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2012 Global Round Table

12th – 13th of July 2012, City of Split

Overall Programme

12th of July 2012 (Thursday)

- 6:15 PM --- Bus Departure from Le Meridian Lav Hotel
- 7:00 PM --- Official Reception / Dinner
- 10:30 PM --- Bus Return to Le Meridian Lav Hotel

13th of July (Friday)

- 8:45 AM --- Bus Departure from Le Meridian Lav Hotel
- 9:30 AM --- Global Round Table
- 5:30 PM --- Bus Return to Le Meridian Lav Hotel
- 7:30 PM --- Buffet / Dinner, Le Meridian Lav hotel

14th of July (Saturday)

- 9:00 AM --- Starting from Le Meridian Lav Hotel, touristic trip with bus to Diokletian Palace, Split; Skradin waterfalls, National park Krka and City of Trogir – Lunch in Skradin restaurant
- 5:00 PM --- Return to Le Meridian Lav Hotel
- 7:30 PM --- Buffet / Dinner, Le Meridian Lav hotel

15th of July (Sunday)

Participants depart



United Nations
Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organization

Croatian
Commission
for UNESCO



The Quest for Clean Energy



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1 Background

Finding Tesla Today

1. SCOPE

The initiative may develop into a “modern Nobel Prize”. As a first step, the outcome of the round-table should help to develop a methodology that is fully transparent and ethically and morally conclusive and beyond all reproach.

There are also “Teslas” in the World today and it is our hope that the present initiative will encourage some of them to work for the benefit of all of humanity.

2. GENESIS

The initiative is based on the vision of Mr. Hares Youssef, Philanthropist and Founder of The 40 Foundation, and is being brought to life with the assistance of The Global Round Table.

3 AIM OF THE KICK-OFF EVENT

- A. To prepare the basis for finding and honouring a hitherto “unrecognised Genius”, who like Nikola Tesla improves human society, with

The Earth Supreme Level Award – TESLA.

- B. The convened round-table will develop and suggest the criteria and rules to be applied:
- to identification and submission to the Selection Committee *potential candidates* for the Prize;
 - by the *Selection Committee* when selecting the laureate of the first *Tesla Memorial Prize of Excellence*;
 - to the identification of the *Selection Committee members* and formulation of the *Committee’s mandate*.
- C. The international composition of the Round-Table participants and their reputation will ensure that the rules applied by the Selection Committee shall be both ethically and morally conclusive and beyond all reproach.

The first Laureate will be announced and honoured in 2013, the 60th memorial year of Nikola Tesla’s death.

It will also be one of the first international events just after Croatia becomes Member of the European Union.

4 SUPPORTERS

In addition to The 40 Foundation and The Global Round Table, the following offered support to the event in City of Split: Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts, City of Split, European Movement Split, Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Croatian National Commission for UNESCO, World Academy of Art and Science, and APIC-The Quest for New Energy.

