

An Introduction to USPID

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Fact sheet

The *Unione degli Scienziati Per Il Disarmo ONLUS* is a non-profit association of scientists and researchers founded in 1982.

- **Objective:** providing information and analyses to the general public and to Institutions on arms control and disarmament, including information on the environmental impact and human costs of development and dissemination of arms.
- **Commitment:** USPID members are convinced that this task is a moral imperative for scientists and that it is part of their social responsibility.
- **Context:** USPID cooperates with the *International School on Disarmament and Research on Conflicts* (ISODARCO) which since 1966 organizes international higher education courses on international security, arms control and disarmament. Several members of USPID participate at the *Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs*, which was presented with the Nobel Prize for Peace in 1995 together with Sir J. Rotblat.

How did it all start?

Fall 1981 At the SIF Conference in Perugia, some Italian scientists joined in a meeting for discussing features and role of an Italian association for scientists who felt as personal responsibility:

- raising public awareness on international issues and peaceful coexistence;
- offering their personal capacity and competence for studying issues related to disarmament and, possibly, attempting to propose possible solutions.

in a framework of reciprocal understanding and respect of other members' views or political orientation.

March 1983 USPID was founded.

Fall 1985 First *Castiglioncello International USPID Conference*
Nuclear Weapons and Europe

co-organized with, and generously supported by, the Municipality of Rosignano Marittimo (Livorno) and with the endorsement (“patrocinio”) of *Camera dei Deputati* and *Senato*;

Since then Every other year USPID organizes the Castiglioncello Conference, in cooperation with the Municipality of Rosignano Marittimo, and with the Univ. of Pisa (CISP), the Univ. of Bari (CIRP) and other national organizations and institutions.

A few Conference titles:

- 1995 *Fifty years after Hiroshima;*
- 1997 *Nuclear and Conventional Disarmament: Progress or Stalemate?;*
- 1999 *New Challenges in the Spread of Weapons of Mass Destruction;*
- 2001 *Missiles, Missile Defenses, Proliferation of WMD in the New International Scenario;*
- 2003 *Unilateral actions and military intervention;*
- 2005 *The Non Proliferation Treaty: 60 years after Hiroshima and Nagasaki;*
- 2007 *Resources, Proliferation, Conflicts;*
- 2009 *New international scenarios: A nuclear weapon free world, or a new cold war?;*
- 2011 *Prospettive di eliminazione delle armi nucleari. Sfide scientifico-tecnologiche e opportunità politiche;*
- 2011 *Critical Issues in the Pathway to Nuclear Disarmament*

[Pugwash-USPID Joint meeting]

A few names:

Edoardo **Amaldi**, Georgi **Arbatov** (*founder and Director of the Institute for US and Canadian Studies*), Alexei **Arbatov** (*former member of the Duma*), Sen. Luigi **Anderlini**, Richard **Garwin**, On. Giorgio **La Malfa**, On. Federica **Mogherini** (*former Italian Min. for Foreign Affairs and now European High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy*), On. Giorgio **Napolitano** (*now Presidente della Repubblica*), Joseph **Rotblat** (*signatory of the Russell-Einstein Manifesto (1955), founder of Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs and recipient of the Nobel Prize for Peace in 1995, together with Pugwash*), Jack **Steinberger** (*Nobel Prize for Physics in 1988*).

And several members of the USPID Scientific Council, such as Carlo **Bernardini**, Francesco **Calogero** (*former Pugwash Secretary General*), Paolo **Cotta Ramusino** (*now Pugwash Secretary General*) and Carlo **Schaerf** (*founder and President of ISODARCO*).

Among others:

- Cooperation with ISODARCO (Sezione di Trento);
- Lessons at schools (all Sezioni);
- Organization of / participation at public events, conferences etc (all Sezioni);
- Education (e.g. co-organization of “Lezioni sulle Armi” at “La Sapienza” - Rome);
- USPID Castiglioncello Conference Proceedings;
- USPID Documents (Scientific Council)

Up to 1992 **Bollettino USPID**

Other official USPID documents (among others):

Fall 1992 IL SISTEMA MISSILISTICO PATRIOT

Spring 1995 TRATTATO DI NON-PROLIFERAZIONE NUCLEARE

Fall 1995 Comunicato del Consiglio Scientifico sui test nucleari

Spring 2003 L'IRAQ FRA GUERRA E DISARMO

Fall 2007 Sistemi di Difesa Antimissile in Europa: Analisi e Prospettive

Spring 2008 Eliminare le Armi Nucleari Tattiche della NATO

Spring 2012 Iran: non vi sono soluzioni militari della controversia sul programma nucleare

Spring 2014 Lettera al Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri, al Ministro degli Affari Esteri e al Ministro della Difesa su materiale fissile da armi nucleari nel territorio italiano

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