

Francesco Saverio Monticelli



Francesco Saverio Monticelli (Naples 1863-1928) was one of the founders of the *Unione Zoologica Italiana* (the Italian Society of Zoologists) in 1901 and of the scientific journal *Archivio Zoologico Italiano*. Strong supporter of the Darwinian theory of biological evolution, Monticelli was teacher at the Universities of Cagliari, Modena, and Naples, scientific director (1917-1924) of the *Stazione Zoologica* of Naples, and responsible for its transformation into "Ente Morale" (Non-Profit National Institution). The portrait is kept at the library of the Department of Zoology at the University of Naples.