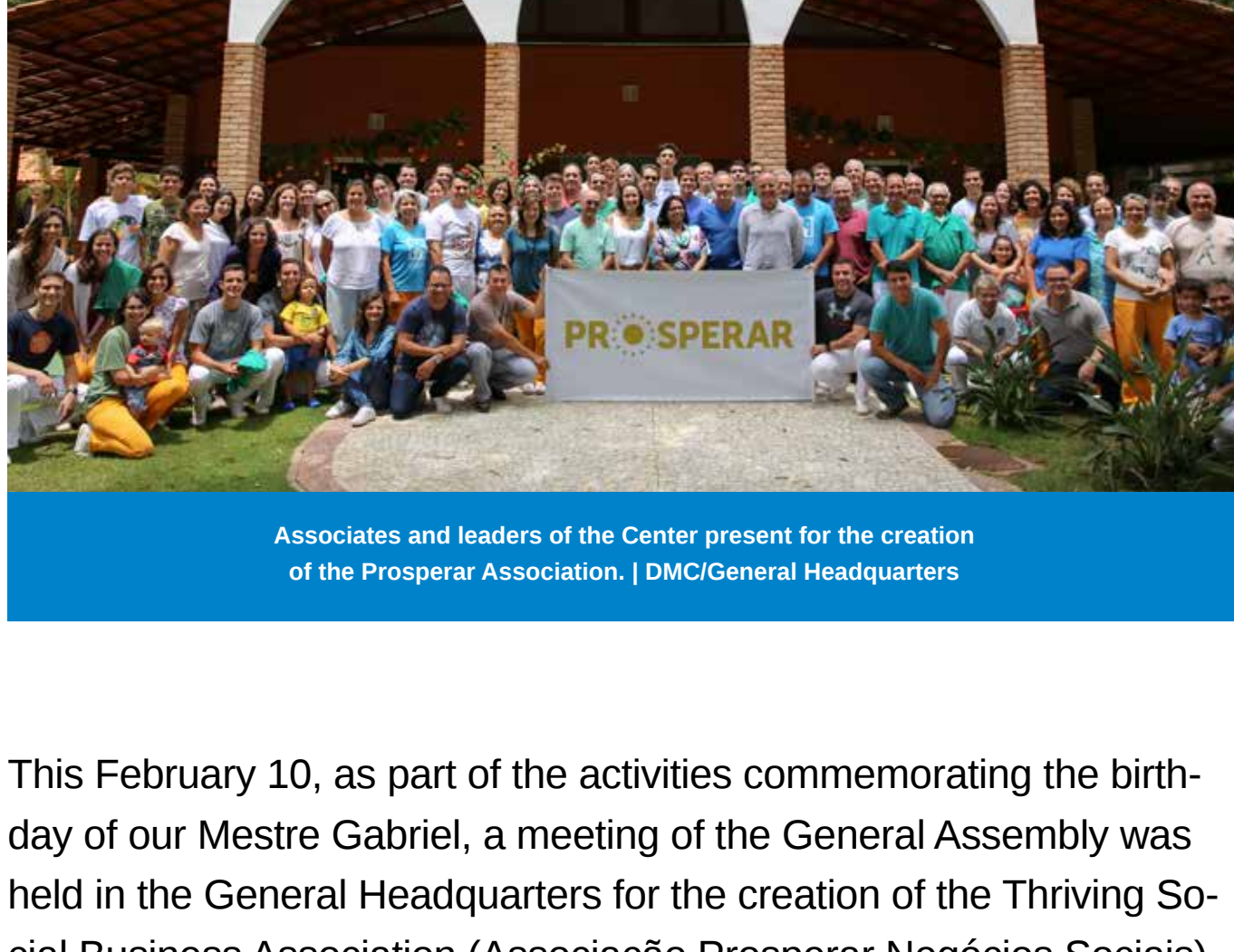


Associação Prosperar Negócios Sociais (Thriving Social Business Association) created



Associates and leaders of the Center present for the creation of the Prosperar Association. | DMC/General Headquarters

This February 10, as part of the activities commemorating the birthday of our Mestre Gabriel, a meeting of the General Assembly was held in the General Headquarters for the creation of the Thriving Social Business Association (Associação Prosperar Negócios Sociais).

