

INTERNATIONAL COURSE IN NIGERIA

NAFAD in collaboration with IFFD organized at the end of August the "Conjugal Love Course" in Lagos. IFFD sent two experts: Juan Fornés and Tony Monserrat. The course was revised in Spain by a technical committee and was translated to English and French. Case number four of this course is still under revision. 55 participants attended the course, from Cameroon, D.R of Congo, Ivory Coast, Kenya and Nigeria. The course had to be held in two different halls at the same time, one for the French-speaking participants and another for the English speaking.

The useful instructions about how to moderate a case, as well as the example given by moderating three cases will serve as a launching pad for these courses not only in Nigeria but at least in four other African countries.



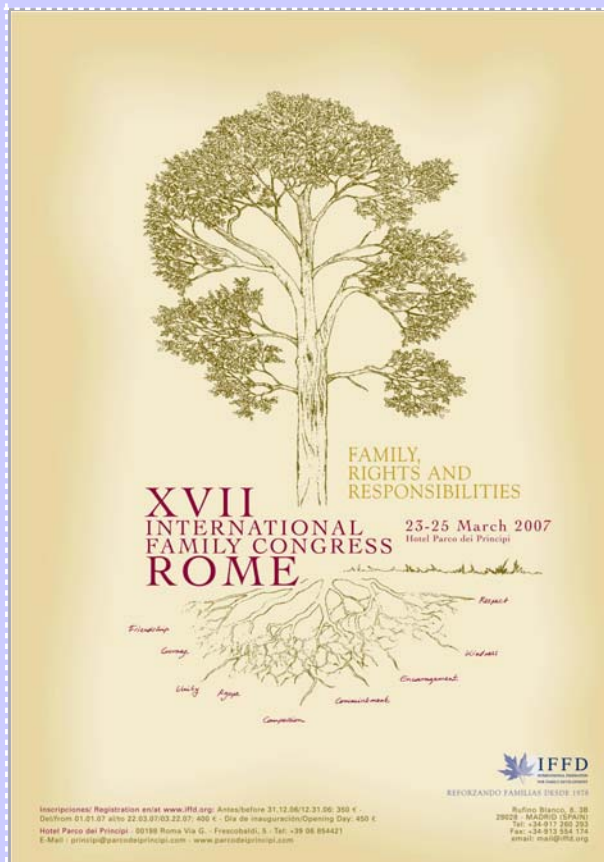
African Participants in the Conjugal Love Course

IFFD IN THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

All of the IFFD representatives in New York attended the Convention on the Rights of Persons With Disabilities between August 15th to 25th at the UN Headquarters in New York. This meeting involved all UN States Parties and focused on drafting the language of a new international treaty, for General Assembly approval this fall, which would then supersede national constitutions and national laws for all ratifying countries.

IFFD lobbied with delegations on behalf of recognizing the family as being the basic care giving unit of society and deserving of encouragement and support in caring for family members with disabilities. The draft document, as approved, follows these recommendations. IFFD also lobbied against the inclusion of language that could be misinterpreted to create a right to abortion on demand and to extramarital sexual experiences. Many European countries and the European Union had promoted this radical language. The draft document contains qualifying language that satisfies the IFFD goals.

NEXT IFFD CONGRESS



"The Family: Rights and responsibilities" Poster

By October 15th all the data available about next Congress will be in our website: www.iffd.org. The registration will be done on-line. The congress will be the Hotel Parco Dei Principi and side events are organized from March 23rd until March 25th. The registration fee per married couple is 350/400/450 € depending on registration date.

CHILDREN OLYMPICS IN SWITZERLAND

Forty families and Forty-eight children attended this yearly activity organized by the FEC in Zurich.



Some of the children who participated in the Children Olympics