



THE FIORELLO LAGUARDIA LEADERSHIP AWARD FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

“The One World Award”

The Fiorello LaGuardia Leadership Award, established in 2007 by The Fiorello LaGuardia Foundation to coincide with the celebration of the 125th anniversary of the former Mayor’s birth, acknowledges two leaders who represent the ideals and actions of Mayor LaGuardia as a municipal leader with global impact.

On February 11th, 2008 the “**LaGuardia Leadership Medal**” will be presented to **Mayors Michael Bloomberg of New York and Mayor Letizia Moratti of Milan to recognize their influence in the improvement of the quality of life and environment in their respective cities.** Mayor Michael Bloomberg has made PlaNYC the blueprint for New York’s sustainable growth over the next 25 years. The harmonized links between development, environment, housing, and transportation make it a model for new standards of governance. His leadership and personal generosity have helped improve the quality of life for all New Yorkers. Mayor Letizia Moratti has laid out a vision for Milan as a world class and sustainable city. Under her guidance, on January 2nd, 2008 Milan embarked on a program to reduce automobile-induced pollution and improve the quality of life for those in this thriving urban center. In addition, under her administration, Milan has actively addressed the problem of food security in the developing world, the proposed theme of EXPO 2015 (the international World Fair). These two leaders exemplify the combination of vision and action that LaGuardia championed throughout his career.

The historic **LaGuardia Leadership Medal** was originally created in 1933 by the Neapolitan sculptor and friend of Mayor LaGuardia, Onorio Ruotolo, for the International Ladies Garment Worker’s Union (ILGWU) upon LaGuardia’s election as Mayor of New York City, to honor his commitment to improving the quality of life for immigrants and workers. The 3” bronze inaugural medal depicts the profile of Mayor LaGuardia on the front side and on the reverse, depicts Hercules slaying the multi-headed Hydra, a symbol of ignorance, poverty, disease, and bigotry. The words “*HYDRA COLLAE EXURIT*” are engraved. (*He destroys the Necks of the Hydra*)

The mission of the LaGuardia Foundation (LGF) is to perpetuate the work of Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia as a global humanitarian. Through partnerships with US and Italian organizations, the LGF promotes sustainable development. The LGF currently supports projects in Brazil, India, and China that employ clean energy, primarily to improve agricultural production in rural areas, addressing Millenium Development Goals. The LGF seeks to inspire future leaders in sustainable development through its “Sustainable Leadership” Fellowship awards –one year grants to assist scholars to study in an approved project. For more information see: www.laguardiafoundation.org

