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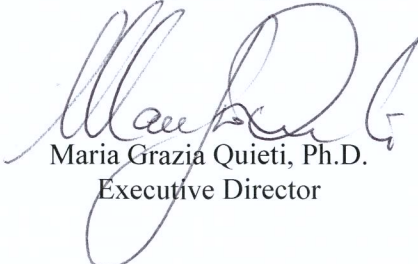
The US –Italy Fulbright Commission supports the participation in the ATLANTIS Programme (EU – US co-operation) of the Regional Centre for Cultural Heritage, Ecology and Economy (BENECON SCaRL), which is comprised of four universities in the Campania region, institutional member of Forum UNESCO University and Heritage, and the Faculty of Architecture “Luigi Vanvitelli” at the Second University of Naples (SUN) in Italy. The ATLANTIS Programme aims primarily to promote understanding between the European Union and the United States of America and to improve the quality of human resource development.

BENECON and the Faculty of Architecture at SUN intend to establish an “International Research Network for Education in Cultural, Natural, and Intangible Heritage Management.” The project proposes that researchers and Ph.D. scholars of the E.U. and U.S. partner universities analyze the case study of five World Heritage Sites in the Campania region; they are Naples, Pompeii, Caserta, Amalfi, and Cilento.

The mission of the US Italy Fulbright Commission is that of fostering educational exchanges between Italy and the US and, in particular, to foster institutional linkages between universities in Italy and universities in the US. In 2003 the Commission awarded to Architect Alessandro Ciabrone, who is part of the team of this ATLANTIS project at the Second University of Naples, the Fulbright –Thomas Foglietta Award to spend a nine month research period at University of California Los Angeles Dept. of Urban Planning. The theme of Prof. Ciabrone research was “Economic Development of the Less Industrialized Areas in Southern Italy”.

The Fulbright Commission is one of the sponsors of the “IX International Forum SAVE Heritage” that will take place in Capri from the 9th to the 11th of June. The Commission will support the Forum by sponsoring, through the Fulbright Inter Country Program, the participation of Prof. James Kushner Fulbright Lecturer Research Scholar in Policies and Tools for Environmental Sustainability at the Polytechnic of Turin as well as Prof. Mark Brown, Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Environmental Sciences at the University of Parthenope in Naples.

The Fulbright Commission would like to express its full support and endorsement to the ATLANTIS project proposed by the Second University of Naples.



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