

**RELIGIOUS INNOVATION AND PLURALISM IN 21 CENTURY EUROPE
R.I.P.E.**

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ANNUAL EUROPEAN CONFERENCE

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear friends,

following the commitment we have undertaken during the European Conference held at University of Aarhus, 20 May 2006, the commitment we have undertaken signing the cultural collaboration agreement that brought to the constitution of R.I.P.E. EUROPEAN RESEARCH GROUP, the talks held in Birmingham (UK) on 11-13 April 2007, where some members of R.I.P.E. Group participated in the Conference of the European Society ESITIS, we have decided to organize the annual Conference of R.I.P.E. Group to be held for the next October 2007 in Rome, Italy.

**The annual Conference of the R.I.P.E. Group will take place at “Link Campus University of Malta”, Library Room, Via Nomentana 335, Rome, Italy
on Friday 19 – Saturday 20 October 2007
(Arrival date 18/10 – Departure date 21/10)**

Issue of the Conference will be:

**CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND RELIGIOUS PLURALISM
THE POSSIBLE DIALOGUE IN EUROPE**

Programme and call for papers

The Conference aims to provide a deeper understanding of this important topic and to compare the more recent studies and researches realized in Europe, and specifically by the R.I.P.E. Group members. Participants are invited to prepare and submit specific papers and research contributions. Detailed programme of the Conference will be sent during the next days.

Specialists and experts

In this occasion we will extend the invitation to specialists and experts not only belonging to R.I.P.E. Group, especially to the members of the European Society for Intercultural Theology and Interreligious Studies – ESITIS, Birmingham (UK).

Organizing Secretariat

Organizing Secretariat will be constituted by EURISPES Institute in Rome. The Secretariat - supported by a working group that will be constituted by Link Campus University of Malta - will provide support for all the organizational needs related to the Conference. Also the website editors will support Conference's participants. The Secretariat will guarantee drafting services, press services and logistics. Invitation, Programme and Acts of the Conference will be published on the website of the Group (www.ripe-project.eu) and eventually in a bookformat following the procedure for the 2006 Aarhus Conference.

Place of Conference

Link Campus University (see website www.unilink.it) is located in the centre of Rome, just outside the historical roman walls, in a residential area. It is easy to reach from the central railway station "Termini" or from the two airports of Rome ("Fiumicino" and "Ciampino") where all the main low cost airline companies offer their service.

Facilities

There will be no registration fee but participants will have to cover their own cost for travel and accommodation. However Eurispes Institute is at disposal of the participants to provide them with all the necessary information (list of hotels. etc.) to reduce costs of participation. The Secretariat, if requested, will also provide a service for special visits and tours in Rome.

We beg you to take note of the issue, the place and the date of the Conference. We consider this coming initiative as an opportunity to reinforce the cooperation and the R.I.P.E. Group's role in Europe.

Waiting to meet you in Rome, we wish to convey you all our best regards

Prof. MARCO RICCERI
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Il Gruppo Europeo di Ricerca si è costituito il 20 maggio 2006 presso l’Università di Aarhus in Danimarca al termine di una conferenza europea sul tema “ Religione e Società”. *Il Gruppo ha carattere aperto alla collaborazione ed all’ulteriore inserimento di qualificati esponenti ed istituti della comunità scientifica europea.*

La conferenza di Aarhus rientrava nelle iniziative previste da un progetto europeo approvato dalla **Fondazione Europea della Scienza – E.S.F.** Alla conferenza ha fatto seguito la pubblicazione del volume *“Religion and Society: Crossdisciplinary European Perspectives”* (Ed. Forlaget Univers, Aarhus, 2006).

Il Gruppo è coordinato dal **prof. VIGGO MORTENSEN**, Direttore del Centro per gli Studi Multireligiosi della Facoltà di Teologia dell’Università di Aarhus (DK). (www.teo.au.dk/cms). L’Eurispes è fra i membri fondatori.

Esso è composto attualmente da 24 docenti, esperti, ricercatori - cristiani, ebrei, musulmani - di istituti e centri studi di 14 Paesi europei.

Fra le attività del Gruppo è prevista una conferenza annuale, nella quale sono presentati e confrontati i risultati delle principali ricerche e studi condotti nel corso dell’anno. I risultati della conferenza sono oggetto di una pubblicazione specifica.

La prossima conferenza è stata programmata per i giorni 19-20 ottobre 2007 a Roma, presso la Link Campus University of Malta, via Nomentana 335 – 00162 Roma (Sala della Biblioteca). I lavori si svolgeranno in lingua inglese.

Il Tema scelto è il seguente: “Cultural Diversity and Religion Pluralism: the possibile dialogue in Europe”

La conferenza è aperta alla partecipazione di esperti e studiosi che desiderino portare il loro contributo alle questioni in esame, con l’obiettivo di rafforzare le situazioni di dialogo. L’invito è stato perciò esteso a studiosi delle più qualificate strutture di studio e ricerca europee. In particolare, parteciperanno gli esperti della **European Society for Intercultural Theology and Interreligious Studies – ESITIS**, di Birmingham (UK) – www.esitis.org.

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Preliminary conference programme

“Cultural Diversity and Religious Pluralism: the possible Dialogue in Europe”

19-20 October 2007,

Link Campus University of Malta, Rome -Italy

Friday 19th October

09:30 Arrivals and Registration
 10:00 **Introduction**
 Prof. Vincenzo Scotti, Prsident, Link Campus University of Malta
 Prof. Gian Maria Fara, President, Eurispes
Lecture: Prof. Dr. Viggo Mortensen
 Director, Centre for Multireligious Studies, University of Aarhus
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First session:

11:00 Papers with discussion
 12:00 Coffee break
 12:30 Papers with discussion
 13:30 Lunch (Link Campus)

Second session:

14:30 Papers with discussion
 16:00 Coffee break
 16:30 Papers with discussion

Saturday 20th October

First session:

09:30 Papers with discussion
 11:30 Coffee break
 12:00 Papers with discussion
 13:30 Lunch (Link Campus)

Second session:

14:30 Papers and final discussion
 15:45 Coffee break
 16:00 Annual Meeting of the R.I.P.E.
 17:30 Departures

Do you have any suggestion for the conference?

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INNOVATION AND PLURALISM IN EUROPEAN SOCIETY”**

Roma 19 – 20 ottobre 2007

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