2. RECEPTION / OFFICIAL DINNER

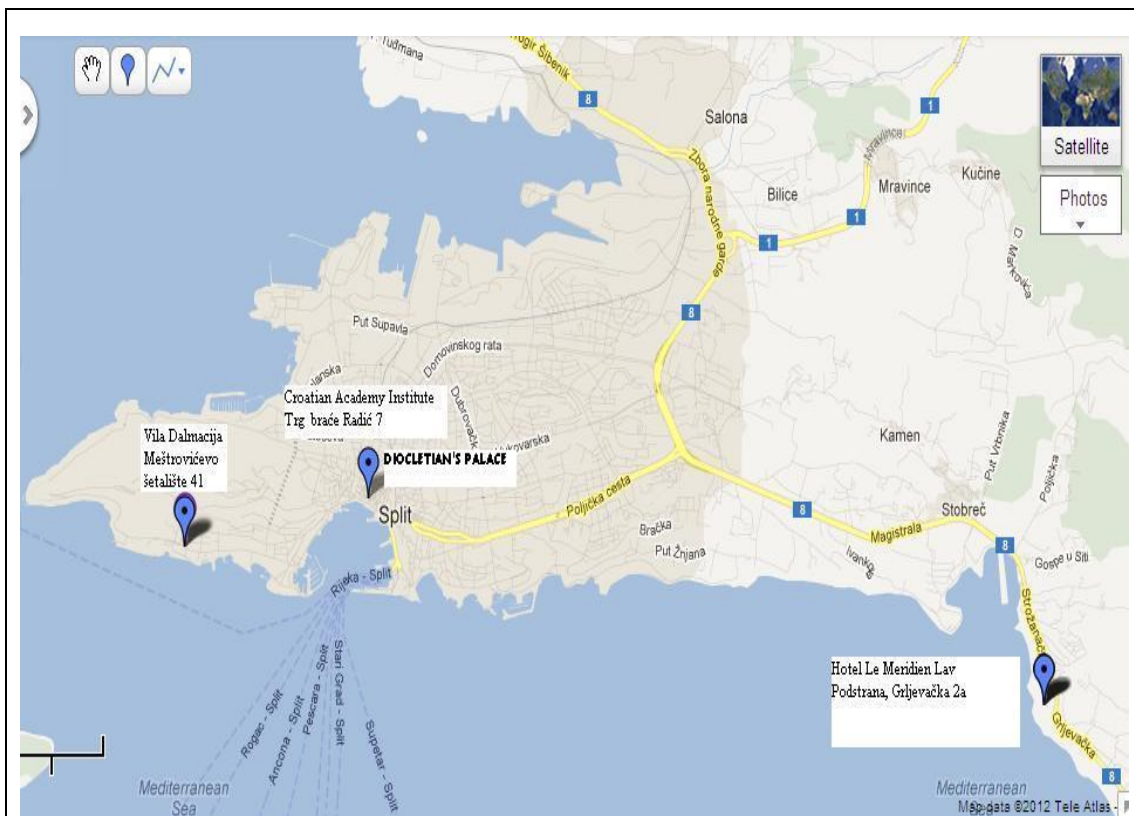
GENEROUSLY HOSTED BY THE CITY OF SPLIT

Time: 7 PM, 12th of July 2012 (Thursday).

Place: Vila Dalmatia, Meštrovićevo šetalište 41, Split.

Opening:

- **Welcome to the UNESCO World Heritage Site,**
Ms. Anđelka Visković, Deputy Mayor of City of Split.
- **Official opening,**
H.E. Ms. Katalin Bogyay, President of the General Conference of UNESCO



Map showing the locations of the:

- Le Meridien Lav Hotel;
- Official Reception / Dinner: Vila Dalmatia; and
- Round Table: Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts.

3. GLOBAL ROUND TABLE

Time: 9.30 AM – 5.30 PM, 13th of July 2012 (Friday).

Place: Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts,
Institute for Scientific and Artistic Work,
Trg braće Radića 7 (Milesi Palace), Split.



Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts,
Institute for Scientific and Artistic Work in Split

Non-Party Political Round Table Discussion

9:30 AM

- **Welcome to Zavod HAZU**, *H.E. Prof. Davorin Rudolf, Director of the Institute for Scientific and Artistic Work at the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts.*

1. Background

- **The Tesla Memorial Price of Excellence**, *Mr. Hares Youssef, Initiator of “The TESLA Prize”, Philanthropist, Founder of The 40 Foundation.*
- **Nikola Tesla, the Genius**, *Prof. Ivo Slaus, President, World Academy of Art and Science / Board Member, Global Round Table Croatia.*
- **Nikola Tesla, the Inspiration**, *Prof. Erich Hoedl, Vice-President, European Academy of Sciences and Arts.*
- **The Global Round Table concept**, *Dr. Gilbert Fayl, President, The Global Round Table.*

10:00

2. Criteria and rules to identify and submit an “unrecognised Genius” to the Selection Committee

Moderator: H.E. Prof. Vaira Vike-Freiberga, Former President of Latvia,

Rapporteur: Prof. Norbert Kroó, Member, European Research Council.

