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### **Albert Einstein - Ingegnere dell'universo**

The exhibition (31.11.2005 - 05.02.2006) was supervised by science historians from the physics department "A. Volta" of the University of Pavia and from the museum "Alessandro Volta". Prof. Fabio Bevilacqua was project coordinator.

Einstein's father opened a centre for electricity distribution in the city of Pavia, where the young Einstein also lived. It was during these years in Italy that Einstein wrote his first scientific paper, the so-called ether essay.

These historical events led the working group at Pavia to be strongly involved in the conceptual and material preparation of the Berlin exhibition "Albert Einstein – Chief Engineer of the Universe", so the authors of both the Berlin and the Pavia exhibitions are often one and the same. When the Berlin exhibition traveled to Italy it was recontextualized and thus the experiences Albert Einstein made in Italy were given particular emphasis.

Numerous hands-on exhibits were constructed for the Pavia exhibition and a close didactic cooperation with the high-school network of the Lombardy region helped this exhibition to develop its own identity.