



Consulate General of Italy
Boston

Science, Technology and Business Days 2026

Program - April 14-16, 2026



Based on the success of the **Science Technology and Business (STB) Days at the Festival of Italian Creativity**, the Consulate General of Italy promotes a new edition of STB days in April 14-16, 2026. These days, on the same perspective of the first very successful edition, aim to showcase the **excellence of Italians and Italian-Americans in New England** while **bringing prominent Italian figures - artists, scientists, entrepreneurs, and investors - to Boston**.

STB days will feature three days of discussions on **science, technology, and business**, focusing on four key themes designed to encourage dialogue and **networking**. These discussions will tackle important **cultural, social, technological, and scientific challenges** that shape the future of humanity and the planet, aligning with the UN Agenda 2030 and other major reports. The event's agenda will provide a platform to explore innovative solutions for a more sustainable and inclusive future.

Leading Italian scientists, academics, entrepreneurs, investors, and venture capitalists from both Boston and Italy as well as World-class **key opinion leaders and domain experts** will engage in interactive discussions, open to the interaction with attendees. Some breakout sessions will be designed to address vertical and horizontal problem solving or business model innovation, data-centric sales & marketing, and funding avenues. These events will span a wide range of topics - from the digital revolution to sustainable development and new manufacturing - with an emphasis on **innovation** and entrepreneurship - presented in an engaging, fast-paced three-day program. The event will feature both a **Science Forum** and a **Business Forum**, with a dynamic schedule of talks, roundtables, fire-side chats, and business meetings.

The Business and Science Forums will complement each other by offering networking opportunities across science, technology, and business sectors. The event is designed to

attract Italian and U.S. scientists, institutions, companies, investment funds, accelerators, and venture capitalists. It aims to **highlight the creativity of Italians and Italian-Americans** in the Boston ecosystem, while also showcasing notable **creative contributions from Italy to enhance mutual collaboration**.

Organization of the three STB Days

The STB Days April 2026 will unfold over three days, each with a distinct character: an **Education** day (with "**Careers**" the mentoring and networking event of the Consulate at its fourth edition) with a focus on young students and testimonials from companies, universities, associations and institutions, a **Research** day (science forum) featuring scientific presentations across four key themes, and an **Innovation** day (business forum) dedicated to startups, investors, and professional networks. These sessions will offer valuable networking opportunities and showcase excellence in science, technology, and business.

The overarching goal is to address the major societal challenges of today and foster collaboration between Italian and American ecosystems.

Four major science and innovation topics will be explored, particularly during the second day:

- **Life sciences**
- **Environment and energy**
- **AI/Data science**
- **Materials and New Manufacturing**

Cross-cutting themes such as **arts, architecture, design, and sustainability** will also be integrated into the discussions, exploring how technological evolution will shape our daily lives and the way we live in the future.

The event is organized in parallel with, and in coordination with, the exhibition ***In Praise of Diversity – A Journey into Italian Ecosystems*** by **Isabella Saggio**, which will be held at the Italian Consulate General in Boston from April 14 to 16, 2026. The exhibition will open on April 14 from 4:00 p.m., and this occasion will also mark the inaugural session of the STB Days.

The exhibition explores the richness of Italian biodiversity through an immersive journey across terrestrial, marine, and urban ecosystems. Developed by researchers from the National Biodiversity Future Center and Sapienza University of Rome, the project brings together science and art, combining rigorous research with aesthetics and imagination to offer visitors a new and engaging perspective on biodiversity.

Over the course of the three days, activities will take place in the same spaces hosting the exhibition, reinforcing the strong connection between research and technological innovation pathways. The event will contribute to the development of projects and policies focused on One Health and biodiversity, in full alignment with the cultural and scientific vision of the STB Days.

The four main topics - a quite general framework to try to try to address the hottest topics for the consequences of R&D on our society - are particularly relevant to Boston and New England, an **international hub for life sciences, clean energy, artificial intelligence and new manufacturing**. Representatives from local institutions and development agencies will highlight their commitment to these sectors. Special sessions will also be dedicated to **investment and startups**, The STB days aim to facilitate **meaningful interactions** between scientists, entrepreneurs, and investors, creating a stimulating environment for **exchanging ideas** and **fostering collaboration**. It not only benefits participants but also strengthens the ties between Italian and Italian-American communities, paving the way for innovation and progress.

Partner organization of the event will be **Italian Heritage Month Committee of Massachusetts** who played a crucial role in supporting the Consulate General of Boston in organizing the festival of Italian Creativity. The organization of the days will also be supported by the organizations which usually partner with the Consulate in the promotional Activities. **42N** and **Bocconi Alumni Boston Chapter** will co-organize some panels. **Italian Trade Agency USA** will also promote and be present at the initiative.

Reknowned speakers, companies and institutions have already confirmed their presence both from the Boston ecosystem and from Italy: *Maurizio Fava* (Harvard), *Imma De Vivo* (Harvard), *Christopher Di Giovanni* (Harvard), *Emilio Baglietto* (MIT), *Raffaele Ferrari* (MIT), *Admir Masic* (MIT) , *Isabella Saggio* (Sapienza), *Roberto Baldoni* (Italian Embassy to the US), *Bianca Maria Colosimo* (Politecnico di Milano), *Walter Villadei*, Italian astronaut, (Aeronautica Militare Italiana), *Antonio Corghi* (BIP), *Marco Vitali and Federica Sanches* (Lombardini 22). The major Italian Corporations **ENI, ENEL, FINCANTIERI** will participate to the event along with representatives of the **Commonwealth of Massachusetts** and the **City of Boston**, entrepreneurs, investors and professionals from major corporations and consulting companies of the Boston ecosystem of research and innovation and beyond.

