

Second leadership meeting of TUI – P&R America of WTFU

On the 29th of August 2017, the leadership meeting of the TUI – P&R of the WTFU took place at San Pablo, Brasil, the headquarters of the COBAP (Brazilian Confederation of Retired and pensioners). The people present included Quim Boix, General Secretary of the TUI P&R WTFU, Marcos Wolman from Argentina, Luis Carlos Borges from Brazil, Leonor Meza Pineda from Honduras, Carlos Margariño and Jorge Herrera from Mexico, Gelmo Delgado from Colombia, and a guest, Juan Aurelino Ribeiro de Vasconcelos from COBAP, Brazil. Reports and communications were received from the members of the leadership: Xiomara Enriquez Cruz from Cuba, Frank Goldschmidt from USA, Ariel Aulet Lebron from Puerto Rico and Carlitos Solorzano from Ecuador.

Debate and adopted resolutions: With the aim of evaluating the implementation of the agreements adopted during the First Regional Conference carried out in Quito on the 30th of August 2015, and with the adoption of the meeting's Agenda, all of the people present intervened, and all of the reports received and the communications kept with those who could not travel and be present were specified.

As we took part, by sharing the presidency, in the previous Latin-American Meeting of Prevision and Resistance organized by the COBAP, we had the opportunity to listen to important speeches from state and national leaders of the COBAP, and to expose the situation of the pension system and the struggles in each country. It was a meaningful experience for analysis and common projects, which will enrich our work in the continent.

With the participants of the first leadership meeting we held a fruitful debate, gave a detailed review of the situation and struggles in our countries already exposed on the previous meeting, and exchanged documents. As a summary of the considerable coincidences, the following resolutions were approved:

*Ratify de Declaration of the First Meeting of the TUI P&R America of the WTFU, carried out in Quito.

**With the aim of strengthening our work in each country, coordinating with the organizations belonging to the TUI P&R from the region, and incorporating organizations from other countries, it was resolved to constitute 3 (three) regional undersecretaries:

>Undersecretary North America: United States and Canda.

Authority: Frank Goldschmidt (USA) with the support of the Central American authorities.

>Undersecretary of Central America and the Caribbean: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Cuba, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama and Dominican Republic.

Authorities: Leonor Meza Pineda (Honduras) and Jorge Herrero (Mexico).

>Undersecretary of South America: Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Colombia, Chile, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela, Guyana, French Guyana and Suriname.

Authorities: Gelmo Delgado (Colombia) and Jose Aureliano Ribeiro de Vasconcellos (Brazil) – pending until its confirmation by the leadership of the COBAP.

-For the región of Central America and the Caribbean, the first objective is: to develop the ties with Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico.

- For the South American region, the first objective is: to develop the ties with Chile and Uruguay.

-To establish a regular functioning of the Vicepresident of the TUI P&R America of the WTFU, together with the regional undersecretaries.

***October 1st "International Day for the struggle for the pensioners' rights".

It was resolved to carry out activities linked to this international day, according to the characteristics and conditions of each country. Throughout the activities that will be developed, spread the following notice:

"Invitation to the TUI P&R America of the WTFU to all of the member and befriended organizations for October 1st 2017 'INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE STRUGGLE OF PENSIONERS' RIGHTS', and the banner 'OCTOBER 1ST DAY OF THE SENIOR AGE'. Organization/counterattack with the workers' and peoples' alliance. Overthrow of the anti-labour policies. For the satisfaction of our current needs.

**** Creation of a webpage of the TUI P&R America WTFU with the experiences and activities of our organizations. For the time being, we shall publish the resolutions of the leadership meeting of August 29th, and reproduce the notice and the banner regarding the activities of October 1st. It was resolved to entrust Argentina to elaborate the webpage and the means of communication, including the contact details via Skype.

*****Finances. The organizations of the TUI P&R America WTFU received the "Letter to the finance authorities" with the substantiation of the financial needs. It was resolved to take the necessary measures to consider and solve the proposals raised. In the first place: to regularize the payment of contributions, according to each organization's contributions and establishing the annual contributions.

***** 2nd International Congress of the TUI P&R of the WTFU, in the year 2018.

We received the world leadership's proposal to carry it out in America. To this effect, it was proposed to our organizations from Colombia and Mexico, to consider the possibility of holding it in one of those countries, as well as the reception of other suggestions.

*****With the considerations that we have evaluated regarding the situation in each country to confront the guidelines from the FMI and the international organizations of the capitalist system, which proceed with the subjugation of the conquests obtained by the working class regarding social security, it was resolved:

Taking into account the pension systems and the projects that we have developed in each country:

- To elaborate the common elements to bolster the continental coordination of the working class, both active and retired.
- To coordinate, whilst supporting each of the struggles, towards projects of joint actions, strengthening in each country the TUI P&R, the WTFU, in order to raise consciousness of the historic role of the working class, active and retired, as regards the proletarian, revolutionary, anticapitalist and socialist internationalism.

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