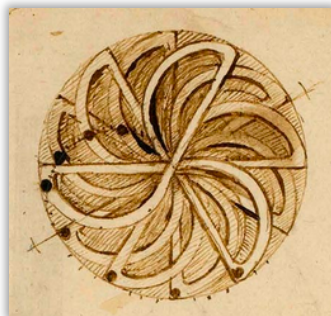




ACCADEMIA NAZIONALE DEI LINCEI

COLLOQUIA ON SCIENCE DIPLOMACY



Leonardo da Vinci, Codex Atlanticus (1494)

SPECIAL EVENT
WITH

H.E. QU DONGYU

DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

PRESS RELEASE

The *Colloquia* on Science Diplomacy organized by the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei, in collaboration with the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, and the International Organizations and Foreign Diplomatic Missions in Italy, promotes the values of Diplomacy and Science in international relations as fundamental principles to be pursued in the *modus operandi* and the *modus vivendi* of modern society. In the *Colloquia* the most important personalities of world institutions and the presidents of the most prestigious academies will discuss various topics and future developments of interest for the international community.

The Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei is pleased to announce the Special Event, “Agri-Foods Systems Transformation: From Strategy to Action” by H.E. QU Dongyu, Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, which will take place at the *Colloquia* on February 25th, 2021, at 4 pm.

The *Lectio Magistralis* will address one of the greatest tasks of the 21st century, namely to meet society's growing need for healthy, accessible and affordable food whilst simultaneously reducing the environmental impact of agriculture. A special focus will be put on the holistic vision and systemic approach that are required to face the global challenges of today, which are both complex and inter-related. An analysis in which food and agriculture, people's livelihoods and wellbeing, as well as preservation of natural resources cannot be addressed in isolation, but rather perceived through the action-oriented lens of global agri-food systems transformation. A people-centred transformative effort that is driven by innovation, technology and data as well as effective institutions and governance.

The *Lectio Magistralis* of H.E. QU Dongyu will be introduced by H.E. Amb. Giorgio Marrapodi, Director General for Development Cooperation of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, and will be followed by a Round Table, moderated by Prof. Wolfango Plastino, Chair of the *Colloquia* on Science Diplomacy, which will be attended by Prof. Joachim von Braun, President of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences (Holy See) and Prof. Giorgio Parisi, President of the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei.

In line with established norms and precautionary measures adopted to address the current epidemiological emergency, the event will be broadcasted live by RAI Cultura - www.raicultura.it -.