brazil's Religious Landscape in Change]. In: Polykarp Ulin Agan (Hg.), *Pentekostalismus – Pfingstkirchen*. Siegburg: Franz Schmitt Verlag; pp. 59–85. (Akademie Völker und Kulturen St. Augustin, 38)

Reviews:

Schmidt, Bettina: *Spirits and Trance in Brazil. An Anthropology of Religious Experience*. London: Bloomsbury, 2016. 226 pp. *Anthropos* 112.2017: 708–709.

Regi Waton, Fidelis: *Die Provokation des Guten. Arendts philosophische Untersuchung zur Frage nach Schuld und Verantwortung unter der totalitären Herrschaft*. Berlin: LIT-Verlag, 2016. 280 pp. *Anthropos* 112.2017: 352–354.

Darius Piwowarczyk

Piwowarczyk, as the Editor-in-Chief of the *Anthropos* journal, edited the two issues of volume 112, that included 41 articles on about 400 print pages.

Publications:

Book:

Transforming Africans into Cogwheels of the Imperial Machine: Progress, Nation, and Ultramontane Catholicism in Service of the German Colonial Project in Togo, 1892-1914. Fribourg: Academic Press (*Studia Instituti Anthropos*, 56). 760 pp.

Article:

Warum war der Kolonialstaat auf christliche Missionen angewiesen? Der Staat und die Mission in Amerika und Afrika vom 16. bis zum 19. Jahrhundert. *Jahrbuch der Philosophisch-Theologischen Hochschule Sankt Augustin* 5: 89-99.

Teaching:

a) Winter semester: Philosophisch-Theologische Hochschule Sankt Augustin, Germany: Anthropology of Religion – “Conceptions of Human Being in Cultures of the World”.

b) Summer semester – Jagiellonian University (UJ) in Cracow, Poland; “Indigenous Cultures of South America.”

Alexander Rödlach

Rödlach is Associate Professor in Medical Anthropology and Psychiatry at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. He is the director of the graduate program in Medical Anthropology and program faculty in the Health Administration and Policy programs at the same university. Alex is on the advisory board of the *African Studies Quarterly* and Lexington Press' book series *Crossing Borders in a Global World - Applying Anthropology to Migration, Displacement and Social Change*. He is elected officer of the Society for Medical Anthropology, a section under the American Anthropological Association. Alex is a member of the SVD resource team on interculturality.

Teaching and academic programs:

Alex is teaching Global Health and Public Health courses at the undergraduate and graduate level. He is currently in the process of developing, together with two faculty from the College of Nursing, a study-abroad course on "Definitions of Health - Implications for Care" to be held in summer 2018 in Austria and Hungary.

Publications:

Jon Kirby, Victor Zackariam and Alex co-edited *Stories of Our Intercultural Living and Mission*, that was published in 2017 by the Generalate in English and Spanish. Alex published a book review in *Anthropos* in 2017 of K. Mildnerova's *From Where Does the Bad Wind Blow*. His article, *Religion as Social Capital for Resettled Refugees - Karenni Catholics in Omaha, United States*, will be published in January 2018 in the *Journal of Religion and Society*.

Research:

Together with Renzo Rosales SJ and student researchers, he prepared a research report for St.

Ann's Catholic Parish in Lexington, Nebraska, based on a yearlong study they did with the parish. The study explored parishioners' perceptions of community needs, parish infrastructure, and future development. Together with Jozef Welie he is currently part on an exploratory funded research on personalized medicine, which is being expanded to also include researchers and bioethicists from France, Great Britain, Iceland, and Malta.

Conference papers:

Rödlach participated in the Kripke Center's Symposium on Religion in Global Context and gave the following paper: *Refugees, Religion and Resettlement: The Case of the Karenni Catholics*. He co-presented at the Global Health Conference Midwest, together with Alison Lai, Joslyn Wu, Daniel Munley, Theresa Townley, and Zachary Meyer, a poster on *The Intercultural Development Inventory as a Cultural Competency and Sensitivity Measure for Medical Students Opting Into a Local and Global Service Learning Organization*. He served as discussant at a panel held during the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association in November 2017 in Washington, DC. The theme of the panel was *Knowledge Matters - Intersections of the Global and Local*.

