

**SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT
TO THE
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2006
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SLIDE 1 – (Title SG Report)

I am very glad to present this report to the International Convention 2006. I will present it from different focal points, making it as comprehensive as possible for you to perceive the overall picture of our Movement today, and what has happened since the last International Convention in Kochi, India.

This report will contain, first, a “testimony section” with quotes from participants/beneficiaries of different Time of Fast projects; second, the most important aspects of the “internal operation of Y’s Men”; third, “relevant issues from the 05/06 YMI agenda”; and, finally, a summary of the results of the “international programmes”

SLIDE 2 – (Title Testimonies)

A) TESTIMONIES

Some times we do not fully realise what Y’s Men means for many people around the world. For me, the best way to feel the impact of the Y’s Men’s Mission is to read testimonies like the ones below.

SLIDE 3.1 – (Photo)

Sierra Leone, Southern and Eastern Region. In 2005/06 the YMCA of Sierra Leone received a grant from Y’s Men International (TOF Programme) for agricultural support to poor farmers in the rural areas, in the form of seeds, fertilizer, food for work, storage of materials and equipment.

Amadu Boima, farmer from Segbewema wrote: *The seedling support provided by Y’s Men through the YMCA of Sierra Leone brought hope at a time when all seemed lost. In that planting season, I did not have a grain of seed for farming. I had dreamed doom, danger and farming for my entire family. Unfortunately, I did not have access to any form of loan to purchase rice seedlings... the seedlings came at a time I needed it most. I can thank God for YMCA and Y’s Men.*

SLIDE 3.2 – (Photo)

Kenya, Teachers’ Training College for Deaf Kenyans. In the years 2003/04 and 2004/05 the Teacher’s Training College for Deaf Kenyans received two grants from Y’s Men International (TOF Programme). Last January we received the following report: *During the last four months many events have taken place at Machakos Teachers’ Training College leading to new, positive changes for the future of Deaf Kenyans. Global Deaf Connection’s Human Rights Director, Heidi Corce, visited Machakos Teachers’ College to meet with the deaf Kenyan students and interpreters. During her visit, she also met with Y’s Men’s Stanley Kinyeki. Both Corce and Kinyeki had the opportunity to observe a class in session. It was exciting to see the deaf students successfully participating in class discussions and conversing with the professor through the use of a Kenyan Sign Language interpreter.*

SLIDE 3.3 – (Photo)

Following the visit an all-day conference for all deaf students, the sign language interpreters and the deaf teachers took place. The sole purpose of this conference was to bring everyone together to discuss the importance of deaf education and to plant the seeds for positive change for the future of deaf education in Kenya. This was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to come together and share

their thoughts and concerns. Many innovative new ideas about how to improve deaf education were considered as a result of this conference.

Over these past four months, and during the entire past two years, the acquisition of a college education has been going smoothly for hard-working Deaf Kenyans, thanks to Y's Men International. Wire transfers were sent to pay students' tuition, books and fees, the cost of sign language interpreters, and student support services.

SLIDE 3.4 – (Photo)

Hungary, Balatonyörök. The YMCA of Hungary received three grants in 2003/04, 2004/05 and 2005/06 for the reconstruction of an old building for the SÓVÁR YMCA Youth Centre. SÓVÁR is a Hungarian term that means “longing for something” or it can mean also “a salt castle”.

Emőke Nagy wrote in 2005: I recall when about two years ago I first arrived at Balatonyörök by train. It was all dark and even the ticket controller asked me with a worried face “Are you sure you want to step off here? This time of the year there is nobody and nothing around here”. For a moment I became slightly uncertain. Luckily in the dark night – from a building nearby in very bad condition – I heard the laughter of one of my friends in the YMCA and then I knew I was at the right place. On the next morning, after a very cold night, the house seemed to be in even worse condition. I admired my friends' optimism, enthusiasm how they saw tower, sleeping rooms, bathrooms, official residence, devotion room in those ruins.

