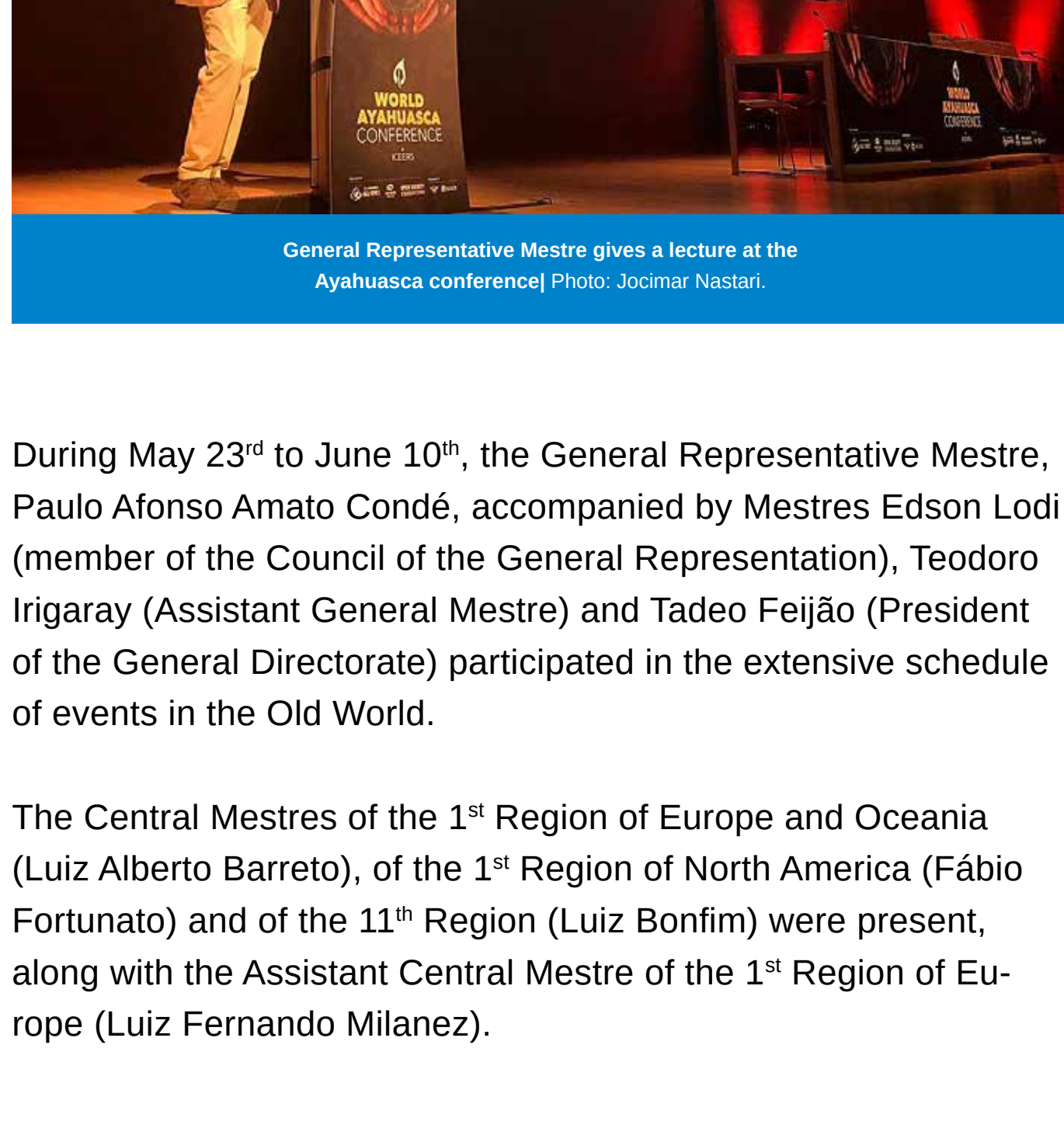


## General Representation present in Europe



General Representative Mestre gives a lecture at the Ayahuasca conference | Photo: Jocimar Nastari.

