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ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

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“The changing health of our planet and species.
Environmental disasters: irresponsibility and preservation”



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OCTOBER 2ND, 2009
PALAZZO DUCALE, Sala del Piovego

First part: disasters and “irresponsibility”

From air pollution (the Bhopal disaster), to marine pollution (the *Prestige cases*), to the disappearance of glaciers (the *Latin-American case*), to the devastation of Earth's ecosystems (the *Amazon Forest, Peloponnese forest fires*)

First Session – Chairs: **Antonino Abrami**, Judge, IAES Acting President and **Michl Ebner**, Member of the European Parliament

9.00 a.m.

Opening addresses:

Speech by the Mayor of Venice **Massimo Cacciari** and by the other Authorities

Daniele Grasso, President of the Venice Bar Association

10.00 a.m.

Start of work: **Antonino Abrami**

10.10 a.m.

Bhopal, the most serious disaster in history (introductory film)

What justice is there for the damage to the environment and for the families of the victims?

Speaker: **Satinath Sarangi**, Engineer, founder of the Sambhavna Trust, free clinic for the Bhopal survivors

10.30 a.m.

The Bhopal case and the effects on the health of mankind

Speaker: **Mohammed Ali Quaiser**, Medical coordinator of the Sambhavna Trust Clinic

10.50 a.m.

Coffee break and live concert from Wien

Second Session - Chair: **Altero Matteoli**, Minister of Transports and Structures

11.05 a.m.

Marine disasters and unseaworthy vessels. The Prestige cases

(introductory film)

What damage have been done to the environment and to the fishing and tourist/hotel industries? What justice is there?

Speaker: **Fernando González Laxe**, Professor of Applied Economics, University of La Coruña, President of the Public Authority *Puertos del Estado* (Spain)

11.20 a.m.

Venice and high water risk

Speaker: **Giovanni Cecconi**, Engineer of the Consorzio Venezia Nuova

11.35 a.m.

Venice: from high waters to Mose system, an example of sustainable defence of a complex ecosystem

Speaker: **Patrizio Cuccioletta**, President of the Venice Water Authority

11.50 a.m.

Synergistic phenomena in environmental disasters

Speaker: **Christos Zerefos**, President of the National Observatory of Athens and member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate change (IPCC Bureau, 2007 Nobel Peace Prize-winning)

Third Session - Chairs: **Michele Malindretos**, Architect, Town Planner, Professor at the School of Architecture Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, and **Salvatore Bellomia**, Full Professor of Institutions of Public Law, University of Rome *Tor Vergata*

12.15 p.m.

The problem of mining in Latin America and its impact on health. Main biomarkers of reference

Speaker: **Marcelo Enrique Conti**, Professor of Assessment of Environmental Impact, *La Sapienza University* (Rome), IAES Vice President

12.30 p.m.

Mato Grosso and socio-environmental responsibility

Speaker: **Jarbas Soares Júnior**, President of the Associação Brasileira do Ministério Público do Meio Ambiente

12.45 p.m.

The destruction of Earth's ecosystems: the destruction of Peloponnese by deliberate fires (introductory film)

Speaker: **Kyriakos Mitsotakis**, President of the Environmental Protection Committee of the Hellenic Parliament

Fourth Session - Chairs: **Antonino Abrami**, and **Eugenio Vassallo**, Lawyer, Emeritus President of the Venetian Lawyers Association, IAES General Director

01.05 p.m.

The environmental emergency in Italy: the Naples case

Speaker: **Raffaele Raimondi**, Emeritus President of the Supreme Court of Cassation

01.20 p.m.

Towards positive solutions: the Venetian plant at Fusina (film)

01.30 p.m.

Close of the first part: Giuseppe Zupo, Lawyer

01.45 p.m.

Lunch break and live concert from Manchester, UK

the **Camerata Manchester** and the **Ex Novo Ensemble di Venezia** will perform for the first time synchronously from Manchester & Venice

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Second Part: disasters and "responsibility"

What justice for disasters? The *European Environmental Criminal Court* and the *International Environmental Criminal Court* for effective, proportionate and dissuasive protection of mankind's cultural and environmental heritage

First Session - Chairs: **Paolo Dalla Vecchia**, Assessor for the Environment of the Province of Venice, and **Antonino Abrami**

03.00 p.m.

