



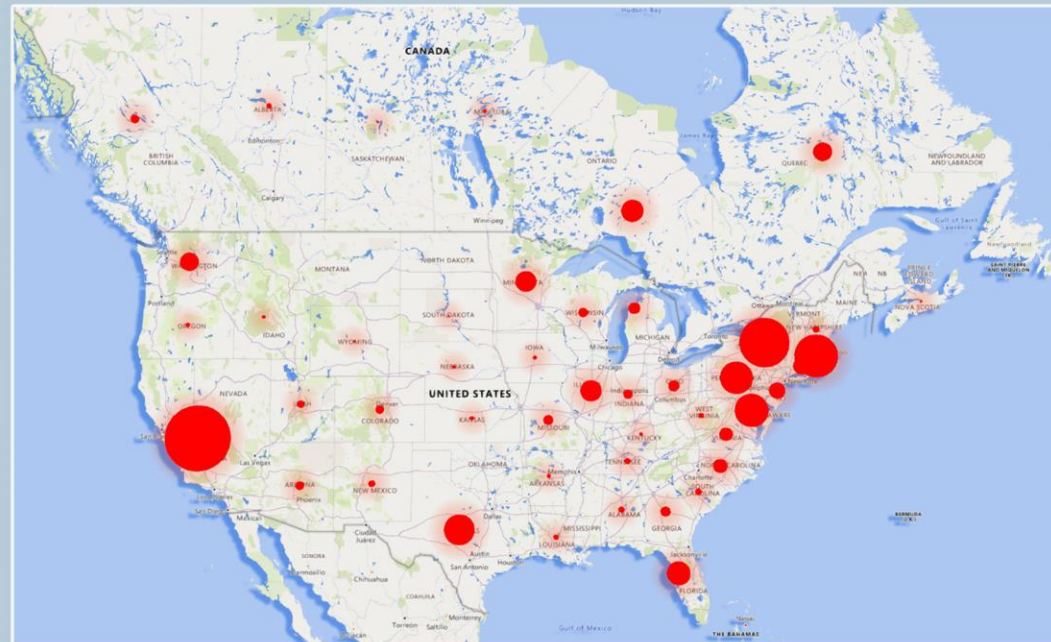
# What is ISSNAF?

- 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 over three thousand 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

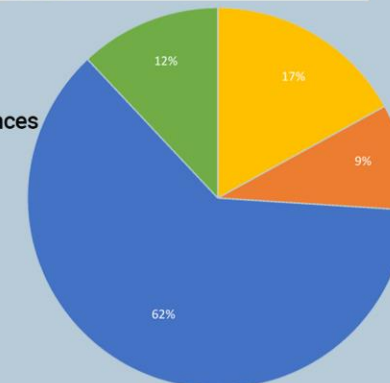
\* ISSNAF is a 501(c)(3) corporation incorporated in California

# ISSNAF Footprint in NA

## Italian Diaspora in North America



- Humanities & Social Sciences
- Engineering
- Life Sciences
- Physical Sciences



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

Cinzia Zuffada, president and chair of the Board

Enrica D'Ettorre, vice president and vice chair of the Board

Pierluigi Zappacosta, treasurer and secretary

Vito Campese, executive chair of the Honorary Board

Elena Orlando

Massimo Piattelli-Palmarini

Marcello Romano

Alberto Salleo

Alberto San Giovanni-Vincentelli

Maurizio Vecchione

- 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

- In recent years over 200 early career researchers and students have received mentorship by our members
  - Yearly application call, duration of one year
  - Large mentor pool can lead to close match in discipline/specialty
  - Connection with ISSNAF Chapters can provide additional networking
- Success stories from former mentees
  - Helped identify institution/advisors (other than mentor) for PhD program
  - Helped write a successful application for Assistant Professor position
  - Helped identify prospective US host in application for Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowship
- For additional information visit <https://www.issnaf.org/young-issnaf>

# Fellowships/Internships

- ISSNAF is (or has been) a partner in administering Fellowships/Internships sponsored by
  - Ministero dell'Ambiente, Italian universities (currently UPisa and PoliTO)
  - ASI, CNI, Thales Alenia Spazio
  - Fondazione Marche, Fondazione Bracco, Easy-Dial, Art-er
- Program/Process established jointly via MOU and Implementation Agreement
  - Review and selection committee has participation by ISSNAF members
  - Members are eligible to host award recipients
- ISSNAF welcomes interested sponsors/donors who want to start a program
  - Provide access to large network for optimal placement of award recipients
  - Provides robust infrastructure to handle award process



# 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

Thank you for your attention

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