





# 15 Years of Associazione Italiana Astrofilatelia (ASITAF)

The Associazione Italiana Astrofilatelia (Italian Association of Astrophilately) is an organisation that brings together individuals with a passion for both space exploration and philately. The association was founded in 2008 by a group of Italian collectors who wanted to promote the study and collection of stamps related to astronomy, space exploration, and aeronautics.

Astrophilately, is a specialised area of space philately that focuses on covers, and other items related to the history of space exploration. It is a fascinating hobby that combines the worlds of science and art, allowing collectors to learn about the history of space exploration while appreciating the beauty of the stamps themselves.

The Italian Association of Astrophilately has members from all over Italy, as well as members from other countries. The association holds regular meetings and events where members can share their collections, discuss new discoveries, and learn from experts in the field. They also publish a quarterly newsletter that features articles on various aspects of astrophilately, including new postmark issues, historical events, and notable collectors.

One of the association's primary goals is to promote the study and research of astrophilately. They also organise exhibitions and displays of astrophilatic items, both in Italy and abroad, to share their collections with a wider audience.

Another important aspect of the Italian Association of Astrophilately is their involvement in educational activities. They also offer workshops and lectures to introduce young people to the hobby and encourage them to start their own collections.

The Italian Association of Astrophilately is a vibrant and active organisation that brings together people with a shared interest in astronomy, space exploration, and philately. Their dedication to promoting the study and research of astrophilately has made them a valuable resource for collectors and enthusiasts all over the world.

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Thanks to Umberto and the ASITAF you now have a chance to read their special issue of AD\*ASTRA covering 15 years of the ASITAF. Click the link below and you can find more about ASITAF on their website and how to join the ASITAF.



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