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Manuela Algeri, lawyer and journalist, has been working in the EU institutions for twenty years. In her current assignment at DG Environment, she promotes the correct application of Community environmental law in Italy, contributing to divulge a better understanding of EU environmental legislation and policies in Italy through training/information activities addressed to the public, journalists and public administrators. She also contributes to the ongoing dialogue between the European Commission and the Italian authorities, aimed at identifying and solving cases of non-conformity with Community environmental law in Italy.

Pietro Barbieri was born in 1967 in Sesto San Giovanni (MI). In 1996 he took the office of National President of the Italian Federation for Overcoming Handicaps (FISH) and became a member of the National Council on Disability and founding member of the European Disability Forum. Since 1990 he's been vice-president and project coordinator at FAIP (Federation of Paraplegic Italian Associations) and since 2003 coordinator of the EmpowerNet project for the active citizenship of people with disabilities and their families.

Lucio Battistotti is since the 1st of September 2009 Head of the European Commission Representation in Italy. He was previously Head of Unit at DG Employment, with responsibility for managing the European Social Fund (ESF) in Spain, Denmark and Finland. He also had several management positions at DG Employment, where he was responsible for the audit of the ESF in the Member States. In the period 2001-2003 Lucio Battistotti was Acting Head of the Representation in Italy. In the previous five years he was Deputy Director of the Representation in Rome with delegation for relations with the Italian Regions and the Italian Parliament. He was also responsible for the communication campaign on the Euro and Economic Affairs. Mr. Battistotti joined the European Commission in 1983 and has held various positions of responsibility in the Financial Control DG responsible for auditing the EU Structural Funds. In 1995 he was also called to join the Cabinet of the European Commissioner Emma Bonino. Lucio Battistotti graduated in political sciences at the University of Padua and contributed to several Italian publications on the field of economy. Furthermore, he collaborates with the masters program in European Integration at the University Of Padua.

Antonio Bassolino, author of several essays including *"Mezzogiorno alla prova"* (De Donato 1980) and *"La Repubblica delle città"* (Donzelli 1996), carried out an intense journalist activity on the processes of economic and social development of the south of Italy. Regional Councillor in 1970 and Regional Secretary of the Communist Party from 1976 until 1983, he was elected to the Italian Parliament in 1987 and became member of the Employment Parliamentary Committee. In 1992 he obtained his second mandate and became member of the Parliamentary Committee on Trade and Tourism. He was elected mayor of Naples in 1993 and in 1997; in 1998 he was appointed Employment Minister in the D'Alema Government. Since April 2000 he is President of the Campania Region.

Giuseppe Brancaccio was born in Naples in 1961. He got a University Degree in Italian Literature at the Oriental Institute of Naples and the title of Doctor in social and religious history at the University of Roma "La Sapienza". Since 2008 he is responsible for the planning and

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Nadia Caragliano is Director of the immigration service “Ethnic Group”, at the AGC (Area Generale Coordinamento: General Area of Coordination) n° 18 of the Campania Region, and responsible for the Measure 3.4 of the P.O.R. 2007-2013 “*Job placement and reintegration of disadvantaged groups*”. The AGC n° 18 coordinates the activities “Social Work, Social Activities, Sports, Leisure, Entertainment, Programming and supervision of social services” and is directed by Mr Salvatore Esposito.

Antonia Carparelli is Head of the Unit for “Social inclusion policies and social aspects of migration” at the Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities of the European Commission. She joined the European Commission in 1993, after several years of research and professional work as an economist in her own country, Italy. At the European Commission, she worked for several years in the Department for Economic and Financial Affairs (1993-1999) and in the office of Commissioner Margot Wallström (1999-2007), as a Deputy Head of Cabinet.

Laura Ciacci is responsible for the international cooperation program of WWF Italy. In WWF since 1998, she was previously in charge of communication and marketing. Before entering WWF, she worked for 9 years in the Group Danone, where she dealt with internal and external communication as well as social policies. The international cooperation program of WWF also targets cross-cutting policies related to sustainability: combating poverty, market transformation, trade, economy and environment, alternative economy, human development, food security and sovereignty, globalization.

Massimo Crucioli is adviser to CILAP (Collegamento Italiano per la Lotta alla Povertà), the Italian section of EAPN. Set up as a non-profit association in 1992, CILAP promotes, disseminates and analyses the issues related to European policies against poverty and social exclusion; in this field CILAP concentrates on the programs and funds offered by the European Union, on the relevant access procedures, on the role of local actors (both public and private) and on the implementation of the programs in the territories concerned.