Other Activity:

In Omaha, he was invited to speak at the Monroe Meyer Institute at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha on *Culture, Clinical Care, and Intercultural Competence*. During HIV Awareness Week in January he was asked by health professional students at Creighton University to speak about *Medical Anthropology Research and Engagement with Individuals and Groups Affected by HIV/AIDS*. At Creighton University's Special Program Day, he spoke on *Medical Anthropology's Relevance for Health Care*. Alex also participated in a weeklong symposium in Rocca di Papa, near Rome, hosted by the Order of Malta and aiming at developing ethical guidelines for the health systems run by the Order of Malta.

Roger Schroeder

Schroeder holds the Louis J. Luzbetak, SVD Chair of Mission and Culture and is Professor of Intercultural Studies and Ministry at Catholic Theological Union at Chicago (CTU).

Publications:

1. (With Stephen Bevans) *Trung Thành và Thích Nghi*. Trans. by LM Đaminh Ngô Quang Tuyên, 574 pp. (Vietnamese translation of *Constants in Context*).

2. “La interculturalidad como paradigma de misión.” In *Interculturalidad: en la vida y la misión*, edited by L. Stanislaus and M. Ueffing, 417-438. Estella, Spain: Editorial Verbo Divino.

3. (With S. Bevans) “Missionary Ecclesiology: Evangelical, Ecumenical, and Catholic Developments in ‘Engaging the Nations’.” In *Contemporary Mission Theology: Engaging the Nations: Essays in Honor of Charles E. Van Engen*, edited by Robert Gallagher and Paul Hertig, 57-67. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books.

4. “Defining New Prospects: Mission Inter-Gentes, Prophetic Dialogue, and Evangelization Today.” In

Evangelizing in Time: New Models of Mission in the Ethiopian Context. Proceedings of the Conference, 10-21. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia: Comboni Missionaries.

5. Book review: Kavunkal, Jacob, and Christian Tauchner, eds. *Mission Beyond Ad Gentes: A Symposium Studia Instituti Missiologici SVD, Nr. 104*. Siegburg, Germany: Franz Schmidt Verlag, 2016, in *Missiology: An International Review* 45, 3 (July 2017): 349-350.

6. Book review: Wittberg, P. *Catholic Cultures: How Parishes Can Respond to the Changing Face of Catholicism*. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2016, in *Worship* 91 (September 2017): 474-475.

Conference organization and presentations:

1. Co-organizer (with Adriana Milmanda, SSps) of 3-week bi-lingual (English/Spanish) international program on "Interculturality and Formation" for thirty SVD and SSps participants held in Nemi (outside Rome). Schroeder gave the following presentations: "Interculturality and Mission," "Trinitarian Foundations of Interculturality," "Spirituality of Interculturality," "The Journey of the Early Church and Interculturality," "Baptism: Sacrament of Interculturality," "Skill-Builders and the Intercultural Competency Scale (ICS) for Formators and Formandi," and "Exit-Learning for Initial Formation."

2. Co-organizer of the "Engaging our Diversity: Interculturality and Consecrated Life" conference of the CTU 30-month program for 21 women's and men's religious congregations/institutes based in the United States. Schroeder, together with Maria Nguyen, OSB, gave a joint presentation on "Cultural Frameworks and Concrete Situations" (Socio-centric and individual-centric societies).

3. Respondent to three papers on "The Rwandan Genocide and Divine Mercy at Kabuga: Devotion, Anamnesis, and Healing," on panel at the American Society of Missiology conference, Wheaton, IL.

Other academic activity:

1. Served as the external examiner for a PhD thesis of Heather Weedon, entitled *The Evolving Missiology of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary*, through the University of Divinity, Melbourne, Australia.

