

University of Haifa

The Senate of the University of Haifa, by virtue of the authority vested in it by the constitution of the University and in accordance with the recommendations of the President and the Executive Committee

hereby confers upon

Lorenzo Dellai

the degree of

Doctor of Philosophy, Honoris Causa

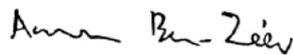
in recognition of his extraordinary leadership and his emphasis on the importance of preserving one's cultural heritage while having a global perspective of society and technology; for his great investment in education aimed at nurturing the next generation of socially conscious and engaged citizens; his firm belief that higher education leads to the success and prosperity of the human race; his friendship with the State of Israel and the University of Haifa in particular, expressed by the fruitful and longstanding cooperation between the FBK-IRST research institute in Trento, Italy, and the Rothschild Caesarea Foundation - Institute for Interdisciplinary Applications of Computer Science at the University of Haifa.

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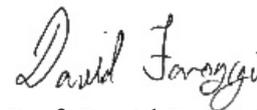
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PRESIDENT LORENZO DELLAI

President of the Autonomous Province of Trento and Alternating President of the Region of Trentino-Alto Adige, Italy

Lorenzo Dellai was born in the city of Trento in 1959. At an early age, he decided to dedicate his life to public service. In 1990, when he was only 31 years old, he became Mayor of Trento, the youngest mayor ever of a major Italian city. In 1998, he was elected President of the Province of Trento and was re-elected to this position with a very large consensus in 2003 and 2008. During his current term in office, he also served as alternating President of the Region of Trentino-Alto Adige (made up of the provinces of Trento and Bolzano).

Lorenzo Dellai espouses the values of cooperation and solidarity. He invests greatly in educating the next generation and in establishing both traditional and modern industries. Trento is considered the city with the best quality of life and highest standard of living in Italy and, under his leadership, the special autonomy granted to Trento has been used to introduce many highly innovative ventures, so that Trento is considered a successful experiment area for Italy at large.

He is guided by the philosophy of “glocalism” – a combination of globalization and localization, whereby unique local expertise needs to be considered in order to confront issues in the global arena. A key point in Trento’s “glocalism” is the significant investment in higher education, through the development of local universities and research institutes and through international academic cooperation. The idea of shaping the identity of Trentino around a strongly focused European region of knowledge has always been central in his political and administrative activities. He focused on the development of the University of Trento as a research-driven institution with a strong international vocation, together with the two most important scientific institutions – the E. Mach Foundation and the B. Kessler Foundation, to make up an integrated Trentino Education and Research System. Trento has recently become one of the six Nodes (together with Berlin, Paris, Helsinki, Stockholm, and Eindhoven) of the European Institute of Technology and Innovation (EIT ICT LABS), the new leading institute in the field of ICT.

With the support and encouragement of Lorenzo Dellai, numerous scientific cooperation programs with Israeli institutions have been established, leading the way to strategic alliances in commercial and industrial fields. One of the most fruitful cooperation arrangements is with the Rothschild Caesarea Institute at the University of Haifa. With the full support of Lorenzo Dellai, the research institute FBK-IRST in the Trento Province cooperates with the Rothschild Caesarea Institute in developing technological initiatives related to the field of artificial intelligence to benefit mankind. Academic cooperation between these two research institutes has already produced new research and impressive technologies. The agreement to continue cooperation, signed as a direct result of the encouragement and support of Lorenzo Dellai, promises to bear additional fruitful outcomes in the future.

In addition to his deep friendship with the University of Haifa, Lorenzo Dellai is considered a true friend of the State of Israel. This year a bilateral trade agreement between the Province of Trento and the Israeli Ministry of Industry, Trade and Labor was signed.