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Editorial

We did it again: Fil-Italia has earned its third gold medal at the 2018 American Philatelic Society StampShow. The APS STAMP SHOW is the USA largest and most prestigious annual philatelic event held every August in different states, hosting over 100 dealers, displaying over 15,000 pages of exhibits, featuring a major public auction, first day ceremonies, and attendees from over 100 philatelic societies. The Show also crowns the World Series Champion of Champions.

When I say "We" I mean all of us, in fact directly or indirectly the Italy and Colonies and Fil-Italia have gone from strength to strength because of our members and contributing writers.

It is important that we keep our flag as high as possible and this can be achieved by contributing writers; Fil-Italia needs articles on a regular basis, you do not have to be the biggest expert to write a good article on something you are still researching. I will be glad to advise and assist you when necessary because, often times, from random notes very good articles are born. I am especially looking for new contributing writers. One of the blessings of collecting the Italian area is that it is extremely vast, therefore there is always something to discover, to talk about and to write about.

As we approach 2019, the centenary of the stamps and postal history of Fiume will be a big topic; we start in this issue with the *Arditi Endeavour: the printed media and the postal service*, and I look forward to good articles from those who collect this interesting area. 2019 will also be Fil-Italia's 45th year of uninterrupted publication - a great achievement in itself!

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