

Two successful Anniversaries for Arsha Vidya in Argentina

For the first time we held an anniversary following the model used by Arsha Vidya Gurukulam, Saylorsburg. It was the 25th Anniversary of Pujya Swamiji's first visit to Argentina in 1990.

This year we held our 26th Anniversary. This time Sri Swami Advayatmananda Saraswati ji agreed to come all the way from San Diego, California to give the anniversary talk and satsang plus a two-day Vedanta seminar.

Everything began falling into place when Sri Swami Advayatmananda Saraswati ji arrived on the 10th of May and during the wonderful weekend seminar taught Drik Drisha Viveka.



Swamiji along with participants

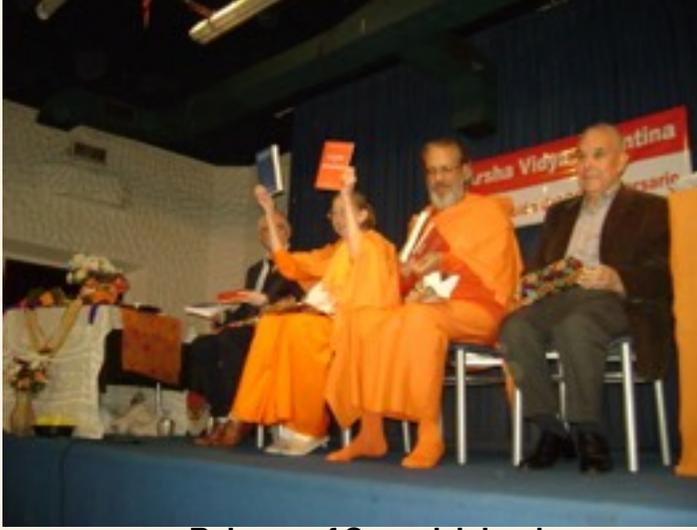
It seems that the vedic vision is awakening throughout the world. It was never not there, but now is the time for the full understanding of it to be shared openly among a small but steadily growing number of people in the West.

Before the anniversary began, a recording of Pujya Swami singing some of his compositions was heard over the loud speaker. After offering pranams at the altar of Pujya Swamiji's photo and padukas, Khileshwar Verma performed the puja invoking Pujya Swamiji Dayananda Saraswati's grace to be with us always. Marcelo de Aquino Vicente began his classical rudra vina concert accompanied by Walter Krywyj on pakhavaj and Valentín de la Concepción on tambura. Andrea Barreiro, master of ceremonies, began by announcing videos of Pujya Swamiji's messages to the Argentine students recorded in 2012.

Roberto Toranzo did a wonderful job leading the fundraising after refreshments were served. Two new books in Spanish were launched by the translator, Federico Oliveri: a revised edition of Tattvabodhah and a new book, Acción y Reacción. This year's chief guest was Dr. Alfredo Lauría who delivered a talk and photo slide show revealing the Vedanta basis of Ayurvedic Medicine. A brief history of the life of Pujya Swamiji was shown. Victoria Moreira, who did the event planning, also gave the vote of thanks.

Sri Swami Advayatmananda Saraswatiji delivered a brilliant anniversary address on "Discovering Harmony in Life". Federico did the translating.

After lunch, Sri Swami Advayatmananda ji answered questions. Federico kept the pace going with his excellent translation of the Spanish questions to English for Swamiji. Then he translated to Spanish Swamiji's English answers to the questions for the audience.



Release of Spanish book



Swamiji's Class

Where do we go from here?

For the remainder of this year, we will continue our local classes by Horacio and Silvia Vajovsky, Antonio Perrone and Rtesh (Roberto Toranzo). We will begin now to plan a j̄sana yaj̄sa for the entire month of November when Sri Swami Svatmananda Saraswati ji will be staying in Argentina.

After completing my Vedanta class in June, I will be going to Saylorsburg to finish the work of incorporating the NGO that was begun two years ago in Pennsylvania. It will be a focal point for receiving donations in USA to help us support an eventual Arsha Vidya Gurukulam in Argentina for long and short-term Vedanta and Sanskrit courses in Spanish to serve the Spanish-speaking students from all countries. Also, it will aid in the global distribution of Pujya Swamiji's books in Spanish, and facilitate a global paradigm shift towards contributorship, deeper understanding of universal values, lessons in Spanish for children, and the adaptation of the spiritual culture of India.

Spanish is the second largest mother-tongue language in the world after Chinese and English is the third largest mother-tongue language after Spanish.

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