



2ND EDITION

ART.1 ORGANISATION

The International Institute of Coffee Tasters (IIAC – Istituto Internazionale Assaggiatori Caffè) and the Taster Study Center (CSA – Centro Studi Assaggiatori), organise 'International Coffee Tasting', an international competition for single or mixed origin coffee, in beans, powder or single dose forms, for espresso, mocha or filter coffee in Italy in 2008.

ART.2 AIMS

The International Coffee Tasting proposes:

1. To create a competition between coffees from throughout the world to emphasis the hedonic quality of the product which comes from particularly gifted areas and is carefully grown, expertly selected, knowledgeably roasted and then, whenever appropriate, masterfully blended.
2. to emphasis quality production by indicating to consumers the best products on the market;
3. To stimulate producers to follow a quality path in its most modern definition, i.e. customer satisfaction.

The following can take part in 'International Coffee Tasting': roasted coffee beans, powdered coffee or single dose (pods) ready for consumption, either from a single source or blends.

ART.3 CLASSIFICATION OF COFFEES

The International Coffee Tasting is restricted to the following coffee categories:

- A. single origin or blends in powder for filter preparation, including Neapolitan coffee pot;
- B. single origin or blends in powder for mocha preparation (Italian coffee pot);
- C. single origin or blends in beans for automatic non-professional coffee machines;
- D. single-dose pods from a single origin or blends;
- E. Italian bean blends for espresso preparation;
- F. non-Italian bean single origins or blends for espresso preparation.

In those cases when both single origin and blended coffees are entered into a single category among B, C, D, E, F they will be treated as different categories for the purposes of the competition.

The Organisation reserves the right to change categories in relation to the number of participants, excluding a category if there are not enough samples in it and/or asking producers to place their coffees into a different category if possible.

ART.4 ORGANISERS' COMMITTEE

The organisers' committee will be nominated by both the *Istituto Internazionale Assaggiatori Caffè* and the *Centro Studi Assaggiatori*.

ART.5 THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The Technical Committee will be made up of professors from the following universities:

- USP – Brazil;
- UNESP – Brazil;
- École Supérieure d'Agriculture d'Angers – France;
- Hertfordshire University– the United Kingdom;
- Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore – Italy;
- Università degli Studi di Udine – Italy;
- Università degli Studi di Verona – Italy;
- Università degli Studi di Brescia – Italy.

ART.6 PRESIDUM

The *presidia* will be made up from members of the Technical Committee and/or chosen members by the Technical Committee who are qualified for the task. Their aim is to guarantee correct and impartial sensorial evaluation of the participants of the competition.

Art.7 SUBSCRIPTION

Companies that intend to take part in International Coffee Tasting must send the following to the *Centro Studi Assaggiatori*, Galleria V. Veneto 9, 25128 Brescia (Italy):

by **30th June 2008**:

1. The fully completed entry form A included and downloadable from the internet site www.coffeetasters.org;
2. An entry fee (copy included) of € 120,00 net of bank expenses, for each entry, payable to: *Centro Studi Assaggiatori*, Banco di Brescia, branch n. 10 in Via Veneto (Brescia):

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3. n. 1 empty package of the product that will take part in the competition.

by **15th September 2008**

1. 3 packages of the same product of at least 500 grams of coffee or the equivalent number of single-doses of coffee. The package must clearly display the following: "non-commercial sample for the use at the competition International Coffee Tasting" with a sell-by date no less than 31st January 2009.
2. Self-certification of the sample's compliance with Italian law.

The Organisation Committee reserves the right to carry out its own comparative analyses and controls.

ART.8 RESPONSIBILITY

The organisers decline all responsibility for the possible delay in delivering samples by these dates, their total or partial loss during transportation and their conservation conditions.

All transportation costs are the responsibility of the company presenting the samples.

ART.9 RECEIPT OF SAMPLES

As soon as they have been received, all samples will be kept at room temperature in suitable premises.

ART.10 JUDGING

The evaluation of samples will be strictly anonymous in places chosen by the organisers' committee by panels of not less than five proven judges.

The Commissions will judge the samples on the base of the method developed and established by IIAC and CSA. The Judgements will be made autonomously by each judge and the final mark will be made using statistical means. The commission's verdicts cannot be appealed.

ART.11 PRIVACY

To safeguard the prestige of the participating companies, the Organisers' Committee will only publish a list of prize winning coffees and not the total list of participants nor the points awarded to individual samples.

ART.12 RECOGNITION AND PRIZE-GIVING

Based on the points given, a maximum of 30% of coffees will be awarded *ex-aequo* the Gold Medal.

The Prize-awarding will be made by 30th November 2008 and subsequently a list of winners will be published on the site www.coffeetasters.org.

ART.13 CONTROLS

The winners of International Coffee Tasting 2008 must allow the Organisers' Committee or its delegates to make inspections of their samples from their factory sites.

If the rules are not entirely respected, any recognition made during the prize-giving will be taken away.

ART.14 THE RELEVANT LEGAL FORUM AND CHANGES TO THE RULES

For any controversy the competent legal authority is that of Brescia. These rules can be changed by express request of the competent authorities or in case the organisational committee deems it necessary.



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APPLICATION FORM

To be sent before the 30th of June 2008 through:

- fax # +39 (0)30 300328
- snail mail:
Istituto Internazionale Assaggiatori Caffè
c/o Centro Studi
Galleria V. Veneto 9
25128 Brescia
ITALY

THE UNDERSIGNED (NAME AND SURNAME)	
LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMPANY	
ADDRESS	
TOWN	
PROVINCE	
COUNTRY	
ZIP CODE	
PHONE #	
FAX #	
E-MAIL	
WEBSITE	
VAT #	

ASKS TO PARTICIPATE

into the competition "International Coffee Tasting 2008", declares to agree with the regulations and enters the following products for the competition:



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An application form will be attached for each product as well as the copy of the payment of the entrance fee of:

€ _____, __ (Euro _____)

in favour of Centro Studi Assaggiatori.

Date _____

Signature _____

Your data will be handled directly by the association in order to process your application. It could be necessary to communicate your data to a third party to process your application. Every communication concerning your data between the association and a third party will comply with the regulations stated by the Italian Law (d.l. 196 - 30.06.2003). According to the Italian Law your signature is required to handle the data. Please sign below.

Date _____

Signature _____



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NAME OF THE PRODUCT

TYPE

- Blend
- Single Origin (please specify -----)

PHYSICAL ASPECT

- Grains
- Powder
- Single-dose (e.g. pod)

PREPARATION

<i>Machinery</i>	<i>Dose (g)</i>	<i>Water per dose (ml)</i>	<i>Temperature of the extraction (°C)</i>	<i>Pressure of the extraction (bar)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Automatic Home Machine				
<input type="checkbox"/> Moka				
<input type="checkbox"/> Filter				
<input type="checkbox"/> Single-dose Machine monodose (es. pod)				

PRODUCTION DATE ____/____/____

MAXIMUM CONSERVATION TIME _____

LOT # _____

AMOUNT OF PACKETS IN THE LOT _____



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CATEGORY (please check one)

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NOTES

The undersigned declares to have fully read and accepted the regulations of the International Coffee Tasting and authorises the publication of the results of the competition and of his company's data on the website www.assaggiatoricaffe.org or www.coffeetasters.org. Moreover he authorises any form of publicity by the organizers in case one product or more does meet the quality requirements stated in the regulations.

Date _____

Signature _____



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