

A significant factor in Italy's competitive strength on global markets is its ability to foster innovation and to identify potential research applications. This is important for a country in which the industrial landscape consists largely of SMEs, which typically have limited budgets for research, and now face a serious decline in public funding. Universities are unique incubators for new knowledge, particularly in science and technology; it is not surprising then that there is growing interest among industry entrepreneurs in global opportunities in collaboration with institutes of higher learning.

The existing agreements between Italian and Canadian universities, and the diverse joint initiatives between research centres and industry play an important role in facilitating knowledge transfer and strengthening scientific collaboration, which lead to mutually beneficial market applications.

The objective of this Round Table is to discuss current initiatives and explore future possibilities for this type of cooperation, with a focus on the relationship between Canada and Italy.

*"All truths are easy to understand once they are discovered: the point is to discover them."
Galileo Galilei*



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8:30 | REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

9:00 | OPENING PLENARY SESSION

Masters of Ceremonies:

Randy Zadra, Director
Carleton International
&
Emanuele Fiore, Scientific Attaché
Embassy of Italy

WELCOMING REMARKS

Andrea Meloni, Ambassador of Italy to Canada

Roseann O'Reilly Runte, President and Vice-Chancellor of
Carleton University

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

The Hon. Gary Goodyear, Minister of State (Science and
Technology)
Introduced by **Howard Alper**, Chair, Science, Technology
and Innovation Council (STIC)

9:30 - 10:30 | DISCUSSION

① Developing Innovation Strategies – Public Policies and Current Experiences

Mario Calderini, MIUR (Ministry of Education, Universities
and Research of Italy)

Peter N. Lewis, Associate Vice President, Research,
University of Toronto

Marco Gilli, Rector, Polytechnical of Turin

Ilse Treurnicht, CEO, MaRS Discovery District

Anthony Masi, Provost, McGill University

Moderator: **David Mitchell**, President & CEO, Canada's
Public Policy Forum

10:30 - 11:30 | DISCUSSION

② Accelerating Innovation and Research Partnerships – Creating Markets

John McDougall, President, National Research Council
Canada - NRC

Luigi Nicolais, President, Italian National Research Council -
CNR

Nigel Lockyer, Director, Canada's national laboratory for
particle and nuclear physics - TRIUMF

Massimo Egidi, Rector, LUISS University

Mona Nemer, Vice President, Research, University of
Ottawa

Giovanni Bardelli, President & CEO, IDS s.p.a.

Moderator: **Kimberly Matheson**, Vice-President (Research
and International), Carleton University

11:30 - 12:30 | DISCUSSION

③ Funding Innovation: Models and Approaches

Suzanne Fortier, President, Natural Science and
Engineering Research Council – NSERC

Alessandro La Porta, Head of Territorial Relations
Department, UniCredit – Video Link

Gilles G. Patry, President and CEO, Canada Foundation for
Innovation

Adriano De Maio, President, AREA Science Park of Trieste

Tom Corr, President, Ontario Centres of Excellence

Riccardo Pietrabissa, President, Netval, Polytechnical of
Milan

Moderator: **Sam Boutziouis**, Vice President, Policy
International and Fiscal Issues from the Canadian Council
of Chief Executives (CCCF)

2:00 - 4:00 | CONCURRENT SESSIONS

④ Automotive Sector Room 2440 R

Alan Wildeman, President, University of Windsor
Cristina Amon, Dean Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering,
University of Toronto

Donato Firrao, Dean College of Engineering, Polytechnical of Turin
Garth Williams, Director, European Research ERA-Canada
Franco Mammarella, TRIUMF

Eva Milella, CEO IMAST scarl, Technological district on Engineering
of composite and polymeric materials and structures

Deborah Saucier, Dean of Science, UOIT

Peter Frise, Scientific Director & CEO AUTO21 NCE, University of
Windsor

Giovanni Belingardi, Polytechnical of Turin

Drew Knight, Director, Global Alliances, University of Waterloo
Moderator:

⑤ Aerospace Sector Room 3302

Suzanne Benoit, President, Aero Montreal

David Zingg, Director UTIAS, University of Toronto

Anadi Canepa, TRIUMF

Gabriele Borsoi, COO Dema s.p.a.

Dario Rossilli, COO Ubitech Technologies

Marco Amabili, McGill University

Moderator:

⑥ Agri-Foods Sector Room 5208

Michèle Marcote, Science Director, Agriculture and Agri-Food
Canada

Hélène David, Vice Rector, International Relations Université de
Montréal

Luigi Benedicenti, Associate - Vice President, University of Regina

Jacques Simoneau, President & CEO Univalor

Monique Lacroix, INRS

David Miller, Professor of Biochemistry, NSERC Industrial Research
Chair, Carleton University

Elisabetta Lupotto, Agriculture Research Council – CRA

Piero Rosina, Ferrero s.p.a.

Tim Meyer, TRIUMF

Moderator:

4:00 | COFFEE BREAK

4:15 | CLOSING PLENARY

Concurrent Session Reports by Moderators
Closing Remarks and Thanks

4:30 | ADJOURN