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SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Institutum Carmelitanum

CISA, Rome, 29–31 October 2026

PROGRAMME

Thursday, 29 October 2026

OPENING SESSION — *03.30 pm · Titus Brandsma Hall, CISA*

Item	Presented by
Prayer	**Fr. Maximilianus Kolbe Agung Wahyudianto, O. Carm., Librarian.**
Welcome	**Fr. Tadeusz Popiela, O. Carm., Prior, CISA.** **Fr. Mario Loya, O. Carm., Secretary, *Institutum Carmelitanum.***
Inaugural Address	**Very Rev. Fr. Michael Farrugia, O. Carm.** **Liaison, *Institutum Carmelitanum* and Procurator General.**
Word from the Task Force Members	**Fr. Fernando Millán Romeral, O. Carm.**
President's Address	**Fr. Boby Sebastian Tharakkunnel, O. Carm.**
Finalizing the timetable of the meeting and practical guidelines (reimbursement)	**Fr. Mario Loya, O. Carm., Secretary.**
Vote of Thanks	**Fr. Giovanni Grosso, O. Carm., Archiviste.**
Tea and coffee at the CISA Bar and the adjoining recreation room.	

7.40 pm Evening Prayer.
8.00 pm Dinner at the CISA Refectory.

Friday, 30 October 2026

SESSION I **09.00–10.30 am · Moderator: Fernando Millán Romeral, O. Carm.**

1. *Institutum Carmelitanum*

1.1 Present situation of the *Institutum Carmelitanum*

1.1.1 Meetings with the members of the Task Force and the General Councillors.
1.1.2 Lectures attended and delivered in and around Rome.
1.1.3 Collection of data on the resource persons throughout the Order.
1.1.4 *Scuola Carmelitana*.
1.1.5 Digital developments: updating the website and adding new details.
1.1.6 Monthly meetings of the resident members and periodic updating of information.

1.2 Future planning for the *Institutum Carmelitanum*

1.2.1 Compiling, updating and publishing online the list of experts.
1.2.2 Online meeting of the experts.
1.2.3 New strategies for the renewal of the *Institutum*: proposals, suggestions and directions
1.2.4 Tasks of the *Institutum* for the next six years?
1.2.5 How can the *Institutum* be reorganized?
1.2.6 Adding "Associated Collaborators" to the Scientific Committee? (Norm no. 15).
1.2.7 Possibility of digitizing Carmelite resources.
1.2.8 Digitization of the *Fonti*.
1.2.9 Collaboration with the Discalced Carmelites in areas of common interest.
1.2.10 Major challenges facing the *Institutum*?
1.2.11 Other areas of interest?
1.2.12 Suggestions and proposals?

SESSION II **11.00 am–12.30 pm · Moderator: Rico Ponce, O. Carm.**

Continuation of item 1, if anything remains to be added.

2. The Archives of the *Institutum Carmelitanum*

2.1 Importance of the Archive.
2.2 Major challenges in the functioning of the Archive.
2.3 How can we improve the quality and value of the Archive?
2.4 Major expenses and budget of the Archive.
2.5 Major stakeholders of the Archive.
2.6 Possibility of collaboration with the other Archives of the Order.
2.7 Any other points?

SESSION III **03.30–5.00 pm · Moderator: Edimar Fernando Moreira, O. Carm.**

3. Edizioni Carmelitane — William Harry, O. Carm.

3.1 What is the present condition of *Edizioni Carmelitane*?
3.2 What are the major publications of the *Edizioni* in recent years?
3.3 What is the possibility of digitizing the publications of the *Edizioni*?
3.4 How can *Edizioni Carmelitane* and the *Institutum Carmelitanum* work together so that the Order may benefit as much as possible from both?
3.5 Income and expenses of the *Edizioni*: how can income be increased and Carmelite material more widely spread?
3.6 Plans for the coming six years.

