



## PRESS RELEASE

### CREATION OF

## GERARDO DE CREMONA AWARD

### FOR THE PROMOTION OF TRANSLATION IN THE MEDITERRÁNEAN

Toledo – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2015

1. Over and above the technical aspects related to the activity of translation and the results that it entails in the sphere of knowledge and cultural exchange, translation constitutes an effective tool for intercultural dialogue and mutual understanding among nations. It contributes to reduce prejudices and therefore facilitates the establishment of a mutual recognition that allows coexistence and solidarity relations among nations.

2. With the aim of contributing to strengthen the translation movement between the countries located on the north shore and those on the south shore of the Mediterranean, the University of Castilla-La Mancha, King Abdulaziz Foundation for Human Sciences and Islamic Studies (Casablanca, Morocco), ‘MED 21 Programme–Network Awards for promotion of Excellence and Cooperation in the Mediterranean’, the School of Translators of Toledo, and the City Council of Cremona (Italy) have agreed to create in Toledo

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3. The meeting that constituted this Award was held in Toledo on the 7<sup>th</sup> May 2015. The founding members of the Award, whom a representative of Anna Lindh Foundations, in Alexandria, joined as an observer, established the internal Regulations, co-opted the Executive Committee, and called for candidatures to the institutions that deal with translation in the Mediterranean countries.

4. In the course of a public session chaired by Prof. Dr. Miguel Angel Collado Yurrita, Rector of the University of Castilla-La Mancha, an Agreement that officially created Gerardo de Cremona Award was signed by the founding members’ representatives, who highlighted one of the most significant peculiarities of this Award. That is, the ceremonies to present the awards will be itinerant and will take place annually in Toledo (Spain), Casablanca (Morocco), Cremona (Italy) and, probably, Carthage (Tunis), thereby alternating symbolically the places for this expression on both north and south shores of the Mediterranean Sea.