

November 11, 2004, G. Paolo II Auditorium, Largo Angelicum, 1
Pre-Congress Public Program
 (Entrance free/Ingresso libero)
The Meaning and Purpose of Life: Scientific and Spiritual Perspectives
Scopo e Significato della Vita: Punti di Vista Scientifici e Spirituali
 Chairman: Francesco Bistoni

Francesco Bistoni	09:00 - 09:15 hrs
T. D. Singh, Physical Organic Chemist, India	09:15 - 09:30 hrs
Giuseppe Sermonetti, Geneticist, Italy	09:30 - 09:45 hrs
Imam Samir Khaldi, Islam Theologian, Italy	09:45 - 10:00 hrs
H. H. Saldas Babaji, Hindu Theologian, India	10:00 - 10:15 hrs
Ven. Gesche Sonam Cianciub, Buddhist, Tibet	10:15 - 10:30 hrs
Vittorio Marchi, Quantum Physicist, Italy	10:30 - 10:45 hrs
Questions and Answers	10:45 - 11:00 hrs
Break	11:00 - 11:20 hrs
H. H. Guru Shabad, Sikh Dharma Authority, Italy	11:20 - 11:35 hrs
Gianfranco Di Segni, Biologist of CNR and member of Jewish Community of Rome, Italy	11:35 - 11:50 hrs
Laura Provera, Biblical Scholar, Italy	11:50 - 12:05 hrs
Michael Cremona, Archaeologist, USA	12:05 - 12:20 hrs
Questions and Answers	12:20 - 12:35 hrs
Marco Gozzi, Theologian and Bioethicist, Italy	12:35 - 13:00 hrs
(Vote of Thanks and Conclusion)	

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Registration 07:30 - 09:00 hrs

Session I
Inauguration

Chairman: Dr. Marchi Vittorio

Invocations 09:00 - 09:30 hrs
 Fr. Coli Vincenzo, Catholicism; Eng. Paserman Leone, Judaism; Imam Samir Khaldi, Islam; Ven. Gesche Sonam Cianciub, Tibetan Buddhism; Father Stefano Popa, Orthodox; H.H. Guru Shabad, Sikhism; H. H. Sri Saldas Baba, Hinduism

Lighting the lamp by the Mayor of Rome 09:30 - 09:35 hrs
Il Sindaco di Roma accende la lampada di buon auspicio
Message and Wishes from the President of the Italian Republic Carlo Azelio Ciampi to the Congress
Lettura del Messaggio d'Auspicio del Presidente della Repubblica Carlo Azelio Ciampi al Congresso
Welcome and Overview of the Congress

T. D. Singh 09:35 -09:50 hrs
Goodwill Message 09:50 -10:00 hrs
 Hon'ble Walter Veltroni, Mayor of Rome
 Hon'ble Gianni Borgna, Cultural Assessor of Rome
 Hon'ble Daniela Monteforte, Assessor of Province of Rome

Keynotes
 V. V. Raman 10:00 -10:35 hrs
Scientific Concepts of Life and Its Origin
Concezioni scientifiche sulla vita e la sua origine
 Arij A. Roest Crolius S. J. 10:40 -11:15 hrs
Concepts of Life and Its Origin from World's Religions
Concezioni sulla vita e la sua origine secondo le religioni
 Vote of Thanks: Marco Gozzi 11:15 -11:20 hrs
 Break 11:20 -11:35 hrs

Session II
Spiritual Perspectives on Life and its Origin
Prospettive spirituali sulla vita e la sua origine
 Chairman: Maurizio Calipari

Laura Provera	11:40 -12:05 hrs
Imam Samir Khaldi	12:10 -12:35 hrs
Jonathan Edelmann	12:40 -13:05 hrs
Questions and Answers	13:05 -13:20 hrs
Lunch	13:20 -14:40 hrs

Session III
The Cosmology and Cosmogony of Life: Contemporary Issues
Cosmologia e cosmogonia della vita: attuale dibattito
 Chairman: V. V. Raman

Jagdish N. Srivastava	15:00 -15:30 hrs
Robert Mann	15:35 -16:05 hrs
Anita Goel	16:10 -16:40 hrs
Gennaro Auletta	16:45 -17:15 hrs
Questions and Answers	17:15 -17:40 hrs

