

The Center H2CU was established in 2004 by 21 Italian Universities and 3 National Research Council Institutes with the aim to organize international academic programs dealing with the three formative steps for Italian students.

The main initiative, which has now become a routine procedure in all USA partner universities is Double Degree: a double degree entails attending a Master of Science (MS) in the last year of an Italian Laurea. Courses completed in the last two semesters in the USA are validated in Italy and a student can be awarded the Italian Laurea and the US Master.

A more advanced type of academic initiative has already been implemented in some universities affiliated with the H2CU center: the "Dual Degree". In this case, the International didactic program is established beforehand by the partner universities; the program prescribes that students attend the first year of the second degree in Italy and the second year in the USA. The program entitles the students to two awards. The initiative is bilateral so that USA students also can adhere.

Moreover, the H2CU promotes and supports study periods during which research can be conducted for dissertations, doctorate theses, post- doctorates, stages, teaching positions for young researchers and brief courses at American universities.

These activities aim at aiding and consolidating collaboration among professors in their pertinent fields of interest or among those who are about to work in such fields.

Until now more than **150** students followed the H2CU program.

US UNIVERSITIES INVOLVED IN H2CU PROGRAMS:

 **COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY** Columbia University (New York)
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



Polytechnic Institute of NYU (New York)



Pace University (New York)



MIT- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
(Cambridge/Boston)

DECEMBER 2ND, 2010

9'30 - WELCOME

LUCIO UBERTINI, DIRECTOR H2CU, SAPIENZA UNIVERSITY OF ROME
MATTEO MARZOTTO, PRESIDENT ENIT (VIDEOCONFERENCE)
RICCARDO STRANO, DIRECTOR ENIT-NYC
ROBERTO ROCCA, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MINISTRY FOR TOURISM OF ITALY

10'00 - INTRODUCTION

CLAUDIO ANGELINI, RAI JOURNALIST
MARCO ALBERTI, ITALIAN VICE-CONSUL OF ITALY IN NEW YORK
RICCARDO VIALE, DIRECTOR OF ISTITUTO ITALIANO DI CULTURA
ARMANDO PERES, PRESIDENT OF THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND UNIVERSITY EDUCATION AND TOURISM

10'30 COFFEE BREAK

10'45 - INVITED LECTURES

"RESEARCH IN NEUROSCIENCE: PROJECT ALZHEIMER"
OTTAVIO ARANCIO, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
"CYBORG SCHOOLS FISH AND ROBOFISH"
MAURIZIO PORFIRI, NYU-POLY
"ADVANCING ECO-HYDROLOGY KNOWLEDGE THROUGH FLUORESCENT PARTICLE TRACERS"
SALVATORE GRIMALDI, H2CU CENTER & TUSCIA UNIVERSITY
"INVESTMENTS IN INFRASTRUCTURES, INVESTMENTS IN CIVILIZATION"
LUCIANA BALSAMO, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
"CLIMATE CHANGES FROM DECADE TO CENTURY: FLOOD/DROUGHT DYNAMICS"
FRANCESCO CIOFFI, H2CU CENTER & ITALIAN ACADEMY

1'00 - LUNCH

2'30 - ROUND TABLE

MODERATOR: CLAUDIO ANGELINI, RAI JOURNALIST
"PACE-H2CU PROGRAMS"
VICTOR GOLDSMITH, PACE UNIVERSITY
"DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM SAPIENZA-POLY: FUTURE PERSPECTIVES"
PAOLO CAPPÀ, H2CU CENTER, SAPIENZA UNIVERSITY OF ROME
"H2CU PROGRAMS: THE ALUMNI EXPERIENCE"
STEFANO PACIFICO, H2CU ALUMNI COORDINATOR
"MEDICAL RESEARCH HAS NO BORDERS: CREATING INTER-UNIVERSITY CENTER OF EXCELLENCE"
GIOVANNI MARIA CARNOVALE, PRESIDENT OF FONDAZIONE CARNOVALE
"RESEARCH IN PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY"
NUNZIA FATICA, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
"SUMMER SCHOOL ARCHEOLOGICA COLUMBIA-SAPIENZA: UN NUOVO PROGETTO INTERNAZIONALE DI ECCELLENZA ACCADEMICA"
MARCO MAIURO, EX FELLOW-ITALIAN ACADEMY & COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
"ACADEMIC PROGRAMS IN TOURISMS ECONOMICS"
ARMANDO PERES, PRESIDENT OF THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND UNIVERSITY EDUCATION AND TOURISM

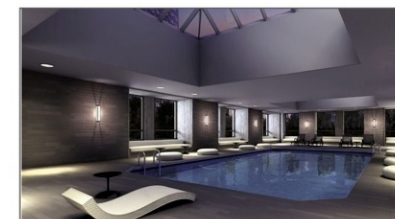
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The residence is located in Manhattan NY, 225 Rector square.
(<http://www.225rector.com/>).

The following six Universities of the H2CU Center:
Polytechnic of Bari;
University of Brescia;
University of Cassino;
University of Molise;
University of Perugia;
Sapienza University of Rome;
purchased 15 apartments in a prestigious area of New York, Battery Park (www.batteryparkcity.org), capable of accommodating 50 students.



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