



Park Toledo (Spain). ). On January 14, 2012 an informal meeting was held between members of Convergence of Cultures of Spain, Italy and France. These are the notes of the meeting.

*Taking advantage of the visit of Marco in the Park Toledo, we organized this small informal meeting. Some members from base-teams from Madrid participated together with members from Italy and France. Marco expressed his wish to talk about among other themes about the profile of our organism in the actual moment.*

*The interchange started with commenting on some recent activities:*

- Experience in Carabanchel (district in Madrid), one week action concerning the Centers of Detention for Foreigners: people left messages in a letter, on tables in the street to give them to detained people in that center. Going through the experience of expressing a good wish towards the detained people produced a big commotion. The idea was to bring closer to the people an experience of what would be the universal human nation.*
- Experience of multicultural courses and non-violence in schools, funded for three years in Prague, Rome, etc.*
- Forum of “The Awakening of the Peoples in Arab Countries” held in Madrid recently, highlighting the improvement in the relations with these communities built during the preparation and execution of the event.*

*The antecedents of this forum were told and that after the participation of some persons of the Syrian community in the annual symposium of "Dialogue between Cultures", the experience was so good that some of those contacts asked Convergence of Cultures to host and coordinate this forum.*

*According to comments from some participants it was the first time, that grassroots activists from countries and communities in that region came together to talk. There were Syrian, Kurdish, Palestinian, Sahrawi, Moroccan Berber, Egyptian, Tunisian and Libyan people and live connections to Tangier and Cairo. No presidential tables, no institutional corsets ... all in groups and a questionnaire of common questions, which we all tried to respond to and to share in the plenary.*

*We were also exchanging if the same thing happened as in Italy, where it is difficult to engage immigrant communities. Much of the conversation turned around the profile and function of our organism. In this regard we concluded that the organism should give a reference on the subject of preventing the coming shock of cultures. The crisis in the human process of this historic moment is expressing strongly and in addition to other issues in the cultural field. We are in a position to guide and help to point out and understand the positive aspects of this unique moment.*

*The study of humanist moments in each culture, the interchange of the common of these moments are necessary steps, if we want to converge towards a Universal Human Nation. To find what unites us, to bring cultures closer, spiritualities, to give space, create conditions to dialogue. It would be our role to anticipate events, catch the trends, anticipate ... To prepare meaningful activities, open new points, etc.. If, for example, it is clear that there will be conflict with Islam, then to be ahead of it. We may also coordinate with other organism, such as the issue of disarmament from different angles could profile our actions very clearly. The need arises to truly build our organism, create ambits where people encounter the profound in themselves, in their culture, to grow.*

*It was specified the image of the Forum "Awakening of Arab Peoples of Arab Countries" on a European level and with connections and video conference to Arab countries at the end of May. And it was agreed on coordinating actions and common positions on the issue of the Detention Center for Foreigners in Europe.*