One year and a half later I visited Balatonyörök again. From the dark railway station SÓVÁR's lights were friendly calling. The tower stands, the sleeping rooms were waiting for the furniture we get from our German brothers. The guest room was not freezing. I suppose I am one of those who see SÓVÁR close to being ready. This was possible thanks to many contributions received, Time of Fast of Y's Men International among them, but also thanks to three thousand five hundred hours of volunteer work per year doing a big part of the work.

SLIDE 3.5 – (Photo)

A testimony of this volunteer work was written in 2004 by Tusa Noémi, a youth from Budapest. She said: *How did SÓVÁR change my life? I spent my last weekend in SÓVÁR Centre, YMCA Hungary. I had not really believed that we would actually really build something, as it had been mentioned in the invitation letter. Of course we would build in spirit, but in any other way? When I arrived I felt both pleasure and surprise seeing SÓVÁR for the first time. With pleasure that YMCA has a “castle” because it definitely needs one and with surprise because I have never seen it before.*

The weekend was about spiritual and physical building; we did some reconstruction works and about planning summer camps. It was a blessed time. I could learn a lot about my on spiritual building and about becoming a community. We also learnt about YMCA history and helping children with dealing homesickness. I was recently having a very busy time at school, so I really needed some “spiritual reconstruction”, a stop to build my way towards the corner-stone of my life. To experience the pleasure of real building put into a new dimension.

SLIDE 3.6 – (Photo)

Another testimony about SÓVÁR. Szabó Erzsébet from Budapest wrote: *It is not good to live without roots. You can not just hang around in the world; you can not live as a Christian without belonging to a congregation. Now, that SÓVÁR is about to become a reality, it feels like we got confirmation from God that we are doing the right thing, it is worth to work for YMCA and for me it was a wonderful feeling that - hopefully not the last time – I could participate in building SÓVÁR. It was simply great to be together with people who have a common aim, and who would set anything to*

second place for this aim. It was a pleasure to pray together, to work together, to get soaked through in the rain, to step accidentally into the fresh bitumen.

When Sóvár will be ready, it will be a place where YMCA people can feel at home, and for those who also participated in the reconstruction it will mean even more. It is like raising a child: pleasure, love, work – but at the end it is us who learns most of it all.

SLIDE 4 – (Photo)

These few examples of what people are feeling after they become involved in Y's Men International projects are clear testimonies of how relevant is the Mission of our Movement. The Y's Men Mission is the reason for the existence of the Movement.

All of the quoted testimonies are from people who have experienced in their life the Mission of Y's Men from outside the Movement. I want to focus now on what has happened and what is happening within Y'sdom since the last International Convention in Kochi in 2004.

SLIDE 5 – (Title Internal Operation of Y's Men)

B) INTERNAL OPERATION OF Y'S MEN

I now wish to focus on several important issues related to the internal operation of the Y's Men.

SLIDE 5.1 – (Title Membership)

Membership

Attractive Club programmes maintain an active and stable membership. Very often we hear that our membership is decreasing, aging and unstable. A lot of concern is expressed by International, Area and Regional leaders about the need to make special efforts to keep our membership. Membership Conservation is one of the priorities for most of the International leaders. Usually we see the manifestation of a problem but not the cause of it. If we want to change a given situation we need to deal with the cause of the situation. If we want to keep and increase our membership, the Club activities and programmes have to be attractive and appealing to existing club members and potential new members.

Y's Men is a Service Club and each member of a Service Club needs to think about the emerging problems in their respective communities and globally that can be alleviated by their Club programmes at local and international levels

SLIDE 6 – (Photo)

It is really encouraging when we receive a plan like the one received from Taiwan Region for the year 2006/07, which I quote: *“Taiwan Region’s most urgent problem at present lies in decreasing of members; community services are not enough and not well known by the public. In order to increase members, improve and unite the high popularity of Y's Men club, we think we should improve the high-quality image of Y's Men club first. To improve the high-quality image Y's Men club, the most important and effective way is to do well in community services. However, it is not easy to do well in community services. We set our theme as ‘what can I do for you?’ for this term. Therefore, I hope every member can keep this theme in our minds and do our very best in the community services. I believe that our community services will grow, our high-quality image will be promoted, and Y's Men club will grow stronger each day.”*

