

NOURISH THE SEED



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The *Vivarium Novum* Academy has launched a comprehensive capital campaign called "Nourish the Seed." The scope of Nourish the Seed is the first of its kind: to raise 3 million euros by January 2012. Not since the founding of *Vivarium Novum* in 1991 has so much been at stake for the institution, the students we serve, and the faculty who teach them.

The gifts we seek are the funds we need to respond to the remarkable demand for the *Vivarium Novum* experience - an experience rich in academic excellence, profound thinking and discussion, personal instruction and a deep care and concern for every person whom we invite to study with us.

Help us move forward into an extraordinary future. Your support of the Nourish the Seed campaign will be deeply appreciated and will mean so very much to this special community and unique place called *Vivarium Novum*.

Luigi Miraglia, Ph.D.
President



Luigi Miraglia (Naples 1965), received his bachelor's degree in Classical literature from the University "Federico II" of Naples, writing a thesis on ancient Christian literature. He then received a doctorate in Classical Philology from the University of Salerno, working on the history of the teaching methods of classical languages from the III to the XVIII century. He taught in State lyceums and at the School of Teaching Specialization of the University of Salerno; he is currently teaching at the European University in Rome and at the Pontifical Salesian University. He founded the Academy *Vivarium Novum* in 1991, and started the project of an international Campus for students coming from every part of the world in 1998. He directs the Academy, where he teaches neo-Latin literature (XIV-XVIII centuries). He has also organized and directed the international conferences "Latino sī, ma non così" (Procida-Vivara 1991), "Docere" (Naples-Montella 1998), "Humanitas" (Naples 2007), "Litterarum vis" (Szeged-Budapest 2008) and "Monumenta viaeque" (Rome 2010). He is the author of many books and articles, principally on the teaching of Latin and Greek, the history of pedagogy, and neo-Latin literature. He is also an honorary member of the Academia Latinitati Fovendae.

OUR PAST

The *Vivarium Novum* Academy is an international school of classical literature and humanities, born from a free group of scholars who consider culture and education to be the best way to foster an awareness of human dignity and a vision of a world founded on strong morals.

Throughout the past decade, the Academy has made important associations with more than fifty universities from all over the world, particularly from less advantaged countries. Since 2004, the Academy has constantly been receiving the best students from those universities and offering them a comprehensive program of liberal studies.

The Academy follows the most authentic of human traditions through its curriculum, community life, and spirit of solidarity. The shared studies and experiences allow students to deeply feel -- beyond differences of race, culture and religion -- the significance of our human family. Students are able to experience, by means of an historical consciousness, a new way of life free from conformism, prejudice and temporary fashions.

All of our activities are founded on three main pillars: accurate research of the past, acute observation of the present, and, as much as possible, the duty of helping to build the future.

More than one hundred young men who have studied in our Academy conduct research and teach in some of the most prestigious universities in Europe and America.



OUR PRESENT

In order to grow tall and strong a tree needs to extend its roots into the soil. When it comes to confronting the complexity of the modern world, nothing helps more than a change of view that helps us understand values which remain fixed and immutable throughout history. This is why the curriculum offered at the Academy is based mainly on the following yearly courses, all of which are taught in Latin (or ancient Greek) by an international faculty of young scholars: Ancient Latin literature, Christian Latin literature, Medieval and Humanistic Latin literature, Latin composition, Ancient Greek language and literature, Greek and Roman history, History of Ancient Philosophy, History of Greek and Roman art.

Seminars and conferences pertaining to specific authors and subjects are frequently offered during the year. The global formation of the students is achieved through music, theater, visits to cultural places, outdoor lessons, physical exercise, team sports and thinking games.

It is also important to state that our courses contain an enormous variety of authors and arguments. Our one-year reading list contains as much, if not more than that which is required by Ivy League universities throughout the course of a graduate education.

