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## WORLD VENICE FORUM 2009

Venice, October 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> 2009

# FOR AN INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMINAL COURT AND FOR A EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMINAL COURT

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

Scientific collaboration with: *Magistrato alle Acque di Venezia, Unione Trieneta dei Consigli dell'Ordine degli Avvocati, Fundación Servicio Paz y Justicia – Serpaj Argentina, Consorzio Venezia Nuova, Action & Passion for Peace, Doctors for the Environment, University of Nova Gorica, Osservatorio Selvas.org*

**OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup> 2009**

**PALAZZO DUCALE, Sala del Piovego**

*PALAZZO DUCALE: Voces de Los Pueblos*, multimedia installation by **Amanda Guerrero**, electroacoustic music with the sound stones by **Pinuccio Sciola**

From **8.30 a.m.**

**Live connection with Christchurch, New Zealand**

**Chris Cree Brown: Aeolian Harp**, sound installation

*In collaboration with the Canterbury University, Christchurch*

**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, Peloponnesian 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:

**Massimo Cacciari**, Mayor of Venice

**Giancarlo Galan**, President of the Veneto Region

**Francesca Zaccariotto**, President of the Province of Venice

**Daniele Grasso**, President of the Venice Bar Association

**Mauro Pizzigati**, President of the Unione Trieneta dei Consigli dell'Ordine degli Avvocati

**10.00 a.m.**

Start of work: **Antonino Abrami** and **Giuseppe Cartei**, Oncologist, President of the IAES Scientific Committee

**10.10 a.m.**

**Bhopal, the most serious disaster in history** (documentary)

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

Interview: **Satinath Sarangi**, Engineer, founder of the Sambhavna Trust, free clinic for the Bhopal survivors and **M. A. Quaiser**, Medical coordinator of the Sambhavna Trust Clinic

**10.30 a.m.**

*The Bhopal case and the effects on the health of mankind*

Speaker: **Christian Huglo**, Lawyer

**10.50 a.m.**

**Coffee Break and live connection with the Milan Triennale**

**Ensemble Sentieri Selvaggi** conducted by **Carlo Boccadoro** will perform *Critical Mass* by **Filippo Dal Corno**, for string orchestra  
With the participation of **Giuseppe Cederna**

**Second Session – Chairs: Renato Chisso**, Veneto Region Councillor for Mobility and Infrastructures Policies and **Enzo Siviero**, Full Professor of Building Technics at the IUAV University (Venice), Vice Chairman of the CUN (National University Council)

**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 the 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**, 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 Peloponnesian 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)

- **Alga Carta**, an innovative solution for the preservation of the fragile ecosystem of the Venice Lagoon (presentation)

**01.35 p.m.**

**Close of the first part: Giuseppe Zupo**, Lawyer

**01.45 p.m.**

**Lunch break and live connection with the Manchester University** and with the **Conservatorio “B. Marcello”, Venice**, **Michele Dall'Ongaro: Green Piece. Manchester Camerata, Ex Novo Ensemble.**

**World Première** simultaneously from Manchester and Venice on the occasion of the World Venice Forum 2009.

In collaboration with **Manchester Camerata** and **Ex Novo Musica**



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**SECOND PART: DISASTERS AND "RESPONSIBILITY"**

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

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

**03.00 p.m.**

- *The Bophal 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 Alumbraera*

Speaker: **Antonio Gustavo Gomez**, General Attorney 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's 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 the 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 I Campi di Venezia*

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

**05.20 p.m.**

*Suggested solutions: International Environmental Criminal Court and 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

**08.00 p.m.**

*Live connection with Hellerau* - European Centre For The Arts, Dresden, and Conservatorio "B.Marcello", Venice

Linda Buckley: Turn

Dresdner Sinfoniker (Michael Helmuth, conductor), Ex Novo Ensemble.

*World Première* simultaneously from Dresden and Venice on the occasion of the World Venice Forum 2009. In collaboration with Dresdner Sinfoniker, Hellerau - European Centre For The Arts and Ex Novo Musica

**OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup> 2009**

**PALAZZO DUCALE, Sala del Piovego**

**SUMMIT OF THE HEADS OF STATE, OF GOVERNMENT, AND OF THE 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.**

*Live connection with Brisbane (Australia) "The Cherbourg Walk"; broadcast via satellite provided by Eutelsat.* In collaboration with the Brisbane Festival, **Cecelia Cmielewski** of the Australia Council For The Arts, presents the walk of indigenous people in memory of the Community of Cherbourg, related to the phenomenon of the *Stolen Generation*. Australian personalities will intervene and the video from the multimedia opera **Winners**, with interviews to survivors of the radiations caused by nuclear testing in the fifties, will be screened.

**10.20 a.m.**

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

Speaker: **Michl Ebner**

**10.40 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*

**11.15 a.m.**

*Round table*

Declarations (\*) by **Heads of State and of Government**, by **Nobel**

**Laureates** and by EU and other International and National Institutions representatives

Speech by **Corinne Lepage**, Vice Chairwoman of the EU Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

(\*) *Declarations given in person or via web-conference*

**12.45 p.m.**

*Closure of work*

**01.00 pm Lunch & Live connection with Vienna (Austria)**

**Peter Ablinger**: *Deus, cantando* (God, Singing) for computer controlled piano and video texts. **World Première** on the occasion of the World Venice Forum 2009. In collaboration with **Wien Modern Festival**

*The following programme is by invitation only*

**02.00 p.m.**

*Project Environmental Disaster Observer (EDO)* By IAES

Speakers: Eng. **Fabio Fior**, IAES Scientific Committee,

Dr. **Sonia Silvestri**, Marte Srl,

Dr. **Annalisa Bovo**, Direction of Environmental Protection of the Veneto Region

**02.40 p.m.**

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

**03.20 p.m. Final declarations and closure of work**

**From 03.30 to 05.00 p.m. Transfer and visit to**

**VILLA HERION**

***Seat of the International Environmental Criminal Court, of the European Environmental Criminal Court and of the Research Laboratories***



**07.00 p.m. CONCERT AT THE BASILICA DEI FRARI**

**WITH THE ORCHESTRA OF TEATRO LA FENICE DI VENEZIA.**

*Closure Concert, Orchestra of Teatro La Fenice di Venezia*

Conductor: **Andrea Molino**

During the programme: **Of Flowers And Flames**

*multimedia concert on the occasion of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bophal tragedy.*

**World Première on the occasion of the World Venice Forum**

Participation of Nobel Laureates and International guests

Official closure by **Adolfo Pérez Esquivel**