SLIDE 7 – (Membership statistics chart)

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SLIDE 9 – (Membership statistics chart)

SLIDE 9.1 – (Membership statistics chart)

If we compare the 1 April 06 Report to the 1 April 05 Report, we see that the Region which has chartered the most Clubs is Mid West India with +18 and it is also the Region that has gained the most members with +350. Second in number of new Clubs chartered is South West India with +14, but the contradiction in this case is that South West India is also the Region that has lost the most members with -367. This shows that chartering new Clubs is important but it does not mean much if we do not keep the members in existing Clubs. So, Extension and Membership Conservation are equally important if we want to develop our Movement.

SLIDE 10 – (Comparison 1ST & 2ND semesters statistics)

If we compare the first and second semesters 05/06 we see that at 1 April 06 the reported membership was 28,504. Comparing this with the 27,063 members reported at 1 October 05, we see a significant increase of 5.32% in the second semester. A similar increase of 5.10% occurred in paid membership during the second semester. Nevertheless, if we compare the 28,504 members at 1 April 06 with the 28,692 reported members at 1 April 05, we see a slight decrease of 0.65%.

SLIDE 11 – (Cake chart)

The membership distribution by Area at 1 April 06 is: Africa 444, Asia 9,687, Canada 447, Europe 6,858, India 8,080, Latin America & Caribbean 528, South Pacific 281 and USA 2,179.

SLIDE 12 – (ICM seats)

Today, the reported membership is represented in our International Council by 21 Council Members as follows: Asia 7, Europe 5, India 4, Africa 1, Canada 1, Latin America & Caribbean 1, South Pacific 1 and USA 1.

The percentage of membership and representation in the International Council by Area changed dramatically in the last thirty years. In 1975/76 the Area representation in the International Council was: USA 7, Asia 3, Europe 3, Canada 2, Latin America & Caribbean 2, South Pacific 2, Africa 1 and India 1.

It is interesting to see how this trend in membership has also changed the origin of the international leadership of our Movement. From 1922 through 1929 all the International Presidents were from USA; from 1930 through 1970 the International Presidents came from Canada and USA, and from 1971 to date our Movement has been under the leadership of International Presidents from Australia (3), Brazil (1), Canada (1), Denmark (5), India (2), Japan (3), Kenya (1), Korea (5), Norway (1), Philippines (1), Sweden (1) and USA (12).

SLIDE 13 – (Women members' chart)

The participation on women in Y's Men is also changing the profile in our Movement. In this chart we see that the membership of women in Latin America & Caribbean – 66% - is higher than men membership. Africa and USA Areas also they have a high percentage of female, 40% and 32% respectively.

SLIDE 14 – (Age distribution chart)

The aging membership is a matter of concern. From the Club Survey results we see that the average age of Y's Men International is 57.6. At the same time 19% of the membership is over 70 years;

44.7% of the membership is between 55 and 70 years and 26.3% is between 40 to 54 years. A very low percentage is between 18 and 39 years.

It is obvious that we should concentrate our efforts on getting new members between 40 to 54 years, to facilitate their integration to the actual clubs. It will be difficult to integrate members younger than 40 years into the present Clubs. The other target group should be young people starting their own Club.

SLIDE 15 – (Membership development line chart)

In the last fifteen years, the total membership evolved from 26,236 members at 1 October 1991 to 28,504 reported at 1 April 2006. This means a slow increasing trend, with the highest number of members, 29,367, at 1 April 1996. We can say that Y's Men International is not a fast growing Movement, but in these difficult times for most Service Club organisations (many of them with a decreasing trend) we are nevertheless experiencing a slow membership growth. Our IP Choi Han-ki has challenged our leaders and members to reach 30,000 members during his term 2006/07. Each of us should do our best to accomplish his goal.

