

## GENERAL REPORT

### THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

*Hotel Concord (Via Lagrange, 47)*

From 3:00 p.m., arrival of the participants at the Congress hospitality desk. They received a personal badge, a folder and a USB key with all the Congress documentation and some gifts from the official sponsors.

As scheduled, the **Executive Board of the European Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations**, started at 4:30 p.m. During 3 hours, the Executive Board worked together on the following issues: the International Meeting / 2<sup>nd</sup> Intermediate Congress of EFUCA which was about to begin, the AZURE Magazine of EFUCA's activities, the EFUCA's Website, the EFUCA Members' 2014 financial contribution situation, the next Executive Board meeting of EFUCA in 2015 and the WFUCA activities.

The meeting ended at 7:30 before sharing a dinner all together in a reserved room of the Concord Hotel with the delegates from EFUCA member countries and part of the staff of the UNESCO Centre in Turin.



### FRIDAY 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

*Sala Rossa of the City Hall of Turin (Piazza Palazzo di Città, 1)*



From 8:45 a.m. To 9:30 a.m. the participants have been welcomed by the staff of the UNESCO Centre in Turin. All participants received a personal badge, a folder and a USB key with the Congress documentation. Next to the hospitality desk, Italian coffee was offered by the *Lavazza Company*. It was also possible to taste biscuits offered by the *City of La Morra*.

At 9:30 a.m., at the beginning of the Opening Ceremony, during the I Plenary Assembly, there were minutes of emotion when, in her [video message](#), the **General Director of UNESCO, Irina Bokova**, in addition to thanking the UNESCO Centre in Turin, EFUCA and WFUCA, recalled her personal commitment to the respect of women around the world and concluded by saying that she will looking forward to receiving the Declaration of Turin. She pointed out that such information would be valuable precisely because coming from the movement of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations.

Similar requests and great interest on the topic were also present in the letters sent to the UNESCO Centre in Turin by: the **President of the Italian Republic, Giorgio Napolitano** (letter accompanying His

Adhesion to the event), the **Director of the Division for Gender Equality at UNESCO, Saniye Gülser Corat**, the **National Italian Commission for UNESCO**, the **European Commission**, the **Italian Federation of UNESCO Centres and Clubs (FICLU)**, and several Local Authorities who granted their patronage to the initiative.

The **I Plenary Assembly** continued as scheduled, with the introductory notes by **Maria Paola Azzario**, Vice President EFUCA and President of UNESCO Centre in Turin, **Daniela Popescu**, President of EFUCA, **George Christophides**, President of WFUCA, and **Ilaria Borletti Buitoni**, Undersecretary of the Italian Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Activities and of Tourism. Afterwards, local authorities took the floor for their welcome addresses.

After a coffee break, the strategy of Equal Opportunities in the UNESCO and EU documents have been introduced by **Marina Christophides**, Executive Secretary of EFUCA, and **Adeline Popescu**, Auditor of EFUCA. The specific topics of the International Meeting (Culture, Nutrition and Violences) have been presented by Italian and foreign women experts.

From 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. the **lunch offered by the City of Bra**, in the *Sala Marmi* of the City Hall of Turin, allowed all the participants to taste the excellent gastronomy and wines from Piedmont, which has recently obtained a prestigious reward. In fact, in June 2014, the Vineyard Landscape of Piedmont: Langhe-Roero and Monferrato became [the 50° Italian World Heritage Site](#).

*Sala Capigruppo, Sala Orologio, Sala Congregazioni of the City Hall of Turin.*

During the afternoon (from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.), the three thematic workshops took place in different rooms of the City Hall of Turin. In each workshop, people coming from several countries presented good practices to promote the gender equality related to culture, nutrition and violences.

### **Workshop 1 - Women and Culture**

*Coordinated by:*

**Milica Dromnjakovic**, Council member of EFUCA from Serbia

**Luisa Giacoma**, University of Turin from Italy

30 participants from 4 different countries.

