

Monthly Highlights

January 2014

International Interreligious Affairs

Paris

As one of the nine members of the Board of Directors of KAICIID (the King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue) I was hosted at the UNESCO HQ in Paris by the Secretary General Irina Bukova and her senior staff to discuss a Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation between KAICIID and UNESCO due to be ratified by the latter shortly.

See: <http://www.kaiciid.org/en/press/statements/kaiciid-and-unesco-chart-future-cooperation.html>

The KAICIID Board also held a formal dialogue session with Ambassadors of member states at UNESCO and met with leaders of the religious communities in France.

Jerusalem

I gave the keynote address at the Samuel Toledano prize giving awards ceremony, presided over by the fifth President of the State of Israel, Yitzhak Navon.



Other groups addressed this month included two PI missions, one of California Student leaders and the other of US University Rectors and Provosts, on interfaith relations in Israel.

Media

In addition to AJC's statement expressing AJC's dismay on the destruction of a Christian library in Lebanon.

<http://www.news.nom.co/ajc-dismayed-by-destruction-of-christian-7687387-news/>

I was quoted in the print media on the pending visit to Israel of Pope Francis.

See <http://www.foxnews.com/world/2014/01/20/rabbi-certifies-pope-vatican-hotel-kitchen-kosher-for-day-as-pope-plays-host-to/>