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EDUCATION - APR 14

The Education Day will feature **Careers**, an event at its fourth edition at the Italian Consulate general of Italy in Boston, a career-oriented event that connects Boston-area students and young researchers with Italian and Italian-American companies, institutions, and professionals. This day offers students the opportunity to meet leading figures from Italian industry, academia, and professional services in a structured but informal setting. Participants include university students and early-career researchers from institutions such as Northeastern University, Tufts University, MIT, and Harvard, alongside Italian companies and consulting firms active in the New England area.

The event is inspired by the highly successful previous editions of "Careers", the mentoring and networking initiative that has connected hundreds of young Italian and Italian-American professionals with leading figures from both sides of the Atlantic. The April 14 edition will feature roundtables, one-on-one meetings, and brief presentations by company representatives, offering students insights into career paths in science, technology, engineering, consulting, and entrepreneurship.

	Consulate General of Italy, Federal Reserve Building, 600 Atlantic Ave, Boston
	SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY and BUSINESS DAYS
	EDUCATION
4:00 PM	Welcome Coffee
4:15 PM	OPENING REMARKS Arnaldo Minuti – Consul General of Italy Paolo Gaudenzi – Science and Technology Counselor Luigi Fiorentino – President of the national Biodiversity Future Center
5:00 PM	CAREERS - Clubs and Testimonial presentations Representatives from Italian Clubs from the main Universities participating universities (Northeastern, Tufts, MIT, Harvard, Boston University, ...) Between ten and fifteen testimonials will introduce themselves to the attendees
5:20 PM	CAREERS - Roundtables & Networking Structured roundtables: students meet testimonial Career paths in consulting, engineering, and science Mentoring sessions – Q&A with testimonials
6:30 PM	Closing remarks by Consul General and opening of the networking Italian light dinner

RESEARCH - APR 15

The Research Day is the scientific core of the STB Days April 2026. It features five consecutive thematic sessions, each dedicated to one of the five key research areas: Life Sciences, Environment & Energy, AI / Data Science, Materials & New Manufacturing, and Space. Prominent scientists, researchers, and academics from leading Italian and Boston-area institutions present their view of the future and engage in dialogue with attendees. Each session aims to stimulate cross-disciplinary exchange and highlight the excellence of Italian and Italian-American scientists in New England.

The Research Day reflects the ambition of STB Days to bridge the scientific ecosystems of Italy and the United States. Presentations will cover cutting-edge research across the five themes, with a focus on innovation, sustainability, and the societal impact of science. The day culminates in a Business Forum fireside chat bringing together scientists, entrepreneurs, and investors for a broader discussion on the future of research and its translation into societal benefit.

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	RESEARCH
3:00 PM	Registration
3:30 PM	OPENING REMARKS Arnaldo Minuti – Consul General of Italy Paolo Gaudenzi – Science and Technology Counselor
3:40–4:20 PM	SESSION 4: MATERIALS & NEW MANUFACTURING Admir Masic – MIT, Civil and Environmental Engineering Bianca Maria Colosimo - Politecnico di Milano, Industrial engineering and additive manufacturing
4:20–5:00 PM	SESSION 2: ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY Raffaele Ferrari - MIT, EAPS, Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences Emilio Baglietto - MIT, NSE, Nuclear Science and Engineering
5:00–5:30 PM	Networking break
5:30–6:10 PM	SESSION 3: AI / DATA SCIENCE Roberto Baldoni - Embassy of Italy in the US Senior Advisor for technology and cybersecurity policy Giovanni Parmigiani - Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health - Biostatistics
6:10–6:50 PM	SESSION 1: LIFE SCIENCES Christopher Di Giovanni - Harvard medical School - Orthopedic surgery Imma De Vivo - Harvard medica School - Harvard Radcliffe Institute
6:50 PM	Conclusion by Consul General and opening of the networking Italian light dinner

INNOVATION - APR 16

The Innovation Day brings together Italian and Italian-American startups, investors, venture capitalists, and professional services firms in a dynamic format designed to foster connections, deal-making, and the exchange of ideas. Three parallel tracks run across the afternoon: a Science & Business Forum for established companies and institutions, a Pilot & Cooperation session for companies seeking bilateral R&D partnerships, and a Startup Track dedicated to early-stage companies seeking visibility and investment.

A highlight of the Innovation Day is the Startup Competition, where selected Italian and Italian-American startups present their ventures to an audience of investors and professionals. Major consulting firms (BCG, BIP, EY) and Italian corporate champions such as Fincantieri, ENI and ENEL will be present. The day concludes with a networking dinner open to all participants.

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3:25 – 4:40 PM	STARTUP COMPETITION (co-organized with 42N association), in the following the competitors Ada (AI for product development) ai.Esra (AI for cybersecurity) Lightsmith (Digital Twin, Virtual Power Plant for energy management) Causify (AI for predictive maintenance of complex systems) Osense (AI for risk management) Sunspeker (technological films for solar panels)
4:40 – 5:10 PM	Networking break
5:10 PM	How AI will frame our future (co-organized with Bocconi Alumni chapter of Boston) A panel of experts from major consulting companies, corporations, banks and professionals studios will discuss with the audience with the present trend and evolution of AI in our society and in business
6:00 PM	US and Italy: bilateral trade and investments (with the presence of Italian Trade Agency) A discussion on the strengthening of bilateral investment and commercial opportunities based on bilateral cooperation plans and real cases.
6:50 PM	Conclusion by Consul General and opening of the networking Italian light dinner