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Ladies, gentlemen, respected colleagues, friends and dear guests, welcome to “Casa della Psicologia”!

Tonight, you are our guests, the guests of the board of “Ordine degli Psicologi della Lombardia”

This is a special place. A place which for us is the symbol of the direction we would like our community of colleagues to take, a symbol of this year, that has been so full of events and change.

Milan is hosting EXPO 2015 and our 14th congress this year and we are proud to believe that this place will be the heritage that we all will leave for Milan, Lombardy and Italy.

“Casa della Psicologia” is a node in our professional network, it is a space where Psychology meets society and society is linked up to all of us. As we said on Monday morning, mass-media are between Psychology and society. Well, they are indeed there for us, but there are and there must be other strategic entities such as this Home, places where we rediscover the value of contact and connection between people.

Psychology shows itself and tells about itself too seldom, and it hardly takes active part in current topical subjects. The contributions of us psychologists remains too often eclipsed and there is too little awareness of the contribution they provide in multiple circumstances.

Today, thanks to a renewed unity between the professional and the academic realities of psychology, as it can be clearly seen from the results of the 14th European Congress of Psychology, we have decided to create a place where our subject could be the central element of discussions and debate, and where our colleagues psychologists, all psychologists could be key players. A public and institutional voice, united, solid.... a space for meeting and debate through which reflections and contributions from the world of psychology are put to the test and made available. A resonating chamber, an amplifier of our scientific contribution for today and the future, a tangible heritage of this year, so crucial for Milan and Lombardy.

There is no such place like this anywhere else in Italy.

This home is your home too. You are and always will be welcome. Tonight this is my call: come to Milan, bring your friends, your colleagues, scientists of all sorts, who can help us with our project of growth and recognition: let us open the doors of this home of ours. We believe in it.

Once more, welcome and enjoy your evening!

**Il Presidente**

dottor Riccardo Bettiga