

LA PAGINA DI MARIA
Co.As.It Italian Network Leader
Northern Metropolitan Region



INFORMATION & DIARY DATES TERM 2, 2010

Italian Language Assistants Induction Program 12-16 April

The Italian Language Assistants will be arriving on Monday 12 April. The Network Leaders and Umberto Martinengo, Education Programs Co-ordinator will be facilitating the Induction Program for the assistants during this week to inform them of the Victorian school system and their role/responsibilities. The assistants will be placed in both primary and secondary schools across regions.

VATI Congress 2010

A reminder that the **VATI Congress** will be held on **Friday 30 April** at the Darebin Arts & Entertainment Centre.

For registration details please refer to VATI website: <http://www.vati.vic.edu.au/>

VATI:Italian Language Immersion PD & Maintenance Classes

The **Italian Immersion PDs** will take place on Friday 28 – Sunday 30 May (**Advanced level**) and Friday 4 – Sunday 6 June (**Intermediate level**) at The Grange Bellinzona in Hepburn Springs.

Language Maintenance Classes (intermediate & advanced) for teachers of Italian will commence Tuesday 4 May & Thursday 6 May. These courses of 5 weekly sessions will be conducted in Italian and subsidised by VATI. The aim of the short courses is to improve and/or maintain teacher's skills in spoken and written Italian. Cost of courses: VATI members \$30; non members: \$50.

For further information and registration details for any of the activities above, please refer to VATI website: <http://www.vati.vic.edu.au/>

Melbourne Italian Festival 2010

The date for this year's festival is Saturday 22 May-6 June. The festival in conjunction with the Italian Institute of Culture in Melbourne, will celebrate the 64th anniversary of the Italian Republic. For further information regarding events refer to the website: <http://www.melbourneitalianfestival.com.au/> or www.iicmelbourne.esteri.it/ This is a good opportunity for students learning Italian to be immersed in celebrating an important event in Italian history-the birth of the Italian Republic.

MLTAV Conference

The Modern Languages Teachers' Association of Victoria Conference will be held on Friday 14 May at Conference Centre, Karstens at CQ, 123 Queen St. Melbourne. For further information and registration details please refer to MLTAV website: <http://www.mltav.asn.au/>

Italian Education on-line kits at Melbourne Museum

The education kits are based on the themes of dinosaurs and animals and include self guided language activities for two new exhibitions called *Dinosaur Walk* and *Wild*. For further information refer to web-links below:

<http://museumvictoria.com.au/melbournmuseum/education/education-kits/il-mondo-dei-dinosauri/>

<http://museumvictoria.com.au/melbournmuseum/education/education-kits/il-mondo-degli-animali/>

Italian Commedia dell'Arte performances

Make a scene performance of 'Arlecchino e La Principessa' will be held on May 13, 14 & 15 (1pm & 7pm) at Northcote Town Hall. Teachers free with school bookings. For information/bookings contact Rosa 9495 1980 or www.makeascene.com.au

For any enquiries or assistance related to the teaching of Italian in the Northern Metropolitan Region please contact Maria Brancolino

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LOTE MEETINGS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TERM 2

**Please refer to next pages for further details & registration*

ON-LINE Registration for Professional Development in 2010

Please Note: Registrations for PD offered are entered online using the PD Online system. LOTE teachers interested in any of the PD listed must now register using this system. Please see information at the end of this newsletter for details regarding how to register for new/previous users.

Italian Network Meetings: held after school hours 4.15-6.00

Information & dates for meetings will be forwarded to the relevant network groups during the term.

- **Whittlesea Network:** Monday 19 April at Plenty Parklands PS
- **Inner Nth Network:** Thursday 22 April at Merri Creek PS
- **Hume Network:** Thursday 29 April at Roxburgh Secondary College & Thursday 20 May at Sunbury Secondary College
- **Nilumbik/Whittlesea Network:** Thursday 6 May at Apollo Parkways PS

NORTHERN METROPOLITAN REGION

**CO.AS.IT: ITALIAN NETWORK LEADER: MARIA BRANCOLINO
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TERM 2, 2010**

1. Analysing Question Types in preparation for VCE LOTE Examinations

A session for VCE Teachers of LOTE

THURSDAY 6 MAY 12.30-3.00 pm

Venue: Northern Metropolitan Region

Level 2, Meeting Room 2.4

189 Urquhart St. Coburg

(off Bell St, turn into Alva Grove: MAP 17 H 12)

Parking available on site

This session is being held to provide support for later Years/VCE LOTE teachers (Years 10-12). The session will focus on analysing question types & discussing strategies to prepare & assist students for the LOTE examinations.

Facilitators: Adrienne Horrigan (guest speaker: Project Manager, LOTE at VCAA)
Maria Brancolino (Co.As.It Italian Network leader)
Lidia Faranda (LOTE Project Officer, Northern Metropolitan Region)

Cost: \$30 including lunch (please refer to PD on-line registration for details)
Please do not send cheques as an invoice will be generated through the online registration process which will be sent to the school

2. Teaching Second Languages Workshop

A session for CEO Primary & Secondary Teachers of Italian in Ballarat

TUESDAY 11- WEDNESDAY 12 MAY 9.00-4.30 pm

Venue: Mercure Hotel and Convention Centre

Main Rd, Ballarat

This 2 day workshop will explore methodology and best practice in teaching a second language; as well as teachers planning units of work incorporating the strategies and information presented.

