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FOREWORD

Following our programme for the year 2003, on 3rd May the public auction here presented will be held by our seat in Vignola.

The catalogue, which is richly illustrated, proposes more than 1000 lots of Philately and Postal History and more than 300 items of Philatelic Literature.

In the section Philately and Postal History, there is a selection of cancellations of the Duchy of Modena (collection Regium), of the Lombardy Venetia Kingdom and of the Duchy of Parma. Among them many "items" which had not appeared at any auction for some dozen years stand out. For example, some rare Sardinia and Italy franking, even mixed, belonging to a study selection on the rates of the period.

In the section Prephilately, many are the letters with perfect cancellations, among whom the famous "Concordia", also called "Conca", which last appeared at an auction in 1977.

As far as the other sections are concerned, You should simply turn the pages of the catalogue to realize that there are many good proposals.

Lots and Collections are well represented. Many of them are accompanied by the indication "si consiglia un attento esame" ("We advise You to examine the items with care"). That does not mean, as too often happens, that there may be negative surprises. On the contrary, in this section there is generally material which should be described in detail but it is not either following the wish of the person who has given the items for sale, or for lack of space and time. However, this gives the possibility to dealers or to people who exchange items to provide themselves with good material.

At the last auction (October 2002) about a hundred items under this section were available; among them the famous "Cerdena collection", whose reserve price was Euro 100,000.- and it was sold at euro 113,000.- For these items, we advise You, in Your interest, to examine them. It will be a little sacrifice which will be greatly rewarded.

In the section Philatelic Literature, there is a wide selection of rare - out of print titles on philately, and postal history and many Italian or foreign auction catalogues (always very useful for Your researches) and some collections of rare Italian revues.

Together with these short notes we wish You to find the material of Your interest. We would like to remind You that our descriptions are always well detailed, the lots with a price over euro 250.- bearing the initials or the signature P.Vaccari are accompanied by a certificate of guarantee, and at Vaccari auctions buyers do not pay for purchase commissions (20%). Moreover, for the buyers wishing to avail themselves of deferred payment, the rate of interest has been reduced by one point, from 6% to 5% yearly.

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