



Call for Proposals
Italians in Canada: 150+ Years

31st Anniversary Conference of the Association of Italian Canadian Writers (AICW)

The Association of Italian Canadian Writers (AICW), in collaboration with the Italian Studies Program at Laurentian University, is accepting proposals for its 31st Anniversary Conference to be held at Laurentian University, Sudbury, Ontario, **September 15-16, 2017**. The conference aims to bring together academic papers and literary readings that engage with the themes of origins, acculturation, aspirations 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
- Culinary culture and literature
- Translation and self-translation
- Social and cultural mobility within English/French Canada
- Writing and transmitting cultural memory
- The practice of religious life
- The question of linguistic assimilation
- Representations of queerness
- Representations of place, space, and (dis)location
- Italian diasporas and globalization
- The intersectioning of literature and cinema
- Art and architecture
- Archives and representations
- International and transnational connections

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. **A selected proceedings of the conference will be published as a special issue of *Italian Canadiana*.**

The deadline for all proposals is April 15, 2017. Please note that once a proposal has been accepted, a conference registration fee (\$100.00) will be requested for presenters who are not full members of the AICW in good standing. Please send all submissions and queries to: Paul Colilli (pcolilli@laurentian.ca) / (705) 675-1151, ext. 4375

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