

DESIDERI PROJECT

6. Articles in various journals. 2004-2006

Another sign of reawakening interest in Ippolito Desideri consisted of requests for contributions to various journals, starting with the Saverian missionaries' monthly journal, "Missione Oggi" (Oct. 2004): *Ippolito Desideri. Il Marco Polo del Tibet* [reprinted in 'Quaderno di Viaggio' by "Avventure nel Mondo" (Adventures in the World): *Tibet. Quaderno di viaggio d'autore*, La Bottega del Caffè Letterario, Rome, 2007, pp. 355-359]. This was followed by essays in other journals: the bi-monthly journal of the Istituto Geografico Militare, "L'Universo": *Desideri's contribution to geographical knowledge* (twenty pages with four maps and itinerary tables; the article was also printed as an offprint); "Appunti di Viaggio" (January-February, March-April, May-June 2006: *Ippolito Desideri e il primo confronto tra cristianesimo e buddhismo*, text of the lecture held at the "Maritain" cultural centre in Pistoia); for "Bullettino Storico Pistoiese" (2006, *Riflessioni su un missionario pistoiese troppo a lungo sottovalutato*, a revision, with additional notes, of the lecture held at the Gabinetto Vieusseux in Florence); and for the quarterly Buddhist journal for practice and dialogue, "Dharma" (April 2007, *Sulle orme di Ippolito Desideri. Primo confronto Occidente e Tibet*).

The four-monthly religious science journal "Religioni e Società" (editor Arnaldo Nesti) contributed to the topic with an interview (*Dialogue with E.G. Bargiacchi about Fr. I. Desideri s.j.*, by Tiziana Chiappelli, May-August 2005) and the developments of this "Desideri Project" were subsequently reported in Arnaldo Nesti' editorial column [a. XXI, n. 56, September-December 2006 (*Forme e volti del buddismo contemporaneo*), pp. 3-6: 5-6].

For more detailed information about the articles mentioned above, refer to the bibliography appendix.

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