Dear Members,

We inform You that Friday the 14th of March the international conference *Beauty and the Just; aesthetics and functionality in modern project*, sponsored by the ESCL, was held successfully in Florence.

The charming Luca Giordano hall of the Medici-Riccardi palace hosted many broad spectrum relations on the theme of the meeting, presented by scholars with different backgrounds and specializations, in the sign of interdisciplinarity and with a marked sensitivity to the reality of our Countries and of their towns.

They discussed, among other things, about beauty and justice in the history of Florence (Prof. Giuseppe Vettori) and in Planning Law (Prof. Hugues Perinet-Marquet, ESCL Vice-President), about the aesthetic value of industrial design products (Prof. Maurizio Ammendola), the profound relationship between beauty, architecture and law (Prof. Michel Huet), the architectural wonders of Italy and their preservation (Arch. Ettore Mocchetti), the territory as a "theater of creativity" (Prof. Alessandro Ubertazzi). Chairman of the conference was prof. Giovanni Iudica, ESCL President.

The meeting continued at the Cafaggi restaurant, where the speakers and some members of the ISCL (Italian Society of Construction Law) took part in a delicious Tuscan dinner in a friendly and funny atmosphere.

A smaller but substantial group of speakers and ISCL members extended their stay in Florence taking part, the next morning, in an exceptional tour of the Uffizi Gallery, masterfully organized by prof. Ubertazzi, who led the visitors speaking in Italian and in French. The group disbanded in the early Saturday afternoon with a warm goodbye to the ESCL Annual Conference, to be held next autumn in Milan (9-11 October 2014).

We want to thank Prof. Ubertazzi and Arch. Benedetta Terenzi for organizing the successful event, as well as the speakers and all the members and friends who took part to it, and remind You once again of the ESCL Conference in October, to which You can subscribe until June 29 (more information are available at our website <u>www.iscl.it</u>).

Milan, 24 March 2014.

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