



ITALIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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ICCO CANADA ANNOUNCES DEATH OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CORRADO PAINA

Toronto, ON - It is with deep and profound sadness that the Italian Chamber of Commerce of Ontario Canada (ICCO Canada) announces the passing of longtime Executive Director Corrado Paina. On behalf of the Board of Directors, management team and employees, we extend our deepest sympathies to Corrado's family.

Corrado was a larger-than-life figure, the heart and soul of the ICCO Canada, and has left an indelible mark on every person he met throughout his extensive career. He dedicated his life to connecting the two countries he called home, Italy, and Canada, and has built long-lasting connections and great friendships in both countries. His visionary leadership, kindness, and generosity made him beloved by the Italian Canadian community and everyone he touched. All his work and career have been focusing on the expansion and the enhancement of cultural and business relationships between Canada and Italy and his passing will be a major loss to ICCO Canada and the Italian Canadian business community.

As a testament of his dedication, he received the most prestigious award from the city of Milan "menzione civica – Ambrogino d'oro" for his activity in favour of the twinning of Toronto and Milan. Furthermore in 2016 he has been appointed Knight of the Order of the Star of Italy, and in 2023 he received a nomination of Commander of the same Order particularly for his work in promoting the business and trade relationships between Italy and Canada.

Corrado was a part of numerous boards and organizations where he served as Board member, Vice-President, and Chairman. An organization that was particularly close to his heart was The Italy Earthquake Relief Fund (TIERF), founded in 2006 following the earthquake that devastated L'Aquila in Italy, where he served as Vice President. Corrado has organized many delegations and trade missions from Canada to Italy and from Italy to Canada during his roles as a communication assistant of an Ontario minister in several portfolios, as a journalist at the press gallery of Queen's Park, as an official of the Italian Trade Commission and as an Executive Director of the ICCO Canada such as in 2017 when he worked with the Government of Canada to organize the trade delegation accompanying the Prime Minister to Italy.



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Corrado was not only a brilliant businessman and community leader, but he was also an accomplished writer with several publications in Italy and in Canada as well as a talented artist. His publications and exhibitions have touched the Italian community throughout the years and have reached great heights in Italy. Corrado has been the Editor in Chief of the magazine Partners for several years and as a publisher of the ICCO Canada has produced many books and one documentary.

Corrado's passing will be mourned by the whole Italian Canadian community in Toronto and the GTA, as well as in Italy. His presence and commitment to the community will be greatly missed. On behalf of the ICCO Canada we once again extend our deepest condolences to Corrado's family during this incredibly difficult time.

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