

Destination: Pistoia - The Hospital of Ceppo: the Museum of Surgical Instruments and the Anatomy Room, the Collection of Scientific Instruments at the Pacini, Pacinotti and Forteguerra schools. *We also advise visits to: Pistoia* - The art of topiary: guided visits around some nursery gardens.

The Museum of Surgical Instruments and the Anatomy Room, the Hospital of Ceppo



The Hospital of Ceppo, famous for the della Robbia frieze that decorates the loggia, is historically a place of reception and cure in Pistoia. The building moreo-

ver housed a prestigious school of medicine and surgery that was active from the 17th to the 19th century and most of the surgical instruments on view in the Museum today date from this period. The forceps, scalpels, cauteries and other instruments preserved here make it possible to retrace the history of medicine and the development of techniques in this field. The Museum also contains fragments of glazed terracotta



that belonged to the last panel in the frieze on the loggia and a collection of medical reports.

The anatomy room can instead be found inside a building in the hospital garden dating

from the late 18th century and resembles an oval amphitheatre in shape with a central table and two sets of desks at the sides for the students taking part in the lessons. The walls are decorated with frescoes, stuccoes with geometric decorations and portraits of illustrious doctors.

How to get there:

by car, from the Pistoia motorway exit: keep to the right and continue as far as the roundabout. Take the third exit, going past the Infopoint structure and then turn left at the railway bridge. Turn right at the end of the road into Via IV Novembre; carry straight on here and then take Via Cellini, the second road on the left, to reach the free Cellini car park. A shuttle service leaves from here for the old city centre (tel. 800 277825, active from 6.40am to 8.30pm); get off at the bus stop in Piazza Garibaldi. From here take Via Panciatici on the left and continue straight on as far as Piazza del Duomo. Walk down Ripa della Comunità and once in Via Pacini turn left and carry on as far as Piazza Giovanni XXIII.

by train: all the destinations on the itinerary are a 10/15 minutes walk away from the station.

Info and reception: The Hospital of Ceppo and the Museum of Surgical Instruments - Piazza Giovanni XXIII - Pistoia - tel. 0573 3521 (Secretariat Hospital of Ceppo) "Amici del Ceppo" Cultural Association tel. 338 1006594 - isa.pistoia44@tiscali.it

Opening hours and prices: open only on prior reservation - entrance free

The Collection of Scientific Instruments at the Forteguerra, Pacinotti and Pacini schools



Three prestigious schools in Pistoia - the "Niccolò Forteguerra" Classical State Lyceum, the "Antonio Pacinotti" Professional State Institute for Industry and Crafts and the "Filippo Pa-



cini" State Experimental Technical and Commercial Institute - preserve collections of scientific instruments connected with electromagnetism, optics, acoustics, thermology, fluids and mechanics, all in perfect working order and many of them restored. These instruments that date from the 1870's to the 1940's form a priceless patrimony that describe the

social construction of theories and scientific practices.

How to get there:

on foot, from the Hospital of Ceppo: climb up Via delle Pape and in Piazza del Carmine turn left here into Via Abbi Paziienza. At the end of the street turn right into Via Curtatone e Montanara to reach Piazza S. Francesco. Turn left here into Corso Gramsci. The "Forteguerra" Institute is at number 148 on the left hand side of the street. From here keep to the left along Corso Gramsci and at the traffic lights turn right into Via Puccini. The "Pacinotti" Institute is at number 8. Once outside the school, retrace your steps for a short way along Via Puccini to return to Corso Gramsci. Continue on the right as far as the "Pacini" Institute at number 43.

Info and reception: "Niccolò Forteguerra" Classical State Lyceum - Corso Gramsci, 148 - Pistoia - tel. 0573 20302 "Filippo Pacini" State Experimental Technical and Commercial Institute - Corso Gramsci, 43 - Pistoia - tel. 0573 99271 "Antonio Pacinotti" Professional State Institute for Industry and Crafts - via Puccini, 8 - Pistoia - tel. 0573 22266

Opening hours and prices: the schools can only be visited during working hours. To see the sections dedicated to scientific instruments and request guided visits, we advise you to make an appointment with the heads of the schools - entrance free

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We also advise visits to:



The **Art of Topiary** is very old and in fact was already practiced by both the Persians and the Greeks. This practice of shaping plants is a fashion that has lasted for a long time and is one of the most im-

portant activities for Pistoia and its province.

Guided visits illustrating topiary techniques are organised on prior reservation at those Nursery Gardens:

Vivaio Breschi Franco (private structure, guided visits in the months of Apr and Sep, tel. 0573 380157)

Vivai Palandri (private structure, guided visits in the months of Jul, tel. 0573 530306).

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