



PRESS RELEASE

CHEFS COMPETE ON THE FRECCIAROSSA

“Giovani Chef On Board” Competition commences

Five young chefs will compete with each other by preparing high quality dishes on the 12.30 p.m. Rome-Milan Frecciarossa train, from 1 April to 15 May.

The “Giovani Chef On Board” Competition has been organised by Trenitalia and Chef Express (Cremonini Group) to make the already lavish range of catering services offered on the High-speed trains even more tasty.

The five chefs chosen to take part in the culinary competition are Enrico Bartolini of Pavia, Francesco Sposito of Naples, Carmine Calò of Ascoli Piceno, Enzo Bernabei of Teramo and Riccardo Di Giacinto of Rome.

Each chef will have the kitchen of the Frecciarossa 9438 Rome-Milano at their disposal for three days a week and will present a thematic menu of their own creation with the matching of various high quality wine labels. The menus will all be organised in the same way and will include appetizers, a first plate, main course, side-dish and dessert.

At the end of the competition the young chefs will be judged by a formal jury composed of six experts, representative of the Italian wine-and-food panorama. The jury will be chaired by Enzo Vizzari, editor of the “L’Espresso” wine-and-food guide.

Catering on the AV trains, managed by Chef Express, is presently characterized by three service typologies: a welcome on-board offered by Trenitalia includes a sweet/salty snack and prestigious brand drinks; there is a bar service with high quality products and a wide choice for every type of need; a gourmet restaurant with high quality Italian products, such as pasta drawn through a bronze die, quality meat cuts and a carefully selected wine list.

Cremonini’s catering division achieved total consolidated revenues of **474.7 million Euro** in 2008 (+6.9%). In the concession catering sector the Group is the leader in Italy in the station buffets market with **47 railway stations** managed, of which **9 are main stations**. The Group is also present in 5 airports (Rome Fiumicino, Rome Ciampino, Cagliari, Palermo and Parma) and in the **motorway catering** sector: to date there are **37 catering areas** managed by the Group. Cremonini is the 1st operator in Europe in the on-board train catering market, with **over 1,200 trains served daily in 8 European countries**. Finally, Cremonini is present in commercial catering with a Roadhouse Grill brand steakhouse chain, which now has **16 premises in Italy**.

*Cremonini, with over 9,500 employees and 2008 revenues of 2,212.1 million Euro, is one of the largest food groups in Europe and operates in three business areas: **production, distribution and catering**.*

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