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The newsletter was created in order to maintain links between the Organisation and its Alumni.

It also seeks to provide old and new members alike belonging to different generations, professions and interests with information and opportunities for reflection on all aspects of the organisation's activities.

14 December 2005

50th Anniversary of Italy's admission to the United Nations

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Historical Archives and Documentation Service), together with SIOI, also celebrated this event with the publication of a volume entitled
Objective UN – Italy and the United Nations - 1945 - 1955

The publication, including some unpublished documents, reports on the decade that preceded Italy's admission to the UN and underlines the role played and the initiatives taken by our Organization in this context.

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YESTERDAY

24 October 2005 – The United Nations' 60th Anniversary

The Opening of the LVII edition of the Preparatory Course for Diplomatic Career

The President of the SIOI, Umberto La Rocca and Maurizio Enrico Serra, Director of the Diplomatic Institute of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs were present.

90 participants –selected out of 146– attended the two sections of the course dedicated to **Tomaso Perassi** and **Umberto Morra di Lavriano**.

Tomaso Perassi was the first vice-president of the Organisation (in office from 1944 to 1961). He was a renowned jurist, expert in international law, member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, judge of the Constitutional Court, member of the Constituent Assembly and thus one of the fathers of our Constitution.

Umberto Morra di Lavriano was Director, then Secretary-General and eventually Vice President of the Organisation. He was also Director of the Italian Cultural Institute in London and Honorary President of the World Federation of the U.N. Associations.

The 90 participants come from different Italian regions and in particular from the Faculties of:

- Law in Bologna, Cagliari, Lecce, Milan, Naples, Palermo, Parma, Pisa, Rome (La Sapienza, Tor Vergata and LUISS) and Reggio Calabria;
- Economics, Business Administration in Milan, Rome and Pisa;
- Political Sciences in Bari, Bologna, Cagliari, Catania, Florence, Palermo, Perugia, Rome (La Sapienza, Tor Vergata e LUISS) Siena and Teramo;
- Diplomatic and International Sciences in Bologna, Forlì, Genoa, Naples, Pisa, Turin, Gorizia and International Relations in Nottingham.

After the opening a meeting was organized by SIOI in collaboration with the UNICRI on the occasion of the **Celebration of the United Nation's Day**. Umberto La Rocca, Gioacchino Polimeni, Director of UNICRI and Umberto Leanza, professor of International Law at "Tor Vergata" University of Rome attended the meeting.

The new Training Course for Experts in EU Affairs

The Course is divided into a theoretical and a practical part which includes a series of exercises on planning and accession to European structural funds. At the end of the course, SIOI offers to selected participants the opportunity to do "internship" in the public and private sectors.

All information is available on the site: http://www.sioi.org/corso_formaz_operatore.htm

The next issue will be March - April 2006.

Piemonte Branch

Amongst the initiatives for the 60 years of the United Nations, a number of meetings have been organized in Turin on the themes of **"The United Nations Reform"**; on the 27th October on **"The United Nations: Development and Reform of the Collective Security System"**, with the participation of Andrea de Guttry and Fabrizio Pagani, and on the 28th October on: **"Italy's position on UN reform"**, with Giampaolo Bettamio, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Lombardia Branch

The Branch, in collaboration with the Department of International Studies of the University of Milan and the Army General Staff – Cimic Group South – held a workshop in Milan from the 23rd to the 25th November on: “Civilian and military Cooperation in international crisis”.

Conferences and Seminars

The Italian Cooperation Days

On the 28th November a seminar was organized in collaboration with UNICRI and UNICEF, and with the participation of VIS and the Development of Information and Education Centre, regarding “Juvenile Justice: rights denied. Strategies and actions”.

The two-part seminar dealt with “International Guidelines on Juvenile Justice” and “Development Cooperation for juvenile rights to justice”.

