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The LICEO CLASSICO “QUINTO ORAZIO FLACCO” of Venosa-Lavello, announces the *XXIV Certamen Horatianum*, a three-day cultural event taking place in Venosa on **7th - 8th - 9th May 2010**.

The competition is addressed to sixth-form pupils (attending the penultimate school year) coming from Italian *Licei Classici* and foreign secondary schools specializing in classical studies. **It consists in the translation of one or more Latin passages, excerpted from Horace's works, and in the completion of a questionnaire concerning the historical, literary and linguistic aspects of the given text/s.**

The *Certamen*, which will also include a literary conference on Horatian and classical themes, aims at highlighting and reflecting on the aesthetic and existential message of the Latin Bard, as well as giving the opportunity to visit the exceptional archaeological heritage of Venosa, Horace's birthplace, and its surrounding area.

The *Certamen* may also be the occasion for the applying schools to organize a Latin literature module based on the study of Horace which could involve whole classes or groups of pupils from different classes. In this way the *Certamen* can become not only an important didactic experience, but also an opportunity for the applicants to share the cultural and formative atmosphere with participants coming from different nations, going beyond the mere participation in the competition.

Participating groups are expected to arrive in Venosa on **May 6th**, in the afternoon.

- The *Certamen* Organization Committee will provide free accommodation and board for all teachers and pupils taking part in the competition. All travelling expenses must be paid by the participants. Any insurance cover concerning both the journey and the stay will be paid by the applying schools. The applicants may be accompanied only by one teacher in service in the applying school.
- Each group of participants will have to pay, by postal giro account (n° 13169859), **€ 40,00 registration fee**. The receipt of payment must be attached to the application form. All schools interested in the competition are kindly requested to fill in the enclosed entry form which must be posted (by registered letter) to I.I.S.S. ‘Quinto Orazio Flacco’ - Via A. Diaz, 47- 85029 Venosa (PZ) by the **15th March 2010** or, exceptionally, e-mailed back to pzis02100c@istruzione.it.
- You will find, herewith enclosed, the competition regulations containing a special section for foreign students. A detailed programme will be sent to all academic participants after receiving their entries.

Venosa, 9 November 2009

THE HEADMASTER
Prof. Mario Lasala



XXIV CERTAMEN HORATIANUM

Regulations and Entry Guidelines

Art. 1

The Liceo Classico “Quinto Orazio Flacco” of Venosa-Lavello, in collaboration with Venosa A.I.C.C., announces the *XXIV CERTAMEN HORATIANUM - 2010*, addressed to students enrolled not only in Italian *Licei Classici*, but also in foreign secondary schools specializing in classical studies (*Grammar schools, Lycées, etc.*).

Art. 2

The examination will consist in a written translation of one or more Latin passages taken from Horace’s works and in the completion of a questionnaire concerning the historical, literary and linguistic aspects of the given text/s.

Art. 3

Candidates coming from abroad will be assigned passages and questions different from the ones chosen for Italian applicants, considering the diverse Latin syllabuses carried out in other countries. **The foreign candidate who produces the best work will be awarded a €750 prize and/or receive a certificate.**

Art. 4

The examination takes place at the LICEO CLASSICO “Q. ORAZIO FLACCO”, in Venosa, on **7th May 2010** and lasts six hours (8.30-14.30). Foreign candidates can use English, French, German, Portuguese or Spanish for their work and will be allowed to use dictionaries. The prize-giving ceremony will take place on **9th May 2010 and will end by 11.30.**

Art. 5

Admission to the competition will be limited to a maximum of **two pupils** per school (or per school branch) **attending the penultimate year** of Italian *Licei Classici* (or the equivalent class/form for foreign schools) who, having successfully passed the previous school year, got good marks in Latin, at least **8/10** (levels **A-B** for foreign pupils).

Art. 6

The participants can be accompanied by one teacher in service in the applying school.

Art. 7

The entries, completed with a certificate attesting the candidates' requisite qualifications (art. 5), must be signed by the Headmaster and then sent, by the school, to the I.I.S.S. 'QUINTO ORAZIO FLACCO' in Venosa. Each group of participants will have to pay, by postal giro account (n° 13169859) **€ 40,00 registration fee** and attach the receipt to the application form. The completed entry forms must be posted (by registered letter) by and not later than **15th March 2010** or, exceptionally, e-mailed back to pzis02100c@istruzione.it. Entries postmarked after this date will not be accepted. For organizing reasons concerning accommodation, entries in excess will be prioritized by postmark date.

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Art. 8

The competitors will be required to show their identity cards or any other valid document permitting their identification.

Art. 9

The Board of Examiners will be composed of university teachers, headmasters, classical school Latin teachers, either retired or currently teaching. The Board is given the faculty of dividing into subcommittees and designating extra Latin teachers, if necessary. In this case, the President of the Board will act as Chief Coordinator.

Art. 10

In no case will teachers coming from the applying schools be allowed to become members of the Board of Examiners. The usual procedure used for public competitions will be adopted for the choice of the examiners, as well as for the correction of the works.

Art. 11

The following money prizes will be awarded to the best Italian pupils chosen by the Board (the amount of the prizes might be varied):



<i>1st Prize</i>	€ 750
<i>2nd Prize</i>	€ 500
<i>3rd Prize</i>	€ 350
<i>4th Prize</i>	€ 250
<i>5th Prize</i>	€ 150

Five certificates will also be given to the most meritorious pupils.

All candidates will be given an **attendance certificate**, useful to gain school credit, which can be included in their own *curriculum vitae*.

After the sending of the entry forms, all schools will receive extra information on the programme and hotels where the participants will be accommodated.

(school stamp)

Tel. number _____

Fax number _____

E-mail address _____

Ref. number _____

To the HEADMASTER
I.I.S.S. "Quinto Orazio Flacco"
85029 VENOSA (PZ)

We are sending n. ____ entry form/s submitted by the under-mentioned applicant/s who wish to participate in the **XXIV CERTAMEN HORATIANUM**, taking place in Venosa on 7th May 2010.

APPLICANT'S FIRST NAME AND SURNAME	GENDER	CLASS	TEACHER'S FIRST NAME AND SURNAME
	M F		
	M F		

The applying candidates have all the requisites required by the Regulations (art. 5)

Participating Teacher/Headmaster _____

M

F

Date _____

THE HEADMASTER

**TO THE HEADMASTER
I.I.S.S. “Quinto Orazio Flacco”
85029 VENOSA (PZ)**

XXIV CERTAMEN HORATIANUM - APPLICATION FORM

APPLICANT’S PERSONAL DATA

First name and surname _____

Birthplace _____

Date of birth _____

Full Address _____

E-mail address _____

Tel. Number _____

The Latin passage will be translated into (tick accordingly):

<input type="checkbox"/>	FRENCH
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENGLISH
<input type="checkbox"/>	GERMAN
<input type="checkbox"/>	PORTUGUESE
<input type="checkbox"/>	SPANISH

*I understand and accept the attached 2010 Certamen Regulations and Entry Guidelines.
I grant permission for my personal information to be used for this competition, according to
Italian Law 675/96*

(Applicant’s Signature)

THE HEADMASTER
