

25 June 2015 University of Rome Tor Vergata – Rome 9.30 am

Conference with the participation of the European and Mediterranean University Rectors and Professors

## **BRIDGING THE DISTANCES AND THE INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGES**

VILLA MONDRAGONE - MONTE PORZIO CATONE (ROME)

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTER OF UNIVERSITY OF ROMA TOR VERGATA

### **PROGRAMME – DRAFT**



9.00 am Arrival of Participants

9.15 am **OPENING SESSION**

#### **Welcome:**

**Prof. Giuseppe Novelli** - Rector of the University of Roma Tor Vergata, Italy

#### **Greetings:**

**Minister Paolo Gentiloni** – Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy (invited)

**Minister Stefania Giannini** - Minister of Education, University and Research, Italy

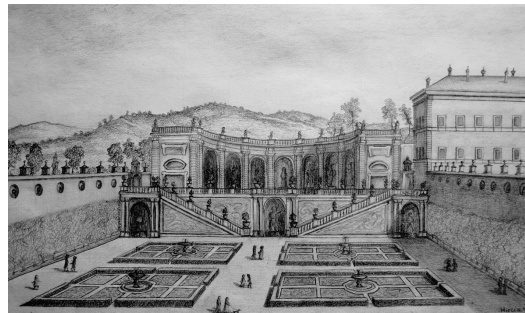
**H.E. Monsignor Lorenzo Leuzzi** - Auxiliary Bishop of Rome Director of University Pastoral, Holy See

#### **Opening Remarks:**

**Prof. Stefano Paleari** – President of the Conference of the Italian University Rectors

**Prof. Eugenio Gaudio** - Rector of Sapienza University of Rome, Italy

**Prof. Mario Panizza** - Rector of the University of Roma Tre, Italy



10.00 am **RECTORS' SESSION: Discussion with European and Mediterranean Rectors - Professors**

**Chaired by Prof. Massimo Maria Caneva** - Rectors' Conference Coordinator-Symposium

**Sessions' Presentation: Prof. Elmer Sterken** Rector University of Groningen Netherland

**I SESSION : "UNIVERSITY COOPERATION FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST"**

**Introduction: Prof. Constantinos Christofides** - Rector of University of Cyprus, Cyprus

**Discussants:**

**Prof. Khuloud Dajani** – Secretary General Al Quds University Jerusalem, Palestine

**Prof. Hassan Dweik** - Vice President Al Quds University in Jerusalem, Palestine

**Prof. Dr. George H. Hazboun** - President of American University of Madaba, Jordan

**Prof. Zvi HaCohen** - Rector - Ben Gurion University of Negev, Israel

**Dr. Ibrahim Matar** - University local coordinator in Jerusalem, Palestine

**Prof. Sophia Menache** - Rector Delegate of University of Haifa, Israel

**Prof. Hani Mourtada** - former Rector University of Damascus, Syria

**Prof. Haim Rabinowitch** - former Rector of Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel

**Prof. Oron Shagrir** – Vice Rector of Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel

**Prof. Dorit Tanay** - Pro Rector International Affairs Tel Aviv University, Israel

**Prof. Seddik Abdel Salam Tawfik** - Vice President of Alexandria University, Egypt

**Conclusions: Prof. Youssef Gemayel** - Professor of Lebanese University, Lebanon

11.30 a.m. **Coffee Break**

11.45 am **II SESSION : "EUROPEAN UNION AND RUSSIAN FEDERATION"**

**Introduction : Prof. Wojciech Zyzak** - Rector of University John Paul II in Krakow, Poland

**Discussants:**

**Prof. Igor A. Maksimtsev** - Rector St. Petersburg State University of Economics, Russian Federation

**Prof. Bernd Huber** - President of University of Ludvig Maximilians of Munich , Germany

**Prof. Viacheslav Morozov** - Rector Delegate of University of Tartu, Estonia

**Prof. Ivanka Popovic** - Vice Rector University of Belgrade, Serbia

**Prof. Ramunas Vilpisauskas** - Rector Delegate Institute of International Relations and Political Science Vilnius University, Lithuania

**Prof. Eva Wiberg** - Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Lund University, Sweden

**Conclusions: Prof. Ugo Vlasisavljević** - Vice Rector of University of Sarajevo, Bosnia Herzegovina

12.45 am **III SESSION: "EUROPEAN UNION AND MIGRATION"**

**Introduction: Prof. Francis Campbell** Rector of St Mary's University Twickenham London, UK

**Discussants :**

**Prof. Jean Marie Le Gall** - President Delegate of University Paris I Sorbonne, France

**Prof. Joseph Friggieri** - Pro-Rector of the University of Malta, Malta

**Prof. Dimitris Gritzalis** - Rector Delegate Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece

**Prof. Rev. Željko Tanjić** - Rector Catholic University of Croatia – Zagreb, Croatia

**Prof. Alejandro Tiana Ferrer** - Rector of The National Distance Education University (UNED), Spain

**Prof. Antonio Feijo** – Vice Rector of University of Lisbon - Portugal

**Conclusions: Prof. Sigrid Muller** - Rector Delegate of University of Vienna, Austria

1.45 pm **Conclusions: Prof. Federico Cinquepalmi** - Ministry of Education, University and Research, Italy

2.00 pm **Lunch** - 2.45 pm **Departure to Rome**

**WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF RECTORS OF ITALIAN UNIVERSITIES :  
(From the Presidency of the Conference of Italian University Rectors - CRUI)**

**Prof. Pasquale Catanoso** – Rector of Mediterranea University of Reggio Calabria  
**Prof. Lucio d’Alessandro** – Rector of University of Naplese Suor Orsola Benincasa  
**Prof. Roberto Lagalla** – Rector of University of Palermo  
**Prof. Gaetano Manfredi** – Rector of University of Naples Federico II  
**Prof. Sergio Pecorelli** – Rector of University of Brescia  
**Prof. Fabio Rugge** – Rector of University of Pavia  
**Prof. Alberto Tesi** – Rector of University of Florence  
**Prof. Giuseppe Zaccaria** – Rector of University of Padova  
**Prof. Vincenzo Zara** – Rector of University of Salento

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**XII International Symposium of University Professors**

4.00 pm **VATICAN - PALAZZO DEL LATERANO - Salone dei Papi**



4.00 pm **CEREMONY OF SYMPOSIUM - ROME**

8.00 pm **CONCERT**

**26/ 27 June 2015 Pontifical University Lateranense - Conclusions**



## **PARTICIPANTS FROM EU AND MEDITERRANEAN UNIVERSITIES :**

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