

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

MEDITERRANEAN OBSERVATORY

Sponde 2004

Rome
2 - 4 December 2004

Premise

The Mediterranean is the cradle of civilization. Some of the most important ancient cultures developed right here: the ancient Egyptians, Phoenicians, Greeks and Romans have travelled this sea, establishing intense commercial and cultural exchanges that have encouraged a reciprocal cross-fertilisation and enrichment. The Mediterranean Sea reaches three continents: Europe, Africa and Asia. The wealth and variety of its cultural contributions are therefore extraordinary.

The idea

The **Sponde 2004** event intends to become the interpreter of this wealth, offering itself as a venue for encounters, exchanges and cultural and artistic debates. Specificity and difference, but also a wealth of affinities and common roots that the Mediterranean cultures undoubtedly bring with them, Sponde returns to discover and bring these common roots to light once again.

The objectives

The message the **Sponde 2004** event wants to convey is that dialogue between different cultures is not only possible, but necessary. And to this end Italy can fulfil an important role, transforming our peninsula into an ideal bridge between European, North African and Middle Eastern cultures.

The project

The **Sponde 2004** event promoted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs includes a series of work meetings accompanied by musical, artistic and gastronomic events. Its main aim is to allow experts on Mediterranean questions to meet through a series of roundtables with politicians, intellectuals, and diplomats on the subject of Euro-Mediterranean Dialogue, as well as some more social moments too. After the notable success of the first edition held on 14 December 2003, it was considered appropriate to develop the initiative further, and extend it over four days.

The programme

The work sessions and roundtables will take place at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The detailed programme of the meetings follows.

Thursday 2 December

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Sala Conferenze Internazionali (International Conference Room)

9:30 – 14:00

General presentation

Umberto Vattani, Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Mohamed Aziza, Director General of the Mediterranean Observatory

Cooperation for the preservation and promotion of cultural heritage

Moderator

Antonia Recchia, Director General for Innovation and Promotion of the Ministry for Cultural Assets and Activities

1. The Italian contribution to the reappraisal of Egypt's archaeological heritage
Sergio Donadoni, Accademia dei Lincei
2. Italy's contribution towards the reconstruction of Iraq
Antonio Invernizzi, Scientific Director at the Centre for Research and Archaeological Excavations in Turin (Archaeology)
Roberto Parapetti, Scientific Director at the Centre for Research and Archaeological Excavations in Turin (Restoration)
3. Examples of works carried out in other countries on the southern shores of the Mediterranean
 - Ebla (Syria)
Paolo Matthiae - "La Sapienza" University of Rome
 - Cirene (Libya)
Nicola Bonacasa - University of Palermo
 - Thamusida (Morocco)
Emanuele Papi – University of Siena
4. Euromed-Heritage Programme
Roberto Carpano, Euromed-Heritage Programme Secretariat
Andrea Amato, President IMED
Roberto Albergoni, Deputy Director UNIMED

Conclusions

Mario Baccini, Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs

Location of the exhibitions

- ***“A hundred years in Egypt. Paths in Italian Archaeology. New discoveries”*** – First floor atrium, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- ***“Italian archaeological activities in Iraq”*** – Hall of Mosaics, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Friday 3 December

<p>Ministry of Foreign Affairs Sala Conferenze Internazionali (International Conference Room)</p>

First session
10:00 – 13:00

Cooperation and communication in the Mediterranean

Presented by

Pasquale Terracciano, Chief of the Press and Information Service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Moderator

Maria Latella, Corriere della Sera

Introduced by

Nour Eddine Sail, Director General of the Moroccan Film Centre
Clare Kupper, Euromed-Audiovisual Programme at the EU

Speakers

Representatives of TV and media agencies working in the Mediterranean area.

Mustapha Khammari, President of Tunisia's national broadcaster - ERTT

Abdelhafidh Harguem, Director General of the Arab States Broadcasting Union (ASBU)

Vincenti Jean Francois, Adviser for Cinema and Television for the Collectivité Territoriale de Corse

Alessandra Paradisi, Secretary General of the Conferenza Permanente dell'Audiovisivo Mediterraneo (COPEAM) - RAI

Antonio Pelayo, Correspondent for Antena 3 Espana TV channel, President of the Foreign Press Association in Italy

Mohamed Salrawy, Editor-in-Chief at "Al Ahram-Hebdo" – Cairo

Conclusions

Marcello Veneziani, writer and journalist, member of the RAI Administrative Board

Second session

14:30 – 17:30

Introduced by

Mauro Mazza, Director TG2

Moderator

Yasemine Taskin, Correspondent for Sabah – Istanbul

The programmes and the projects

Programmes and projects in the sphere of media cooperation in the Mediterranean

Pia Luisa Bianco, Director of the Italian Cultural Institute in Brussels

Carlo Fuscagni, President Cinecittà Holding

Giancarlo Licata, Manager RAI *Mediterraneo* Palermo

Pierluigi Magnaschi, Director ANSA - ANSAMed

Enrico Manca, President ISIMM

Giuseppe Marra, President ADN Kronos – AKI

Maurizio Molinari, Journalist at “La Stampa”

Carlo Panella, Journalist at “Il Foglio”

Franco Rizzi, Director General of UNIMED, “Le Kiosque”

Sampiero Sanguinetti, Deputy Director France 3 - Corse

Conclusions

Maurizio Gasparri, Minister for Communications

Saturday 4 December

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 Sala Conferenze Internazionali (International Conference Room)
 9:30 – 14:00

“Living together in the Mediterranean”

Presented by

Mohamed Aziza, Director General of the Mediterranean Observatory

Moderator

Riccardo Sessa, The Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Director General for the countries of the Mediterranean and the Middle East

Inter-cultural and inter-religious dialogue

Salvatore Bono, President of SIHMED, Member of the Advisory Committee of the Anna Lindh Euro-Mediterranean Foundation

Fifi Benaboud, Transmed Programme Coordinator –North-South Centre, European Council, Lisbon

Javier Ruiz Sierra, Director of the Istituto Cervantes in Rome

Fawzi Skali, Director of the Fez meetings

Alon Altaras, Writer and translator – Tel Aviv

Khaled Fouad Allam, Professor at the University of Trieste

Filippo Bettini, President of the Allegorein Association

Predrag Matvejevic, Professor at the Universities of La Sapienza and Zagreb

Riccardo Di Segni, Chief Rabbi of Rome (recording)

Claudio Mario Betti, Comunità di Sant'Egidio

Abdullah Omar Nasseef, President of the World Muslim Congress

The peaceful resolution of disputes

Boris Biancheri, President ISPI

Smail Hamdani, President of the Algerian Association for International Relations

Joseph Maila, Dean of the Catholic University of Paris

Conclusions

Franco Frattini, Vice President of the European Commission and President of the Mediterranean Observatory