

## Presentation

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After three years (2011-2013) of publication, «Ammentu» has changed how often it is issued. What was an annual publication became a biannual journal in 2014. Following the publication of the first issue of the year we now present the second, which corresponds to the second half of the year from July to December. This is the journal's fifth issue and marks a turning point in the short history of «Ammentu».

First, starting this quarter, «Ammentu» will be published at a national level in collaboration with AIPSA, a publishing house from Cagliari which also boasts significant international experience with publications in several languages as well as an openness to collaboration and debate. These latter requirements are essential when working with realities and contexts that are somewhat removed from Sardinia and Italy and, above all, when a publication strives to achieve goals that are not particularistic, localist or biased but which have a broader scope, the result of synergies, the contrast between different views, cultures and approaches, among experiences lived in other contexts.

The second new development is the journal's new subtitle, «Historical and Archival Newsletter of the Mediterranean and the Americas». With this change we strive to better define the journal's subject matter and historical and archival interests both in the Mediterranean and other nearby territories as well as in America, the new continent which the journal has paid particular attention to in recent years, as highlighted in the dossier presented with this issue, entitled *The Italian and Portuguese Emigration to Brazil and other Latin American Countries in the Modern and Contemporary Age* and authored by Nunziatella Alessandrini and Martino Contu. All the above entails certain gradual changes that begin with the renewal of the Editorial Committee, which will acquire an international dimension more in tune with a journal that has reached wide circulation in Europe and continues to grow, with results that nobody would have expected a few years ago, in many countries in Latin America, and whose objective is to set its sights northwards as well, towards the English and French speaking regions of the Americas.