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### **Salesian Cooperators world council handover**

ROME: 11 December 2009 -- The Salesian Cooperators' world council, the chief administrative and animating body at international level for this branch of the Salesian Family, is currently meeting in Rome. Juan Carlos Escobar (more commonly known simply as Carlos Escobar) from the Australia-Pacific Province is the new regional councilor for the East Asia Region, as it is known in Cooperator terms, though it embraces much the same geographical area as the Salesian East Asia-Oceania Region.

The meeting is essentially to facilitate transition since the re-organization of a number of ASC regions and the election of new regional councilors. Part of the task is to put forward a "ternary" of three names to the Rector Major for his consideration for appointment of a new world coordinator.

The next world congress is due in 2012, and this current meeting is already considering its key topics as well as gathering proposals and suggestions regarding the definitive approval of the Project of Apostolic Life, which is currently *ad experimentum*.

December 11 also sees a meeting of the three general councils: SDB, FMA and ASC.