MONASTIC / MUSLIM DIALOGUE
(DIMMID and Iranian Shi’ites)
“Community”
17-22 October 2014
Monastero di San Masseo (Comunità di Bose)
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3. Hamed Fayazi (International Institute for Islamic Studies, Qum)
4. Isa Jahangir (The Islamic College, London, and International Institute for Islamic Studies, Qum)
5. Mohsen Javadi (University of Qum)
6. Fatima Ali (Montreal, Canada)

Monastic
1. Benoît Standaert, OSB (Bruges, Belgium)
2. Godefroy Raguenet de Saint-Albin, OCSO (Aiguebelle, France)
3. Guido Dotti, Comunità di Bose (Magnano, Italy)
4. Mariangela Yator OSB (Assisi, Italy)
5. Maximilian Musindai, OSB (Tigoni, Kenya/Cairo, Egypt)
6. Timothy Wright, OSB (Ampleforth, England/Lisle, Illinois)
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Assistant
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DAILY SCHEDULE

October 17, Friday
18:30 Evening Prayer with the San Masseo community (in Italian)
19:15 Maghrib & Isha
19:45 Supper (cena)
20:45 A brief period of silence in the crypt, concluding with the Salve Regina.

October 18, Saturday
6:30 Fajr
7:00 Morning Prayer with the San Masseo community (in Italian)
7:45 Breakfast
9:00 First morning session
Introductory session:
- Content, methodology, and hoped-for outcomes of this dialogue;
- Schedule and other matters

10:30  Break
11:00  Second morning session
Monastic presentation on the importance of forming, being, and acting as a community by Brother Guido Dotti
12:30 Midday Prayer with the San Masseo community (in Italian)
13:00  Dinner (pranzo)
14:00  Zuhr & Asir
14:30  Afternoon session
Muslim presentation on the importance of forming, being, and acting as a community by Mohsen Javadi
16:00  Break
17:00  Guided visit of the church and convent of San Damiano
18:00  Evening Prayer at San Damiano (in English): First Vespers of Sunday
19:15  Maghrib & Isha at San Masseo
19:45  Supper (cena)
20:45  A brief period of silence in the crypt, concluding with the Salve Regina.

October 19, Sunday
7:00   Fajr
7:30   Breakfast
8:00   Morning Prayer with the San Masseo community (in Italian)
9:00   Morning session
Discussion of yesterday’s two presentations
11:00  Mass with the San Masseo community (in Italian)
13:00  Dinner (pranzo)
14:00  Zuhr & Asir
14:30  First afternoon session
Monastic presentation on what is actually involved in belonging to a community by Father Benoît Standaert
15:30  Break
16:00  Second afternoon session
Muslim presentation on what is actually involved in belonging to a community by Hamed Fayazi
17:00  Evening Prayer with the San Masseo community (in Italian)
19:00  Supper (cena)
20:00  Night Prayer with the San Masseo community (in Italian)
20:45  Maghrib & Isha

October 20, Monday
6:30   Fajr
7:00   Morning Prayer with the San Masseo community (in Italian)
7:45   Breakfast
9:00  Basilica of Saint Francis, Greeting by the Custos (guardian/superior) of the Conventual Franciscans; guided tour of the Basilica of Saint Francis.
11:00  Coffee break at the Franciscan International Center for Dialogue (CEFID).
11:30  Presentation on Franciscan community/fraternity and its relation to dialogue
12:30  Midday Prayer (in English) at CEFID
13:00  Dinner (pranzo)
14:00  Zuhr and Asir
14:30  First afternoon session
       Discussion of yesterday’s two presentations
16:00  break
16:30  Second afternoon session
       Monastic presentation on the establishment of real communities of the faithful locally and globally by Abbot Timothy Wright
18:30  Evening Prayer with the San Masseo community (in Italian)
19:15  Maghrib & Isha
19:45  Supper (cena)
20:45  A brief period of silence in the crypt, concluding with the Salve Regina.

October 21, Tuesday

6:30  Fajr
7:00  Morning Prayer with the San Masseo community (in Italian)
7:45  Breakfast
9:00  First morning session
       Muslim presentation on the establishment of real communities of the faithful locally and globally by Isa Jahangir
10:30  Break
11:00  Second morning session
       Discussion of yesterday’s and today’s presentations.
12:30  Midday Prayer with the San Masseo community (in Italian)
13:00  Dinner (pranzo)
14:00  Zuhr & Asir
14:30  First afternoon session
       Concluding discussion
16:00  break
16:30  Free time
18:30  Evening Prayer with the San Masseo community (in Italian)
19:15  Maghrib & Isha
19:45  Supper (cena)
20:45  A brief period of silence in the crypt, concluding with the Salve Regina,

October 22, Wednesday

6:30  Fajr
7:00  Breakfast
8:30  Train to Rome
11:00  Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue.
Welcome by Father Miguel Angel Ayuso Guixot, Secretary of the PCID, and presentation by Monsignor Khaled Akasheh, Secretary of the Commission for Religious Relations with Muslims, on the activities of the PCID with Muslims.

13:00  Dinner (*pranzo*) at the Domus Sacerdotalis
17:00  Public event at the Pontificio Istituto di Studi Arabi e d'Islamistica (*see below*)
19:30  Supper (*cena*) at the residence of the Iranian Ambassador to the Holy See, the Honorable Mohammad Taher Rabbani

**October 23, Thursday**
Departure
Public Event at PISAI

Dialogue Interreligieux Monastique / Monastic Interreligious Dialogue

Pontificio Istituto di Studi Arabi e d'Islamistica

Pontificio Ateneo Sant’Anselmo
cordially invite you to a two-part presentation on

Monks and Muslims in Dialogue: Uniqueness, History, Promise

Welcome

Abbot Primate Notker Wolf OSB
Badia Primaziale Sant’Anselmo

Lectures

Dr. Mohammad Ali Shomali
Director of the International Institute for Islamic Studies, Qum
Director of Islamic Centre of England, London

Benoît Standaert OSB
Sint-Andriesabdij, Bruges

22 October 2014, 17h00

Pontificio Istituto di Studi Arabi e d'Islamistica
Viale de Trastevere 89

The presentations will be in English
and will be followed by a time for questions and discussion

Monastic Interreligious Dialogue has sponsored three international dialogues between Iranian Shi’a Muslims and Roman Catholic monks and nuns. The first, on the Word of God, was held at the Pontificio Ateneo Sant’Anselmo in September, 2011. The second, on friendship, took place at the International Institute for Islamic Studies in Qum in October, 2012. The most recent, on community, was held at the Monastero di Bose (San Masseo) in Assisi, 17-21 October 2014.

The papers presented at the first two gatherings have been published by Liturgical Press, Collegeville, Minnesota, in its Monastic Interreligious Dialogue series under the titles: Monks and Muslims: Monastic and Shi’a Spirituality in Dialogue (2012), and Monks and Muslims II: Creating Communities of Friendship (2014).

Reports on these gatherings can also be found in Dilatato Corde, the multi-lingual, on-line journal of Monastic Interreligious Dialogue, now in its fourth year of publication, at www.dimmid.org. The principal contents of Dilatato Corde are also published each year in book form by Lantern Books, Brooklyn, New York. Volume III appeared earlier this year.