

Forum UNESCO – University and Heritage  
First Meeting of Spanish and Portuguese universities  
Alcalá de Henares (Spain) 5 - 7 April 2001

### **DECLARATION OF ALCALÁ DE HENARES**

The First Forum UNESCO Meeting of Spanish and Portuguese Universities, "University and Society" was held at the University of Alcalá from the 5th to the 7th of April, and was organised by the University of Alcalá, the Polytechnic University of Valencia and the University Lusiada of Portugal. Other universities present at the meeting were the University of Minho, the University Lusiada, the Autonomous University of Lisbon, the Polytechnic Institute of Tomar, The Portuguese Catholic University, the University of Sevilla, the University of Castilla-la-Mancha, the University of Valencia, the University of Salamanca, the University Cardenal Herrera - CEU, the University of Jaen, the University Jaume I, the University of Zaragoza, the University of Alcalá, the Polytechnic University of Madrid, the Polytechnic University of Valencia, the University SEK -Segovia, the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, the University of Valladolid, the University Javeriana of Colombia and the Piaget Institute.

**ACKNOWLEDGING** the support given by the Local Council of Alcalá de Henares, which signed an Agreement with this University to sponsor the Head Office of Forum UNESCO,

**EXPRESSING** their gratitude for the presence and participation of the representatives of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), the European Council, the National Committee of UNESCO in Spain, the Institute for the Spanish Historical Heritage(IPHE), the Committee for Historical Studies of Civil works and Urban Planning(CEHOPU), The Information Centre of Architectural Heritage(CUIAP), the International Federation of Landscaping Architects IFLA), the Association of Architects of Madrid and the Society of Condueños, the Regional Government of the Azores and the Spanish Television,

**SHOWING** their satisfaction for the active participation of the main organisations responsible for heritage,

**VERIFYING** the progress of the activities developed by the Students Association for the Defence of Heritage (SADH), of the Offices in Valencia, Lisbon, Valladolid, Bogotá and Alcalá de Henares,

**RECOGNISING** the importance of the students in the forum UNESCO programme,

**ACKNOWLEDGING** the communication and exchange of experiences developed by these universities,

**CONFIRMING** the need for consolidating the national networks of Forum UNESCO - University and Heritage in Spain and Portugal,

Decided to:

1. Commit to promote the development of networks in both countries,
2. Enlarge the concept of Heritage not only for tangible heritage but also for intangible heritage, as a response to the demands of our times,
3. Continue the commitment of the Universities of the Forum UNESCO network to promote heritage, with the additional support of

non-governmental organisations and the official organisations above mentioned,

4. Show their satisfaction for the actions developed at the University of Alcalá in the urban assembly that involves the recovery of their historical building considered as Unesco Heritage of Humanity,
5. Consider the requests from various Students. Associations for the Defence of Heritage (SADH)of UNESCO to enhance the pluridisciplinary nature of the groups involved in work camps and activities for the preservation of cultural heritage,
6. Integrate the different concerns of civil society relative to the preservation of heritage,
7. Request the rectors of the different universities attending this First Iberian Meeting their support to the activities of Forum UNESCO -University and Heritage in their respective universities,
8. Invite all universities to participate in the Sixth Forum UNESCO International Seminar, at its Plenary Meeting, which will be held in Valencia from the 10th to the 15th of September this year,
9. Recall to hold the Second Meeting of Portuguese and Spanish Universities, which will be held at the University Lusitana in Lisbon, next year 2002.

Lusitana -Alcalá de Henares, April 7, 2001

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