SLIDE 16 – (Title FP)

Forward Plan

The Forward Plan was approved by the International Council in 2004 but for several reasons it was not possible to start the implementation of this plan until last April 06, when a workshop took place in Nairobi, Kenya. As stipulated in the Forward Plan approved by ICM 04, the Forward Plan team should meet once a year with the meeting chaired by the IP, and attended by the ISG and the six ISDs responsible for each of the six programme areas of the plan, namely:

SLIDE 16.1 - 16.2 – 16.3 – 16.4 – 16.5 – 16.6 – (Names of the six programme areas)

- Relationship with the YMCA, Membership growth, Y's development in new and economically less developed countries, Leadership Training and Organisation Development, Youth Involvement, and Community Service. With the idea of giving continuity to the plan, which will be one of the main tools for each IP to define her/his plan, the attendance of the IPE was considered necessary to give continuity to the plan.

The Forward Plan Workshop was a great success; its Action Plan was defined and gave motivation and orientation to those ISDs responsible for each of the programme areas of the plan.

SLIDE 17 – (Title Leadership Training & Organisation Development)

Leadership Training & Organisation Development Plan

The second stage of the Leadership Training & Organisation Development Plan started with a workshop which took place also in Nairobi, Kenya, at the end of March and beginning April 06. It was chaired by ISD LT&OD and attended by the ASDs LT&OD and the ISG. The IP and other leaders from Area Africa also attended some days of the workshop.

I am just mentioning the great value of this workshop which gave the opportunity to the ASDs LT&OD to discuss and define the LT&OD Plan for the period 2005/08 and its Action Plan. The importance of Leadership Training for the Organisation Development is considered a priority by the eight Areas and the inclusion of training at all levels of the Movement during the three-year term will undoubtedly have a great impact in Y'sdom.

SLIDE 18 – (Title Youth Participation)

Youth Participation

Youth Participation is becoming each year a more relevant programme focus in Y'sdom. The International Youth Representative, the Area Youth Representatives and the Youth Intern have been actively involved in several youth matters, in particular the planning of the International Youth Convocation which is taking place now at the Kyung Sung University, here in Busan.

However, it is still necessary to take more steps to further promote and facilitate the incorporation of youth to Y's Men at all levels. This Saturday we will have as part of the International Convention Programme a Youth Forum, conducted by the youth facilitators who are responsible for the International Youth Convocation Programme. We expect that each of you can be a promoter and motivator in the involvement of youth in your Club.

SLIDE 19 – (Title Finances)

Finances

I am glad to now share with you the results (income and expenses) of the last eight years of the operation of Y's Men International up to the just closed 05/06 Fiscal Year. The International Programmes (ASF, BF, TOF and EF) have separate accounts and I will talk about them in another part of this report.

SLIDE 20 – (OPACC History chart)

As you can see in this chart, the operation of Y's Men at the International level was and is quite stable, with a surplus each year.

SLIDES 21- 21.1- 21.2 – 21.3 – 21.4 – 21.5 – 21.6 – 21.7 – 21.8 (Annual surplus)

This chart shows clearly the income and expenses of the Operating Account and we can see that each year there is a surplus varying from CHF +521 to +70,672. These figures do not include the Market Valuation gain from the investments. If we include them the surplus goes from CHF +1,915 to +107,530.

In the eight years the accumulated surplus (without the Market Valuation gain) is CHF +231,391. These results give stability to the operation of Y's Men International.

SLIDE 22 – (GF Investment chart)

As at 30 June 2006 the **General Fund** has an invested portfolio in Switzerland of one million eighty six thousand and thirty three Swiss Francs (1,086,033 SFR) which corresponds to eight hundred eighty thousand eight hundred and five US Dollars (880,805 USD).

INVESTMENTS	Kochi 03/04 Actual	Västeras 04/05 Actual	Busan 05/06 Actual
TOTAL IN SFR	813,396	874,934	1,086,033
CORRESPONDS TO			
TOTAL IN USD	644,836	681,678	880,805

SLIDE 23 – (EF Investment chart)

As at 30 June 2006 the **Endowment Fund** had an invested portfolio in Switzerland of two millions seventeen thousand two hundred and sixty Swiss Francs (SFR 2,017,260) which corresponds to one million six hundred thirty six thousand and fifty five US Dollars (US\$ 1,636,058).

