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Jeffrey Laut and Adel Shams are the first two students from NYU-Poly enrolled in the Dual Degree Program established in 2009 by Prof. Paolo Cappa and Prof. Maurizio Porfiri. They are in Rome for the Fall Semester and they are following classes at Sapienza University of Rome. They are sharing with us some impression on this experience.



Adel & Jeff in Rome, with Emma and Emiliano two H2CU Alumni

"Studying at Sapienza has been a great experience in so many ways, and we both feel very privileged to have the opportunity to work towards another degree here while also forming new collaborations with other researchers. Through working in Prof. Cappa's lab, we've both explored new avenues of research in rehabilitation robotics, and made many friends (all of whom seem to know how to cook very well!).

The university is absolutely beautiful, and it has been interesting observe the differences in how Italian and how American graduate schools operate. For example, we were both surprised that we did not have to register for class at the beginning of the semester. We are of course also very impressed with the city, which has offered amazing

sites, delicious food, and the chance to become really familiar with Italian culture.

The amount of history that you're exposed to by just walking through the city is amazing, and it's something that New York cannot compare with. Our friends that we have made through the H2CU program have taken us on personal tours of the Colosseum, Roman Forum, and Pantheon, and shown us several artistic masterpieces. They have also brought us to typical Roman restaurants, to their homes for authentic Italian cooking, and to have the "best gelato" in Rome. A trip to Frascati also provided for the best "porchetta" we have ever had.

Thanks to the hospitality of all of the people we have met so far, the transition from New York to Rome was very easy, and we both wish we could stay for longer."

Thanks to Jeff Laut & Adel Shams

News

"UNESCO Chair in Water Resources Management and Culture"

Professor Lucio Ubertini Director of the H2CU Center has been nominated chairholder for the "UNESCO Chair in Water Resources Management and Culture."

The chair will offer a focal point for the multitude of interactions among water science and water culture, and specifically, the main topic will be the role of water in the UNESCO World Heritage sites.

The participation and contribution from the H2CU community will be really appreciated.

The establishment of the Chair was made possible thanks to the synergie between the H2CU Center - Sapienza University of Rome and the University for Foreigners of Perugia.

For more info: http://www.h2cu.org/drupaluni/dipartimento/_cattedra-unesco

Activity & Community Events

The Italian Academy at Columbia University will host December 6-7 the Conference "Liberty and Conflict: Machiavelli on Politics and Power." For more info: <http://www.italianacademy.columbia.edu/events/2013-2014/Machiavelli/machiavelli.html>

December 3 at from 12:00 to 1:30 pm at NYU there will be the workshop: "Let's Talk International". For more info: http://events.nyu.edu/#event_id/14731/view/event

PACE University presents the "PACE Film Festival & Red Carpet Gala" that will be held on Saturday December 7 at PACE University

Pleasantville Campus. For more info: http://www.pace.edu/dyson/academic-departments-and-programs/mediacomm/pace-film-festival?utm_source=FILMFESTIVAL13&utm_medium=Invite&utm_campaign=FILMFESTIVAL13

FIU—Florida International University presents "Orchestral Masterworks Series: FIU Symphony Orchestra: An Evening of Mozart" a performance of classic music that will be held on December 3 2013.

For more info: <http://wpac.fiu.edu/>

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