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Celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2013, the ISC Board has decided to organize a series of World Crime Forums to discuss various key challenges for criminal justice and criminology all over the globe and propose new solutions. World crime forums have already been planned in Montreal, Washington, Sao Paulo, San Sebastian, Leuven, Johannesburg, Seoul and Brisbane. The Bologna World Crime Forum on urban security and prevention of victimization constitutes part of this global series of events.

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**Free entrance.**

Languages spoken: Italian and English (simultaneous interpretation provided).

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## **World Crime Forum**

### **“Urban Security and Prevention of Victimization”**

**20 November 2013  
9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.**

Aula Poeti, Palazzo Hercolani (1<sup>st</sup> floor)  
Strada Maggiore 45, Bologna

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The conference would like to examine the situation of victimology and the evolution of laws in this discipline in Italy and in Europe focusing attention on research that points out that the victim and the criminal are in constant parallel, even if in the interpretative dynamic of the offense the victims have always been left in darkness. These are the foundations on which the citizens' Europe must be built. From this information on the existing initiatives and on the various parliamentary bills, it can now be seen that in Italy, and on a wider scale, in Europe, there is an open debate on the issue of victims and on the need to make progress on the legislation to protect those who have suffered injury and who seek compensation and assistance. The possibility of a dialogical perspective between criminal and victim, even outside the criminal trial, could represent a guarantee for a democratically accountable citizenship. It is, thus, necessary to pay increased attention to re-establishing social links and a network for victim support. The meeting's success will be evaluated on the basis of the engagement of participants in creating operative links among victim's support centres.

## PROGRAMME

**Chairperson:** Prof. **Roberta Bisi**, School of Political Sciences, University of Bologna

**09:30 Welcome and Introduction to the World Crime Forum**

Welcome of Academic Authorities  
Prof. **Augusto Balloni**, ISC Board of Directors, President of the Italian Society of Victimology

**10:00 Keynote lecture: Victimology and Research**

Prof. **Emilio Viano**, American University, Washington D.C., President of the Scientific Commission of the International Society of Criminology

**10:30 Roundtable discussion on Victim Support Issues with:**

Prof. **Fabio Bravo**, School of Political Sciences, University of Bologna  
Prof. **Désirée Fondaroli**, School of Law, University of Bologna  
Dr. **Andrea Piselli**, Commanding Officer of Local Road Safety Police, Modena  
Prof. **Raffaella Sette**, School of Political Sciences, University of Bologna  
Prof. **Christina Zarafonitou**, Panteion University, Athens

**11:45 Discussion**

**12:00 Conclusions**

Prof. **Stephan Parmentier**, Catholic University of Leuven, Secretary General of the International Society of Criminology

**12:30 Close**