Suggested guiding questions for the discussion:

- What do we understand under “unrecognised Genius”? Which qualities meet this measure?
- Should we focus on / exclude any particular field(s) or geographic region or anything else?
- How to ensure a fair and open mechanism to suggest potential candidates?

11:20

3. Criteria and rules to be applied by the Selection Committee for the selection of the laureate among the submitted candidates

Moderator: Prof. Mohan Munasinghe, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate,

Rapporteur: Dr. Josephine Stein, Principal Research Fellow, University of East London.

Suggested guiding questions for the discussion:

- What do we understand under “improving human society”? Which qualities meet this criterion?
- Should we consider real achievements or potential for achievements or something else?
- Which is / are the most sensible measure(s) to identify the best among the best?

12:40 PM **Refreshments and Sandwiches**

1:40 PM (*Discussion continues*)

4. Criteria and rules to identify the Selection Committee Members

Moderator: H.E. Ms Katalin Bogayay, President of the General Conference of UNESCO,

Rapporteur: Prof. Dr. Xiang Yu, Director, Chinese-German Institute for Intellectual Property.

Suggested guiding questions for the discussion:

- Which are the most useful skills a Committee member should possess?
- What mechanism should be used for identifying potential Committee members?
- What should be the ideal composition, size, etc. of the Committee?

2:55

5. Mandate of the Selection Committee

Moderator: Prof. Goverdhan Mehta, Former President, International Council for Science,

Rapporteur: Mr. Ivo Grga, Secretary General, The Global Round Table-Croatia.

Suggested guiding questions for the discussion:

- Should the Committee focus on pre-agreed issues, fields, etc.?
- Should the Committee work on a consensus basis or allow for individual opinions?
- Should the Committee recommend the nature of the “Tesla Memorial Price of Excellence”?

4:10

6. Suggestions, Overall Conclusions and Recommendations – ‘Tour-de-table’

Moderator: Dr. Juan Majo, Former Minister of Industry and Energy, Spain,

Rapporteur: Mr. Ulric Fayl v. Hentaller, Personal Adviser to Mr. Hares Youssef.

Suggested guiding questions for the discussion:

- Any important and relevant issue(s) not dealt with sufficiently?
- Any issues need further in-depth considerations?
- On the basis of all the above, would the Selection Committee be able to function both ethically and morally conclusive and beyond all reproach?

5:20

7. Closing

Mr. Ivo Grga, Mr. Ulric Fayl v. Hentaller, Dr. Gilbert Fayl, Mr. Hares Youssef

5:30 Return to the Le Meridien Lav hotel.

4. SUGGESTED METHODOLOGY



For the attention of the Moderators and Rapporteurs

Brussels, 27th of June 2012.

“Global Round Table”, 12th – 13th of July 2012, City of Split, Croatia.

Dear Moderators and Rapporteurs,

Thank you for having accepted to be part of the event.

We hope that the following is helpful in your preparation for the event:

1. Your active participation and leadership will be critically important for the success of the round-table.
2. The genius of Nikola Tesla has given the inspiration to this initiative and we feel we could learn from his example.

There are certainly other “Teslas” in the World and it is our hope that the initiative will encourage some of them to work for the benefit of all of humanity.

The meeting is not about Nikola Tesla as such.

3. In due course the initiative may become a “modern Nobel Prize”. As a first step, the outcome of the round-table should help to develop a fully transparent and ethically and morally conclusive and beyond all reproach The Earth Supreme Level Award – TESLA Prize.

The meeting is not about how the TESLA Prize would fit into the multitude of already established prizes.

4. In the spirit of The Global Round Table concept, we suggest that the Moderators should briefly introduce the individual Sessions in order to guide the direction of the following discussion.

To this end, we formulated a draft set of guiding questions (attached). As you find appropriate, please feel free to modify the questions or introduce new ones. In this case, please let us know your suggestions so we can distribute them to the participants on Monday, 2nd of July.

