

***COUNTDOWN HAS STARTED: October, 20 th
Italian-SA Chamber of Trade and Industries/FNB Business Excellence Awards
2011 at Wanderer's Club For more information contact us at 011 726 5932 or
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BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS The Italian-South African Chamber of Trade and Industries is calling for nominations to select the finalists and winners of the 2011 awards.

This year awards will be presented under the following categories:

1. BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR

This category is open to all persons that fulfill criteria one and two below.

2. UPCOMING ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR

This category is open to persons 40 years and under, that fulfill criteria one and two below.

3. LIFE RECOGNITION AWARD

This category is open to persons who have consistently endeavored to enhance the Italian Community in South Africa or abroad and fulfill criteria one and two below.

4. BUSINESS / ENTERPRISE OF THE YEAR

This category is open to all Businesses / Enterprises that fulfill criteria one and three below.

THE AWARD CEREMONY will take place the ***20th October 2011***. You are invited to nominate candidates for these awards. You may nominate your own organization or any other organization you believe is deserving of recognition, provided the above mentioned criteria are fulfilled.

Nominations must reach ItalCham by 30th June 2011 at the latest.



THE RISING OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN STAR

Last December South Africa was invited to join BRICS, the limited and informal club of emerging markets (Brazil, Russia, India and China).

Six months later South Africa is doing very well, and it has confirmed its position among the fastest growing economies in the world.

Also, in a recent survey, the "Sole 24ore", one of Italy's most prestigious and important business newspaper, has rated South Africa among the best performing and attractive markets, second only to China.

Seven companies, MC Kinsey, Unicredit, Capgemini, Gi Group, Lidt, Swiss canto and Sace, have given their opinion and stated that the strength of the African Country lies in its tax and financial system, supported by a highly efficient bureaucracy; all conditions that encourage foreign investors and make doing business easier.

However in South Africa, there still remains the fact that there are unresolved issues limiting the development potential of the Country, such as the lack of infrastructure and the low purchasing power of the population.

Brazil, Russia and India, in this order, complete the ranking.

Lo scorso dicembre il Sudafrica è entrato a far parte dei BRICS, l'esclusivo ed informale club composto dai mercati emergenti (Brasile, Russia, India e Cina).

Sei mesi dopo, il Sudafrica continua a comportarsi molto bene, confermando la sua posizione tra le economie mondiali più in crescita.

Inoltre, in una recente indagine, il "Sole 24ore", uno dei più influenti ed importanti giornali economici in Italia, ha eletto il Sudafrica come il mercato più performante ed attraente, secondo solo alla Cina.

Sette aziende, MC Kinsey, Unicredit, Capgemini, Gi Group, Lidt, Swiss canto e Sace, hanno dato il loro giudizio e affermato che il punto di forza del Paese africano risiede nel suo sistema fiscale e finanziario, supportato da una burocrazia altamente efficiente; tutte condizioni che incoraggiano gli investitori stranieri e rendono più facile il business.

Tuttavia in Sudafrica persistono ancora problemi irrisolti che limitano il potenziale di crescita del paese, come ad esempio la carenza di infrastrutture ed il basso potere d'acquisto della popolazione.

Brasile, Russia e India, in quest'ordine, completano la classifica.



IT`S TIME FOR "MADE IN VENETO"

There is a very interesting initiative that is being promoted by the general secretary of the Italian Chamber of Commerce of South Africa, Mariagrazia Biancospino, in her region, of Veneto.

It starts from Vicenza, where she is at present, and the project is: **"Corporate culture, a value to be transferred to South Africa."**

Thanks to the initiative "CHAMBER PARTNERSHIP" of Unioncamere, with the support of the Chamber of Commerce based in Johannesburg, of Dolp, a company specializing in corporate culture, led by Martina Rini Cavalli, who is from Vicenza too, and of CPV (Veneto productivity center). 10 companies from Veneto operating in furniture industry (furniture, kitchens, bathrooms, tiles, ceramics, lamps) are being given the opportunity to participate in a new kind of fact-finding mission to South Africa.

The speciality of this mission, which will take place in February 2012, is the fact that it focuses not only on promoting business opportunities between Italy and South Africa, but also on communicating the corporate traditions, the connection with the territory and the social responsibility and sustainability.

