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Congratulations to H2CU Alumnus Giovanni Polverino.

Giovanni Polverino, a former H2CU Student from Sapienza University in Rome, has received the Degree award Marco Marchesini from the Institute of Science, Literature and Art, Veneto (Italy) for the best Italian M.Sc. thesis on Animal Behavior. Giovanni Polverino earned a Master's degree in "Management, Access and Conservation of Species in Trade: the International Framework" and his thesis was entitled "Invasive mosquitofish (*Gambusia affinis*) and bioinspired robotic-fish: behavioral interactions in isolated and complex ecological environments". The research was conducted under the supervision of Prof. Maurizio Porfiri in the Dynamical Systems Laboratory at the Polytechnic Institute of New York University (NYU-Poly) and parts of the work have been recently accepted for publication in Behavioural Brain Research and Bioinspiration and Biomimetics. This study provides a first evidence on target-specific interactions between bioinspired robotic devices and animal species in a multispecies controlled environment. The possibility of using interactive autonomous robotic-fish in natural environments could open new avenues in conservation and protection of endangered animal species. For more info: <http://www.istitutoveneto.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/75>



News

Columbia University professors and PhD students in tour to Rome and Latium

In June 2013, Prof. Francesco De Angelis and Prof. Marco Maiuro have organized the first joint faculty-student research tour in Italy "Living Like the Emperors: A Tour to Imperial Residences and Villas in Rome and Latium" (source Columbia University website), as part of the Advance Program of Ancient History and Art (APAHA) program. The APAHA was established in 2010 between Columbia University and the Italian Academy for Advanced Studies in New York in collaboration with the H2CU Center and Sapienza University of Rome. The main objective of this joint program is to promote and coordinate archaeological excavations in the site of Villa San Marco located in Stabiae, close to Naples.

For more info: <http://classicalstudies.columbia.edu/>

Activity & Community Events

Columbia University, Butler Library will host from July 16 to September 21 the exhibition "Al-Mutanabbi Street Starts Here" presented by Columbia University Libraries/Information Services (CUL/IS) and coordinated by CUL/IS Global Studies Division and the Center for Human Rights Documentation & Research. For more info: http://library.columbia.edu/news/libraries/2013/2013-7-16_Al-Mutanabbi_Street-Starts_Here_Exhibition.html

NYU, 80 WSE Galleries will host from July 20 through October 13, 2013 an exhibition of the African-American artist Hale Woodruff, a former NYU professor. The exhibition is entitled: "Rising up: Hale Woodruff's Murals at Talladega College". For more info: <http://www.nyu.edu/about/news-publications/news/2013/07/09/nyu-80wse-galleries-present-rising-up-hale-woodruffs-murals-at-talladega-college.html>

PACE University, the Michael Schimmel Center for the Arts presents the Season 2013-2014 that will start September 21, for more info: <http://schimmel.pacewebmedia.com/>

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