

## **Naples International Airport celebrates its four millionth passenger**

December 15, at approximately 1:00 p.m., Naples International Airport served its four millionth passenger, Mr. Aniello Auricchio who was travelling to Brussels.

The lucky passenger was awarded air tickets for two and may choose a direct scheduled flight from the Naples International Airport bound for any one of 10 Italian destinations or 11 European capitals.

Passenger traffic at Naples International Airport has been continuously on the rise and a double-digit increase was recorded between January and November: 14 percent over the same period in 1999. During the holiday period – from December 22 to January 7- the number of passengers in arrival and departure is expected to be in the area of 130,000.

The Campania region continues to attract tourists particularly those of English and French nationality whereas the preferred destinations for Neapolitan travellers tend towards the European capitals with London, Madrid, Paris, Prague and Vienna heading the list. Charter flights to Djerba, Monastir and Sharm el Sheik are also highly in demand.

Scheduled flights to the main European cities have recorded a definite increase over the past season. This year brought about the introduction of the new Barcelona flight, as well as one daily flight to Amsterdam and three daily flights to London, Nice and Paris.

In order to meet the growing needs of increased passenger traffic, Gesac has made major investments aimed at improving airport comfort and the quality of customer service including such significant additions as 10 new check-in counters for a total of 29 counters now available to the public as well as the opening of two VIP lounges for business class passengers.

Work is currently under way for the addition of 600 new parking spaces bringing the total number available to 1,600, as well as the construction of a new airport access way and cargo terminal.