

Dear Teachers and Pupils of Poznan,

Thank you very much for your very creative and colorful bookmarks. We apologize for our delay, but we have the occasion to reply to your letter.

You made us really willing to visit Poland, with this great description of nature, flora and fauna, etc., and the marvelous photo. And we appreciated a lot the variety and richness of your bookmark creations.

We have some points in common with your school. The I.I.S. "Genovesi – Da Vinci" is also composed of two schools, the Technical Institute "Antonio Genovesi", who takes its name from a mathematician of XVIII Century, and the Scientific Lyceum "Leonardo Da Vinci". Like your institute, we have in total more than 1.000 students; about 1.050 – 1.100.

Our double institute is very ancient, but in the last years there were a lot of changes and updating: structural repairs of our buildings, electronic devices for teachers and students. As for languages, we have teaching of English, Spanish and French; in the French language the students can pass International exams (Esabac). Our pupils take part to several projects, like *Libriamoci* and *Il Maggio dei Libri* (Library and reading projects), projects School – Works, Mathematics Olympic Games, and others.

Salerno is a little – middle town by the sea, near beautiful coasts, hills and mountains. We are about 200.000 habitants, and the main industry is food: our "Mozzarella" and our tomatoes are well known. It's also a center of services and there is, in a great Campus at few kilometers, our University, with many study subjects. Near Salerno, there is the Religious School, dedicated to the great Pope John Paul II, native from your Cracovia.

With our weather, hot in summer and mild quite all year, Salerno is more and more a touristic center; in winter, Christmas is the occasion for "Artistic lights", and, this year for the 1° time, a great ferris panoramic wheel.

In this town, ancient and modern at the same time, many traditions are well alive: the Patron Saint is st. Matteo (St. Mattew, the Evangelist), and in the 21 september there is a great procession. Our soccer club is the "Salernitana", now in the 2° division.

We have here two little themes for our bookmarks:

One is free fantasy, with flowers, abstract decorations, etc.;

One other is friendship Italy – Poland.

Grateful for your kindness and creativity, we hope to communicate by Skype or other ways.

Sincerely yours,

Franco De Domenico (school librarian)

With Pupils and Teachers.

Our web site: <http://genovesidavinci.gov.it/>