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Communications to the Saint Nicholas' Friends

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Dear Friends

I would like to inform you about a three days meeting to be held in Bari (Department of Classic and Christian Studies, Old City) in 2-4 December of this year:

TO THE ORIGINS OF EUROPE: THE CULT OF ST NICHOLAS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST.

1. Italy - France

It has been organized by the University of Bari (Department of Classic and Christian Studies), the **Basilica of St Nicholas** (Centro Studi Nicolaiani), the Institute of France, the University of **Caen** Low-Normandy, the University of **West Paris**- Nanterre La Défence.

The **2nd of December** there shall be two conferences:

1. *On the road of the Angel and of St Nicholas between Europe and Holy Land* (prof. Giorgio Otranto, 16,30 pm), and *Religious relationships between Italy and France in the XI century* (prof. Giuseppe Sergi, 17,10 pm).

The **3rd of December** the following subjects shall be dealt with: *The miracles of St Nicholas between typology and history* (by Sofia Boesch Gaiano), *John Archdeacon: The Translatio Sancti Nicolai in the Medieval Europe* (by Gerardo Cioffari), *The origins of St Nicholas cult in Normandy* (Veronique Gazeau), *The account of Orderic Vitale on the diffusion of St Nicholas cult in Normandy in the XI-XII centuries* (Pierre Bouet), *St Nicholas cult in Bayeux and surroundings* (François Neveux), *Western developments of St Nicholas images* (Michele Bacci), *Archaeological researches in St Nicholas Citadel* (Maria Rosaria Depalo and Mariella Cioce), *The silver Altar of the Basilica of St Nicholas: restoration and*

recomposition project (Fabrizio Vona), *Iconography of the painted cycles of St Nicholas in Normandy from XIII to XVI century* (Vincent Juhel), *The Iconography of St Nicholas in the Churches of Troyes [Champagne]* (Justyna Switalska).

The **4th of December** the themes are the following:

Saint Nicholas in the folkloric Calendar of the year (Anna Benvenuti), *Pilgrims and pilgrimages to St Nicolas de Port at the end of Middle Age* (Catherine Guyon), *St Nicholas images in French prayers at the end of Middle Age* (Catherine Vincent), *St Nicholas' stage fortune in Romance Middle Age: a new acquisition* (Marco Piccat), *The bishop of Innocents is/and St Nicholas: patronage and representation between XII and XVI centuries* (Yann Dahhaoui), *The contribution of the Society of Apulian Country History to the studies on St Nicholas* (Cosimo d'Angela).

The conclusions shall be drawn by **prof. Andrew Vauchez**, an authority in the hagiographical field.

ON THE SAME WAVELENGTH.....

IN ST NICOLAS DE PORT (FRANCE) the 3rd of December Prof. **Karlheinz Blaschke** shall receive the Grand Prix 2010 from the St Nicholas Academy and shall hold a very interesting lecture on "**The Influence of St Nicholas Patronage on the shaping and growing of Middle Age commercial towns in Central Europe**".

The Conference has been organized by the three Associations that form the St Nicholas Academy:

"**Confrérie Saint Nicolas de Yutz**",

"**Les Amis de Saint Nicolas des Lorrains**", and

"**Connaissance et Renaissance de la Basilique de Saint Nicolas de Port**".