WHEN THE METHODICAL TRAINING AND
CULTIVATION THAT LEARNING GIVES
IS ADDED TO A NATURALLY NOBLE
AND ELEVATED DISPOSITION,
THERE USUALLY RESULTS SOME
BRILLIANT AND UNIQUE PRODUCT.

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OUR FUTURE



We would like to build a true home for the liberal arts: a place where we can receive more and more young students with a passion for knowledge and a strong will to help others in every possible way. We believe that a place like this is necessary in times during which the prospects for Western values become less encouraging every day.

However, we are not pessimists. We are trying to change these prospects by offering free education of the highest quality on the subjects that have nourished our society for centuries. We place a strong focus on the Classics, which allows us to better understand our current circumstances.

In order to achieve our goals, we need your support. With your help, one or more students will be able to live and learn in our Academy, preparing themselves to serve others when they return home. You will not only help a student accomplish his goals, you will directly transform his life and that of many others.

WE SHOULD PLAY THE PART OF A CAREFUL
HOUSEHOLDER; WE SHOULD INCREASE WHAT
WE HAVE INHERITED. THIS INHERITANCE
SHALL PASS FROM ME TO MY DESCENDANTS
LARGER THAN BEFORE.

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HELP THEM *live the humanities*

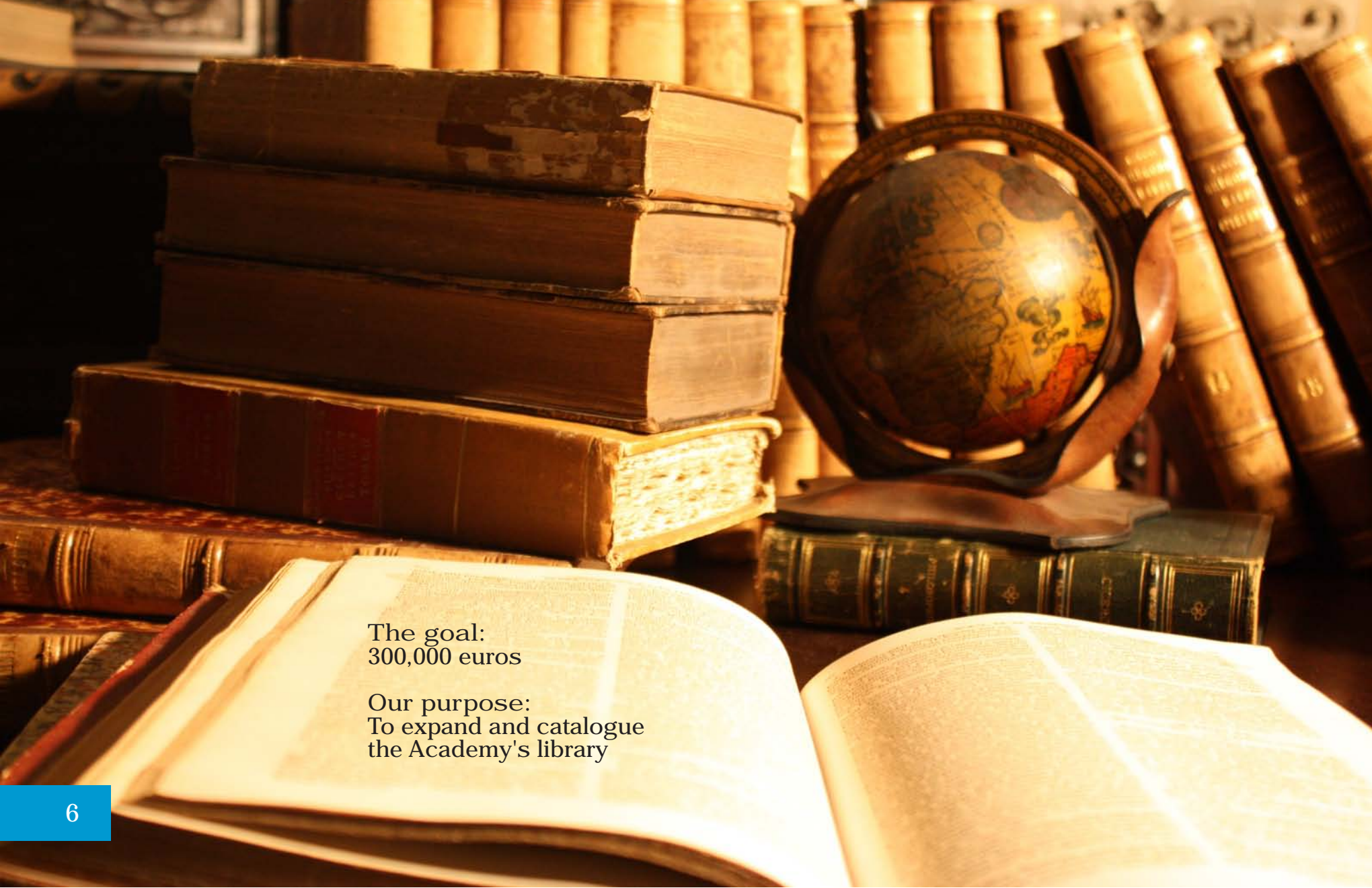
The goal:
1 million euros

Our purpose:
To grant 60 scholarships
for our students



HELP THEM

talk with antiquity



The goal:
300,000 euros

Our purpose:
To expand and catalogue
the Academy's library

HELP THEM *touch culture*

The goal:
100,000 euros

Our purpose:
To finance cultural excursions



HELP THEM *perform the arts*

The goal:
100,000 euros

Our purpose:
To renovate and equip
our main auditorium

HELP THEM *grow wise*



The goal:
1.5 million euros

Our purpose:
To create an endowment
for our main chairs

HELP THEM



live the humanities

1 million euros

Every year, we invest around 16,700 euros in each one of our students. This money pays not only for full room and board, but also -- and more importantly -- for books and high quality education, allowing us to offer them a once in a lifetime cultural experience.



talk with antiquity

300,000 euros

