



Call for Papers and Proposals (Please circulate widely)
Deadline: **Oct. 15, 2015**

16th Biennial Conference and 30th Anniversary of the
Association of Italian Canadian Writers (AICW) www.aicw.ca

Padula, Italy, August 11 to 14, 2016

Conference Theme: *Italian-Canadian Literature: Departures, Journeys, Destinations*

The Association of Italian Canadian Writers (AICW) is accepting proposals for its 16th biennial conference to be held in Padula, Italy, from August 11 to 14, 2016. Inspired by the location of the conference which combines the slow pace of tradition and history with the fast-paced urban moment, this conference seeks to bring together academic papers and literary readings that engage with the themes of physical, aesthetic, and symbolic mobility and change in Italian-Canadian literature and culture.

Writers and artists, academics and researchers, from all disciplines are invited to submit proposals to present creative or critical works in Italian, English or French. Graduate students are particularly encouraged to participate.

Possible topics include, but are not limited to:

- Engaging with tradition in contemporary contexts;
- Social and cultural mobility within English/French Canada;
- Writing and transmitting cultural memory;
- Representations of place, space, and (dis)location;
- Italian diasporas and globalization.

For panels and individual presentations of 20 minutes, please send 200-word proposals and biographical information (60 words). For literary readings of 15 minutes, please send a 200-word excerpt of the text to be read (prose or play) or four poems (max. 40 lines) along with biographical information (60 words). **Preference will be given to readings and performances of new works.**

The deadline for all proposals is October 15, 2015. Please note that once a proposal has been accepted, a conference registration fee (\$75.00) will be requested for presenters who are not AICW members in good standing.

Please send submissions and queries to **three addresses:** conference2016@aicw.ca, julia.freedom@gmail.com and domenico.beneventi@usherbrooke.ca. Submissions will be acknowledged within three days by Giulia De Gasperi.

The town of Padula (Salerno) is located in the Campania region, in southern Italy, approximately a two-hour car drive from Naples.

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