

The Welcoming Reception will be held at the Valentino Castle, one of the most fascinating historical locations in Torino, once residence of the Savoy Family since the XVI century. The Palace is on the Po river and is located inside the wide green area of Valentino Park, enjoyable at any time of the year. Building of the Castle began in the mid 1500s when the Ducal House of Savoy demanded its construction as a proof of its increasing power. In 1621 the Duke Carlo Emanuele I donated the Palace to his daughter-in-law, Princess Cristina of France, sister of king Luis XIII of France, who commissioned radical changes to the Palace according to the predominant French style of the time. The Valentino Castle therefore represents a unique combination between an Italian Palace and a French Chateau. The site



today hosts the Faculty of Architecture and was the House of Italy during the 2006 Winter Olympic Games. During the Reception you will have the opportunity to visit the very charming rooms on the noble floor.

