



## ACTIVITIES

The aim of the Istituto Veneto di Scienze, Lettere ed Arti is to promote and safeguard the sciences, letters and arts and to foster scientific research, also in association with national and international academies, universities and research centres.

Although the main structure of Istituto life consists of the monthly members' academic meetings, the events promoted, taking place with an almost daily frequency, are very wide ranging and conducted with various means of organisation and communication. They are part of a vast project promoting activities of advanced research, training and programmes of wide circulation.

The research activities involve participation in European projects, the creation and management of databases (environmental, meteorological, satellite images) and research projects for the publication of sources (critical edition of the Registers of the Senate of the Venetian Republic).

Special attention is devoted to the sector of scientific information, with broad use of the web, and often in association with public television broadcasters. The Istituto, which has for years been at the forefront in the use of new technologies, has in this context decided to make the audio and video recordings of its activities free to the public via its own website to allow a large number of people to access a constantly growing wealth of cultural assets.

Training activities involve the annual organisation of various post-doctorate international schools, with highly specialised courses and meetings organised specifically for secondary schools.

Study meetings are regularly held in order to encourage contacts and dialogue between scientists from different countries and specialists in different disciplines, based on the Istituto's consolidated experience in the organisation of seminars, conferences and open discussions between experts.

Furthermore, the Istituto annually awards scientific and literary prizes to finance research. A magazine, numerous series and various monographic books are published by the Istituto each year, and works are now also published on DVD.

Every year, art and scientific exhibitions are held in the Istituto's premises. A significant part of the Istituto's activities takes place on the basis of agreements made with universities and international research centres.