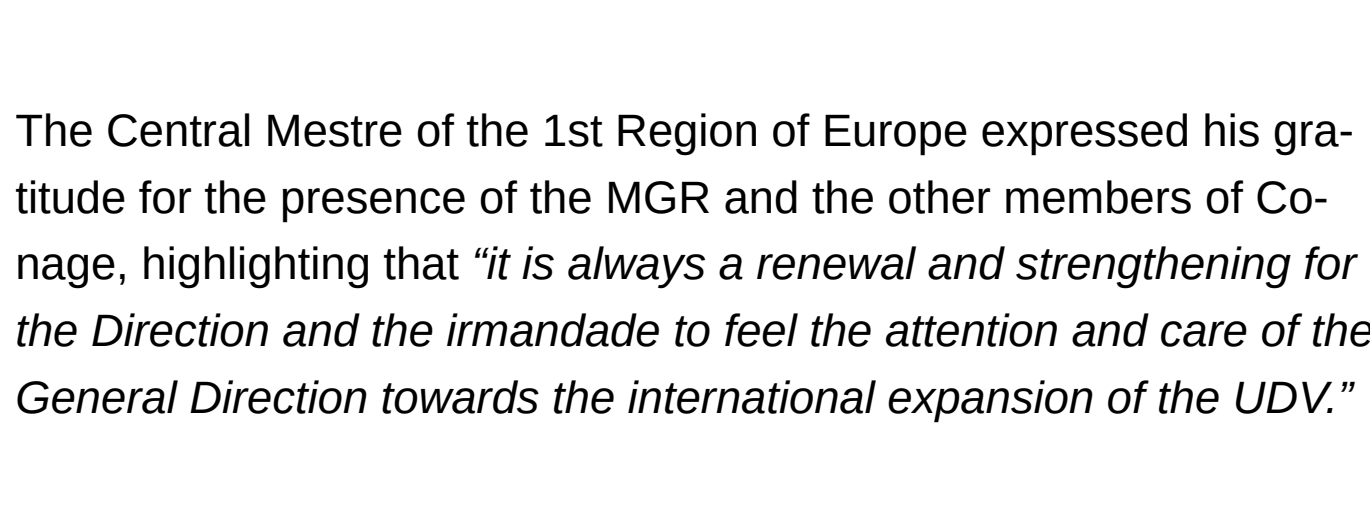
During May 23<sup>rd</sup> to June 10<sup>th</sup>, the General Representative Mestre, Paulo Afonso Amato Condé, accompanied by Mestres Edson Lodi (member of the Council of the General Representation), Teodoro Irigaray (Assistant General Mestre) and Tadeo Feijão (President of the General Directorate) participated in the extensive schedule of events in the Old World.

The Central Mestres of the 1<sup>st</sup> Region of Europe and Oceania (Luiz Alberto Barreto), of the 1<sup>st</sup> Region of North America (Fábio Fortunato) and of the 11<sup>th</sup> Region (Luiz Bonfim) were present, along with the Assistant Central Mestre of the 1<sup>st</sup> Region of Europe (Luiz Fernando Milanez).

## Meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> Region of Europe and Oceania

At Núcleo Luz Boa (Portugal), the MGR directed a Session on May 24<sup>th</sup> with the presence of approximately 200 people (composed of associates of the Region and visitors). On the following day, a Meeting was held with the presence of 90 members of the Direction and some visitors.

Also, at Núcleo Luz Boa, members of the General Representation got to know the agroforestry project that is being implemented on-site.

