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**The stamps issued by the organizing
and winner countries
of football world championships**

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- Preface by Maurizio Tecardi, President of the Italian Union for Collectors of Olympic Games and Sport
- Introductory essay by Danilo Bogoni
- Half a century of development, names and results recorded by specialized philately written by Nino Barberis, international thematic judge
- Interview to Pierangelo Brivio

Devoted to Football World Championships, the volume lists, describes and reproduces the stamps issued by the countries which organized the event and by those which won it, including the issues by colonial territories and the items connected to the happening.

The work covers the **history of Championships, from the first edition of 1930 to 2006**, but there is something more: South Africa, which will host **the event in 2010**, has already started its promotional campaign through the postal system.

Completely in colours, the book follows the same layout and general organization as the volume "John Paul II - Visits of Hope". **There are some opening pages and then one chapter for each Championship, with information and details on the event, and the reproduction and description of the stamps and souvenir sheets issued.**

For every Championship, a **peculiar aspect** has been added in order to underline historical-political facts (the division between the Arab world and Israel), promotional choices (the French "Merci les bleus!") or technical aspects (the packets of Swedish stamps or British varieties), thus exploiting all the possibilities for deep and broad studies offered by philately.

The needs of football fans who are interested in **more specific details for each happening** have been considered: a journalistic presentation of main football facts, a series of data (teams, scores, winner team players), help in widening the picture obtained through postal issues.

The stamps have been reproduced full size (only some souvenir sheets have been reduced). To help collectors in their research, the **numbering of the most important international catalogues** have been included; (in alphabetical order) Michel, Scott, Unificato and Yvert & Tellier. **There are no valuations.**

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