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Dear Colleagues,

This time, our Bulletin includes some information from different ECSAs, but mainly documentation to the workshops we will organize in Baltimore in some two weeks. This can be a turning point for ECSA World if we succeed to convince our colleagues from the different countries not only to improve the European studies but also to create new ECSAs in their country.

We will keep you informed and would be very grateful if you also would look for other possibilities to create ECSAs in countries it doesn't exist.

Taking into account that I have been asked to answer to some questions regarding this meeting and the interview is published inside, I want to close here these remarks and thank you in advance for all the news you may send for the next issues.

Best regards,

Enrique Banús.

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**More Forthcoming ECSA
Events:**

May 2013

Czech ECSA Second Annual
Conference
Czech Republic

8-11 May 2013

EUSA Thirteenth
Biennial Conference
Baltimore

17-19 May 2013

EUSA Asia-Pacific
International Conference
Macau

20-21 June 2013

CEDECE Annual symposium
France

2-4 September 2013

UACES 43rd Annual
Conference
Leeds

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ECSA members evaluated at the Jean Monnet Program of the Lifelong Learning Programme

This year, many ECSA members as well as three ECSA presidents participated on the evaluation of the Jean Monnet Program within the Lifelong Learning Programme applications. The presidents were Léonce Bekemans, from ECSA Belgium, Nico Gronendijk, from ECSA Netherlands and Enrique Banús, ECSA World president. The Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA), which is responsible for the management of certain parts of the EU's programmes in the fields of education, culture and audiovisual, count on 30 independents reviewers, all of them university professors, who assess more than six hundred applications. It has been the last Lifelong Learning Programme considering that next year it will be a new Programme for which the Commission presented his proposal that keeps the Jean Monnet Programme and even requests an increasing of funds. These days, there are in course the negotiations with the Council and the Parliament. Although some changes of the Programme are expected, the Modules, Chairs and Excellence Centres are going to remain the same.

Besides, the evaluation of the Lifelong Learning Programme was coordinated by the Jean Monnet Programme work team of the Agency, led by Luciano di Fonzo. However all the process was in essence online, at the end there were three days of work performed at the head office of the EACEA (Brussels), which concluded by a final meeting with the acting Head of Unit Maria Luisa G. Minguez.

Special Baltimore

ECSA WORLD in the Thirteenth Biennial Conference, Baltimore (Maryland, US)

The Panels

Friday May 10, 2013

PANEL SESSION FIVE
8:30 - 10:15 a.m.

5L ECSA World Panel I

Chair: Enrique Banús (ECSA World)

Discussant: Vlasta Kunova (ECSA Slovakia)

8:30- 8:35

Introduction

Enrique Banús (ECSA World)

8:35- 8:50

Approximation of the Georgian legislation to the EU Law - How Much is enough?

Gaga Gabrichidze (Professor of Public International Law and EU Law, Georgia)

8:50- 9:05

The Progressive Appearance of Constitutional Elements in Integration Processes, Especially in the European Union

Carlos Hakansson (Universidad de Piura, Peru)

9:05- 9:20

The Role of European Programs on Education & European Integration of Western Balkans

Gazmend Qorraj (Universiteti Prishtinës, Albania)

9:20- 9:35

European Reality of the Western Balkans

Ivan Jovetic (UDG-University, Montenegro)

9:35- 9:50

Promoting EU Studies in Vietnam: Chances and Challenges

Pham Quang Minh (VNU-Hanoi)

9:50- 10:15

Discussant Remarks and Debate

PANEL SESSION SIX
10:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

6A ECSA World Panel II
Constellation A

Chair: Martin Holland (ECSA New Zealand)

Discussant: Léonce Bekemans (ECSA Belgium)

10:30- 10:40

The Euro in the Europe-Latin America Trade

Luis Arnoldo Rubio (Universidad Estatal a Distancia (UNED), Costa Rica)

10:40- 10:55

The Influence of the European Community Jurisprudence in the Main Courts of the Latin American

Systems of Integration: An Exploratory Study.

Orlando Mejía Herrera (Universidad Nacional Autónoma, Nicaragua)

10:55- 11:10

The actual challenges for the EU in the field of human rights

Nadezda Siskova (President ECSA Czech Republic)

11:10- 11:25

European Studies in the Philippines: Looking Back and Challenges Ahead

Marissa Maricosa A. Paderon (Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines)

11:25- 11:40

EU Perceptions in the Philippines

Manuel III Reyes Enverga (Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines)

11:40- 11:55

How EU engages Southern Africa and Who Speaks for the Region

Glays Mokhawa (University of Botswana)

11:55- 12:15

Discussant Remarks and Debate

2:15- 4

Informal Meeting

The Participants

Gaga Gabrichidze, GEORGIA

He holds a Jean Monnet Chair in European Law. He is Professor in Public International Law and EU Law.

His main activities and responsibilities are: delivering courses in the field of the European Law and organising forums for discussing European Integration matters.

Carlos Hakansson, PERÚ

He holds a Jean Monnet Chair in European Constitutional Law. He is Dean of the Faculty of Law at Piura University, Perú as well as Professor of Constitutional Law, Integration Law, Comparative Constitutional Law and Diploma in Directive Competences.

