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SOCIAL MEETINGS/FVENT OVERVIEW

APRIL SOCIAL EVENT: April 23, Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center (BCC-RSC), 4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814, 1:30 Board Electrion, 2:30 Presentation: To the Victor Go the Spolia: Reuse, Recycling, and Repurposing of Ancient Materials in Later Construction in Rome, by Prof. John C. McLucas RSVP at RSVP@ italianculturalsociety.org

SAVE THE DATE: May 19th, 2017 - ICS Gala at the Italian Embassy. This year's theme: "Italian creativity, fashion and design".

DEADLINE NOTICE: Applications for ICS scholarships and awards must be post-marked no later than Monday, April 24, 2017. Please see http://www.italianculturalsociety.org/get-involved/awards-scholarships/for details.





March Social Event

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The young scientists who were panelists at our March meeting discussing career issues facing Italian scientists gave us lively presentations about themselves, their sciences, and the work issues they face. Did you know, for example, that there are 200 Italian nationals working at the NIH (which has a work force of some 20,000). I was even more surprised to learn that 40 years ago there were 400 Italian nationals working there when the work force was about half of what it is now! This NIH experience has clearly been useful for both countries and for the scientists themselves, and, for that matter, for the sciences in which they have worked. Another area in which US-Italian collaboration has been successful is in Astronomy/Astrophysics at NASA, especially in x-ray astronomy, as we learned from Dr. Francesco Tombesi, who reviewed a bit of history in telling us about his own work. He also described a reverse brain drain program, the Programma per Giovani Recercatori Rita Levi-Montalcini that provides a limited number of university positions on a competitive merit basis to bring back young scientists. In general it emerged that the problem the young Italians face is the weakness of financial and institutional support for science at the government level in Italy, an issue raised eloquently by Prof. Giorgio Parisi at La Sapienza in Rome in a letter to Nature which was the impetus for the ICS discussion.

Our April meeting returns to more standard cultural fare. We are delighted to have Professor John McLucas who will tell us an ancient recycling story in describing the building and rebuilding of Rome (Please see page 4 for details.) And our April meeting will also be your opportunity to vote for members of your board of directors. Please read about our distinguished candidates on pages 5-6.

Ronald Cappelletti President

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MARCH SOCIAL EVENT: ITALIAN SCIENTISTS IN ITALY AND ABROAD: FINDING A CAREER

On page 2, you can see a group photo of the moderator of the debate, ICS President - Emeritus Professor Ronald Cappelletti - with four great panelists: Erica Bresciani, Alberto Ceccon, Marta Pallotto and Francesco Tombesi. A special thanks goes also to Professor Luigi De Luca and the audience who contributed to make the conference an engaging and passionate discussion.







VIA UMBRIA BOOK SIGNING

3/17/17

On Friday, March 17th, at Via Umbria Galleria, Letizia Mattiacci presented her book "A kitchen with a View: Seasonal recipes" from Alla Madonna del Piatto Cooking School in Umbria, Italy. Letizia shared her view and her passion about Italian food and culture, and she revealed what makes her recipes and stories so special and authentic. A cocktail was offered by Via Umbria.













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APRIL SOCIAL EVENT

TO THE VICTOR GO THE SPOLIA: REUSE, RECYCLING, AND REPURPOSING OF ANCIENT MATERIALS IN LATER CONSTRUCTION IN ROME

Rome, the "Eternal City" - an ancient and ever renewing city - has been built and rebuilt over nearly 3000 years. When the Empire ended in the 5th century, the city suffered catastrophic population loss and degradation of its monumental infrastructure. This talk will highlight the thrifty and often artful reuse of surviving ancient architectonic elements in mediaeval, Renaissance, and modern structures in the city. This reuse was often driven by shifting ideological currents, theological or political, which saw the city as a locus of sacred and imperial memories.

John C. McLucas is Professor of Italian and Latin in the Department of Foreign Languages at Towson University. He received his BA in Latin Classics from Wesleyan in 1974, and his PhD in Italian Language and Literature from Yale in 1983. His scholarly work includes numerous conference papers and published articles on the Italian epic tradition, particularly Ariosto's Orlando furioso, in journals including Italian Culture, The Italianist, and Stanford Italian Studies; his reviews have appeared in Forum Italicum and Speculum. His translations of sixteenth-century Latin documents about the first encounter between Europe and America were published by UCLA in the Repertorium Columbianum series in 2002. He is a frequent contributor to the Italian humanities journal Lyceum, with pieces on topics ranging from national identity to the Italian opera tradition. He edited a volume of Olifant, the journal of the Société Rencesvals; this volume appeared in 2003. He recently completed a translation of Tullia d'Aragona's epic-romance, Il Meschino, altramente detto il Guerrino (1560), believed to be the first published in Italian by a woman. This translation, edited and annotated by Dr. Julia L. Hairston, is forthcoming from the University of Toronto Press. Several of Dr. McLucas' recent conference papers and articles have focused on various aspects of the Meschino. His most recent publication is an article on approaches to teaching Ariosto in the journal Italica.

