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From the President's Desk

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The following are some quick notes from my crowded and "messy" desk...

Constitution Committee Report

Professor Mancini, Chair of the Constitution Committee, informs me that the membership has approved the proposed changes to the Constitution as circulated and published in the Spring issue of the *AATI Newsletter*. I should like to express my appreciation to him and his committee (Professors Kibler, Lèbano, and Turs) for accepting this task.

Nominating Committee

I am also indebted to Professor Melzi and his Nominating Committee (Ms. Bruna Boyle, Professors Maiguashca, Moneti, and Monga) for the slate of officers submitted for President and Vice-President of the AATI. I invite you to vote and return the ballot (post-marked no later than November 25) to Professor Melzi. Professor Melzi will announce the results in Chianciano at the annual meeting of the association. I should like to congratulate all colleagues who allowed their names to stand for these nominations.

Membership Renewal

Professor Baldini, our secretary-treasurer, is enclosing with this issue of the

Newsletter a renewal card for the 1996-1997 membership. We would appreciate it if you returned the card and the payment as soon as possible. Any delays will mean that Professor Baldini will have to send you a reminder and this will increase costs to the Association since it will involve postage, stationery, and labour. We are trying to keep our costs down and we certainly appreciate your support and co-operation.

The Siena Summer Program

I should like to thank Professor Lèbano and his Selection Committee (Prof. Colussi and Dr. Paolino) for the work done on selecting suitable candidates to attend the *Corso di aggiornamento linguistico-culturale* at the Università per Stranieri, Siena. Although the course was shortened from a month to fifteen days because of the Government of Italy budgetary cuts, I am pleased to inform the membership that this year we were able to send the full complement. As you are aware, the Direzione degli Scambi Culturali, Ministero della Pubblica Istruzione, Rome, annually awards the AATI twenty bursaries to attend the *corso di aggiornamento* at Siena. I am particularly grateful to Dr. Antonio Augenti, Direttore, Direzione degli Scambi Culturali, for his constant support to this program which has now been going on

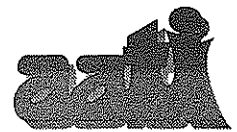
for several years. We do hope that this worthwhile initiative will continue in the future in spite of budgetary cuts.

On behalf of the Association, I should like to congratulate the recipients:

- Alisa Cataldo, New York
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- Bruna Furgiuele, New York
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- Carolyn Forestiere, North Carolina
- Debra L. Karr, Indiana
- Barbara Mangione, Indiana
- Nora Murray, Wisconsin
- Leigh Smith, North Carolina
- Viktorija Todoroska, Arizona.

I should also note that the Department of Education of New York State is given 10 similar scholarships and that these colleagues join the AATI members for the course. There were only 7 successful candidates this year. They were:

- Olimpia de Masi
- Lisa Aresni
- Sara Jane McCaffrey
- Julianne Bowen
- Grace Tomaselli
- Aldo Guarnieri
- Dominic Passarelli.



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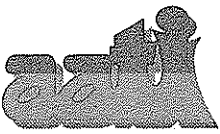
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I was invited by Professor Mauro Barni, *rettore* of the Università per Stranieri, Siena, to bring greetings on behalf of the AATI at the official opening of the new academic year and I had the opportunity to lecture in the course as well as visit with the *corsisti*.

I do hope that the course will continue next year and urge colleagues who could not go this year to submit an application to Professor Lèbano in early January. An announcement to all members will be sent at that time.

AATI Meeting in Anaheim, CA

I should like to express my appreciation to Professor Kleinhenz and his Program Committee (Professors Cannon, Cervigni, Forti-Lewis, and Ms. Leonardi) for preparing a Program for the AATI meeting in Anaheim, CA, in conjunction with ACTFL. This continued partnership with ACTFL will ensure our presence with a national umbrella association and, at the same time, give our members the opportunity to attend either or both meetings organized by the AATI this year. We are aware that for some members it is more convenient to attend the California meeting, while for others the annual meeting in Italy may be more convenient.

I should like to urge the AATI presenters at this conference to accept the invitation of the Editors of the *AATI Newsletter* and to submit to them a shortened version of the papers for publication in the Spring issue.

