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*To the Headmasters of  
High schools*

Object: **5th Certamen Varronianum Reatinum**

The LICEO CLASSICO "MARCO TERENCE VARRONE" of RIETI, the FONDAZIONE VARRONE and the ASSOCIAZIONE EX ALUNNI of LICEO CLASSICO, call the

### **5TH CERTAMEN VARRONIANUM REATINUM**

reserved for students attending the second last and the last year of senior high school specializing in classical studies (Liceo Classico), senior high school specializing in science education ( Liceo Scientifico), senior high school specializing in modern languages and science of education ( Liceo Pedagogico-Linguistico), senior high school specializing in technical education ( Liceo Tecnologico), and to high school students, from UE countries, in which Latin is studied.

The *Certamen* is dedicated to the memory of Professor Monsignor Benedetto Riposati, Professor of Latin Literature at Università Cattolica in Milano, former teacher at Liceo Classico of Rieti and eminent Varro scholar.

The *Certamen* is structured in two main sections:

1. **Classical Section, reserved to students attending the second last and the last year of senior high schools specializing in classical studies, such as Licei Classici, Scientifici, Pedagogici, Linguistici.** It is required a translation from Latin of a text taken from Varro or from a different author of scientific prose ( Seneca "Naturales questiones", Columella "De re rustica", Pliny the Elder "Naturalis historia"). The translation must be followed by a short commentary, in Italian, about the linguistic, stylistic, and historical-literary features of the text. The translation is reserved to no more than 10 students – including students from EU countries where Latin is studied. These students will have the possibility of writing the translation and the commentary in English, or French, or German, or Spanish or Italian.



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2. **Technical and Scientific section** including two distinct subsections ( historical-literary and technical-practical). For each of them it is required a research on:

**a) historical-literary research** on **“The role of Varro in the making of the cultural, civil, religious heritage of Rome: judgements and testimonies from the Latin authors”**, reserved for Italian students attending the second last and the last year of senior high schools specializing in classical studies, in science education, in modern languages and science of education and for no more than 10 students, EU citizens. Foreign students can use the languages of point 1.

**N.B.:** The texts you can refer to (in the languages above mentioned) for the Technical-practical research of technical-scientific section are:

**Cicerone, *Academica posteriora***, book I, chp. 3, par.9

**Plinio il Vecchio, *Naturalis Historia***, book VII, par. 115

**Quintiliano, *Institutio oratoria***, book X, chp. 1, par. 95

**Gellio, *Noctes Atticae***, *passim*, in particular book XIX, chp. 14,

**Agostino, *De civitate Dei***, book VI, chps. 2-4 and *passim*

**Petrarca, *Trionfo della Fama***, III, lines 37-39

The students can refer to any text about the proposed theme.

**b) technical and practical research** on **“ The grapevine: a comparison between the ancients and the moderns. The techniques of cultivation and vinification following the ancient precepts (from Cato to Columella) and the most recent innovations”**, reserved for students attending national senior high schools specializing in technical and vocational education for agriculture and Technological Liceo , and for no more than 10 students, EU citizens. Foreign students can use the languages mentioned in point 1 and 2a.

**N.B.:** The texts you can refer to (Italian traslation) for the Technical-practical research of technical-scientific section are:

**Catone, *De agri cultura***,

*chps. 11,23,24,25,26,32,33,37,39,40,41,43,49,57,68,95,104,105,107,108,109,110,111,112,113,114,115,118,120,121,122,123,125,137,147,148,153,154*



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**Varrone, *De re rustica*, book I, chps: 6,7,8,11,13,18,19,22,25,26,31,32,34,35,36,54,65**

**Plinio il Vecchio, *Naturalis Historia*, books XIV and XXIII**

**Columella, *De re rustica*, books III, IV and XII,**

The participation to Technical and Science Section, subsections a) and b), requires a research, done in the respective schools, which makes use of paratextual features: paper, technological, iconographic, plastic devices, etc.

**The applications for all sections must be sent in and not later than March 19, 2007.**

**The researches of technical-scientific section, subsections a) and b), must be sent in and not later than March 26, 2007.**

**Enclosures A and B of this announcement, filled in completely, must be sent to the address at the bottom of this document within the fixed terms.**

**Schools interested in the classical section can take part with no more than two students, accompanied by a teacher if underage.**

For organization reasons the number of Italian competitors must be limited to **no more than 80**, for the admission we will take into account the receipt date of the applications.

The **5th Certamen Varronianum** will take place on **April 19-20-21, 2007**; the list of the eligible candidates will be available soon after the closing dates on the school website: [www.liceoclassicovarronerieti.it](http://www.liceoclassicovarronerieti.it). Since February you can learn the constitution of the committees, the programme of the contest and the ways of execution of classical section competition.

**Certamen regulations are enclosed.**

**The amount of the prizes is the following:**

1) for the classical section:

- **1<sup>st</sup> prize € 1.600**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> prize € 1.200**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> prize € 700**

2) for the technical-scientific section, historical-literary subsection:

- **1<sup>st</sup> prize € 500**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> prize € 400**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> prize € 300**

3) for the technical-scientific section, technical-practical subsection:

- **1<sup>st</sup> prize € 500**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> prize € 400**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> prize € 300**

We have also provided refunds for the associate teachers ( 50% of their expenses for the whole stay ) and for the participating students ( 50% of the travel, excluding plane).

For the EU competitors there will be a special list and prizes and refunds of 50% of the fare including flights.

*The application forms must be sent to the following address by mail, fax or e-mail:*

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