5. It would be highly desirable, if each Session could lead to a set of clear conclusions and recommendations.

Taking the time constraints into account, we kindly ask the Moderators to help ensure that the individual interventions by the participants should be very brief and “to the point”.

During your Session, we will place an administrative support at your disposal so that you may focus completely on the discussions.

6. There is no need by the participants to introduce themselves at the round-table (social contacts will be established at the official reception / dinner the preceding evening; in addition, the documentation distributed prior to the event will include brief CVs and photos).

The participants are invited on their own capacities; they are not representing any organisation.

7. We kindly ask the Rapporteurs that their brief max. 2-pages records of the individual Sessions should be focused on the conclusions and recommendations. This will ensure the success of the exercise.

Reference to individual interventions (“who said what”) will not be required.

8. The overall aim of the round-table in Split is to prepare the groundwork for handing over the first TESLA Prize in Zagreb in July 2013, the 60th memorial year of Nikola Tesla’s death.

It will also be one of the first international events just after Croatia becomes Member of the European Union.

Once again, thank you for being part of the event, initiative and successful future of the TESLA Prize.

On the behalf of the organisers, our very kind regards,



Dr. Gilbert Fayl
President

Attachment: Suggested Agenda – 3 pages.

C.: Mr. Hares Youssef, Initiator of “The TESLA Prize”,
Philanthropist, Founder of The 40 Foundation.



5. PARTICIPANTS



Adonis (Ali Ahmad Said Asbar), Poet, Essayist and Philosopher. Considered the greatest living poet of the Arab world. Has written more than twenty books in the Arabic language. Former Professor of Arabic literature at Lebanese University. Visiting professor at Damascus University. Former Professor of Arabic at Sorbonne in Paris.



H.E. Katalin Bogyay, President of UNESCO's General Conference. Active and committed cultural bridge builder. Hungarian Ambassador to UNESCO. Hungarian State Secretary for International Affairs (ret.). Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts. Honorary member of Imago-International Psychoanalytical Society. Co-founder of the Liszt Academy Network. Awarded Knight's Cross Order of Merit.



Prof. Mark T. Brown, Directs the programs in Systems Ecology and Ecological Engineering, University of Florida, USA. His research has centred on that can be broadly described as natural resource management, including systems ecology, ecological engineering, ecological economics, environmental planning, environmental policy, and wetlands ecology.



Dr. Lily Chan, Chief Executive Officer, NUS Enterprise, National University Singapore (NUS). Responsible for implementing innovation and enterprise strategies at the university and national level. Previously, Managing Director, Investments, Bio*One Capital, Economic Development Board, Singapore. Prior, General Manager, Genelabs Diagnostics Pte Ltd Singapore.



H.E. Prof. Emil Constantinescu, President of Romania (1996-2000). Board of Trustees World Academy of Art and Science. International Board of Directors World Justice Project; President Academy of Cultural Diplomacy; Former President Bucharest University and Chairman National Council of Romanian Universities' Rectors. Former leader Romanian democratic opposition. Director emeritus East-West Institute.



Prof. Momir Djurovic, President of Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts. The Club of Rome member. Professor emeritus, electrical engineering, University of Montenegro. Has published 12 books, over 250 papers. Has consulted major electric companies around the world and few governments, conducted many international projects. Member of several national academies.



Dr. Gilbert Fayl, President, The Global Round Table. Formerly, Secretary of Foreign Affairs, European Academy of Sciences and Arts. Prior, EU Commission: diplomatic service, and member of core team that conceptually developed the EU RTD Framework Programmes and their evaluation. Earlier, represented Denmark in international S/T co-operations.



Ms. Marusa Vasconcelos Freire, Legal counsel at the Central Bank of Brazil since 1994. She is a specialist in Central Banking, Financial and Monetary Law and Financial Sector Regulation, as well as in Microfinance, Electronic Money, Social Economy, Social Money (Complementary Currencies) and Creative Economy.



