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## 2008 ICCT Business Excellence Award Winners Announced

*Five outstanding leaders honoured by the Italian-Canadian business community*

TORONTO – May 7, 2008- Winners of the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Italian Chamber of Commerce of Toronto **Business Excellence Awards (BEA)** were announced today in Toronto. The awards are presented to the most outstanding and innovative leaders from the Italian-Canadian business community each year.

The 2008 Business Excellence Award winners are:

- Business Excellence Award: **Mr. Gary Pillitteri**, Pillitteri Estates Winery
- New Generation Award: **Mr. Anthony Lacavera**, Globalive Communications Corp.
- Lifetime Achievement Award: **The Sorbara Family**, The Sorbara Group
- Cultural Enterprise Award: **Mr. Felice Sabatino**, Via Allegro Ristorante
- Scotiabank ICCT Environmental Leadership Award: **Mr. Luigi Santaguida**, Terrasan Environmental Solutions Inc.

*“Each year, we single out business leaders whose commitment to excellence has allowed them to rise above the rest. All of the 2008 BEA recipients exemplify those qualities necessary to achieve such excellence – hard work, vision and a commitment to giving something back to the community.”*

*– George Visintin, President, ICCT.*

The awards will be presented at a gala dinner at the Liberty Grand Entertainment Complex on Wednesday, May 14, 2008. More than 700 guests, including many business, political and cultural leaders from the Greater Toronto area are expected to be in attendance at the event.

*“The Scotiabank ICCT Environmental Leadership Award is a vital step in the evolution of the Business Excellence Awards. Its introduction this year highlights the increasing importance of innovative thinking by businesses to reduce the environmental impact of business practices and recognizes the importance of the business community’s responsibility to environmental stewardship.”*

*– Alberta Cefis, Executive VP & Group Head, Global Transaction Banking, Scotiabank*

**What: 2008 ICCT Business Excellence Awards Gala Dinner**


**Keynote Speaker: Mr. Matthew Teitelbaum, Michael and Sonja Koerner  
Director, and CEO, Art Gallery of Ontario**

**When: Wednesday, May 14, 2008**

**Where: Liberty Grand Entertainment Complex, Exhibition Place, Toronto**

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**ABOUT ICCT**

The Italian Chamber of Commerce of Toronto’s mission is to promote economic and cultural synergies worldwide – between business, government and individuals, with special emphasis on Italy, Ontario and the GTA.