

Archiss

Multimedia Archive of the Istituto Superiore di Sanità



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What is Archiss

Archiss is the historical photographic digital archive of the Italian National Institute of Health (Istituto Superiore di Sanità, ISS). The Archive illustrates the activities of research carried out by ISS, the main Italian research institution in the biomedical field, since its foundation (1934) and traces the history of public health in Italy.

Archiss is available online at <https://arch.iss.it>

What is included in Archiss

Archiss includes a wide collection of images and audiovisuals on the many ISS institutional activities since its foundation.



Historical photographs
Digitized photographs from the original collection of over 27,000 black and white images, dating between the second and the sixth decades of 20th century.



Scientific instruments of historical interest
Photographs of about 900 scientific instruments which are part of a precious collection owned by ISS. The instruments were used in different ISS laboratories since the first years from its foundation (1934). The collection started with the instruments from the Laboratory of Physics.

Historical and artistic objects

Images of objects of artistic and historical value dating back to 19th and 20th centuries and owned by ISS. An agreement with the Ministero per i Beni e le Attività Culturali, 2010-2013, led to their identification and cataloguing in accordance with international standard criteria.



Audiovisuals

Video recordings of events organized and hosted at ISS: video interviews, videos from conferences, exhibitions, forums, celebrations and from other important institutional occasions.



Current photographs

Images related to events, meetings and institutional activities organized and hosted by the ISS since the 1970s.



Original historical photographic archive

The original archive of black and white paper-based photographs is visited by the Italian Minister of Foreign Trade Mario Martinelli at ISS premises (25 February 1955).

In late 1980s the first edition of a miscellaneous photographs volume was published (Alberani V et al. Immagini nel tempo. Roma: Istituto Superiore di Sanità, 1987).



*Photograph from the archive of scientific instruments of historical interest
Grating Spectrograph of Rowland (Royal Physics Institute, Rome).*



Photograph from the archive of historical and artistic objects

Bronze bust of Stanislao Cannizzaro by Giovanni Nicolini (early decades of 20th century)



Photograph from the audiovisual archive

In a video interview, ISS scientist Fulvia Valente explains the meaning of the Professor De Tivoli formula $PV=k$ (2008).

Photograph from the current photos archive

A researcher during the inauguration of the ISS FaBioCell laboratory (18 July 2006).



In 2015, the project for digitalization and cataloguing the ISS historical photographs - originally focused on a selection of 6,000 images dating back to ISS foundation in 1934 - was resumed as an on-going activity within a series of ISS heritage preservation initiatives (events, multimedia production and different publications).

The project consisted in identifying the whole corpus of images in order to set up a digital archive covering the history of public health.



Digitalization and cataloguing of paper images

Credits

Project for the Promotion of the historical, artistic and cultural heritage of the Istituto Superiore di Sanità.

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