INVESTMENTS	Kochi 03/04 Actual	Västeras 04/05 Actual	Busan 05/06 Actual
TOTAL IN SFR	1,831,705	1,960,745	2,017,260
CORRESPONDS TO			
TOTAL IN USD	1,452,121	1,527,655	1,636,058

SLIDE 24 – (Portfolio in Switzerland chart)

The evolution of the performance of this investment in Switzerland in the last two and a half years is shown in the following chart.

Portfolio in Switzerland:

2004 Annual Performance	+ 3.50 %
2005 Annual Performance	+10.45 %
2006 Jan-Mar Performance	+ 0.85 %
2006 Apr–Jun Performance	- 2.31 %

SLIDE 25 – (Title Relevant Issues)

C) RELEVANT ISSUES FROM THE 05/06 YMI AGENDA

During the year 05/06 and at present there were/are several major issues on the YMI agenda: IHQ Location, Web-based Data System; Power Balance, Zoning, Voting Procedure and International Constitution Review. These issues were deeply discussed by the International Council Meeting 05, the corresponding Committees and Task Forces during the year 05/06 and, lastly, by the just ended International Council Meeting.

SLIDE 25.1 – (Title IHQ Location)

IHQ Location

The year 2005/06 was characterised by the special atmosphere created at the international level by the proposal, approved in the first instance by ICM 05, to move IHQ from Geneva to Prague. According to the International Constitution, the Clubs were the second instance in taking the final decision. To validate the moving of IHQ it was necessary that two-thirds of the valid votes received from clubs were in favour of Prague. The final result was 186 votes approved to move the IHQ to Prague and 389 do not approve to move IHQ from Geneva and 3 votes in blank. IHQ therefore remains in Geneva.

The IHQ location issue was a very sensitive one which created a special atmosphere and provoked tensions at the international level during one and a half years.

This situation is behind us and we are now trying to focus more on programmes with “new thinking, new actions” at the international level.

SLIDE 25.2 – (Title Implementation of the WDS)

Implementation of the Web-based Data System

The International Council Meeting 05 approved the implementation of a new “web-based data system” which is gradually being put into use but which is proving a rather slow process mainly because of the complexity and variety of the structure of our organisation at different levels with many exceptions to the general rules. The main objective of this new data system is to modernise and simplify the functioning of the different activities at IHQ. We are at this moment in the transition period between the previous and the new system, and I can tell you that this transition period is both complex and very time consuming, demanding extra efforts and time from the staff.

I want to take this opportunity to recognise the IHQ staff for their high level of cooperation and hard work. They are the strongest pillar in the functioning and performance of the IHQ Office. I am happy to say that the working atmosphere in the office is very good.

SLIDE 25.3 – (Title Power Balance)

Power Balance

A Task Force was formed with broad representation from each Area, to look into different alternatives in order to have a fairer balanced representation in the International Council. Due to the big differences in the increased/decreased membership of the eight Areas, the D’Hondt’s Method used to define the allocation of the twenty-one seats in the International Council is no longer appropriate if we want to have a balanced representation. The last Council Meeting, which ended two days ago did a deep analysis of this topic and gave new inputs to the Task Force, which will continue this study until next Council Meeting 07.

SLIDE 25.4 – (Title Zoning)

Zoning

The extension of the Y’s Men movement into several new Countries and Territories, such as the Arabic Peninsula, Russia, and other places, has necessitated a new zoning definition of the Areas and Regions. A Task Force discussed different alternatives during the year 05/06 and ICM 06 approved several motions which will be presented to the Clubs for their approval or not.