Luigi D’Antuono currently holds the positions of: Coordinator of the AGC (Area Generale Coordinamento: General Area of Coordination) “Planning, Plans and Programs” of the Campania Regional Council; Managing Authority of the Regional Operational Program Campania ESF; Manager of the 02 Sector “Planning and Links with the General Areas of Coordination” at the same AGC. Previously he has been: Manager of Office III at the Government’s Provincial Accounting Department in Naples and Manager of the Provincial

Department of the Ministry of Finance; Manager of Office I within the Service for negotiated planning (Department for development and cohesion policies – Ministry of the Treasury, Budget and Economic Planning); Manager of Division III within the General Secretariat for Economic Planning (Ministry of the Budget).

Lilli De Felice is Professor of Labor Law and Social Security at the University of Naples Federico II. She's a defence counsel at the Court of Cassation. Since February 2008 she's been councillor of the Campania Region responsible for Social and Youth Policies, Sports, Equal Opportunities and Migration. She's the author of books and essays on labor law, social security and industrial relations in Europe.

Daniela Di Capua, Director of the Central Service of the System for protection of asylum seekers and refugees (SPRAR), has gained over the years specific experience on the issue of asylum and integration. The SPRAR – which involves local authorities responsible for projects aimed at ensuring the reception and integration of asylum seekers and refugees – is the only system for integration covering the whole country. The Central Service was entrusted by the Ministry of the Interior to the ANCI (National Association of Italian Municipalities); besides coordinating and supporting local projects, it acts as a link between the central government, local administrations and third sector organizations.

Francesco Fioretti is President of the “Enzo Aprea” Association and was a delegate to the eighth European meeting on combating poverty and social exclusion (15-16 May 2009, Brussels). The Culture and Volunteer Association “Enzo Aprea” ha been active for fifteen years in promoting the integration of people with physical and mental disabilities. The Association has organized summer camps, excursions and holidays in seaside resorts. Other activities include handicraft courses, computer courses, acting courses and music courses. The last challenge Aprea has engaged into is the creation of a theatrical group.

Oliviero Forti is Head of the Immigration Office of the Italian Caritas. He graduated in law, and has dealt with human mobility for over 10 years. He's currently Head of the Immigration Office of the Italian Caritas and Professor at the LUMSA University in Rome. He wrote many articles on migration, with a particular focus on socio-legal aspects.

Andrea Fumagalli was born in 1959, graduated in Economics and Social Sciences at the Bocconi University and received his Ph.D. in Economics after doing research at the EHESS in Paris and at the New School for Social Research in New York. Since february 2001 he's associate professor of Economics at the Department of Economics and Quantitative Methods (Faculty of Economics) and professor of Political Economy for the Degree Course in Multimedia Communication at the University of Pavia. Andrea Fumagalli has been a member of the Research Committee of ECSB (European Council of Small Business) and a consultant for the Friuli-Venezia Giulia Region in connection with the Community Program INTERREG IIIA Italy-

Slovenia 2004-2006 for the establishment of an Observatory on social policy in the Friuli-Venezia Giulia Region and in Slovenia. He is currently Vice-President of the Association BIN-Italy (Basic Income Network) and he's a member of the Network of independent research UniNomade. His researches deal with job insecurity, income unequal distribution and the changing of contemporary capitalism.

Yves Gazzo is Head of the Delegation of the European Commission to the Holy See, to the Order of Malta and to the Organisations of the United Nations in Rome. Graduated in Financial Economics (Institute of Political Studies of Paris, 1969), he has specialized in Economics (Sorbonne I, 1971) and in Rural Economy (Montpellier, 1975). Humanitarian worker in Chad (1969-1971), he has been auditor at the company "Arthur Andersen" (1971-1973) and then economic adviser for the Ministry of Planning in Niamey, Niger (1973-1974). He worked at FAO (Investment Center, Rome) collaborating with the preparation and financing of projects in Libya, Morocco and Tunisia (1975-1979) and at the World Bank as an economist in Washington DC (1979-1984) and as counselor for international relations at the European Office in Paris (1985-1988). Since 1987 he has served the European Commission and has held the following positions: Economic Counselor at the Delegation in Bamako, Mali (1988-1990); Deputy Head of Sector and Division Chief of the "Structural adjustments" Unit (Directorate General VIII) in Brussels (1990-1994); Head of Delegation in Amman and Yemen (1994-1998); Head of Delegation in the Philippines (1999-2001); Head of Delegation in Ethiopia and Djibouti (2001-2003). From 2003 till 2009 he was Head of the European Commission Representation in France.

