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Malaspina Bicentenary

2010 marks the bicentenary of the death in northern Tuscany of Alexandro Malaspina, and we are very pleased to hear that memorial celebrations are continuing in various parts of the world.

Dario Manfredi, President of the Malaspina Foundation in Mulazzo, has been giving a set of lectures on the navigator's life, and a new biography has been published in Italian.

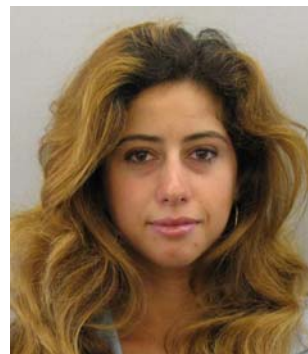
Alessandro Malaspina: una storia dimenticata, by Beppe Foggini, published by Magenes (www.magenes.it), is now out. It will be launched officially in Rome on December 16th.

The AMRC welcomes a new student research assistant, Manuela Fahme, who will be working on translating the letters of Alexandro Malaspina and other documents written in Italian. Although Canadian, Ms. Fahme was born in Milan and has lived for the last ten years in Padua, graduating from the University of Venice. She is currently in the MBA program at Vancouver Island University, and brings a thorough grasp of European languages to her new position.

We have also been informed of some progress in the Malaspina 2010 project, in which two research vessels will ply the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans in search of evidence about the effects of climate change on marine organisms and ocean chemistry. After repeated delays, the vessel *Hespérides* will leave Cadiz on December 15th. A variety of associated events are in progress: see the website: www.expedicionmalaspina.es/.



Other News



Finally, we have received news of another fine article by Australian scholar Robert King, this one dealing with Malaspina's experiments in New Zealand on latitudinal variations in the acceleration due to gravity.

Puerto Del Pendulo, Doubtful Sound: The Malaspina Expedition's Visit to New Zealand in Quest of the True Figure of the Earth appeared in *The Globe* 65, and can be purchased online at: search.informit.com.au/documentSummary;dn=500762084178145;res=IELHSS.

AMRC Director John Black will be on sabbatical leave from January until August. His plans include completing translations of two texts by Malaspina: the *Theses ex Physica Generali*, published in Rome in 1771, and the *Axiomas Políticos sobre la América*, written shortly after Malaspina returned to Spain in 1794, but not published until the twentieth century reawakening of interest in Malaspina's life and works.

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