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The "Leaning Tower" lands in NY

Under the umbrella of the "2013 year of the Italian Culture in the US" the Italian Cultural Institute of New York has hosted Monday June 24th the event *"Restoration and management of the "Leaning Tower" and monuments in Piazza dei Miracoli, Pisa, Italy,"* presented by Ornella Flore Scientific Advisor Italian Cultural Institute, with the introduction of Warrie Price, director, Battery Park, NY and the participation of Prof. Giovanni Padroni of the University of Pisa and member of Deputazione dell'Opera della Primaziale di Pisa, and Paul Marshall Bray Associate Counsel, Commissioner's Policy Office at the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.



From the left: Warrie Price, Paul Marshall Bray, Giovanni Padroni and Ornella Flore. Picture by Maria Grillo

Friday June 28 at Sapienza University of Rome Frances H. Arnold, ENI Award 2013 has given a lectio magistralis with the title **"Engineering by evolution: Rewriting the Code of Life."** The lecture had the focus on renewable energy, and research for new technologies for improvement of the quality of life. For more info:

<http://www.uniroma1.it/sapienza/archivionotizie/engineering-evolution-rewriting-code-life>

"Italians do it better(?)" On June 28 and 29 at the University of Bologna there was the graduation of 436 Master Students and the Alumni Reunion at the presence of the former Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi and the top manager di Google Carlo D'Asano Biondo. There were 4 workshops with the themes of: "better jobs", "better careers", "better leaders", "better ventures", in which alumni of the University of Bologna with a successful careers had shared their experience with the community. For more info: [http://www.magazine.unibo.it/Magazine/Notizie/2013/06/27/Italians do it better.htm](http://www.magazine.unibo.it/Magazine/Notizie/2013/06/27/Italians_do_it_better.htm)

News

On June 7 Eni and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Energy Initiative (MITEI) announced the launch of the **Eni-MIT Energy Society**. Eni, founding member of MITEI and largest energy research sponsor, supports 10 Eni-MIT Energy Fellows per year on energy and environmental projects. For more information visit:

<http://web.mit.edu/newsoffice/2013/eni-mit-energy-society-launched.html>
<http://web.mit.edu/newsoffice/2013/automated-coach-could-help-with-social-interactions-0614.html>

A new software developed at MIT can be used to help people practice their interpersonal skills until they feel more comfortable with situations such as a job interview or a first date. **MACH** (My Automated Conversation coach) uses a computer-generated onscreen face, along with facial, speech, and behavior analysis and synthesis software, to simulate face-to-face conversations. <http://web.mit.edu/newsoffice/2013/automated-coach-could-help-with-social-interactions-0614.html>

The **5th International Summer School Conference on Sustainable Economic Development, Firm Performance, and Infrastructure** will be held in NYC at NYU-Poly from July 28 to August 2. The Conference is organized by NYU Poly, together with UEL (UK) and LUISS (Italy). For more information visit the website: www.int-ssc.org

The DSL Lab of NYU-Poly has developed an app that will allowed students to control the robotic fish that was created by the DSL, in a research sponsored by the National Science Foundation. For more info <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/nyu-robfish/id662251466?mt=8>

Activity & Community Events Summer 2013

Bryant Park Piano, NYC: Clap your hands, stamp your feet, and say yeah to weekday performances of ragtime, jazz, boogie-woogie, and stride piano. Monday-Friday 12:30- 2:30 p.m. <http://www.nycgovparks.org/events/2013/07/02/bryant-park-piano>

City of New York, Parks & Recreation: <http://www.nycgovparks.org/events>

The Michael Schimmel Center for the Arts at PACE University will participate at the River to River Festival that will have from June 15 to July 14 over 150 events in 28 sites around Lower Manhattan in NY. For more info: <http://opportunitas.blogs.pace.edu/2013/05/summer-at-the-schimmel-2/>

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