Giampiero Gramaglia was director of ANSA from 2006 till 2009. He began his career as a professional journalist in 1972 with some local newspapers, and in 1979 he became Brussels correspondent of the *Gazzetta del Popolo*. In 1980 he joined ANSA, and in 1984 he became director of the Brussels headquarters of the agency, where he developed his whole journalistic career becoming editor, then responsible of the foreign desk and in 1997 deputy director with delegation to the foreign desk. In 1999 he directed the ANSA office in Paris and from 2000 till 2006 he directed the ANSA office in Washington; in 2006 he was appointed managing director of the agency. In 1992 he founded the European Press Club, where he is Secretary-General.

Leda Guillemette was project manager for the "*Guide on Cooperation European Union-Latin America*" supported by the European Commission's EuropeAid Cooperation office ALFA programme. She is responsible for the courses on cooperation at the University of Paris III New Sorbonne's Institute for High Studies on Latin America (IHEAL) as well as in other European and Latin American universities. Professor of Latin American civilisation and member of the Research group "*Identities and Cultures – GRIC*", she teaches at the faculty of International Affairs in Le Havre University since 1989. She got a Diploma in Political Studies in Paris IX-Dauphine University and is Doctor in Civilisation; in 1994 she presented her dissertation "*The Evolution of Violence in Brazil, through the study of violent crimes during the 1980s*". She's also a Doctor in Law from the Federal University of Ceará. The subjects of her last publications include democracy, social cohesion, the management of EC external assistance, regional integration and the reform of the management of the EC financial assistance.

Ludo Horemans is President of EAPN, European Anti-Poverty Network. In June 2009 he was reelected for his third term as President. Ludo Horemans has been active for over 30 years in the social sphere of Antwerp. He has been for 15 years President of the *Vlaams Forum Armoedebestrijding*, a Flemish network of associations fighting for the empowerment of the poor. In 2001 he was elected first President of the European Network. Since 1990 EAPN is an independent network of associations and groups involved in the fight against poverty and social exclusion in the Member States of the European Union.

Rosa Russo Iervolino is an Italian politician: she's been several times MP and Minister of the Republic, and she is currently mayor of Naples. Besides being the first woman to hold the highest office in the Campania Region capital, she was also the first woman Minister in the history of the Republic. President of the Constitutional Affairs Committee of the Chamber, in 2001 she was elected mayor of Naples. She was reconfirmed in 2006 with 57% of preferences. Since May 2007 she is one of the 45 members of the National Committee of the Democratic Party, where sit the leaders of the components of the future PD, party born on October 14th 2007.

Stefano Mantovani was born in 1962. Since 1987 he has dealt with communication processes between areas of marginality and the social territory. Since 1989 he has been leading projects for the social inclusion of people who used to be in mental hospitals. To this end, in 1991 he founded in Oderzo (Treviso) and became president of the social cooperative Salto Biralto. In 2000 he founded and became president of the social cooperative Kalamita, which, in association with other non-profit organizations, leads a project for the social re-integration of former mental hospital patients in Treviso, Oderzo and Mogliano Veneto. Since 2003 he has collaborated with the social cooperative Noncello of Pordenone managing projects for the social and professional integration of vulnerable groups. In 2009 he became president of the cooperative Noncello.

Sergio Marelli is President of the Association of Italian NGOs. He graduated in Agricultural Sciences and has always been engaged in international cooperation and NGOs. Since 1994 he has been Director-General of *Volunteers in the world* - Focsiv (a federation of 57 Christian bodies of international voluntary service) and since 2000 he has held the office of President of the Association of Italian NGOs (an association of 163 NGOs). He's also a member of the National Coordinating Committee of the Permanent Forum Third Sector; an expert appointed in the Observatory of Social Promotion Associations (Presidency of the Council of Ministers); a member of the Executive Council of CeSPI; a member of the Coordination of the Italian Focal Point of the United Nations Volunteer Program; a member of the Board of Directors of CIDSE (Coordination of Development Agencies of the European and North American Episcopal Conferences); a member of the working group on the "Elaboration of proposals for an International Code of Conduct on the Right to Food" set up within the Italian National Committee for the coordination between the Italian Government (Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry) and the FAO.