Session IV (Centrale Ristotheatre)
Paradigms vs. Values of Life
Paradigmi a confronto sul valore della vita
 Chairman: Michael Cremona

Habdul Hadi	18:30 -18:50 hrs
H. H. Atmanivedana Swami	18:55 -19:15 hrs
Maurizio Calipari	19:20 -19:40 hrs
Vittorio Marchi	19:45 -20:05 hrs
Banquet	20:05-21:35 hrs
Cultural Program	21:40 -22:35 hrs
Nanak-Group presents <i>Tantra —Where time and space join</i>	

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Session V
The Science of God
La scienza di Dio
 Chairman: Laura Provera

Mikulas Blazek	09:00 -09:20 hrs
Gianfranco Basti	09:25 -09:45 hrs
Gennaro Auletta	09:50 -10:10 hrs
Stefano Popa	10:15 -10:35 hrs
Marco Ferrini	10:40 -11:00 hrs
Questions and Answers	11:00 -11:15 hrs
Break	11:15 -11:30 hrs

Session VI
Theistic Interpretation of Empirical Observations on Life and its Origin
Interpretazione teistica dell' osservazione empirica sulla vita e la sua origine
 Chairman: Gianfranco Basti

Lothar Schafer	11:35 -12:00 hrs
Giuseppe Sermonetti	12:05 -12:30 hrs
T. D. Singh	12:35 -13:00 hrs
Questions and Answers	13:00 -13:15 hrs
Lunch	13:15 -14:50 hrs

Session VII
God and the New Biology
Dio e la Nuova Biologia
 Chairman: J. N. Srivastava

Made Wardhana	15:00-15:25 hrs
Raad Hassan	15:30-15:55 hrs
Lothar Schafer	16:00-16:25 hrs
Vittorio Marchi	16:30-16:55 hrs
Robert Mann	17:00-17:25 hrs
Questions and Answers	17:25-17:40 hrs

Session VIII (Centrale Ristotheatre)
Scientific Exploration for the Existence of God
Esplorazione scientifica sull'esistenza di Dio
 Chairman: Marco Ferrini

V. V. Raman	18:30 -19:10 hrs
Robert Mann	19:15 -19:55 hrs
Banquet	20:00 -21:15 hrs
Hon'ble Enzo Foschi	21:15-22:25 hrs
Cultural Program	21:30 -22:20 hrs
Jamal Ouassini presents " <i>Incontro a Tangeri</i> "	

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Session X
Panel on Darwin and God
Dibattito su Darwin e Dio
 Moderator: Lothar Schafer

Pauline M. Rudd	09:00-11:30 hrs
Luis J. Boya	
Marco Gozzi	
Massimo Brioli	
Gianfranco Di Segni	
Baba Gar-Diuf	
Break	11:30 -11:40 hrs

Session XI
Panel — Scope of Future Research on Life and its Origin
Dibattito - Prospettive sul futuro della ricerca sulla vita e la sua origine
 Moderator: T. D. Singh

Anita Goel	11:45 -13:25 hrs
Mikulas Blazek	
Jagdish N. Srivastava	
Lothar Schafer	
Michael Cremona	
Vittorio Marchi	
Lunch	13:25 -14:55 hrs

Session XII
Concluding Session
Sessione conclusiva

Summaries by Chairpersons	15:00 -16:40 hrs
Concluding Keynote:	16:45 -17:25 hrs
Vote of thanks: T. D. Singh	17:30 -17:40 hrs

The Bhaktivedanta Institute sincerely thanks the Honorable Walter Veltroni, the Mayor of Rome for kindly granting the permission to hold the conference in the Campidoglio.

