

# **SIRTI**

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S.I.R.T.I. Società Italiana Reti Telefoniche Interurbane

*Thirty-five years of activity from 1921 to 1956*



*Piero Pirotti*  
1881 - 1956

*Founder of SIRT1 and President up to 1946*

SIRTI, formed in the years immediately following the conclusion of the first world war, is about to complete four decades of activity in the telecommunication field.

The Italian Government, after the end of the first world war, decided that Italy should be provided with a complete telecommunication network. This decision raised many complex technical and organizational problems which, it was evident, could only be solved by a centralised organization possessing adequate staff and facilities; the Company was formed to provide this organization and, from that date, has been actively engaged in the development of telecommunications in Italy.

Since the early days the Company has consisted of a body of specialised engineers, capable not only of acting in a consultative capacity, but also of collaborating with Associates in the carrying out of projects and their subsequent development. The technicians of the Company kept, and they still keep, in close contact with specialists, organizations and technicians of other countries in order that the planning and carrying out of projects should be in accordance with the most up-to-date practice in the art. Immediately following its formation, the Company commenced the study of the technical problems involved in the building up of the network mentioned above and at the same time co-ordinated the plans of the various manufacturing houses supplying the parts required for carrying out plants.

The Company, in carrying out its designated functions, has studied and planned in detail all long distance projects, networks and plant installed and brought into service in Italy between 1921 and 1940. In 1950 after having successfully completed the extensive work of reconstruction and extension of the plant damaged during the last war,