

## BURSARIES AND STUDY GRANTS OFFERED BY THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

The Italian Government has decided to award a number of Bursaries to suitably qualified South African citizens who wish to complete a course or continue their studies in Italy, for the academic year 1960 - 61, beginning on 1 November 1960.

The duration of the Bursary is 8 or 10 months and the amount granted is It. Lire 60,000 (approximately £34 0s. 0d.) per month. If the Bursars wish to spend a few months in Italy before the beginning of the academic year, for the purpose of attending courses in the Italian language, this monthly grant will also be given them for that period.

The Bursaries of 10 months' duration will be assigned to South African students who intend to complete a full course leading to a degree or diploma at an Italian university and, subject to satisfactory reports on progress, will be renewed from year to year; or to university teachers and qualified artists who wish to continue their studies at universities, institutes, academies of fine arts or of music. The Bursaries, which expire on 31 August

1961, may also be renewed for the following year, subject to the above-mentioned condition.

Bursaries of 8 months (12 November 1960 - 30 June 1961) will be granted to students or scholars who intend to spend only 1 academic year in Italy and who wish to return to South Africa at the end of the Italian academic year.

The Italian shipping company Lloyd Triestino will allow successful applicants a 75% discount on the return fare.

In selecting candidates, preference will be given to applicants specializing in scientific research and study, or in experimental and technical work relating to mathematics, chemistry, civil engineering, architecture, industrial engineering, biology, medicine and pharmacology, agriculture and zoology, geography, geology, mineralogy, etc. But candidates who are qualified in other disciplines may also apply.

Applications (4 copies) should reach the Italian Consulates in Cape Town for the Cape Province and South West Africa,

in Johannesburg for the Transvaal and Orange Free State, and in Durban for Natal, not later than *15 April 1960*, together with the following documents:

1. One photograph, passport size;
2. Curriculum of past studies, in duplicate;
3. The original or 1 certified copy of latest school or university certificate;
4. A full description of the studies which the candidate intends to pursue in Italy;
5. Two testimonials by university or high school authorities or teachers;
6. A letter from a competent teacher of Italian, stating the candidate's knowledge of the Italian language;
7. Medical certificate; and
8. (For minors only): Consent of father or guardian to the acceptance of the Bursary.

The applications received by the above-mentioned Consulates will be examined by a specially appointed Selection Committee, which will meet at the Italian Embassy.

In addition, the Italian Government proposes to award a number of bursaries for periods of from 1-3 months to South African citizens who wish to pursue a short course of study in Italy during 1960.

Such bursaries will be awarded to those who have made a serious study of Italian language and culture at a South African university, or at classes run by the Dante Alighieri Society or an equivalent institution, and who wish to improve materially their knowledge at an Italian university, or at the University for Foreigners at Perugia, or one of the courses organized by the Società Dante Alighieri in Italy. Teachers of Italian will receive special consideration.

A certain number of grants will be made to those who wish to take courses in music during the summer at the Conservatorium 'Benedetto Marcello' at Venice, or colleges of music of equivalent standard, or who wish to take courses arranged for foreign teachers at Perugia at the International Centre 'Luigi Severini'.

The number of grants—each of the value of 60,000 Lire (£34) a month—will be at least 4.

Applications for these grants must be sent in, in 4 copies, by 10 April 1960, to the Italian Consulate in Cape Town for the Cape Province and South West Africa, to the Italian Consulate in Johannesburg for the Transvaal and the Orange Free State, and to the Italian Vice-Consulate in Durban for Natal. They should include an application on the required form and also (1) a full account of previous study, (2) a certificate of competence in Italian, (3) two copies of the programme of study which the student intends to pursue; this should state (a) the particular course the applicant intends to follow, (b) the centre at which he intends to study, and (c) the date he intends starting work.

There is no need to enclose certificates of examinations passed or other such documents, except in the case of those who intend to study music; such students must enclose a certificate from the head of a school of music showing the standard which they have reached.

It should be remembered that the payment of such grants will only be authorized after the applicant has accepted his grant by letter. Since this takes about 2 months to arrange finally, those who receive such grants should not proceed to Italy before then, unless they have enough money of their own to live on until the matter is finally approved.

A limited number of application forms are available from the Registrar of the College of Physicians, Surgeons and Gynaecologists of South Africa, P.O. Box 120, Cape Town.