



International Conference

## **Second Days of Language Rights**

University of Teramo, Italy – May 21-22, 2008

“Language Rights: Right to Acknowledgment, Right to Education”

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

Reflecting upon “language rights” answers mainly two purposes:

- a) the cultural and/or legal acknowledgment of regional or minority languages and cultures. It now turns into the creation of specific rights for specific groups of speakers, then into political goodwill that aims only at safeguarding linguistic heritages;
- b) the cultural and/or legal acknowledgment of the right, both individual and common, to a qualified linguistic education in the regional or minority languages as well as in the *linguae francae*.

These fields are undoubtedly multi-faceted: for instance, if carrying out appropriate educational strategies, as regards the *linguae francae* it is viewed as a device for territorial development (thanks to the extent of the relational network among the different communities), the education and training of figures being able to teach regional or minority languages is necessary in order to guarantee the transmission, the promotion and the renewal of them.

Even in light of the successful agreement between promoting minority languages and local development that has taken place in some European “laboratories”, such a concurrence of interest suggests how correcting the dichotomy regional languages *vs* *linguae francae* can nowadays be possible,

and maybe essential. This process can reasonably start at an educational level, on condition that any linguistic education would enhance the historicity and therefore the uniqueness of the cultural contribution of each language. Linguistic awareness education represents a very important hermeneutic resource in order to avoid old and new determinisms and discriminations as well as to give any language its true, unique and noble value and power.

On the strength of these bases, the Second Days of Linguistic Rights will deal with the following topics (the list is not at all exhaustive) which can be organized into parallel workshops:

- 1) points of contact and conflict between the acknowledgement of language rights to groups of speakers and the acknowledgement of linguistic heritage only;
- 2) successes and failures of carrying out international treaties and national law aimed at the promotion or safeguarding of language rights;
- 3) linguistic heritages within local development: only-token value or also an economic value?
- 4) language education in Europe: outcome and perspectives;
- 5) language education in Italy: outcome and perspectives;
- 6) from the “language requirements” to the fulfilment of having a true linguistic education: the myths of a well-organized education and a reassessment of individual expectations;
- 7) education in the field of regional and minority languages: problems and opportunities;
- 8) the role of linguistic education awareness within language education. Il ruolo della pedagogia del senso del linguaggio nell’ambito della formazione linguistica.

### **LANGUAGES OF THE CONFERENCE**

The working languages of the Conference will be English, French, German Italian, Occitan and Spanish.

### **SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**

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#### **DEADLINES**

**November 30, 2007:** abstracts of papers (200-300 words) are to be sent to the Conference Secretary (see *infra*). It has to include the following information: title of the paper, author, affiliation, summary, address for correspondence, to be written both in Italian and in French or English;

**December 31, 2007:** the Scientific Committee will give notice of the acceptance of the proposals and arrange for the mailing of the editorial rules;

**February 1, 2008:** provisional draft of the schedule;

**March 31, 2008:** final closure of the schedule;

**April 30, 2008:** closure for registration;

**May 21-22, 2008: Conference**

**June 1, 2008:** final papers are to be sent for publication

**Autumn 2008:** Conference Proceedings will be issued in the series “l(ea)ng(u)a(tgj)es. Quaderni di linguistica e linguaggi specialistici dell’Università di Teramo”.

### **REGISTRATION**

The registration fee is €60,00 for active participants\*, €30,00 for non-active participants\*\*. No registration fee is planned for the others.

(\*) The fee includes a folder with all materials from the Conference, the volume of the *Proceedings of the First Days of Linguistic Rights (2007)*, buffets vouchers for both days and the participation in the Proceedings of the Second Days.

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The registration fee is to be paid **by April 30, 2008** through a bank transfer made out to:

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**Proceedings of the Conference  
First Days of Linguistic Rights  
(University of Teramo, June 11-12, 2007)**

Giovanni AGRESTI, Francesca ROSATI (eds), 2007: *Les droits linguistiques en Europe et ailleurs / Linguistic Rights: Europe and Beyond*, Aracne («l(ea)ng(u)a(tgj)es. Quaderni di linguistica e linguaggi specialistici dell'Università di Teramo», 7), Roma.

This volume is forthcoming. Its issue is planned for December 2007. For subscriptions and any further information please contact the Conference Secretary.

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Multimedia highlights of the First Days are available, from August 15, 2007 in the section "Archives" of the LEM (Langues d'Europe et de la Méditerranée) website:

<http://www.portal-lem.com/>

The direct link to the webpage is as follows:

[http://www.portal-lem.com/archives.premieres\\_journees\\_des\\_droits\\_linguistiques.html](http://www.portal-lem.com/archives.premieres_journees_des_droits_linguistiques.html)

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