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Conference on the Theme

CHALLENGING CULTURAL INVISIBILITY

October 23 to 25, 1998

VANCOUVER, B. C.

**Blue Horizon Hotel
1225 Robson Street**

The Association of Italian-Canadian Writers was founded in Vancouver during our first conference in 1986. Since then we have had conferences in Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and Winnipeg. Our goals are to promote the publications of Italian-Canadian writers and other ethnic minority groups and to foster an understanding of our pluralistic society.

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Conference Program, October 23-25, 1998

Friday, 23 October Official Opening Garibaldi Room

7:00 PM Words of Welcome ---- Anna Foschi and Joseph Pivato

Special Guests: Cons. Daniela Avitabile, Italian Cultural Institute and
Representing the Consul General of Italy
Lino Natola, Pres. Italian Cultural Centre Society
Dr. Richard Cavell, Chair, Canadian Studies, U.B.C

7:20 refreshments

7:30 Short Talk: Joseph Pivato "The Guernica Decades"
Presentation of Two New Anthologies:
The Anthology of Italian-Canadian Writing, ed. J. Pivato
Pillars of Lace: The Anthology of Italian-Canadian Women Writers,
edited by Marisa De Franceschi

8:00 Literary Readings: Caterina Edwards
Fulvio Caccia
Antonio D'Alfonso
Joseph Ranallo
Carmen Rodriguez
Caterina Sotiriadis
Pinder Dulai
Romano Perticarini
Giovanni Costa

ART EXHIBITION IN THE BAKER ROOM

The art works on display are by Vancouver artists:
Henry Ciccone and Rita Monaco.

The book display is also in the Baker Room.

Saturday, 24 October, Montreal and Melfi

Garibaldi Room

9:00 AM Ray Culos, "On WW2 Internment History,"

9:30 Mary Melfi Session Chair: Licia Canton

Francesco Loriggio, "Mary Melfi: The Larger Context"

Lise Hogan, "Model Poetics for a Post-modern Ethnography"

William Anselmi, "A Language Incognito: Parentheses and Polyphonies"

11:00 Filippo Salvatore, "Il Testamento Poetico di Tonino Caticchio"

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch

1:30 PM Asian Canadian Writers

Jim Wong-Chu, "Asian Canadian Writers Workshop: A Model"

2:00 Thuong Vuong Riddick, reading from *Two Shores, Deux Rives*
and one more surprise writer

2:30 Questions and Break

More Italian-Canadian Writers

Chair: Dominic Cusmano

3:00 Licia Canton, "Novels by Italian-Canadian Women"

3:30 Marino Tuzi, "Social Class, Culture and Literary Representation"

4:00 Filippo Salvatore, presentation of *Protagonisti Italiani di Montreal*

4:30 Antologia Italiana, presented by Francesco Loriggio with special guests:
Dott. Gilberto Floriani, Centro Sistema Bibliotecario (Vibo Valentia, Italy)
Dott. Giuseppe Malvaso, Amministrazione Provinciale, Vibo Valentia

5:00 - 6:30 Dinner Break

7:00 Literary Readings begin, see details on next page

Saturday Night continued

7:00 PM **Literary Readings**

Sal Sortino
Delia De Santis
Carmen Ziolkowski
Venera Fazio
Carmelo Militano
Anna Nobile

9:00 PM **Che Teatro** session on theatre by women

Mary Melfi,
Theresa Carilli
Francesca Schembri
Nzula A. Ciatu
Anna Camilleri

Sunday, 25 October GENERAL MEETING Garibaldi Room

9:30 AM

Agenda

1. Report by Sec. Treasurer, Caterina Sotiriadis
 (budget, membership and other matters)
2. Report by editor of Newsletter, Dominic Cusmano
3. Report by conference organizers, J. Pivato, Anna Foschi
4. Election of new executive
5. Conference Number 8 in the year 2000
6. Other business

12:00 **LUNCH** and End of Conference

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