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*Cyrilla*

*Cyrillaceae*

*Cyrilla* commemorates an Italian physician and botanist, Domenico Cirillo (1739-1799) who was professor of botany at Naples and subsequently professor of medicine and was responsible for introducing smallpox inoculations to the Island. He visited England and France. While in the former he became a Fellow of the Royal Society and in the latter he had an opportunity to meet Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790). His involvement in politics on Naples fostered by his liberal views led to his death by hanging in the public square.