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Cari *Amici* from the Bologna Center Class of 1987,

We are proud to introduce our current class fellow in Bologna, Gael Fostier de Moraes from Brazil. As you can read in his enclosed biography, Gael comes from a French-Brazilian family and is a citizen of the world thanks to the many experiences he had throughout his young life. **Gael is our 7<sup>th</sup> Fellow**, and like his predecessors he would not have been able to enroll at the Bologna Center without our support through the Class of 1987 Fellowship Fund.

By now, all of you know all about our class fellowship. In 2007 we set up a **Class of 1987 Fellowship Fund** to celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> Bologna class anniversary. Since many of us would not be where we are today without similar grants, we wanted to give back to our *Alma Mater* by helping Bologna students. We raised \$130,000 in capital through the generous donations from 20 members of the class, and especially generous ones from our dear classmates Reinhold Knapp, Joseph Swanson and Michael Bosco. The capital generates a yearly payout of \$5,200 which goes directly to a Bologna student.

To celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we decided to augment the existing fellowship to align with tuition that has now reached Euro 36,700. The goal is to raise additional \$150,000 to the existing capital, and while 15% (or 18) of our classmates have participated in the new initiative, including a very generous gift by Nick Cortezi, **we are still short of \$26,000** to take advantage of the generous challenge match offered by our classmate Joachim Fels. In short, Joachim offered to match dollar-by-dollar, if the rest of us can raise \$50,000. If we can raise the remaining \$26,000 from the 85% of us who have not yet given, our total fellowship capital will reach an amazing \$280,000, generating a scholarship grant of \$11,200 year after year in perpetuity!

*We know you care* about this worthy goal. *We ask* especially those that have not yet contributed to help close the gap to take advantage of Joachim's match **by December 31, 2017**. Be as generous as you can, but if even 26 of us make a gift of, say \$1,000 by December, we will meet our goal. Of course, even a smaller amount helps. It would be fantastic, if we scored *100% participation* and every member of the class gave something, even a small amount, toward a common goal in which we can all be proud. *The gesture of unity is fitting for our class*, I think we can all agree.

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Raising a glass to you all from afar wherever you are. *Grazie!*

*Juan Blazquez, Nick Cortezi, Joachim Fels, Aldo Morri, Mirek Stachowicz, Christian Ziegler*  
Bologna Center Class of '87 Fellowship Committee