



Italian-Canadian Archives Project (ICAP)
Sixth National Conference in London, ON, October 14-15
21st Century Approaches to Preserving Italian-Canadian Narratives: Engagement, Identification, Sharing
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“Italians lived in London (ON), Sarnia, Ottawa, Montreal, the Maritimes, Vancouver and Calgary!” Yes, they did and do and in places throughout Canada, apart from Toronto.

“Importantly, Italian-Canadians contributed as much to their communities as their communities influenced and changed their lives”, says Caroline Di Cocco, ICAP President. “Now it is up to Italian-Canadian communities throughout Canada to stand up and commit to finding and sharing their histories and stories.”

ICAP is a national network that reaches out to engage such communities across Canada to connect them with Italian-Canadian history experts, public archivists and community organizers; to train and educate communities in gathering, organizing and sharing their history; as well as, to share news, events and relevant models and experiences nationally.

ICAP’s Sixth National Conference, October 14-15, brings together community activists, scholars, archivists, artists, students and people interested in the ICAP model. On Friday, The Marconi Club will host the Conference opening and AGM and offer a dinner and artistic evening program open to the public, featuring writer/poet Gianna Patriarca, a video on Italian Canadians in London and a screening of the Paul Tana film on discovering and preserving a 1960s Montreal television show, *Ricordati di noi*. Also, Bruno Ramirez and Gabriele Scardellato will launch their new edition of *Italians in Canada: Yesterday and Today*

On Saturday at the University of Western Ontario, Modern Languages, Arts and Humanities Bldg, 3B15, 1151 Richmond St., in the Keynote Session at 9am, Michael Moir, the York University Archivist and Jonathan Vance, Distinguished University Professor (UWO) will speak about making decisions to further research and scholarship be it institutional or personal. Presenters from across the country will discuss models for internship programs, bridging classroom-community with teaching innovations in schools and universities and offering various tools and tips for gathering oral histories. “By sharing and focusing on how our community and scholars have worked together in London, we hope to encourage other Italian-Canadian communities to act quickly before their history and narratives are lost forever”, says Prof. Antonio Calcagno, King’s University College, London.

“Let’s get our Italian-Canadian history out of shoeboxes and our basements!” says President Di Cocco. “Let’s make them accessible to everyone, to future generations and to researchers who will tell our Italian-Canadian stories internationally.”

Register for the conference at <https://icap.ca/2016-conference/>

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