

Dear Readers,

I am very pleased and honored to be able to introduce this guide. The EDUITALIA Association, which operates throughout the world to promote and add value to the realm of Italian Culture, and strong in the educational support of its member institutions, offers magnificent courses and programs for International Students aimed at opening minds and hearts to Italian Culture. This is a primary role in the plan for internationalization of the Italian educational system, in view of the challenges that we all face in the era of global interaction.

The spread of Eduitalia activities in the major Italian centers of cultural and historical prestige, and the wide selection of programs offered in the Italian Language and in other world languages, including English and Spanish, qualifies Eduitalia as one of the prime entities ready to operate within the global environment and capable of reaching the majority of the global public.

The Eduitalia Guide constitutes an agile instrument which, placed in the hands of an international student, assists him or her in finding the right course for his/her individual taste in the city, region or province of his or her choice and for the duration of his or her preference.

The international learner has numerous options offered by the associates of Eduitalia in choosing the academic trip of choice in the various disciplines available, including Italian Language, Italian Art, Sculpture, Fine Arts, Painting, Design, Fashion, Law, Economics, Communications, Sports, Cinema, Archeology, Culinary Arts, Music, Media, International Relations, Theatre, etc., etc.

The Challenges of Globalization are calling us all - experts in education, politics, state institutions, economics - to define conditions so that young people and lifelong learners of different countries throughout the world can understand the global dimension that regulates our career and life paths.

The educational framework that EDUITALIA puts at the service of international students allows them to expand and exploit their possibilities and choices, and offers them the opportunity of integrating and expanding their knowledge in a logical interdisciplinary framework. The knowledge parameters, aside from personal choice and influence, allow each global citizen to become an active leader in a rapidly changing world, and in a world market which increasingly becomes more internationally competitive.



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*Prof. Enzo Scotti, Secretary of State for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs is, by vocation, open to all projects of internationalization that entities such as Eduitalia propose through their very existence. It is for this reason that Italian foreign policy is particularly sensitive to the issue of international student exchange programs promoted by schools and universities that offer courses for foreign students. It is with pleasure that I, as Secretary of State for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy, welcome each student that comes in contact with our national language and culture. Stating that thousands of young people choose Italy as their study abroad destination allows our country to have precious messengers of our "Made in Italy" concept, which, for many aspects, is what makes us famous in the world.

In the formation of each young person, it is fundamental to have experiences in environments far from their own in order to relate themselves to other cultures, compare different ways of life, and to meet other young people from different nations.

The fact that thousands of young foreigners understand our language and culture, admire our art and music as well as have the chance to study that which makes us famous (fashion, painting, sculpture, design, filmmaking, sports etc.) renders Italy a key player in the eyes of the world.

The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs works in synergy with Eduitalia since many years. Among the many projects which are under way are those promoting the Study Abroad initiative, which was put into action by Eduitalia through their visibility on many of Italy's official informative portals around the world.

Eduitalia proposes itself as a referral point by offering information on the quality and reliability of the various associations in the study abroad field. They act as a valuable aide to the Italian consular network which, by issuing student visas in accordance with the law, can count on Eduitalia's monitoring the various schools and universities where prospective students intend to carry out their course of study.

I would like to offer my best wishes to all the readers of the Eduitalia Guide 2010 – Study in Italy. I am certain that each cultural exchange will not only be an important factor in the personal growth of each student, but also a crucial element in the exposure of our country's progress, which is particularly important in light of the upcoming EXPO to be held in Milan in 2015.



*On. Stefania Craxi, Secretary of State for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs*