

# Life and its Origin – Exploration from Science and Spiritual Traditions

## Second International Congress – Rome, Italy



The Second International Congress on Life and its Origin was organized to answer questions such as:

1. Can modern scientific knowledge satisfactorily explain bio-diversity, consciousness, and the origin of life?
2. Could we integrate spiritual axioms into the experimental research related to life and its origin?
3. What new knowledge may we obtain through an integrated, interdisciplinary study of life and its origin?
4. Can studying life's origin from the various perspectives of the world's spiritual traditions help us to better understand evolution?
5. What are the possible means to introduce spiritual truths into the scientific mainstream?

The unique conference was comprised of both scientists and religionists, providing a **very fertile and open platform** for an **interdisciplinary** approach to the important and elusive subject of life and its origin.

By exploring questions, through lectures, dialogues, and interactions with the audience, this conference provided a vital strategic step towards **broadening our understanding** of life and its origin, as well as our scientific comprehension of Ultimate Reality. This congress also generated some **possible future research areas** for the study of life and its origin.

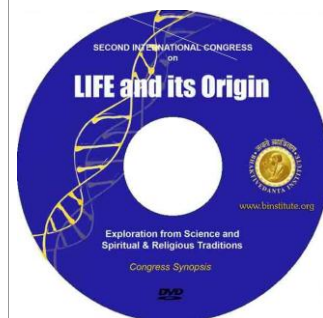
- ✓ Hear, see, and benefit from the most relevant moments of this congress. Witness its conclusions as if you had been personally present.
- ✓ An easy and enlivening way to present the topic to your friends or students!
- ✓ An efficient tool to promote discussions in your own group on the advantages of pursuing the science and spirituality dialogue.

### Some of the speakers:

**Prof. Gennaro Auletta**, Scientific Director, Pontifical Gregorian University, Italy  
**H. H. Sri Sri Saldas Baba**, International Chairman, Sai Foundation Organization  
**Prof. Francesco Bistoni**, Microbiologist & Rector of University of Perugia, Italy  
**Dr. Mikulas Blazek**, Physicist, Vice-Chancellor Emeritus of Trnava University, Trnava, Slovak Republic.  
**Prof. Luis Boya**, Theoretical Physicist, University of Zaragoza, Spain  
**Dr. Don Maurizio Calipari**, Pontifical Academy for Life, Rome, Italy  
**Michael A. Cremo**, Researcher in human origins, USA  
**Dr. Gianfranco Di Segni**, Biologist of CNR, Jewish Comm., Italy  
**Mr. Jonathan Edelmann**, Research Scholar, Oxford University, U.K.  
**Baba Gar-Diuf**, Bay-Fall Theologian, Senegal, Africa  
**Dr. Anita Goel**, Department of Physics, Harvard University & Division of Health Sciences and Technology (HST), MIT and Harvard University, USA  
**Prof. Raad Hassan**, Islamic expert in Bioethics, Liban  
**Imam Samir Khaldi**, Theologian and Islamic Authority, Italy

**Dr. Robert Mann**, Chair of Physics Dept., University of Waterloo, Canada  
**Prof. Vittorio Marchi**, Quantum Physicist, Rome, Italy  
**Father Maximilian Mizzi**, FOFMC, CEFID, Centro Francese Internazionale per il Dialogo, Assisi, Italy  
**Fr. Stefano Popa**, Archbishop, Orthodox Church, Romania  
**V.V. Raman**, Physicist, Rochester Institute of Technology, USA  
**Prof. Arij A. Roest Crolius S. J.**, Emeritus Professor of Theology of Religion and Culture - Interreligious Dialogue, Pontifical Gregorian University  
**Dr. Pauline M. Rudd**, Glycobiologist, University of Oxford, U.K.  
**Prof. Lothar Schäfer**, Physical Chemist, University of Arkansas, USA  
**Prof. Giuseppe Sermonti**, Professor of Genetics, Italy  
**H. H. Guru Shabad**, Spiritual Guide of Sikh Dharma, Italy  
**Dr. T. D. Singh**, Physical Organic Chemist and International Director, Bhaktivedanta Institute, India  
**Ven. Ghesce Sonam Cianciub**, Buddhist Spiritual Master, Tibet

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### *From the desk of the General Secretary, **Presidency of the Italian Republic***

The Second World Congress on "Life And Its Origin" represents an occasion to strengthen our commitment towards the life's values of solidarity and respect for human rights. [...]

The President of the Italian Republic expresses his profound appreciation for the Bhaktivedanta Institute and offers his cordial salutation to the illustrious speakers, to the Event's organizers and to all the participants of the Congress.

To this, I too append my personal salutation for the same.

Gaetano Gifuni, General Secretary Presidency of the Italian Republic