Rossella Miccio got a degree in Political Sciences (Far East Studies) at the Orientale University Institute of Naples in 1999, and subsequently attended the European Master's NOHA (Network

on Humanitarian Assistance) specializing in Peace Building and Conflict Resolution at the University of Uppsala, Sweden. From October till December 2000 she worked as an intern dealing with the logistics for departing staff (travel, visas, etc.) at the Mission support office of Emergency. In Emergency she subsequently worked as desk officer of the Afghanistan Program (2001-2003); as coordinator of the Sudan project (2003-2005); as head of external and diplomatic relations of the organization (2005-2007). Since June 2007 she's been coordinator of the Humanitarian Office of Emergency. Since 2004 she's been member of the Directive Board of Emergency and since December 2007 she's been President of Emergency UK.

Jason Nardi is coordinator of the Italian Coalition Social Watch, an international network of civil society associations and organizations with representatives in over 60 countries that publishes a yearly report monitoring the commitments made by governments on social development, gender policies and poverty eradication. Communication activist, Nardi managed the portal Unimondo.org and is a member of the International Council of the World Social Forum. He writes for various magazines and websites (including Valori, a monthly on ethical finance) and coorganizes Terra Futura, the largest annual event on green economy and new lifestyles.

Alfredo Pallone is an Italian politician. Since 2009 he's been MEP and a member of the Commission on Economic and Monetary Affairs. He graduated in Sociology at the University of Rome "La Sapienza", with a specialization in "Public, healthcare and services management". In 1985 he became President of the Provincial office for Tourism of Frosinone, and later he became vice-mayor of Frosinone (Councillor for General Affairs). From 2000 till 2005, as member of the party Forza Italia he was councillor at the Lazio Region and president of the General Affairs Committee. In 2006 he became President of the Group of Forza Italia at the Lazio Region and in 2008 he became Regional Coordinator for the same party. Since 2009 he's been vicar deputy coordinator for the Partito della Libertà in the Lazio Region.

Mauro Palma is President of the European Committee for the prevention of torture and inhuman and degrading treatment, which has recently produced a report on the severe situation of prisons and temporary detention centers in Italy. He is also the founder and Honorary President of Antigone (an association that promotes the rights in the penal system), President of the Italian Observatory of Prisons and Adviser on Human Rights at the Regional Assembly of Lazio. The European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment is an organ of the Council of Europe which seeks to prevent cases of torture and inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in the territory of States which have signed the European Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, in force since 1987. This Convention has been ratified by 47 Member States of the Council.

Massimo Palumbo was born and grew up in Messina, and graduated in Political Sciences in 1985. He has long worked in Palermo as a staff economist at the Studies Office of the Banco di Sicilia, before starting a career in European institutions. He lived in Brussels from 1996 to 2003,

working in the secretariat of various committees. In Rome since 2004, he's currently the number two in the Office for Italy of the European Parliament, responsible for public relations and relationships with the institutions.

Paolo Pezzana is president of the Italian Federation of the organizations for the homeless (Fio.Psd). Founded in 1985 and formally constituted in association in 1990, the Fio.Psd deals with problems related to adult exclusion and marginalization of homeless people. Its members are institutions and organizations belonging to both the public administration and the private sector.

Gianni Pittella graduated in medicine and surgery and has been municipal adviser in Lauria, adviser and councillor of the Basilicata Region, regional secretary of the Young Socialists and a member of the national leadership of the Democratic Left Party as well as Democratic Left national official responsible for Italians in the world. He's currently member of the European Parliament, re-elected for the third time in 2009 for the Democratic Party in the south Italy constituency. He is a member of the parliamentary group of the Progressive Socialists and Democrats. He is a member of the Committee on Budgets, the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, the temporary Committee on the challenges and the financial resources funds of the enlarged Union 2007-2013, of the Delegation to the EU-Romania Joint Parliamentary Committee, of the Delegation to the EU-Moldova Parliamentary Cooperation Committee. In November 2006 he was unanimously elected president of the Italian delegation in the PSE group in the European Parliament. Since 14 July 2009 he's vice-president of the European Parliament.

