

**Foreword**  
**Salvatore Lorusso**

*Below is the lecture given on 18th October 2013 on the occasion of the ceremony held in Moscow for my election as a Foreign Member of the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences. As a token of respect and gratitude to the Academics and the Institution, it was thought fitting to publish the text not only in English and Italian, but also in Russian. In this regard, I would like to extend my warmest thanks to Professor Paolo Ognibene whose knowledge of the Russian language and Russia is the result of his many years of dedicated study and experience.*

*This paper gives a brief outline of some of the key aspects related to the teaching and research I have conducted at the Universities of Bologna, the Sapienza in Rome, Cagliari, Tuscia (Viterbo): having followed a very diversified path in the Faculties of Economics and Conservation of Cultural Heritage and then in the Department of Cultural Heritage of the Alma Mater Studiorum University of Bologna (Ravenna Campus) where, with the activation of the Diagnostic Laboratory for Cultural heritage, I was able to achieve the scientific results that led to my nomination.*

*In this regard I would like to emphasize the fundamental contributions and the closeness, in terms of friendship and science, that have accompanied me on this long journey with advice, suggestions and testimonials – in particular from professors Walter Ciusa, Ernesto Chiacchierini, Antonio Carile, Giantommaso Scarascia Mugnozza, Cosimo Damiano Fonseca, Mario Ali – as well as the many students and coworkers – in particular doctors Fernanda Prestileo, Chiara Matteucci, Angela Mari Braida, Andrea Natali, Salvatore Andrea Apicella – to whom I owe a great deal in many different ways.*

*With just the same intensity I felt in expressing my heartfelt gratitude at the presentation of my book, “Tecnologia e innovazione nei processi di produzione” (Technology and innovation in production processes) in 1987, which contained the lessons of my teaching at the Sapienza University of Rome, I would like to end with the same words I used on that occasion:*

*“It is true that not only have I found the vital spirit and courage to write this text in the live hot battle of discussion, but also in the serenity and warmth of my family. And it is for this that I dedicate this work, with gratitude, to Francesca.”*



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Dear Professor Salvatore Lorusso,  
your didactic and scientific activity in the sector of cultural and environmental heritage, carried out through the years in the Department of Cultural Heritage of the Alma Mater Studiorum University of Bologna, the research programs, the organizational ability and the lectures in national and international meetings and study days have been the object of accurate examination and deep admiration by the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences.

This is in reference to your scientific production addressing education and research, in particular:

- the book series "I beni culturali e l'ambiente" and "La formazione e la ricerca nel settore dei beni culturali e ambientali";
- the historical-technical journal "Conservation Science in Cultural Heritage".

The Academy has been able to verify the dedication and enthusiasm and quality of this scientific production, aimed at integrating humanistic and scientific areas for the protection and valorization of cultural heritage.

Thus, on behalf of the Institution which we represent, considering you a point of reference in European historiography, we are particularly pleased to inform you that the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences elected you on 29th October 2013 as a Foreign Member of the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences.

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