



Call for Papers/Proposals



Roots, Routes and Recognition: Italian Canadians in Literature and the Arts

17th Biennial Conference of the Association of Italian Canadian Writers (AICW)

WINNIPEG, SEPTEMBER 27-29, 2018

The Association of Italian Canadian Writers (AICW), in collaboration with Italian Studies in the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures at the University of Winnipeg, is accepting proposals for its 17th Biennial Conference to be held at the University of Winnipeg, Manitoba, **September 27-29, 2018**. The conference invites academic papers, literary readings (poetry, prose or plays) and artistic works in Italian-Canadian literature and culture that engage with themes of heritage, passages and appreciation.

Writers and artists, academics and researchers from all disciplines are encouraged to submit proposals to present new (or posthumous) creative or critical works in Italian, English or French. Graduate students and emerging writers are encouraged to participate. Possible topics include the following:

- Engaging with tradition in contemporary texts
- Writing and transmitting cultural memory
- Representations of place, space, and (dis)location
- Italian diaspora and globalization
- Cinema and the visual arts
- Culinary culture and literature
- Science and technology
- Translation and self-translation
- Representations of queerness

Other topics not mentioned above will also be taken into consideration.

For academic papers (20 minutes), please send 200-word abstract and biographical information (60 words). For panels of two or three papers (20 minutes each), send 200-word abstract for each paper as well as bio (60 words) for each presenter and contact information for all panelists.

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 March 31, 2018. 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:

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