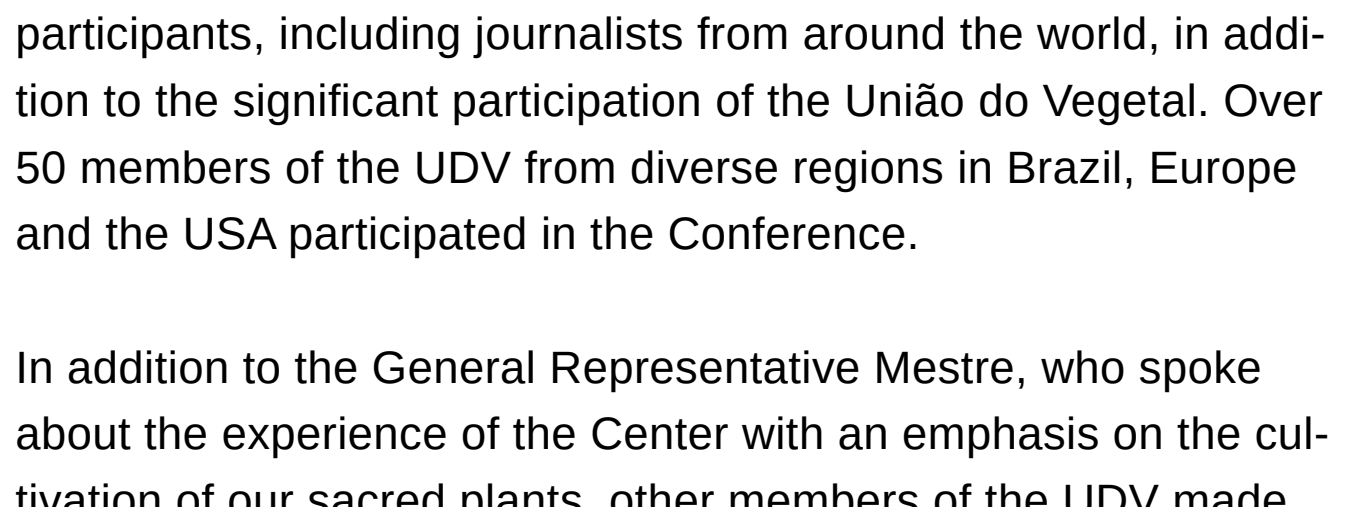


Planting of trees marked the visit of the RG to Núcleo Luz Boa | DMC/N. Luz Boa.

*“An opportunity to align ourselves with the Direction of the Region presenting the priorities of the União and bringing to them, above all to the associates of Europe, a message of hope and trust in the Mestre, clarifying that the General Representation has made immeasurable efforts to advance the administrative regularization and above all to ensure the supply of Vegetal for the Sessions in the Núcleos and DAVs established there.”* MGR

The Central Mestre of the 1st Region of Europe expressed his gratitude for the presence of the MGR and the other members of Conage, highlighting that *“it is always a renewal and strengthening for the Direction and the irmandade to feel the attention and care of the General Direction towards the international expansion of the UDV.”*

## Inauguration of Núcleo Valencia



Participants of the Session of the elevation of Núcleo Valência | Photo: Daniel Arjones

On May 29<sup>th</sup>, in a festive atmosphere, Núcleo Valência was inaugurated in the city of Valencia (Spain) in a session directed by the General Representative Mestre and with the presence of many members of Conage as well as visitors. On this opportunity, Mestre Jean Carlos Adriano da Costa received the shirt of the Representative Mestre of the Núcleo.

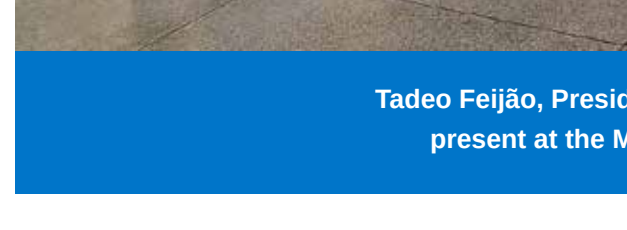
The Central Mestre of the 1<sup>st</sup> Region of Europe said that this visit by the General Representation would certainly produce good fruits because in addition to the Regional Meeting at Núcleo Luz Boa (Lisbon) and the Conference in Girona, Núcleos Imaculada Concepción (Madrid), Sagrado Poder (Switzerland) and the DAV of Milan were also visited.

## World Ayahuasca Conference

From May 31<sup>st</sup> to June 2<sup>nd</sup>, the III International Ayahuasca Conference was held in Girona (Spain), with close to 1,400 registered participants, including journalists from around the world, in addition to the significant participation of the União do Vegetal. Over 50 members of the UDV from diverse regions in Brazil, Europe and the USA participated in the Conference.

In addition to the General Representative Mestre, who spoke about the experience of the Center with an emphasis on the cultivation of our sacred plants, other members of the UDV made presentations about subjects connected to the leadership of the União do Vegetal in many areas. Also, two new institutional videos were presented (details about the participation are already on the UDV Blog – [insert site] and the videos translated into Portuguese will be made available to the associates shortly).

