

The documents

In the Archive, it is possible to consult the founding documents, such as the 1831 Social Contract with the signatures of the first subscribers, company share number one and managerial minutes, as well as the first handwritten life and transport policies, period photographs, anniversary jubilee volumes and memoirs, and infographics of yesteryear.

Among the numerous policies, in addition to those of **popes Pius X** and **John XXIII**, and of **Charles I of Habsburg**, the last emperor of Austria, are those which insured large scientific explorations, from the expedition to the North Pole led by **Umberto Nobile** to space launches with Italian missions and then with the United States, the USSR and China. Among the thousands of personal files, that of **Franz Kafka** stands out, with his job application and handwritten curriculum. The famous writer worked in the period 1907-1908 at the Prague general agency with the dream of being employed abroad and visiting distant and exotic countries.

Known and lesser known documents, for an immersion in history through many stories.

The heritage of the Generali Group's Historical Archives is also enriched by the precious documentation (which has also been placed under the guardianship of the Italian Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Activities and Tourism) of the Historical Archives of INA Assitalia, in Rome, and of Toro Assicurazioni, in Turin, companies that have become part of the Group in recent years.

How to access

Access is by appointment:
from Monday to Thursday 09:30-12:30/14:30-16:30
and Friday 09:30-12:00.

Available to the general public

Consultation room, deposit for personal effects, PC workstations and tools for archival research (searchable "tree" databases, reports, guides) and digital reproductions.

Use

All funds are freely available for consultation under the terms permitted by applicable laws, unless otherwise provided for by the Historical Archive. Subject to authorisation, photographic reproduction (including through personal means) and the publication of documents from the Archive is permitted.

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Historical Archive



Two centuries of history

The **Assicurazioni Generali Historical Archive**, one of the largest insurance archives, **organically preserves the documentation produced by the Central Head Office in Trieste since 1831**, the year of the company's foundation, and enhances the value of historical documents related to business completed over forty years ago. The Archive also safeguards part of the important archival fonds of the Presidency, the Head Offices in Venice and Milan, and the Anonime Grandine e Infortuni (the companies that provided insurance cover against damage from hail and accidents). The documents reflect the particular dual-management structure of Assicurazioni Generali, which assigned the Italian agencies to the Veneto Head Office, and all the others to the Central Head Office of Trieste, which was also responsible for matters concerning general business, reinsurance, advertising, stipulation of agreements, relations with government authorities, and the purchase and sale of real estate.

A heritage for all

The Assicurazioni Generali Historical Archive has been recognised as a cultural asset by the Italian State due to its importance internationally and for Trieste. Entrusted to a staff of specialised archivists, it makes documents accessible to scholars and those interested with over 60 thousand index cards that can be searched electronically, approximately three thousand complete digital reproductions of financial statements, minutes, statutes and account books that can be consulted on-line in part, and as many loose photographs, photo albums and printed material of that period.

By appointment, the Archive organises guided tours of its documentary heritage.

The fonds

Founding deeds, statutes, financial statements, minutes of top management bodies and account books are preserved in a comprehensive way.

The **nineteenth century** documentary landscape is complemented by collections of life and damage insurance policies, agency mandates, government provisions for operating in different states, photo albums and circulars of the Veneto Head Office from 1884 onwards.

On the other hand, of particular historical-scientific interest for the **twentieth century** is the technical documentation of the numerous divisions and departments that were dependent on the Central Head Office in Trieste (such as the life and space divisions, or the accounting and personnel departments). There is also extensive advertising and audiovisual material.

