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**REMINDER - TRAVEL FORUM:**

Travel Forum is to be held on Thursday, May 10 at noon **IN JAVITS ROOM this time!** There will be decaf coffee, water and light refreshments. Bring your lunches and hear from some library staff about business travel between December and May. Hope you can come!

The following staff will be present to share their ideas from conferences/meetings/workshops -

John Andrus  
Barbara  
Aimee  
Donna  
Susan K.  
Elaine

Godlind submitted the following report for us to read since she is out of her office.



Godlind Johnson PatentSeminar07.doc

**IF WE FINISH EARLY ANOTHER OPTION FOR LUNCH TIME IS ...**

**May 10, Thursday, 1 p.m.**

Center for Italian Studies at Stony Brook University.  
Book presentation: Paul Salsini, Author and Professor of Journalism, Marquette University, will discuss and be available for a book signing of his most recent publication: **The Cielo: A Novel of Wartime Tuscany. Location: Center for Italian Studies Meeting Hall, Stony Brook University, Frank Melville Memorial Library, Room E4340.**

All are invited. 631-632-7444 for additional information.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
NEW NOVEL DESCRIBES TUSCANY IN WWII

When writer Paul Salsini visited Tuscany in 2004, his 80-year-old cousin told him stories of how she and other relatives had fled to farmhouses in the hills when the British were bombing and the Germans and partisans were fighting during World War II. Those stories have inspired Salsini's new novel, *The Cielo: A Novel of Wartime Tuscany*, which has just been named a Spring selection of the Sons of Italy Book Club.

"When Fosca told me those stories, I knew I had to write this book," said Salsini, a veteran journalist in Milwaukee who now

teaches writing courses at Marquette University. There was another personal connection: Salsini's grandfather, a tenant farmer, once lived in the farmhouse where Fosca and the others fled. (It's now restored and available for rent.)

**The Cielo tells of a group of villagers who escape to a farmhouse when the SS occupies their village. As the war rages on, the villagers overcome petty differences, endure deprivation, face betrayal by one of them, fearlessly take in an escaped POW and survive a raid by the SS.**

In the course of this, a girl finds love, two boys become heroes and secrets are revealed. The villagers' story is closely entwined with a real event, the massacre of 560 innocent civilians by the Germans on Aug. 12, 1944, in the village of Sant'Anna di Stazzema.

The Cielo has received praise from advance readers. Jacquelyn Mitchard, author of *The Deep End of the Ocean*, calls it "a moving debut novel of a luscious country." Donald Pfarrer, author of *The Fearless Man* says, "Salsini's style is plain, his choice of detail unerring, his scenes vivid." Martha Bergland, author of *A Farm Under a Lake*, says The Cielo "deepens our knowledge of both Tuscan hill towns and the terrible effects of war on civilians."

#### **OPPORTUNITY TO VOLUNTEER AT ORIENTATIONS:**



The libraries will participate at the freshman Orientations which have the larger amounts of students attending. It is a requirement for students to attend. Take a look at those dates that are highlighted in the attachment below and let me know if you are interested. Setting out the library logo tablecloth and providing brochures, schedules and handouts is involved. Location is SAC Lobby.



Summer2007OrientationDatesforDistribution.xls On the freshmen days set up is 8:30 am and take down 10:00 am.