

The organizers

ASIA Federation Colombia

The first encounter of the Society of Jesus Alumni took place in the city of Barranquilla in May 1959, in order to create the ASIA Federation in Colombia.

The educational institutions of the Jesuits and their alumni associations (ASIA) are:

- **Bogota:** San Bartolomé La Merced, San Bartolomé Mayor, Santa Luisa and Universidad Javeriana.
- **Cali:** San Juan Berchmans.
- **Pasto:** San Francisco Javier.
- **Manizales:** San Luis Gonzaga
- **Barranquilla:** San José
- **Bucaramanga:** San Pedro Claver
- **Medellin:** San Ignacio de Loyola.



ASIA Ignaciana



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It is been 32 years since ASIA Ignaciana works for returning society, through different projects, education and formation received from the Jesuit Community in the San Ignacio de Loyola High School.

It is legally constituted since 1977, but since 1960, it began its work of congregating and materializing the

commitment with society, led by the priest Antonio Bernal Londoño S.J., and subsequently, by the priest Hernan Mejia S.J.

Currently, ASIA Ignaciana works in two fronts, the alumni service, and the projection of the same through social works, leading a project that seeks to support education and integral formation of underprivileged children and youngsters of the northern sector of Medellin.

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The organizing committee of the eighth World Congress conducted a contest with all the Colombian ASIA for selecting the official image.

The winning image was designed by Ricardo Suarez, alumnus of the San Ignacio High School's class of 1997. The image highlights the folkloric and typical characteristics of Colombia. The four characters with open and joined arms that look towards the four cardinal points, invite to a meeting of leaders committed to society, people, the country, and the environment, based on a commitment of leadership and social responsibility.

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ASIA Colombia Federation's members

The ASIA Colombia Federation and the Organizing Committee are preparing to be the host of the eighth World Congress, an event that will take place in the city of Medellin from August 12 to August 18, 2013, and for the first time, according to the schedule of the World Union, it has its seat the American continent.

In the meeting of the Latin American Confederation of the Society of Jesus Alumni, held in Guadalajara, Mexico, in November 2008, the ASIA Colombia Federation and the city of Medellin were appointed as the seat of the next world congress in 2013. Such a decision was endorsed in the seventh World Congress, held in Bujumbura, Burundi, in 2009.

A Great Opportunity

The Congress is a great occasion for strengthening bonds of world brotherhood because it summons delegates from 127 countries where the Society has its presence. Its previous versions have taken place in Spain, France, Australia, India, and Burundi and shortly, Medellin, Colombia, will be the host city.

2013 will mark a milestone in the history of the World Union congresses, and it is the opportunity for Medellin and Colombia for showing warmth and hospitality of their people, in addition to being an open space for learning, interchanging experiences, and generating a dialogue among cultures permeated by the Jesuit proposal.

The participation of at least 600 alumni from all over the world is expected. This is a great opportunity for exchanging experiences and knowledge.



WUJA Congress, Burundi 2009

Spaces Open to discussion and knowledge

"The leadership of St. Ignatius and social responsibility, they educated us, let us educate," it is the Congress motto, which fits within the great pillar of the education received by the Society of Jesus Alumni, and that should be spread and strengthened.



Ignatian alumni support the Social Work

The alumni of the educational institutions of the Society of Jesus in the world undoubtedly exercise a great leadership in society for the quality and high level of education received, which has a strong inclination towards the social commitment in order to be more for serving better.



Christmas party with the children

The leadership of the alumni has even a greater meaning if it is proven through the Social Responsibility that goes beyond philanthropy and should be the base for the sustainable development, thus understanding that the economic growth and productivity are associated to the quality of life and the validity of economically profitable institutions, with environmental awareness and committed with the social development of their communities.



Jesuit leadership with Social Responsibility

The Structure of the Congress for spreading the job in the world

The eighth alumni Congress will be developed in a format based on magisterial conferences on the Congress subject matter and subsequently the space will be opened to discussion groups in order to reach agreements among the attendees.

Pavilions will be established for enabling the delegations of the different countries to exhibit the works they perform, using photographs, videos, and handing material to the attendees. Additionally, within the congress schedule, the country delegations will have a space of 15 minutes by delegation to present themselves to the attendees.

The invitation is that all worldwide ASIA prepare themselves for meeting in Medellin, Colombia, and present their work in order to strengthen a global community.

! We are waiting for you!



Panoramic of San Ignacio de Loyola School. Medellin, Colombia