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October 2011 Conference Trip to Rhodes, Greece

Rhodes is the largest island of Greece, located in the eastern Aegean Sea. Every year since 2003 it hosts the World Public Forum “Dialogue of Civilizations,” which is an international, non-profit organization. Founders of the Forum are Vladimir Yakunin (Russia), Alfred Gusenbauer (Austria), Fred Dallmayr (USA), Nicolas Papanicolaou (Greece), and Jagdish Kapur (India). The Forum brings together intellectuals, academics, artists, and religious leaders as well as politicians from all over the world to discuss problems of intercultural dialogue.

Last year I was invited to the Forum’s 8th Annual Session as a speaker on the panel called *Eurasian integration: historical and cultural aspects*. I presented a paper about North American library resources supporting the study of Eurasia. I am grateful to my colleague Wookjin Cheun, who proposed my name to the panel organizers.

This year (2011), the 9th Annual Session of the Forum was held October 6-10. Unexpectedly, I was invited again. This time I participated as a discussant on the panel *Post-secular dialogues: religious and civilizational traditions for peace.*