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In occasion of the "2013 Year of Italian Culture in the USA", the H2CU Center has organized an event with the patronage of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Italian General Consulate in Miami, and FIU-Florida International University, that was held on **February 14, 2013** at the FIU-Florida International University Campus, College of Engineering and Computing Engineering Center in Miami. The event was coordinated by Lucio Ubertini, H2CU Director with the participation of the Consul General of Italy Adolfo Barattolo, and with the participation of International Scholars that during the years have collaborated with the H2CU Center. In this occasion Salvatore Grimaldi, H2CU Executive Secretary, has presented the Special Issue of the H2CU Magazine "H2CU Center-Past, Present, and Future".

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Next initiatives promoted by the H2CU Center for the **"2013 Year of Italian Culture in the USA"** are:

New York City - "Italian - American cultural relationship in a changing world" at the Italian Cultural Institute of NYC, and "Italy in New York: a tangible instance of joint academic programs" at Polytechnic Institute of New York University, in **May 2013**.

Boston - "Italy and MIT: a long tale of joint scientific collaborations", at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in **October 2013**.

January 2013, **Prof. Marco Lisierre** of the **Politecnico di Bari** was recognized as a **IEEE fellow**, one of the most important recognition in the international scientific community in the field of **Electrical and Electronic Engineering**. (<http://www.poliba.it/index.php/it/riconoscimenti-e-premi/713-riconoscimento-internazionale-al-prof-lisierre.html>)

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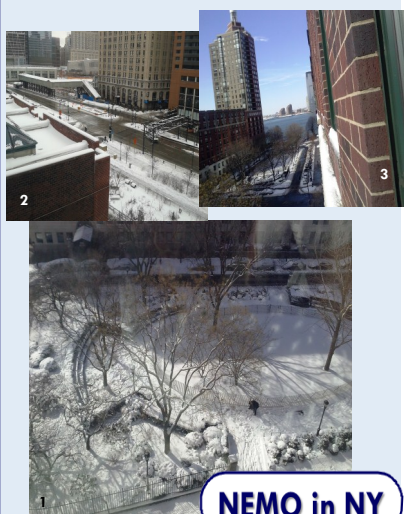
- Feb 20, 2013, "Honoring Dulbecco and other Italian Nobel Prize" Embassy of Italy, Washington D.C.
- Feb 13 – May 18, 2013 "Piero Della Francesca in America" The Frick Collection, New York City.
- Feb 20, 2013, Italian Academy Concert: Four Nations Ensemble, the Spring 2013 Concert series at Columbia University Italian Academy for Advanced Studies.

H2CU Student's Corner

My experience at NYU-Poly was formative, challenging and pleasant because it gave me the opportunity, first, to work directly with industries and solve problems they are facing and, second, to learn from students (and not only professors) with significative work experience and different background. For instance, a brief list of cases my colleagues and I solved (engaging directly with companies) includes both analyses and final recommendations on the: 1) production cost for a company producing electric motorcycles; 2) production process for a company realizing prefabricated buildings; 3) supply chain for a company producing low cost pedometers. Moreover, the collaboration with students from NYU-Stern and NYU-Tisch, in a competition sponsored by Microsoft, is an example of a highly formative extracurricular activity where only the four of us realized a new concept product with its basic code, user experience and business plan in just two months. Finally, there is no doubt that: the experience at NYU-Poly significantly influenced my job perspectives and, in fact, it allowed me to: 1) build an international network and meet some of my present colleagues while they were attending their MBAs in the USA; 2) improve my English and thus work on international assignments later on (i.e. 7-month project in Dubai); 3) learn how to manage multiple projects at the same time and interact with clients and colleagues of different cultures and ways of communication. **By F. M. Guidi.**



Fabrizio Maria Guidi at the Microsoft Firenze | BXT Competition (February 2011 - Redmond, WA) First classified at the NYU round and second classified at the American final round.



NEMO in NY

View of the Battery Park City after the snow storm "Nemo" from the universities apartments, Feb 9, 2013. Thanks to A. Tafuni (pictures 1-3), M. Conti and J. Xhakollari (picture 2).

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