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Established in 2008, under the auspices of the Italian Embassy in Washington, by 36 Italian world-renowned researchers of which 4 Nobel Laureates

With over 4,000 affiliates, ISSNAF is the largest network of Italian Scientists and Scholars in Canada and the United States.

300 centers of excellence in all fields of research and Academia, from hard sciences to the humanities.

In 2014 over 40 scholarships
ISSNAF’s Network - snapshot

4,000 affiliates

- Cross-engagement
- Local engagement
- 7 Main Cities
- 5 Thematic

Chapters

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Young ISSNAF

- Awards
- Website Newsletter
- Career Symposium Webinars
- Mentorship Programs & Lectures

ISSNAF’s Annual Event

- Website
- Advocacy
- Social Media
- Programs & Training
- ISSA
- Networking

Communication & media relations
In order to increase its outreach at a local level or in regards to specific fields of science, ISSNAF has established a number of Chapters, for the members to easily connect with peers and exchange information. ISSNAF and its Chapters work closely with the Embassy of Italy and its Scientific Attaché, Consulates and Italian Institutes of Culture.

**Chapters in Major Cities**
- New York
- Chicago
- Minnesota
- Seattle
- Ontario
- US South West
- Florida
- Informal Groups:
  - San Diego, Boston,
  - Washington DC Metro Area,
  - San Francisco, Philadelphia

**Thematic Chapters**
- Medical Imaging Science
- Neuroscience
- Cardiovascular Science
- NASA
- Oncology
  - (Material Sciences, Immunology, Advanced Manufacture, Innovation & Entrepreneurship)
A “network-inside-the-network” of under-40 ISSNAF affiliates

A platform for promoting career opportunities, exchanging experiences, and supporting professional growth

Mentorship programs & lectures given by established academics

Career symposia to help young Italian investigators plan a successful career

Webinars

Advocacy activities contributing to improve the governance of research in Italy.
“Where Italian researchers meet to discuss breakthrough ideas”

ISSNAF Lifetime Achievement Award
2015 Prof. Enrico Bombieri
ISSNAF Annual Event: focus on our Young Investigators

+ 50 articles

+100 applications
17 Finalists
6 Awardees
Ricerca, Bottacini premiato a Washington

Il giovane Jacopo Donnini scelto dal Consiglio ingegneri per il tirocinio in Usa

Nasa e Silicon Valley per due ingegneri jesini

Italiani negli Usa, ricercatrice casertana in corsa per il premio

Anna Sapone, gastroenterologa ad Harvard

Il matematico meneghino Enrico Bombieri premiato a Washington

Cervelli in USA

A Washington un premio per giovani menti

Padova e Treviso

Talenti della ricerca premiati negli Usa
Due venete in gara per 5 borse di studio

Premio Issnaf ai giovani ricercatori tre su cinque arrivano dal Barese

IL PORTOELPIDIENSE SI OCCUPA DI RADIOLOGIA ALL’UNIVERSITÀ DI NEW YORK

Lattanzi in lizza tra i cinque ricercatori da premiare negli Usa
ISSNAF Annual Event 2015: Scientific Challenges in Nutrition and Sustainability

7 Speakers from Italy and US
Brain don’t drain, they move!

Italian excellence abroad is a asset with enormous potentiality to build opportunity with the Italian research community (knowledge sharing, exchanges, strategic partnerships building)

Creation of networks, relationships

Choice to return to Europe linked to different reasons (personal/professional). Responsibility of Institutions to create opportunities to attract and retain scientists

Current national programs - shift from quantity to quality: bring back the most qualified

In general need to reform the Italian University and research system in order to create new centers of excellence to attract young scientists (YI 3Ms proposal – Meritocracy, Management, Mobility)

ISSNAF enables and facilitates the mobility of Italian scientists

Support in developing a career in the US and return to Italy (not only University but industry, labs, EU opportunities)

HUB for Italian research that facilitates the mobility of talents to create value and opportunities
Our Key Partners

Italian Ministry for the Environment
Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Italian Ministry of Health
Italian Ministry of Education
Italian Consulates in USA and Canada
Italian Embassy, Washington DC, USA
Italian Embassy, Ottawa, Canada
Italian Cultural Institutes in USA and Canada

Italian Space Agency (ASI)
Italian Council of Engineers (CNI)
Fondazione Marche
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- support the Annual Event and ISSNAF Awards
- support programs and create new opportunities
- as pure donation to support ISSNAF operations

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