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# Large Gold and Special Prize to "Vaccari news" at the International Philatelic Literature Exhibition



## Iphla 2012 Mainz, 2-4 November 2012

Again an important award for the work done by the daily web magazine. Since 2003, every day, it has been publishing real time news about philately and collecting, a fundamental reference for collectors, journalists, press agencies, and also for people working in the field.

And this time an international recognition, at a specialized event, Iphla 2012.

Among the web sites, it has reached the best position: the Royal Philatelic Society site, which offers a different approach, has obtained the same points; however, "Vaccari news" has had the Special Prize too. Even though written in Italian, it is a precious service unequalled.

The international exhibition of philatelic literature, held from 2 to 4 November 2012 in Mainz, Germany, the city where Johann Gutenberg was born, is an appointment devoted to books, catalogues, newspapers and articles, but also texts broadcast on the radio and on TV, and, for the first time, digital literature and web sites.

The company has taken part in the exhibition where the most important works published in the world (in one of the European languages) have been selected. And results have been really satisfying.

Some titles signed Vaccari, some of them also in English and/or in German have been proposed (and all of them awarded), but above all, for the first time, there has been the possibility to present the daily web magazine "Vaccari news", recently selected as the best web site in Italy for philatelic information.



"Vaccari news" prize giving at Iphla 2012. From the left, Fabio Bonacina, the daily web magazine editor, and Valeria Vaccari; the jury president and secretary, Peter Fischer and Alfred Schmidt.

"Vaccari news", the best philatelic information site http://www.vaccari.it/pdf/12910.file.2569\_ING.pdf
Awards to the works signed Vaccari http://www.vaccari.it/pdf/13160.file.2577\_ING.pdf







## WITH "VACCARI NEWS" PHILATELY ARRIVES IN REAL TIME

## Philately, day by day

On-line from 8 March 2003 completely free, "Vaccari news - philately in real time" is the daily on-line service in Italian by Vaccari srl which proposes news relevant to the world of the Post and philatelic collecting.

### On-line since 2003

Born as a pilot project, an experiment, it has been greatly developed and it is now considered as a real daily paper. Even though regulations about the matter for those who operate in internet are still quite uncertain, Vaccari srl has decided to register it by the Law Court of Modena, on 4 December 2007. Editor is the journalist Fabio Bonacina, who has been coordinating the service since its birth.

For his job and his constant enthusiasm in favour of collecting, he has received the yearly award for journalism in 2006 by Riccione and in 2010 by the Italian Philatelic Press Union. In 2012, the daily paper has been recognised as the most important philatelic information web site by the members of the Italian «Club della filatelia d'oro».

Revolutionizing the rhythms of philately, proposing real time information and utilizing the modern systems of communication, that is internet and the e-mail. This is, in brief, the approach of "Vaccari news"

"Even philately -Paolo Vaccari, chairman of the company, explains- can and has to keep up the pace of times, offering an updated service. With «Vaccari news», we intend to follow this way, proposing fresh, up-to-date and exact information."

"It was a sort of bet. When we started -the publishing director Valeria Vaccari explains- we did not have any example to follow, neither in Italy nor abroad. The few specialised services of this kind generally offered weekly updating. We wanted to inform our readers every day. And this is what we have been doing; we have never stopped, not even on Sundays or during the closing periods of the company. «Vaccari news» never goes on holiday!"

## Approach

Many are the positive elements characterising this service; among them the possibility to beat the technical times of traditional paper publications, which are at least monthly. "Thanks to this product, we can reach the public some weeks in advance, if the interested person gets used to visiting our site or subscribes to the free newsletter."

"Certainly, we do not enter into competition with the traditional periodical publications, which have the possibility to develop and examine closely every single piece of news. «Vaccari news» can represent a further source from where to obtain information."

The quality and timeliness of the news published have made "Vaccari news" an effective and valid instrument not only for users who can read them at any time, but also for journalists and press agencies which often quote "Vaccari news" as the first source to spread news. Even Ansa, on many occasions, has shown interest in the news, and among the subscribers to the newsletter there are also Italian and foreign publishers.

Every day "Vaccari news" proposes at least one piece of information. "Our service works at 360 degrees, often playing on the edge of minutes, automatically indicated next to the text. This is why we have chosen the slogan «philately in real time»."







#### **Contents**

"Vaccari news" deals not only with traditional philately, which has always been the company's forte, but also with postal history, thematics and specializations beyond the postage stamp, such as postmarks, machine philately, postal stationery.

It offers first-hand novelties from the Italian area (San Marino, Vatican City, Sovereign Military Order of Malta), foreign curiosities, news from the collecting and postal world, the most important meetings, new books on related subjects, and much more.

Reference point is always topicality, philatelic and postal aspects of what is happening around us, through real time news proposed in a synthetic, journalistic style.

It is possible to find specialised pieces of information for those who are lovers and scholars of the subject and more general news for the curious surfer. That is why the texts are often accompanied by images or links to specific sites for more and deeper information.

## Besides news, the additional services

Many other services are available, and regularly updated.

On-line the programme for the issues of Italy, San Marino, Vatican and Sovereign Military Order of Malta, to be informed, in real time, about future issues, since there are frequent changes effected by Post Administrations.

Also available a further information channel about "Shows and exhibitions" in Italy, that is philatelic events, meetings, exhibitions, …, the most important philatelic happenings announced by the organizers. Moreover, thanks to the news archives, anyone has the possibility to read all the news published through a search system by chronological order, category or key word.

Available the press releases too.

#### Site and newsletter

The news selected by the editorial staff are made immediately available to surfers at the site www.vaccarinews.it

Once a week, every Friday, all the pieces of information are gathered in a newsletter and sent free by email to the subscribers. The form to fill in to take advantage of the free service is at the site under "Newsletter free subscription".

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