



DIRECTORY OF THE SOBICAIN (INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC BIBLICAL SOCIETY)

1. Constitution

The *International Catholic Biblical Society* (SOBICAIN) was founded in Alba in 1924 by Fr. James Alberione and approved by the Holy See on October 14, 1960. On 2 June 1987 the General Government of the Society of Saint Paul on its own assumed its responsibility, to encourage the Pauline biblical apostolate in the world. Its President is, by right, the Superior General of the Society of Saint Paul.

2. Purpose

Its aims are contemplated by the "Alberionian Statutes" and by the "Pontifical Brief" of approval. The following are particularly emphasized: proposing to all, believers and non-believers, the biblical text, presenting it so that all peoples discover God's plan of salvation and people can access the same faith professed by the Apostles or grow in Christian life. The SOBICAIN will take particular account of those far from the faith, the social outcasts and those who live in places of mission. All this in harmony and collaboration with the *St Paul Biblical Center*.

3. Location

The headquarters of the SOBICAIN is the same as that of the General Government of the Society of St Paul, in Rome, Via Alessandro Severo, 58. The operational office is in Madrid, Via Protasio Gómez, 15, with the collaboration regulated by an agreement between the Province of Spain and the General Government. SOBICAIN can have branch offices in various countries.

4. Council

It is the body responsible for the proper functioning of the SOBICAIN, and makes direct reference to the General Government of the Society of Saint Paul. Its members must all be members of the Society of Saint Paul.

They remain in office for a period of three years, unless the Superior General decides otherwise.

For the validity of the Council's decisions, the approval of at least 2/3 of the members is required.

The Council meets once a year and extraordinarily upon written request of the Director addressed to the President.

4.1. Council members:

- a) the Superior General, who by right is its President, or his delegate, a member of the CTIA;
- b) the Director, appointed by the Superior General;
- c) number of other members, not exceeding 5, also appointed by the Superior General.

4.2. Tasks of the Council:

- a) to ensure that the policies of the SOBICAIN agree with its aims and with the indications of the General Government;
- b) to evaluate and approve the three-year project and its budget;
- c) to evaluate and approve the management of the works and the final balance;
- d) to assist the Director;
- e) to authorize the establishment of new structures;
- f) to promote new translations of the Bible;
- g) provide for new editions and reprints;
- h) to make use of the advice of experts in the Bible and in pastoral animation on the Bible.
- i) to seek funding to increase the spread of the Bible;
- j) to promote a wide diffusion of the Bible and at a price affordable to the poor, working in synergy with the Episcopal Conferences or individual Dioceses and local bodies;
- k) to foster collaboration with the *St. Paul Biblical Center*.

5. Director

Appointed by the Superior General, he is responsible for ordinary management. He:

- a) develops, with the collaboration of the Council, the three-year management project with the relevant budget;
- b) is the first one responsible for all administrative management and ordinary commercial operations;
- c) convenes and coordinates the Council for the concrete implementation of the three-year project;
- d) sends to the President an annual report on the work performed, attaching budgets, estimates and projects.

6. Economic resources

The SOBICAIN operates with:

- a) any profits of its activities and the income derived from them;
- b) aid in cash, material, work services, offers of individuals and institutions.

The SOBICAIN, not having a profit-making purpose, will direct all the resources it will have at the realization of the purposes foreseen by its Statute and by this Directory.

The capital will always be owned by the General Government of the Society of St Paul, to which the SOBICAIN belongs.

7. Approval

This Directory was approved by the Superior General with the consent of his Council on 10 May 2019. Its interpretation and any modifications are the responsibility of the Superior General of the Society of Saint Paul.