Mr. Tony Greenham, Head of Finance and Business at nef, leading the programme of research into reforming the financial sector and aligning the interests of society and business. Since 2010 he has advised the UK government on regional economic regeneration as a member of the Regional Growth Fund Advisory Panel.



Mr. Ivo Grga, Secretary General, The Global Round Table Croatia. President of European Movement Split, ensuring civil society role in EU accession process and development. Attorney-at-law; representative at ECHR; member of Croatian Bar Association, specialised in civil-, business-, administrative- and human-rights law. Involved in cultural policies and regional co-operation.



Prof. Ionel Haiduc, President, Romanian Academy. Member Academia Europaea; Leibniz Sozietät der Wissenschaften; Academy of Sciences of Moldova; Hungarian Academy of Sciences; Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts; Göttinger Akademie der Wissenschaften. Has been visiting Scientist and Professor at various Universities throughout the entire world.



Mr. Ulric Fayl v. Hentaller, Personal Adviser to the Chairman, Hares Group; Director, The Global Round Table. Initiator of various European wide networks. Experienced adviser on European affairs, EU funding and projects. Formerly European Commission; Adviser to President of EASA, high-tech and start-up companies; Manager “Big Six” and international commodities-trading.



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Prof. Erich Hoedl, Vice President of European Academy of Sciences and Arts; Professor of Economics; Former Rector of Wuppertal University and Graz University of Technology and founded its Tesla Institute; Member of Austrian Council for Accreditation; consulting various Governments, EU, UN. numerous publications on Economic Policy, Environment, Technological Policies.



Mr. Francis Jutand, Scientific Director of the National Institute Mines-Telecom; Previously one of the founding members of the French National Network of Telecommunications Research; Scientific Director of France Telecom; Director of Science and Information Technology and Communication at the CNRS; Developed several global clusters on a variety of key digital and telecom technologies; British Telecom.



Mr. Hans Kaiser, Head of The Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Hungary. He has previously been Minister of the Federal Republic of Germany, Vice-President of the European Union Committee of the Regions, Member of the German Bundesrat, State Secretary, and Member of various national Radio and TV Councils in Germany.



Prof. Margrit Kennedy, Architect, ecologist, financial expert and a critic of the prevailing economic system. Her most famous book, Interest and Inflation Free Money, was originally published in 1987 and has been revised several times and translated into 22 languages.



Prof. Norbert Kroó, Member of the European Research Council. Special Adviser, Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Among several memberships he was the President of the European Physical Society. Research fields: laser physics and quantum optics, surface plasmon optics. Published 300 scientific papers, owner of 40 patents.



Prof. Khin Yong Lam, Academic Chief of Staff, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. Overseeing implementation of decisions made by senior academic leaders and CEO of NTU Innovation. Previously, Founding Executive Director of Singapore's A*Star (Agency for Science Technology and Research) Graduate Academy, spearheading PhD training collaborations between A*Star and international universities.



Prof. Bernard C. Lategan, Founding Director, Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study. Formerly: Dean of Humanities, Stellenbosch University; Executive Committee, World Values Survey. Specialist in conflict resolution and managing diversity in various industries; consolidating democracy in South Africa's transition to an inclusive democracy. Member editorial board of national and international journals.



Lord Raj Loomba CBE, Founder and Chairman Trustee of The Loomba Foundation. Pioneer of widows' rights and instigator of International Widows Day. Supports diverse social activities: Vice President of Barnardos; Vice President of Safer London Foundation; Chairman of Friends of the Three Faiths Forum; Development Board Member of Oxfam (GB).



Dr. Joan Majó, Member of the Royal Academy of Science, Barcelona. Chairman of BAOLAB Microsystems and the Catalan Circle for Knowledge. Former Spanish Minister for Industry and Energy; High-Level Advisor to the EU; City Mayor; Various top management positions in private industry and public service; Doctor Engineering and Political Science and "Ingenieur European".



