

Italy Network

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Organisations making up the co-ordinating forum

Companies & Industry Organisations	Education Organisations Inc Government and Not-for-Profit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IBM Italia • Eni • Enel • Cisco • Novartis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sodalitas (CSR Organization) • Fondazione Idis

During Q1/09 a meeting will be held in cooperation with ASSOLOMBARDA and Fondazione SODALITAS in order to formally involve other companies and organizations in Science in Schools network.

Other organisations in the wider Science In Schools network

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Maths, Science and Technology Education in Italy

The Italian Ministry of Education created an inter-ministerial group to develop programs in order to diffuse science education. (<http://www.pubblica.istruzione.it/argomenti/gst/index.shtml>); on this subject the group did a lot of work promoting a number of projects in collaboration with different partners. The last research of the group, in partnership is about the status of science laboratories and structure in the Italian school. The results highlight that science laboratories are not in every school and, more important, even if some schools are equipped with them, students are rarely involved in laboratory activities.

Priorities and aims of Science In Schools Network in Italy

A way to empower Science in Schools is to promote a network of museums and school to increase the interest of students on science and technology. Fondazione IBM Italia and Città della Scienza, the most important Italian science centre, have presented in October the web site www.lascienzaneimuse.it; here you can find an overview on Italian science museums, a lot of school projects on science and news and events on this topic.

Completed activities

In addition to the site www.lascienzaneimusei.it, Fondazione IBM Italia had realized, in collaboration with National Centre of research (CNR) a research on 650 Italian science museums; the research focused on their collections, educational offerings, their communication strategies, their workforce and their budget.

Planned activities

We have planned to formalize an agreement with the other companies and organizations that will take part of in Science in schools network.

After an agreement with the National Association of Italian Companies, we will add information on Italian companies museums in the site www.lascienzaneimusei.it.

In 2Q/2009 the data of the research made with CNR will be published.