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“Every single individual with their own behaviour can do a lot: perceiving the value of the commons, paying attention to saving are elements that can help build up a future based on sustainable development”. These are the words used by Elinor Ostrom, Nobel Prize winner in Economic Sciences, Professor of Economic Sciences of the Indiana University and Founding Director of the Center for the Study of Institutional Diversity at the Arizona State University, in her speech at the opening session of ICSS 2010.

**THE MINISTERS OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND YOUTH
COOPERATE WITH ICSS 2010**

The invitation from Ms Ostrom to cooperate and seek dialogue with the institutions shows that the scientific community is aware of the importance of sharing knowledge as well as solutions, a view which, backed by the Ministry for the Environment, Land and the Sea confirms “the commitment to interact with the scientific community concerned with the new Sustainability Science” and to support sustainable development as a resource for the future global challenges. According to the Nobel Prize winner Ms Ostrom “we don’t have to get discouraged by failure, considering that success always comes out of the corrections of past mistakes”. The same view is shared by the Minister of Youth Ms Meloni who thinks that “too much has been done to drain the resources of the environment, so now our effort must be to convert the present model of development into a new alternative one, which, though, requires great responsibility mainly for the future of the future generations.”

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RESEARCHERS FROM EVERY CORNER OF THE PLANET

The International Conference on Sustainable Science has been an opportunity to focus the processes necessary to define and share the core theme. What does sustainability mean? What is it like after all? And how is it possible to get to a concept able to prove it adequate for the development of a country? A contribution was certainly given by the three-day conference held at the Faculty of Engineering of Sapienza University of Rome: six theme sessions, two panels, made up of representatives of industry and institutions, over 60 speakers and 250 guests coming from the five continents.

GETTING PEOPLE TO KNOW THAT THE SCIENCE OF SUSTAINABILITY IS FUNDAMENTAL TO FACE GLOBAL CHALLENGES

The event has marked a first step in the right direction by highlighting that mutual efforts must be made in order to bring the notion of Science of Sustainability into civil society, which means that everything concerning this matter has to be more visible, much more than what, at present, is being done. This is evidence that the academic community is willing to open up to public audiences in order to get the message of the new sustainability science globally transmitted. For this reason too the participation to ICSS 2010 was intended to be free and all the comments released by the representatives of the institutions as well as by the speakers that attended the event are available free at the following website: www.icss2010.net.

SHARING KNOWLEDGE IS FUNDAMENTAL TO AVOID ANY LOSS OF ENERGIES

The conference has also highlighted the importance of sharing knowledge and processes under way, as it is fundamental to avoid duplicating efforts and thus to reach the goals with the utmost efficiency and energy that the team of scientists coming from the network of network can lavish. Being able to identify the synergies and the complementarities makes it possible to implement the integration of all activities, dynamics are complex due to the multi-disciplinary involvement of the various academic levels. For this reason a detailed roadmap has been drawn inside which the results can be visible to the public; in addition to that has been clearly declared the need for reliable evaluation criteria so that methods and procedures may be easily validated in the stage when the New Science is being built up.

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HELPING INSTITUTIONS AND INDUSTRY TO TAKE SUSTAINABILITY INTO DUE ACCOUNT

There was also a stage in the conference in which all the academic levels, who had been working so closely together, emphasized the importance to learn the notion of sustainability straight from “nature”, as this is the first and the most perfectly balanced macro-system, which has got the in-built ability to set its own balance from the inside. This quality of the environment represents a great opportunity for entrepreneurs and the institutions, two parallel worlds that interact daily with the environment, having, though, to adjust to it all the time. The two Panels on this issue showed that it is possible to form a workgroup with industry, that is, to establish an effective cooperation between entrepreneurs acting in the markets on various levels and the academic community, whose concern is to draw well-defined and overall guidelines. The second Panel, then, pointed out that, on the social side, the approach should be non-invasive but cooperative, in the inalienable respect of the individual, bio-diversity and life styles: according to the scientists attending the conference, sustainability itself is the natural extension of universally acknowledged human rights.

CIRPS LAUNCHES THE OCTOBER 5TH NEW YORK ICSS TO THE UNITED NATIONS

For this reason CIRPS has set a concrete target, that is, to take the ICSS and its present achievements to the USA, involving entrepreneurs from three continents (America, Asia, Europe) and the academic community; that has been possible thanks to the contribution of the University of the United Nations at the UNO in New York. The New York ICSS project, which will be carried out on October 5th 2010, comes out of a CIRPS (Interuniversity Centre for the Research for Sustainable Development of Sapienza University of Rome) initiative managed by its scientific coordinator Prof. Fabio Orecchini. In order to carry out this project the Director of CIRPS, prof. Vincenzo Naso, said “it is very important to expand the network of the Research network”. He added “the more we are the better, sustainability is an asset that all of us are called to take care of and to protect”.

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