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Conference on the Promotion of Italian Language
in U.S. Schools K-16 and Continuing Education
Washington D.C. - June 13, 2009

PROGRAM

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2009

Location: Embassy of Italy (3000 Whitehaven St, NW)

8:15 – 9:00 am Coffee and Conference Registration

9:00-9:30am Welcoming Addresses

- H.E. Giovanni Castellaneta - Ambassador of Italy in the US
- Hon. Valentina Aprea – Presidente Commissione Cultura della Camera dei Deputati
- Hon. Vincenzo Maria Vita – Vice Presidente Commissione Cultura del Senato della Repubblica
- National Italian American Foundation (NIAF), Representative

9:30 – 10:45 am Status Report on the promotion of Italian language and culture in U.S.A.

Panel session, moderator: Carmelo Cicala – Presidente Comites - Washington

- Ministero degli Affari Esteri - Direzione Generale Immigrazione e Politiche Migratorie (Cons. Paolo De Nicolo)
- Joint National Committee for Languages (JNCL) and National Council for Languages and International Studies (NCLIS) (David Edwards PhD Executive Director)
- Italian Education Offices (Luigi De Sanctis –Education Office Director – Washington)
- Enti Gestori (Ilaria Costa –Ente Gestore IACE – New York)
- Italian Lecturers in American Universities (Rita Impiumi-Consulate General Houston)
- Italian Cultural Institutes (Rita Venturelli - Director IIC – Washington)
- American Association of Teachers of Italian (Anthony Tamburri – President AATI)

11:00 – 11:15 am Coffee break

11: 15am – 12:45pm Current Initiatives and Projects

Panel Session, Moderator: Eleonora Cammareri, Education Office Director - Chicago

- Certification for teachers of Italian in the U.S.
(Antonio Vitti – Middlebury University)
- A sequential K-12 curriculum for an advanced and updated approach to the teaching of Italian (Carlo Cipollone – Education Office Director – Boston)
- Language assistants in Lombardy: a project implemented by the Consulate of Italy in Boston (Nicoletta Marini Maio – Dickinson College)
- NEH Institute in Rome: an example of best practices
(Roberto Severino- prof. Emeritus Georgetown University)
- RAI: Documenting Italy's past and present. Projects for the teaching of Italian.
(Donatella Saroli - RAI Corporation)
- Dual degrees: University of Maryland and University of Perugia project.
(Giuseppe Falvo – Chair Department of Italian Maryland University)
- A Master's in Italian Studies: Linking Italian and American Universities.
(Serafina Hager – Chair Department of Italian, Georgetown University)
- The importance of Memoranda of Understanding on promotion of the Italian Language (Alfio Russo – Education Office Director – New York)

1:00 – 2:30 pm Lunch

2:30 – 3:15 pm - 2006-2009: the AP Italian Experience

Panel Session, Moderator: Anna Chiaratti – Education Office Director – Los Angeles

- The structure of the AP exam
(Fulvia Musti – Georgetown University)
- The data of four years of AP Italian
(Pietro Floris – Education Office Director – Miami)
- The suspension of AP Italian in 2010 and the present negotiations with the College Board (Joseph Lupo – President of the Council on the Promotion of Italian in American Schools- COPILAS)

3:15 – 4:45 pm - Advanced placement credits at Colleges and Universities: new perspectives for Italian

Panel Session, Moderator: Marco Salardi, Education Office Director – San Francisco

- American High Schools (Pasquale Di Iorio - Bayonne High School Italian teacher- NJ; Adriana Benvenuto - Granada High School, Los Angeles; Giuseppe Faustini - Skidmore College, NY).
- Italian Universities and Associations specialized in teaching and certifying Italian as a second language (Roberto Dolci-Universita' per Stranieri di Perugia)
- American Universities (Paolo Giordano – University of Central Florida)

4:45 – 5:30 pm - Planning the future scenario for promoting, teaching and assessing Italian Language in the USA

Panel Session, Moderator: Silvana Mangione – Vice Segretario Generale CGIE per i Paesi dell'area anglofona.

- Martha Abbott – Director of Education for the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL)
- Gisella Lange' – Dirigente Tecnico – MIUR – USR Lombardia
- Stefania Giannini – Rettore Universita' per Stranieri di Perugia

5:30 – 6:00 pm - Concluding remarks

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