

MEDIA RELEASE

Lay Members Empowered for Mission at ASI Europe Board in Romania

TÂRGU-MUREȘ, ROMANIA – March 28–30, 2025 – The ASI Europe Board Meeting brought together over 25 leaders and guests from 10 European countries for a weekend of spiritual renewal, mission focus, and cross-border collaboration. Hosted by ASI Romania and the Nazna Church in Mureș County, the gathering reaffirmed the role of laypeople in fulfilling the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church through professional and personal witness.

United in Mission: ASI Europe's Growing Network

ASI Europe (Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries in Europe) now includes 19 national chapters across 22 European countries, comprising Adventist professionals, entrepreneurs, and individuals committed to "Sharing Christ in the Marketplace." The Board weekend in Romania served not only as a platform for strategic planning but also as an inspiration for spiritual growth and unity.

Pastor Ian Sweeney, Field Secretary of the Trans-European Division, delivered powerful spiritual messages that encouraged deeper dedication and faithfulness in mission. The meeting was also a celebration of growth, with ASI Italy officially established as a new chapter following a vote by the Board.

Representatives from Switzerland, the UK, Scandinavia, Italy, Bulgaria, Portugal, and more gathered to share testimonies and updates on evangelistic projects, enriching the exchange of ideas and fostering mutual encouragement. Andrews University presented findings from its recent research on spiritual leadership, further equipping attendees with tools to integrate faith into leadership and outreach.

Highlights from Romania: Vision and Fulfillment

A centerpiece of the weekend was the visit to the newly inaugurated **MEDEX Oncology Hospital in Târgu-Mureș**, a flagship initiative by ASI Romania and the fulfillment of years of prayer and effort. Inaugurated in July 2024, MEDEX is already a beacon of hope and healing, aligning medical care with the compassionate mission of Christ.

"MEDEX Oncological Hospital is God's gift to people, and I encourage us not to take this gift for granted," said **Remus Benta**, President of ASI Romania. "Despite the challenges we have faced and will continue to face, we put our trust in God and move forward steadfastly, fulfilling the benevolent work to which we are called."

The verse "**He has made everything beautiful in its time**" (**Ecclesiastes 3:11**) guided the fulfillment of this vision, now standing as a model of faith-based service for all of Europe.

A Weekend of Worship and Witness

The program was enriched by worship sessions and stirring music performed by the **Nazna Church Choir, Voces Group**, and **Nazna Brass Band**. Personal testimonies from lay members highlighted how God is using professionals across Europe to fulfill the Adventist mission in creative and powerful ways.

A special highlight was the **Sabbath worship service**, which was **streamed live on Speranța TV (Hope Channel Romania)**, extending the message of mission and unity to a wider audience across the country and beyond.

The event also marked the 100th anniversary of the Nazna Church, adding a historical and emotional dimension to the weekend. Distinguished guests included **Aurel Neațu**, President of the Romanian Union Conference, **Ion Feier**, Union Secretary, and **Bogdan Vlad**, President of the South Transylvania Conference.



Words of Gratitude and Vision

Reflecting on the significance of the event, **Carlos Dias**, President of ASI Europe, stated:

“Last October, ASI Europe decided to hold its 2025 Board Meeting in Târgu-Mureș to express our appreciation for the outstanding work ASI Romania has done in recent years. The MEDEX Oncology Hospital is a true inspiration across Europe, demonstrating the realization of the Vision – the Plan – and the Fulfilled Mission.

The hospital tour and discussions over the weekend have sparked new dreams and challenges for us all. Congratulations to ASI Romania, the Adventist Church leadership, and the Nazna Church—celebrating its 100th anniversary—for being such wonderful hosts! May God continue to bless you all, even amid challenges! ASI Romania can count on our prayers. Thank you so much, Romania!”

Join the Mission

ASI Europe continues to call Adventist laypeople across the continent to consecration and action. Through its network of national chapters, ASI equips and empowers members to integrate faith into professional life and share Christ in every sphere of influence.

“Today, God calls each of us to fulfill our mission,” shared **Casiana Fometescu**, Vice President for Membership Development and Growth. “ASI Europe invites you to take part in this mission—to take the Good News to the ends of the earth.”

About ASI Europe

Adventist-Laymen’s Services & Industries (ASI) Europe is a supporting organization established to strengthen the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church within the Inter-European (EUD) and Trans-European (TED) Divisions. Through collaboration with members from diverse professional backgrounds, ASI Europe promotes outreach programs aligned with the Church's principles and values.

The roots of ASI trace back to Madison College, a self-supporting institution founded in 1904 near Nashville, Tennessee. Strongly supported by Ellen G. White, the college became a model for mission-driven education and service. ASI was officially formed in 1947 in the United States, with its inaugural meeting affirming its commitment to Ellen White’s vision of empowering laypeople to engage in God’s work.

Since its founding, ASI has grown into a global network of members committed to “Sharing Christ in the Marketplace.” This motto reflects the organization’s mission to integrate faith into daily life, inspiring professionals and business owners to represent Christ in their work and personal lives.

Today, ASI Europe provides resources such as funding, training, and expertise to support mission-driven projects, including health, education, evangelism, and community initiatives. Guided by its core values—togetherness and inspiration—ASI Europe works to share the Gospel, demonstrate the love of Jesus, and prepare all for Christ’s soon return.

For more information about ASI Europe and how to get involved, visit www.asi-europe.org.

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