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European Quality Assurance Forum 2007

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Lecture Hall – 5.30 pm

Welcome of Rector Renato Guarini

On behalf of the University community of the Sapienza and of myself, I warmly welcome all our guests.

It is a great honour and an important opportunity for the Sapienza to host the second European Quality Assurance Forum.

The common goals of European Universities are clearly outlined: as established in Bologna in 1999, we are engaged in creating a common higher education area. To this purpose our energies should be devoted to conciliate differences and different traditions in order to achieve a good level of harmonization and, above all, a guaranteed quality in all European countries.

It is well known that Italy has given extensive support to the Bologna process, implementing it since the very beginning through the introduction of the three levels in higher education, by adopting the method of credits and by fostering international mobility through common study courses and joint degrees.

But quality assurance in Italian universities is still an open challenge to which our country is reacting by creating a national agency.

The Sapienza, a large historical university, already has a well-established experience regarding quality evaluation by means of large scale monitoring.

The European Quality Assurance Forum offers to the Sapienza the opportunity of having a mutual exchange with the other European Universities and of learning about the initiatives already undertaken abroad.

Hopefully the Forum will allow concrete progress towards a general adoption of the European quality standards, after the steps already taken in the occasion of the first edition in Munich in 2006.

The Bologna process and the contribution Universities can offer to the common aim of the European nations, that is the building of a modern society based on knowledge and on the values of culture and science, are at stake.

Again a warm welcome to all our guests, to whom I wish a profitable meeting and a good stay in our University and in our city.