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SEVENTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON  
**THE FUTURE OF SCIENCE™**



*Mind: the Essence of Humanity*  
 VENICE, SEPTEMBER 18-20, 2011

LOCATION: **FONDAZIONE GIORGIO CINI** - ISOLA DI SAN GIORGIO MAGGIORE

**DEDICATED SHUTTLE BOAT.** During the Conference days a free shuttle boat service to/from San Zaccaria (in front of Hotel Jolanda) - Cini Foundation will be arranged for participants.

**TIMETABLE**

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| SEPTEMBER 18: | San Zaccaria > Cini.....4.00 p.m. - 4.20 p.m. - 4.40 p.m.<br>Cini > San Zaccaria.....9.00 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.  |
| SEPTEMBER 19: | San Zaccaria > Cini.....8.00 a.m. - 8.20 a.m. - 8.40 a.m.<br>Cini > San Zaccaria.....5.00 p.m. - 5.20 p.m.<br>San Zaccaria > San Toma'.....7.30 p.m.<br>(Concert San Rocco) |
| SEPTEMBER 20: | San Zaccaria > Cini.....8.20 a.m. - 8.40 a.m.<br>Cini > San Zaccaria.....4.15 p.m. - 4.35 p.m.  |



## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2011

### 5.00 pm - 7.00 pm WELCOME ADDRESSES

**UMBERTO VERONESI** Conference President  
**GIOVANNI BAZOLI** President Giorgio Cini Foundation  
**MARCO TRONCHETTI PROVERA** President Silvio Tronchetti Provera Foundation  
**KATHLEEN KENNEDY TOWNSEND** Conference Vice President  
**CHIARA TONELLI** Conference Secretary General

### OPENING LECTURES

**FRANS DE WAAL** Animal emotions and empathy  
**KAY REDFIELD JAMISON** Mood disorders and creativity

7.00 pm WELCOME COCKTAIL

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2011

### 9.00 am - 12.45 pm MORNING SESSION

CHAIRS: **FRANS DE WAAL** Professor of Primate Behavior, Emory University, Atlanta  
**KATHLEEN KENNEDY TOWNSEND** Conference Vice President

**EDOARDO BONCINELLI** The bet on neuroscience  
**TELMO PIEVANI** The evolution of mind  
**GIORGIO VALLORTIGARA** Origins of core knowledge: object, space and number in the animal brain

10.45 am - 11.15 am COFFEE BREAK

**ANDREA MORO** The boundaries of babel. Reflections on brain and grammar  
**TOMASO POGGIO** Minds brain and machines

PANEL DISCUSSION

12.45 pm - 2.00 pm LUNCH

### 2.00 pm - 5.00 pm AFTERNOON SESSION

CHAIRS **PIER GIUSEPPE PELICCI** Scientific Co-Director, Istituto Europeo di Oncologia, Milano  
**CHIARA TONELLI** Conference Secretary General

**MARIA CONCETTA MORRONE** Space, time and number in the brain  
**CRISTINA ALBERINI** The dynamic memory trace

3.15 pm - 3.45 pm COFFEE BREAK

**CORRADO SINIGAGLIA** Minding minds: through the looking glass  
**MASSIMIANO BUCCHI** The mind in public: media discourses and public perception

PANEL DISCUSSION

8.00 p.m. COCKTAIL AND CONCERT AT SCUOLA GRANDE DI SAN ROCCO

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2011

### 9.00 am - 12.30 pm MORNING SESSION

CHAIRS **LISA VOZZA** Scientific Officer and Coordinator, Italian Association for Cancer Research  
**PETER ATKINS** Professor of Chemistry, Oxford University

AIRC LECTURE **WILLIAM WEISS** Anomalous brain development and stem cell involvement as potential contributors to cognitive decline in glioma  
**GIANCARLO COMI** Brain disorders and plasticity

10.15 am - 10.45 am COFFEE BREAK

**ALLAN HOBSON** Dreams  
**GABRIELLA PRAVETTONI** The deciding mind

PANEL DISCUSSION

12.30 pm - 2.00 pm LUNCH

### 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm MORNING SESSION

CHAIRS **UMBERTO VERONESI** Conference President  
**MARCELO SANCHEZ SORONDO** Chancellor Pontifical Accademy of Sciences

**GIULIO TONONI** Consciousness in theory and practice  
**ENRICO BERTI** and **GIULIO GIORELLO** What is left of soul? And free will?

CLOSING REMARKS **UMBERTO VERONESI** Conference President  
**KATHLEEN KENNEDY TOWNSEND** Conference Vice President  
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**LANGUAGES:** the official languages of the conference are English and Italian. Simultaneous translations into Italian and English are provided.