

EUROPEAN NETWORK OF PLACES OF PEACE MEETING WITH PROF. FEDERICO MAYOR, FORMER DIRECTOR OF UNESCO AND PRESIDENT OF THE FOUNDATION CULTURE OF PEACE...

In preparation for its 5th. Meeting, a delegation from the European Network of Places of Peace made by its President, Eduardo Basso, the Vice-President, Ed Dumrese and the Technical Coordinator of the Network, Dr. Apolonia Rodrigues, met in Madrid last September 12 with Professor Federico Mayor Zaragoza, former Director of UNESCO and President of the Foundation Culture of Peace, based in Madrid.

The meeting with Prof. Federico Mayor took place in a climate of great cordiality and openness with exchanged information on the objectives and activities of both organizations and it was concluded that the existence of countless points of common interest between the two organizations, regardless of the specificity of each one of them, justified the establishment of a Protocol of Cooperation that will be signed shortly by their two presidents.

This Protocol of Cooperation will include various topics, among which are the participation in joint activities, the regular exchange of information between the two organizations, the membership of the Foundation Culture of Peace to the European Network of Places of Peace and the establishment of partnerships with order to obtain EU funds to support the Network's activities. In the latter context, the Foundation Culture of Peace has decided to integrate the partnership that is being prepared for submission of an application to the *European Cultural Routes (ECR)* program, whose lead partner is the Association European Network of Places of Peace.

The Meeting was also addressed to the participation of the Foundation Culture of Peace in the 5th. Meeting of ENPP to be held the next September 30 and October 01 in the Slovak city of Trencin.



From left to right: Ed Dumrese, Professor Federico Mayor Zaragoza and Eduardo Basso

...AND WITH THE WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION

The delegation of ENPP took advantage of its presence in Madrid to meet also with Dr. Marcio Favilla, Executive Director of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), a United Nations body which has its headquarters in Madrid. The meeting discussed the growing importance of cultural tourism in tourist revenues worldwide and the efforts that the UNWTO and several countries are doing in order to create products that can be integrated into this business niche. The delegation of ENPP presented their goals and projects, including the future creation of the *European Peace Route* based on locations in Europe where were signed and which are still celebrated Peace Treaties with great importance for European countries and their populations, whose originality and design capabilities were highlighted by UNWTO's Executive Director. The European Network of Places of Peace will soon deliver to the UNWTO a report on cultural tourism products associated with the Peace that aims to develop, in order to get the support and the recognition from this United Nations organization for its future achievement.