

FLYING... WITH FIORENZO LONGHI

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Wednesday, 21 October 2009, in Rome, on the occasion of the international festival of philately, two volumes devoted to aerophilately have been presented.

Both published by Vaccari srl, Fiorenzo Longhi has written the update notes and the errata in the “encyclopaedia” about the pioneering period of flight in Italy, “Pionieri dell’aviazione in Italia 1908-1914” by Mario Cobianchi, pioneer of Italian aviation, and he is the author of the “Catalogue of Zeppelin mail” written in Italian and English.



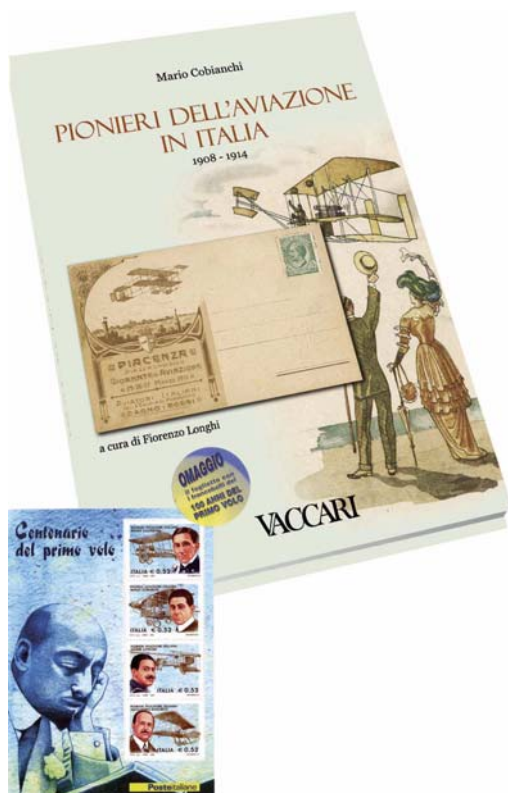
At the presentation
From the left Fiorenzo Longhi, Sebastiano Cilio and Paolo Moretti



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Mario Cobiانchi

PIONIERI DELL'AVIAZIONE IN ITALIA 1908-1914

**with update notes and errata
by Fiorenzo Longhi**

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The work written by Mario Cobiانchi, pioneer of Italian aviation, has been updated and enriched thanks to the several comments and the errata, included as foot notes, by Fiorenzo Longhi, one of the masters of Italian Aerophilately.

The volume by Cobiانchi, published in 1943 and difficult to be found since long, "encyclopaedia" about the pioneering period of flight in Italy, is rich in information and documents gathered by the author himself, rare and historical illustrations of air tracks, drill grounds, postcards and photographs, flight attempts and experiments, aviation competitions and shows, flight forerunners, aircrafts.

It describes, day by day, all the aviation events of the pioneering period, whose end is internationally fixed in 1914, with dates and names of flight competitions, pilots and winners, flight licences of Italians, both military men and civilians, position in Europe, aircraft building factories, heroic experiments, pioneers' accidents (unfortunately some deadly).

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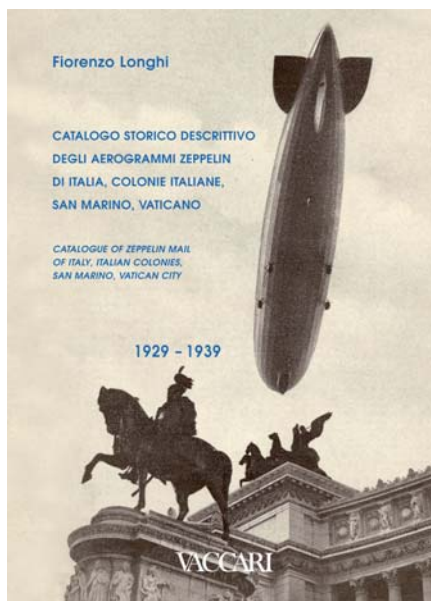
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Chronological history of Zeppelin mail of the Italian area flown on Graf Zeppelin, Hindenburg and Graf Zeppelin II airships.

This catalogue deals, in great detail, with Zeppelin mail of Italy, Italian colonies, San Marino and Vatican from 1929 to 1939. This list only refers to flown items for which it has been possible to assess their existence. Other mails, whose existence has not been verified yet, although mentioned in other sources, have been omitted. Items which are not genuine or fakes have been frequently mentioned, instead.

In this catalogue Zeppelin airmail stamps have been excluded, as they have already been described in philatelic catalogues.

The recording, given in chronological order, enables to trace a catalogued Zeppelin mail simply by referring to the page related to the airship's name, the year and, thus, the flight number, from which month and day of that particular flight are evident.

The flights numbering used in this work is that reported in the official original records of Luftschiffbau Zeppelin / Deutsche Zeppelin Reederei. The use of this numbering avoids arbitrary misleading information, instead providing a reference form among collectors, dealers and aviation historians.

Dieter Leder: "Zeppelin mail experts and sophisticated collectors worked together and shared their knowledge, information and covers to make this catalogue the most comprehensive data base for Zeppelin mail from Italy and its connected areas."

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