



## **IPS Support Group meeting THE ROLE OF COMMUNICATION IN THE ALLIANCE AMONG CIVILISATIONS**

Venice, ITALY, November 29, 2007

**Venue: Isola di San Servolo – 30100 Venice - Italy**

### **November 29**

**9.00** - Registration

**9.30** – Welcome and opening remarks:

- Davide Zoggia, President of the Province of Venice
- Mario Soares, IPS President
- Laura Di Lucia Coletti, Councillor in charge of the Project "Ethical Province", Province of Venice
- Peter Schatzer, Director, Regional Office for the Mediterranean and Chief of Mission in Italy and Malta of International Organization for Migration
- Patrizia Sentinelli, Italian Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs

**10.15** A political and religious approach to the Alliance of Civilizations

Interventions by:

- Leonid Kishkovsky, Moderator of the World Conference of Religions for Peace (WCRP) International
- Martti Ahtisaari, Chairman of the Crisis Management Initiative
- Joon Oh, Special Advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Republic of Korea
- Shlomo Ben-Ami, Vice President of the Toledo International Centre for Peace
- Yahya Sergio Yahe Pallavicini, Vice President of Co.Re.Is. (Comunità Religiosa Islamica)

Moderator: Fifi Benaboud, Chair of the IPS Executive Committee

**11.30** - Coffee break

**11.45** - Debate

**13.00** – Lunch

**14.30** – Are the suggestions of the High-Level Group of the Alliance of Civilisations feasible?

Interventions by:

- Federico Mayor Zaragoza, President of the “Culture of Peace” Foundation and former Director-General of UNESCO
- Katerina Stenou, Director of the Division of Cultural Policies and Intercultural Dialogue and Secretary of the Task Force on Dialogue among cultures, UNESCO
- Jorge Sampaio, United Nations High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations
- Abdelwahab Derbal, Head of mission in Brussels, League of Arab States
- Walter Schwimmer, Former Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Chairman International Coordination Committee of the World Public Forum “Dialogue of Civilizations”

Moderator: Roberto Savio, Founder of IPS and Chairman of the IPS International Board of Trustees

**15.45** - Debate

**16.30** - Coffee break

**16.45** – The role of communications in the dialogue among civilizations

Interventions by:

- Sue Phillips, Bureau Chief, Aljazeera English
- Piero di Pasquale, Deputy Director, RAI International
- Safiye Cagar, Director of the Information, Executive Board and Resource Mobilization Division of UNFPA
- Amos Luzzatto, President of the Union of Italian-Jewish Communities
- Baher Kamal, Advisor to Director General on the Middle East, IPS

Moderator: Mario Lubetkin, IPS Director General

**18.00** - Debate

**18.45** - Conclusions