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It is indeed a great honour for the Istituto Poligrafico e Zecca dello Stato S.p.A., the Italian Government Printing House and Mint, to participate in the World Money Fair in Berlin and we are pleased to present our coin collection 2016, which as always is extremely various and interesting.

For the Europe Star coin program, which this year deals with great contemporary personalities a 10 euro silver proof coin will be issued by the Italian Mint. The coin will be dedicated to a very important Italian personality who will be disclosed during the WMF Forum only. A bit of suspense for an unique occasion as WMF 2016.

The series Italy of Arts will feature this year on a 5 euro silver proof coin, Recanati, a town located in the Marche region, hometown of the great poet Giacomo Leopardi; while Sardinia, the second largest island in the Mediterranean, will be represented on a 10 euro silver proof coin.

Besides, in 2016 the Italian Mint will continue the most artistic series of the silver coins "Villas and Historical Gardens", dedicated to one gorgeous garden in the northern region of Lombardy.

A 5 euro proof coin will commemorate the 150° Anniversary of the Military Corps of the Italian Red Cross, a corps which is operative either in war or in peace, in order to provide sanitary assistance to the people.

The most successful series of gold coins "Flora and Fauna in Art Masterpieces" comes this year to an end: the representation of animals and flowers taken from famous works of art will finally focus on the contemporary art.

As far as the 2 euro commemorative coins are concerned, the Italian Mint is going to issue two different coins, the first one is dedicated to

Plautus, a Roman playwright of the third century B.C. His comedies are the earliest works in Latin literature to have survived in their entirety. This coin will be inserted in the SU and proof annual currency set.

The second 2 euro commemorative coin will celebrate the 550° Anniversary of the death of the Florentine artist Donatello, one of the key figures in the Italian Renaissance sculpture, world renowned for being the author of the bronze statue of David, one of the most iconic figures of the XV century. This coin will be available in SU and proof version.

Last but not least a 5 euro silver coin, dedicated to the 150° Anniversary of the birth of the Italian philosopher and politician Benedetto Croce will be inserted in the SU and proof annual currency set.

We would like to thank the organisers of the World Money Fair and we warmly invite you to come and visit our booth to discover and enjoy the beauty of the Italian coins.



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