1:30 pm to 2:30 pm, Board Election

2:30 pm to 3:30 pm, Presentation by Prof. John McLucas

3:30 pm, socializing and refreshments



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BOARD FLECTIONS 2017

At the April Social Meeting on April 23 (the 4th Sunday, please note) we will hold an election for Directors of the Italian Cultural Society for terms ending in 2020. We are pleased to have a distinguished slate, here listed alphabetically. Please read about them below.

Ranieri Cavaceppi is a Fulbright Fellow and a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. He received his Ph.D. in Italian literature from Brown University. He is currently a Senior Professorial Lecturer at American University in Washington, DC, and his research interests include military religious orders and Cinquecento literature. Professor Cavaceppi's professional objectives are to promote Italian studies inside and outside of the classroom. He was appointed to fill an opening on the board and is standing for election to the ICS board for the first time this year.

Ellen Coppley, formerly Executive Director at The Ellington Fund; Washington, D.C., has over thirty years of fundraising, administration, event planning, outreach and communications experience in the non-profit world. Her senior development and communication experience ranges from WETA, D.C. (public television and radio), to the Eurasia Foundation (international development in the former Soviet Union), to Kidsave International (adoption facilitation of older overseas orphans), to the Duke Ellington School of the Arts. She has produced iconic stars such as Patti LaBelle; Denyce Graves, Stevie Wonder, Smokie Robinson, and Earth, Wind and Fire in the concert hall at the Kennedy Center, and has raised millions of dollars domestically and internationally. She has lived and travelled overseas in Italy, in the Philippines, and the Former Soviet Union. She is delighted to be part of the ICS Board, given her love of Italy and five years of advanced language classes at the ICS. She believes her experience will be helpful to the development of ICS, as the leading Italian cultural organization in the area. She travels with her husband to Italy every year to soak up the beauty and culture that belongs to la bella Italia! She was appointed to fill an opening on the board and is standing for election to the ICS board for the first time this year.

Sara Forden is an editor with Bloomberg News in Washington, where she leads a team of eight reporters, based between Washington and New York, covering financial enforcement including antitrust, white collar crime and other misconduct investigated by agencies such as the U.S. Justice Department and the Federal Trade Commission. She has been with Bloomberg for more than 14 years, eight of them reporting on consumer goods companies from Milan, Italy, where she lived for 22 years after completing her MA in Economics and International Affairs from the Johns Hopkins University School for Advanced International Studies (SAIS). In Italy, Forden also covered Fiat's bid to turn around Chrysler under the management of Sergio Marchionne. Previously, she reported on the fashion and luxury goods industry for more than 12 years for media companies including Bloomberg, The International Herald Tribune and Women's Wear Daily, where she served as bureau chief and business correspondent from 1992-1998. She also worked for Class Editori for two years, where she launched an Italian women's magazine LUNA, wrote weekly columns for Milano Finanza Fashion (MFF) on the state of the luxury goods industry, and was a regular commentator on Class TV. Forden published "The House of Gucci," with Harper Collins in 2000, weaving together the family saga with the story of the rise, fall and rise again of one of fashion's most powerful brands. She was appointed to fill an opening on the board and is standing for election to the ICS board for the first time this year.

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BOARD ELECTIONS 2017

Luigi De Luca is a former president of the ICS. He was involved in the building up of the Italian Language Program with Maria Wilmeth and Cesarina Horing. Since 2006, Luigi has taught at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health in Baltimore, and before 2006 he was running a laboratory at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda. The Italian government has bestowed on Luigi the titles of Commendatore and Grand'ufficiale in recognition of his research work, his support of the ILP and the Awards Program of the ICS as well as his interest and scholarship in the classical languages.

Paolo Vidoli was born and raised in Trieste where he attended and graduated from University, specializing in Mechanical Engineering. After the military draft in the Alpine troops, he joined Fincantieri, a manufacturing company based in Torino. In 1979 he was transferred along with his family to the US, first to Connecticut, then Washington, and later to the Virginia Tidewater area. Mr. Vidoli received his MBA from Old Dominion University while being steadily promoted within Fincantieri, and by the time he retired in 2010, he was the company's Vice President of Finance. A longstanding member of the Italian Cultural Society (ICS), Mr. Vidoli was elected to the Board after his retirement and has acted as the Society's Vice President, Secretary and now as Treasurer In 2013 Mr. Vidoli joined the Italian Language Program's (ILP) Steering Committee, with responsibility in monitoring finances. Paolo and his wife, Claudia reside in Northern VA and travel every year to Italy, often with one or more of their daughters to visit friends and family.