Our library is perhaps the very heart of our Academy. We don't spare any efforts to make it grow richer with important books and collections, but we still need to expand and catalogue its bibliographical resources and build new bookshelves to display them. We also would like to update our sources with subscriptions to important academical journals and databases.



touch culture

100,000 euros

Allow them to have direct contact with great works of art and thought. It is very important for us to complement the education we offer with cultural trips to relevant places in Italy: to the most important monuments of Greek and Roman antiquity... to the cities that for centuries hosted and nourished cultural progress.

HELP THEM



perform the arts

100,000 euros

We do not ignore the great advantages that technology can offer to education. That's why we would like to have the tools to reach more people by, for example, recording and broadcasting our lessons, conferences, readings of Latin and Greek texts, as well as theatrical performances and concerts. This can not be done without proper recording equipment, including TV cameras, videoprojectors, and sound and video editing software.



grow wise

1.5 million euros

As for now, our professors are in a precarious situation. Therefore, it is of our greatest interest to assure them a fitting salary in the years to come. This will allow them to better live and, by continuing their own education, to better serve our students.

WE ARE THE TIMES. SUCH AS WE ARE, SO ARE THE TIMES.

ST. AUGUSTINE

HOW TO HELP THEM

You can deposit your support for one or more students in this account.

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You can also make a donation online at:

www.vivariumnovum.net

Every donation, no matter how small, will be highly appreciated by every single one of us. We also want to show our gratitude for those willing to deposit their faith in our future. As a gesture of thankfulness for larger donations, we will dedicate our living and study spaces to you or your beloved ones, and should you ever come to Rome, you will of course be most welcome to visit and stay with us.

A large, leafy tree stands on a grassy hill under a clear blue sky. The tree is the central focus, with its branches spreading out. The grass is vibrant green and covers the entire foreground and middle ground. The sky is a deep, clear blue with a few wispy clouds near the top.

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