



## International Studies Summer Institutes for Teachers

### *"The Italian Roots of Western Culture"*

Bologna, Bolzano, Mantua, Ferrara, Venice  
July 4 - July 15, 2005

Organized by FACDIS

The West Virginia Consortium for Faculty and Course Development in International Studies

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### APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2005

This summer program will take participants on a twelve-day tour of northern Italy, exposing them to a rich cultural heritage stretching from the Bronze Age to the twentieth century. Participants will acquire resources relating to the teaching of history, art history, politics, religion, economics, and, of course, Italian, as they visit some of Italy's most important cultural centers. Visits will be made to Bologna, famous for its medieval towers and site of the first university in Europe (founded in 1088); to Mantua and Ferrara, centers of Italian renaissance art; to the alpine town of Bolzano and its famous "Ice Man" museum; and to Venice, a world cultural landmark—just to mention a few of the planned activities. Participants will also have the opportunity to learn some rudimentary Italian.

This trip will be led by Anastella Vester (PhD) and Matthew Vester (PhD). Anastella Vester is a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Foreign Languages at WVU, where she coordinates the Italian program and the minor program in Italian Studies. She teaches beginning through advanced Italian grammar and Italian conversation and writing. Her own research focuses on literature and history under Italian Fascism. Matthew Vester is an Assistant Professor in the History Department where he teaches Western Civilization and courses on European and Italian history from the Middle Ages through the Renaissance and Early Modern Periods. He has published several articles on political culture in sixteenth-century Italy and France.

#### What Will Teachers Receive?

The trip includes roundtrip economy transatlantic flight from Washington Dulles International Airport to Bologna, Italy, airport transfers, lodging, 10 breakfasts, 4 dinners, travel (using public transportation), entrance fees and guides, and regular education activities led by 2 FACDIS professors. Participants are asked to contribute \$600 toward the trip; FACDIS will pay the remainder. Given the difficulties of predicting how many Euros the dollar will buy in six months, the total price remains uncertain, but the FACDIS share will be at least \$1,500. Please see attached for proposed itinerary.

#### What are Costs to Teachers?

- Teachers must pay \$600 towards the cost of the trip. Payment is due in our office (**check made payable to West Virginia University**) by April 1, after acceptance into the program.
- Three hours of professional development graduate credit will be available through West Virginia University, for a cost to teacher of \$109.00 for the three hours.
- Participants must have a valid passport.
- Participants should obtain their own travel/medical protection insurance as well as necessary travel inoculations.

In addition, teachers must cover costs of transportation to/from Washington Dulles International Airport, all lunches, 6 dinners, optional tour activities and other personal costs.

**Course Requirements:**

As a follow-up to the trip, teachers will be required to submit lesson plans for a curriculum unit on Italy, and should teach it in their classes as appropriate during the year. Lesson plans should cover a minimum of 5-7 regular class periods. Lesson plans will be due in the FACDIS Office by **September 30, 2005**.

**Selection of Participants:**

In the very likely event that more applications are received than can be accepted, the personal statements/ essays will be important factors in the final selection process. You may want to discuss: how your experience in Italy will likely affect your classes (be as specific as possible); evidence of any teaching experiences which you wish to share (e.g. teaching awards); and how your professional goals and values might be fulfilled by this opportunity. Also, teachers who have met their past academic responsibilities with FACDIS will be given additional consideration.

**Responsibility:** West Virginia University (WVU) and FACDIS serve only to assist in arranging travel for its participating constituents and does not in any way represent or act as agent for transportation carriers and other suppliers of services connected with this tour. Travel and services are subject only to the terms and conditions under which such accommodations, services and transportation are offered or provided, and WVU and National Travel Service, our travel agent, are not liable for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or other irregularity which may be caused by the defect or any vehicle or the negligence or default of any company or person engaged in carrying out or performing any of the services involved. Additionally, responsibility is not accepted for losses or expenses caused by sickness, weather, strikes, wars, natural disasters, or other such causes. All services and accommodations are subject to the laws of the country in which they are provided. WVU and National Travel reserve the right to change the published itinerary whenever, in their sole judgment, conditions warrant, or if they deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of the tour participants. They also reserve the right to decline to accept any person as a member of the tour or to require any participant to withdraw from the tour at any time, when such action is determined by the appropriate tour leader to be in the best interests of the health, safety, and general welfare of the tour group or of the individual participants. National Travel also reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure for any reason, included, but not limited to tours based on a minimum number of participants.

**Please complete attached application and return to Gretchen Peterec at WVU by MARCH 1, 2005.**

Gretchen Peterec, Assistant Director, FACDIS  
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**Applicants will be notified as soon as possible after the deadline of their acceptance into the trip, and will then need to send the payment of \$600 (check made payable to West Virginia University) TO BE RECEIVED in our office by April 1, 2005.**

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(Please print or type):

Name (as will appear on passport): \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

School Name and Address \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone \_\_\_\_\_ School Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Subjects/grade(s) you teach \_\_\_\_\_

College Degree(s) and Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Passport Number or Date Applied for Passport: \_\_\_\_\_

If you already have passport: Date of Passport Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_ Where issued: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Obtain passport application from U.S. Post Office. Detailed passport information can be obtained from  
<http://www.travel.state.gov/passport>

Three hours of professional development graduate credit from WVU will be available for \$109.00 Please indicate if you wish to receive credit: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No, I do not need credit

(Note: Credit cannot be used towards degree requirement at WVU.)

**Personal Statement:** On an attached sheet, in a brief essay (minimum 250 words) please discuss your reasons for wanting to visit Italy and your plans to incorporate what you learn into the classes you teach. Please elaborate on any related study or experience. (See “Selection of Participants” on attached information sheet for guidance on essay.)

**Letter from Supervisor:** Please submit a letter from principal or other supervisor that includes verification of your status and teaching assignment, and confirming that you will be assigned to a teaching responsibility that will permit you to include material on the Italian experience in classes that you teach.

THANK YOU. APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 1, 2005

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**Proposed Schedule**

- Monday, 4 July: Departure from Washington Dulles International Airport
- Tuesday, 5 July: Arrive in Bologna  
Visit Bologna, group dinner
- Wednesday, 6 July: Visit Bologna, take train to Ferrara
- Thursday, 7 July: Visit Ferrara, take train to Mantua
- Friday, 8 July: Visit Mantua, take train to Trento  
Group dinner in Trento
- Saturday, 9 July: Morning: Visit Bolzano (30-minute train ride from Trento)  
Afternoon: Visit Trento
- Sunday, 10 July: Morning: Visit Rovereto’s museum of modern art (important display of Italian futurism)  
Afternoon: Visit Riva del Garda (on Lake Garda)  
Return to Trento
- Monday, 11 July: Morning: Take train to Padua  
Afternoon: Visit vineyard in the Colli Euganei, outside Padua
- Tuesday, 12 July: Morning: Visit Padua  
Afternoon: Take train to Venice, visit Venice
- Wednesday, 13 July: Visit Venice
- Thursday, 14 July: Visit Venice /take train to Bologna
- Friday, 15 July: Departure from Bologna airport