XIII International Round Table of the Experts of the Romualdo Del Bianco Foundation
Florence, February 29th, 2011

Draft letter for a call of papers for the 8 LBT points day

It is a pleasure for me to inform you that the Life beyond Tourism project initiated by the Romualdo Del Bianco Foundation is in full development: It has been successfully presented at many occasions and was appreciated as very instrumental for a new political perspective of intercultural dialogue, which is one of the policy priorities of organizations such as UNESCO, WTO and ICCROM. After years of effort for identification and preservation of cultural heritage focus is given to its interpretation and
presentation in development strategies. The Life Beyond Tourism initiative takes the issue further and presents cultural heritage past and present, from here and from elsewhere in a larger political context of intercultural dialogue, mutual understanding and peaceful cohabitation. Three aspects are important and new: quality, professionalism, partnership, hospitality and above all substance.

We are proud that several international intergovernmental organizations such as UNESCO, ICCROM and ICOMOS have given their formal support and that regional and municipal authorities and several universities have signed agreements of cooperation. Contacts with the world of Movable and Intangible Cultural heritage are being prepared with the scope to complete with their competence the holistic picture of the spirit of the place. Heritage is indeed no segmented issue.

The “90 Days for Intercultural Dialogue” initiative of the Life Beyond Tourism project of the Romualdo Del Bianco Foundation has planned a meeting on Sunday February 20, 2011 in the Auditorium al Duomo in Florence with the title “The 8 LBT principles from theory to practice”. The objective of the meeting is to present practical experiences in the application of the 8 points/principles of the LBT Manifesto (see above), preferably in their integrated approach and mutual coherence and in the context of intercultural dialogue.

Papers presenting practical experiences, good and best practices of particular topics or integrated approaches, interdisciplinary working methods, problems, solutions and results are expected before January 31, 2011.

Short papers should be uploaded directly by the Experts on the Forum of the LBT: www.lifebeyonddtourism.org, in order to allow to all of you to know the contributes of other experts even before the meeting. (for the instructions see the Attachment)

Since we consider you as a resource person in this field we kindly invite you to attend this very important meeting. Enclosed you will find a provisional program, practical information for participation and the formal aspects of a paper presentation.

Hoping that we will be able to welcome you at the meeting we remain

Sincerely yours,