AATI Meeting in Italy

I am pleased to report that the Program for the annual AATI conference to be held in Chianciano Terme, Perugia, and Siena is almost complete. A Tentative Program is published in this issue of the *Newsletter*. Again, I am grateful to Professor Kleinhenz and his Committee (identified above) for putting together an excellent program. To date, there are over 180 speakers and a few other colleagues are being contacted to confirm their presence.

As you can see from the program, the response from colleagues living in Italy has been very enthusiastic.

In addition to various Italianists, we are fortunate to have the presence

of several Italian female novelists such as Dacia Maraini, Lidia Ravera and Sandra Petrigiani. We are also very pleased to have among us the novelists Saverio Strati and Giorgio Bassani. From the United States, we have our own Giose Rimanelli.

I am currently attempting to finalize plans for a session on Corrado Alvaro since this year Italy celebrates the 100th anniversary of his birth. The novelist Saverio Strati who has met Alvaro will reminisce on the this *scrittore calabrese*.

Strati himself will be the subject of a session which is chaired by the *rettore* of the Università per Stranieri, Perugia, Professoressa Paola Bianchi DeVecchi.

In view of the fact that Federico Fellini often went to Chianciano and that the movie *8 1/2* was filmed at the Hotel Excelsior where the AATI Conference is taking place, I felt it would be most appropriate to have a session on Fellini. Professor Mauro Barni, *rettore* of the Università per Stranieri, Siena, will chair that session. Vincenzo Mollica, *corrispondente speciale* to TGI, RAI, will pay homage to Fellini by recalling some personal anecdotes.

I am pleased to inform the membership that the selected proceedings will be published in a special issue of *Il Veltro*. I am grateful to Professoressa Virginia Cappelletti, *redattore capo e direttore responsabile* of this prestigious journal, for accepting to publish approximately 100 *interventi*. Colleagues wishing to have their papers considered for publication in the Proceedings should send their 4 copies of their *intervento* to Prof.ssa Virginia Cappelletti, Redattore capo e direttore responsabile, *Il Veltro*, Via S. Nicola de' Cesarini, 3, 00186 Roma before November 30. Each paper must not exceed 1900 words (4 pages of *Il Veltro* when printed). The Editorial Committee will consist of the two *rettori* Barni and DeVecchi with Mollica as President of the AATI. Cappelletti, as *Redattore capo* of the journal, will chair the selection committee. Space is at a premium and only a 400-page issue will be published. We are grateful to Dr. Antonio Augenti, Direttore, Di-

rezione Generale degli Scambi Culturali, for accepting to fund the publication of the proceedings by providing complimentary copies to all AATI members.

I have extended an invitation to Susanna Agnelli, Minister of External Affairs to bring greetings on behalf of the Italian government. A similar invitation has been extended to both the American and Canadian Ambassador in Rome to bring greetings on behalf of the United States and Canadian governments respectively. I have received a note from Carol Ludwig, the Cultural Attaché in Rome, that either the Ambassador or his representative will be present. An invitation has also been sent to H.E. Boris Biancheri, the Italian Ambassador in Washington. You will recall that Ambassador Biancheri was present at our annual Conference in San Antonio in Texas and was one who strongly encouraged us to pursue the idea of a meeting in Italy.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank Ambassador Biancheri for his support and congratulate him on behalf of the AATI for his recent appointment as *segretario generale* to the Ministry of External Affairs in Rome.

Invitations to other dignitaries are being sent as soon as the program is finalized. We are confident that we will have approximately 250-300 colleagues at this conference since the response from colleagues living in Italy has been very positive and supportive.

In view of the fact that we have quite a full three days, I would urge that speakers keep to the allotted time. This is crucial if the conference is to run smoothly.

And finally...

There are still some flights available. We urge, however, that you inform Professor Kleinhenz as soon as possible since we will have to book the flights with Alitalia and notify the hotel for accommodations.

There are dozens of people to thank for this Conference. Space does not allow me to do at this time. I will, however, take the necessary space and identify them in the final program.

Arrivederci a Chianciano!...