2. Served on the defense board for PhD thesis of Ju Young Kim at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. (Thesis topic: "Reconciliation as Mission Theology in the Age of Globalization").

Popular presentations and workshops:

1. "Sexuality, Gender Roles, and Culture" for SSps and SVD during the Cultural Orientation Workshop at Techny, IL.

2. One-day workshop on "The Mission-Driven Parish and Diocese" for the Diocese of Lexington, KY, at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Jackson, KY.

Djalma Antônio da Silva

Da Silva is the Director/President of Anthropos do Brasil. He had the following activities in 2017:

- 1- He gave an anthropology introduction class once a week for students in need who are preparing to enter at the university. This course is maintained by the Cristo Redentor Parish in Rio de Janeiro.
- 2- He taught two days of classes in the postgraduate

course in missiology for missionaries and seminarians at the Faculty of Philosophy and Theology - Instituto Santo Tomas de Aquino (ISTA) in Belo Horizonte. He developed the theme "Cultural Ethnic Anthropology."

3- He gave a lecture entitled "Dialogue possible or impossible?" on the question of otherness to students of philosophy and professors at the opening of the Symposium of Philosophy at the Institute of Philosophy of Spirit and Life of the Diocese of Teófilo Otoni, Minas Gerais.

4- He taught a missiology course for missionaries ad gentes at the Pontifical Mission Societies in Brasilia. The theme of the course was "The geographical dimension of the mission"

5- He organized and systematized the publication with the papers presented at the 1st Symposium of the Anthropos Institute of Brazil that took place from October 22 to 23, 2016, in Juiz de Fora.

Ignatius Soreng

Soreng is Director of the Sanskruti Kendra Center in Panaspara, Sundargarh, Odisha, India. See the institutional report below for his activities.

Janet Florine Tellis

Tellis completed her term of teaching social sciences in NE India and has now begun a three-year term in Paraguay. She is currently learning Spanish and then plans to pursue interculturality studies in Latin America.

Franco Zocca

Zocca left the Melanesian Institute of Goroka (PNG) and retired in Italy in June 2016. His activities as a sociologist have been considerably reduced. He is now mostly engaged in pastoral work. During 2017 he has done a few simple researches published in the Missio-Italia magazine *POPOLI E MISSIONE*. The researches regarded the institutions engaged in Missio ad Gentes activities in the diocese of Trento: missionary groups, religious associations, houses of missionary orders, returned Fidei Donum priests, diocesan mission office, carers of asylum seekers and refugees, etc.

Zocca was invited by the Anthropological Department of the University Ca' Foscari in Venice to present the methodology and results of the research on Sorcery and Christianity done by the Melanesian Institute in the years 2003-2007. The presentation was done to about 50 post graduates who were preparing for the doctoral thesis. A similar invitation has come from the Department of Social Communication of the University of Verona. It should happen in early 2018.

Reports on Corporate Members

The following ten entries is the largest number of institutional reports ever included in an issue of *Interlink*.

Anthropos Institute St. Augustin

Publications:

The Editorial Board at Anthropos Institut, Sankt

Augustin consists of the following AI members: Darius Piwowarczyk, who serves as the Editor-in-Chief, Joachim Piepke, Othmar Gächter and Vincensius Adi Gunawan. Stanislaw Grodz joined the team at the end of the year after completing his German language course, and was nominated as the Director of the Institute by the SVD German Provincial in October 2017. The publications are described above (p. 2) under “Publications of the Institute.”

Other activities:

A number of scholars from Germany and various other countries visited the Institute, using its facilities for research. Recently, there has been a special interest expressed in Gusinde’s materials. The professional activities undertaken by individual AI members are listed in their personal reports above. Consult www.anthropos.eu for further information on Anthropos Institute of St. Augustin.

