



3rd Quarter Report to NAM Scientific Council about the Activity and Planning in 2021 (15 September, 2021)

Dear Friends,

In June we published NAM issue No. 7 (Modern Military History) edited by me, with 13 articles (in Italian, English or French) and 10 reviews (704 pp).

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The issue was presented at the University of Bologna on 12 July by the "Casus Belli" student association of military history.

Today we published our first special issue (on Military Intelligence, Clandestine War and Special Operations), edited by Gérald Arboit, with 14 articles (in French, English, Spanish and Italian) and 12 reviews (the latter by Giangiuseppe Pili), in all 586 pp.

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In October we will publish issue No. 8 (second issue of Contemporary Military History) with 11 articles in English, Italian, French and Spanish and 12 reviews, edited by Piero Cimbolli Spagnesi. Due to the large number of articles received, we will bring forward the third issue of contemporary military history to March, also edited by Cimbolli Spagnesi.

In this way we will reach a total of 9 issues in two years, with 98 articles and 88 reviews (all indexed), with over 4,000 pages.

For the next year, we are in an advanced stage of preparation for issue 9 (second of Medieval Military History) edited by a 4-member staff coordinated by Marco Merlo, which will be published in January 2022 and issue 11 (third of Modern Military History) edited by me and scheduled for June. Issue No. 10 (third of Ancient Military History) edited by Marco Bettalli and Elena Franchi is scheduled for March. We also have 4 special issues in progress, on Military Cartography (ed. By Mirela Altic), Turco-Venetians Wars (ed. Stathis Birtachas), Naval Wars in the Western Mediterranean in Modern Centuries (ed. By Emiliano Beri) and Gendarmeries and Constabularies (ed. by Flavio Carbone).

We are awaiting the opening of the application for the classification of scientific journals which every year, in Italy, is called by the National Evaluation Agency of the University and Research System (ANVUR). We were unable to participate in last year's call (20 August 2020) because at that date we had only seven months of seniority. In any case, independent of this merely domestic indexing, NAM has obtained the international scientific indexing on DOAJ (Directory of Open Access Journals):

[https://doaj.org/search/journals?ref=homepage-box&source={%22query%22%3A{%22query_string%22%3A{%22query%22%3A%22Nuova_Antologia_Militare%22%2C%22default_operator%22%3A%22AND%22}}}](https://doaj.org/search/journals?ref=homepage-box&source={%22query%22%3A{%22query_string%22%3A{%22query%22%3A%22Nuova_Antologia_Militare%22%2C%22default_operator%22%3A%22AND%22}})

As soon as we are two years old (February 3, 2022) we can also ask for international scientific indexing on Scopus (Elsevier's database).

I remember that all this activity costs about 10,000 euros a year (5,000 of graphics, 3,600 of websites, and 1,500 of editorial support and indexing costs (each DOI costs 5 euros). The expenditure is covered solely by the annual dues of 25 euros paid by the 450 ordinary members of the Italian Society of Military History (SISM). MAM responds to SISM, and SISM responds only to Members. Refusing any form of public funding (and conditioning) to rely solely on the free consent of Members is our strength, the strategic miracle that made NAM possible.

I therefore warmly invite both Italian and foreign collaborators of NAM to join us, reinforcing the crew of our fragile but daring caravel.

Rome, September 15, 2021

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