

It's English time Gli allievi dell' **Wall Street Institute di Lecco** giornalisti... in inglese

Join Midsommar i Monza and Ragnarock Nordic Festival

Un evento dedicato alla cultura nordica: previste serate musicali, letterarie e anche una mostra

MONZA (ces) You may have heard in part to Midsommar i Monza 2009 and joined the traditional Swedish dances and the May Pole and the May Pole cod in ivy leaves and flowers or learnt a few Danish words at last year's edition Ragnarock Nordic Festival maybe you never had opportunity to get to your fellow citizens Scandinavian roots. But it isn't a matter! Both new and experienced travelers are welcome to join Midsommarfesten with children on June 19th Ragnarock Nordic Festival with their friends on June 22nd and 26th-27th. In addition, the Scandinavians would celebrate the longest day of the year in Monza with dances around the May Pole in the woods. The unmarried girls would pick different types of flowers at a crossroads and put them under their pillow, to dream their future. But as Scandina-

vians residing in Italy normally fly back to their home countries by the summer solstice, Midsommar i Monza usually takes place the previous Saturday. Everyone brings a basket of home-made Scandinavian food and shares it with the other participants, while an accordionist in his local costume accompanies the Apelgrå choir. You may be invited to join the dances around the May Pole, but you won't have to if you don't feel like it. In the afternoon, children are given a list of questions in Swedish, and engage in the traditional treasure hunt. Grown-ups can buy lottery tickets to win SAS-flights and other amazing prizes. Ragnarock Nordic Festival takes its name from the Old Norse Ragnarök, "Fate of the Gods", referring to Fenrir the Wolf swallowing up the sun. To prevent our sun to be overshadowed by pollution, a workshop on green economy after COP 15 will be

held at Università Bocconi in Milan on June 22nd.

In collaboration with the European Commission, Comune di Milano and the Nordic Embassies, the meeting wants to start a dialogue with the Italian representatives.

For those of you who love rock music, a two-day festival will be held in Parco Sempione in Milan on June 26th-27th, with concerts, happenings and cultural meetings with North-European guests. The Apelgrå choir members will offer free lessons in Danish, Norwegian and Swedish language, teaching their basic lexis and unique spelling, and also reading poems, followed by Italian translation. Handouts with the basic Scandinavian grammar rules and everyday vocabulary will be provided. For further information visit www.ragnarock.eu. So, see you in Monza and Milan!

Silvia Re