

## VISIONS.....

"The only true realist is a visionary" (F. Fellini)

Had one person not indelibly held true to the vision of flying - man would never have flown.

Saint Virgil, the Irish missionary and later Bishop of Salzburg, was a man of vision. 800 years before Galileo Galilei he upheld the belief that the earth was a sphere. At that time he was also convinced that the human being needed places for education and encounters.

This universal and spiritual openness is still a must and a top priority at St Virgil today - St Virgil, which is part of the international and cultural city of Salzburg.

The city of Salzburg has many faces: annually transforming itself - becoming both, the stage and the setting for its famous Performance Festivals. Indeed the baroque scenery with its imposing architecture, integrated into one of the most breathtaking landscapes on earth brought Alexander von Humboldt to exclaim that "Salzburg is a second Rome north of the Alps". Salzburg's enchanting city centre is a world cultural heritage site, every year inspiring millions of visitors and music lovers alike.

St Virgil, with the ideal legacy of its visionary namesake and the cultural background of Salzburg has become a place for visions.

As Msgr Dr Hans Walter Vavrovsky, Rector of the St Virgil Education Centre states: *"The shape of the new millenium will be greatly affected by the way we work with science and education. It is our job at St Virgil to add quality to this work, for visions need space...!"*

St Virgil - A Space for your Visions !

## INSPIRATION....

What sets St Virgil apart from other conference and seminar centres is without a doubt, the strength of the philosophical beliefs behind the actual architectural structure. This is a building - built for educational purposes.

The materials used do not block channels of inspiration, but quite to the contrary, give vent to new aspects, awareness and perspectives - through the use of free open spaces. The house has just one concern and that is to fulfil - as far as space is concerned - the most diverse educational needs.

Its architect Prof Wilhelm Holzbauer states: *"My way of building is emotional. Through its language of form St Virgil moves the essence of human communication, namely dialogue. This is exactly what it was built for."*

For more than 20 years, St Virgil has provided space for 40.000 women and men coming from all the fields of science and education, politics and economy as well as church and culture; visitors who have been able to enjoy *"an inspiring environment for encountering new people, creating new ideas and working productively to contribute towards a better future"* (Director Mag Peter Braun).

**Conferences, academic seminars, symposiums, congresses, seminars, trainings, workshops, receptions, retreats, lectures, press conferences, individual discussions!**

The willingness to create a space for art is manifested in the St Virgil Art Room where exhibitions of contemporary artists are regularly held.

St Virgil boasts a permanent range of works "at home" such as the painting by Josef Mikl in the chapel.

St Virgil - Where Inspiration knows many Places

## REPOSE.....

Protected from the stresses of city life and only 5 minutes by car from the city centre, our great park stretches out onto the spectacular backdrop of the mountains of Salzburg.

The park has been adorned by sculptures of bronze and stone created by Austrian and international artists. They accompany you silently along the paths of one of Salzburg's most beautiful residential areas. Every step can be enjoyed in the harmony of the natural surroundings.

What a privilege to be able to open the windows of this modern educational and conference centre and work, even on the sun terrace.

The thought behind the oasis can also be felt within the building. There is space for concentrated work phases and also possibilities to retreat to the building's chapel or the meditation room.

For all those hungry to find out what's going on in the world, daily news can be obtained in the relaxed atmosphere of the library via international newspapers, television and a reading room. A stylish club room invites you to form small group discussions.

St Virgil - An Oasis in the City

## GUESTS WELCOME ....

This is of course a matter of fact for all Salzburg hotels and restaurants - and it really is true. St Virgil, however, tries to go even further by making guests feel at home.

In the past when travelling was done on horseback, stopping for a break or at an inn, was not just to take your fill of food and drink but it was also to be expected, to relax and feel safe and well.

It wants to go back to the original. To restore yourself in the truest sense of the words, to recover body and soul far beyond just eating and drinking. The dining room and the park café, with its sun terrace and club room are especially inviting for such wholesome recreation.

And just as the good old inns offered an array of delicious menus our house offers a palette of culinary delights: from light meals to elegant dinners, from theme buffets to festive banquet tables overflowing with regional and healthy cuisine. *"Hospitality for St Virgil means to acknowledge your expectations and fulfil them. Our main task is to meet our guest's requirements"* states Ing Reinhard Weinmüller, administration director.

St Virgil - where Welcoming Guests means Welcoming the Whole Person.

## INFRASTRUCTURE

### An infrastructure you can trust in:

- 40.000 Guests a year
- 1.300 Events

### Multifunctional, flexible rooms with the most up to date conference technology:

- A total of 1.600 m<sup>2</sup> of seminar space
- 4 Conference rooms for up to 420 people
- 10 Seminar rooms for up to 60 people
- Meeting rooms
- Atelier and Work-rooms
- Rooms for group work
- 2 Foyers for exhibitions

### Hotel and Cuisine:

- 83 comfortable rooms with 130 beds
- Dining room for 300 people (for up to 450 people standing)
- Park café as an informal meeting place (approx. 110 people)
- Banquets for up to 600 people
- Extensive parking facilities with 250 spaces (also for buses)

### Standards of international conference communication:

- Simultaneous interpretation equipment
- Beamer and visualiser, equipment for discussions
- Most modern equipment for seminar work
- Special assembly on demand

### An experienced team:

- Technical and organisational assistance from the time you arrive to the successful completion of your conference/seminar
- Support for conceptional and organisational issues.

St Virgil - An Infrastructure you can trust in.

## LOCATION

St Virgil located in the heart of Europe, the alpine land of Austria, the cultural city of Salzburg and a splendid park to the south of the city. Our location is a further added-value for conferences or seminars.

Despite its international significance, Salzburg is a city of moderate size and excellent infrastructures.

St Virgil - A Great Location