

The Cooperation Between Canada and Italy

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The Embassy of Canada to Italy is honoured to have the opportunity thanks to this publication to highlight the strong ties that exist between Canada and Italy. The academic world is a source of strength and of great collaboration between our two countries. To date more than 170 agreements have been signed between Italian and Canadian universities. This is only an indicative number of course, formal and informal ties, joint initiatives and projects between institutions in our two countries continue to flourish thanks to a growing awareness of the potential represented by such collaborations. As H. E. Peter McGovern, Ambassador of Canada to Italy recently stated in reference to the latest edition of the *Canada-Italy Innovation Award*, an Embassy initiative that exactly celebrates these types of connections between our research institutes: “Italy’s interest in Canada is a great source of pride for us and an incentive to further strengthen our commitment towards reciprocal exchanges in the field of Science and Technology and Innovation thereby stimulating the economic development and prosperity of our two countries. When the *Comprehensive Trade and Economic Agreement* (CETA) between Europe and Canada comes into force it will become even easier to build these important bridges between Canada and Italy in the academic, research and innovation sectors.”

In this context, Sapienza University of Rome stands out for the high number of agreements it has signed with Canadian universities. This publication will certainly breathe new life into these exchanges and we would hope to see an increase in both research and mobility, not to mention double-degree programs. We would like to thank Professor Fabrizio D’Ascenzo for all the work he has done for this initiative and wish him much success.

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