

Myology, a discipline in itself

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Until now **Basic and Applied Myology** was printed six issues per year from June to April of the following year. Volume 11, 2001 of **BAM** have only three issues. So that **BAM** and **BAM On-Line** is published from January to November 2002.

Papers are needed to complete 2002 issues of **BAM** and **BAM On-Line**. Suggestions for BAM Hot Sections (collections of one Review and a few Articles on any Myology topic) and criticisms are welcomed. Please, dear BAM Friend does your best!

Basic and Applied Myology continues to need a few friends, which invest their time and efforts to collect good papers (money is a plus). I know that it is a very hard decision to submit a manuscript to a troubling Journal, so dependent from my cyclic depression/excitements. Now, I am sure that it will be easier and easier. The Italian Association for Myology (AiM, Associazione italiana di Miologia, see Home page at www.miologia.it) prints its Conference abstracts (and hopefully some original papers) in both **BAM** and **BAM On-Line**. Next 2nd AiM Conference will be in Turin from 14 to 15 June, 2002. Myology News of these issues displays the conference abstracts.

The editorial of the First **BAM** Issue [1] asked if a new professional activity was arising. The opinion expressed twelve years later by a qualified group of Italian scientists and clinicians seems to be positive. Indeed, the 2nd AiM Conference presentation states that "Thanks to the impressive scientific advancements in the field, Myology has become a discipline in itself, closely linked with almost all the other branches of Medicine" [2].

I hope that others will join and give to **BAM** and **BAM On-Line** the chance to contribute to this development making larger and larger the multidisciplinary community of Myologists.

Warm regards.

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[1] Basic and Applied Myology 1991; 1 (1): 3.

[2] Myology News: Presentation of the 2nd AiM Conference, Turin (Italy) June 14-15, 2002. Basic Appl Myol 2002; 12 (3), 95.