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The annual CAPP international conference will be held at the Vatican on May 18-20, 2017 on the following subject:

CONSTRUCTIVE ALTERNATIVES IN AN ERA OF GLOBAL TURMOIL

Job Creation and Human Integrity in the Digital Space – Incentives for Solidarity and Civic Virtue

The conference will attract around 250 professionals, business persons, workers' representatives, politicians, academics and specialists in Catholic Social Teaching. The conference receives reports from several regional meetings and international expert consultations, as well as reports from its local chapters and members in 19 countries.

During the last 24 months, the Foundation's work focused on:

- Business Initiative in the Fight against Poverty, with contributions presented at its May 2016 international conference at the Vatican and at the CAPP-USA/Fordham University conference held in New York City in September, 2016.
- A Digital Economy at the Service of the Common Good, with a special focus on the future of work (CAPP Italian conference, held at the headquarters of the 'La Civiltà Cattolica' review in November, 2016) and the cultural, organizational and ethical effects of digitization (CAPP/Universidad Pontificia Comillas/BBVA fourth 'Dublin Process' expert consultation, Madrid, January 2017)
- New alliances and ethical dialogue in the search for Inclusive Economic Reforms (May 2016 CAPP International conference at the Vatican).

All the papers are made available for further research and debate on the CAPP website www.centesimusannus.org and through other publications.

These activities aim at complying with the CAPP Foundation's purpose, as defined by founder St. John Paul II: "*to promote informed knowledge of the social teachings of the Church and of the activity of the Holy See among qualified and socially motivated business and professional leaders*".¹ It also tries to take up the challenging message addressed to the Foundation by Pope Francis: "*It is my hope that your conference will contribute to generating new models of economic progress more clearly directed to the universal common good, inclusion and integral development, the creation of labour and investment in human resources.*"²

By adhering to the CAPP Foundation, members commit themselves to acquire knowledge of Catholic social teachings and to broadcast the conclusions reached within the Foundation in their professional circles. They must be Catholic. In addition, the Board has established a group of friends of the CAPP Foundation to allow non-Catholics to collaborate in its work. The Foundation has always tried to maintain rigorous standards in its work, whereby academic and ethical research is confronted with direct management experience. The Board is assisted by an international Scientific Committee and by ecclesiastical counsellors.

The CAPP Foundation has established the biennial international '*Economy and Society*' Awards. His Eminence Cardinal Marx, Chairman of the Jury, will comment on this years' award winners.

The CAPP Foundation's activities are supported by members' fees and donations. The endowment's revenue allows the Foundation to make a donation every year to the Holy Father's charities. The amount given to the Holy Father and to Holy See institutions on his indications add to more than 2 million euro since 2010. Fully audited accounts are available on the Foundation's website.

¹ Fondazione Centesimus Annus pro Pontifice, by-laws art. 3.

² Address to the Centesimus Annus pro Pontifice Foundation, May 13th 2016.