



OUR MISSION

ARCHEOCLUB D'ITALIA was founded in 1971 as an Archaeological Documentation Center in order to give solid support to researchers and experts in communicating the knowledge of the Past. Pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 565 of July 24, 1986, the Association became a Body with legal personality, then in accordance with the Decree of the Department of National Civil Defense dated January 10, 2020, it was included among the Civil Defense volunteer organizations and now pursuant to Resolution No. G06576 dated May 24, 2022, it is an Association of Social Promotion (APS) - Third Sector Body.

Among the notable founders there are: Massimo Pallottino, a student of Giulio Quirino Giglioli and the first ever Etruscology lecturer at Sapienza University of Rome; Gianfranco Paci, university professor of Roman Epigraphy and Roman History; professor Romolo Augusto Staccioli; Baldassarre Conticello, Superintendent of Archaeology of Regione Lazio and the philosopher Francesco Berni, tireless promoter and creator.

The current National President is Dr Rosario Santanastasio supported by the National Directorate consisting of Vice President Dr Fortunata Flora Rizzo, General Secretary Dr Pietro Antonio Cirigliano, Treasurer professor Domenico Palumbo, plus and the members Innocente Cataldi (lawyer), Francesco Finocchiaro and Claudio Lo Monaco (architects).

Since its foundation, the Archeoclub d'Italia acted as a voluntary association with the aim of developing the exchange among its members, the citizens and the institutions about the important topics of protection, promotion and management of the national cultural and environmental heritage.

It was thanks to the distinguished academics, scholars and thousands of professionals, students and enthusiasts who join the local branches scattered throughout Italy that the Association has been able to achieve results and earn prestige over the years.

Our strength is our associative network that develops at both local and territorial level, where our offices have established over the years a net of cooperation with local authorities, Superintendencies, Places of Culture, Schools, Universities, Dioceses, with Professional Orders and with other associations and individual citizens. All of these initiatives have contributed to the development of cultural dynamism – especially in small towns – in many cases triggering cultural tourism and also concrete acts in favor of knowledge, preservation, restoration, promotion and enhancement of Cultural Heritage.

The associative network is built on a rich history made up of deep experience and widespread, extensive knowledge of both the strengths and weaknesses of territory, including environmental, social and cultural risks. Building on this, in its fifty-two years of activity the Archeoclub d'Italia has been able to develop projects aimed to the management and enhancement of sites of monumental, archaeological, cultural and environmental value, and to promote educational activities in the field of Cultural Heritage of the territory for schools, National Civil Service volunteers, Civil Protection Department volunteers, members of the various professional associations and, more generally, local communities.

Hundreds of local events intertwine with those at national level: Chiese Aperte, an annual event now in its 29th edition; Conoscere per Tutelare, promoting guided tours, developing thematic itineraries, seminars, conferences and video production; L'Agorà, a magazine dedicated to the debate on cultural politics; Le Giornate Europee dell'archeologia, which allows the public to discover lesser-known archaeological sites and areas; participating in the Mediterranean Exchange of Archaeological Tourism in Paestum; the 3rd edition of the Archeoclub D'italia Webinars, consisting in thematic web seminars; the Sabatino Moscati International Prize that awards national excellence in the various fields of cultural and environmental heritage; and the Paolo Caputo National Prize for young graduates of Italian universities.

The Archeoclub d'Italia also has specialized departments:

Marenostrum, established more than 20 years ago to focus on emerged and submerged coastal cultural and environmental heritage throughout the national territory. The project, coordinated by the national office, is supported by technical specialists in the fields of archaeology, engineering, geology and marine biology and also professional underwater operators as well as non-professional enthusiasts. Being a niche sector, the members are limited in number but highly specialized. Its pivotal topics range from coastal erosion to emerged and submerged coastal archaeological finds and even to issues related to the flora and fauna of our seas.

Nucleo Nazionale di Protezione Civile (National Civil Protection Department) featuring a national operational structure that cooperates with the competent authorities responsible for forecasting, monitoring and emergency protection of cultural heritage. The National Department originated from the Archeoclub d'Italia network which, by its very nature, has two defining characteristics: it welcomes both skilled enthusiasts and professionals in the field of cultural heritage, and it has deep roots in the territory, which entails a deep knowledge of territorial issues and guarantees an immediate response in case of contained calamitous events afflicting the entire Italian peninsula.

POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHMENT OF FOREIGN HEADQUARTERS

Article 9 of the Rules of Association provides the possibility of establishing Foreign Branches:

"1. Members of Archeoclub d'Italia are Italian or foreign natural persons, resident in Italy or abroad who had undersigned the Rules of Association, its guidelines, the associative methods and objectives through an annual membership share.

2. Local Branches are at the base of the association and must consist of a minimum number of 15 natural persons each. **Any potential Foreign Branches complying with the Rules of Association and the relevant laws of the Country they are located in are considered local branches of the Archeoclub d'Italia."**

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