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Aderente a **TICCIH** (*The International Committee for the Conservation of the Industrial Heritage*)

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Founded in 1997 by a group of industrial heritage experts and some of the most important Italian institutions in this field, the Italian Association for Industrial Archaeological Heritage (AIPAI) is the only one of its kind in Italy.

Since its establishment, AIPAI has been promoting, coordinating and carrying out research activities by resorting to different kinds of competences, with the aim to analyse the links between Industrial Archaeological Heritage and the system of Cultural and Artistic Heritage, the environment and work related culture, in a long term perspective. AIPAI has a global approach, a multiplicity of interests in relation to its fields of activity, a network of relations built up over time with academics, experts, associations, museums and institutions that work in this sector internationally, in order to combine the "Italian approach to industrial archeology" with the most advanced international experiences and initiatives.

Among its objectives, AIPAI aims at promoting a higher level of operational and scientific collaboration between public and private institutions in a number of fields, such as cataloguing, preserving and enhancing industrial heritage, protecting archives, machines and other testimonies to the industrial and the work civilization, with a view to both training field experts and promoting industrial tourism. AIPAI cooperates with universities, research centers, institutions, museums, central and local authorities (Ministries, Superintendencies, Regional and Provincial Authorities, Municipalities, Mountain Communities, Agencies for the promotion of tourism and local development, etc.) as well as enterprises, national and international cultural associations.

Since its origins, an international connotation has marked the development of AIPAI: it promoted a considerable part of huge activities, both with the presence of the foreign academics and experts at all the Association's most important conferences, and with the participation of AIPAI members at major events in several European countries, and in America and Asia, and with the work in the framework of TICCIH that culminated with AIPAI's and the ICSIM's organization of the 13th TICCIH congress in Terni and in Rome in 2006. In 2008 AIPAI signed an agreement with TICCIH (The International Committee for the Conservation of Industrial Heritage), thus AIPAI became the official representative of TICCIH in Italy.

The constant "open-door" approach to the international dimension also marked the initiatives in AIPAI's educational activities, primarily with the broad efforts made in partnership with universities, for the creation and development of the post-graduate Master's course in Conservation, Management and Promotion of the Industrial Heritage (the MPI course), activated in 2002 by Padua University and now in its 11th edition. The MPI experience has also been able to project itself into the international context by means of the Master Erasmus Mundus TPTI - *Techniques, Patrimoine, Territoires de l'Industrie: Histoire, Valorisation, Didactique* and the international doctorate in HERITECHS – Heritage, Cultural Economics, Technology and Sustainability.

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