With this issue, the last of 2015, we leave the direction of the journal.

These five years have been extraordinarily busy and rewarding as well. We have accompanied the difficult transition from the Bollettino to AIB studi, and tried to consolidate a scientific and professional development of the journal's content in order to make it rigorous, innovative and open to innovation all at once. We hope we have reached our objectives – at least to a degree. However, it's time to pass the baton to someone else, who will be able to bring new ideas and energy to AIB studi and to its readers.

The time for goodbyes is also an opportunity to thank everyone has, with different functions, contributed to keep the journal alive and made it grow: friends and colleagues of the Editorial board, the International advisory board, and the Editorial staff (senior editor, coordinators, heads of sections, each editor, translators, graphics). Thank you to authors and reviewers. And thanks to the President and to CEN AIB – current and former – for having always trusted us and constantly endorsed our autonomy and choices; thanks to AIB administrative office for executive and logistic support, and to CINECA for technical backing: both have always been prompt and consistent.

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Finally, we give our warmest wishes to our successors: we know for sure that AIB studi is in excellent hands.

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