- *The Bhopal case and the lack of justice* (film)
- *The Prestige cases, paltry compensation payments and current danger* (film)
- *The Amazon and Peloponnese cases and the legal limits on protection* (film)

03.30 p.m.

The environmental catastrophe in the Ecuadorian Amazon

Speaker: **Pablo Fajardo Mendoza**, Ecuadorian lawyer

03.45 p.m.

Economic criminality and illegal rubbish trafficking

Speaker: **Piero Grasso**, Chief Prosecutor of the National Anti-Mafia Bureau

04.00 p.m.

The mining activity and crimes. Investigation and concrete cases: the Alumbra

Speaker: **Antonio Gustavo Gomez**, Attorney General of the Province of Tucumán (Argentina), Argentinean representative of the South American network of Environmental Prosecutors

04.15 p.m.

The Seveso case

Speaker: **Massimo Donati**, Mayor of Seveso

04.30 p.m.

Working Environment and worker health, with particular regard to the Veneto Region

Speaker: **Vittorio Borraccetti**, Public Prosecutor of Venice

04.45 p.m.

Legal Protection of the Environment in USA

Speaker: **Eugene L. Nardelli**, Judge of the Supreme Court of the State of New York

05.00 p.m.

Coffee break and live concert from New York

Second Session - Chair: **Paul Garlick**, Barrister specialised in International Criminal Law

05.20 p.m.

Suggested solutions: the International Environmental Criminal Court and the European Environmental Criminal Court (film)

05.35 p.m.

Close of work

Speech by **Nicola Mancino**, Senator and Vice President of the Superior Council of Judiciary

Shirin Ebadi, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate

Luca Zaia, Minister of Food, Forest and Agricultural Policies

08.00 p.m.

Live concert from the European Centre for the Arts, Dresden (Germany)

The Dresdner Sinfoniker and the **Ex Novo Ensemble di Venezia**

will perform for the first time synchronously from Dresden & Venice

OCTOBER 3RD, 2009

PALAZZO DUCALE, Sala del Piovego

Summit of the Heads of State, of Government, and Nobel Laureates

Chair: **Antonino Abrami**

9.30 a.m.

Start of work

Adolfo Pérez Esquivel and **Shirin Ebadi**, Nobel Peace Laureates

Presentation of the Charter of Venice and of the Appeal of the Nobel Laureates (film)

Speaker: **Antonino Abrami**

10.00 a.m.

Dissuasive, proportional and effective EU policy for justice and safeguarding the environment

Speaker: **Michl Ebner**

10.20 a.m.

Endorsement of the Charter of Venice 2006 and of the appeal of the Nobel Peace Laureate, Adolfo Pérez Esquivel and of the IAES Presidents Antonino Abrami and Giuseppe Cartei

Reading of the endorsements received and/or presented at the Summit

Reading of the communications received from various institutions

10.45 a.m.

Round table and closure of work

Declarations (in person or via web-conference) by **Heads of State and Government**, by **Nobel Laureates** and by EU and other International and National Institutions representatives

At the end:

Live from Brisbane, Australia, The Cherbourg Walk

In collaboration with the Brisbane Festival, the walk of indigenous people in memory of the Community of Cherbourg, related to the phenomenon of the *Stolen Generation*.

Live from Australia, Australian personalities will intervene and the video from the opera **Winners**, with interviews to survivors of the radiations caused by nuclear testing in the fifties, will be shown

12.45 p.m.

Transfer to **Villa Herion (Giudecca)**

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VILLA HERION - Seat of the International Environmental Criminal Court, of the European Environmental Criminal Court and of the Research Laboratories

01.30 p.m.

Working lunch

Discussions and comparisons between IAES and, public and private, Institutions for the support and promotion of the projects

08.00 p.m.

Concert at the Basilica dei Frari with the Orchestra of the Theater La Fenice. Andrea Molino, Conductor

On the occasion of the Concert, declarations by Nobel Laureates and International guests will be included in the musical program; the world premiere of *We are Dancing Flames*, a multimedia concert, will be given on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Bhopal disaster

At the end:

official closure of the Forum by Adolfo Pérez Esquivel

09.30 p.m.

Gala Dinner