

FOREWORD

This volume is dedicated to our colleague Cosimo Notarstefano who contributed to the organization of the seminar which inspired the publication of this volume and who sadly left us prematurely in January 2011.

Cosimo Notarstefano was a Jean Monnet professor and an expert of Tourism Law at the Universities of the Salento, Bari, and Bergamo. He worked as an expert consultant both at institutions such as the European Union and as well as at local authorities. He was also an expert of European programmes and project-financing, and coordinator of the European Campuses on tourism, environment, and cultural heritage. Author and editor of over 70 scientific publications (including the volumes “Thesaurus Multilingue del Turismo”, “Le Processus de Barcelone: du Partenariat euroméditerranéen au dialogue interculturel”, and “LEADER, from Initiative to Method”), from 2003 onwards he coordinated the Jean Monnet Euromediterranean Centre of Excellence.

On a more personal level, Cosimo Notarstefano was a generous man who dedicated much of his time to the Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literatures of the University of the Salento and to its students. He was always ready to help and to show his consideration for those colleagues who were committed with working and researching on *culture*.