

*The Board of the Dante Society of BC is writing to invite you to our society's second Annual General Meeting, to be held on **Tuesday, 5 December 2017 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM**. The location is **Room B of the Roundhouse Community Centre, 181 Roundhouse Mews**, at the corner of Davie Street and Pacific Boulevard. Metered parking is generally available on the surrounding streets, and there is an underground parking lot on Davie Street beside the Urban Fare store. The Yaletown-Roundhouse Skytrain station is 100 metres away on Davie Street.*

Attached are:

- *the agenda for the formal part of the meeting, with the slate of nominees for the Board and for the Audit and Review Committee;*
- *the second annual Report of the Directors, from our President, with the Financial Statements attached.*

*At 7:00 pm, after the formal AGM, we will have a Q&A with an esteemed guest speaker, **Professor Daniela Boccassini** from the University of British Columbia. In conversation with one of our directors (Dr. Arianna Dagnino), she will explain why the words of a late medieval Italian poet matter more than ever in today's world.*

**FROM DOOM TO BLOOM:
DANTE'S TEACHINGS FOR (OUR) TROUBLED TIMES**



*Answering five basic questions (or more, depending on your willingness to ask), **Daniela Boccassini** will highlight for us Dante Alighieri's extraordinary poetic and existential achievements. His world-famous Commedia, composed seven hundred years ago in Italy during times of hardship, resonates more than ever today with the ring of truth. Depending on our willingness to listen, Dante's words of wisdom are there to help us see through today's uncertainties, and fearlessly so. His insights are a potent antidote to our growing sense of gloom.*

*An expert on Dante and the Medieval Mediterranean world, **Dr. Daniela Boccassini** teaches in the Italian program at UBC. She is also one of the directors of the Jung Society of Vancouver.*

After the Q&A we will share some light refreshments and some conversation to end our evening.

At the meeting you will have a chance to renew your membership in the Dante BC for 2018. The funds that we collect from memberships are used by the Society to advance our mission of promoting the language and culture of Italy. You will see from the Financial Statements that not one penny of the funds is used for salaries; all of our work is by volunteers. Your membership

confirms our common enthusiasm for the promotion of "l'Italianità". Dues are \$30 annually, payable by cash or cheque. You will receive your new membership card that gives discounts at famous museums, theatres and events in Italy. Here is a list of places where the discount is available: <http://ladante.it/diventa-socio/le-convenzioni.html>

Finally, if you wish to contribute in another way, we are looking for members who would like to participate in a committee to organize and promote our cultural events. If you would like to help, please speak to Arianna Dagnino, one of our directors, at the meeting, or send us an email at info@dantesocietybc.ca

*We look forward to seeing you the 5th. **Please feel free to bring a friend (if you are not interested in the AGM you can show up at 7.00 pm).***

*Yours sincerely,
Tom Henry for the Dante Society of BC*