

Networks – Cooperation – Rivalry

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Network of a military-religious order

- novelty of the structure of the Order: Cistercian pattern (Chapter General) and innovation of the military-religious order: provinces (and provincial chapters)
- *preceptorium* → priory → great priory/”langues” → central Convent
- „centers”: Jerusalem (1113 –1187) → Belvoir (1187–1191) → Acre (1191–1291) → Cyprus (1291–c.1308) → Rhodes (c.1308 –1522) [Avignon, c.1379 –1409/1420]
- contact persons: preceptors, priors (cf. *locumtenens*, *viceprior*), great priors, *visitatores*, merchants

The *langues* (*linguae*) and the priories

Provence	Priory of St. Gilles and Toulouse
France	Priory of France, Aquitanie, and Champagne
Auvergne	Priory of Auvergne
Alemania	Priory of Alemania, Bohemia, Dacia, Hungary-Slavonia
England	Priory of England (Scotland and Wales), Ireland
Aragón	Priory of Navarra, Catalunya, and Amposta
Castile	Priory of Castile–León and Portugal
Italy	Priory of Lombardy, Venice, Pisa, Rome, Capua, Barletta, Messina, Hungary–Slavonia/Vrana



The Hospitallers administration of Rhodes

- cartularies – Rhodes, Avignon, Naples
- minutes of the General Chapters: attendance sheets, payment of revenues/dues (*responsio, tallia, mortuarium, vacantia, confrates, passagium, recepte pitantia, pensiones*)
- minutes of 19 Chapters General (1330–1527)
- Montpellier (1330); Rhodes (between 1332–1514); Valence-sur- Rhône (1380), Naples (1384); Aix-en-Provence (1409), Rome (1446, 1466); Viterbo (1527)
- *Libri bullarum*
- lists: who's who



Capitulum generale (AOM 280-309)

AOM 280. Capitulum generale, 1330

Subscriptas baiulias capituli generalis retinuit dominus magister auctoritate dicti capituli ad manum suam ordinandas per ipsum sup. Videlicet: Castellaniam Emposte, Preceptoriam Armenie, Priorem Ungarie, Priorem Castelle, Priorem Cathalonie, Preceptoriam Neapolis, Comitatum Alisie, Ducatum Athenarum

AOM 280. Capitulum generale, 1340

Item recorde est que dou prioure de Mesine non se fait a ores aucune ordenacion ni provizion et que le maistre enpense ordener ssur [!] annea per auctorite dou chapistre aqueque le conseill des prudeshomes segont que li sera avist convenable.

Et ensy meesme del prioure dongrie

Cessont les baillis ordenes de la demer:

[...]

Frére Peyre Cornut prior dungrie

AOM 280. Capitulum generale, 1344

Et le priors et baillis per chapitre general du Regne et de Messine et de Ongrie Anapol al terme de sus dit.

AOM 281. Capitulum generale, 1384 – Naples – Schism – *responsio-lists*

AOM 282. Capitulum generale, 1454–1462

- no Hungarians present at the 1454 Chapter General; on the attendance sheet there is a gap among the Italian priories: *hungarie*
- Chapter General of 1459: *Procuratores priorum et prioratuum ordinis*
- Chapter General of 1462: *Procuratores D. electi per venerandas Lingua et f. prioratum: [...] prioris Hungarie*

AOM 283. Capitulum generale, 1466–1478

- the Hungarian Priory was represented by *procuratores* at the Chapter General of 1466 and 1475 (at *Lingua Italie*)

AOM 284. Capitulum generale, 1498–1504

- no traces of Hungarian presence (either by representatives) at the Chapter General of 1498 at Rhodes, but *procuratores* attended (*Lingua Italie*)

Libri bullarum (Arch. 316–412 [1346–1528])

Prioratus

Partes cismarine

Terrarum

Assignationes solventium pecuniarum

Libertates et immunitates mariniorum

Armariorum et servorum

Alie diverse scripture

Receptio confratrum

Summary

1330–1365 *Lingua Italie* – ! joint *procurator* with *Alamania* and *Bohemia* in 1358

1373 debate on the rotation system: Italy/Provence

1374–1386 *Lingua Italie*

1389–1400 *Lingua Alamanie* (Scism! Avignon vs. Naples)

1401–1438 *Lingua Italie*

1427 debate on the rotation system: Italy/Provence

1437–1445 lack of information

1446 *Lingua Italie*

1447–1459 *Lingua Alamanie*

1460–1466 *Lingua Italie*

1466 debate on the „affiliation” of the Hungarian-Slavonian priory (*Italia/Alamania*)

1467–1471 *Lingua Alamanie (Alamania, Bohemia)*

1472–1504 *Lingua Italie*