



SPIN2010

"Sunset on the Aventine Hill"

Gala Evening – Rome, Thursday 17 June 2010 – 7:30 p.m.

With great pleasure **SPIN 2010** invites its members to the **Gala Evening "Sunset on the Aventine Hill"**.

The Gala Evening will start with a picturesque walk, while a dinner will brought the Gala Evening to an end. The Gala Dinner will take place in a prestige location that will amaze you: the **Istituto degli Studi Romani**, one of the most important Roman monastic complexes from the late Mediaeval era.

The appointment is at 7:30 p.m. in Piazza Pietro d'Iliria 1 (in front of Santa Sabina), from where a truly fascinating walk on the Aventine Hill will start to visit the churches of Santa Sabina, Sant'Alessio and Sant'Anselmo.

In the cloister of the Istituto degli Studi Romani, in Piazza Cavalieri di Malta 2, from 7:30 p.m., SPIN participants who do not want to enjoy the walk may have a drink.

The Gala Dinner is scheduled at 8:30 p.m.

The **Istituto degli Studi Romani** is based in the former convent of Santi Bonifacio e Alessio, on the peak of the panoramic Aventine Hill, a site that can narrate many events of historic and artistic interest. The building is said to have been founded between the VII and VIII centuries, its current 18th century features added by the famous architect and cartographer Giovan Battista Nolli. Access is through a large square garden courtyard decorated with archaeological findings, off the spectacular Piazza dei Cavalieri di Malta, historic venue of refined esotericism and renowned as one of Giovan Battista Piranesi's architectural masterpieces.

In the heart of the old monastery is the cloister, built in the late 16th century with reuse of ancient columns in different marbles and granites, decorated with Roman and Renaissance capitals. The walls of the cloister contain an important collection of Mediaeval inscriptions.



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