

WFWP Italy launches International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace

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The first important Conference promoted by UPF and WFWP to launch the 'International Association of Parliamentarians, for Peace was held on 13th September 2016 in Rome at the Palazzo San Macuto in the Sala della Camera.

We'd like to thank Hon. Bechis that, having participated at the European foundation of this association in London on 9th September, could attend this event at the Italian Parliament. She came to share her own experience and to promote this initiative here in Italy.

We'd also like to thank all the speakers who affronted the arguments, not only offering a rich analysis of the situation but also presenting possible solutions to the problem. Another thank you goes to the public who participated, above all to those who attended the event in the morning where we had some time to discuss about how to find a shared vision to realise peace and which steps we can take to arrive at a legislation towards that direction.

Soon, we will have the acts of the conference and until then you can find the registration file of the whole conference at www.radioradicale.it/.../in-formazione-associazione-in...

The meeting began with greetings from Dr. Gemma Guerrini who brought salutations from Sindachessa Virginia Raggi, who due to prior engagements, wasn't able to attend. In her speech, she highlighted that this world isn't held together by globalization, but unfortunately by sufferance from many ongoing conflicts, and that Rome has always been an open city, that has collected many different traditions and cultures...

After having spoken about his profound experience at the conference in London, he wanted to highlight an alarming fact: in 2015, 12,000 young people who arrived in Europe have since disappeared from the institutions. This means that they are no longer visible, no one knows where they have wound up.... For

this reason Hon. Bechis reaffirmed that supporting the family will be his political work and his work with the Association of the Parliament for Peace. He believes that it is within the family that one can generate support, understanding and love, protecting the family, we can also protect the youth.

Hon. Centemero, President of the Equality Commission and Non Discrimination at the European Council, spoke to us about the commitment of the commission to defend human rights in the face of globalization, in particular those of women and children that are the ones most vulnerable. Unfortunately they suffer not only physical abuse but also mental, especially during the migration process. It is more difficult for women to integrate but they have great importance. Women represent the core of the family and are the internal element of the family most inclined to search for help and communication. They are more open. The vision, the objective of the Equality Commission and Non Discrimination is a multi-ethnic society where people can live in peace.

Dr. Marco Riccieri, general secretary of the EURISPES, explained that the observatory's activity is to collect data and analyse it using statistics through which it may be possible to have some sort of prediction about how the group may develop in the future. During his speech, he reaffirmed that every public figure in a leadership position has an important social responsibility and should not only analyse the various problems, but also propose possible solutions. In this way, the politicians can work together with the scientist and the analyst, whereas the scientist should take on the responsibilities of coming up with various possible solutions...

Dr. Souad Sbai, President of the Moroccan Women's Association, explained that through her experience, living here in Italy for some time, she realised how, paradoxically, Muslim women who live in Italy are often forced to respect rigid rules and have very few liberties compared to when they were in Morocco since, here in Italy the extremist Muslims who live here have created a type of control.

Elisabetta Nistri showed that through an analysis of some extremely radical cases between young people in Europe, they found that, for the majority of people, this influence came from their friends, not in the mosques or in their families...

To prevent the spread of this, families have a huge role because in theory, parents and siblings should be the first ones who realise radical behaviour... The state can't control or check the type of friendships people have ... If the radical behaviour is rebuilt in time, it's possible to avoid extremism. A question that we need to ask ourselves is what type of society can we offer to young people in our democratic world of today... we have surely gained many rights, but maybe in time we have thrown out some fundamental values. From here it is necessary to regain and re enforce the family and offer this to young people through school education, education of ones character towards the discovery of ones values, and we can give them aspirations that the world can give them opportunities so they can express themselves in a society of service for others. Religion has a fundamental role in this, as it should be the first group to show how one can live like this as an example, live in cooperation for the realisation of a better world.

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