

## #WeAreISSNAF



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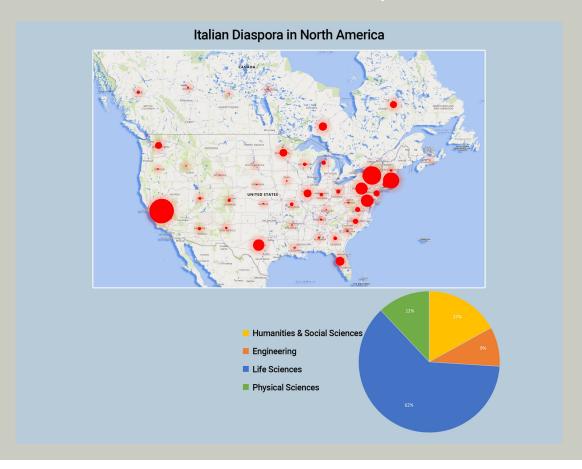


#### What is ISSNAF?

- A not-for-profit organization\* whose mission is to connect, empower and celebrate the Italian Intellectual Diaspora in North America, and to maintain and share a sense of identity and common culture
- Established in 2007 by 36 founding members including 4 Nobel Prize winners
- Has a footprint on the entire US and Canada through its local Chapters
- Can reach thousands of scholars, researchers and technologists from Italy who operate in US and Canada
- Volunteer-based organization
- Can rely on the commitment of experienced members with a proven ability to develop institutional-level programs
- Partner of the Italian Embassy in the US in initiatives supporting or involving the Diaspora
- Honored by the High Patronage of the President of the Italian Republic
- \* ISSNAF is a 501(c)(3) corporation incorporated in California



# ISSNAF Footprint in NA





## Leadership

• The Board of Directors has a broad base of experience in business and research in the public and private sector

Cinzia Zuffada, president

Enrica D'Ettorre, vice president

Pierluigi Zappacosta, treasurer and secretary

Vito Campese, executive chair of the Honorary Board

Massimo Piattelli-Palmarini, board member

Marcello Romano, board member

Alberto Salleo, board member

Maurizio Vecchione, board member

• The Honorary Board is composed of distinguished members of the community

Vito Campese, executive chair of the Honorary Board

Ambassador Mariangela Zappia, chair of the Honorary Board



#### What Does ISSNAF Do?

ISSNAF makes the Italian Intellectual Diaspora in North America accessible, recognized and nurtured

- Facilitates connections
  - Proactively seeks out the Diaspora and creates a map of where they reside in North America
  - Organizes events to promote networking and enrichment across disciplines
  - Facilitates academic, scientific and technological cooperation between Italy and North America
- Celebrates achievements and gives visibility to outstanding talents
  - ISSNAF Career Achievement Award
  - ISSNAF Awards to outstanding Early Career researchers in various fields
- Supports the newer generations
  - Young ISSNAF Mentorship Program for high-potential early-career researchers in NA, as well as Italian students interested in study/work opportunities in NA
  - Administers fellowships and internships funded by our donors



#### Why Partnering?

- ISSNAF facilitates the creation of a bridge between Italy and North America to support R&D and innovation.
- ISSNAF provides value to foundations, consortia and professional organizations by
  - Providing strategic consulting on trans-Atlantic programs
  - Facilitating technology scouting and access to innovation
  - Accessing the Diaspora, including for recruiting purposes
  - Organizing outreach, networking and sector education events
  - Creating and/or administering programs for talented researchers and students in advanced research centers in NA
- ISSNAF provides value to industrial partners by
  - Connecting them with talented young researchers
  - Facilitating technology sourcing, co-development and licensing
  - · Supporting workforce development, education, and recruiting in NA



## Why Sponsoring?

ISSNAF works with Foundations who share the mission to empower the younger generation for a better future

Our volunteers develop and manage programs directed to talented young Italians, paid for by our sponsors. Because of our low administrative costs, donations have a bigger impact.

- Tuition offset
- Research projects
- Fellowships & Internships
- Named awards



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