

Professionals, workers and operators dealing with linguistic diversity

Fifth Days on Linguistic Rights

University of Teramo, 19-21 may 2011

First Circular

Linguistic diversity is an extraordinary asset that the public is not yet aware of. A careful glance at the myth of Babel displays how the concept has entwined itself and is perceived by public opinion as a sort of obstacle to technical and scientific progress and administration of territories and society, at a useless cost for the individual and the community.

Luckily this excessively over-simplistic vision is not the only one. In certain cases linguistic diversity is, more or less coherently, tolerated or accepted in the name of human rights. Elsewhere, it is associated with bio-diversity, in this way generating curiosity and support from a greater public. In certain cases, the preservation of linguistic diversity is viewed with even more positivity and concreteness: like a shield against cultural and political hegemonies, against linguistic and epistemological monolithism and with a view to promote the subject's relational and interpretational capabilities.

The in-depth study and circulation of this second line of thought leads to a leap in quality: from *protection* to *promotion* of linguistic diversity. This is not anymore just about trying hard to conserve such a culture and heritage, but more to do with counting on it in order to experiment new forms of development and cohabitation.

Bearing the latter in mind, the *fifth annual Days on Linguistic Rights*, focusing on “multilingualism and the working arena”, will be the stage for discussions and debates about initiatives and business activities that have come up as a result of the need to protect/promote linguistic diversity and associated professional figures.

The event aims to attract specialist and non specialist (students, local administrators, businessmen etc) publics to gather at a few conferences as well as various thematic sessions and exhibition area for posters and stands in order to inform and circulate, on a greater scale, the reasons and dynamics of the most avant-garde and efficient activities in the field of promoting linguistic diversity, in and outside university. The Conference wishes to explore the resistance and the difficulties one meets in trying to promote linguistic diversity and multilingualism. The approach shall be interdisciplinary.

Based on the latter , the following themes are to be discussed at the conference (incomplete list):

- Multilingualism explained
- Linguistic diversity and globalization
- Multilingualism, relation networks, local development
- Multilingualism, economics and quality of life
- Linguistic diversity and *governance* of the local area
- Linguistic diversity along with scientific and technical innovation
- Jobs, operators and figures dealing with linguistic diversity
- Institutionalisation regarding the promotion of linguistic diversity in Italy, Europe and the Mediterranean: associations, schools and local administrators
- Multilingualism, between the labour market and the university: certifications, linguistic centres and research centres.
- Popularization of Europe and the Mediterranean's linguistic diversity

Working languages

Italian and French. Other languages are allowed for the publication in the proceedings of the conference

Timeline

30 October 2010

The official site of the fifth annual Days on Linguistic Rights will go online, it will be available on the LEM portal (www.portal-lem.com)

31 December 2010

Last date for sending a **communication** or a **poster** proposal, in Italian or French (2 pages and relevant bibliography), along with scientific curriculum. Please send proposals and all relevant attachment **to both** the following emails.:

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31 January 2011

The GDL 2011 scientific committee to provide a response (in case of approval or not of the communication proposal or poster) along with editing norms for eventual publication

31 March 2011

Publication of provisional program

2 May 2011

Publication of complete, final program

19-21 May: Conference

30 June 2011

Last date for submitting papers for publication

Registration

The registration fee for speakers is €80. Reduced €40 tickets are available for DORIF members and the LEM-Italia association members. Registration includes access to the shuttle service, a copy of the proceedings of GDL 2010, refreshments and subscription for a copy of the 2011 GDF minutes.

Non-speaking participants are to pay €40. €20 for DORIF and Associazione LEM-Italia members. Registrations include access to the shuttle service, a copy of the proceedings of GDL 2010 and refreshments.

Free entry to the conference sessions for all.

Registration fees must be deposited by the 31st of March to Associazione LEM-Italia. The following are the bank details:

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Viale Crucioli 120, 64100 – Teramo (Italie)
C/c 1000/00000957 IBAN: IT03Z0574815306100000000957 BIC: IBSPIT3P
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Publication of the Proceedings

The Proceedings of the conference will be published by the end of 2011 in the "Lingue d'Europa e del Mediterraneo" (Rome, Aracne), series (under the "Diritti Linguistici" series, directed by Fernand de Varennes). The multimedia version will be available on the LEM website, www.portal-lem.com, which will also have a download section, where pdf's of the Lem series will be uploaded

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