

“HEALTH, DIPLOMACY AND PEACE”

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Abstract: *The Health and Diplomacy Program of the Campus Bio-Medico University Hospital Foundation was created with the mission of promoting human dignity through "global health," understood as service to individuals and the international community. Health and Diplomacy means combining 'analysis and action' in order to facilitate and develop, through international relations, all efforts to improve not only the living conditions of populations, but also to spread a true culture of solidarity among international institutions and organizations. This mission is particularly significant today, because the tragedy of numerous conflicts and natural disasters is causing increasingly violent divisions and "complex emergencies." Added to the tragedy of poverty is the loss of hope of entire generations who are no longer able to build their own future. In an appeal by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, it is emphasized that the international community and states have been called upon to unite and collaborate for a common response of peace and hope in the face of a state of serious global disorientation! Health and Diplomacy for Peace intends to support this appeal and contribute to a professional and humane response in the field of global health by promoting greater attention to collaboration between diplomacy and health.*

THE ROLE OF UNIVERSITY COOPERATION: PEACE, SCIENCE AND ART OF SOLIDARITY

We need true leadership and common foreign policy to foster peace and solidarity of the whole world. We need to build together from these early moments a new international reality of dialogue collaboration cooperation mutual understanding that fosters encounters between peoples and prevents crises before they become a dramatic conflict.

Universities come out of their ivory towers and their internal career logics to be able instead to serve the international community and make themselves useful to be able to foster new generations in their training for diplomatic and international careers. We need a new vision of

“university cooperation” that is not only exchange and collaboration in teaching and research but also, above all, action on the ground prevention and promotion of peace.

The real research laboratory of the university and civil society is the International community, its own civil and social realities, the United Nations and the European Union, that both need a strong renewal from the roots in terms of challenges and personal decisions in order to renew these our international relations. We do not need bureaucrats or people who are dedicated to personal career political games.

There is an urgent need to have new generations who devote their lives to caring for the needs of the international community by addressing the new challenges ahead of us. Courage is needed we need personality we need to think of the common good and to be able to pass on the values and decisions to be able to achieve these daunting goals! Without proclamations without scandal we must be there where people suffer division contrast conflict and know how to bring people states peoples religions together in order to be able to promote peace. It is increasingly urgent to train new diplomats and new academics as well as new politicians and men of institutions who have it clear in their hearts and minds that there is an urgent need for dialogue, understanding, and the training of people who are capable of analyzing situations and at the same time acting accordingly with respect for the human person.

The latest events the new international realities of these days in 2025 remind us that it is not a violent action in a geopolitical context armed with missiles and tanks that brings peace and serenity to peoples. Either we need to have patience or we need to have the form of a dialogic diplomacy ready to take concrete steps to reach an agreement, where everyone can be in a comfortable situation. In this new world order, great freedom is needed. The freedom to recognize the dignity of the human person both for large numbers, i.e., peoples and for each individual citizen. Each person is important and so is one's life.

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The relationships there are between people must have those who listen to them and who manage the common good a great capacity to understand and foster dialogue between peoples and people. To claim all this is to respect the dignity of the human person, men and women who need to live on this planet.

The dramatic international situation, the numerous conflicts in different parts of the world, are a call for all of us to urgently take care of what concerns stability and security. Yes, unfortunately, we have to see a profound laceration between diplomacy, which has always brought excellent results in international dialogue and cooperation, and the prevention of what are the current often dramatic conflicts taking place, with the position of states focusing excessively on their own defense and security, understood mainly as the protection of their borders, without a comprehensive international vision of human coexistence.

This results in erroneous policies at the international level, affecting international organizations. People act only out of fear and not to promote a common good that can be shared politically and institutionally. The clash of nationalisms and short-sighted visions of cooperation among peoples are massacring international relations, especially in what

concerns foreign policies of peace and development. There are only partisan interests at play, and the financial and arms sales lobbies dictate the direction of foreign policy.

Talking about global health today means pointing to a new path for peace and dialogue among peoples. Yes, we can no longer think only about “medical care,” but we need to think about “global health.” For this reason, University Hospital Campus Bio-Medico is promoting a completely innovative new line of international action that intends to promote a new foreign policy in the field of human rights, peace, and global health through health. It is called “*Health and Diplomacy*,” a new way to combine two realities that affect individuals, nations, and the entire world.

With interdisciplinary and inter-departmental action, we are working with specialty directors in international priority areas for global health. Making oncology dialogue with cardiology, ethics with diplomacy, and emergency health with various departments on the biomedical campus is just one example. The various heads of scientific areas also meet and dialogue with diplomatic ambassadors representing international organizations to create synergies, dialogue, science, and the art of solidarity, promoting global health—and through that, peace.

We must increasingly feel the urgent need to contribute personally with one's life to the promotion of peace and that this is still possible today, even when a dramatic crisis seems to obscure the ways of hope in Europe, even when there seems to be no more light in the crisis that lights up for diplomatic solutions and dialogue! We must strive more and more to promote the culture of Solidarity and Peace especially in the new generations, aiming for a serious commitment also through the improvement of “Global Health”!

MAIN CHALLENGES FOR HEALTH, DIPLOMACY AND PEACE

Peace is the Science and Art of Solidarity that begins where man and woman live together in a family, in a society and a people, in everyday work and in international dynamics! Where justice is lived not in claiming but in understanding and knowing how to serve others in politics, first of all for a common good to be achieved together.

The Health and Diplomacy Program of the Campus Bio-Medico University Hospital Foundation, is a contribution to Peace through a specialized health care service aimed not only at the diplomatic world present in Rome, but also at a national and international level for those personnel who strive with their work to promote dialogue and the development of the international community.