*Interventions by:*

**Maria Luisa Cosso**, President Cosso Foundation,

**Blandine Pélissier**, spokesman of “HF Movement” and member of the CLEF organisation, France,

**Olujemisi Alatise**, Inner Wheel Club Lagos, Nigeria,

**Giuliana Bausano**, Governor International Inner Wheel Distretto 204,

**Cinzia Franza**, “I Culur” Association,

**Barbara Arrighetti**, National Councillor AITI,

### **Workshop 2 - Women and Nutrition**

*Coordinated by:*

**Cinzia Scaffidi**, Director of the Slow Food Study Centre, Italy

**Mihaela Varga**, Vice President of Romanian UNESCO Clubs federation, Romania

15 participants from 5 different countries.

*Interventions by:*

**Zahra Hussein**, Ain Shams University Hospital of Cairo, Egypt

**Dianella Savoia**, University of Turin.

### 3 - Women and Violences

*Coordinated by:*

**Michèle Vianès**, President of "Regards de Femmes", France

**Silvia Martinez Canton**, Vice President EFUCA, Spain

15 participants from 8 different countries

*Interventions by:*

**Michèle Vianès**, President "Regards de Femmes",

**Soukeina Bouraoui**, Director CAWTAR, Tunisia,



The **Editing Group** started working on the Final Declaration. It was coordinated by **Daniela Popescu**, President EFUCA, and it was composed by other EFUCA and WFUCA Executive Board Members and experts.

In the evening, participants got the opportunity to participate to a guided tour in Italian or English, offered by *Fondazione Torino Musei*, of **Palazzo Madama** (Piazza Castello), one of the 22 Piedmont Royal Palaces, Savoy Residences, included in the **UNESCO World Heritage List in 1997**.

The following "**Dinner at Palace**" was a tribute to the Immaterial Piedmont Heritage and to the wines of the Region. The duo **Patricia Lowe** and **Paolo Serazzi** (members of the UNESCO Centre in Turin) accompanied the evening with their live music. Many guests sang international melodies or from their own countries, in a joyous blend of material and immaterial culture.

### **SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

*Sala Capigruppo, Sala Orologio, Sala Congregazioni of the City Hall of Turin.*

From 9:00 a.m. To 11:00 a.m. continuation of the group work in order to elaborate the final draft of the reports and of the Final Declaration of Turin.

From 11:00 a.m. To 1:00 p.m., in the *Sala Rossa*, the **II Plenary Assembly** took place with the workshops reports from the secretaries of the three groups, the presentation of EFUCA's website by Dzmityr Subtselny, Vice President EFUCA, President Belarusian Association of UNESCO Clubs and the approval of the Final Declaration of Turin.

From 1:00 p.m. To 2:00 p.m. lunch was again offered by the *City of Bra* in the *Sala Marmi* of the City Hall of Turin.

In the spare time from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. many participants discovered Turin by visiting its museums or simply walking along its streets and squares.

*GAM (Gallery of Modern and Contemporary Art, Via Magenta 31, Turin)*

The **III Plenary Assembly**, a public event with free entrance, started at 5:00 p.m. with a brief ESTRATTO of the theatrical play "**RAJO...everyone has his/her own star**" by and with **Suad Omar**, from Somalia, directed by **Gabriella Bordin (Almateatro)**. This interpretation remembered us of the painful condition of migrant women and their not easy integration in the cultures and the countries of arrival. An important starting point for all the clubs to plan future projects.

Afterwards, **Maria Paola Azzario**, **Daniela Popescu**, **George Christophides**, **Marina Christophides**, **Chiara Benedetto** (Fondazione Medicina a Misura di Donna), **Daniela Finocchi**

(Ambassador WE-Women for Expo) took part in a **Talk Show**, moderated by the journalist of *La Stampa Stefanelle Campana*. During this moment, a further collection of indications of joint work and of Good Practices have been presented.

