

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is with much regret that I have to announce that the Board of Directors, in its meeting held on 17 May, decided unanimously to stop all courses immediately with a view to initiating the process of winding up COASIT.

In the absence of funds, COASIT finds itself without the money to continue operating. The decision to stop the courses from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May was taken to avoid incurring additional expenses for which we have no financial cover. We are continuing to lobby the Consulate for the earmarked funds to be released and are working hard to find a solution to the situation. We will reactivate the courses should funding be found in the next few days, otherwise the formal process of winding up COASIT will have to be initiated.

Stopping the courses was a very hard decision to take. All the Board members feel for the students, especially those who are taking exams, and for the teachers and office staff. We understand that it is a distressing situation.

It is a very sad day for COASIT and for everybody involved with Italian classes.

It is our earnest hope that our linguistic and cultural heritage can be maintained in some form.

Yours sincerely,

Silvestro de Besi  
Chairman

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