Speakers

Prof. Gennaro Auletta *Scientific Direct., Pont. Gregorian Univ.*
H. H. Sri Saldas Baba *Chair, Sai Found. Org. World-wide, India*
Prof. Don Gianfranco Basti *Director of the STOC and Professor of History of Philosophy Gregorian Univ. & Lateran Univ., Italy*
Prof. Francesco Bistoni *Microbiologist & Rector, Univ. of Perugia*
Dr. Mikulas Blazek *Physicist, Vice-Chancellor Emeritus of Trnava University, Trnava, Slovak Republic*
Prof. Luis Boya *Theoretical Physicist, Univ. of Zaragoza, Spain*
Mr. Massimo Brioli *Vaishnava Scholar, Italy*
Dr. Don Maurizio Calipari *Pontifical Academy for Life, Rome*
Fr. Vincenzo Coli *Patriarchal Guardian Basilica S. Francisco, Assisi*
Michael A. Cremo *Researcher in human origins, B. I., USA*
Dr. Gianfranco Di Segni *Biologist of CNR, Jewish Comm., Italy*
Mr. Jonathan Edelmann *Research Scholar, Oxford Univ., U.K.*
Prof. Marco Ferrini *President and Founder of CSB, Pisa, Italy*
Baba Gar-Diuf *Bay-Fall Theologian-Senegal-Africa*
Dr. Anita Goel *Department of Physics, Harvard Univ. & Division of Health Sciences and Technology (HST), MIT and Harvard Univ., USA*
Dr. Marco Gozzi *Theologian and Bioethicist, VP, B.I., Italy*
Prof. Raad Hassan *Islamic expert in Bioethics, Liban*
Imam Samir Khaldi *Theologian and Islamic Authority, Italy*
Dr. Robert Mann *Chair of Phys. Dept., Univ. of Waterloo, Canada*
Prof. Vittorio Marchi *Quantum Physicist, Rome, Italy*
Father Maximilian Mizzi *FOFMC, CEFID, Centro Francescano Internazionale per il Dialogo, Assisi, Malta*
Eng. Leone Paserman *President Jewish Community, Rome, Italy*
Fr. Stefano Popa *Archbishop, Orthodox Church, Romania*
Prof. Laura Provera *Biblical Scholar of Gregorian Univ., Italy*
Prof. V. V. Raman *Physicist, Rochester Institute of Tech, USA*
Prof. Arij A. Roest Crolius S. J. *Emeritus Professor of Theology of Religion and Culture - Interreligious Dialogue, Pont. Gregorian University*
Dr. Pauline M. Rudd *Glycobiologist, University of Oxford*
Prof. Lothar Schafer *Physical Chemist, Univ. of Arkansas, USA*
Prof. Giuseppe Sermonti *Professor of Genetics, Italy*
H. H. Guru Shabad *Spiritual Guide of Sikh Dharma, Italy*
Dr. T. D. Singh *Phys. Organic Chemist and Director, B. I., India*
Prof. Jagdish N. Srivastava *Statistician Colorado State Univ., USA*
H. H. Atmanivedana Swami *Hindu Theologian, U.K.*
Ven. Ghesce Sonam Cianciub *Buddhist Spiritual Master, Tibet*
Dr. Made Wardhana *Dept. of Dermatology, Udayana Univ., Indonesia*

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Purpose

Most scientific studies and conferences on Life and its Origin are focused on examining whether life, a living cell, could be a product of complex molecular reactions of proteins, carbohydrates, etc., through chemical evolution. However, the present knowledge of the molecular paradigm of life alone is unable to fully describe and understand life and its origin, and the answer to the fundamental question, 'what is life?' is still quite far away. The purpose of this Congress is to seriously examine the deeper insights of life and its origin through the interdisciplinary approach of science and spirituality/theology incorporating the principle that life is a spiritual particle, by drawing inspirations from major spiritual traditions of the world. Also a part of the purpose is to carefully examine the scientific data from the religious viewpoint and to generate some new research projects for the scientific study of life, its meaning and purpose, consciousness and God.

Scopo del Congresso

La maggior parte degli studi sulla vita e la sua origine esamina la vita come un complesso di reazioni molecolari. Un simile approccio non è in grado di rispondere alla domanda fondamentale: "che cos'è la vita?". Lo scopo del Congresso è di esaminare la vita e la sua origine per mezzo di un approccio interdisciplinare di scienza e di spiritualità, introducendo il principio che la vita è una particella spirituale. Inoltre il Congresso si propone di analizzare i dati scientifici dal punto di vista religioso e di stimolare nuovi progetti di ricerca dello studio scientifico della vita, del suo significato e del suo scopo in rapporto alla coscienza e di Dio.

With the personal best wishes (augurio) of

Hon'ble President of Italian Republic,

His Excellency Carlo Azelio Ciampi

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