



RSE Salesian Network Keeps Schools Closely Linked

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Nearing ten years of existence, the Salesian Schools Network strengthens links between the educational institutions which make it up, inspiring action focused on educational management and investment in the ongoing formation of teachers.

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Almost a decade has passed since the Salesians of Don Bosco and the Salesian Sisters took on the task of building up an educational network bringing together their schools throughout Brazil in a proposal based on the pedagogical principles left them by Sts John Bosco and Mother Mazzarello. It has been a long slow road involving more than 100 schools belonging to the RSE encouraging them to adopt the proposal, and in turn contribute their experience to building up the Network.

By now well consolidated, the Network provides continuity for the consistent work carried out by its governing board (currently made up of Fr Nivaldo Luiz Pessinatti, SDB, and Sister Ivanette Duncan, FMA) and has entered a new phase. "It is time to complete this project, to help schools on a day to day basis, showing that networking also uses the same teaching material", says the super-

intendent of the Network, Professor Dilnei Lorenzi.

The new challenges for the RSE include greater focus on educational management, strengthening links between schools and investing in ongoing formation of staff.

Educate by evangelising and evangelise by educating

"Today the discussion is not about whether or not we should network, since this is already a reality. It is a case of how to do things better, with greater awareness for quality schooling", says educational leader, Kátia Stocco Smole. This is why the challenge in the educational field is, amongst others, the constant updating of teachers. In 2011 it has involved both national and local levels, serving approximately 5,100 teachers.