SLIDE 25.5 – (Title International Constitution Review)

International Constitution Review

During the last two years several unclear matters, procedures and guidelines, or non existence of them, were found in the International Constitution, making it difficult and confusing some times to make certain decisions. To make the International Constitution clearer and more precise, several amendments were presented during ICM 06. These proposed amendments will be subject to the normal procedure for approval of any amendments to the International Constitution.

SLIDE 26 – (Title International Programmes)

D) INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES

SLIDE 27 – (Percentage of Support)

The high motivation of Y’s Men leaders and members is clearly seen when we analyse the results of the 2004 Club Survey. We see that about US\$ 8,900,000 is contributed each year by Y’s Men’s

Clubs around the world and that this contribution is allocated 51% to the local YMCAs, 29% to the Local Community, 12% to the Regional and Area Projects and 8% to the International Projects.

SLIDE 28 – (Chart figures below)

The 8% given to the International Projects was split in the year 05/06 as follows:

- Time of Fast US\$ 228,665
- Brotherhood Fund US\$ 168,656
- Alexander Fund US\$ 13,128
- Endowment Fund US\$ 63,705

These very generous contributions gave a total of US\$ 474,154, representing 98% of the International President's goal (the goal was US\$ 483,825). We wish to express our sincere gratitude to all of you, and many other members not attending this Convention, for the great efforts made to collect this very large amount.

Let me take some time in making a brief analysis on the evolution of all International Programme Contributions since the last International Convention in 2004.

SLIDE 29 – (Title TOF)

TIME OF FAST

Time of Fast is one of the “solidarity programmes” of Y's Men around the world. Participating in it through contributions and/or assuming the co-responsibility in the implementation of a TOF project gives to the members a better understanding of the international dimension of our Movement. Establishing a two-way relationship through the TOF projects provides also the opportunity to give and receive, and to share the various gifts that God gave to each of us. When we contribute to Time of Fast, we project our Club and ourselves to a remote part of the world, giving us the opportunity to better understand the big gaps between wealth and poverty, and between developed and developing countries

SLIDE 30 – (Chart figures below)

In this chart we can perceive a small decrease of around US\$ 22,000 between 03/04 and 05/06. The lower result during 04/05 was due to the special contribution given by Clubs, Regions and Areas for the Tsunami victims, which is not included in the TOF contributions. The Tsunami contribution channelled through IHQ amounted to a total of US\$ 119,270. Special emphasis has been given in the last two years to the Unified Global Project - HIV/AIDS - approved under the umbrella of TOF.

Time of Fast in US Dollars

AREA	Kochi 03/04 Actual	Västeras 04/05 Actual	Busan 05/06 Actual
AFR	80	579	905
ASI	80,625	68,179	63,744
CAN	6,044	6,589	6,847
EUR	100,067	86,919	101,180
IND	8,943	8,376	4,764
LAC	2,374	1,969	2,127
SOP	5,123	4,870	4,229
USA	47,119	31,585	44,157
YOUTH TOF	437		712

OTHERS		384	
TOTAL	250,812	209,450	228,665
GOAL	245,500	251,140	245,600
PERCENTAGE	102 %	83 %	93 %

As you can see the Area that gave the largest contribution to TOF in the three years is Europe, but the Area that gave the largest contribution per member in the last year is USA, which gave US\$ 20 per member.

SLIDE 31 – (Annual Contributions to TOF bar chart)

This chart shows the annual contributions received since the programme started in 1973/74.

SLIDE 32 – (Support from TOF bar chart)

Since 1973/74, Y's Men have supported projects throughout the world for a total of three million nine hundred and thirty-one thousand US Dollars. The Areas that received the most support from this programme are Latin America & Caribbean 24.2%, India 22.1% and Africa 20.4%.

There is no doubt that Time of Fast is a very successful international programme and we are sure that Y's Men members around the world will continue giving strong support to it, thereby giving a strong international identity to our Movement.

SLIDE 33 – (Title BF)

BROTHERHOOD FUND

Brotherhood Fund is another important programme to train present and future leaders with a clear vision of the global dimension of Y's Men. Several of you are here as BF delegates, partially supported by this programme and having this wonderful opportunity to be part of this global gathering. There are also about forty-five youth delegates at the International Youth Convocation here in Busan who are also financially supported by Brotherhood Fund.

