

January 23, 2017

Dear Bologna Center Class of 1987,

Ciao a tutti! When we met 30 years ago in Bologna, fresh faced and full of energy and idealism, the European Community was still forming, the iron curtain was still standing, and Italy still had a Communist Party. The world has indeed changed, but the one thing hasn't: the bonds of affection and friendship forged between us in those narrow foggy *strade* and shady *portici*. Friends, *cari Bolognesi*, please join us for our 30th anniversary reunion in Bologna during Alumni Weekend on April 28-30. It may not be our last chance, but it is perhaps our best chance to get nearly the entire group together.

BC alumni weekends typically gather near 400 people. Let's make ours the biggest. Make your plans early to guarantee a room: we have attached a recommended list of hotels. By the end of January the weekend [registration website](#) will open. Please register as soon as you can so we know who is coming. Registration through the website is mandatory (BC does not accept payments at the door) and the website will offer an "early bird" discount option.

Gasperi (Gary) Portuesi, our classmate and travel professional, is making great plans to help ensure a memorable reunion. *Mille grazie* Gasperi! As Gary finalizes suggestions for activities before, during and after the reunion---we will hear more on these closer to the date---we have attached a tentative schedule of the BC-organized activities for the weekend.

Speaking of making things bigger and better, a quick note about our Class of 1987 legacy to BC students. [Our class scholarship](#), initiated at our 2007 reunion, is valued at \$130,000, generating a yearly \$5,000 fellowship. A sincere thank you to all of you who have donated; your contributions have helped support [six students](#) study at the BC so far. Like everything else, tuition cost keep increasing. In these complex political and economic times, nobody realizes better than we the value of a BC SAIS education. To commemorate our 30th reunion—and in special honor of our dear classmates who are no longer with us, Elysa Bryms and Boguslaw "Bogdan" Maj—we propose augmenting the Class of '87 fellowship. The most successful class "borsa" has raised \$330,000 with a 45% class participation. We aim to do better, and are off to a great start. Earlier this year, classmate Joachim Fels pledged \$50,000 provided that at least two other classmates would match that sum. Nick Cortezi has generously pledged matching funds. Joachim and Nick, *siete grandi!* But we need one more \$50,000 gift, so please spread the word about this unique opportunity. And, in honor of Elisa and Bogdan—and classmates that would not have been at the BC in 1987 without similar help—please give for this special cause, our Bologna Center, at **any level you can**. Contact the Bologna development team at sais.eu.development@jhu.edu for more information about giving.

Finally, we have worked with the BC to update our class contact list, but we are still missing a few. If you are in touch with anyone listed at the bottom of this letter, please share this message and encourage them to reconnect with the Center and join our reunion [facebook page](#).

We sincerely look forward to seeing as many of you possible on April 28-30 in Bologna.

Sinceri Saluti; A presto...

Your BC Class of 87 Reunion Organizing Committee:

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