Mr. Ravi K Mehrotra CBE, Chairman & Chief Executive, Foresight Limited. Quickly rose through the ranks at the Shipping Corporation of India, holding various senior positions. In 1984 established Foresight Limited. By 1990 ushered the Company into offshore drilling and reefer shipping, which formed the backbone of Foresight before adding tankers and multipurpose ships to the fleet.



Prof. Goverdhan Mehta, President of International Council for Scientific Unions (ICSU) 2005-2008. National Research Professor and Lilly-Jubilant Chair, School of Chemistry, University of Hyderabad, India. Founding Co-Chair Inter Academy Council. Headed the Indian Institute of Science and the University of Hyderabad, two premier institutions Director and Vice chancellor, respectively.



Prof. Mohan Munasinghe, 2007 Nobel Peace Prize. Chairman, Munasinghe Institute for Development, Colombo. Professor, Sustainable Development, Manchester University, UK. Distinguished Guest Professor, Peking University, China; Institute Professor, Vale Sustainable Development Institute, Brazil. Previously: Senior Energy Advisor to President of Sri Lanka; Advisor to US President's Council on Environmental Quality; Senior Advisor/Manager, World Bank.



Prof. Basarab Nicolescu, President-Founder, International Center for Transdisciplinary Research (CIRET). His books include *Manifesto of Transdisciplinarity*, State University of New York (SUNY) Press and *Science, Meaning and Evolution - The Cosmology of Jacob Boehme*, Parabola Books, New York. His complete bio-bibliography is under <http://basarab.nicolescu.perso.sfr.fr/Basarab/index.html>.



Prof. Humphrey Oborah, President, African Council of Gifted and Talented. Founder of DALC Education Trust, and Chancellor-elect of the newly founded African University of Creativity and Innovation. Been teacher and researcher in the areas of Gifted Education, Creativity and Innovation. Currently part of the team for World Education Paradigm Shift Models (WEPSM).



Ms. Kristina Persson, Executive President of the think tank Global Challenges. Founder of The Freja Foundation; President of The Nordic Association in Sweden. Previously: member of the Swedish Parliament and the European Parliament. Earlier official positions include Governor of the County of Jämtland, Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Sweden.



H.E. Prof. Davorin Rudolf, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Croatian Government 1991. Member, Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts (CASA). Director, The Institute for Scientific and Artistic Work CASA, City of Split. President, Scientific Council for Peace and Human Rights, CASA. Prior Croatian Ambassador in the Republic of Italy.



Prof. Emer. Herwig Franz Schopper, former Director General, CERN. Director DESY. President: AGF (now Helmholtz Association); German and European Physical Society. Research TU-Stockholm (Lise Meitner); Cavendish Laboratory (O.R. Frisch); Cornell University (R.R. Wilson). Fellow IOP and APS. Honorary doctorates; Tate Medal AIP; UNESCO Albert Einstein Gold Medal; Großes Bundesverdienstkreuz, etc.



Prof. György Schöpflin, Member of the European Parliament for Fidesz-Hungarian Civic Union. Jean Monnet Professor of Politics and Director of Centre for the Study of Nationalism. Teaching at University of Bologna. Formerly: worked at Chatham House, BBC, lecturing at school of Slavonic and East European Studies, University of London.



Dr. Sgouris Sgouridis, Associate Professor at Masdar Institute. His current research interests focuses on socio-technical systems modeling including sustainable transportation systems and sustainable energy systems management including the use of energy as complementary currency.



Prof. Emer. Ivo Šimunović, University of Split. Fields of research: economic theory, planning, urban planning and management, regionalism and environmental management. Published more than 80 scientific papers and 8 books, and co-authored number of books and other publications. Chief editor of publication „Brački zbornik“.



Prof. Savita Singh, Gandhian Studies & Peace Research, Indira Gandhi National Open, Delhi, India. Eminent Gandhian scholar. Served the National Memorial of Mahatma Gandhi for 22 years as Director under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister of India. Passionately involved with the revival of primary schools founded by Mahatma Gandhi. Her most significant publication “Satyagraha”, meaning Truth Force.



