

CIIM comes to Cleveland

Ezio Listati

La CIIM (Confederazione di Impreditori Italiani nel Mondo) annuncia l'apertura del capitolo di Cleveland. Fondata a Roma nel Giugno 2004, la missione dell'organizzazione e' di facilitare la cooperazione e il networking tra i suoi membri in mercati stranieri. Per ulteriori informazioni contattate Ezio Listati, Presidente, al 216-820-4240 o per email ezio.listati@ciim.us.

In June 2004, the Confederation of Worldwide Italian Entrepreneurs (Confederazione degli Impreditori Italiani nel Mondo), also known as CIIM, was founded in Rome, Italy. CIIM was formed with the intent of building a worldwide Italian business network. The mission of this organization was to facilitate cooperative work and networking between its members in foreign markets. In June of 2006, this association spread to the United States with the founding of CIIM USA in New York City. CIIM USA is a non-profit organization bringing

together Italian entrepreneurs, business owners, corporate executives and managers. Since its creation, CIIM USA has been building a network of chapters throughout the United States and Canada.

Recently, CIIM USA created a Cleveland Chapter. CIIM USA appointed Ezio Listati as president of the Ohio Chapter. Listati has a long history of involvement with Italian and Italian American business communities in Ohio. "Ezio's determination, passion and vision make him the ideal candidate for this important position," says Tomaso Veneroso, President of CIIM USA.

The Cleveland Chapter is designed to allow Italian entrepreneurs and business owners in Northeast Ohio to promote and establish business opportunities with other Italian business people located in the United States and abroad. By joining CIIM, business people gain access to the CIIM directory, business opportunity listings, newsletters, events, workshops and special service promotions. Members are matched with worldwide customers and vendors who meet their needs. This organization has the potential to be extremely stimulating to Northeastern Ohio's economy, which has a rich history of Italian American decent.

In February, CIIM USA, along with the President of the Cleveland Chapter, Ezio Listati, was featured in the Italian magazine *Platinum*. The article told of the outstanding success that CIIM USA has achieved in the past two years.

Platinum described, "The friendship between the original founders of CIIM, the love for their Italian roots and the passion they put into their work seem to rub off on many other Italian businessmen." Clearly, CIIM USA is receiving recognition at home and abroad and achieving its goal as an international network.

The newest chapter of CIIM USA in Cleveland is well underway and has its newly appointed officers: Ezio Listati, Mark Santo, Gino Zomparelli and Anthony Rinaldi. President Listati, is a partner at Roetzel & Andress in Cleveland. Listati focuses his legal practice on commercial litigation, real estate disputes and real estate transactions. He is a first generation American who speaks Italian fluently and possesses dual citizenship.

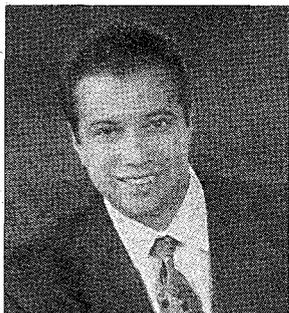
Mark Santo, Vice President of the CIIM Cleveland Chapter, is also President and CEO of the Cleveland Council on World Affairs and has enjoyed an extensive career at the highest levels of corporate Italia.

Gino Zomparelli, an attorney and businessman, is currently President of the Alta House in Little Italy and hopes to see an Italian cultural and community center in Cleveland.

Mr. Rinaldi is the sole owner of Anthony Rinaldi & Company, LLC located in Cleveland, OH. He concentrates his practice in the areas of tax, succession and estate planning, including business and real estate law.

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