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Translation Slam: A Golden Opportunity for Aspiring Translators

Lucca Comics & Games is currently seeking Italian-to-English comics translators.

Lucca, Italy (September 27th, 2017): [Lucca Comics & Games](#), in collaboration with [Symmaceo Communications](#), [BAO Publishing](#), and [Europe Comics](#), is proud to announce the 2017 edition of its annual **Translation Slam**, taking place on November 2nd in Lucca.

Designed to promote the crucial role of translation and translators in the comics world, the competition challenges participants to translate selected comics from English, French, and Japanese into Italian. This year's edition will also for the first time offer an **Italian to English** category.

One winner will be chosen by an international jury for each category, with the possibility of obtaining a translation contract for an upcoming title from **BAO Publishing**. For the new English division, the winner will have the chance to have his or her work published **on digital platforms worldwide** by **Europe Comics**. The winners of all categories will be featured on the Lucca Comics & Games website.

The Translation Slam is a written contest open to up-and-coming translators. Contestants will have two hours to prove their worth by translating a story excerpt or complete short story selected by the jury, with the aid of translation tools (computers, dictionaries, etc.).

A limited number of spots will be available for the event. Aspiring translators are invited to apply for the contest via the Lucca Comics & Games website:

https://areaclienti.luccacrea.it/moduli/index.php?categorie_moduli_id=2

The application deadline is October 15th. For more information, you may contact translationslam@luccacomicsandgames.com. *Buona fortuna!*

About Lucca Comics & Games

The Lucca Comics & Games festival is an annual comic book and gaming convention that has been running for over 50 years, since 1966. The event is currently the largest comics festival in Europe, and the second biggest in the world, having welcomed 270,000 visitors in 2016.

About Symmaceo

Symmaceo offers consulting and other services for editorial content management and the utilization of creative works, especially comics. Symmaceo collaborates with authors for the most effective use of their work, and works with publishers around Europe to obtain books of the highest quality, offering services such as translation, graphic design, editing, layout, and comics lettering.

About BAO Publishing

Founded in 2009, BAO is one of Italy's leading graphic novel publishers, with a wide reach among comics aficionados and the general public alike, thanks to its broad print and digital catalog. Since its founding, BAO has published over 250 titles, and it is a member of the Europe Comics project.

About Europe Comics

Launched in November 2015 by a coalition of nine comics publishers, two rights agencies, and an audiovisual company, Europe Comics is working towards the creation of a pan-European comics catalog, available in English and a digital format. Europe Comics offers a website with comics information for readers and professionals, and regularly organizes author tours and events across Europe and the USA.