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NOTE OF CLARIFICATION:

At the moment the official Statutes of Anthropos Institute recognize only full corporate association. However, we also acknowledge and include here the important efforts in 2016 of the following institutions dedicated to the study of culture and religion which carry out the Anthropos tradition of our Society, even though they are not full corporate members as of yet. Each of these institutes have some SVD affiliation, though several are presently not officially recognized by the SVD Generalate. One or more SVD are working in each of these centers, of whom many are currently members of Anthropos Institute.

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Aditya Wacana Centre

Missiologist Raymundus Sudhiarsa, SVD, is the Director of Aditya Wacana Centre for Studies of Religion and Culture in Malang, Indonesia (IDJ). SVDs Gregorius Genane Kaha, Donatus Sermanda, Peter Sarbini, and Kristo Bala are also on the staff. Members of the 'Aditya Wacana' Center are committed to their jobs, mostly as lecturers. They do some research, as part of their teaching, and routine ministries within the Diocese of Malang, within the SVD Java Province as well as with other Religious Congregations. The Center publishes the '*Perspektif*' Journal twice a year (June and December). It is an important part of the Center's program. They hosted the ASPAC Formation Assembly in August 2017.

Sudhiarsa is also a member of the SVD Resource Committee on Interculturality. In that capacity, he was involved in the following activities. In October 2017, in collaboration with Sr Sisilia Andri SSpS, he gave a presentation on Interculturality to SSpS Indonesia-Timor Leste Formators and Provincial Councils held in Kuwu, Ruteng, Flores. A month later he gave two talks on the same topic for two groups of the Second-Age of SSpS Sisters of the Java Province, held in the 'Darmaningsih' SSpS Retreat House, Celaket, Pacet, Mojokerto, East Java.

Anthropos do Brasil

Anthropos Institute member Djalma Antônio da Silva is the Director/President of Anthropos do Brasil.

The year 2017 was a period in which the coordination team met several times in Rio de Janeiro and Juiz de Fora in order to think about the future of the Anthropos Institute of Brazil that is still in a construction process. It was verified that there is the need to create a site for the institution and also to realize an Anthropos partnership with another related institution.

At an assembly of the BRC and BRS Provinces, a partnership with a Faculty of Philosophy and Theology of Belo Horizonte, ISTA - Instituto Santo Tomás de Aquino, was discussed and approved. An ISTA coordinator, Professor Ronaldo Antonio Pereira, was present at our meeting to discuss the issue of this partnership. Also a website needs to be created, and an expert has been hired to take care of the construction of the site.

Djalma Antonio da Silva participated in the Brazil Subzone Assembly in Curitiba, and he presented a report on the trajectory, difficulties, advances and challenges of the Anthropos do Brasil in the last three years to the Provincials / Regional coordinators of areas and dimensions. The welcome of those who were present was good. The questions and contributions from the assembly were collected. Anthropos do Brasil needs to look to the future and explore new perspectives, as they continue counting on the support of our the Provinces and Region.

Institute of Indian Culture

During the academic year 2017-18, Dr. Scaria Pannackal SVD, the previous Director of Institute of Indian Culture (IIC) was transferred to Soverdia House in Andheri, Mumbai and Dr. S.M. Michael SVD was appointed as Director. AI member Joseph Mundananikkal (M.T.) is also a member of this institute. IIC was saddened with the death of Dr. Augustine Kanjamala SVD, one of the staff members of IIC on 4th July 2017. He has been suffering from diabetics for the last few years.

Programs:

1. The Institute of Indian Culture organised a 10-day course in Research Methodology in Sociology from 20 to 29 November 2017. More than 50 research scholars from various colleges and universities in different parts of India participated in the workshop. The Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), Government of India, New Delhi sponsored this programme.
2. With the financial assistance from The Indian Council of Social Science Research, Mumbai, the IIC is organizing a Two-Day Research Seminar on Promoting Religious Harmony in India on March 6 & 7, 2018.
3. The IIC staff members have been actively involved in animation and lecture programmes in various universities and academic institutions throughout the year.

