

CENTRO ITALIANO STUDI UFOLOGICI

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The Italian Center for UFO Studies (Centro Italiano Studi Ufologici, C.I.S.U.) is a non-profit organization of unpaid volunteers who devote their spare time to ufology.

AIMS

C.I.S.U. aims are:

- 1) promoting the scientific study of UFOs
- 2) circulating UFO information among researchers
- 3) nationally coordinating activities of data collecting, analysis and public education

Such aims are accomplished through several Research Departments and Activity Divisions.

ORGANIZATION

CISU is a two-level membership organization composed of "associates" (collaboratori) and "members" (soci ordinari). Only members can represent and speak for the Center and become Provincial or Regional Directors. Members are chosen by the Council among associates from at least one year who showed to fully share CISU objectives and methods. A Council of five members is elected by the Annual General Assembly yearly and coordinates general activities. A President and a Secretary are chosen between Council members.

INVESTIGATION NETWORK

A national network of Regional (Coordinatori regionali) and Provincial (Rappresentanti provinciali) Directors is distributed all over Italy and collects local information from the media and their own field investigations. Local Branches (Sezioni) also exist in largest towns.

FILES

All information is centralized at the Central Files, who build up CISU Data Bank, an archive open to all researchers who can obtain copy of all filed documentation at a nominal fee.

Different files exist as of case histories, newsclippings, research papers, plus a large library of books and journals.

PUBLICATIONS

Information has a key role in CISU, and several different publications exist with different purposes:

- "UFO - RIVISTA DI INFORMAZIONE UFOLOGICA": large-format, illustrated, quality journal published twice per year and the only bookstore nationally-distributed UFO publication in Italy;
- "NOTIZIE UFO": a quarterly newsletter detailing latest news, sightings, activities, available documentation;
- "NOTIZIARIO ARCHIVIO STAMPA": bimonthly UFO newsclipping service;
- "RASSEGNA CASISTICA": quarterly reporting case-histories from CISU

- investigation reports;
- "DOCUMENTI UFO": aperiodical monographs devoted to research matters (eg. Maurizio Verga's Catalogue of Trace-Landing Cases);
 - "SERVIZIO DOCUMENTAZIONE ESTERA": monthly selection of the best articles taken from foreign publications;
 - "ITALIAN UFO REPORTER": English abstracts of the articles published in our journal, for foreign colleagues (three to four times a year);
 - "COMPUTER UFO. NEWSLETTER": aperiodical on computers applied to ufology.

SERVICES

CISU has organized several specialized services:

- COMPUTER NETWORK helping data filing and publications using personal computers;
- UFO Bulletin Board System for telematic-equipped ufologists;
- UFO HOT-LINE: phone (11) 329.02.79 working 24 hours to collect UFO reports from witnesses;
- BOOK SERVICE, helping members to get Italian and Foreign books;
- VIDEO-SERVICE: UFO videotape central file.

SPECIAL RESEARCH PROJECTS

- REGIONAL CATALOGUES: a network of regional files/catalogues (coordinator: Edoardo Russo)
- OPERAZIONE ORIGINI: research in old newspapers (Giuseppe Stilo)
- ITALIA 3: CE-III cases (Paolo Fiorino)
- TRACAT: Trace-Landing cases (Maurizio Verga)
- VEHICLE INTERFERENCE PROJECT (Stefano Innocenti)
- FORTEAN AND PRE-1947 CATALOGUE (Umberto Cordier)
- HYPNOSIS and its UFO use (Renzo Cabassi)
- SCIENCE.CAT: file and catalogue of UFO or UFO/related articles in the scientific press (Paolo Toselli)
- BIBLIO-BANK: a catalogue of book-resources owned by members (Marco Bottaini)