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Dante Alighieri Society of Massachusetts
41, Hampshire Street Cambridge, MA 02139 USA

First Conference of the United States and Canada Chapters

Strategies for the diffusion of Italian language and culture in the United States and Canada

Boston, April 23, 2010

9:00 A. M: Registration

Opening Statements:

9:45 A.M: Liborio Stellino, Consul General of Italy, Boston

10:15 A.M.: Spencer Di Scala, Ph. D., President, Dante Alighieri Society of Massachusetts, Professor of History, University of Massachusetts Boston

10:30 A.M.: Welcoming Remarks: Officials of the Dante Alighieri Society of Massachusetts

The Dante Alighieri: Language and Culture

11:00 A.M.: Alessandro Masi, Secretary General of the Dante Alighieri Society, Rome: “Italian language, culture, and art”

12:00 Noon: Paolo Verri, Director, *Comitato 150*: “The 150th anniversary of Italian unification as the occasion for a dialogue with Italian communities abroad”

Question and Answer Session

1:00 P.M.: Lunch (independent)

3:00 P.M.: Carlo Cipollone, Director, Educational Office, Consulate General of Italy in Boston: “Creating an institutional system to promote and certify a modern method of teaching Italian language”

The Dante Alighieri: International Aspects

3:30 P.M.: Round Table Discussion, US and Canadian chapters, Dante Alighieri Society

The Dante Alighieri and Teaching Italian: The PLIDA Program

4:30 P.M.: Silvia Giugni, Director of editorial planning for PLIDA publications: “Not only certification: PLIDA Publication planning, didactic materials, refresher courses for teachers, and AUDA course plans”

5:00 P.M.: Luca Bonomi, President of the Siena Chapter of the Dante Alighieri Society: “PLIDA Certification; PLIDA Junior: certification for secondary school students”

With the participation of area High School teachers and college professors