

## **The scientific description of the territory**

Argenta takes place between the Po delta and the Bolognese basin with its hydrographic system of Apennine origin marked today by the Rhine River.

The surface of the emergent lands varies frequently throughout the ancient age, when man was unable to affect the surface of this very particular environment due to lack of technical knowledge and adequate means of controlling the waters.

Between the end of the late Ancient Period and the early Middle Ages the cultivated lands advanced little and the banks of the rivers remained the natural ones.

It was in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries that a constant struggle against the waters began, through engineering works.

In the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, geographical studies produced scientific maps that described the alternation of rivers, valleys and forests and allowed us to understand the changes that had taken place in the territorial planning.

In the 19th century, cartographic science reached a level of description of the territory with great precision.

