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Florence, 3rd October 2019

Mr. Joseph Spiteri
President of EWT (European Walled Towns)

SUBJECT: Request of the free patronage for the 22nd General Assembly and Symposium “*Building Peace through Heritage*” (Florence, March 13-15, 2020); invitation to present an abstract and to dissemination

Dear Mr. Joseph Spiteri,

Our Foundation is pleased to request the free patronage of EWT (European Walled Towns) for our International Symposium “*Building Peace through Heritage*”, to be held in Florence on 13-15 March 2020. We use this opportunity for inviting you to present an abstract (see the enclosed “**Call for Abstracts**”, deadline 10th November 2019) and extend that invitation to your collaborators and partners may be interested in participating. Thank you very much in advance.

We point out that this request of patronage doesn't entail any financial obligation for your organisation, just the authorisation and free use of the name and logo of your organisation in all documents, publications, web site and social media related to the conference.

This is the biggest annual event of the Fondazione Romualdo Del Bianco and its Movement Life Beyond Tourism, which last year gathered in Florence over **250 participants from 47 countries** (the ISBN proceedings are available on www.lifebeyondtourism.org).

The 2020 annual meeting will focus on the topics dealing with economic, socio-cultural, environmental aspects of sustainable development along with *interpretation* and *communication* of different places with their cultural expressions (craftmanship, traditional production etc). Besides the 22nd General Assembly of International Experts of the Fondazione Romualdo Del Bianco and the Symposium *Building Peace through Heritage*, an International Showcase of the cultural expressions part of the Life Beyond Tourism Movement and cultural side events will be encompassed, thus representing a global Forum highlighting the power of heritage and diversity of the local cultural expressions as powerful resources for the sustainable development of places, as well as potential element of individual and social stability that makes dialogue among different cultures possible.

The 2020 Edition will have as a Guest Country the Azerbaijan with Icherisheher, the Historic Walled City of Baku, with a selection of cultural expressions by the Icherisheher Administration of State Historical Architectural Reserve.

We thank you in advance for your attention and look forward to get your positive answer.

Yours sincerely,

Paolo Del Bianco
- President -