After the selection,, the training of entrepreneurs, provided by the CPV, will start with the aim of providing information, sharing experiences, exchanging views on successful strategies already proven in other markets, and differentiate from other exploratory missions, before arriving in South Africa in February with a base of information that could be the winning key to a better business.

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Iniziativa interessante quella che sta promuovendo nella sua regione, il Veneto, il segretario generale della Camera di Commercio Italo Sudafricana, Mariagrazia Biancospino.

Parte proprio da Vicenza dove si trova in questi giorni, il progetto: **"Cultura D'impresa, un valore da trasferire in Sudafrica"**.

Grazie all`iniziativa "CHAMBER PARTNERSHIP" di Unioncamere la Camera di Commercio con sede a Johannesburg, con il supporto di Dolp, societa' specializzata in cultura d'impresa, con a capo un'altra vicentina Martina Rini Cavalli ed il CPV(Centro produttivita' Veneto) stanno dando la possibilita' a 10 aziende venete nel settore Arredo (mobili, cucine, bagni, piastrelle, ceramiche, lampade) di partecipare ad una nuova tipologia di missione esplorativa in terra Sud Africana.

La particolarita' di questa missione che si svolgera' a Febbraio 2012 e' appunto quella di non limitarsi esclusivamente a favorire occasioni di business tra le realta' italiane e quelle sudafricane ma bensì trasmettere la tradizione aziendale, il legame con il territorio, la responsabilita' sociale e la sostenibilita'.

Dopo la selezione delle aziende interessate, partira' a cura del CPV, la formazione degli imprenditori finalizzata a fornire informazioni, condividere esperienze, confrontarsi su strategie vincenti gia' collaudate in altri mercati, differenziarsi dalle altre Missioni esplorative, e ad arrivare a Febbraio in terra Sud Africana con un bagaglio di informazioni che puo' rivelarsi la chiave vincente per un business migliore.

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MARCHIO OSPITALITA' ITALIANA FINAL AWARDING CEREMONY 27th of July 2011, Southern Sun Hotel Hyde Park.

***3 Restaurant have been certified
in South Africa this year:***

Bice Restaurant,
Hyde Park, Johannesburg.

Casa Toscana,
Trafalgar, KwaZulu-Natal.

Il Tartufo,
Hyde Park, Johannesburg.



If you have a restaurant and wish to apply, or for any other information, please contact us at:

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The Italian cuisine is the fruit of a secular historical process of our society, always protagonist of significant moments of human civilization.

Due to a historical Italian tendency to attend human relationships and the quality of life, the culture of the table has become with the passing of time the symbol of hospitality and welcome and food has taken on a value similar to art and music. For these reasons the Italian cuisine must be considered a contribution to the world heritage and has to be defended and protected against adulteration and falsification to preserve the history, culture, quality and authenticity.

WHAT IS THE "OSPITALITA' ITALIANA SEAL- ITALIAN RESTAURANTS IN THE WORLD"

"Italian Hospitality" was created in 1997 to develop the quality of service and to guarantee consumers.

"Italian Hospitality, Italian Restaurants around the World" is an initiative of Unioncamere, developed also with the cooperation of FIPE, the Federazione Italiana dei Pubblici Esercizi [Italian Federation of Public Works, addressed to all those Italian restaurants abroad that guarantee respect of qualitative standards typical of Italian hospitality. The project involves the Italian Chambers of Commerce abroad, located in 45 countries that will be involved in the popularization of the initiative in their respective territories.

PURPOSE

- to develop and promote the traditions of Italian food products and upgrade the culture of Italian food and wine;
- to enhance the image of Italian restaurants abroad that guarantee respect of the quality standards of Italian hospitality;
- to create an international network, providing for the realization of promotional events of Italian productive excellence.



MARCHIO OSPITALITA` ITALIANA

Ad un anno dall`inizio del progetto "Marchio Ospitalita` Italiana", l`iniziativa sta ottenendo un grande successo.

Su 1129 candidature nel mondo, 720 sono i ristoranti certificati. Per quanto riguarda il Sudafrica, quest`anno sono stati 3 i ristoranti autentificati.

Ma il progetto MOI non si concludera` di certo con questa prima edizione; al contrario la Camera di Commercio Italo-Sudafricana e` gia` pronta a raccogliere le candidature dei veri ristoranti italiani per la prossima edizione.

