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Editorial

It may seem that during Summer philately and postal history go to sleep while collectors go to holiday resorts of all types and description. Nevertheless behind the curtain there is a lot of activity: major printing companies are busy printing stamp catalogues and the Autumn auction catalogues, as well as new books.

Some stamp societies like Verona's Scaligera prepare for the November big show and bourse, preceded by an equally interesting show in Bergamo.

Next weekend I will go to Borgotaro - a captivating small town near Parma - well-known for its mushrooms and chestnuts. Each year at this time Dr. Enrico Dallara - an avid and knowledgeable collector of Parma's region postal history and postage stamps - organizes a philatelic kermesse which has been gaining more ground among collectors. The reasons are many and include a gargantuan luncheon-brunch rich of famous Parma specialities. The attendees this year are projected between 30 and 40; after the "Bertorella Old Inn" feast the collectors will gather at the "Old Post Office" where a large floor will continue the philatelic socializing, discussions, examination of latest interesting finds and (why not) some gossip about who bought those expensive items in Vienna, London and Geneva.

By the way, I am glad to inform you that the David Feldman Auction house has recently held a huge sale of important collections, amongst them also the prestigious Valter Astolfi collection which attracted bids from four continents resulting in high prices.

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