Prof. Ivo Slaus, President, The World Academy of Art and Science, and President of its South-East European Division. Memberships: The Club of Rome; The Pugwash Council; European Leadership Network. Dean University College for International Affairs and Diplomacy. Professor of physics.



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Dr. Shann Turnbull, Prolific author on reforming the theories and practices of capitalism. In 1975 he co-founded the first course in the world to provide company directors an educational qualification. His novel ideas led to consulting assignments for multi-national corporations, United Nations, World Bank, and multiple governments.



H.E. Prof. Viara Vike-Freiberga, President of Latvia (1999-2007). Currently chair of High-Level Group on Freedom and Pluralism of the Media in the EU; was vice-chair of Reflection Group on the Long-term Future of the Europe. Member of Club de Madrid, ECFR. Previously, Professor of Psychology and interdisciplinary scholar at University of Montreal, Canada.



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Mr. Hares Youssef, Philanthropist, and President/Founder The 40 Foundation. Initiator “Tesla Memorial Prize”. Self-made businessman, philosopher, philanthropist, artist, author. Dedicated fortune to helping the betterment of human society. Awarded Apostolic Blessing (Benedict XVI) for work with children, and Grand Patron and Piramidi di Mani by UNESCO. Considers himself an “Earthist”.



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The 40 Foundation

Light over our planet belongs to all; it's omnipresent and is constantly on the move. Every one of us bears a particle of this light and can make it brighter.

Hares Youssef

The 40 Foundation is a has as key objectives on a purely **not-for-profit** basis, to promote the multidisciplinary international approach and independence of Sciences in their comprehension of the crucial problems of humanity, to build interdisciplinary networks and to provide platforms for a better social progress and to promote common solutions to today's key issues.

It was founded in 2008 by Hares Youssef, businessman, philosopher and philanthropist.

Recently supported key activities:

- *Human and Resource Economic System* is a normative socio-economic model that implies more egalitarian and just society, stable resource use and improvement of environment – instead of its degradation.

It is based on principles of absolutely stable currency, backed by energy and water, balanced transactions between economic agents and environment, open-governance and cooperative ethics.

- *First International Social Transformation Conference* (10th – 12th of July 2012, City of Split) in memory of Nicola Tesla. Organized jointly with New Economics Foundation and The Global Round Table

Distinguishing features of the conference are its emphasis on discussion and adopting a multidisciplinary approach. The organizers hope this event to become a major international platform for dialogue between specialists representing very different backgrounds and perspectives, yet united by a common vision of the necessity and possibility of better currency models.

- *Nicola Tesla memorial prize in arts and sciences*, for which the current Round Table (12th – 13th of July 2012, City of Split) lays the ground work.

Other supported initiatives and information: <http://the40.org/>.





June 2012

The Global Round Table – GRT Building Tomorrow Together

The initiative briefly

1. GRT is now in its eight successful operational year. The main annual events are held in Budapest.

Findings and recommendations resulting from GRT events are useful input to policy- and decision makers. The positive impact can be attributed to the high gravitas of GRT while using low-key opportunities to get messages across.

2. Prof. Ferenc Mádl, former President of Hungary, was the initiative's first Protector and High-Patron.
3. Permanent Co-operation Partners are the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Hungary and the Hungarian National Commission for UNESCO.
4. Present and past members of the International Advisory Board include: Prof. Giuliano Amato, Prime Minister of Italy (ret.), Viscount Etienne Davignon, Vice-President European Commission (ret.), Prof. Mark Eyskens, Prime Minister Belgium (ret.), Niels Wilhjelms, Minister of Industry Denmark (ret.), and Ola Ullstein, Prime Minister Sweden (ret.).
5. Moderators of GRT events Included: Esko Aho (Prime Minister of Finland, ret.), Dr. Erhard Busek (Vice Chancellor of Austria, ret.), Prof. Goverdhan Mehta (President of the International Council for Science), National Academy Presidents; Members of High-Level Advisory Boards, etc.

