



# Journal

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Buongiorno!

I have become an honorary Italian around here. I am getting trained in to do paleomagnetism work on the core by a group of Italian paleomagnetists (sometimes called paleomagicians). In exchange for helping them, they are giving me Italian lessons. I am getting well versed in pleasantries and greetings, and conversations.

I have also been spending some time with Ann Curry. We went shopping together this morning . Okay, that's a bit of an exaggeration. I went into the store to buy a book and postcards this morning, and she was there shopping for souvenirs as well. The two of us were the only ones in the small store. As we got in line to pay, her producer walked in and said, "Our flight has just been cancelled for the day. Bad weather at the Pole."

She replied, "What are we going to do then?"

I piped up and said, "Why don't you come talk to the ANDRILL Team? They would love to talk to you." I didn't get much of a response. They were busy thinking about alternate plans.





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But then I told her that I was a teacher and my school and district would LOVE to have a picture of me with her. She said she would be delighted to -and "how great to have a teacher in Antarctica!"

I replied, "Yes -it's so exciting to bring Antarctica to them!" (I couldn't think of anything snappier to say!!)

Someone took our picture for us.... And that was it. I told her that I that I hope to see her in the ANDRILL office later. We parted ways and I bid her "Arrivederci."

For some reason she didn't ask for me to be her coanchor. I'm still trying to figure out why...  
That's all for now.

Ciao,

Robin

