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The Roman Catholic Church will this year was represented by Cardinal **Achille Silvestrini**, Emerit Prefect of the Congregation for Oriental Churches; Monsignor **Antonio Mennini**, Apostolic Nunzio in Moscow; Monsignor **Brian Farrell**, Secretary of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity; Fr **Milan Žust**, sj, of the same Council. Numerous bishops of the Piedmont Episcopal Assembly addressed the Conference, among them Monsignor **Arrigo Miglio**, Bishop of Ivrea, Monsignor **Gabriele Mana**, Bishop of Biella and Diocesan Ordinary, and Monsignor **Piergiorgio Debernardi**, Bishop of Pinerolo.

The Patriarchate of Constantinople was represented by Metropolitan Kallistos of Diokleia and Metropolitan Emilianos of Silyvria. The Patriarchate of Moscow was represented by Archbishop Aristarch of Kemerovo, head of the official delegation; Bishop Ilarion of Vienna, speaker; Fr. Evfimij (Moiseev) of St Sergius Holy Trinity Lavra; Aleksej Dolgov and Michail Pervushin of the External Relations Department; professors Sergij Hovorun, Vladimir Kirillin and Fr Pavel Velikanov of the Moscow Theological Academy.

The Orthodox Church of Greece was represented in the Conference by Archimandrite Iakovos (Vizaourtis), igumen of Petraki Monastery. Important delegations from the Orthodox Patriarchates of Alexandria, Antioch (Metropolitan Georges Khodr of Mount Lybanus), Jerusalem (Metropolitan Timotheos of Vostra), Serbia (Fr Gajo Gajic, representative of the Holy Synod, and Fr Vasilje Grolimund), Bulgaria, Romania (with Metropolitan Serafim of Germany and Fr Constantin Preda), Ukraine (with Bishop Antonij of Borispol', Rector of the Theological Academy and Vicar of Kiev, Fr Mykola Makar), Armenia (Fr Lukas Zakaryan), from the Russian Orthodox Exarchate of Byelorussia (Bishop Serafim of Bobrujsk), from the Church of England (Canon Jonathan Goodhall and Canon Hugh Wybrew) and the World Council of Churches in Geneva (Dr. Teny Pirri-Simonian).

Numerous monks and nuns came to Bose from Monasteries in Mount Sinai, Greece, Russia, Ukraine, Romania, Bulgaria, Lebanon, Great Britain, Italy, France, Belgium and Germany. Scholars from all over Europe, Russia and the United States

, came for the Conference, which has become a reference point of international ecumenism. Among the participants, the presence of Fr **André Louf**, Fr **Michel Van Parys**, Fr **Hervé Legrand**, Prof. **Spyridon Kontoyannis** of the University of Athens, and Prof. **Gelian M. Prochorov**, of the Russian Academy of Science, was particularly noteworthy.

The Conference was opened by <u>inaugural address</u> by **Enzo Bianchi**, prior of Bose, who presented a biblical-spiritual exegesis of the Tranfiguration in the Gospels.

All the articles about the XV International Ecumenical Conference