Other participants included: Umberto La Rocca; Giovanni Conso, President of the SIOI Human Rights Committee; Manlio Giuffrida, Directorate General for Development Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Gioacchino Polimeni, Director of UNICRI; Laura Baldassarre, from UNICEF Italy; Enrico Pianetta, President of Human Rights Commission, Senate of the Republic; Marcella Lucidi, Law Committee of the Chamber of Deputies; Rosario Priore, Head of Department of Juvenile Justice, Ministry of Justice; Marco Calgaro, Deputy Mayor of Turin; Paola Viero, Thematic Juvenile referent- UTC, Directorate General for Development Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Elisabetta Bianca Meandri, President of CIES; Gianluca Antonelli, Director General of VIS.

http://www.sioi.org/le_conferenze.htm

The 1st of December, on the occasion of the World HIV – AIDS Day 2005, a Conference on “Stop AIDS: keep the promises” was held in cooperation with UNICRI, UNRIC (The United Nations Regional Information Centre for Western Europe), ILO, UNICEF, the Italian Observatory for global action against AIDS, Superior Health Institute, OIM, UNAIDS, CGIL, CISL and UIL.

Participants were: Umberto La Rocca; Giorgio Guglielmino, Head Office I, Directorate General for Development Cooperation of MFA; Antonio Sclavi, Italy UNICEF President; Maurizio Bussi, Senior Technical Specialist ILO Geneva; Maria Elena Andreotti, Executive Officer UNICRI; Giuseppe Masala, expert on Public Health OMS; Marco Florida, Public Health expert ISS; Michela Martini, Manager for Migration and HIV, OIM; Rosemary Navarrete, legal expert IDLO; Roberto Polillo, Manager for Health Policies, CGIL; Loretta Peschi, President of the Italian AIDS Observatory. RAI journalist Fabio Cortese led the debate.

In this context an art exhibition "FIGLI DELL'AFRICA" by Cristiano and Patrizio Alviti and a photograph exhibition by Tina Imbriano, Zonta International were organized.

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On the **10th December, the 57th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights**, SIOI organized the "**Paolo Ungari**" Award Ceremony in collaboration with LIDU (Lega Italiana Diritti dell'Uomo. The late Professor Paolo Ungari was a renowned expert in political affairs and a member and counsellor of the Organization.

The 2005 award was given to the Mayor of Rome Walter Veltroni, for his initiatives for the peoples of Africa, for the promotion of Human Rights of immigrants and political refugees', and for his condemnation of genocide and racism.

Participants were: Umberto La Rocca, President of SIOI, Giovanni Conso, President of the SIOI Human Rights' Committee, Alfredo Arpaia, President of LIDU, Maria Rita Saulle, Constitutional Court Judge and Magdi Allam, Vice Director Corriere della Sera. President Francesco Cossiga was present.

On the **12th December**, together with the American Embassy, a conference was held on "**US and Italian Priorities for UN Reform**". Participants were: Ambassador Shirin Tahir - Kheli, Senior Advisor to the US Secretary of State on UN Reform and Min. Plen. Alessandro Busacca, United Nations Coordinator, Directorate General for Multilateral Political Affairs and Human Rights of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. President of SIOI, Ambassador Umberto La Rocca introduced and led the debate.

TODAY

Specialized Training

Course on national and international Protocol.

Opening date 7th November, finishing date 19th December.

The course, organized in collaboration with the winter 2006 Olympic Games Organization Committee in Turin (TOROC), was held for Public Administration officials and for private managers involved in the organization of national and international events and for young people interested in undertaking a career in this specific field.

The programme was subdivided into the following topic areas:

National Protocol

The European Union Protocol

The United Nations Protocol

The Sovereign Military Order of Malta Protocol

The French Republic Protocol

The Olympic Protocol

The Spanish Protocol

The military and war decoration protocol

The Arab countries Protocol

The Swiss Confederation protocol

The written and friendly written rules for convivial meetings.

Information available on website: http://www.sioi.org/corso_protocollo.htm

Specialization course for European officials (in preparation for the European Union recruitment competition)

Starting date 12th December, finishing 22nd December.

This course is for graduates of all disciplines who are interested in undertaking a career in the EU Institutions, and is aimed at providing preparation for European Union open competitions.

The course is divided into two parts, one theoretical, which analyses the institutional system and different EU policies, the other, practical, with mock exams of state competitions and techniques to pass the pre-selection language exams in English and French.

http://www.sioi.org/formazione_internazionale.htm

The Campania branch was also busy organizing an **Intensive Course for European Union Competition preparation.** (from 9th to 16th January 2006)

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TOMORROW _____

International Training.....