SLIDE 34 – (Chart figures below)

This chart shows the contributions received in 2004/05 and 2005/06 compared with the figures presented in Kochi corresponding to the year 2003/04.

Brotherhood Fund in US Dollars

AREA	Kochi 03/04 Actual	Västeras 04/05 Actual	Busan 05/06 Actual
AFR	522	66	175
ASI	100,585	89,658	86,635
CAN	7,949	10,023	10,260
EUR	43,610	33,208	39,373
IND	3,852	3,391	3,302
LAC	1,572	1,501	1,485
SOP	5,820	9,238	4,874
USA	26,853	23,154	22,531
OTHERS			21
TOTAL	190,763	170,239	168,656
GOAL	204,980	199,980	162,797
PERCENTAGE	93 %	85 %	104 %

As you can see, the Area that gave the largest contribution to BF in the three years is Asia, but the Area that gave the largest contribution per member in the last year is Canada, which gave US\$ 23 per member.

We can perceive a decreasing trend in the goals defined for the three consecutive years, as reflected in the actual results. Nevertheless, in the last year we see that the contributions received surpassed the goal by 4 %.

SLIDE 35 – (Annual Contributions to BF bar chart)

This chart shows the history of annual contributions to BF.

By supporting this programme, we are promoting and supporting the training of our present and future leaders who play an essential role in the strengthening and extension of Y's Men.

SLIDE 36 – (Title ASF)

ALEXANDER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This is our programme with the objective of supporting YMCA professional training. It is also another tool “to develop, encourage and provide leadership”, in accordance with the Y's Men Purpose.

As this programme is 90 % local and only 10% international, it is very difficult to provide accurate information about the real magnitude of contributions. Nevertheless, in the chart shown at the beginning of this report, we saw that 51% of the total contributions given by Y's Men around the world are allocated to the YMCA at the local level. ASF is part of this big contribution given locally to the YMCA.

SLIDE 37 – (Chart figures below)

This chart shows the contributions received at the international level in 2004/05 and 2005/06 compared with the figures presented in Kochi.

International Alexander Scholarship Fund in US Dollars

AREA	Kochi 03/04 Actual	Västeras 04/05 Actual	Busan 05/06 Actual
AFR	603	33	75
ASI	7,615	8,264	8,069
CAN	410	436	623
EUR	1,607	1,610	1,765
IND	392	1,207	379
LAC	50	187	531
SOP	277	1,028	238
USA	1,600	1,392	1,448
TOTAL	12,554	14,157	13,128
GOAL	15,826	15,144	6,400
PERCENTAGE	79 %	93 %	205 %

As you can see, the Area that gave the largest contribution to ASF in the three years is Asia, but the Area that gave the largest contribution per member in the last year is Canada, which gave US\$ 1.40 per member (only the 10% portion of the total money collected, the other 90% is contributed locally).

Theoretically speaking, we can assume that if the amount received at the International level represents 10% of the total amount collected, then between US\$ 100,000 to 150,000 are given yearly to the YMCA through ASF.

SLIDE 38 – (Title EF)

ENDOWMENT FUND

Endowment Fund provides financial support to Y's Men International. The EF Trustees, chaired by Bob Daniels, are the custodians of this fund and the contributions given annually to certain programmes budgeted in the Operating Account are based on the agreement established between the EF Trustees and Y's Men International.

SLIDE 39 – (Chart figures below)

This chart shows the contributions received in 2004/05 and 2005/06 compared with the figures presented in Kochi.