Different from the associations already created by the Center, this Institution has the Beneficent Spiritist Center União do Vegetal, the Novo Encanto Association of Ecological Development, the Beneficent Association Casa da União and the Jose Gabriel da Costa Association as founding associates, which are now entities associated with Prosperar.

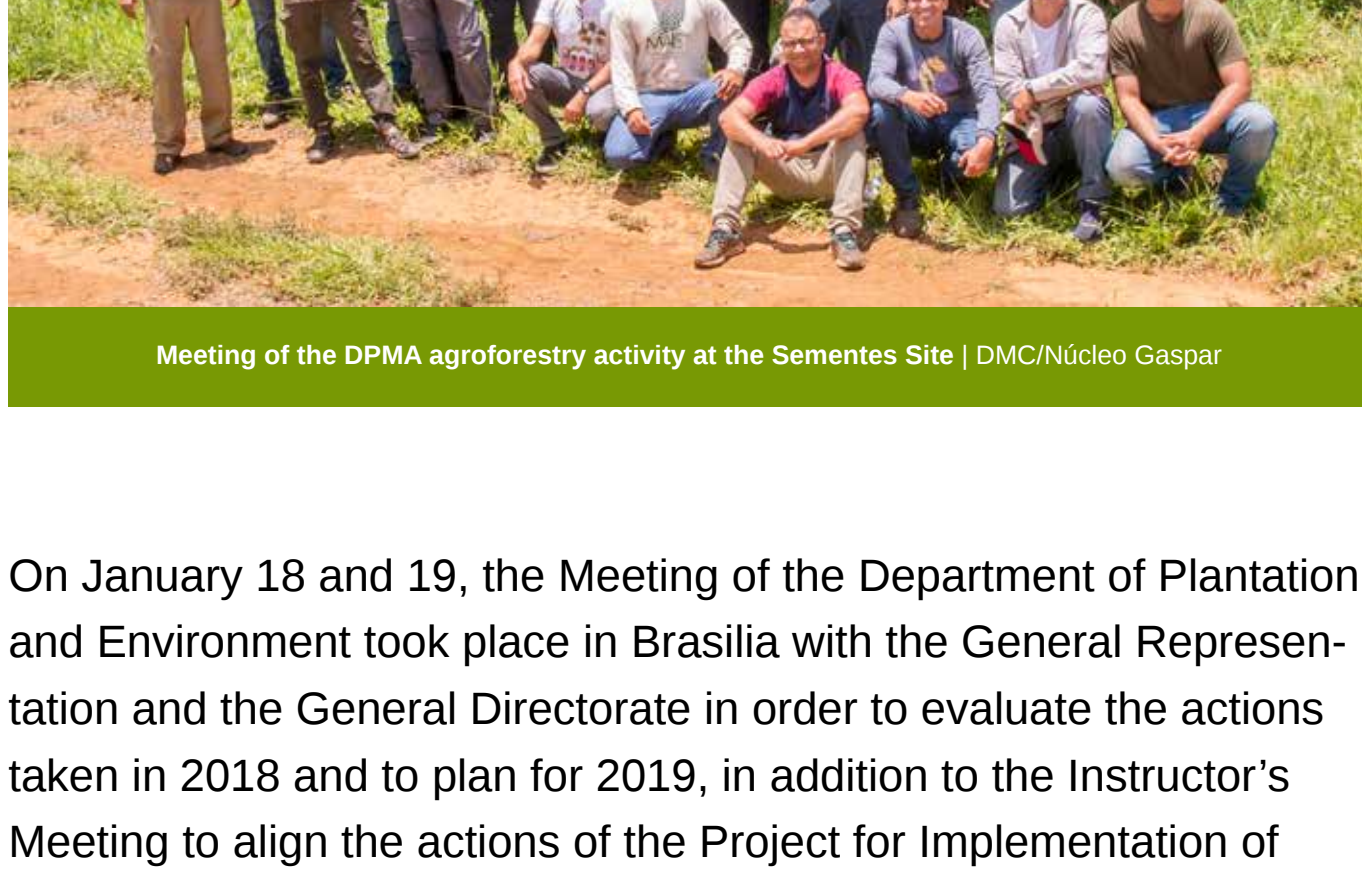
Mestre Tadeo Feijão, the President of the General Directorate, explains that the Association is the solution indicated by specialists so that the Center be able to conduct business and religious activities in a distinctive way.

