

Report of the Expert Team Italia 2009

The expert team wishes to thank the organizers of Italia 2009 for the facilities and the ambience that made our work so much easier.

The expert team at Italia 2009 examined almost every frame in the exhibition for items that may have been faked, forged or manipulated. In each case of questioned items, photos were taken and the information recorded on the official forms. Whenever questions were passed to the expert team by the various jury teams, the expert team examined them again for the specific questions raised and again photos were taken.

During the inspecting, there were found stamps that had forged overprints, others that were added or replaced on covers, marks that were added or enhanced, and other defects.

For most of these cases, a certificate was requested for the item before it could be shown again. For those that were clearly fake, the notice to the commissioner and exhibitor specified that the item was not to be shown again, in accordance with FIP expert team procedures.

The expert team recommended to the jury that one exhibit should be disqualified.

The total of processed items resulted in:

Items where certificates were recommended	38
Items that required removal from any further exhibit	1
Items investigated and no further action needed	3

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