

Kearney, Nebraska, 22 July 2014

Mr. Pasquale Cascella  
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Dear Mr. Cascella,

I am deeply honored by the invitation from Mr. Nino Vinella and the Comitato Italiano Pro Canne della Battaglia (of which I have been a Foreign Member since 2004) to offer a Conference in Barletta, on Hannibal and new research concerning the Battle of Cannae, as part of the program commemorating the 2230<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battle.

Allow me to introduce myself. I am a professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Nebraska-Kearney (USA). My field is Psychohistory, the study of the psychological motivations of historical characters. For the past 15 years I have been researching Hannibal and the Punic Wars. I have found numerous instances where modern research contradicts or forces a reinterpretation of the classical record (essentially the histories of Polybius and Titus Livius).

My research has been published in two major articles in *The International Journal of the Humanities* (in 2006 and 2007) and has been incorporated in a number of recent books examining the story of Hannibal (including Mir Bahmanyar's "Vanquished" and Abdelaziz Belkhdja's "Hannibal Barca: L'histoire veritable" as well as the recent novel of Laura Fernandez-Montesinos, "Anibal el Rayo de Cartago", for which I wrote the Prologue). My most recent work has appeared in the form of a series of 12 articles in *The History Herald*, accessible online at

<http://www.thehistoryherald.com/Ancient-History-Civilisation/Hannibal-and-the-Punic-Wars/>

Over the past couple of decades I have also been able to gather books, films, periodicals, audio recordings, and miscellanea, forming a research library. The Hannibal Library holds over 8000 items on Hannibal and the Punic Wars, perhaps the largest such collection in the world. I am the curator/librarian for the Library. A listing of the current holdings of the Hannibal Library can be accessed online at [http://www.unk.edu/academics/psychology/\\_files/mosigy/HannibalResearchResources.pdf](http://www.unk.edu/academics/psychology/_files/mosigy/HannibalResearchResources.pdf)

More information can be found at my university webpage, <http://www.unk.edu/academics/psychology/faculty-staff/yozan-mosig.php>, which has buttons to access contact information, research interests, selected publications, courses regularly taught, and “other,” the latter containing unusual biographical information as well as links to some of my videoconferences, including the one I prepared for last year’s anniversary of Cannae in Barletta..

I will be in Barletta with my family for a week. Perhaps we could meet, if you have time in your busy schedule.

With great respect and my best wishes

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Attachments:

“Interview with Hannibal”

Program for the 2230 anniversary of the Battle of Cannae