Overall Scope

6. GRT is an innovative non-party political initiative with the aim to improve the level and quality of information available to economic- and political decision-makers.

The secondary aim is to provide inspiration to civil society leaders as well as the young generation.

7. It is a unique novel approach for best practice exchanges with socio-economic relevance across generation-, national- and cultural boundaries.

Critical issues of our time are addressed from diverse perspectives in a constructive and complementary manner. The issues must have relevance beyond short-term, narrow national focus and interests and bearing on innovation.

Uniqueness

8. GRT is direct and immediate – intellect and concentration is required. Papers, presentations and monologues are not allowed. On a case-by-case basis around 30 individuals are invited to the GRT events.
9. The outcome is presented in written- and audiovisual forms. A professional film-team records the discussions and prepares the highlights in a variety of media

formats. These include DVD and webpod-casting and are distributed free of charge in large numbers.

10. The modern format makes it more easily approachable by society at large and ensures the continued value-added of the GRT events.

It also makes it well suited as educational material at university- and high-school courses and helps young people to better appreciate the importance of interdisciplinary issues, as well as cultural, ethical and consensual values, including responsibility towards society. As a side effect, young people experience the use of English language in international discussions.

11. The outcome also helps decision- and policy-makers and industry leaders to understand the young generations' concerns about their own futures.

International Recognition

12. The GRT's unique and innovative value-added is well recognised by heads of state and government, political- and civil society leaders, educators, members of the Club of Rome, etc. Its outcome has been noted and quoted by top-politicians and policy makers.

13. Some of the more prominent examples of the support in writing for the GRT initiative are from: President Bill Clinton, Ministers and National Parliament members from various countries, and current and former Presidents of the European Parliament, EP members.

Immediate Usefulness

14. The participants are brought together in a novel configuration that gives new "angles" from which to address particular critical issues. Cultural and other prejudices are broken down as trust is developed on a direct and personal level.

15. GRT findings and recommendations often impact policy- and decision makers directly in their choices. This impact can be attributed to the high gravitas of GRT while using low-key opportunities to get the message across.

As an example of this effect, the recommendations of the 2008 were handed personally to the President of the European Parliament, who used these verbatim during a live BBC-TV interview a few hours later. Another example: the Chinese Embassy has reported GRT findings to its Government.

16. The discussions are recorded, prepared and proposed in a variety of media-formats that show people that there are various solutions and approaches to every issue.

It shows constructive approaches to handling diverging opinion in a globalised world to reach positive results. Several student associations are requesting that the GRT help them develop similar initiatives for students from conflict regions.

Main Themes

17. The main themes to date included:

- *Inter-Generational Dialogue*: with specific emphasis on talented youth;
- *Need for Socially Responsible Entrepreneurs*: with focus on awareness and challenges for young entrepreneurs;
- *Matching Skills with Needs*: with focus on educational reform to address economic skills mismatch;
- *Intercultural Business Dialogue*: with focus on responsible sustainable growth in Europe, India, People's Republic of China and the USA;
- *Unleashing Potential of Youth for Entrepreneurship*: built upon the findings of previous round-table discussions;

- *What We Do Best*: discussed the current unprecedented global challenges that require novel approaches and broad co-operation;
 - *Education, Motivation, Occupation*: discussed how to give youth hope for the future;
 - *Limits to Sustainability*: four decades after the Club of Rome’s “Limits to Growth” the issue of “Limits to Sustainability” was addressed;
 - *Sustainability of Cultures*: discussed that cultures impose ethical and moral obligations that go far beyond simple material obligations. A copy of the report emerged from the event is distributed to the Split round-table participants.
18. Recipients of the recommendations emerged from the round-table discussions included: Heads of States, Members of the Group of Eight (G8), President of the European Parliament (EP), President of the EP Committee on Culture and Education, President of the European Economic and Social Committee, National Government Ministers, National Academy Presidents, President of European University Association, senior European Commission officials, international entrepreneurs, academics, etc.

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