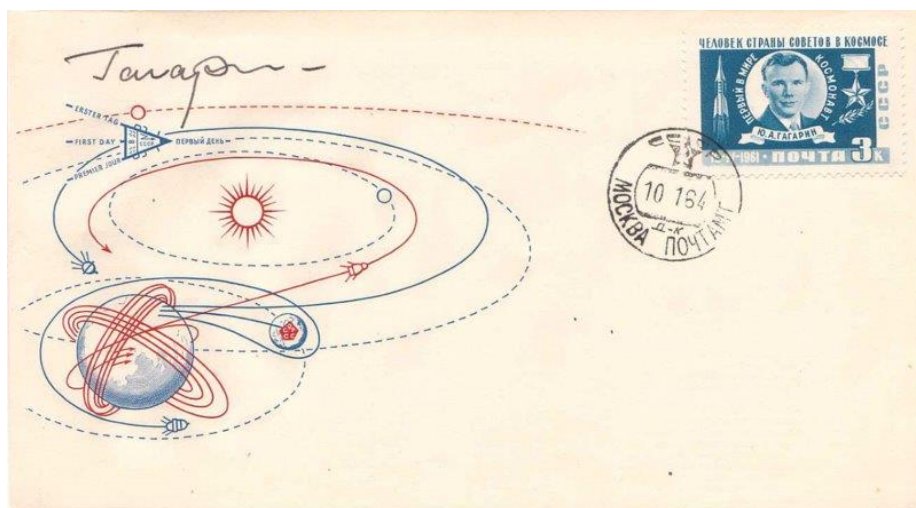


**The company Vaccari at the centre of attention at the Flight Festival
in the ex area Expo of Rho (Milan)
2-4 June 2017**



The cover signed by Jurij Gagarin and the Italian postage stamp devoted to him.

Flight Festival, ex area Expo of Rho (Milan) - From hot-air balloons to drones, great evidence has been given to Space mail and to the way **philately can testify our history**. Among the different items, one cover signed by the first astronaut, Jurij Gagarin, and the Italian postage stamp devoted to him. It is the 75 centimes issued on 12 April 2011; it is interesting above all for its symbolic value: it celebrates the 50th anniversary from the first human flight in Space.

Reference to the Soviet astronaut is not by chance, because the postal document relevant to him has been given as a present to his Italian colleague Franco Malerba by Vaccari srl general manager, Silvia Vaccari. **“We have made philately and postal history appreciated even by those who did not imagine their potential”**.





At the end of the science meeting organized during the flight festival, Silvia Vaccari, Vaccari philately srl expert in Space mail, has given some presents: to the first Italian man in Space, Franco Malerba, a cover signed by Gagarin; to the famous astrophysicist Amalia Ercoli Finzi, a cover signed by the first woman in Space, Valentina Tereškova; to Italian Air Force Captain Debora Corbi, an item relevant to the North Atlantic Cruise, that is 1933 expedition headed by Italo Balbo, besides a stamp folder for her child.

Moreover: “3,500 gift packets of postage stamps have been given to children, thus arousing people’s curiosity; we have told philatelic stories which are unknown to most people. We do the same with groups of students, because we believe that postage stamps carry cultural messages”.

Silvia Vaccari, expert in Space mail, at the end of the science meeting organized to celebrate the first Italian astronaut, Franco Malerba, has given him the cover signed by the first man in Space, Jurij Gagarin, and to the scientist Amalia Ercoli Finzi the one signed by the first woman in Space, Valentina Vladimirovna Tereškova.

The Italian Air Force Captain Debora Corbi has received a document relevant to the North Atlantic Cruise, that is 1933 expedition headed by Italo Balbo, besides a stamp folder for her child.



One of the folders given to children as a present.





The group after the lecture together with Malerba.



Some of the volumes relevant to flight
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