Gazmend Qorraj, ALBANIA

He holds Jean Monnet Chair on EU economic Studies from EU Commission (Education and Culture DG, Lifelong Learning program).

He is Professor at the University of Prishtina (Albania) of Microeconomics I, Economy of Kosovo and Economy of the European Union. Also, he is Professor of the Master in Economics of European Integration.

Ivan Jovetic, MONTENEGRO

Since 2005 he has been employed at the Institute for Strategic Studies and Prognoses (ISSP) as a researcher and then as an analyst. From 2006 he is a co-owner of MSI INVEST Ltd.

He is teacher assistant at the UDG (University of Donja Gorica) in Podgorica.

Nadezda Siskova, CZECH REPUBLIC

She is member of the American Association for European Studies and Chairperson of the

Czech Association for European Studies (ECSA).

Pham Quang Minh, VIETNAM

He is Associate Professor and Dean of the International Studies Department at University of Social Science Humanities (Vietnam National University- VNU) in Hanoi.

Luis Arnoldo Rubio, COSTA RICA

He is Professor of International Relations and Degree Advisor in European studies and Regional integration at *Universidad Estatal a Distancia (UNED)*, Costa Rica. He is an expert in the study of the interregional relations between EU and Central America.

Orlando Mejía Herrera, NICARAGUA

He is Associate Professor of Public International Law, Integration Law and International Relations at the National Autonomous University of Nicaragua, Leon.

Marissa Maricosa A. Paderon, PHILIPPINES

She is Assistant Professor of the Department of Economics and a Lecturer of the European Studies Program at Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines. Her fields of interest are trade and competition policies and regional integration.

Glays Mokhawa, BOTSWANA

She is Public Administration Lecturer at the University of Botswana.

The interview

Enrique Banús - *President of ECSA World*

Could you outline the mission of the ECSA World Workshop organized within the framework of the EUSA Conference in Baltimore?

Thanks to the cooperation with EUSA (ECSA-United States) we were able to organize two workshops inside the huge Baltimore conference. Our aim was to convoke colleagues, experts in European integration studies in which ECSA does not exist, what can be considered as a sign that the European studies can considerably be improved. We want to establish new networks, contacts to those colleagues working in university and research environments in which European integration studies are less present.

What do you expect from the ECSA World participants?

We expect, on the one side, a paper in which they present a specific point of their research; in several cases -and this also is very interesting for us- they opted for putting the European integration in relation to their countries or continents and how the EU influences the legal or economic situation. In other cases they will present the situation of the European studies in the country and make some proposals for the future. Exactly in that direction goes the second expectation: we want to dialogue about the possibilities to improve the European studies there were they are coming from.

Could you tell me the main problems you had have to face during the entire preparation of the Workshop?

The main challenge is to organize a workshop dealing with experts from all the five continents and from many different countries, what also means: with different approaches, different communication uses, different feelings for the time. It is really inter-cultural dialogue, but with a common basis: the interest for the European studies.

At least for now, have you accomplish the objectives proposed?

Well, we were able to prepare two very exciting sessions: this was the main objective and for now we are happy to have accomplished this task. Now, the best part is waiting for us: the conference itself, the workshops, the informal meetings.

Could you tell me which are going to be the influences of the General Conference in the European studies?

Let's hope that the Conference as a whole and specifically our programme inside the conference will bring a new impulse to the European studies. We also are dreaming that new ECSAs can be established. We hope the next Bulletins will include many good news in this sense.

Is ECSA World planning any Conference of this magnitude?

After the Barcelona Conference in May 2012 and this one, we hope to complete the trilogy next year with a workshop to "the fathers of European studies". But for the moment let us bring this workshop to a good end, and then we will talk about new projects. And let my also take the opportunity for thanking all of them who have intervned in the preparation: EUSA and its President and General Director ,the ECSA-Board members, the participants, all our colleagues who helped identify and to invite our guests, and especially Carla Rabell , who was coordinating all the details.

Carla Rabell's impressions

Almost one year ago Prof. Enrique Banús suggested me organizing with him an ECSA World Workshop within the framework of the EUSA Conference in Baltimore (Maryland). Initially, as everything was very new for me, many questions rounded on my mind. I could not imagine which obstacles I would have to face, how many responsibilities I would have to afford during the whole event organization and the most important question for me: Would I be able to be at the height of the expectations?

The first chapter of the process was based on finding qualified and professional people, coming from countries over the world with no ECSA that could expound their vision and knowledge about a specific point of the European integration sphere as well as the situation on European fields in his country. To facilitate the search, we made a list of the geographical areas in which we thought it would be more interesting to find possible participants: Mediterranean, Caucasus, Asia, Africa, America and Balkans. This was not an easy part for many reasons. Firstly, I was so surprised on how difficult was to find professionals of the European integration area in some countries such as Southern Mediterranean. And then, another obstacle I must face was the communication by email: the frustration of no answer many times and the difficulty to find the correct email address. It is true that some people gave us a positive answer rapidly but others obligated us to redistribute the list of participants many times.

