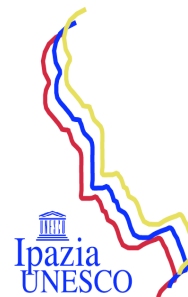


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**2007
EUROPEAN YEAR OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL**

INTERNATIONAL MEETING

**“EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL IN ITALY AND THE EURO-
MEDITERRANEAN AREA”**

Organisers

International Mediterranean Women's Forum (2007) Italian Section, UNESCO Centre in Turin, International Centre Ipazia-UNESCO. Women and Science. Research, Study and Training for the Mediterranean and the Balkans.

With the support of the Chairmanship of the Committee for Equal Opportunities, Province of Turin, and of the Compagnia di San Paolo.

Brief presentation of the programme

In order to satisfy the requests for the European Year of Equal Opportunities for All and to celebrate its ten years activities in Turin, the International Mediterranean Women's Forum, NGO UNESCO and ECOSOC, Italian Section, will organise a **two-day International Meeting in Turin on the 14th and 15th June 2007**. The title of the meeting is **“Equal Opportunities for All in Italy and the Euro-Mediterranean Area”** and participation will be open to all the networks of women in Italy, the Mediterranean and the Balkans that intend to carry out initiatives for the implementation of Equal Opportunities for All.

Introduction and background

In November 2005 the International Mediterranean Women's Forum organised its VI Conference in Turin entitled “10 years after Beijing and Barcelona: Euro-Mediterranean policies from partnership to ‘good neighbourhood’. The rights and positions of women: reality or utopia” In close collaboration with the Centre Ipazia-UNESCO, local authorities of Piedmont, UNESCO, the universities of Piedmont and the Mediterranean and with the contribution of the Compagnia di San Paolo and the CRT Foundation.

At the end of the International Meeting, the **Declaration of Turin**, approved and signed on **the 20th November 2005** by representatives of the Italian regions and of Mediterranean and Balkan countries, launched guidelines for activities to be carried out within defined contexts during the biennium 2006/2007.

In 2006 **the first activity of the Italian Section of the Forum and the Centre Ipazia-UNESCO was the collection, translation and preparation of the publication in one volume and in three languages of the reports of all the experts** who participated in the VI Conference: “10 years after Beijing and

*Barcelona: Euro-Mediterranean policies from partnership to 'good neighbourhood'.
The rights and position of women: reality or utopia".*

Another activity, at national level, was the creation of the Network of Mediterranean Women made up of delegates of other Italian regions, provinces and cities and the **120 UNESCO Centres and Clubs**.

The network, originating from the necessity to make common use of the good practices present in many different Italian realities, aims to enhance its own influence at a political level throughout proposals for the achievement of equal opportunities for all .

The first meeting in Erice, which took place in April 2006, permitted a first exchange of information among the different national realities, thus underlining all the different situations.

The Forum and the International Centre Ipazia-UNESCO, boosted by their experiences in Piedmont and Turin in the field of Gender Equality, have accepted to take part in more days of meetings to participate in a period of comparison and training on this subject.

Aims and participants

The meeting's aim is to give to women already integrated in Gender Equality Organizations in different Regions or who would like to become part of them, some **concrete tools** to use in their own realities, thus starting new initiatives and projects to develop together.

The participants of the future Turin meeting committed themselves to bring their account on the policy and practice of Gender Equality in their country, thus starting local initiatives linked to this subject.

In the communication distributed in November 2006 it was proposed that Network members become bearers of the invitation to Presidents or members of local government of their Town, Province or Region so that they could contribute to the meeting with authoritative and updated accounts that are able to create new programmes for the year 2007/2008.

Partnerships

The Focal Point of the International Mediterranean Women's Forum in the following countries: Algeria, Croatia, Egypt, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Morocco, Spain, Tunisia, Turkey, U.S.A.