Facilitators: Maria Brancolino (Co.As.It Italian Network leader)
Carla Woodruff (Education Officer LOTE, Catholic Education, Ballarat)

Cost: Refreshments, lunch & materials provided
Please note that this workshop is for Ballarat teachers only. Registration is through the CEO Network (contact Carla Woodruff)

3. Planning for a quality LOTE Program

A session for Primary & Secondary Teachers of Italian

THURSDAY 20 MAY 9.00-3.00 pm

Venue: Northern Metropolitan Region

Level 2, Conference Room (2.1 & 2.2)

189 Urquhart St. Coburg

(off Bell St, turn into Alva Grove: MAP 17 H 12)

This workshop will explore the characteristics of a quality LOTE program and will include teaching strategies and the use of various LOTE documents (e.g. VELs & Professional Standards Project for Languages, DWEER initiative). LOTE teachers will reflect on current practice and have the opportunity to develop integrated units of work.

Participants are requested to bring ideas for topics of interest and relevant resources for the planning part of the session.

Facilitators: Maria Brancolino (Co.As.It Italian Network leader)
Lidia Faranda (LOTE Project Officer, Northern Metropolitan Region)

Cost: \$50 (includes refreshments, lunch & handouts)

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4. ICT: Languages on Line Cartoon Maker PD
A practical session for Primary & Secondary Teachers of Italian
WEDNESDAY 9 JUNE
Session 1: 9.00-12.00 pm

OR

Session 2: 1.00-4.00 pm (*repeat of morning session*)

Venue: VSL (Victorian Schools of Languages)
Computer Lab
315 Clarendon St. Thornbury

*An interactive, practical session for teachers interested in integrating ICT and LOTE. The team from Languages On-Line, will present the new Cartoon Maker tool that teachers can utilise to enhance their LOTE program. **Please note: teachers can choose either the morning or afternoon session.***

Facilitators: Stuart Miller and Nancy Posterino
Maria Brancolino (Co.As.It Italian Network leader)
Lidia Faranda (LOTE Project Officer, Northern Metropolitan Region)

Cost: \$30 (refreshments & material provided)

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OTHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- **LOTE Coordinator's Program 2010**

A professional development program for LOTE teachers to develop their leadership skills in order to improve LOTE learning outcomes for all students. This five-day program in its second year, is presented by both the Western & Northern Metropolitan Regions: LOTE Project Officer, Christine Bozin, WMR; Lidia Faranda, LOTE Project Officer, NMR and Maria Brancolino, Co.As.It Italian Network Leader NMR. The workshops will be held on the following dates: **Term 2:** 26 May; **Term 3:** 4 August & 14 September and **Term 4:** 11 November.

NORTHERN REGION PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REGISTRATION: TERM 2 ,2010

Registration: Please note that registration is now on-line. Refer to directions to register for any workshop below. If you are experiencing any difficulty please contact me on 9488 9461 or email brancolino.maria.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Using PD Online

Registrations for professional development activities are entered online using the PD Online system. The address for PD Online is <http://www.pd-online.com.au/>.

Users should either login or request an account via the [PD Online](#) homepage.

Each participant must have an account before they can register for any activities.

For personnel employed by the Department, the PD Online system only accepts an EduMail address, which is an address that has: your surname.given name.initial@edumail.vic.gov.au. Please do not use a private email address when registering for activities. Also, do not use the school's EduMail address.

If you have difficulties logging in go to the Help button on the front page. The online administrator will reply to your email as soon as possible.

First time users

- Click on this hyperlink and follow the instructions [Request an account](#). **There is no cost involved to request & set up an account.**
- Remember to click on Send Request at the bottom of the page after you have entered all your details.
- An account, including your passphrase, will be generated as quickly as possible. However, you may need to allow a day for this.

Previous users

- Click on [Login to PD Online](#) and select the activity you wish to attend by ticking the appropriate box.

Registering for a PD

Click on 'Register for a new PD':

- Scroll down to the name(s) of courses in which you wish to attend and to register click the box.
- Then scroll down to the bottom of the page and confirm you have approval to attend the selected course by clicking the box.
- Then click 'Register for selected PD course'.

You will receive a confirmation email if you have registered successfully.

Multiple sessions

Some programs include multiple sessions. When you register for the first session you will automatically be registered for the other sessions. You **do not** need to register for each individual session.

More information

If you want to see the full details of a course when registering, scroll down to the heading '*More Information*' and download the file.

Payment

The PD Online system will automatically generate a Tax Invoice which will be forwarded to your school at the end of each month.

This invoice will cover professional development activities undertaken by school staff and organised through PD Online for that month.

Invoices will be emailed to the school's account each month.

Withdrawing from activities

If you have registered for an activity via PD Online and find that you are unable to attend:

- **Withdraw from the activity using the following online process. This will ensure that your school will not be invoiced for your attendance at the activity.**
- Go to [Login to PD Online](#) and scroll down to 'Withdrawals'. Click on 'Withdrawal from a PD' and the name(s) of courses in which you are enrolled will come up.
- Click on the Cancel? button and follow the instructions to withdraw from the course(s) in which you are enrolled.

You will receive a confirmation email if you have successfully withdrawn from the course(s).