

Dear Presidents,

As you know, the information flow is one of the main tasks for ECSA-World: precisely the possibility of networking is an added value of a world association. Information is the pre-condition for networking. In the last years, the contacts to the different national and regional ECSAs could be improved, and I want to thank all the Presidents for having helped in maintaining a more intensive contact with the Presidency of ECSA-World. Also the website is being ameliorated although we are working for a updating it considerably very soon. But I thought maybe we are grateful also for a short bulletin distributed via e-mail. Here you have the first issue. It would be great if you could distribute it among your members and also other colleagues. For the next issues we wait for your contributions or news.

*Best regards,
Enrique Banús
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New ECSA presidents in Canada, Lithuania, Finland and Italy

ECSA (European Community Studies Association) has four new elected presidents in Canada, Lithuania, Italy and Finland. The new Canadian president is Jean Monnet Chair Joan DeBardleben, from Carleton University. In Lithuania, the new head of ECSA is Indre Isokaite, coming from Vilnius University; and finally, the actual president of the Finnish European Studies Association, who comes from Helsinki University, is named Juhana Aunesluoma. In Italy, Marco Mascia follows Daniela Preda, whereas in Norway Jon Erik Fossum was reelected.

Firstly, the new president of Canada is now Jean Monnet Chair Joan DeBardleben, chancellor's professor in the Institute of European, Russian and Eurasian Studies at Carleton University in Ottawa. She replaces Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly, who was president until May 2012. She is founder and director of Carleton University's EU Centre of Excellence, the Centre for European Studies; and she is also director of the Canada-Europe Transatlantic Dialogue, which is a major Canada-Europe research network funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

Moreover, in Lithuania, Indre Isokaite has taken over the position of the Head of ECSA from the last summer as Skirgailė Zalimiene handed her resignation due to her election as a judge. He's also lecturing at Vilnius University and holds a PhD degree in social sciences. During the last half-year, Isokaite mainly accomplished the legal formalities as for example related to the necessary amendments to the Articles of Association of ECSA Lithuania due to the respective changes in Lithuanian laws.

The professor of Political History at the University of Helsinki, Juhana Aunesluoma, has been elected president of The Finnish European Studies Association (FESA), so that replaces the previous president Pia Letto-Vanamo, who continues in the board of FESA. Aunesluoma's areas of specialization include Cold War history, international trade and integration policy and Finnish, Nordic and European 20th century history.

Finally, in Italy, the lawyer Marco Mascia has been elected as new president on the occasion of the 16th edition of the Summer School of AUSE. He succeeds Daniela Preda, an historian from the University in Genova. Mascia is the director of the Human Rights Centre of the University of Padua and professor of International Relations. He is also the author of numerous publications on the topic of European integration.

Besides these changes, in July, the Norwegian Association confirmed John Erik Fossum, from the ARENA team at the Oslo University, as president, together with the other Board members.

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Forthcoming events

3-5 September:

ECSA UK
Conference in University
of Passau, Germany

10-13 September:

ECSA Argentina
Conference in Mendoza.
"Mendoza and Europe.
Challenges of the
Integration in the XXI
Century"

8-11 May:

EUSA *Thirteenth
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Forthcoming ECSA-Argentina's conference in Mendoza

ECSA-Argentina is organizing the conference "*Mendoza and Europe. Challenges of the Integration in the XXI Century*" that will take place in the city of Mendoza between Monday and Thursday 10th and 13th September 2012.

ECSA-Argentina organizes its annual conference in different Argentinean cities. This year the meeting goes to Mendoza and is included in a broader program, whose main objective is to involve academics and researchers coming from different areas and representatives of artistic expressions like music, dance, painting and cinema both from Argentina and from European countries.

The activities will take place at the University of Cuyo (UNCUYO). At the Law Faculty, the schedule contains activities within the frame of the ECSA-Argentina conference "Economic crisis on a global level: European case". Besides, at the Department of Arts and Philosophy, cultural integration, national fairs, papers and cultural representation activities are planned. At the Engineering Faculty the activities will be related to academic integration: with presentations and consultancy.

On the other hand, in UNCUYO's cinema there are going to be dances, concerts and European films. Finally, cultural representations of European countries accredited in Mendoza will offer tastings of typical dishes – together with Argentinean wines.

ECSA- Argentina is part of ECSA World, the umbrella association for 59 national and regional European Studies associations around the world. For realizing this ambitious and original program, ECSA-Argentina was able to convoke other co-organizers like Goetheana Society Argentina, Goethe Zentrum Mendoza, the National University of Cuyo, Secretariat of International Relations of the National University of Cuyo, and the city council of Mendoza, among others.

Next conference of ECSA UK in University of Passau, Germany

UACES (University Association for Contemporary European Studies) the UK ECSA organization, has planned the next annual conference from the 3th to the 5th of September at the University of the German three-river-city Passau, close to the Austrian border. During these three days different issues from the contemporary European studies are going to be discussed, in particular those related with the UK and Germany. There will be a round-table session on "Studying Europe in Germany and the UK" with the aim of comparing experiences and points of view from these two different countries. Moreover, the secretary general of the European Parliament, Klaus Welle, is going to give a keynote during the second day of the conference. The event coincides with the 50th anniversary of the "Journal of Common Market Studies", the UACES Journal, one of the most well-known magazines regarding the European integration. To its commemoration, there is going to be a session about "Charting the evolution of research on European Integration" chaired by the editors- professor Michelle Cini from University of Bristol and professor Amy Verdun from University of Victoria.

