

Fundación Arsha Vidya Argentina



Fundación Arsha Vidya is an NGO founded by the precise indication of Swami Dayananda Saraswati to disseminate in Argentina the teaching of Vedanta and the cultural knowledge from the Vedas.

It seeks to promote the knowledge of the native culture of India that is based on universal values and a tradition of inquiry about the nature of the human being, the world and the cause of the world.

ACTIVITIES

VEDANTA CLASSES

* KATHA UPANISHAD

Professor: Dr. Horacio Vajovsky
Starting in March 2013 a weekly series of classes on Vedanta and Katha Upanishad, Mondays from 7 to 8:15 pm.

* TATTVABODHA - classes en English

Professor: Swamini Vilasananda Saraswati
Starting in Abril/May 2013 a series of classes every two weeks on Vedanta,

Sanskrit and Vedic Chanting, Sundays from 10 am to 1 pm.

BOOKS – Translation, publication and distribution in the Spanish language.

In charge: Swamini Vilasananda Saraswati
Assistant: Adriana Da Cunha

The Foundation is translating the books of Swami Dayananda Saraswati to Spanish. In 2013 “El Valor de los Valores” and “Todo sobre Sadhana” will be published.

CLASSES OF VEDIC CHANTING AND SANSKRIT

Professor: Silvia Vajovsky

Starting in March 2013 a series of classes on devotional chanting of India and Sanskrit language, Wednesday at 6 pm.

Professor: María Elena Vieto

Starting in April weekly meetings for Vedic Chanting are to take place in Olivos (in the province of Buenos Aires). María Elena has studied with dedication with Viviana Blanco, Silvia Vajovsky and Horacio

Vajovsky; the latter encouraged her to start leading a group.

SANSKRIT CLASSES

Professor: Sri Vidya (Viviana Blanco)

CULTURE AND TRADITION OF INDIA FOR CHILDREN

Sumati and Khileshwar Verma are beginning to organize this new area within the Foundation.

BHAGAVADGITA HOME STUDY GROUPS

In the Federal Capital: Roberto Toranzo, Rodolfo Lohr; Quilmes: Alejandra Dure; County of "Vuelta de Obligado" section of San Pedro, Carlos Alberto Pereda; and in Rosario, Sebastian Cuenca, hold regular study group meetings based on the **BHAGAVADGITA** Home Study Course by Swami Dayananda Saraswati. Swamini Vilasananda Saraswati answers any doubts that arise in these and in other study groups by e-mail.

VIRTUAL STUDY GROUPS

Swamini Vilasananda is the coordinator of the study groups and answers questions from students everywhere, both those who speak Spanish and those who speak English.

* Estudiogita (Spanish) – Yahoo email group

* Vishwa Arsha Vidya (English) – Yahoo email group

DISSEMINATION

In charge: Swamini Vilasananda Saraswati

Assistant: Paz Beguñ

Web sites: <http://www.arshavidya.es> and <http://www.fundacionarshavidya.org.ar> (under construction)

Facebook: **Fundación Arsha Vidya (Conocimiento de Los Sabios) - Argentina**

YouTube channel: ArshaVidyaArgentina

Newsletter

VISITS OF TEACHERS IN 2013

JORGE LUIS JAUREGUI

Jorge Luis is capable of bringing out the desire for Moksha in many people and explains the universal values that prepare the mind of the seeker for self knowledge. He will undertake his first visit to Argentina in 2013 from 4/July to 25/July; previously visiting Colombia.

He will share in the organization of talks, satsangs and will launch for the first time two books published in Spanish by the Fundación Arsha Vidya for which Jorge Luis Jáuregui did the translation.

SWAMI TATTVAVIDANDA and SVAR CHAITANYA are planning to visit Argentina in December 2013.

We hope to count on the second visit of Swamini Brahmaprakasananda Saraswati (Mataji) at some time.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Fundación Arsha Vidya Argentina is in its initial stage taking form as a legal entity. In 2012 it received the approval of the Argentine Inspectorate General of Justice and in mid-April of 2013 it was assigned its CUIT (tax ID number) and received the tax exemption.

