



Italy - U.S. University Partnerships Forum

Fostering Match-making Opportunities and Strengthening Existing Collaborations
in Education and Research

25 January 2017 (9.00 am – 5.00 pm)

Embassy of Italy, 3000 Whitehaven St. NW, Washington D.C.

Agenda

- h. 8.45-9.15** **Registration**
- h. 9.15- 9.45** Welcome Addresses
Min. Maurizio Greganti, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Italy
- Opening Remarks
Montague Demment, Vice President, Association of Public & Land-grant Universities (APLU)
Kathleen Larmett, Executive Director, National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA)
Adrian Erlinger, Program Manager for Innovation, American Councils for International Education (ACIE)
Dr. Darla Deardorff, Executive Director, Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA)
- h. 9.45 -10.00** **Overview: Italy – U.S. Science and Technology Cooperation Agreement**
Office of science and technologies Affairs – Embassy of Italy
- h. 10.00-12.00** **Presentation of the Italian University System:**
- The Italian HE system in a snapshot*
Prof. Fabio Rugge, Rector Università di Pavia and CRUI Delegate for International Relations
- Teaching and learning in Italian universities*
Prof. Massimo Carpinelli, Rector of Università di Sassari
- The excellence of Italian research*
Prof. Michele Bugliesi, Rector of Università “Ca’ Foscari” di Venezia
- The engagement of Italian universities for knowledge transfer*
Prof. Giorgio Sulligoi, Deputy Rector, University of Trieste
- The international dimension of the Italian HE system*
Prof. Fabio Rugge
- h. 12.00-13.00** *Light Lunch*
- h. 13.00-16.00** **Thematic Sessions on perspectives for bilateral collaboration**
(short presentations of best practices / examples of good practice by each side followed by discussion)

1. Collaboration in research

Topics: Food security and safe nutrition; Water management, Cyber security smartcities, materials science, advanced manufacture, social sciences and humanities, Global challenges (es. Migration),

Key questions

- What are the best examples of partnerships between US and Italian universities in research?
- What are the most important obstacles to research collaboration that universities face, and what are the best ways to overcome these challenges?
- What are the specific funding programs with the US and EU that can be used as vehicles to spur collaboration? How can these programs be used most effectively?
- Research infrastructure sharing – cost optimization and portfolio aggregation
- How leverage each Scientific excellence and be more strategic locally and globally.

Action Items identification

2. Collaboration in Academics / teaching/education

Topics: Student exchange, study abroad programs, academic exchange, joint educational programs,

Key questions

- Aligning Italian and US university degree programs has a number of opportunities and potential inherent obstacles. What are these, and what are the best examples of how they have been overcome? How we scale up best practice and aggregate common interest.
- What are examples of truly innovative joint academic programs between US and Italian universities?
- How we could be more strategic leveraging actual collaboration with third countries (Asia, Africa, Latin Americas

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3. Collaboration in knowledge transfer, public services, technology transfer, innovation

Topics: Tech transfer, accelerator and incubation programs, Public Private Partnership supporting research and commercialization.

Key questions

- What are common, and unique, challenges that Italian and US universities face in partnering with the private sector?
- How can Italian and US universities best work collaboratively in the development of industry partnerships?
- Give examples of innovative university programs that partner with or support industries in particular with Us companies that operate in Italy /Italian companies that operate in the US .
- How we can aggregate actual-potential collaboration with industries in order to be more competitive in the global market. Be more attractive building a strategic capability portfolio

Action Items identification

h. 16.00-16.20

Break

h. 16.20-17.00

Wrap up and Conclusions

Each lead of the break out session will report in plenary a short description of the discussion, relevant best practice, opportunities and bottle neck to boost the IT -US collaboration, action items to be implemented in the 2017.

17.00 – End

h. 17.00

Networking Reception