“With Prosperar, our objective is to inspire, develop and favor the financial sustainability of these related entities and to create opportunities for the Center’s entrepreneurs to also benefit from digital platforms in order to offer their products and services,” said the President of the DG.

The General Representative Mestre, Paulo Afonso Amato Condé, recognized the importance of this moment:

“A small seed is being planted, and we are already envisioning a prosperous future for the União do Vegetal. The Prosperar Association will provide institutional support as well as support so that the Center does not deviate from its religious purposes, so that we can accomplish all the things that Mestre Gabriel conceived, such as a school, a hospital, as well as financial and social activities of a beneficent nature and to support entrepreneurial partners by improving and simplifying our organization without overburdening our irmandade.”

Aligned and planning actions to strengthen the Plantio



Meeting of the DPMA agroforestry activity at the Sementes Site | DMC/Núcleo Gaspar

On January 18 and 19, the Meeting of the Department of Plantation and Environment took place in Brasília with the General Representation and the General Directorate in order to evaluate the actions taken in 2018 and to plan for 2019, in addition to the Instructor’s Meeting to align the actions of the Project for Implementation of Agroforestry Systems in the Plantations of the UDV.

During the meeting on the 18th - held at the DG Office with the presence of the General Representative Mestre, M. Paulo Afonso, the President of the DG, Tadeo Feijão, members of Conage and members of the DPMA – a demo of the actions carried out by the Department in 2018 was presented as well as the planning proposals for 2019 and 2020.

According to the evaluation by the Director of the Plantation Department, Mestre Reinaldo Pereira, *“the work is being established, in line with the goals determined by the General Representation and the General Directorate of the Center, with projects to implement the Agroforestry Systems (SAFs) and the Seed Bank Network (BMR) as well as to raise the awareness of the Leaders.”*

On the 19th, in Núcleo Gaspar, the instructors selected to begin the Demonstration Units of the Agroforestry Systems (SAFs) also participated. The General Representative Mestre considered the meeting a positive success in aligning the instructors with the implementation methodology:

“The challenge is aligning this work with Mestre Gabriel’s teachings and way of doing things, arriving slowly, captivating, building it in a participative way with the Regions, making them feel at ease in planting what they think is best, combining their efforts in order to improve the quality of our plantations. Our objective is to seek to bring the instructors close, strengthening friendships and building the plantation of Mariri and Chacrona together, always with respect for what the brothers and sisters have already done in their Regions so that we can combine our efforts to improve the quality of our plantations.”

