

# High-level Conference on Science Diplomacy

Bologna (Italy)- Sala degli Anziani, Piazza Maggiore,  
May 9, 2017

10:00 a.m. Welcome greetings  
**Romano Prodi**

Concept note

## **Science Diplomacy in history From the Suez Canal to a Synchrotron in Middle East**

**Barbara Curli** – Turin University  
**Angela Liberatore** – European Research Council

### **INSTITUTIONAL SPEECHES**

EU: DG Research and Innovation at the European Commission: **Cristina Russo**  
UNESCO: Director of Office Amman **Costanza Farina**  
Johns Hopkins University SAIS Europe: Director: **Michael G. Plummer**  
EMUNI: President **Abdelhamid El-Zoheiry**

12:00 a.m. Case studies  
Anchorman: **Federico Rampini** La Repubblica US Bureau Chief

### **1. SESAME: A Large Scientific Infrastructure as a Tool for Diplomacy in the Middle East**

Speakers:

**Chris Llewellyn-Smith** - Director of Energy Research Oxford University  
President SESAME Council  
**Abdelhamid El-Zoheiry** - President of Euro-Mediterranean University (EMUNI)  
**Costanza Farina** – Director of UNESCO Office Amman  
**Jerneja Penca** – Research fellow of Euro-Mediterranean University (EMUNI)

1:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m.

*Lunch break*

Case studies

### **2. Clashes in Epidemics (SARS, EBOLA, ZIKA, ...)**

Speakers:

**Giuseppe Ippolito** - Scientific Director of Spallanzani Institute – Rome  
**Jacquineau Azetsop** - Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences – Pontifical  
Gregorian University  
**David Heymann** - Expert World Health Organization (VIDEO)  
**Sergio Venturi** – Assessor of Healthcare system in the region of Emilia-  
Romagna  
**Andrea Cuomo** – Chairman 3sun

### **3. Conflicts of interests vs values in fighting Climate Change**

Speakers:

**Andrea Tilche** - Head of Unit - DG Research & Innovation - Climate Action and  
Earth Observation of European Commission  
**Irving Mintzer** – Professor of Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International  
Studies – Washington, DC  
**Vincenzo Balzani** - Emeritus Professor at the University of Bologna.  
**Matteo Mura** – Co-Director Global MBA in Green Energy and Sustainable  
Businesses, Bologna Business School  
**Carlo Carraro** - Director International Center for Climate Governance

#### 4. The Iran nuclear deal

Speakers:

**Cristina Russo** - DG Research and Innovation at the European Commission

**Adnan Tabatabai** - CEO of Center for Applied Research in Partnership with the Orient

**Sanam Vakil** - Adjunct Professor of Middle East Studies Johns Hopkins University SAIS Europe

**Seyed Hossein Mousavian** –Associate Research Scholar Princeton University

5:00 p.m.

Concluding Remarks

**Paolo Gentiloni** - Italian Prime Minister (to be confirmed)

**Romano Prodi** – President Foundation for World Wide Cooperation

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