Research projects:

1. Dr. S.M. Michael is pursuing his research project on the relationship between “Culture-Politics-Religion in Indian Nationalism”.

2. Dr. Vasundhara Mohan is continuing her research on "Muslim Women".

3. Dr. Bernd Pflug and Dr. S.M. Michael are engaged in compiling some of the articles and papers of Dr. Stephen Fuchs SVD, the founder of IIC.

Publications and other activities:

The Institute published the January 2017 issue of *Institute of Indian Culture News and Views* (Vol. 66, no. 1) with former director S. Pannackal, SVD, as the editor-in-chief. See the individual reports above of AI members S.M. Michael and M.T. Joseph for their activities in 2017.

Melanesian Institute

Melanesian Institute (MI) is an Ecumenical social and Educational Institute administered by PNG and SI mainline churches (Catholic, Evangelical Lutheran, United and Anglican), that serves the people of Melanesia through Research, Publication and Education. Staff members include the following SVD: Geovanne Bustos (Director) and Martin Tnines (Assistant Director & HOD Research).

For further information of their programs, publications, and research see www.mi.org.pg.

Nanzan Anthropological Institute

Prof. Goto Akira, who was trained in Ethno-Archeology at Hawai'i University, is the Director of the Institute. Starting in April 2017, the journal *Asian Ethnology* (AE) is now being published under the Nanzan Anthropological Institute. Also see the individual report above of AI member Roger Vanzila Munsu, who is a member of the Nanzan Anthropological Institute.

Sanskriti -- North Eastern Institute of Cultural Research

Anthropos Institute member Jose Kuzhikkattuthazhe (cf. individual report above) is the Director of Sanskriti—North Eastern Institute of Cultural Research (NEICR) in Guwahati, India (ING).

A two day annual national conference titled CHANGING CONTEXT OF CUSTOMARY LAWS IN NORTH EAST INDIA with special reference to Arunachal Pradesh was organized at Catholic Church Banderdewa, Arunachal Pradesh, November 18-19, 2017. This was the 11th annual conference organised by Sanskriti-North Eastern Institute of Cultural Research, Guwahati. In the inaugural session Shri. Batem Pertin, Director of Research, Government of Arunachal Pradesh graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and Er. Pai Dawe, President of Nyishi Indigenous Faith and Cultural Society was the guest of honour together with Rev. Fr. Maxim Rodrigues SVD, the Regional Superior cum Chairperson of Sanskriti. Dr. R.P. Athparia, a renowned anthropologist and the foundation fellow of Sanskriti, and Dr. R.R. Das the director of Law research institute, Guwahati High Court, and many more also presented papers. The Key Note address was delivered by Prof. Tamo Mibang, the Vice Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University, Rono Hills, Arunachal Pradesh, and on the second day the Valedictory Lecture was delivered by eminent professor Nabam Nakha Hina, former Head,

Department of Political Science, Rajiv Gandhi University. About 22 scholars presented scholarly and data based papers while about 40 persons participated in the entire 2 day national conference on the timely topic of customary laws...The editorial board of Sanskriti institute is in the process of editing the major papers in to a comprehensive volume in English.

Sanskriti – Institute of Dravidian Culture and Research

Anthropos Institute member Lazar Gnanaprakasam is the Director of *Sanskriti* – Institute of Dravidian Culture and Research in Hyderabad, India. They held their 4th National Seminar over January 27-28, 2017, on "Caste system and its implications in contemporary Indian culture" at Venue: Arnold Bhavan, Hyderabad, Telangana, India. There were 25 presenters.

The 5th Annual National Seminar was held on January 18-19, 2018, on the theme of "EXPLORING INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM AND EMPOWERING THE MARGINALISED PEOPLE OF INDIA: Policies and Priorities." There were also about 25 papers, all from eminent university professors and research scholars. Four volumes of publications from the previous seminars are already published.