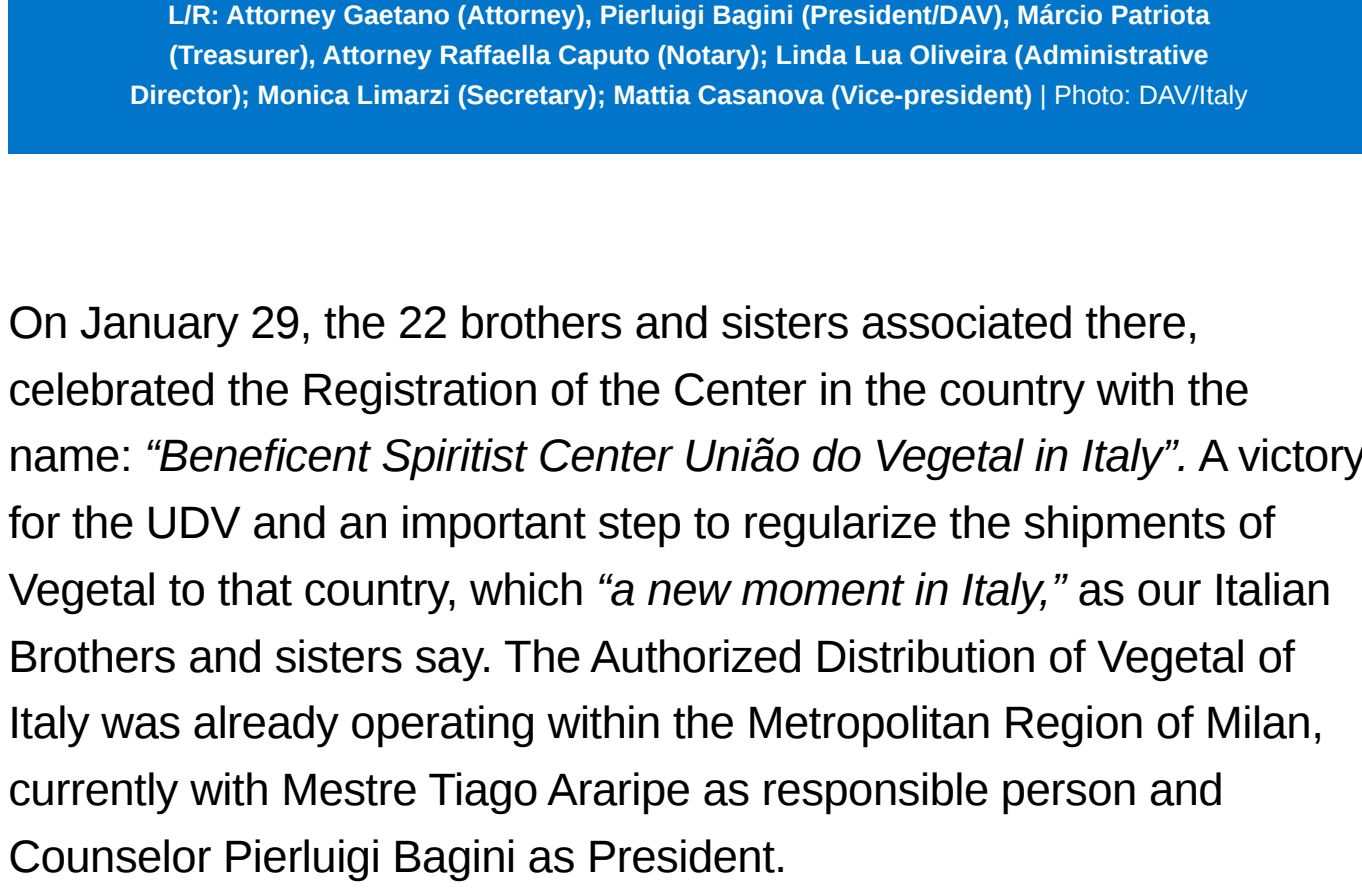
Participation Fund Award winners

On February 10, at the General Headquarters, the drawing for the prize paid by the Participation Fund was held for the Núcleos and DAVs that met the criteria established by the General Directorate at the beginning of each year, aimed at improving the administrative processes within the Center. The prize corresponds to 10% of the average monthly amount collected by the DG for the Participation Fund. In this raffle, 137 Núcleos and DAVs were eligible to participate, in addition to the General Headquarters. The winners, who each received a prize of R\$ 6,008.20, were: DAV Serra da Estrela (Magé-RJ), Núcleo Lumiar (Nova Friburgo-RJ) and DAV Jordão (Jordão-AC).

“Transforming difficulties into facilities, the DAV of Jordão proved that the uncertainty of resources is not an obstacle to fulfilling their obligations on time and due to them rigorously meeting the criteria of the Participation Fund drawing, they were one of the winners. A just recognition of their merit.”

Tadeo Feijão, President of the General Directorate.

“A new moment in Italy”



L/R: Attorney Gaetano (Attorney), Pierluigi Bagini (President/DAV), Márcio Patriota (Treasurer), Attorney Raffaella Caputo (Notary); Linda Lua Oliveira (Administrative Director); Monica Limarzi (Secretary); Mattia Casanova (Vice-president) | Photo: DAV/Italy

On January 29, the 22 brothers and sisters associated there, celebrated the Registration of the Center in the country with the name: *“Beneficent Spiritist Center União do Vegetal in Italy”*. A victory for the UDV and an important step to regularize the shipments of Vegetal to that country, which *“a new moment in Italy,”* as our Italian Brothers and sisters say. The Authorized Distribution of Vegetal of Italy was already operating within the Metropolitan Region of Milan, currently with Mestre Tiago Araripe as responsible person and Counselor Pierluigi Bagini as President.