Moscow Patriarchate commission for students exchange meets at CMI

On December 28, 2016, the Moscow Patriarchate commission for students exchange met at the assembly hall of the Ss Cyril and Methodius Institute for Post-Graduate Studies (CMI). The meeting was chaired by Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk. It was attended by Bishop Antoniy of Bogorodsk, head of the Moscow Patriarchate office for institutions abroad, Archimandrite Sergiy (Akimov), rector of Minsk Theological Seminary, Hieromonk Ioann (Kopeikin), CMI pro-rector for training, and Miguel Palacio, deputy head of the CMI Chair of External Church Relations.

Theological schools of the Russian Orthodox Church submitted to the commission the names of those recommended for training abroad, including professors and students of the CMI, theological academies in Moscow, St. Petersburg and Minsk, the St. Tikhon University of the Humanities, Nizhny Novgorod and Sretensky Seminaries, as well as professors and students from the higher education institutions of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. The commission selected a number of candidates for training in universities in other countries.

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The Moscow Patriarchate commission for students exchange was established in 2012 by the decision of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia. The commission is directed by Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, head of the Moscow Patriarchate department for external church relations (DECR) and CMI rector. Annually, the best students of the Moscow Patriarchate educational institutions as well as staff members of the synodal and diocesan departments are sent, through the efforts of the commission, to other countries for training and raising their skills.

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