Giulio Riccio is since June 2006 the social policies alderman at the Municipality of Naples. Previously he was responsible for the staff at the Activities, Commerce and Crafts Department (1998-2001) as well as at the Social Affairs Department of the Municipality of Naples (2001-2003). From 2005 to 2006 he was Councillor for Labor and Training. In 1989 he founded the *Onda D'Urto* association for the fight against social exclusion, paying particular attention to the issues of legality and organized crime in the South of Italy.

Stefano Sacchi is a researcher in political sciences in the Department of Labor and Welfare Studies at the University of Milan, where he teaches Social and Labor Policies in the EU, and is director of the Research Unit on European Governance (URGE) in Turin. He deals with comparative political economy and European social policy. Among his recent publications "*Flex-insecurity. Perché in Italia la flessibilità diventa precarietà*" (con F. Berton e M. Richiardi), il Mulino, Bologna, 2009; "*A More Social EU: Issues of Where and How*" (con M. Ferrera), in "*The European Union in the 21st Century. Perspectives from the Lisbon Treaty*", Centre for European Policy Studies CEPS, Bruxelles, 2009; e "*Flessibilità del lavoro e precarietà dei lavoratori in Italia: analisi empiriche e proposte di policy*" (con F. Berton e M. Richiardi), in *Rivista Italiana di Politiche Pubbliche*, 1, 2009..

Cinzia Scaffidi has a background in history and philosophy. She published some researches in this area in the 1990s and has maintained a historical-philosophical approach when studying scientific issues. Before joining Slow Food in 1992, she worked as a journalist, taught and worked in the area of international cooperation. Beginning in Slow Food as editor-in-chief of the magazine for the Italian members, she then helped to create the Slow Food website. In 2000 she was in charge of the Slow Food Award for the Defence of Biodiversity and since 2004 has been one of the coordinators of the Terra Madre meeting. She is currently Director of the Slow Food Study Center and is responsible for International Relations at the University of Gastronomic Sciences of Pollenzo and Colorno. Among her latest achievement, two books deserve to be quoted: *Guarda Che Mare* written together with the marine biologist Silvio Greco and dealing with the present environmental situation of the sea, problems encountered by fisheries and the need for consumer awareness and education, and *Sementi e diritti* (2008), a comparison between industrial and traditional agriculture written together with Stefano Masini.

Antonello Scialdone is responsible for “Social policies and equal opportunities” at ISFOL (Institute for the development of the professional training of workers). Furthermore he teaches at the Faculty of Economics at the University of Perugia and he’s scientific advisor of the SSPAL (Scuola superiore della pubblica amministrazione locale). Among his recent publications: “*Fourteen items for a welfare glossary*”; “*New development guidelines for the civil economy*” and “*Understanding Poverty*”.

Crescenzo Sepe was appointed as priest in 1967, worked as a teacher and later, in 1972, entered the diplomatic service of the Holy See which posted him to the Papal Representation in Brazil. From 1992 to 2001 he was Archbishop of the Patriarchate of Grado. On 3 November 1997 he was appointed General Secretary of the 2000 Jubilee Year. Elevated to the rank of cardinal by Pope John Paul II in the consistory of 2001, in 2001 he was appointed by the Pope Prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples. He’s also the Chancellor of the Pontificia Università Urbaniana and member of the Congregation for the Clergy and the Doctrine of the Faith, of the Pontifical Councils for Interreligious Dialogue, of Social Communications, for Promoting Christian Unity and for Legislative Texts, as well as member of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America and the Special Council for Asia of the General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops. On 20 May 2006 Pope Benedict XVI named him the new archbishop of Naples.

Mario Sepi has been President of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) since October 2008 and has held senior positions at national and European level. In 1995 he was appointed a member of the Group II of the EESC. He’s specially committed on the issues of free competition, monetary union, European industrial policy, capital market, as well as the Lisbon Strategy; Sepi was also the rapporteur for some important opinions issued by the Committee on these key themes of EU policy. Since 1995 he has been member of the section “Industry, trade, crafts and services”, “Single Market, Production and Consumption”, “Economic and monetary union”, “Economic and social cohesion”, “Employment, Social Affairs and Citizenship”. In 2002 he was elected President of the Group II – “Workers” of the Committee, a position he held until October 2008 when he was elected President of the EESC.

