



UNIONE TICINESE

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Report to members of the Unione Ticinese on the:

95ma Assemblea dei Delegati, Ginevra 5 & 6 giugno 2010

The Pro Ticino Centrale as the Umbrella Organisation of 48 Corporate Member Societies met on Saturday June 5th, 2010 in Geneva on the occasion of its 95th "Assembly of Delegates."

The Unione Ticinese as one of its Member Societies was officially represented by Ian Giuliani.

Over 70 participants attended the meeting, including Delegates from outside Switzerland the Pro Ticinos of Paris, Milan, Luino and London, whilst apologies were received from Australia, New York, Santo Domingo and South Africa.

At 2 pm Dr Raoul Pescia, Central President, in welcoming Delegates and Guest of Honour opened the meeting which was held in the conference room of the sumptuous 'Swissôtel Métropole' by the Lac Léman, erroneously known as Lake Geneva by the masses of non Swiss tourists.

The minutes of last year's Assembly in Winterthur/ZH were unanimously accepted and so were the reports by Central Committee Members on Administration and Finance; on the Rivista and Pro Ticino website; Cultural and Youth activities; Hospital visits and Italian classes!

Joe Broggini member of the 'pro Ticino Central Committee' also reported on the difficulties of finding younger, willing and competent successors to fill the many vacancies on the Executive of three Societies abroad – Luino, Milan and London.

The situation of the latter raised utmost concern from the Central President and more pointedly by Honorary Member and highly respected Dr. Cornelio Sommaruga!

The composition of the present Central Committee will come up for re-election in 2011 and nominations to replace Raoul Pescia (President) and Joe Broggini (responsible for the 19 Societies abroad) are sought, as after 12 years they will have to vacate their respective posts !

This year the "Pro Ticino Prize" was awarded to the duo Marco Zappa and his wife Renata Stavrakakis for their longstanding and innovative contribution to traditional ticinese music.

The 96th "Assembly of Delegates" will be held on 4th and 5th June 2011 in Tavannes, a historic village of 4000 inhabitants in the French speaking Bernese Jura and will be hosted by the very small but enthusiastic local Pro Ticino society.

The business part concluded at 4pm with an entertainingly funny musical intermezzo given by the duo Marco Zappa - Renata Stavrakakis.

The Reception was uplifted by the 'Pro Ticino Geneva Choir' a most accomplished group of committed singers.

In the evening the Banquet in the magnificent dining hall of the 'Swissôtel Métropole' was attended by over 100 guests, with musical entertainment provided by well known Pietro Bianchi and friends in true Ticinese style. Sunday morning featured a scenic cruise on Lac Léman with lunch included.

For over 15 years I have been attending such assemblies, but the 95th "Assemblea dei Delegati" hosted by the committee of the 'Pro Ticino Geneva' headed by President Giuliano Castelli and Vice President Marco Daldini, was in all respects one of the most memorable ticinese weekends of our umbrella organisation.