IL SEME E IL MARE

STUART PLATTNER

AN ITALIAN NO-BUDGET-NO-PROFIT FILM: THE SEED AND THE SEA

About five years ago a wine and olive oil producer in Tuscany who made films as a hobby cooperated with a small town to make a feature film. The film-maker, Riccardo Casamonti, is a friend of Stuart and Phyllis Plattner, students of the Italian Language Program. When the film was finished the Plattners worked with Riccardo and his wife Maria Luisa to write the English subtitles. The film had great success in Tuscany, being the subject of several TV programs and winning prizes. It was shown by the Italian Cultural Society two years ago, and is now available for download via YouTube.

The film-maker describes his project: "The Seed and the Sea" is the great adventure of a town that tells a story: a no-budget film completely and strictly non-profit, made by the inhabitants of Casole d'Elsa, a medieval village

UN FILM ITALIANO NO-BUDGET-NO-PROFIT: IL SEME E IL MARE

Circa cinque anni fa un produttore di olio e vino in Toscana il cui hobby era fare dei film ha cooperato con una piccola città per realizzarne uno. Il regista, Riccardo Casamonti, è un amico di Stuart e Phyllis Plattner, studenti dell'Italian Language Program dell'Italian Cultural Society. Terminato il film, i Plattners hanno lavorato con Riccardo e sua moglie Maria Luisa per creare i sottotitoli in inglese. Il film ha avuto un grande successo in Toscana dove ha ricevuto diversi premi ed e' pure stato oggetto di diversi programmi televisivi.

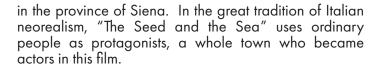
Il film è stato presentato dall'Italian Cultural Society due anni fa. E 'ora disponibile per il download tramite YouTube. Il regista descrive il suo progetto: "Il seme e il mare" è la grande avventura di una città che racconta una storia: un film no-budget completamente e rigorosamente

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IL SEME E IL MARE

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The dream was to revive the spirit of the "racconto di veglia" (story-telling) - a priceless heritage of peasant culture - that led our grandparents to gather around the fire to share the magic of a story. And that same magic has now led the whole town to work with perseverance and determination for almost two years, in the collective effort to make this project. Most of the inhabitants of Casole d'Elsa were involved during this period, not only as actors, but also working on the costumes, the sets and the general organization of the shooting, all of course without relying on any kind of budget. In the spirit of "story-telling" the film is freed from any economic interest. Even the State Police and Carabinieri collaborated on the project by providing men and vehicles for filming.

The movie follows Pietro Mariani, a retired teacher of Casole d'Elsa, who decides to go to Morocco to look for his first, lost, love. After recruiting as helpers Ahmed, a Moroccan door-to-door peddler and Nanni, a barista from Casole d'Elsa who has been into the Foreign Legion, they go on the road. And their adventure begins...

The 1'50" film is available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GMK3979e0Ew&t=3s

The Italian TV discussion of the film is available at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iSN_tFsICPc

The Special attractions showing the film in process is available at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DMVWRTopgW0

The Facebook page for the film is https://www.facebook.com/II-Seme-ed-II-Mare-IL-FILM-209568722565318/



non-profit, realizzato dagli abitanti di Casole d'Elsa, un borgo medievale in provincia di Siena. Nella grande tradizione del neorealismo italiano, "Il seme e il mare" utilizza la gente comune come attori, una città intera è diventa protagonista in questo film.

Il sogno era quello di far rivivere lo spirito del "racconto di veglia"- un patrimonio inestimabile della cultura contadina che ha portato i nostri nonni a raccogliersi intorno al fuoco per condividere la magia di una storia la stessa magia che ha ora guidato tutta la città a lavorare con costanza e determinazione per quasi due anni, nello sforzo collettivo di realizzare questo progetto. La maggior parte degli abitanti di Casole d'Elsa sono stati coinvolti in questo periodo, non solo come attori, ma anche lavorando con i costumi, i set e l'organizzazione generale delle riprese, il tutto, naturalmente, senza fare affidamento su qualsiasi tipo di budget. Nello spirito della "narrazione", il film viene liberato da qualsiasi interesse economico. Anche la Polizia di Stato e i Carabinieri hanno collaborato al progetto, fornendo uomini e mezzi per le riprese.

Il film segue le vicende di Pietro Mariani, un professore in pensione di Casole d'Elsa, che decide di andare in Marocco per cercare il suo primo perduto amore. Dopo aver reclutato come aiutanti Ahmed, un marocchino ambulante porta a porta e Nanni, un barista di Casole d'Elsa, che era stato nella Legione Straniera, si mettono tutti in cammino. E la loro avventura comincia ...

