

## Donatella Nicolich National Representative INTRODUCING IW ITALY

1° January 1975 Charter Ceremony of IWC Naples the first IWC of Italy

Since 2001 it has added Luisa Bruni, founder of the Inner Wheel in Italy and its first President, thus becoming Club of Naples Luisa Bruni.

It was and still is the largest Club in Italy

From that moment on, the expansion was speedy, and the second Club was formed in 1977 in Cagliari, the third was the IWC of Bari

Meanwhile, Inner Wheel was spreading in Northern Italy too, and in 1981 the Club of Milan was founded.

My Club, Trieste, was founded in 1982.

On June 26, 1980, after six years from the establishment of the first Inner Wheel Club in Italy, some members of the Club of Naples met to give life, according to the Inner Wheel Statute, to the 1st District, D210

As the 210 districts over the years had been enriched with many clubs scattered throughout the territory, in 1984, the districts became 3:

the 206 in the North (Liguria, Piedmont, Lombardy, Trentino Alto Adige, Veneto, Friuli-Venezia Giulia)

the 208 in the Center (Sardinia, Lazio, Tuscany, Emilia-Romagna, Marche, Umbria, Abruzzo, Molise)

the 210 in the South (Campania, Apulia, Basilicata, Calabria, Sicily).

With the further increase in the number of Clubs, other divisions were necessary, and in 1995-96 the three Districts became six: 204-206-208- 209-210-211.

The National Council has been active in Italy since 1996.

It is chaired by the President, with the collaboration of the officers of the Executive Committee and the 6 DCs.

The NR is an officer of the Executive Committee

The National Editor and the Deputy NR are ex officio members of the National Council.

The National Council usually meets in Rome four times in an IW Year.

In addition, every year, the National Council organizes a Rally to promote Friendship, and every four years convenes a National General Assembly (National Conference) to amend the Bye-Laws. The last National Conference, the 7th, was held in Naples, District 210, in May 2019, and the next will be held in 2023.

Currently, Italy has 235 clubs, 5606 active members, and 170 Honorary members.

Since the beginning of the year, IW 2021-22, 3 clubs have already been founded.

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Inner Wheel Italy had the great privilege and pride to express to the highest office of the Association two Italian Members:

Gabriella Adami IW year 2013/2014.

Ebe Martines IW year 2021-2022

Both Italian IIW presidents dedicated their presidential theme expressly to women:

"We, for women" (Gabriella Adami)

"Pink First" (Ebe Martines)

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