

## **POLEMICS ABOUT L'AQUILA CASE IN ITALY – ACTUAL SITUATION**

Italy is a country in which the hydro-geological, seismological, volcanological and coastal set-up requires careful technical and scientific treatment. Given the fragility of the natural system, the role of geoscientists should not be restricted to the delivery of scientific expertise:

The *recently* published motivation of the sentence seems to have brought to light the lack of a scrupulous overview of the situation prior to the disastrous seismic event, practically leaving the task of public information to the judgment or perception of the national agency in charge of natural hazards.

Possible conclusions to this unfortunate case will be examined and identified from various geoethical and ethical points of view.

### **Remark of the Editor:**

*The L'Aquila process has not yet been brought to the end. The verdict at the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage can be known just in the days of the Conference. And further 5 years will be perhaps needed to come to the final verdict. The intention of the author is to present the most recent information.*

*Many useful information has been presented by the Author to this case in the Education and Outreach Symposium EOS 7 at the European Geological Union General Assembly in Vienna (April 2013) under the title **The L'Aquila process and the perils of bad communication of science** (Geophysical Research Abstracts, Vol. 15, EGU2013-13753-3, 2013) accessible at *GEOETHICS NEWS* – March 2013 or directly at:*

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