

## **Civic Didactic Museum of Natural Sciences**

Museum of Natural Sciences of Pinerolo

Pinerolo

The Civic Didactic Museum of Natural Sciences was founded in 1979, following the festival of "Autumn in Pinerolo", an initiative of the Tourist Association Pro Loco di Pinerolo, which supervised the installation of a room on the ground floor of the historical Palazzo Vittone, overlooking Piazza Vittorio Veneto. At the beginning most of the exhibits on display was offered by dr. Mario Strani, drawing from his rich collection. By following steps, between 1986 and 1989 the museum expanded to reach its current 7 halls. On the 24<sup>th</sup> of August 1989, dr. Mario Strani donated by regular deed all his collections in the Museum to the City of Pinerolo.

The work of the volunteers continued with exhibitions, guided tours for schools of all levels and Sunday openings and in occasion of many city manifestations. To improve the organization of the museum and its management, in October 1992 the Associazione Naturalistica Pinerolese (Pinerolese Naturalistic Association) was founded in order to take the formal responsibility of its management. For the future it is planned to transfer the museum to the new place of Villa Prever.

