



The Mayor of Naples

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LETTER OF SUPPORT

On behalf of the City of Naples, it is my pleasure to endorse the bid to host the Wikimania Conference in 2013 in our city.

It would be a great honour and a great pleasure to host the Conference, since the next Universal Forum of Cultures, which is an international cultural event organized under the patronage of UNESCO, will be held in Naples in 2013.

Thus, Naples could represent the hub linking traditional and digital cultures, because both the Wikimania Conference and the Forum of Cultures are focused on human knowledge.

Founded more than 2,800 years ago, Naples is one of the most ancient cities in the world, renowned worldwide for its history, art, architecture, music and cultural heritage. In my opinion, Naples proudly epitomizes a bridge representing human civilization, which spans from ancient cultures to modern ones.

Naples is the second most populated metropolitan area in Italy, with a population of 3 millions inhabitants.

Moreover, Naples' historic city centre is also the largest in Europe, and is listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site.

As a testimony to its extraordinary cultural value, the Naples' area hosts an unparalleled concentration of UNESCO's World Heritage sites: such as the Roman archaeological sites of Pompeii, Herculaneum, Oplontis and Stabiae, the Royal Palace of Caserta and the Amalfi Coast.

Furthermore, in 2013, Naples will be the location of the America's Cup World Series, the preliminary regattas which come before the America's Cup Finals, considered to be the third largest sport event of the world.

Naples is also provided with world-class conference facilities and hotels, and I will personally involve all the local institutions and the stakeholders to support the Wikimania Conference.

The Municipality of Naples itself owns different conference halls and facilities, located in modern buildings and historic monuments, which can be provided at your disposal.

The Municipality of Naples would be delighted to be the host city of the Wikimania Conference in 2013 and I look forward to welcoming you soon.

Kind regards,

Luigi de Magistris

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