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States, ECSA Israel,  
ECSA Austria and  
more!**

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*Dear Presidents,*

*Dear Colleagues,*

*Dear Friends,*

*This is the last Newsletter for 2014, a year with many events for ECSA in the different countries. In our 12 newsletters in this year we could inform about activities from the associations in Argentina, Asia-Pacific, Canada, Chile, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Israel, Italy, Korea, Latvia, Macao, Moldova, New Zealand, Poland, Romania, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States and the creation of ECSA Central America (based in Costa Rica) and Georgia and Taiwan (re-foundation), together with reports about the history of ECSA in Australia, Austria, Hong Kong, Hungary, Italy, New Zealand, Slovenia.*

*So, a bit more of 50% of the existing ECSAs have been present in our newsletters. Let's come to 100% in 2015!*

*2014 was, therefore a year with some complications -as you know- but a strong activity. Let me thank all of you for your commitment and wish you and your ECSA an excellent year!*

*Yours,*

*Enrique Banús*

## **ECSA WORLD PHYSICAL HEAD OFFICE CHANGES OF DIRECTION**

The new address of ECSA's legal seat is: Ryckvelde vzw, beweging voor Europees burgerschap, Sint-Baafskerkstraat 7/0001, 8200 Sint-Andries Brugge.

# **ECSA ITALY CELEBRATED A CONFERENCE**

## **IN HONOUR OF THE CENTENARY OF THE PADUAN POLITICIAN**

### **LUIGI GUI**

**President of ECSA Italy Marco Mascia informed to ECSA World about the details of the Conference "The vision of the founding fathers and its relevance in today's Europe" that took place last 16th of December 2014 at the "Ancient Archive" of Padua University.**

The occasion for this event was given by the centenary of Luigi Gui, a politician from Padua who in post-war time assumed relevant tasks in the Parliament and in the Government and already in 1944, living in secrecy, wrote about a political united Europe.

The conference underlined the contribution of Christian democratic politicians from the three big founding countries. Some of the participants were: Giuseppe Zaccaria

(University of Padua Rector), Marco Mascia (President of ECSA Italy - *Associazione Universitaria di Studi Europei*), Sylvain Schirmann (Director of the Political Studies Institute of Strasburgo University) and Thomas Jansen (Secretary General of the European People's Party between 1983 and 1994).

The encounter is part of the initiative of the university network "L'Università per l'Europa. Verso l'Unione Politica".

## **PROF. GERRIT OLIVIER LEFT HIS POST AS PRESIDENT OF ECSA SOUTH AFRICA**

**The person who founded the only ECSA in the Sub-Saharan Africa, Prof. Gerrit Olivier, has left his position of president to Prof. Lorenzo Fioramonti, Associate Professor at the Department of Political Sciences of Pretoria University.**

Professor Olivier was founding member of the South African ECSA, of which he also became the president. He also was the first editor, for nine years, of the South African Journal of Political Science "Politikon". He 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.

In 1996 he was appointed at the Rand Afrikaans University (now University of Johannesburg) as director of the Centre for European Studies, a position he still holds.

Some of the titles of his recent publications include "South Africa and the European Union: Self-interest, Ideology and Altruism", "A Strategic Risk Analysis of the Attack on America of September 11th 2001", "Global Views on the European Union" and "Redefining Russia's Place in the World".

# A TRIBUTE TO CO-PRESIDENT OF ECSA ISRAEL ALFRED TOVIAS

## UPON HIS RETIREMENT AT THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM

ECSA Israel (IASEI- Israeli Association for the Study of European Integration) together with the Department of International Relations and the Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, are organizing the Conference on the "Perspectives on European Integration and the Political Economy of Peace Making". This event, dated for the 21th of January 2015, will be in honor of the co-president and founder of ECSA Israel Alfred Tovias, Professor Emeritus at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

After the two sessions "Peace, Security and Economics", "The EU and its Neighborhood -Integration and Governance" and the lecture chaired by Prof. Tovias,

"Reflections of an Israeli – European", there will be at the same day a roundtable on "Carrots, Sticks and EU-Israel Relations".



Alfred Tovias

## ECSA UNITED STATES PRESENTED

### “A NEW ATLANTIC COMMUNITY: THE EU, THE US AND LATIN AMERICA”

As the Jean Monnet Professor of European Integration Joaquín Roy informed to ECSA World, the European Union-Latin America Interest Section of the European Union Studies Association – EUSA (ECSA United States) together with the Jean Monnet Chair/European Union Center of University of Miami, presented the seminar “A new Atlantic Community: the EU, the US and Latin

America”. The event will be held on the 27th of February 2015 at University of Miami.

Main topics of the seminar focused on: the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership between the European Union and the United States (TTIP), the TTIP’s impact on Latin America and the Caribbean and the shape of relations between the EU and Latin America and other related issues.