Saturday, 31 October 2026

SESSION IV **09.00–10.30 am · Moderator: Kuba Walczak, O. Carm.**

4. The Libraries of the *Institutum Carmelitanum*

- **4.1** General Library.
- **4.2** Carmelite Library.
- **4.3** Challenges of the libraries?
- **4.4** Major achievements of the libraries?
- **4.5** How can we improve the quality of the libraries?
- **4.6** Possibility of digitization?
- **4.7** Possibility of creating a database?
- **4.8** International collaboration with other libraries throughout the world?
- **4.9** Major expenses and budget of the libraries.
- **4.10** Books collected or acquired last year.
- **4.11** Periodicals and subscriptions: those received in exchange for *Carmelus* and those purchased.
- **4.12** Technical and online possibilities of our libraries?
- **4.13** Users of our libraries.
- **4.14** A meeting of Librarians, Archivists and Directors of Museums once every six years?

SESSION V **11.00 am–12.30 pm · Moderator: Edison Tinambunan, O. Carm.**

5. *Carmelus*

- **5.1** Present status of *Carmelus*.
- **5.2** Major challenges of *Carmelus?*
- **5.3** Possibilities of digitizing *Carmelus?*
- **5.4** Major expenses and budget of *Carmelus*.
- **5.5** Technical and online possibilities of *Carmelus* for the future?
- **5.6** Users, circulation and citations of *Carmelus* in international publications and Carmelite literature.
- **5.7** Does *Carmelus* now have a truly scientific character?
- **5.8** Why is *Carmelus* not up to date, and how can it be brought up to date?
- **5.9** Other important points for a better future of *Carmelus*?

  The Bibliographer

  – Major challenges of the Bibliographer.
  – Important points related to the work of the Bibliographer.
  – How can others cooperate with the Bibliographer?
- **5.10** Any other suggestions and remarks?

SESSION VI **03.30–5.00 pm ·Moderator: Boby Sebastian Tharakkunnel, O. Carm.**

6. Closing and Thanksgiving: general points for the Scientific Committee to consider

- **6.1** How can we promote a culture of research and study in the Order? Some suggestions:
  a. An essay competition every two years, in three languages, with a worthy prize,
  b. Awards for the best works of the year,
  c. Fostering a culture of reading and writing among Carmelites throughout the world,
  d. Online meetings of the resource persons in each linguistic area,
  e. How can we motivate our young Carmelites in local communities?
- **6.2** What is the present level of scholarship among Carmelite scholars and experts?
- **6.3** How can the *Institutum Carmelitanum* contribute to the Carmelite Order in the coming six years?
- **6.4** What are your suggestions for improvement?
- **6.5** Action plans for the *Institutum* for the next six years?
- **6.6** The future of the *Institutum Carmelitanum.*

Practical points to consider

– When shall we hold our next meeting? Possibilities include a date after the Titus Brandsma Conference, or an online meeting.

– We are mandated to prepare a *Vademecum* (handbook or guide) for the preservation of our heritage — cultural treasures, ancient manuscripts and documents — when age-old monasteries and convents are closed. We must therefore form a committee to prepare this *Vademecum*.

– It is vital to maintain our links with the other institutes of the Order in the USA, the Netherlands, Malta, the Philippines, Indonesia and elsewhere. What are the practical ways of doing so?

– Participants who have not yet done so are kindly asked to submit copies of their tickets and expense claims to the Bursar General, for the reimbursement of travel expenses.

7.15 pm Dinner out

Meeting at a glance

Day	Time	Session and theme	Moderator
Thu 29 Oct	03.30 pm	Opening Session (Titus Brandsma Hall, CISA)	
Fri 30 Oct	09.00–10.30 am	I · *Institutum Carmelitanum*: present situation and future planning	Fr. Fernando Millán Romeral, O. Carm., *Former Prior General*
	11.00 am–12.30 pm	II · The Archives of the *Institutum Carmelitanum*	Fr. Rico Ponce, O. Carm.
	03.30–05.00 pm	III · *Edizioni Carmelitane* (William Harry)	Bro. Edimar Fernando Moreira, O. Carm.
Sat 31 Oct	09.00–10.30 am	IV · The Libraries	Fr. Michael Plattig, O. Carm.
	11.00 am–12.30 pm	V · *Carmelus* and the Bibliographer	Fr. Edison Tinambunan, O. Carm.
	03.30–5.00 pm	VI · Closing and Thanksgiving	Fr. Simon Nolan, O. Carm.