At the Research sessions, around 360 papers will be presented. Sometimes UACES organizes its annual conference in others countries of the European Union as happens this year in Passau and 2010 in Bruges.

ECSA Italy organized a new edition of the Summer School

The Associazione Universitaria di Studi Europei (AUSE) organized from 12th to 14th of July 2012, the 16th edition of the Summer School, this year under the title "*Crises and revival of the EU. Perceptions and interdisciplinary approaches*". This event, held in Venice, was designed to study the actual European Union crisis, in a long historical context, in order to find new ways to relaunch the leading role in the international community. The Summer School, which provides, among other things, different contributions of professors in charge of Jean Monnet Chairs in Italian universities, represents a chance for reflection and debate, from a historical, legal, economic, and political science perspective. According to this approach, four sessions were organized. They were chaired by Ariane Landuyt from the University of Siena (History), Oreste Calliano from the University of Torino (Law), Antonio Papisca from University of Padova (Political Sciences), and Oscar Garavello from University of Milano (Economy).

Following the tradition of the AUSE Summer Schools, a special session was devoted to the research work done by young scholars. Also traditional is the closing session with an encounter of the Jean Monnet professors with the European Commission, represented this time by Harald Hartung, head of the Unit responsible for the Jean Monnet Programme. He presented the specificities and priorities foreseen by the Commission for the JMP in the new budgetary period 2014-2020. At this session he was accompanied by José M Gil-Robles, President of the European University Council, and Enrique Banús, President of ECSA-World, who also presented their views and proposals for this new period.

AUSE is the Italian ECSA-Association. It brings together the Italian lecturers in European Studies from Economics, Political and Social Sciences, Law and History. The main goals are to promote university teaching and research in the field of European Studies, develop cooperation among its members and contribute to the creation of academic networks.

Final Report on the ECSA Workshop: “On Situation and Perspectives for the European Studies”

Barcelona, 10-12 May 2012



Over the period of 10-12 May 2012, the Universitat Internacional de Catalunya (UIC) in Barcelona hosted the ECSA Workshop “On Situation and Perspectives for the European Studies,” convoked by ESCA World President, Dr. Enrique Banús, with the idea of mapping the status of the European Studies from geographical as well as disciplinary approaches.

Representatives of different associations from EU member countries and from third countries were invited to share their perspectives and engage in an open debate. The event saw the participation of 24 ECSA representatives (mostly ECSA presidents); 4 European Commission representatives; and 8 non-ECSA paper-presenting participants; among others.

The Workshop allowed for a dialogue in which cases from ‘old’ and ‘new’ EU member states and from ENP and third countries were presented and a variety of scientific approaches applied to the discussion of the European Studies. Capitalizing on the pool of expertise that the event made possible, several issues were addressed. Among the main topics discussed were: the balance between independence and dialogue, the motivations for the European Studies, the future of young European Studies’ scholars, the economic crisis and its impact and ways to improve communication among the different ECSA members.

The Workshop helped to bring together a multitude of experts and to set forth an open dialogue and exchange of ideas and experiences intended to endure over the long-term among the different ECSA members. As part of the Workshop, a cultural program was designed for the participants to encourage informal interaction among them, with a cultural tour in Barcelona and a concert by a chamber orchestra at the Workshop premises.

Jean Monnet Seminars 2012 in Macau

The Jean Monnet Chair of the University of Macau and the European Union Studies Association of Macau organize many different seminars. Some of the thirteen topics covered during this year 2012 are the European crisis, the role of the dominant countries in the European Union, the European Union strategies and the political dialogue between European Union and China are. These lectures count on with the participation of professors and researchers from different universities around de world. Earlier this year, in January 2012, took place three lectures. One of them, chaired by Professor Manuel Lopes Porto, from University of Coimbra (Portugal), was called “The new strategy of the European Union”. The one on the thirteenth of January was done by Professor Francis Snyder, from Peking University, and named “Cross-References: Food Safety, Legal Pluralism and WTO Law”. Finally, the last lecture during this month was chaired by Professor Dai Bingran (Fudan University) who dealt with the topic of the current EU debt crisis and its implication. During February, there were two lectures. The first one, chaired by Professor Anabela Miranda Rodrigues, from University of Coimbra, called “Perspective of European Criminal Law”, and the second, chaired by Dr. Sales Marques (president of the Institute of European Studies of Macau). Moreover, in March 2012 two conferences were taken place at the Law Faculty of University of Macau. In April, Professor Peter Malanczuk from Peking University treated the topics related to the rise of Chinese outward investment, national security concerns, and the Euro- zone debt crisis. Finally, in May of 2012, there were four days of lectures.

What is ECSA World?

ESCA World is the umbrella association for 59 national and regional European Studies associations around the world. The main idea is to map the situation of the European Studies both through geographical and disciplinary approaches. It was founded in 1987 by the European integration studies Associations from member countries. The purpose of ECSA is to promote higher level research and teaching on European Integration, cooperation between its member states and between different universities throughout Europe and the rest of the world. Also to promote international programs of research, provide technical assistance, organize various conferences, all to stimulate academic cooperation in the study of the area of European integration. Finally, another purpose of ECSA is to help spread the information on current university research and teaching activities related to European.