MBB commemorates International Peace Day on four continents

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Italy

On Sept. 18, Nan and Howard traveled to Lecce, Italy and partnered with the Rome-based ADR firm Concilia, LLC to address a conference of over 250 professionals on MBB and mediation in judicial practice, and to officially inaugurate MBB Italy, the first professional MBB Chapter outside the USA. They were pleased to welcome MMB President Ken Cloke, Santa Monica, Calif., at a conference of the Swiss GEMiME last year and was inspired to create an Italian Chapter of MBB. "With Nan's announcement during the Lecce Conference," Alessandro said, "I can say that the Italian Chapter is no longer a dream but a reality."

Alessandro listed the benefits of establishing MBB Italy and being part of an international network of mediators: "More contacts, more synergies, international relations and a unique idea—to save the world with the help of mediation procedures and well-prepared mediators."

MBB Italy is already at work developing an international peace event for next year. Led by Alessandro, the Italian Chapter plans to join next year's March for Peace, an 8K walk from Perugia to Assisi, US Board Member Thomas Valenti, Chicago, Ill., USA and FMI Michael Alo, Fairmont, W. Va., USA are working with MBB Italy on this endeavor. The march is organized by the Italian association Tavola Della Pace (the Table of Peace) and will rally conflict practitioners and organizations from all over Italy to the cause of universal peacemaking.