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**Memorial Message and Condolences – Dott.ssa Marialuisa Stringa**

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The staff, members and volunteers of the UNESCO Centre of Firenze and of FICLU.***

It was with great grief and sorrow that we have been informed about the death of Dott.ssa Marialuisa Stringa, a great leader of the UNESCO Clubs movement and a long lasting friend, with whom we had close and productive relations since the 1980s.

The news of her death came at the time when we were expecting her participation in the 9<sup>th</sup> World Congress of WFUCA in Beijing, China.

When we met last time in Mexico, she was ready as always to continue her voluntary cooperation as Ex Officio Member of the Executive Board of WFUCA and to contribute in all functions of our movement.

However since last Monday she is not with us to enlighten everybody by her leadership skills and inspired vision.

Marialuisa Stringa as a founding member of the World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (WFUCA) has been working for many decades in promoting the ideals of UNESCO in the world and in Italy from various posts as President of FICLU and President of the UNESCO Centre of Firenze.

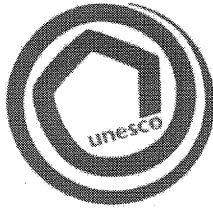
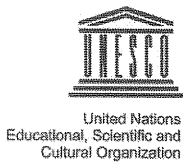
She might not anymore be physically with us, but she will remain always spiritually with us in every activity as well as in Beijing, China where special reference will be made to her and contribution to the UNESCO Clubs movement to which she dedicated her entire life.

Marialuisa Stringa is an example of full devotion and loyalty to the UNESCO Clubs spirit for all new UNESCO clubs leaders in Italy and in the world. She was a hard, restless and disciplines worker and a fighter in the promotion of the UNESCO Clubs ideals, regardless of personal efforts or sacrifices.

Last year in Vietnam during the International Conference on Global Ethics, Marialuisa was honoured for her significant contribution and work in the UNESCO Clubs movement.

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Her personality, courage and passion as well as her strong, sincere and positive attitude towards all issues inspired and reinforced UNESCO Clubs leaders and made everybody to respect her as well as to appreciate her work.

She was really the first lady of WFUCA, the mother of all having played a protagonist role in the UNESCO Clubs family.

During the memorial ceremony, the UNESCO clubs family has been invited to pay tribute and pray for our beloved Marialuisa Stringa.

To her family, and to all colleagues in Italy who have been engaged with the UNESCO Clubs movements, and have worked with her we convey our sympathy and sincere and deep condolences on behalf of the thousands of UNESCO Clubs activists in the world.

The announcement of her passing was disseminated with a memorial message.

Marialuisa, we will be always thinking of you and we will be having you in our hearts forever, praying for you and being always thankful to you with full appreciation for your valuable work and heritage that you have left to us.

On Behalf of WFUCA

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