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Translation Slam: A unique chance for aspiring translators

[Lucca Comics & Games](#), in collaboration with [Symmaceo Communications](#), [BAO Publishing](#), and [Europe Comics](#), is proud to announce the 2018 edition of its annual Translation Slam, taking place on Sunday, November 4th in Lucca.

Now in its seventh year, the competition is designed to promote the crucial role of translation and translators in the comics world, and challenges participants to translate selected comics from English, French, and Japanese into Italian. For the second time, this year's edition will also offer an **Italian to English** category. Entrants will have two hours to prove their worth by translating a short story or story excerpt.

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 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 in November.

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 20th. 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. Taking place in the heart of Tuscany, the event is currently the largest comics festival in Europe, and the second biggest in the world, having welcomed 240,000 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 a broad catalog that includes Italian phenomenon Zerocalcare as well as legends like Alan Moore and Scott McCloud. Since its founding, BAO has published over 700 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.