Freek Spinnewijn has been the director of FEANTSA since 2001. FEANTSA is the European Federation of National Organisations working with the Homelessness. FEANTSA has members in more than 30 European countries. Before he started working for FEANTSA, he coordinated during 3 years a European network of organisations of older people (EPSO). He studied medieval history and EU law and policies at the Catholic University of Leuven, and was a trainee in the EU institutions in Brussels and the UN in Geneva. Freek Spinnewijn is Belgian, married, and father of 3 children.

Guy Standing is professor of Economic Security at the University of Bath (UK) and Co-President of Basic Income Earth Network. His latest book is *“Work after Globalisation: Building Occupational Citizenship”* (Elgar, 2009). His most recent work has included advising governments on how to universalize cash transfers as a primary means of reducing economic insecurity and poverty while promoting and legitimizing forms of work that are not labour.

Filippo Strati is a sociologist and since 2003 he has taken part in the European Union Network of independent experts on social inclusion. He founded the “Studio Ricerche Sociali” (SRS), a small body of research and training that in the last 20 years has been dealing with sustainable development, employment and social policies (www.srseuropa.eu). He has participated in several European projects, sometimes as a coordinator. He has experience in evaluating programs, plans and projects. He’s been involved in European policies, such as those relating to local employment initiatives in the 1980’s and 90’s. Following the 1992 Rio Declaration and Agenda 21, he focused on the development of approaches, methods and tools for sustainable development. In this perspective, he discussed issues related to various policies, including combating social exclusion and poverty, transport, spatial planning, tourism and local communities.

Antonio Tajani succeeded Franco Frattini in May 2008 to the office of Vice-President at the European Commission, taking the portfolio for Transport. He was a founding member of the Forza Italia party and spokesman of Prime Minister Berlusconi in 1994. He was elected MEP in 1994, in 1999, and in 2004 with over 120.000 votes of preference. In the course of fifteen years of parliamentary activity Antonio Tajani has participated in several committees (Foreign Affairs, Constitutional Affairs, Transport and Tourism, Fishing, Security and Defense). He was member of the European Convention which drafted the text of the European Constitution. He was elected Vice-President of the European People’s Party (EPP) at the 2002 Congress in Estoril and at the 2006 Congress in Rome. He was President of the delegation of the Forza Italia party to the European Parliament and member of the Bureau of the EPP Group; he has participated in all the EPP summits held in preparation of European Councils.

Raymond Van Ermen has been Executive Director of European Partners for the Environment (EPE) since 1998. He is also a member of the Permanent Forum of Civil Society. He drafted the “European Citizens Charter” and several Forum position papers on “Common goods and collective rights”. He is co-author of the book «Plan B, The European Citizens facing the European Union». He drafted a report for DG Information “Empower”.

Simone Vannuccini, student of Advanced Development Economy, is National Secretary (since May 2009) of the Young European Federalists, the political organization created by Altiero Spinelli in 1943. He organized the latest editions of the Euro-federalist seminary “Luciano Bolis” (Passo dei Carpinelli, Lucca), with the participation of hundreds of high school students, and the Tuscan Convention of European citizens in 2009. He published articles in Europeanist and federalist magazines and organized several academic and international conferences on economic and political integration in Europe, on European federalism, on globalization and on ecology.

Christine Weise was elected president of the Italian Section of Amnesty International at the end of the XXIV General Assembly of the Association, held in Trevi (Perugia) from 1 to 3 May. She has worked since 1987 as a freelance conference interpreter. From 1991 to 2008 she had teaching assignments at the SSLMIT of Forlì (University of Bologna). In February 2008 she graduated in Culture and Human Rights at the Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Bologna. Within Amnesty International, which she joined in 1984, she has been a militant in several local groups in Germany and Italy, member of the Steering Committee of the Italian Section and delegate of the association to the last two international meetings in 2005 and 2007.

Laura Zanfrini is Professor of Economic and labour sociology and Sociology of inter-ethnic coexistence at the Catholic University of Milan. She’s also responsible for the areas “Economy and Work” and “Documentation” of the Foundation ISMU. She’s considered one of the major Italian experts in the field of immigration.

Maria Zavala is a lawyer, judge and politician of Peru. She has been President of the Court of Justice of Lima and President of the High Court of Justice of Loreto; Minister of Justice of the Republic, in the first cabinet of Alan García. She is considered the first afro-peruvian citizen having covered a ministerial positions. On January 3, 2008 she was appointed as Permanent Representative of Peru within the Organization of American States.

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