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*Dear Colleagues,*

*Time is passing by and the dates of our Brussels meeting are approaching. We are very happy that the Commission opted this time for "our" topic in the last years: the situation and perspectives for the European Studies. In this sense, we were forerunner for the Brussels Conference, fulfilling on that way one of the main roles for ECSA: to contribute to reflections that can also illuminate the institutional word, in a dialogue that can be fruitful for both sides, always respecting the specificity and therefore the autonomy of the academic world. I hope this year's conference will be the start for an intensified dialogue also with the institutions.*

*Kind regards,*  
*Enrique Banús*

## **2014 ECSA General Assembly**

This year 2014 the ECSA General Assembly is scheduled for the first of October's evening in Brussels, specifically at the Management Centre Europe.

They will attend the meeting the association Board formed by the President Enrique Banús, Vice-presidents Martin Holland and Vlasta Kunova, the Secretary General Léonce Bekemans and the Treasurer Juan Mascareñas. They are going to discuss issues related to new ECSA Presidents, admission of new members (ECSA Georgia and ECSA Costa Rica - Central America and the Caribbean), the new association in Taiwan, the reform of Statutes, among other issues.

Besides, there will take place the election of the President and the Board of ECSA World.

# New President in ECSA Croatia

Prof. Tamara Perisin is now the president of Croatian ECSA. She graduated at the Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, in 2002 and one year after she earned the degree Magister Juris in European and Comparative Law at the Faculty of Law, University of Oxford. In 2007 she earned a Ph.D. degree at the University of Zagreb.



As a part of her post-doctoral research Tamara Perišin was a “visitor-in-the-cabinet” of Advocate General Sharpston at the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg, a Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Fellow at the Central European University, Budapest, and a research fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg.

Her scientific interests include EU law, particularly in the area of internal market; law of the WTO; and human rights. She is an author of many articles and of the book “Free Movement of Goods and Limits of Regulatory Autonomy in the EU and WTO”.

Prof. Perisin succeeds Dr. Siniša Rodin, President of ECSA Croatia since its foundation and the first Croatian judge to join the Court of Justice of the European Union in Luxembourg after the accession of Croatia.

Iris Goldner Lang (University of Zagreb), who was vicepresident of ECSA Croatia, is now “acting President.

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## The 3rd Annual Conference of the ECSA Czech Republic

Czech Association for European Studies held its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference in Prague on the topic *The EU and the Czech Republic in 2014 - a reflection of the current state and future perspectives*

The middle of June 2014 was an important date for the Czech Association for European Studies (CAES - Czech ECSA). It organised its third annual Conference under the title “The EU and the Czech Republic in 2014 - a reflection of the current state and future perspectives”. The event was organised in cooperation with the Faculty of Law, Palacky University in Olomouc (CZE) and the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Over 20 detailed papers of the invited speakers and profound discussions took place within the two days, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of June 2014.

The Conference took place at the time of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the accession of the Czech Republic into the EU and the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the launching of the Eastern partnership policy and its goal was to reflect

relevant actual problems of European Integration, to summarize the results of the last elections to the European Parliament and discuss the issues related to the continuation of the Year of the European Citizenship.

The whole event was opened by Prof. Naděžda Šišková (President of ECSA Czech Republic) who presented the goal, content and ambitions of the present annual conference. The opening panel then offered the two papers of distinguished guests Mr. Juraj Chmiel (former Minister for European Affairs of Czech Republic) and Prof. Pavel Svoboda (Faculty of Law, Charles University in Prague and newly elected Member of the European Parliament).

Information provided by Ondrej Hamulak (Palacky University, Olomouc, Faculty of Law)

# The European Union - Where to?

The Annual Conference and General Assembly of the Israeli Association for the Study of European Integration took place on the 30th of September at Bar - Ilan University.



Bar - Ilan University

ECISA Israel (IASEI) invited scholars and researchers to submit proposals for abstracts and panels on any topic related to European integration, European Studies and in particular to the relations between Europe and Israel or the Middle East.

Some of the main subjects of the event were:

- Israel - Europe Relations
- European Neighborhood Policy

- EU Foreign policy after the Arab Spring
- EU as a normative power
- Russia-Europe relations
- Europe and international organizations
- Germany and the EU
- UK and the EU
- After the Treaty of Lisbon: European Parliament elections, democratization processes in the EU, the European Foreign Service and common foreign policy

The academic committee of the Conference was formed by Prof. Arie Reich from Bar Ilan University, Jean Monnet Chair on EU Law & Institutions, Dr. Maya Sion and Dr. Lior Herman, both from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

ECISA Israel was established in 1992 as the primary forum for research and discussion it incorporates the academic community in Israel from all disciplines and people who practice, research and are interested in European studies.

*Information provided by IASEI*

## UACES 44th Annual Conference

The UACES 44th Annual Conference took place in Cork, Ireland on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of September 2014. Over 400 delegates attended the conference.

University College Cork's (UCC) Department of Government hosted the 44th UACES (ECISA United Kingdom) Annual Conference from 1-3 September 2014.

The conference was one of the largest gatherings of European Studies specialists in the world this year, and took place at a time when the EU faces an unprecedented mix of economic, political, and foreign policy challenges.

Leading academics from the worlds of politics, political science and law expressed their implications for the EU and the European integration project. They attended 470 delegates from 39 countries.

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*Prof. Lorenzo Fioramonti*

## **ECSA South Africa changed its name to expanded its range throughout Africa**

Furthermore, Prof. Fioramonti is now the new President of the African association of European studies

ECSA Southern Africa will change its name to “ECSA Africa South of the Sahara (ECSAAS)”, in the absence of similar organizations elsewhere in the Sub-Saharan region and in order to assure a wider representation.

Prof. Lorenzo Fioramonti has been elected to preside the African association in substitution of Prof. Gerrit Olivier. Fioramonti is Associate Professor at the Department of Political Sciences and director of the Centre for the Study of Governance Innovation of the University of Pretoria. He is also Senior Fellow at the Centre for Social Investment of the University of Heidelberg and at the Hertie School of Governance (Germany) and Associate Fellow at the UNU-CRIS. Prof. Fioramonti is the first and only Jean Monnet Chair in Africa. In 2012, he received the UP Exceptional Young Researcher Award and in 2014 he was nominated UNESCO-UNU Chair in Regional Integration, Migration and Free Movement of People.

Prof. Gerrit Olivier, now foundational president of the Association, holds a PhD in International Politics from the University of Pretoria. He was senior lecturer in Political Science at the University of Zululand and professor of International Politics at the University of Pretoria. In 1983 he joined the South African diplomatic service, serving as the country’s first diplomatic representative in the Soviet Union and first Ambassador in the Russian Federation and Kazakhstan.

This change of presidency will be effective as from 1 January 2015.

*Information provided by Johannesburg University website*

## **ECSA Austria, Deutschland and Suisse present "differentiated integration inside and outside the EU: taking stock and charting the future"**

ECSA-Austria, AEI Deutschland and ecsasuisse "Dreiländertagung" present the Conference "Differentiated integration inside and outside the EU: taking stock and charting the future" which will take place at the University of Lausanne (Switzerland) on the 23 and 24 of October 2014. This event will provide the opportunity to address, in an interdisciplinary perspective, this increasingly important problem-area, and in particular the "what", "why" and "how" of differentiated European integration.

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