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Editorial

This issue concludes a very productive and constructive year for Fil-Italia, topped by our second Gold Medal at the APS StampShow 2016. Our success has materialised thanks to the members and writers who contribute articles to Fil-Italia; their contributions are highly appreciated by all. As usual Andy Harris and Richard Harlow have been extremely generous with their assistance and the response from contributing writers has been very encouraging.

As more articles from Italian scholars become available, our quarterly does not have the problems so many editors have in securing good articles. We now have more articles written specifically for Fil-Italia, but where we need more assistance is in translating articles from Italian to English. I do my share of translations, but my English and Fil-Italia in general can benefit from the assistance of a proficient proof reader.

Instead of burdening Andy who already does a lot on the production and mailing aspects, it would be good if I could find two members willing to assist with the translations from Italian to English, and one proof-reader with a good command of the English language. Of course, my thanks go to Clive Griffiths and Edoardo Baffigo who have generously and competently assisted me in recent editions as translators, but attempts to find a third and a fourth translator and a proof reader have not been successful. Some contacts have been kindly suggested to me but my emails remained without an answer.

The articles in this issue show clearly the level we have reached; while this is an occasion for us all to rejoice, it is also a juncture where we need to sustain the momentum in order to reach higher heights. *GM*