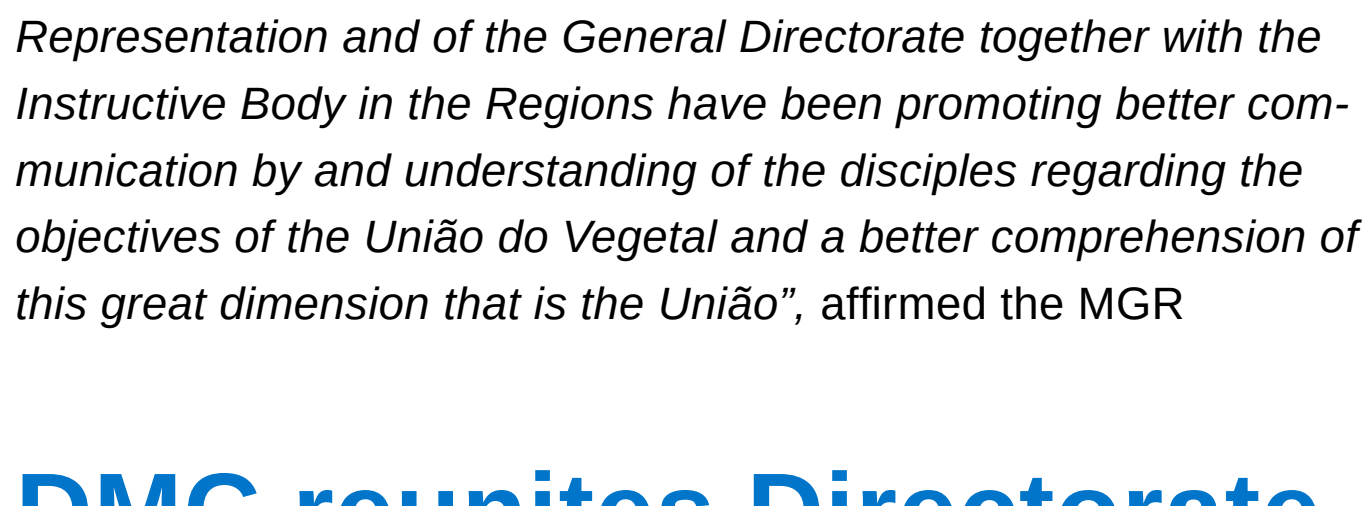
*“Our presence at this event was important and it gave us a dimension of the international interest in Hoasca. The UDV manifested itself at different tables, always with a firm position in defense of the religious use of Hoasca, reaffirming that we consider it a Sacrament that should not be the object of commercialization and that it should be used exclusively in religious rituals.”* MGR



*“At this event, we promoted the release of the site of our Scientific Commission: (<http://ciencia.udv.org.br/>) and those present were able to get to know the seriousness of our work in the most*

*diverse areas, giving us the conviction that we need to incentivize and support scientific work, occupying internationally our space in the defense of the responsible use of Hoasca.”* M. Tadeo Feijão

## Meeting with the Instructive Body of the 7<sup>th</sup> Region



Tadeo Feijão, President of the DG, speaks to those present at the Meeting | Photo: Jean Carlos