# THE ECSAS RELEVANT FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> March: ECSA United States (EUSA) Fourteenth Biennial Conference in Boston Massachusetts.
- 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> May: ECSA Poland Conference "Facing the Challenges in European Union. Re-thinking of EU Education and Research for Smart and Inclusive Growth" in Warsaw.
- 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> June: inauguration of the Central American and the Caribbean Association of European Studies and Integration in San José (Costa Rica).
  - 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> June: European Union Studies Association Asia Pacific Annual Conference in Seoul, Korea.
- 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> September: ECSA United Kingdom (UACES) 45th Annual Conference in Bilbao, Spain.

## FROM THE HISTORY OF THE ECSAS

### ECSA AUSTRIA

#### FIRST PRESIDENT



**Stefan Griller** (1956) is the founder, first president and the current president of ECSA Austria. He founded ECSA Austria in 1996.

In 1988 he passed the habilitation in "Public Law" at the Vienna University of Economics and Business and in 1991 he became Professor of Public Law with special regards to European Law. Between 2005 and 2009, Griller was the Head of the Research Institute for European Affairs (also 1990-1999). President of ECSA Austria obtained a Fernand Braudel-Fellow seven years ago at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy.

Since November 2008, he is the President of the European Communities Studies Association – Austria (ECSA Austria), position that also assumed between 1996 and 2002.

In 2010 he became the head of the Institute for European and International Law at Vienna University. Also in 2010, he accepted a position with the Department of Public Law at the University of Salzburg, where he stills works.

He has done lecturers and research at the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna (Vienna), at EIPA (Maastricht/Luxemburg), at the Bratislava School of Law (Bratislava) and at the Tamkang-University (Taipeh).

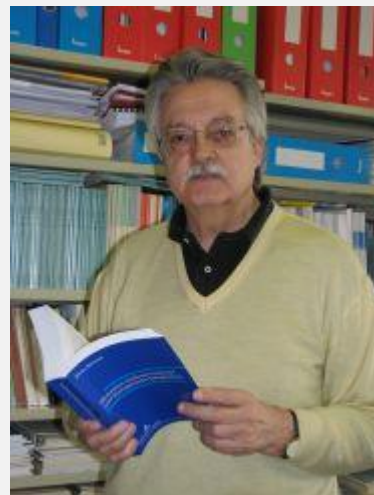
## OTHER FOUNDERS

### **Fritz Breuss:**

He was born in 1944. Between 1974 and 2009 he was research associate at the Austrian Institute of Economic Research (*Österreichisches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung* - WIFO). In 1981 he became lecturer at the Vienna University and 1993 he started as University Professor of European Economy.

In July 1995 he became Jean Monnet Professor of European integration economical aspects. From there to September 2009, he was Head of the Academic Unit "European Economy" (Department of Economics) at Vienna University. Since January 2009, he was Managing Editor of "EMPIRICA - Journal of European Economics EMPI". Between 2009 and 2010 he assumed the post of President of the Austrian Society for National Economy.

Currently, he is chairing the Research Centre International Economy FIW, a cooperation between the Austrian Institute of Economic Research (*Österreichisches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung-WIFO*), Computing Centre for Economic and Social Sciences (*Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaftliches Rechenzentrum – WSR*), The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (*Wiener Institut für Internationale Wirtschaftsvergleiche – wiiv*) and on behalf for the Federal Ministry of Economy, Family and Youth (*BMWFJ*).



**Heinrich Schneider** was born in 1929. He is a Philology Doctor by University of Munich and he studied Political Science and Sociology in Cleveland, Ohio, USA.

From 1968 to 1971 Schneider was Professor of Philosophy of Politics and Critical

Ideology at the University of Vienna. He was Honorary Chairman of the Scientific Board of the Institute for European Politics, Berlin.

He also was Professor of Political Science, in Hanover and Vienna (longtime head of department).

Between 1995 and 1996 he was the owner of Jacques Delors Chair in European politics and security issues in Aachen, among



others familiar through long-term participation in international conferences.

From 1996 to 2001 Schneider taught and researched in Aachen. He was a visiting professor at the Danube University Krems. He taught for many years Security Policy at the National Defence Academy of the Austrian Armed Forces.

He is the author and editor of numerous books, articles and series with a focus on International Politics, European integration, Security Policy, Civic Education, History and Theory of Political Thought .

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**Waldemar Hummer** became in 1964 doctor of laws and in 1967 of Political Science by University of Vienna.

Between 1967 and 1970 he was Legal Adviser of the Argentine Embassy in Vienna.

Since 1970, he has taught at various Austrian universities.

In 1978 he passed the habilitation in "International Law" and "European Law" at the Institute for International Law and International Relations (University of Linz).

Between 1982 and 1984, he was visiting Professor at the Institute for International Law and Philosophy of Law of University of Innsbruck.

Since 1984 he is the Head of the Institute of International Law and International Relations of the "European Law Department" at University of Innsbruck. In 1986 started to be

the Scientific Director of the "European Documentation Centre" at the University of Innsbruck.

Since 2005 he is the head of the research program "European Integration" at the University of Innsbruck.

Hummer retired between 2010 and 2011.