Endowment Fund in US Dollars

AREA	Kochi 03/04 Actual	Västeras 04/05 Actual	Busan 05/06 Actual
AFR	100	100	100
ASI	22,324	37,929	18,906
CAN	350	125	367
EUR	14,890	14,890	16,186
IND	19,616	21,817	22,123
LAC	930	530	960
SOP	2,223	800	600
USA	17,165	4,800	4,473
OTHERS	1,000	689	
TOTAL	78,599	81,680	63,705
GOAL	78,450	60,955	69,028
PERCENTAGE	100 %	134 %	92 %

As you can see the Area that gave the largest contribution to EF in the three years is Asia, but the Area that gave the largest contribution per member in the last year is India which gave US\$ 2.98 per member.

SLIDE 40 – (Annual Contributions to EF bar chart in CHF)

This chart shows the annual contributions in CHF received since 1973/74.

SLIDE 41 – (Annual Contributions to EF bar chart in US\$)

This chart shows the annual contributions in US\$ received since 1973/74.

SLIDE 42 – (Title Other Programmes & Service Areas) with names of each of them coming automatically)

OTHER PROGRAMMES AND SERVICE AREAS

Many other programmes and service areas are vital for Y's Men International to accomplish its mission. A large number of committed leaders all over the world dedicate many hours to fulfil their

responsibility in their volunteer position in many service areas and programmes, and as leaders in other capacities at the International level.

SLIDE 43 – (Names of each Service Area entering automatically)

Think about how many volunteers are giving support at the International, Area and Regional levels in the following fields: Alexander Scholarship Fund, Brotherhood Fund Promotion, Brotherhood Fund Expenditure Committee, Brotherhood Fund Philatelists, Brotherhood Fund Travel Co-ordinators, Bulletin Editors, Christian Emphasis, Community Service, Endowment Fund Promotion, Endowment Fund Trustees, Extension, Historians, International Brother Clubs, Leadership Training & Organisation Development, Membership Conservation, Public Relations, Supplies, Short Term Exchange Programme, Time of Fast, Youth Educational Exchange Programme, Youth Involvement and Activities, Youth Representatives, Webmasters, World Alliance of YMCAs Liaison to Y's Men, Y's Men Liaisons to YMCA, Y's Menettes, Youth Representative Mentor, Y's Men's World and members of Committees and Task Forces. All of them are the real force of our volunteer Movement.

We should be proud to belong to a volunteer Movement like Y's Men. Your presence in this International Convention is a demonstration of your enthusiasm and motivation to be active participants in Y's Men International. Some of you are probably first-time participants but for many of you this is your second, third, fifth, tenth, fifteenth or more International Convention, which reaffirms your loyalty and commitment to Y's Men International. Thanks to all of you and thanks to the 28,000 members around the world who make Y's Men a reality in today's world to "build a better world for all mankind".

SLIDE 44 – 44.1 – 44.2 – 44.3 – 44.4 – 44.5 – 44.6 – 44.7 – 44.8 (Title with words entering into the same slide)

E) LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE

Now, looking into the future, what kind of Movement do we envision? Let me repeat what I said in my report to the International Convention 2004 in Kochi. I would like to see a Movement that:

- Has continuous **growth in membership** so we can extend our service to the many in need.
- Has **diversification in its membership**: economic, cultural, ethnic, gender and age. The diversity of membership will promote diversity of opinion in the decision making process. I quote from PIP Bruce Price: *The unity in our Movement would come not from unanimity of opinion but from organisational loyalty*. This will make our Clubs more universal.
- **Involves youth and women** in more important roles. There is no doubt that in today's society youth and women are playing a more and more active role, bringing more dynamism to society.
- **Has creativity and innovation as its identity**. This will make our Clubs and the whole Movement attractive, thereby attracting new members.

My vision for the future is a movement deeply focused on **people** and **programmes**.

During this year 06/07 I am hoping for harmonious communication among Y's Men Leaders at all levels and a creative and positive development of our Movement. All of us, as members and leaders of a volunteer organisation, should feel the happiness of belonging to and serving it. And this happiness should be felt when we meet at Regional, Area and International Meetings, and each day through friendly and respectful communications. With your **enthusiasm** and **commitment** I am sure that we will have a great 06/07 year and I am sure also that our International President Choi Han-ki will be more than grateful for your strong support.

Respectfully submitted,
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