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Dear colleagues and friends

This is to inform you of an initiative I am organizing to celebrate the research and writing of Augusto Ponzio on the occasion of his 70th birthday (17 February 1942).

The invitation is to write a text from 500 to 2,500 words circa on any aspect of his production which counts a great number of monographs, and countless other editorial enterprises including his translations, edited volumes and authorship of innumerable essays covering a great variety of problems relevant to the philosophical, semiotic and linguistic disciplines, to literary writing, music and artistic discourse generally, to the sciences including biology, cybernetics, mathematics, etc.

Contributions will be short, but thought provoking. They may consist in explaining some aspect of Ponzio's writings, or interpreting and developing it further in light of one's own specific research interests.

Ponzio has contributed to spreading the ideas and works of such figures as Karl Marx, Mikhail Bakhtin, Charles Peirce, Giovanni Vailati, Ferruccio Rossi-Landi, Emmanuel Levinas, Peter of Spain, Giovanni di San Tommaso, Roland Barthes, and Thomas Sebeok.

Please consult his website for further details and materials concerning his work: www.augustoponzio.com.

At the moment I need an indication of who would like to contribute, by the 6th January 2012. Completed contributions should be forwarded to susan.petrilli@gmail.com, at the latest by the 10th of February. My aim is to present our collected papers to Ponzio in the form of a provisional pdf text on the day of his birthday. I will then commit to editing the volume for publication very soon after and certainly in 2012, in the journal *Semiotica*, as accorded with Marcel Danesi, Editor-in-Chief.

Thanking you for your interest and participation and looking forward to hearing from you very soon.

Contributions should be in English, for the stylesheet please see attached.

I take the opportunity to wish you all Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Kind regards

Susan Petrilli

Augusto Ponzio: **Fields, Topics and Referential Authors**

Fields: philosophy, semiotics, linguistics, economics, logic, art, literature, cultural anthropology, psycholinguistics, psychoanalysis, music, theatre, cartoons, comic strips.

Topics: meaning, sense, referent, interpretant, verbal and non verbal-signs, interpersonal relations, dialogue, dialectic, responsibility, nonfunctionality, singularity, humanism, otherness, human laws, communication-production, critique of political economy, ideology,

values differential calculus, syntax, semantics, pragmatics, metaphor, translation, language origin.

Referential authors: Aristofane, Artaud, Bakhtin, Benjamins, Barthes, Bataille, Blanchot, Borges, Chomsky, Deleuze, Foucault, Freud, Kierkegaard, Leopardi, Foscolo, Levinas, Mann, Manzoni, Nietzsche, Marx, Morris, Orwell, Peirce, Poe, Peter Hispanus, Orwell, Rossi-Landi, Semerari, Szasz, Schaff, Sebeok, Svevo, Vailati, Verdiglione.