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November 20-22, 2003
in the Arts Center of Saint-Louis de France

The Assumptionists and Russia 2003

In collaboration with
the Congregation of the Augustinians of the Assumption,
the Institute of History of Christianity Jean Moulin-Lyon 3,
the State University of Human Sciences of Moscow
and the Center of Ecumenical Studies of Nijmegen.
Thursday November 20th, 2003

A Panorama of the Assumption in Russia

10.00 Welcome speech: Mr Pierre Morel, The French Ambassador to the Holy see

10.15 Opening: Fr Richard Lamoureux, General Superior of the Assumptionists

10.30 1903: A Russian rebirth?: Mr Régis Ladous, Institute of History of Christianity, University Jean Moulin, Lyons 3

11.00 Chronological and geographical Panorama: Fr Jean-Paul Pérrier-Muzet, Assumptionist Archives, Rome

11.30 Monographs of important assumptionists: Bro Vladimir Frolov, Assumptionist, Paris

12.00 Question and debate

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

Russia seen by the Assumption

The Assumption’s dream

14.00 Father Emmanuel d’Alzon and Russia: Mrs Kathy Rousselet, International Research and Studies Center (FNSP-CNRS), Paris

14.30 Father François Picard and Russia: Fr Charles Monsch, Assumptionist, Paris

15.00 Russia seen by the assumptionist press: Fr Jean-Paul Pérrier-Muzet, Assumptionist Archives, Rome

15.30 Break

16.00 Question and debate

17.00 Round table
Friday November 21, 2003

Diplomatic Implications of the Assumptionist Presence in Russia and the U.S.S.R.

9.30  A new quarrel of nomination: Mgr Pie Neveu in the heart of three ministries (MID, Quay d’Orsay, Chancery of State): Fr Antoine Wenger, Assumptionist, Historian

10.00 Saint-Louis-des-Français in Moscow and its environment: Mrs Irina Ossipova, Scientific Center of Information of the Memorial, Moscow

10.30  Break

11.00 Father Braun at the embassy of the United States in Moscow (American Assumptionist in Moscow): Mr Garry Hamburg, University of Notre-Dame, Indiana

11.30 The Assumption in Russia according to diplomatic Files: Mgr Giuseppe Maria Croce, Archives with the Secret Files of the Vatican

12.00  Question and debate
13.00 – 14.00  Lunch

Russian Points of View on the Assumption

14.00 Points of view of the Russian Orthodox Church: Mr Sergei Firsov, University of St Petersburg

14.30 Russian approach of the assumptionist experiment - the case of Mgr Pie Neveu: Mr Aleksej Judin, State University of the Human Sciences, Moscow

15.00  Break

15.30 Round-table with researchers and Russian historians: Mr Anatoli Krasikov (Academy of Sciences, Moscow), Fr George Tchistiakov (All-Russia State Library for Foreign Literature), and Mrs Irina Ossipova (Scientific Center of Information of the Memorial, Moscow)
17.00 Question and debate

18.00 Presentation of the report: "Christians in Moscow" (by Albéric de Palmaërt and Jean-Luc Blanchet – KTO/ Assumption) and witnesses: F. Bernard Léannec, Assumptionist, Pastor of Saint-Louis des Français in Moscow and Mrs Irina Sofronitksaya, Parishioner of Saint-Louis des Français, baptized by Father Braun and prisoner interned in Kazakhstan.

Saturday November 22, 2003

Prospects and Ecumenical and Ecclesiological Issues

9.00 Rome and Moscow facing the future: Mr Andrea Riccardi, University of Rome 3

9.30 The ecumenical relations Moscow/Rome: Fr George Tchistiakov, Historian

10.00 Relations between Rome and Moscow: New institutions of theological formation for lay people in Russia: Mr Wil van den Bercken, University of Utrecht

10.30 Break

11.00 Future of the dialogue Rome-Moscow: Fr René Marichal, Jesuit, Lyons

11.30 Theological prospects between the Catholic Church and the Russian Orthodox Church: a theologian from the Russian Orthodox Church

12.00 Question and debate

13.00 Conclusions of the Conference: Mr Jean-Dominique Durand, Institute of History of Christianity, University Jean Moulin, Lyons 3