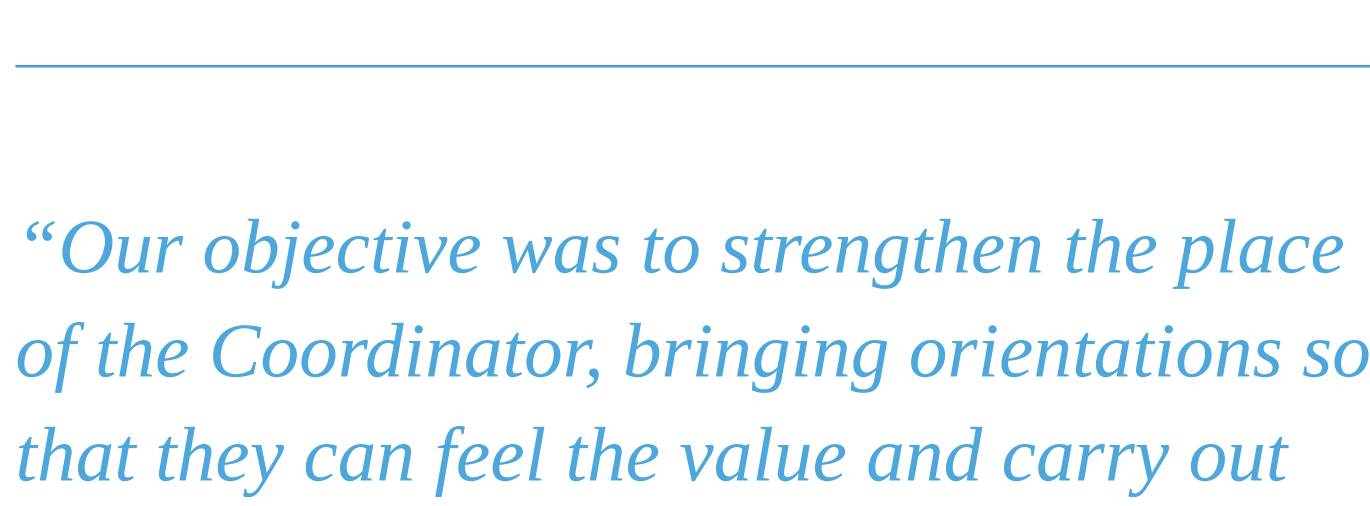
On May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at the headquarters of Núcleos João Lango Moura and Jardim Real, in Rio Branco-AC, the Meeting of the General Representation and the General Directorate took place with the Instructive Body of the 7<sup>th</sup> Region. Over 300 people participated in the activities held during the two days.

The schedule of events began on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, at Núcleo João Lango Moura, with a Session directed by Mestre Paulo Afonso for the Mestres of the five Núcleos of Rio Branco, of Plácido de Castro-AC, Epitaciolândia-AC and Extrema-RO. Mestre Mário Filho, Assistant General Mestre, was also present in this Session and during the Meeting with the Instructive Body.

On Saturday, at 9am, members of the General Directorate addressed the organizational structure of the DG and its projects in development, as well as the importance of planning in the administrative actions of the Center. There was also a lecture presented about “The Life and Work of Mestre Gabriel”, by m. Antonio de Pádua. At 8pm, a session with the Instructive Body was held, directed by the General Representative Mestre.

*“With this Meeting, we are giving continuity to the schedule started in the previous year, seeking to inform and to strengthen the Instructive Body in the Regions. The presence of the General Representation and of the General Directorate together with the Instructive Body in the Regions have been promoting better communication by and understanding of the disciples regarding the objectives of the União do Vegetal and a better comprehension of this great dimension that is the União”,* affirmed the MGR

## DMC reunites Directorate and Coordinators in Bahia



International DMC Meeting brings together Regional Coordinators in Salvador | DMC/Núcleo Estrela da Manhã

On June 15<sup>th</sup>, the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Meeting of the Regional Coordinators of the Department of Memory and Communication was held at Núcleo Estrela da Manhã, in Camaçari-BA. The Meeting brought together close to 80 participants from Regions throughout Brazil and abroad.

During the opening of the Meeting, the General Representative Mestre, Paulo Afonso Amato Condé, highlighted the importance of the DMC as an instrument for the preparation of leaders of the Center because it fulfills the mission of maintaining the memory of the origin of the União alive, affirming: *“The DMC records and allows access to archives in an organized and systematic way, making it possible for the irmandade to get to know moments, important interviews and to listen to the Word of Mestre Gabriel and of the Mestres of the Origin.”*

The President of the General Directorate reaffirmed the quality of the work that the DMC has been producing and spoke about the necessity of increasing the sharing of content and of the archives with the irmandade. *“We need technique, resources and refinement. The Faixa Adicional has been allowing the needed investments for the Department to fulfill its mission,”* he stated.

The lectures showed the advancement in the production of content, in the quality of the records and in the use of technology for security, cataloging and availability of the archives for the irmandade. The work of internal and external communication in order attend to the irmandade and to society in general was also presented.

*“Our objective was to strengthen the place of the Coordinator, bringing orientations so that they can feel the value and carry out their work in the best way possible, ,”* affirmed the Director of the DMC-DG, C. Laura Casaca.