

# CITTASLOW, ENERGY FOR ALL ANNUAL ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE OF CITTASLOW INTERNATIONAL NETWORK

During the first Cittaslow International Week in the KIP Pavilion, on Friday June 19<sup>th</sup>, the Annual Round Table Conference of Cittaslow International Network *Cittaslow, Energy for all* has been held. Representatives of over 100 cities of the Network from 28 countries have participated in the great event to exchange their experiences and look for new inspiration.

After the opening greets of Luciano Carrino, president of the KIP International School who underlined and appreciated the contribution for local development the *Slow Cities* are making all over the world, Stefano Pisani, president of Cittaslow International and Mayor of Pollica, Arnoud Rodenburg, vice president of Cittaslow International and Mayor of Midden-Delfland NL, Piergiorgio Oliveti, general director of Cittaslow International and Stanislaw Harajda, Dehyun Sohn and Wolfgang Plattmeier, coordinators of Cittaslow national networks in Poland, South Korea and Germany have illustrated the objectives, the contents, the strategies and the work underway of the European Group for Territorial Cooperation (EGTC) of Cittaslow.

The introductory speeches are followed by the representatives of Cittaslow from Australia, Netherland, China, Switzerland, Germany and other countries who presented their ideas and reflections on the implementation and dissemination of the philosophy of Cittaslow in their territories. The *Slow Cities* are working together in the world to build and promote communities that promote quality of life, maintain and develop valuable landscapes and biodiversity, promote traditions and innovation, stimulate regional products and short food chains and provide social cohesion, rendering the territories attractive and sustainable for the future generations.

Afterwards, Giuseppe Roma, coordinator of the International Scientific Committee, has presented the Cittaslow awards 2015 to the following projects based on a careful examination of project documentation. Among the awards, the *Chiocciola Orange* was awarded to Cittaslow YANYANG (China) for the projects *Slow ride and slow walk* and *Grey Haired Orchestra*. These projects represent a multilevel system of initiatives aimed to increase the local culture and social cohesion, putting in value environment in a slow way and using music as community instrument. The Cittaslow of Vigarano



Mainarda (Italy) was awarded with a *Special Award For The Best Idea* for the project *Socialising people looking for international protection*, for welcoming political refugees and involving them in voluntary activities.

The *Local Economy Award* has also been conferred to Cittaslow Fonglin (Taiwan) by the President of the KIP International School. By inviting and promoting good local development experiences in the KIP Pavilion, the School aims to create a World Fund for Territorial Development at the conclusion of Expo 2015.

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