

ABD AL-WĀHID PALLAVICINI

Abd Al-Wāhid Pallavicini is the president of the Islamic Religious Italian Community, which is the religious body that represents Italian Muslims in their relationship to the State.

Born in Milan in 1926, he converted to Islam on Jan 7th, 1951, assuming the same Islamic name of the French René Guénon.

For many years, he lived in the Orient where in 1980, he received the authority to function as a teacher (Shaykh). He is a member of the College of Sages of the Grand Mosque of Paris, and he is authorized by the Roman mosque for interreligious dialogue.

He is the author of the Italian book, *Interior Islam, the Search for Truth in the Religion of Islam*.