International Conference

Adventures in Wonder Worlds
The Power of Literary Fantasy

5-6 December 2013
Ateneo Veneto, Venezia
Campo San Fantin, 1897

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**Thursday 5th December**
Ateneo Veneto, Aula Magna

14.15 Welcome

14.30 FIRST SESSION

Chair: **Shaul Bassi**, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice

*Introductory Remarks*
**Laura Tosi** and **Peter Hunt**

**Maria Nikolajeva**, University of Cambridge
*Why Reading Fantasy Is Good for Your Brain* (read by Morag Styles)

15.15 Break

15.45 SECOND SESSION

Chair: **Shaul Bassi**, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice

**Lindsay Myers**, National University of Ireland Galway
*Italian Children’s Fantasy - A National and International Perspective*

**Peter Hunt**, Visiting Professor, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice
and **Laura Tosi**, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice

*Pinocchio and Alice. The Power of International Fantasies: National Stereotypes?*

17.00 Discussion

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**Friday 6th December, Afternoon**
Ateneo Veneto, Sala Tommaseo

14.00 FIRST AFTERNOON SESSION

Chair: **Alessandra Petrina**, University of Padua

**Alessandra Avanzini**, University of Ferrara
*Imagining the world through Alice’s eyes. The adventures of Alice by L. Carroll as Bildungsroman*

**Francesca Orestano**, University of Milan
*The Wizard of Oz: Fantasy, Technology, Ecology*

15.15 Break

15.45 SECOND AFTERNOON SESSION

Chair: **Alessandra Petrina**, University of Padua

**Victoria de Rilke**, Middlesex University
*Fantasy or Playing with reality? Russell Hoban & the Thingness of Things*

**Rocio Davis**
*Emotions as Empowerment in Young Adult Dystopian Fiction*

17.00 Discussion and Final Round Table

Chair: **Morag Styles**, University of Cambridge