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If you just received this issue of Fil-Italia I strongly recommend that before you do anything else you read the book review of the *Proceedings of the First National Postal History Forum "Public and Private: Allied for the tutelage of the Postal History Heritage"*

It is very important that you know what is going on in Italy.

This time FilItalia has definitely published a ground breaking research on the first issue of the Grand Duchy of Tuscany.

There are also plenty of book reviews to catch up with the increasing output of philatelic and postal history publishers and authors: as the Roman adage says "*Melius abundare quam deficere*" - it is better too much than too little.

On Sunday 18 September I went to Turin for the closing session of the three day Congress of the Italian Guild of Philatelic Journalists (USFI) (photo on page 203).

The crowded hall and the broad consensus of the public characterized the congress of the USFI "Meet in Turin" which took place over the weekend from 16 to 18 September 2022 in the Piedmontese capital. The title of the event interpreted the spirit that the organization wanted to attribute to the event: "listening to the speakers, participation, sharing, confrontation, exchange of ideas and opinions, cultural enrichment and - not a small thing - the possibility of being together in the convivial occasions, even accompanied by family members, in order to strengthen the spirit of belonging to the USFI" "is all that defined the essence of the congress, as stated by President Beniamino Bordoni, experienced as «'Philatelic moment' of meeting and socializing».

The journalism and philatelic literature prize "Fulvio Apollonio" was awarded to Alberto Bolaffi as well as Fulvio Zois, while the "Renato Russo" prize for the book of the year was awarded to Mario Mentaschi and Giovanni Nembrini as authors of the volume "Correspondence sent from Italy abroad - January 1, 1863 - March 31, 1879".

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