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Humankind/Nature Interaction:
Past, Present and Future
Florence, July 5th – 12th, 2003

Dear Colleagues,

-after a millennium marked by a widespread and absolute obscurantism and by the consequent Enlightenment reaction, the French Revolution began to find experimental answers of collective liberties, which continuously improved

-in the first half of the XX century the human technology tested massive genocides killing millions, more than in all previous wars within living memory.

-in the second half of the XX century, mankind recognized his enormous errors and tried fighting against every kind of slavery, ensuring women and children rights and affirming inborn right in human thought with the dignity.

-in the transition between the 2nd and the 3rd millennium, all of mankind deemed to have achieved full recognition of rights and liberties, without any racist or religious resistance, trying to reach sustainable availability of demographic planning, food and environmental capacity.

-such hope broke down dramatically with the unexpected tragedy on the 11th September 2001. After such a shock, mankind – which should be able to reflect a past error - has had to face the question: is the New York tragedy just an isolated episode or an event that can affect the entire course of liberty assertion?

COMUNE DI POPPI

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Since achieving liberty is not an instant but a gradual gain over several generations, has the process of achieving liberty forgotten some crucial passages? Once more, man is therefore urged to try to understand which are the boundaries between individual and collective liberty and when is it necessary to intervene if a personal liberty is denied.

The XV Congress of the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences will try to analyse the sustainable and unsustainable development, closely related to food, environmental and economical resources. Within the topics of the Congress, a one day pre-session in Poppi –also in Tuscany on **July 7th**- will consider the sphere of individual liberty –conceptual and actual- and collective liberty, with regard to ambiental parameters.

The four subsections of this pre-congress are:

Individual liberties

[Human rights in the worldwide scenery.](#)
[Prejudice, tolerance and acceptance of differences.](#)

Collective liberties

Denial of the most basic human liberties

Past and future responsibilities

Session B

Biblioteca Rilliana – Poppi

“Il Calamaio del Padre Inquisitore”

italian philological session

On this philological session will be presented some historical documents of 1741 found at



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the Estense Library. This discovery allows to reconstruct the history of the *affaire* Crudeli, which is wellknown as the division point between temporal and spiritual powers.

book w/ Author dedication (free of charge)

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Session C

Pretura di Poppi

Presentation International Historical Court

The Municipality of Poppi with the Institute of Historical Studies Tommaso Crudeli inaugurate the International Historical Court, which is devoted to the investigation of such legal cases (older than 100 years) where the most basic human liberties were denied. The Institution -whose seat is the old magistrate's courthouse of Poppi- is inspired by the Universal Declaration of the Human Rights and wants to reconstruct accurately historical legal cases and to attribute responsibilities.

open section (english) w/ press conference

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