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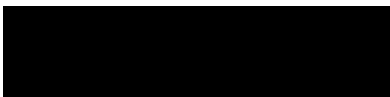
FINAL REPORT

I had the great honour and pleasure of staying in Palermo from 5 March to 1 April 2026 as a guest of A.S.Cent. Palermo and my colleagues at the Dipartimento di Cultura e Società, in particular Prof. Roberto Sammartano. During this time, I focused on horticulture in ancient Greece. A highlight, apart from my work in the library, was my visit to the Giardino della Kolymbethra in Agrigento. It may now look once again as Diodorus Siculus might have seen it in the 1st century BC.

I gave two lectures in Italian for the students, both of which were very well attended. I am particularly grateful to Dr. Egidia Occhipinti, who adapted the translated text into clear Italian and spent many hours discussing it with me.

The first lecture dealt with pirates in the Mediterranean, focusing on the 6th to 4th centuries BC. The second lecture covered horticulture in ancient Greece. The students were brave enough to ask questions, and even after the official discussion, several students approached me.

I am very grateful to the Centre for Advanced Studies in Palermo and to the Department of Culture and Society, in particular to Professor Roberto Sammartano, to the University of Palermo and to the city of Palermo for the hospitality shown to me. It was an enriching experience.


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