Il film dura 1 ora e 50 minuti è disponibile su: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GMK3979e0Ew&t=3s

La discussione del film in televisione è disponibile su: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iSN_tFsICPc

Le attrazioni speciali che mostrano il film in lavorazione sono disponibili su: https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=DMVWRTopgW0

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FROM THE ILP FRANCESCA CASAZZA

Winter Term 2017 ended and we started Spring Term on Friday March 31, with our children's classes, three levels (Beginner/Elementary 9-13 years old; Advanced 9-12 years old and Elementary/Intermediate 5-8 years old). Saturday the other 5 kids' classes started, together with the adults' classes, including the mini-course Discover Tuscany: In the Heart and Soul of Italy.

We are pleased to share our 2015-16 results: the school year (Fall 2015 to Summer 2016) registered 1131 enrollments - 11.6% more than the previous school year. On December 2016 the ILP' P&L recorded positive results. The increased enrollment led us to decide to move to a bigger headquarters. It should be ready by May 1st. Donations to help us with the move are always welcome! April is going to be a very busy month!

We look forward to seeing all of you on Saturday April 8th, at Pizzeria Da Marco, close to our school, from 12:00 to 2:00 pm for our traditional pizza fundraising event. Pizzeria Da Marco will donate 15% of their sales to the Italian Language Program. Please come join us with your family and friends!

Saluti. Francesca Casazza

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\$210/child; Siblings \$200 \$200/ICS Family members - Sibling \$200 4 day camp: \$180 - 170/ICS F. member & siblings





DAILY SCHEDULE

1:40pm-2:50pm

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9:00am-9:15am 9:15am-10:00am Language class: reading, writing, singing, building vocabulary and

grammatical structures (divided in two age groups) 10:00am-11:00am Outdoor activities + small snack 11:10am-12:30pm Creative project 12:30pm-1:00pm 1:00pm- 1:30pm Outdoor playing

Video - Dismissal Upon request possibility of earlier drop off and later pick up. Kids are to bring their own lunch and snack. Each Monday, authentic warm Italian pizza will be

Indoor games



The Italian Cultural Society/Italian Language Program summer camp is an immersion program designed around a variety of activities that will encourage your children to speak Italian through singing, cooking, playing indoor and outdoor Italian games, and completing art projects. Activities are held indoor and outdoor in the Battery Lane Park, behind the ICS main campus. Latin Immersion Camp for 6th araders and up

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Istituto Italiano di Cultura: Artists in Residence: Renato D'Agostin: Embassy of Italy, 3000 Whitehaven Street, NW, Washington, DC 20008, through April 30, by appointment only, M-F, 10-12pm/2-4pm, http://www.iicwashington.esteri.it/iic_washington/en/gli_eventi/calendario/2017/01/artists-in-residence-renato-d-agostin.html

Istituto Italiano di Cultura: Teatro in Piazza: Theatre and Talks at the Embassy of Italy - Dhana and the Rosebuds: Embassy of Italy, 3000 Whitehaven Street, NW, Washington, DC 20008, April 10, http://www.iicwashington.esteri.it/iic_washington/en/gli_eventi/calendario/2017/04/dhana-and-the-rosebuds.html

Istituto Italiano di Cultura: The Role of the Writer: Georgetown University: Intercultural Center Auditorium - Georgetown University, 3700 O Street, NW, Washington, DC 20057, April 18, http://www.iicwashington.esteri.it/iic_washington/en/gli_eventi/calendario/2017/04/the-role-of-the-writer.html

Istituto Italiano di Cultura: La Sedia della Felicità: Embassy of Italy, 3000 Whitehaven Street, NW, Washington, DC 20008, April 18, http://www.iicwashington.esteri.it/iic_washington/en/gli_eventi/calendario/2017/04/la-sedia-della-felicita.html

Vla Umbra, with Italians in DC and ICS: Amy's Story: A Novel: Via Umbra, 1525 Wisconsin Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20007, April 27, 7:00PM

After Elena Ferrante, another powerful Italian voice emerges to tell us a tale of immigration with two strong women characters at its center.

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Amy's Story: A Novel

Author Anna Lawton will discuss the book in conversation with Lucia Wolf, Reference Specialist for Italy at the European Division of the Library of Congress.

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Book signing will follow the presentation.

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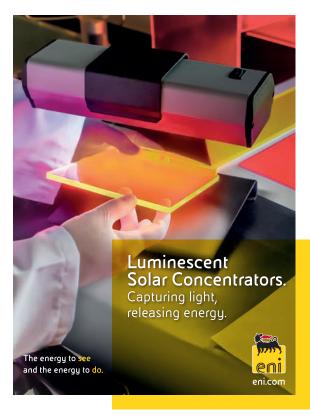
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