

CONSIGLIO NAZIONALE DEGLE RICERCHE
ISTITUTO PER LE TECHNOLOGIE APLICATE AI BENI CULTURALI

Institute of technologies applied to cultural heritage – CNR ITABC was founded in 1981, formerly known as "Servizio Sussidiario all'Archeologia" (Subsidiary Service to Archeology, SSA). During the 80's the activities of the Institute continued to follow the line of the former SSA providing a subsidiary technical and scientific service to archaeology. Current interests of the institute have been furthermore extended to the landscape and archaeological parks in order to reach a scientific organic synthesis, aimed to the conservation and enhancement of cultural heritage assets.

ITABC combines the so-called "hard sciences" with the "human sciences", with the construction and refinement of a common language in research applied to cultural heritage. Therefore the Institute defines implements and optimizes new methodologies and technologies of investigation to study the territory and its historical artefacts.

The new methods and technologies in the field of applied geophysics and the analysis/monitoring are intended to create a new knowledge, enhance and enjoy cultural, archaeological and architectural heritage in Italy and abroad.

The main policy is to develop strategies for preventive conservation and management of cultural resources representing an innovative approach to the protection, conservation and enhancement of cultural heritage in all its complexity.

There are 47 employees at the institute. Currently, the ITABC staff work on 8 different scientific projects with partners from more than 30 countries (Peru, Chine, Libya, Cyprus, Egypt, Spain, Greece, France, Spain, Germany etc.).