Registration is open for

The II Level Master in International Jurisdiction (Universal and European)

(February - November 2006)

This Master is organized in cooperation with the University of Rome "Tor Vergata" and the University of Camerino, for those aspiring to operate in international or European Jurisdictions; those who intend to operate or operate already in the international relations cooperation field, those who intend to practice as lawyers, or other legal professions which require an adequate preparation both procedural and internationalistic; or those who are specializing in international juridical studies. (research graduate students, young researchers)

http://www.sioi.org/master_giurisdizioni_int.htm

Higher course in international relations

(February - June 2006)

It is run for young graduates interested in international Organizations or those wanting to work in a foreign country. The didactic activities are integrated with specific conferences and seminars.

http://www.sioi.org/corso_relazioni_intern.htm

The Course for agents in internationalization of enterprises

(March 2006)

The course aims to train experts who can provide assistance above all to firms, which operate in the south, and with specific competence over programmes and financial instruments of the European Union in the field of internalization.

Once the course is successfully completed, SIOI will offer participants an orientation service for training periods in firms and Institutions.

http://www.sioi.org/corso_specializ_agenti_int.htm

The Course for experts in EU Affairs

(February - March 2006)

This course is organized for officials and managers who belong to the private and public sector and to graduates who wish to specialise in projects and programmes management in order to undertake a EU career and/or enter the world of firms. SIOI offers young graduates the opportunity to undertake training periods both in private and public organizations.

.....and seminars and conferences

The **presentation of the programme of the Austrian Presidency of the European Union** will be held on 17th January, with the participation of : H.E. the Austrian Ambassador, Alfons Kloss, Min. Plen. Ferdinando Nelli Feroci, Director General for European Integration at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Umberto La Rocca, President of SIOI.

A **Presentation of the new Almanac of booklovers** will be held on the 20th January, in collaboration with Aldus Club (International Association of Bibliophily) and Esopo (quarterly Magazine of Bibliophilia).

Participants will be: Umberto La Rocca, Giulio Andreotti, Gianni Cervetti, Vicepresident of Aldus Club and Mario Scognamiglio, Director of Esopo.

At the end of the presentation, Umberto Eco, President of Aldus Club, will read one of his stories entitled : "Il capolavoro di uno sconosciuto".

On the **23rd January**, in collaboration with the Fulbright Italian Association, a conference will be held on: "**Democracy in the Arab world: the woman's role**" with the participation of the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Margherita Boniver, of Emma Bonino, European Deputy, and Umberto Ranieri, Vice - Chairman of the Committee for Foreign Affairs, Chamber of Deputies.

ALWAYS

Publications and Research

Here are some important articles and essays published in the last issue of the SIOI review "La Comunità Internazionale" ("The International Community") (Vol. LX fourth trimester 2005 N.4):

Paolo Savona – *The foundations of international economic coexistence in the era of globalization.*

Ferdinando Nelli Feroci – *The European Union: the Constitutional Treaty crisis and the dilemma concerning the EU enlargement.*

Umberto Leanza – *UN SUMMIT 14-16 september 2005: a missed opportunity for a general reform of the UN.*

Kenneth W. Stein – *The Quest for Arab-Israeli Peace. Israel's Disengagement from the Gaza Strip: Precedents, Motivations and Outcomes*

The articles are available on the website: http://www.sioi.org/la_rivista.htm

Regarding the publication **Objective UN – Italy and the UN - 1945 - 1955**

also on the Website: the presentation of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, and the prefaces of the Head of the Historical Archives and Documentation Service of the MFA and of the President of SIOI.

The Human Rights Committee

Chaired by Prof. Giovanni Conso, the Committee seeks to promote awareness of human rights, the European Convention on Human Rights and other international texts, which safeguard human rights.

Among the Committee activities we would like to mention the **Giuseppe Sperduti Prize**. The prize, open to all university students, is based on the resolution of a hypothetical court case through a mock debate at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

The most recent debate was won by the team from the University of Turin, coordinated by Prof. Eduardo Greppi.

The next debate will be entitled “and the wife remained alone...” taking a topic of expulsion and break-up of a family nucleus.

