Dear Friends,

last February 3 "Nuova Antologia Militare" celebrated its first year of life, thus acquiring the right to be evaluated by Scopus int’l database and by the Italian National Evaluation Agency of the University and Research System (ANVUR) for the formal qualification as "scientific journal". We have entrusted the relative procedure to the TAB Edizioni of Mario Scagnetti, which also takes care of the international indexing service of our journal.

It was exciting for me to listen to the recording of the conference held in Rome on 2 December 2019 on Military History at the Italian University, in which we officially announced the decision by SISM to open our journal, an undertaking that at the time could have seemed extremely reckless, and which today it has proved to be a timely and necessary restarting in Italian critical history of warfare and war studies.

You can listen to December 2 registration here::
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fuAgrezoBXc

Also in the name of the co-director, prof. Brizzi, I am pleased to announce that prof. Marco Bettalli, Professor of Greek history at the University of Siena, has accepted to join the Scientific Council of our journal.

Our tireless webmaster, Massimiliano “Max” Italiano, has made a complete restyling of the site (www.nam-sism.org). You will notice that under the header appears the second verse of a famous military song, which well expresses our attitude in facing and governing any difficulty.
You can see here our new homepage: https://www.nam-sism.org/index.html

After those of Padua and Bologna, a third spontaneous university group has also been set up in Turin for the self-managed study of military history, thus making up for the lack of a specific possibility of training and scientific evaluation. The Bolognese group also has a youtube channel which has agreed to host the presentation of our issues. Here I indicate the first presentation, that of issue No. 5 (Medieval military history). The next one, related to issue No. 6 (Ancient MH) will take place on March 30th.

You can listen the presentation of No. 5 issue here:

**Presentazione Fascicolo Medievale della rivista Nuova Antologia Militare (NAM) - YouTube**

Due to Nadir Media high performance, we were able to publish in the first quarter of 2021 two issues, No. 5 (Medieval MH, edited by Prof. Marco Merlo, Antonio Musarra, Fabio Romanoni and Peter Sposato) and No. 6 (Ancient MH), which bring the total to 60 articles, 54 book reviews and 2,400 pages in fourteen months. The graphics are by Mr Antonio Nacca.

You can see both issues here:

[https://www.nam-sism.org/3.2%20fascicoli.html](https://www.nam-sism.org/3.2%20fascicoli.html)

In June we will publish two more issues, NAM ordinary No. 7 (Modern MH) and our first special issue (Histoire du renseignement, edited by Prof. Gérald Arboit) with 24 articles more. No. 8 issue (Contemporary MH) scheduled for October (deadline for submissions 31st August) is also under construction, while we are planning for the first quarter of 2022 Nos 9 and 10 (Ancient and Medieval MH), edited respectively by Prof. Bettalli and Franchi and by Prof. Merlo and Musarra (deadline for both submissions 30th November). Two other special issues are planned for 2022, "Military Cartography" (edited by Prof. Mirela Altic) and "Venetian-Ottoman Wars" (edited by Prof. Stathis Birtachas). Meanwhile, the normal editorial activity of SISM continued with the publication of:

the "Quaderno Sism 2020" (Military History of the Geography) edited by Prof. Simonetta Conti,

[http://www.societaitalianastoriamilitare.org/quaderni/Quaderno%20SISM%202020.pdf](http://www.societaitalianastoriamilitare.org/quaderni/Quaderno%20SISM%202020.pdf)
the volume "The Papal Army 1690-1740" (by Luca Giangolini)

http://www.aracneeditrice.it/index.php/pubblicazione.html?item=9788825538984

and " Bio-bibliographic dictionary of the Italian Military Writers of the modern age 1410-1799 ") (by Virgilio Ilari).

http://www.societaitalianastoriamilitare.org/COLLANA%20SISM/Virgilio%20Ilari.%20Scrittori%20militari%20italiani%20dell'et%C3%A0%20moderna.%20Dizionario%20bio-bibliografico%20201410-1799.pdf

We must underline that all this activity was made possible by the generous support of the members of the Italian Society of Military History (SISM), which in 2020 earned € 11,770. SISM is proud to be completely self-financed by the annual membership fees of 25 euros. And she is grateful to the members of the scientific council and to the authors who wanted to reciprocate by joining the SISM themselves.

Yours sincerely,

Virgilio Ilari

President of the SISM and Director of NAM