Sanskriti Kendra – Tribal Cultural and Research Centre

Anthropos Institute member Ignatius Soreng is Director of Sanskriti Kendra, Panaspara, Sundargarh. The rest of the staff consists of Andreas Kerketta SVD (Assistant Director cum Treasurer) and two Assistants—Valentine Soreng and Amar Raj Burh.

Programs:

The Activity schedule for the year 2017-2018 was prepared carefully. The activities were categorized as the following:

1. Tribal Study Tours (nos.4) for field research on two particular tribes
2. Seminars and workshops (nos.4) for various groups, like – tribal leaders, particular tribes, tribal elite, tribal youth etc.
3. Tribal Festival (nos.1) – inviting teams performing rare or lost tribal dances
4. Anniversaries and Memorial days (nos.6) of tribal freedom fighters
5. Printing of tribal booklets and books (nos.2)
6. Documentation (of all programs) in video, audio and print forms
7. Audio recording (nos.2) of interviews, tribal songs
8. Video documentaries (nos.2) of interviews, documentary materials, tribal scenes, rituals, events etc.
9. Trips and tours for various related purpose (nos.6) like meetings, assemblies, personal contacts etc.

The following have already been carried out in 2017: two research tours for field research on a tribal group called Delki Khadia; one workshop for leaders of six tribal groups; celebration of day of Indigenous people; celebration of cattle feast;

Anniversary of Birsa Munda (a tribal freedom fighter); and, one video documentary made on broom making. Documentation are made in audio, video and still picture form of almost all the activities being conducted and of all that are gathered in the field.

Tamale Institute of Cross-Cultural Studies

The Director of the Tamale Institute of Cross-Cultural Studies (TICCS) in Ghana is AI member Joshua Awienagua Gariba.

Programmes:

1. A three day cross-cultural orientation was held for the leadership of SELL – Sharing Education and Learning for Life. SELL is made up of religious missionaries and lay members whose objective is to give leadership training through workshops and seminars to youth groups within the parishes in the Tamale Province. They were at TICCS to get a first-hand cross cultural introduction into Ghanaian sociocultural life, but especially, to learn about culture sensitive approaches to handling youth matters within the context of their work.

2. A one week cross-cultural orientation course was held for SVS and SVD major seminarians to provide cultural orientation before they start their supervised long pastoral ministry in different Dioceses of Ghana, and abroad. Sixteen (16) seminarians comprising the SVDs and diocesan seminarians from five (5) dioceses of northern Ghana participated in 2017. Some will write their final dissertations on some of the treated topics.

3. A four week cross-cultural course was held for Christian Missionaries and development workers. The first week is an orientation to socio-cultural issues in Ghana. The next three weeks cover cross-cultural communication to help the participants acquire good language and cultural learning tools or skills, as well as the culturally right perspectives and attitudes that enhance their skills as effective cross

cultural communicators. The eleven participants came from Vietnam, India, DR Congo, Ghana, Uganda, Indonesia, Angola, Fiji Islands, The Philippines, Brazil, China and Burkina Faso.

4. The annual one-month DKA study/learning exchange has eleven participants.

Promotional activities:

TICCS continues to explore its partnership with the Catholic University College of Ghana, (CUCG) Sunyani in the area of religion and society, and the establishment of a satellite campus in the north for its MBA program. The Director has also reached out to different NGOs and volunteer groups working in northern and southern Ghana with the view to renewing old partnerships, but also to create new ones. Consult the TICCS website for further information: <http://www.ticcsghana.org/>

Events

Birthdays

In 2018 several AI members celebrate birthdays of particular significance: Gessinger (85); Zocca (75); Tule (65); Aguilar and Piwowarczyk (60). *Ad multos annos* to all of you.

Jubilees

Congratulations to the following celebrating SVD vow anniversaries of particular significance in 2018: Weiland (60); Kirby (50); Lazar G. and Soreng (40); Dungdung and Gariba (25). And to those celebrating significant ordination anniversaries: Mantovani (60); Bronk and Knecht (55); Estepa, Gibbs, and Pawlik (40).

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