

Who are the “**Giuliani nel Mondo**”

They are Italian immigrants that share a language, culture, and heritage originating from the provinces of Trieste and Gorizia, a region located in the Northeast corner of Italy. These immigrants also include exiles from Fiume, the peninsula of Istria, the Quarnaro islands and the Dalmatian coast; in a mass exodus, they abandoned their lands at the end of World War II as the region fell under Yugoslav occupation. The Giuliani nel Mondo also embrace their descendants from other regions of Italy and countries throughout the world. Today, in the current language, these immigrants are often labeled as “Giuliano-Dalmati”.

Cause and characteristics of the Giuliano-Dalmati Emigration

By the second half of the 19th century, numerous merchants from the Julian Dalmatian areas (then part of the Austrian-Hungarian Empire), were practicing commerce and maritime activities in Australia and in certain South American Countries, particularly Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay. Major migratory flows began in the 20th century following the end of World War I, and it continued toward the end and even after the conclusion of World War II as a result of events that concerned the Venezia Giulia, the cities of Trieste and Gorizia, Istria, Fiume, the Quarnaro and Dalmatia. Indeed, the causes and characteristics of the Giuliano-Dalmati emigration are substantially different from the traditional migratory flows from other Italian regions. In the Veneto and Friuli regions, for example, emigration was driven by conditions of poverty within the population, and the search for a better life somewhere else. The Giuliano-Dalmati motivations to emigrate were, in fact, directly connected to the historical and political events that have repeatedly and dramatically tormented the Italian territories of the Northeastern frontier during the past century. It is possible to define certain principal periods: between the end of the 20's and the 30's, and through the end of World War II, emigration from the Venezia Giulia territories, and in particular from the provinces of Trieste and Gorizia, occurred for a variety of reasons; the period from 1943 to the end of the 50's was marked by the great exodus from Istria, Fiume, Quarnaro and Dalmatia; the period from 1953 to the end of the 50's was notable for the migration of many from areas surrounding Trieste to Australia. This phenomenon of mass emigration finished at last in the 60's. What began as a steady flow of professional, managerial, and entrepreneurial immigrants from these areas during the first decades of the last century, can now be seen through the prism of countless opportunities realized throughout the world.

Giuliano-Dalmati Community around the World

The first Giuliano-Dalmati immigrant organizations were established in Australia, Argentina, Canada and the United States during the 1950's and 1960's. Now, these communities can be found in Brazil, Chile, Uruguay, and throughout Europe. In an effort to unite all of these circles, clubs, and associations under one internationally recognized organization, a group of public administrators from Trieste and Gorizia founded the Associazione Giuliani nel Mondo in 1970.

Associazione Giuliani nel Mondo

The Association is a non-political and not-for-profit organization. In accordance with the Association's statutes, members voluntarily pursue the following social and cultural goals:

- To provide a convention for Giuliani, Istriani, Fiumani and Dalmatians throughout the world, so that they may share common interests and thereby strengthen ties with their homeland

- To maintain constant contact with the Giuliano-Dalmati community throughout the world, whether members have temporarily or permanently emigrated to different countries
- To promote and organize all those initiatives that support the preservation of identity, as well as moral custody, social assistance and cultural qualification for immigrants (and their families and descendants) from Venezia Giulia, Istria, Fiume, the Quarnaro islands and Dalmatia
- To develop tools of information that best celebrate the accomplishments of Giuliani-Dalmati around the world, and that allow for easy organization of events that are taking place in their homeland
- To act as spokesmen for local, regional, and national organizations that address the requests, requirements and problems of Giuliano-Dalmati that live far away from their homeland
- To promote the return and the reinstatement of the Giuliano-Dalmati within the social fabric of the Friuli Venezia Giulia region.

The administrative bodies of the Association are: the member Assembly; the Directive Counsel; the President; the Executive Committee; il Collegio dei Revisori dei Conti; e il Collegio dei Probiviri

Twenty representatives are elected to the Directive Counsel of the Association every three years. In addition, the mayors and the presidents of the provinces of Trieste and Gorizia are invited to participate in the organization.

The Association publishes its own tri-annual periodical called “Giuliani nel Mondo”. The publication is forwarded, free of all costs, to all those interested in Giuliano-Dalmati affairs.

There are about seventy associations, circles, clubs and operational entities around the world that adhere to the Associazione Giuliani nel Mondo, including the Federations constituted of Circles Giuliano-Dalmati that exist in Australia, Argentina, and Canada.