

Dear Benedictine Educator,

It is with great joy that we would like to invite you to BENET 2023, the World Conference of Benedictine Educators that will take place in the ancient monastery of Sao Bento in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 11 to 15 October 2023.

The theme of our meeting will be:

*What we have received, we pass on to you:
Our past and future in the now of Benedictine education*

Benedictine Education is the oldest educative tradition in the Church, starting when the young boys Placid and Maurus were committed to St Benedict to be educated in the service of God. Throughout the centuries, Benedictine schools around the globe have been Schools of the Lord's Service for young people in the most varied places and circumstances. Rooted in the timeless wisdom of St Benedict, his Rule and his life, this Benedictine educative tradition has a unique contribution to make to the present world. We must adapt to these changing times while at the same time remain faithful to the Christian and Benedictine identity that gives meaning and purpose to all our efforts. Technology and the media move on, market forces drift here and there, tools, instruments and social structures change fast, but the human person remains the same. The fundamental human questions remain the same and the Benedictine tradition offers answers that endure through times and changes because they come from and lead to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Coming together in Rio will revive our zeal for the wonderful mission the Lord has put in our hands. Through prayer, friendship and the sharing of multiple ideas, 'the Sun from on high will break upon us' in Rio and we will come back to our Benedictine schools with renewed enthusiasm, fresh ideas and new-found friends.

*International Commission on Benedictine Education
Mosteiro & Colegio Sao Bento do Rio de Janeiro*

Keynote Speakers

Abbot Fernando Rivas OSB

Abbot Fernando is a Benedictine monk and former Abbot of San Benito de Luján, Argentina. He is a patristic scholar and an expert on monastic tradition. He has vast experience in monastic formation as well as in sharing Benedictine life and inspiration with lay people, including accompanying a group running a Benedictine school. He is currently based in Sant'Anselmo in Rome, where he serves as Viceprior, Coordinator of the Monastic Institute, Dean of Theology and Vicerector of the Ateneo.

Young People Panel

A panel of young people will share about how their lives have been enriched by their experience as students in Benedictine schools from different parts of the world. They will also point out to Benedictine educators the unique contribution they have to offer and suggest ways in which this mission can be enhanced in today's world. This panel will be coordinated by Miss Patricia Flynn from St Benedict's Prep School, Newark, USA.

Workshops

BENET 2023 Rio will include two slots for the presentation of Workshops. Participants will be able to choose from a wide variety of initiatives and ideas presented by other participants and have the opportunity to discuss them in smaller groups. Directions for presenting a workshop at BENET 2023 Rio will be shared closer to the date.

Arrival and Departures

- Participants are expected to arrive no later than morning of Wednesday 11 October. Registration will open at 2pm and the Opening Session will start at 4pm on that day.
- Departures should be planned for no earlier than the morning of Sunday 15 October. BENET will close with a Final Mass and supper at the shrine of Christ the Redeemer on Saturday 14 evening and night.

Registration and Hotel Booking

Participants need to register for the BENET Conference and book their accommodation. These will be two separate processes and participants must be sure to do them both.

1 - Registration and payment for BENET

Each participant must fill the Registration Form following the link above. After filling the form, you will receive a payment order for Santander Bank. The BENET Registration fee will be US\$550 per person. After completing your payment, you will be registered for the BENET 2023.

2 - Hotel booking with Windsor Guanabara Hotel

Special rates have been negotiated with Windsor Guanabara Hotel and these will apply automatically when you follow the link above. You are welcome to book yourself for earlier arrival or departure with the same special rates. Windsor Guanabara is at walking distance from Sao Bento. You don't need to book at Windsor Guanabara if you have other accommodation arrangement.

VISAS

Please be aware that a VISA may be required to enter Brazil depending on the passport you hold. You can check if you need a VISA for Brazil at <https://visaindex.com/>.

BENET Regional Delegates and BENET Rio Hospitality Desk

You are welcome to contact your regional ICBE Delegate, listed below, who will be happy to answer your questions about BENET.

Should you have questions or need help with your registration, payment, hotel booking, an invitation letter for your VISA application, or any other issue, please contact the BENET Team from Sao Bento at info@benet2023.com phone number +55 21 99394 9183 (Lilian Areias) o +55 21 97162 2367 (D. Tomás Peres, OSB).

Scholarships

By the generous contribution of many Benedictine monasteries and schools around the world, ICBE is able to offer a number of scholarships for participants who need them. You can apply to a Scholarship by filling the [BENET Scholarship Application Form](#). Scholarships will be allocated according to resources available after consultation with the corresponding regional ICBE Delegate. Scholarship application deadline is Monday 1st May 2023. Scholarship allocations will be communicated on Monday 29 May.

ICBE and BENET

ICBE is the International Commission on Benedictine Education. It was established by the Abbot Primate of the Benedictine Confederation, Dom Notker Wolf OSB in 2002. Its mission is to support and connect Benedictine schools around the world. Please find below a list of the current delegates of ICBE and feel free to use the links to contact the one in your region.

ICBE organises BENET, the World Conference of Benedictine Educators. The 2023 version in Rio will be the 9th version of BENET that was delayed due to the pandemic.

Benedictine Educators also meet in Regional Meetings, usually in between worldwide BENETs. Students from Benedictine schools also meet in the International Benedictine Youth Congresses, that also have worldwide and regional versions.

BENET Meetings

Year	Year	Hosting Community	City, Country
1999	BENET 1	Worth Abbey	Worth, UK
2002	BENET 2	Abadia São Geraldo	São Paulo, Brazil
2005	BENET 3	St Mary's Abbey	Morristown, New Jersey, USA
2007	BENET 4	Movimiento Apostólico Manquehue	Santiago, Chile
2010	BENET 5	Erzabtei Sankt ottilien	München, Germany
2013	BENET 6	Missionary Benedictine Sisters of Tutzing	Manila, The Philippines
2016	BENET 7	Pontificio Ateneo Sant 'Anselmo	Roma, Italy
2019	BENET 8	Good Samaritan Education	Sydney, Australia
2023	BENET 9	Mosteiro de São Bento	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

ICBE Delegates

	Name
1. President	P. Julian M. Schaumlöffel OSB
2. Vice- President	Dom Geraldo Gonzalez y Lima OSB
3. Treasurer	David Donovan
4. Secretary	Cristobal Valdés Raczynski
5. Co-delegate for Africa	Irmhild Fourie
6. Co-delegate for Africa	Sr. Lucy Ndung'u OSB
7. Delegate for Asia	Fr. Robin Checkathadhil OSB
8. Co-delegate for Europe (German speaking)	Br. Josef Götz OSB
9. Co-delegate for Europe (German speaking)	Hubert Hering
10. Delegate for European Isles	Stuart McPherson
11. Co-delegate for Latin America (Spanish)	Mario Canales Turpaud
12. Co-delegate for Latin America (Portuguese)	Dom Abade Filipe da Silva
13. Co-delegate for North America	Jim F. Duffy
14. Co-delegate for North America	Mike Nickolai
15. Delegate for the Pacific	Gabrielle Sinclair
16. Delegate for Southeast Asia	Sr. Rosario Obiniana OSB



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