A **group of young researchers** has also been formed in order to examine themes of European Conventions on Human Rights. The group held its first meeting on 11th July 2005

http://www.sioi.org/comitato_diritti_umani.htm

Interview with Min. Plen. Ferdinando Nelli Feroci

Minister Plenipotentiary Ferdinando Nelli Feroci attended the Preparatory Course for the Diplomatic Career in 1971. At present he is Director General for European Integration at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Q: The Association of Ex Alumni of SIOI was created with the assumption that a common feeling exists among those who have attended the SIOI courses regarding the principles that have always inspired the actions of the Society, in accordance with its statute, with a view to contributing to fair and peaceful conditions of the International Community, to the progress of European integration and to the spreading of the recognition and defence of human rights.

Do you believe that on these bases, the Association can continue to offer- in an era of globalization and multilateralism- food for common reflections on the evolution of the International Community, on the priorities of the Italian foreign policy and on the role of our Diplomacy?

A: The Association is certainly well equipped to promote dialogue and in depth reflections on the great themes of the evolution of the International Community, of the role of the international Organizations and of an effective multilateralism and of the dynamics of the construction of Europe. Given its characteristics and its structure, the Association can provide a forum for meeting and exchange of views among people with different and very interesting professional and personal experience.

Q: Finally, do you have other suggestions on the activities that the Association might usefully carry out?

A: I would envisage an important role for the Association to play in the elaboration of training projects for young people wishing to become diplomats or international officials. Also in this case the aim should be that of putting at the disposal of the younger generations the sum of knowledge and capabilities originating from the members of the Association.

Interview with Dr. Barbara Contini

Dr. Contini attended the orientation seminar and selection for JPO in 1988. She is an expert in voluntary work and international cooperation and has played important roles for OSCE in Bosnia Erzegovina for the United Nations in Asia and in Nassiriya.

She is presently in charge of management of the Cooperation Office in Nyala, in the south of Darfur, which deals with humanitarian aid in coordination with the Italian Embassy.

Q: As a former student of a SIOI course, what is your opinion of the training acquired?

A: In my opinion the training is excellent from all its perspectives and also the course in Genoa was very interesting.

Q: In your view what kind of preparation and personal qualities should young people have if they wish to operate in the field of development cooperation?

A: They should be modest and flexible. Personally I tried to put into practice this conviction. I have always used this strategy. It is impossible to go far without personal sacrifice and working one's way up. Sacrifice and courage are an essential part of the necessary training for this kind of job and you must

always be ready to do the most humble things. Only in this way you can really learn. You must never be blunt and arrogant with “ the South of the World”

Finally you must never be afraid to teach others and say things to them. I know we live in a world of sharks but it’s more important to share something than keep to yourself. Those who are really good are not afraid to give information. But only a few do.

Interview with Gen. Gennaro Scala of Carabinieri General Brigade (retired)

*The Gen. Scala attended the orientation course and training for public officials in 1991.
He was Anti-drug Expert at the Italian Embassy in Caracas (Venezuela) for more than 6 years.
(He is presently working as a Security Operations Manager for Eni Group.)*

Q: General, You attended- if I am not mistaken – with the rank of Captain of Carabinieri one of the international Orientation and Training courses at SIOI ? Now that you have reached the peak of you career, if I could just ask you some questions regarding your memories and opinions of such an experience, from a professional, intellectual and human point of view?

A: The experience obtained in terms of intellectual and human enrichment was certainly positive and has undoubtedly had an influence on certain professional acquirements. I am grateful to the institution to which I belonged for giving me this opportunity.

Q: Your opinions and suggestions on the present programmes and activities

A: On congratulating the Society on their 60th anniversary, I would like to express my appreciation for the capacity demonstrated by the SIOI in keeping up with the evolution of the times and thus in programming new courses aimed at preparing public and private managerial classes, who sometimes lack sometimes a full knowledge of institutions and international instruments which today exist and are available. The range of courses for foreign officials and managers marks a point of integration, also in cultural terms, contributing to the improvement of international relations.

Exchanging views with readers, former students, members and friends of SIOI

We will be happy to receive any comments and observations you wish to make via e-mail: forum@sioi.org