Even though the next process was not easy, it was quite more practical. It consisted in being in continuous communication with our confirmed participants and ready to respond all their doubts. The fact that some of our guests could not confirm for sure his participation complicate us the tickets flight purchase and did not allow us to buy them beforehand, which would have meant better prices and as well better planning of the departures and arrivals.

As well as for the next step, since there were no concrete answers we were not able to define the scheduled of our sessions. We are happy to announce that finally after a big effort, they are going to take place on Friday 10th of May and a part from them, there is going to be an Informal Meeting on Friday afternoon with our nine participants and three members of the ECSA World Board. This part of the event is very important for us and for ECSA World for the chance that will represent to share information of European issues of different countries and also for showing how beneficial would be to have an ECSA in their country in order to improve their European integration studies.

After all this adventures, I am really proud of the results obtained during this half a year work. I am sure that having experienced some errors during the process will help me to not repeat them in the future and to do a better work from now on. Prof Banús and I have worked in depth all the possibilities and problems appeared, with no given up, and that is why we can be satisfied about our done effort. Personally, it has been a great work experience and I would love to continue with this sphere.

My sincere gratitude to Prof. Enrique Banús for his help, patience and for giving me the opportunity and responsibility to work on this project.

I really look forward to these four days in Baltimore.

Thank you.

Carla Rabell.

AUSE International Conference

The Associazione Universitaria Studi Europei (AUSE) has organized an International Conference on *Communicating Europe: Journals and European Integration 1939-1979* that will be held between 2 and 4 of May at the University of Perugia and at the town of Assisi.

This ECSA Italy event will be centred around four topic themes which have been divided into five sessions: *The Movements for the European Unity Press, The Cultural Reviews, the Specialized Press, the Public Opinion Reviews and the Birth of the European Communication* and finally *the Journals of the Parties and of the Social Movements*.

Among the high number of speakers for this event there will be Marco Mascia, President of AUSE, Daniela Preda, Former EUSA President, Orieste Calliano, Vice-president of AUSE and Francesco Velo, Secretary- General of AUSE.

It is good to add that at the end of the second session, planned for the 2 of May, there is going to be an Assembly of ECSA Italy in which some issues related to the association are going to be discussed.

Chair changes in Denmark and Japan

In Denmark, the ECSA Presidency has changed, so that Prof. Derek Beach, associate professor of Political Science at the University of Aarhus (Denmark) has left the position to Christilla Roederer-Rynning, from the Department of Political Science and Public Management at the University of Southern Denmark, situated in Odense. Roederer-Rynning is the ECPR (*European Consortium for Political Research*) Representative from University of Southern Denmark, and member of the International Committee at the Faculty of the Social Sciences at the University of Southern Denmark.

What is more, since April 2013, the president of the ECSA-Japan has changed to Takao Suami, professor of Economic Law and International Economic Law Research at Waseda University (Tokyo, Japan). Prof. Suami succeeds Prof. Dr. Hiromasa Kubo, Jean Monnet Chair and President of the EU Institute in Kansai, Japan, since its establishment in April 2005.

Future ECSA United Kingdom Conference

The impact of EU membership on the UK since 1973 is the title of the one-day UACES (*University Association for Contemporary European Studies*- ECSA United Kingdom) Conference that is going to take place in London on 13th May 2013.

This event will mainly consider how forty years of EU membership have affected the UK's economy, foreign policy and politics. Leading figures from the worlds of business, politics, the civil service and diplomatic service will examine the relationship between Britain and the Union. Among the speakers, at least for now, there are: Stephen Wall, Former Permanent Representative on the EU, who is going to open the session *The UK: Four Decades as an Awkward Partner?*, David Frost, Director for Europe, Trade & International at the Dept for Business, Innovation & Skills, Charles Grant, Director of the Centre for European Reform and Sir Nigel Sheinwald, Former Permanent Representative to the EU & Visiting Professor at King's College London. All of them are going to discuss relating to the question: *A Changed Foreign Policy? Recalibrating the UK's Place in the World since Accession*. During this ECSA UK event it is planned as well a Reporting Europe Prize Ceremony in which is awarded annually the UACES.

Jean Monnet National Symposium in Australia

Three members of the CESAA (Contemporary European Studies Association of Australia- ECSA Australia) board: Philomena Murray, Edward Yenken and Lachlan McKenzie, all of them coming from the University of Melbourne (Australia), were presenters at the Jean Monnet National Symposium *EU-Australian Relations: Time for Reappraisal*. The event, co-hosted by the Monash European and EU Centre (MEEUC) and the School of Social and Political Sciences from the University of Melbourne, took place on Friday 26th April at the Monash Caulfield Campus. A part from some of the ECSA Australia members collaboration, during the two sessions of the symposium participated as well Andrea Benvenuti (University of New South Wales, Australia), Nina Markovic (Australian National University Centre for European Studies), Pascaline Winand (Director Monash European and EU Centre), Eva Polonska (Monash European and EU Centre) and Paul Kalfadellis (Monash University).