

**FORM 6-K**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer  
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the period February 28, 2006

**SANPAOLO IMI S.p.A.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Piazza San Carlo 156  
10121 Turin, Italy**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes  No

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## **SANPAOLO IMI**

### **NEWS RELEASE**

#### **Shareholders' Meeting called for 27 and 28 April 2006**

**Turin, 28 February 2006** – The Board of Directors of SANPAOLO IMI met today and called Ordinary and Extraordinary Shareholders' Meetings for 27 and 28 April, respectively on first and second calling.

The Ordinary Meeting will be asked to approved the financial statements for 2005, increase in the legal reserve and distribution of profits. The Meeting will also vote on the remuneration of Directors, changes to procedures of the Meeting pursuant to the latest legislative and regulatory modifications and usual authorisation for the purchase and sale of own shares, which may also be used in the context of incentive schemes for employees of the Company or its subsidiaries.

The Extraordinary Meeting will be asked to approve a scrip increase in capital: the application of fair value principles for the valuation of certain fixed assets (according to IAS/IFRS) has led to an increase in net equity.

#### **INVESTOR RELATIONS**

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## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

SANPAOLO IMI S.p.A.

By: /s/ James

Ball

Name: James Ball

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Date: February 28, 2006