Two important projects were presented: "**Born with Culture**" that the *Sant'Anna Hospital* in Turin devoted to motherhood and the care of women, launched together with the *Fondazione Torino Musei*, on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, during the "Culture Week of Turin". Thanks to this project the parents of the children born at Sant'Anna Hospital will be allowed to freely visit the three Museums of the Foundation for one year. This initiative could be repeated throughout Italy, as well as in other parts of the world. "**WE-Women for Expo**" is an EXPO 2015 project about nutrition and women. In 2015, in fact, Milan will host the EXPO, whose title is "**Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life**". Thanks to WE, women from participating countries will be invited to express their views on the nourishment of the body and nourishment of freedom and intelligence. The sustainability of the planet is expected to form a new **alliance between food and cultures** and it is women who will be the driving force behind this. This project was illustrated by *Daniela Finocchi*, Ambassador of WE-Women for Expo and Project Manager of the National literary contest *Lingua Madre*.

The Talk Show ended with the reading, by *Marina Christophides*, Executive Secretary of EFUCA, of the **Final Declaration of Turin**.

Afterwards, the results of the **International Contest "Culture, Nutrition, Violences: experiences of women of any age and country"** were presented. The UNESCO Centre in Turin realized a publication including all the testimonies arrived from Europe, the Mediterranean countries and Africa. The book was distributed to all the public which crowded the Auditorium of the GAM. The winner of the Contest is *Qiong Wu*, a young Chinese girl, who read out loud her story entitled "The opportunity is for the ready person".



At the end of the afternoon, the President of EFUCA, *Daniela Popescu*, honoured Maria Paola Azzario with a certificate.

In the evening, EFUCA and WFUCA members had a cocktail at *Platti*, a famous and historic café of the town.

## SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

The President and the Vice President of the World Federation, with the Secretary of the European Federation, were accompanied by the President of the UNESCO Club of La Morra and other members to meet the Mayor of the City and to visit the **Langhe-Roero and Monferrato**, the 50<sup>th</sup> Italian site included in June to the UNESCO World Heritage List, while other guests were visiting the City of Turin, guided by a member of the UNESCO Centre.



## CONCLUSION

The participants have taken part in the works of 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> with passion and efficiency, for a total of 220 people. Participants came from **16 countries**: Belarus, China, Cyprus, Greece, Egypt, France, Israel, Italy, Morocco, Nigeria, Romania, Serbia, Somalia, Spain, Tunisia, USA. For the Italian Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Centres (FICLU), there were present, in different manners, 21 Centres and Clubs from Arezzo, Barge, Baronissi, Cagliari, Cerignola, Cuneo, Erice, Foggia, La Morra, Florence, Foligno, Lucera, Modena, Sanremo, Pollenzo, Terre del Boca , Turin, Trapani, Trieste, Venice, Verona.

Lunches, dinners and tasting gifts, all made in Piedmont, were offered by **UNESCO Club in Pollenzo**, on the initiative of the President **Valerio Tibaldi**, the President of the **UNESCO Club in La Morra Rosanna Boglietti**, along with **Paola** and **Enrico Cordero di Montezemolo**, who involved their Mayors **Bruna Sibille** and **Maria Luisa Ascheri**. The **UNESCO Club in Barge**, on the initiative of **Valerio Airaudo**, contributed with gourmet gifts.

The network has worked beautifully, thanks to the cooperation offered by the **Mayor of Turin**, the Councillor **Ilda Curti** and the **Office of International Affairs**, the **Piedmont Region** and the Councillors **Monica Cerutti** and **Gianna Pentenero**, the President of the **Fondazione Torino Musei Patrizia Asproni** and her collaborators. Other sponsors, **Galfrè**, **Lavazza**, **MoleCola** and **Sebaste**, with their typical Piedmontese products, have made the meeting more welcoming.

**Fondazione CRT** has given a very valuable contribution.

The passionate and competent commitment of young people and members of the UNESCO Centre did the rest. For **30 years**, the UNESCO Centre has been working thanks to young and less young people. This confirms that the trust of the UNESCO Centre in Turin in the collaboration among different generations is winning.



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