

Musica e Molecole 4: ProMusica Choir



Following an interesting scientific talk by Fabio Grassi, 50 girls, aged from 15 to 19, filed into the IRB wearing traditional hungarian dresses and lined up along the rails of the first floor. Their Director, Szabó Dénes positioned himself in middle of the ground floor. With a simple gesture from his hand the girls sang in perfect unison without instruments or microphones. The traditional hungarian folk songs were interspersed with more modern choral music and the director took full advantage of the unique acoustic space of the IRB, at one point sending three soloists into the elevator to sing from the 4th floor.

The Pro Musica Choir was performing in Spain in an international competition and were looking for hospitality during the long bus trip to and from Hungary. In exchange for housing at the Bellinzona Ostello di Montebello, they agreed



to perform at the musica e molecole event. It was truly remarkable as they got off the bus after 12 hours they wandered into the IRB for a rehearsal. They seemed just like any other 50 teenagers just off a bus until the director moved his hand and they started singing!

The evening was sponsored by Studio Ciocca SA of Lugano.

Confocal Microscope Up and Running



Based on the remarkable interest in the Leica instruction courses by members of the IRB, the confocal microscope, now up and running, will be a major success. The microscope was purchased through a grant from the Swiss National Fund and a private donation.

Musica e Molecole 5 Planned

Musica e Molecole 5 will be a truly remarkable event hosting the student orchestra of the Accademia Vivaldi in concert with the "Ragazzi Telethon". This collaboration is the result of an ambitious project funded by the Gustav and Ruth Jacob Foundation under the auspices of the Telethon Foundation of Ticino. Telethon raises funds during annual events to combat rare genetic disorders. Funds are given equally to research and to direct action in favor of patients and their families.



The Music Project brings together the orchestra of the academy with young people afflicted with debilitating illness to learn how to make music together. Begun in May of this year the students have had several workshops together as well as a summer camp. The event at the IRB will be filmed live by the local television helping to raise funds.