Se hai un ristorante e vuoi partecipare, o per ogni altra informazione contattaci all`indirizzo email: moi@italcham.co.za e visita il [sito ufficiale](#)

ITALIAN HOSPITALITY SEAL

One year from the start of "Italian Hospitality Seal" project, the event is achieving great success.

Of 1129 candidates worldwide, 720 restaurants have been certified. In South Africa, this year 3 restaurants have been authenticated.

But the "Italian Hospitality Seal" project will definitely not end after this first edition; to the contrary the Italian-South African Chamber of Commerce is already ready to collect the candidates of true Italian restaurants for the next edition.

If you have a restaurant and wish to apply, or for any other information, please contact us at: moi@italcham.co.za and visit the [official website](#).



JOB OFFER

Our member is looking for a sale agent to expand and bring our equipment in South Africa. Necessary requirements for the ideal candidate are dynamism, a strong dialectic, both fluent Italian and English language skills, entrepreneurial spirit and experience in such field.

The profile must be completed by mechanical and electronic proficiency to assist in post-sale, organizational skills, willingness to travel and its own transport.

The company produces industrial equipment and plants for processing fruit. The deep industry knowledge and the passion of its founders, has enabled the company to compete in a few years, with companies in the market for decades. Nowadays, through representative offices, exports to most parts of the world. The company follows its customers before and after the purchase of machines by solving, through a rapid and continuous support, any kind of problem: the installation and maintenance of the equipment, the purchase of spare parts, etc.

We believe that the satisfaction of our customers, through a close relationship of trust and cooperation, is one of the main goal of our work.

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your Job Offers...*

*We will be happy to add them to our
newsletter.*

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SPONSOR YOUR EVENT!

A reminder to all members of the Chamber that you can sponsor a function in conjunction with the Chamber as a promotional event for your company.

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Enjoy the Right Royal Affair at Durban July

Be part of the Right Royal Affair at the Durban July 2011!

Vukile Communications and Haniel Travel Solutions (Pty) Ltd is hosting a prestigious Marquee in Celebrating the Largest Horse Racing Day which will be held at Greyville Racecourse, Durban, Saturday 02 July 2011.

We take pride in presenting the theme 'Right Royal Affair' - brought to you by Vodacom.

Our Programme for the Day includes a host of Entertainment, All Meals, Drinks and Betting for your favourite horse and will be entertained by SA's finest talents.

Book a table from R 25 000 which accommodates ten guests or make an individual booking from R 1 500 per person.

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"A Right Royal Affair"

It's an occasion of note, what will you wear?

Posh with a royal touch, beyond compare.

No question about it, it's a style love affair.

The Sport of the People, it's all about smart.

Not pompous but grand. What's on your mind?

No matter your outfit, you must look the part.

A surprise, anticipation, one of a kind.

Then the King of Bling, the court jester supreme.

A princess with class, elegance and grace.

And the Queen of Gleam, she looks a scream.

A prince dressed to thrill, to win not to place.

Fascinators or crowns, or a stunning hat.

Fine fabrics that flow, luxurious no doubt.

Watch from your throne, what do you think about that?

Adornments that glow, desire to stand out.

The Vodacom Durban July Africa's Greatest Horseracing Event

The Kings of the Sport, in their finery fair.



Italian Chamber meets Wits Business School

One of the Wits Business School Modules entails the implementation of an organizational design change, in order to create a domino effect that will help the improvement of the organization's performance.

These are the names of the Wits Business School students who implemented a change process with the Italian Chamber of Commerce:

Gabriella Di Clemente, May Theneplackal, Dikeledi Moholola, William Kin, Pila Dwenga, Kirsten Lloyd, and Phephisile Masele.

It was an opportunity for the Italian Chamber of Commerce to learn in action about the internal capabilities of our organization and it was a good chance to improve our information system, opening our boundaries to some of the best Wits students, and to give them the opportunity to put in practice some of their studies.

The cooperation has been really successful, with the achieved purpose of transferring the Italian Chamber database in to a Windows Access environment, which provides several benefits and functionalities.



From left to right: Ms. Kirsten Lloyd, Ms Gabriella Di Clemente, Ms Dikeledi Moholola, Mr. Vito Casiello (Italian Chamber of Commerce), Ms May Theneplackal and Mr. Mattia Zaghetto (exchange program University of Venice and Italian Chamber)



A thanks to our Patrons and Members!

