



«Towards a Modern Humanism»

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## INVITATION

### *World Knowledge Dialogue Foundation Press Conference*

**February 28, 2008 at 10.30 a.m.**  
**at the Alpha-Palmiers Hotel, (opposite Lausanne train station)**  
Rue du Petit-Chêne 34 – 1003 Lausanne

### **The *World Knowledge Dialogue* takes on a new scientific challenge: Towards Integrated Knowledge for the 21<sup>st</sup> century**

On Thursday the 28th, February 2008 the executive committee of the **World Knowledge Dialogue Foundation (WKD)** reveals the programme and the principal speakers of its **second international symposium**, set to take place between **10-13 September 2008 in Crans-Montana, Switzerland**.

The event, **presided over by E. O. Wilson**, one of the world's most distinguished scientists and humanists, will reunite top thinkers and decision makers from the humanities, the social sciences, the natural and technical science disciplines around themes of major import for our world and its future:

- 1. COLLECTIVE NETWORK KNOWLEDGE & HUMAN INDIVIDUAL INTELLIGENCE:  
Convergences and divergences**
- 2. COLLABORATIVE BEHAVIOUR, ALTRUISM & CONFLICT:  
From animal behaviour to economics and prevention of violence**
- 3. DOES A KNOWLEDGEABLE PERSON HAVE ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY?**

There will be an opportunity to address questions to the Foundation's executive committee (in English, French or German). In addition, **Joël de Rosnay**, President of Biotics International, and presenter of one of three WKD 2008 conferences for the general public will respond to questions by telephone.

As a brief reminder, September 2006 marked the first encounter in Crans-Montana, of leading academics and researchers prepared to cross academic, geographical and cultural boundaries, and engage in the challenge of enriching humankind's collective knowledge by transdisciplinary dialogue.

Strengthened by the first experiment and the enthusiastic response it generated, our Foundation—the driving force behind an event innovative in concept, methodology and long-term goals—is continuing the adventure, with an even more ambitious plan for the next stage.

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**Please confirm before 25<sup>th</sup> February 2008, whether you wish to attend the press conference:**

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**10.30 A.M. – WELCOME COFFEE**

**11.00 A.M. – PRESS CONFERENCE**

**THE *WORLD KNOWLEDGE DIALOGUE*: FROM AN IDEA TO A PROJECT**  
**(a brief overview of the concept and the 2006 experiment)**

**By *André Hurst*,**

*Emeritus Rector of the University of Geneva, President of the WKD Foundation*

**SEPTEMBER 2008, CRANS-MONTANA:**

**EXPERIMENTAL DIALOGUE: LEARNING HOW TO TALK AND HOW TO LISTEN**

**By *Francis Waldvogel*,**

*Emeritus President of the Council of Swiss Federal Polytechnical Schools (EPF), Professor at the  
University of Geneva, Executive Director of the WKD Foundation*

*with support from **Jérôme Billotte** et **Frédéric Darbellay**,*

*respectively, Scientific Secretary and member of the Epistemology Unit of the WKD Foundation,  
and **Laetitia Henriot**, Ex-President of the Swiss Universities Students Association and member of the  
Foundation Board*

**THE IMPORTANCE OF INTERDISCIPLINARY DIALOGUE**

*(Telephone Conference)*

**By *Joël de Rosnay*,** *President of Biotics International,*

*Presenter of a conference for the general public at the 2008 WKD symposium*

**12.00 A.M. – "APERITIF-SNACK" & INTERVIEWS (EN, FR, GE)**

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Yes, I will attend the press conference presentation of the 2008 WKD Symposium Programme

No, I will not attend the press conference.

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