# Editorial



Dear readers,

this is a time of important change for the entire Military Health Service. As most of you know, starting in January, a single entity will be created that will bring together the medical branches of all the Armed Forces. The period preceding this epochal change, the one we are currently living through, is being experienced in a spirit of reflective anticipation, also determined by the not yet fully defined boundaries of this new structure.

Among the few certainties we have is the name of the Head of the unified health service, namely the National Military Health Service: Lieutenant General (Medical) Vincenzo Campagna. To him go the double best wishes and congratulations of the entire Editorial Board and my own personal congratulations, both for the prestigious assignment given and for his recent promotion and appointment as General Inspector of Military Health. He will be the first in the new position and we, as military personnel, know well what this entails in terms of responsibility and commitment, but it will also be an opportunity to chart a new course with an innovative and functional vision. Our colleague, an esteemed orthopedic surgeon and experienced leader, does not lack the qualities to do well. I will not dwell further on this as, given the exceptional nature of the moment, we are pleased to host in this issue an open letter from the Inspector to our readers.

To Lieutenant General (Medical) Carlo Catalano, who has left the position of Inspector, we offer our sincere thanks for having always enthusiastically supported all the initiatives of the Journal, not least the exhibition "Voice and Mirror of Military Health". I have personally shared more than twenty years of professional life with him as a cardiologist and as a military officer and he has been an example to me more than once. To him the entire Editorial Board wishes a long and serene life and renewed success.

The exhibition of the historical covers and issues of the Journal continues and, after the stop in Cagliari, arrives in Taranto where it will be hosted in the month of October. The end of the tour, which lasted almost a year, will be in Rome at the end of November, ensuring the possibility for those in the capital who did not have the opportunity to visit it during the inauguration days to do so at the end of the tour of the Nation.

The issue you hold in your hands celebrates the complementary and increasingly strong relationship in recent years between Military and Civilian Health, anticipating what will happen from next year, and it does so by celebrating one of the oldest and most solid emblems of the civilian health structure: the Istituto Superiore di Sanità (National Institute of Health). The in-depth historical pages are dedicated to this historic institution and the interview published is with its current president, Professor Rocco Bellantone; moreover, the cover created by General Ionta, a welcome return, depicts the iconic facade of the institute.

I will leave you now with the greeting of the new Inspector, wishing you happy reading.

## ON THE COVER




"There are many connections between the Istituto Superiore di Sanità (ISS) (National Institute of Health) and the General Inspectorate of Military Health (IGESAN)". In the painting, the ISS is represented by its historic building with its unmistakable shape and all health activities carried out at the national level are represented by red circles.
The ISS is a healthcare "universe" that interfaces with various other Bodies, IGESAN, as the health sensor of the military world.