The board of directors is comprised of Argentine people deeply involved in the Vedic knowledge, assigned by Swami Dayananda Saraswati and guided by

Swamini Vilasananda. In this initial stage, it is necessary to generate consensus among the members who impel the vision, mission and goals proposed by Swami Dayananda Saraswati for the Fundación Arsha Vidya Argentina.

Achieving that requires holding regular meetings of the board members with a range of topics recorded in the minutes, where proposals are discussed and agreements are reached. It is important to rely on the advice of the members of the board, based on local experiences and the “knowhow” of each one, to add to the viewpoint of Swamini Vilasananda who knows thoroughly the functioning (operation) of the different Arsha Vidya Gurukulams, the Vedic tradition and the way in which Swami Dayananda Saraswati has carried forward these projects.

It is important to note that the ‘heart’, the ‘engine and driving energy’, of the Arsha Vidya Foundation is VEDANTA, and not the differences among the members. Every activity that the Foundation decides to take up will be connected to the strengthening of the Knowledge of the Rishis and the Vedic tradition in Argentina.

Meeting on 5th of April, 2013 at the headquarters of the Fundación Arsha Vidya. Those present at the meeting were Rodolfo Lohr, Swamini Vilasananda and Paz Begue; the discussion was about:

The importance of having the tax ID number and the tax exemption and the need for the Foundation to hire an accountant to make the balance sheet that closed in December 2012 and must be presented in May 2013.

It was decided that we will consult with the Bonesi Studio, who are the advisers of the Foundation Hampatu where Paz works, so that they recommend to us what we should do and what we need to do it.

The Fundación Arsha Vidya plans to subsist on the donations of people who believe in the value of this tradition. It is necessary to carry out a plan for obtaining these donations.

The book publishing is going to be entirely under the Arsha Vidya Foundation and coordinated by Swamini Vilasananda. It is necessary to plan the distribution logistics, devise how the books are to be financed and really get to know the timings and

¹ Excerpt from the original address of Lord Macaulay to the British Parliament on February 2nd 1835: “I have traveled across the length and breadth of India and I have not seen one person who is a beggar, who is a thief. Such wealth I have seen in this country, such high moral values, people of such calibre, that I do not think we would ever conquer this country, unless we break the very backbone of this nation, which is her spiritual and cultural heritage, and, therefore, I propose that we replace her old and ancient education system, her culture, for if the Indians think that all that is foreign and English is good and greater than their own, they will lose their self-esteem, their native self-culture and they will become what we want them, a truly dominated nation.”

possibilities of this branch of the foundation. Two books are now ready to be published.

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It is necessary that the board members and those who approach the foundation have the attitude of giving.

Concerning the ACCOUNTANTS:

On Tuesday the 9th of April, Swamini Vilasananda and Adriana Da Cunha visited the Accounting Studio of Ricardo Bonesi and sought their advice in carrying out the urgent tasks for obtaining the tax ID number and the tax exemption. Swamini Vilasananda left for two weeks to the gurukulam in USA to consult with Swami Dayananda about the Foundation and when she returns to Argentina, the Foundation will receive an estimate from the accounting

studio of Bonesi for carrying out other tasks and consultations.

Among other topics, they will advise the Foundation about:

- * National and international distribution of books: questions about general administration, exportation, billing, etc.
- * Some volunteers of the foundation will donate their work carried out for companies (meditations, talks). To be able to receive donations from companies, how would this money be entered? By way of donations but the company of course would need an invoice. What is the best way to organize this?
- * The Foundation receives general donations from independent persons.
- * Bank account, money by mail, Paypal, etc., what do they recommend?
- * Billing and type of invoices and we need to ask about the printing, etc.

"The factual response is the approach to situations of a truly practical person. One is most practical when one sees situations objectively. This is the real human strength. Human strength is not found in powerful miracles but in the quiet mind of the one who faces situations as they are. Such a one is a strong person. Human weakness is the inability to accept situations, to face facts. Human strength is the strength of reducing situations to simple facts".

Pujya Swamiji