The Italian Federation of UNESCO Centres and Clubs: UNESCO Centre in Turin, UNESCO Centre in Milan, UNESCO Centre in Como.

The International Inner Wheel Turin European

DRAFT PROGRAMME**INTERNATIONAL MEETING****“EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL IN ITALY AND THE EURO-MEDITERRANEAN AREA”***14th and 15th June 2007***Circolo dei lettori***Via Bogino, 9***Thursday 14th June**Morning from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**Greetings from local, national and international authorities****Gülser Corat**, Head of Gender Division - UNESCO**Vladimir Spidla**, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities – European Union**Mercedes Bresso**, President – Piedmont Region**Giuliana Manica**, Chairperson of the Committee for Equal Opportunities – Piedmont Region**Aurora Tesio**, Chairperson of the Committee for Equal Opportunities – Turin Province**Laura Cima**, Member of Equal Opportunities Council – Turin Province**Marta Levi**, Chairperson of the Committee for Equal Opportunities – Turin Municipality

“10 years after Beijing and Barcelona: Euro-Mediterranean Policies from partnership to ‘good neighbourhood’. The rights and positions of women: reality or utopia”, presentation of the book, result of the work made by the International Mediterranean Women’s Forum.

Speakers:**Tullia Caretoni Romagnoli** (Italy), President of the I.M.F.W. (International Mediterranean Women’s Forum), Honorary President of the ISIAO (Italian Institute for Africa and the Orient) and Director of CAO (West Africa Centre).**Milena Corradini** (Italy), ETF(European Training Foundation)Operations Department**Wassyla Tamzali** (Algeria), Vice Presidente I.M.W.F.**Ivana Burdelez** (Croatia), ICCU DirectorChaired by: **Maria Paola Azzario**, person in charge for the Forum in Italy.Afternoon:from 3p.m. to 6 p.m.***Equal Opportunities: how they are being build in the Euro-Mediterranean Area?***Chaired by: **Vicky Franzinetti** (Italy), President of the Committee for Equal Opportunities, University of the Studies of Turin.

From 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.: **Round table**: presentation of the good practices in the Mediterranean Countries, Piedmont and other Italian Regions, accounts by woman politicians, directors and entrepreneurs.

Giovanna Boschis (Italy), FEM President (Female Europeans of Medium and Small Enterprises)

Soukaina Bouraoui (Tunisia), President - C.A.T.W.A.R. (Centre of Arab Women for Training and Research)

Esther Fouchier (France), President of the M. W. Forum of Marseille

Paola Pozzi (Italy), Councillor of Piedmont Region, former Chairperson of the Committee for Equal Opportunities – Turin Municipality

Mazal Renford (Israel), MCTC Director (The Golda Meir Mount Carmel International Training Center)

Workshop: Working groups to build interregional activities to activate in the year 2007/2008. (Organization)

Group 1: Gender Equality Education

Chaired by: **Paola Pozzi**, Councillor of Piedmont Region and the former Chairperson of the Committee for Equal Opportunities – Turin Municipality

Group 2: Women entrepreneurship

Chaired by: **Giovanna Boschis**, FEM President

Group 3: Public Departments, Commissions and Committees for Gender Equality. Tools to improve the democracy growth

Chaired by: **Monica Cerutti**, President of Energy Commission – Turin Municipality

Friday 15th June

Morning: from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

From to 9 to 11 a.m.

Continuation of the working groups

From to 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Operative conclusions

Presentation of the on-line follow up procedures of the agreed projects, in the Turin area and at the national and international level.

On the occasion of this Meeting the International Centre Ipazia-UNESCO “Women and Science” will give the two scholarship named after “Francesca Buzzetti” to Paola Pellegrinetti and Vestine Kaligirwa, for the “Project of psychomotility for educators – Rwanda 2007” of the NutriAid-NutriPa Onlus.

Patronages requested to:

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The Italian Federation of UNESCO Centres and Clubs

European Union – Commission for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities.

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