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Dear active members, dear supporters and friends,

the Congress for Integral Politics (KIP) 2012 was and still is intended as a multi-centered event. Besides the 4-year of preparation for the German congress in St. Arbogast partners should be found in Europe, which organize conferences or events promptly to the congress in 2012 Arbogast and with the same goal orientation.

So through the intermediary of Willi Maurer the program council in early 2010 got contact to the network "Coscienzeinrete" - which roughly translated means "consciousness unfolding in the network". Coscienzeinrete announced then to make a separate occasion as part of KIP. Thus the Italian event was actually understood with KIP together, on his poster and his promotional appearances Coscienzeinrete alongside their own also set the HOLON logo. Thus, it was clear that the network in politically-spiritually achieve the same objectives as Holon and the occasion had to be seen under an international perspective.

CONVEGNO NATIONALE 2012 di COSCIENZEINRETE e di HOLON



The Congress of the networks Coscienzeinrete and HOLON took place on 13 and 14 October 2012 in Orvieto, Umbria, in the southwest of the province of Terni in Italy, at the Palazzo dei Congressi in the Piazza del Popolo, in the middle of the beautiful old town Presumably "Orvieto", which is suspected to be the name and location of the Etruscan city Velzna, one of the twelve Federal capitals of the ancient Etruscan empire. The city is situated spectacularly on a cliff, which is enclosed by high retaining walls of tufa, from which most of its buildings were built.

Willi Maurer (IP and HOLON Switzerland), Luca Bordoli (HOLON Italy) and Joachim Pfeffinger (HOLON Switzerland, Program Council KIP), made the long journey to the sunny and still warm climes of southern Italy, to experience the Congress of the Italian friends.

We arrive late Friday and after checking into the hotel, we fortunately find a restaurant still open to satisfy our hunger. Already on the first evening we experience kindness and hospitality. The simple and beautiful hotel at the foot of the plateau gives us finally comfortable beds in which we sleep relaxed. In the morning, at breakfast, we get a conversation with the hotel owner, a highly educated and politically interested woman, and find her interested in KIP. We observe clearly that political issues and especially the unacceptable behavior of politicians in Italy - we are talking about a recent corruption scandal - the people do not accept any more ... ecology, sustainability are issues that also in Italy are not only discussed in small circles ...

By foot on a steep narrow road we go up onto the plateau of the old town, where there is already very busy. We can take a look into the distance and everywhere we see magnificent pine trees and orange trees with ripe oranges ... After walking across the neat old town we come to the Piazza del Popolo and finally enter the Palace of Congress and the Congress Hall in the 3rd Stock. We are amazed of the beautiful place (of which there are many in Italy). In the convention hall the remains of ancient frescoes are clearly visible, indicating a historical context (of the building and the city) with the Knights Templar. It is certainly the first thing that the main organizer of the congress, Fausto Carotenuto, whom I am now met, after two years of regular contact via Skype and e-mail for the first time in person, was proud to announce.



The hall - from the community free of charge asked - is just as made for this occasion: a high room, the roof beams is based on enormous buttresses and its mighty walls knew sure to tell of a long and turbulent history if they could speak to us. There is certainly plenty of space and air (without the hassle of air conditioning) and good acoustics for over 100 participants.

A truly sublime and inspiring atmosphere!

Despite the density of the 34 lectures distributed over two days and the fact that hardly any loosening elements such as music or physical labor are used, people stay during the two days of the Congress till the end, listen intently and ask the speakers questions. The on our events often heard critics about "heaviness" or "too much input" are not an issue. The head as a "gateway" hears, sees, thinks and talks during the day ... In the evening he is used to accommodate all kinds of good food for which Italy is well known too. Perhaps this patient listening without distractions and trappings simply is an expression of the fact that in Italy in terms of "crisis" already looks pretty dicey and the people just want to come straight to the point? It also might have to deal with a different mentality of the Italians that in the best sense for them congresses are just occasions where you gather to exchange ideas, knowledge and refuel. It was, however, compared with the KIP in St. Arbogast, where a new Congress culture was tried (successfully, I think) a quite "normal" Congress, which nevertheless moved the people present!

The two-part title of the Congress shows how the Italian friends understand the current situation: The main title "Fuori dalla Crisi" means out of the crisis. And the subtitle "si le coscienze muovono in Rete per una Nuova Economia" means approximately: consciousness is moved / developed in the network by a new economy.

But who now thinks that we could talk about spectacular new topics and their treatment will be disappointed: The subjects - how could it be otherwise - are the same as we also know: There are inputs on topics such as money, public service - particularly the issue of privatization of water - up to organic farming, we see and hear inputs on sustainable architecture and gain insights into "Talent Italy" and some community projects. The presenters, competent professionals of public and private institutions need not more than 40 minutes for their inputs. Stir emotions especially when it comes to money. The audience gets a glimpse of the new thinking, the (new) paradigm of integral culture that - also in Italy - is already in the making. HOLON Switzerland brings as contribution to the participants greetings from the heart of Europe and briefly outlined the idea of KIP as multi-centered occasion that shall act as a trigger for the formation of a "grassroots movement", which is taken up with interest.

Finally, here also questions arise like: "We know all that well and now? When we finally will begin to realize the things that are clear to us? Can this global, increasingly worsening situation be changed at all? Does anyone here seriously believe that politicians could make a fundamental "change"? Who will do so, if not ourselves? "

At the end of the conference I had the feeling that there certainly is a major common concern: the concern to change the no longer acceptable prevailing conditions in the world and the vast destruction that Mother Earth (a term which often was used in Orvieto) must suffer and all living on and over her! There is agreement also in the manner in which this is to be done: many - no, a lot - people need to act boldly and advocate peaceful but energetic for a new culture, to support the already existing good and show the destructive the 'red map'! And I am quite sure that, despite differences in mentality - also the Spanish, Portuguese, French, English, people from Benelux, Finns, Swedes, Danes, etc. have the same concern...!

Fausto Carotenuto and many others look forward to the cooperation in the days after KIP which have arrived now and: so do we!

Joachim Pfeffinger

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