



# ETERNALLY ROME



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The American Women's Association of Rome



## agenda

### Wednesday, March 25

**8am to 6pm:** Registration

**9:30am**

Buddies Introduction

**9:30 to 10:30am**

Finance Committee meeting

**9:45 to 10:15am**

Welcome & Orientation for first time attendees

**10:30am to 12pm**

Annual General Meeting 1st session

*Keynote Speaker*

Michele Thoren Bond

Acting Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs

**12 to 1:30pm**

Lunch

**1:30 to 2:45pm**

Information Sessions  
FAWCO & US Issues  
FAWCO & the UN

**2:45 to 3:15pm**

Coffee break

**3:15 to 4:30pm**

Information Sessions cont'd

**4:30 to 5:30pm**

Annual General Meeting 1st session cont'd

**5:30 to 6pm**

Finance Committee Open Meeting

**6:45pm**

Departures

**7:30pm**

Opening Dinner  
Residenza di Ripetta

On behalf of the American Women's Association of Rome, welcome, to one of the most beautiful and historic cities in the world, best known as Bella Roma! The Eternal Woman conference includes participants from 42 of the 64 clubs in our Federation, a collective success built in the spirit of partnership and unity.

We hope you are rested and ready for the next four days of deliberations, collaboration and the opportunity to enjoy together the city we call home.

AWA Rome joined FAWCO in 1958, and the last time AWA Rome hosted the FAWCO conference was in 1978. As we celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary next month on April 21st, the opportunity to welcome FAWCO, the FAWCO Foundation and FAUSA back to Rome is symbolic. Our founding Honorary President was US Ambassador to Italy, Clare Boothe Luce (1953 to 1957). Ambassador Luce was the first American woman appointed to a major ambassadorial post abroad, and she once said, "The success of any community is gauged by the role women play in it." These words ring true time and time again, and they ring loudly in relation to the theme of this FAWCO conference. We can all be proud as we work to strengthen the role of women, ensure their rights and advocate for equality, protection and empowerment. By doing so, we are all contributing to putting those important words into action.

We are extremely proud to be bringing the patronage of Roma Capitale, important keynote and guest speakers along with several sponsors to support the conference and two organizations working to assist victims of violence and human trafficking: Free the Girls and Differenza Donna Italy.

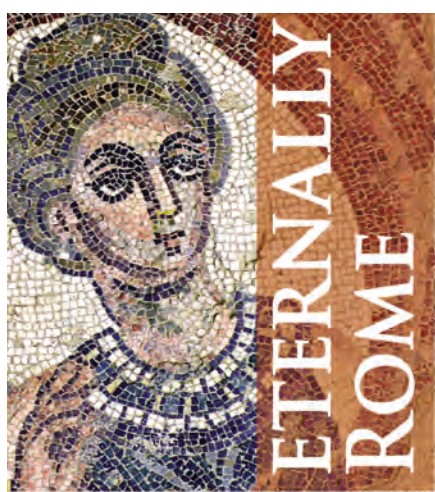
The dedicated team of AWA Rome volunteers are ready to assist you with any questions and needs you may have. We look forward to enjoying the conference with you.

Warmest regards,

Shannon McCarthy  
President AWAR  
Conference Chair

Anna Carlson  
AWAR Representative to FAWCO  
Conference Co-Chair





## A Walk through history: Ostia Antica

In the afternoon of March 24, Dr. Darius Arya led a group of 48 FAWCO delegates, guests and AWAR members on an archaeological walk through the site of Ostia Antica, Ancient Rome's port city.

Guests enjoyed a bucolic walk through the archaeological park as Dr. Arya explained and animated the history of Ostia, its relationship to Rome as a consumer city and finally its abandonment. The visit took them through houses, apartment buildings, bath complexes, market places, bars, local businesses, theatres and civic businesses while discussing Ostia's presence from 4<sup>th</sup> century BC to 5<sup>th</sup> century AD.

Dr. Arya also discussed his on-going dig immediately adjacent to the archaeological park, and elaborated briefly on current conservation issues in cultural heritage which take part of a large dialogue in his Thursday, March 26 presentation *Excavating Ancient Sites: why should we care?* at 10:50 am in the Velazquez breakout room.



## FAWCO and The Quirinale Palace

On Tuesday March 24, 44 FAWCO Club Members and AWA Rome members walked into the past and in the footsteps of the Popes on a wonderful *Hills to the Sea* tour, which included an exclusive tour of the Quirinale Palace, Italy's Presidential Palace.



One of Rome's largest private palaces, the Quirinale is the office and residence of Italian President Sergio Mattarella and was former residence to popes and subsequently Kings of Italy.

Guests visited the *Sale di Vasella*, showcasing the Savoy Family's storied collection of centuries-old porcelain, receiving rooms boasting the largest carpet in any private residence in Italy, and the Hall of Mirrors where President Obama and Queen Elizabeth were enjoyed during recent visits.

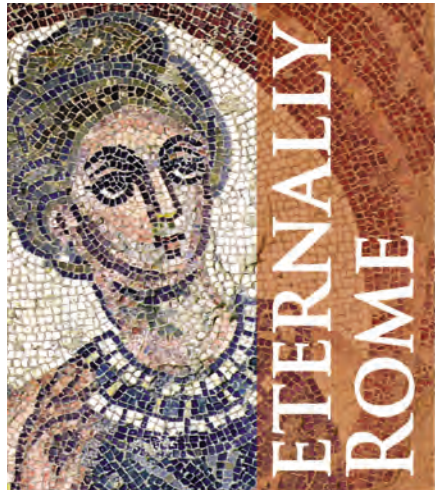
Guests ended their tour with a spectacular panorama of Rome, a stroll through the garden and a photo with a *Corazziere*, one of the Quirinale's honor guard, famed for a 6 ft 2 in minimum height requirement.



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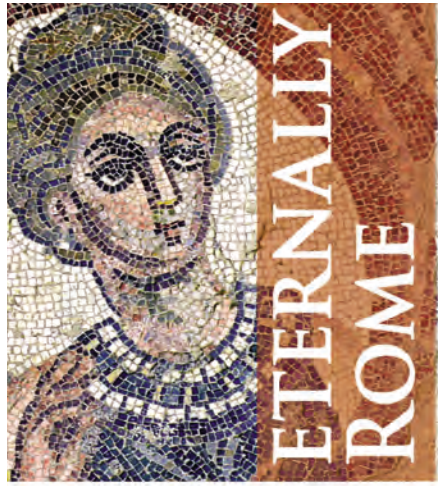
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