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(Columbia University, June 5/July 31)

River to River Festival
(Pace University, June/July)

Picture of the month



NYU-Poly Associate Professor Maurizio Porfiri and his graduate students showing a platform that will monitor environmental factors in the Gowanus Canal for National Science Foundation research
(Picture by Maria Grillo)

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H2CU Students' Corner

Fulfilling the Dream

The United States is always seen as the land of opportunity, where hopeful people look for the American Dream. Here is where I have always wanted to come; maybe for achievement or maybe just to learn about this huge, fascinating and often controversial country. Driven by my curiosity and perseverance, I chose to undertake a Master in Civil Engineering at Columbia University, aiming to successfully combine the strong scientific and technical knowledge gained in Italy with the practical methodology taught in the USA. The City of New York has just been the perfect magical background providing all the needed stimulus and strength to reach this goal, as well as the necessary relax and reception through College Italia. In such atmosphere, I can greatly improve my skills in the engineering field and, even more important, I am learning how to effectively and constructively discuss with colleagues from all over the world. This experience has given me the opportunity to challenge myself academically and personally and, hopefully, to give my best contribution for shaping a better world. *Marco Finazzi, 2012*

From Florence to Braunschweig and Genova

Gabriele Comanducci, PhD candidate sponsored by H2CU (international PhD course between University of Florence and University of Braunschweig), presented a paper at the **Fifth European Conference on Structural Control** (EACS 2012), held in Genova on June 18th-20th. The paper, entitled "An Experimental Set-up for Testing Structural Control Strategies Accounting for System constraints" was included in the special session entitled "Structural Control Applications for the Protection and Retrofitting of New and Existing Earthquake Resistant Structures".

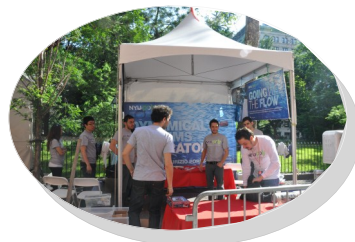
Programs and Exchanges

July 29th—August 4th 2012
4th International Summer School & Conference on
Sustainable Corporations, Buildings and Investments
NYU-Poly and University of Perugia, in New York
<http://www.issunipg.com/>

Classical Studies students at Columbia University are taking part in the **Advanced Program of Ancient History and Art (APAHA) summer school & excavation project**. Students will take part in a four-week Excavation project in Stabiae, Italy. (Program created by Columbia's Italian Academy and sponsored by H2CU)

Activities & Community Events

June 2012: Science Festival NYU-Poly with Professor Maurizio Porfiri



A five-day celebration and interactive showcase of the latest advancements in robotics, multiplayer gaming and educational technology offered a view into the future.

July 9th, 2012. Perugia, Facoltà' di Ingegneria GIS and hydraulic modeling for hydrological risk.



Open Day on "GIS and hydrologic-hydraulic simulation case studies at regional and national level." The event is open to professionals, researchers and students.

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