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Dear Colleagues,

The new Commission has started working, and we wait for the final decisions in the field closer to our activity (Education and Culture). We are confident that we will have new opportunities for a renewed dialogue.

At the end of the year the actual board will end its mandate, and the new, enlarged board will take over the task to improve via ECSA World the European studies world-wide. We hope we can now come to a better internal organization of the Board so that the different functions are better distributed and we can work with more efficiency. In the next newsletters we will present more in detail the new board.

Please, keep us informed about your activities. It will be great if we could bring in the next issue also a first presentation of the activities planned by the different ECSAs for 2015. Your information is welcomed.

Best regards,
Enrique Banús

THE EUSA REVIEW

Since 2002, ECSA United States publishes the "EUSA Review", which contains commissioned, and single essays on EU affairs and EU studies topics. The sets of essays (each called a EUSA Review Forum) are organized by members of the EUSA Executive Committee and written by EUSA members. These essays make teaching tools on important European Union debates, and may be reproduced for classroom use from this Web site with recognition of their first publication in the EUSA Review.

The Review is published every fall, winter, spring and summer and the editor is John Occhipinti.

ECSA HAS BEEN FOUNDED IN TAIWAN

The new association is presided over Professor Hungdah Su

ECSA Taiwan was born last July. The new president, Professor Hungdah Su, is Jean Monnet Chair at National Taiwan University and Director General of European Union Centre in Taiwan.

In an interview with ECSA World, Prof. Su expressed his point of view about the situation of the European Studies in Taiwan in recent times. "European studies have fast developed in Taiwan in the last decades. More programs, courses and workshops on the European studies were established and a lot of young scholars were graduated from European universities". He added that "Taiwanese have also succeeded in constituting individual and institutional channels with their counterparts in Europe and Asia on the European studies".

Besides, Hungdah Su affirmed that with the construction of ECSA Taiwan "we all intended to fully integrate Taiwanese academia on the European studies into the global and regional networking of ECSA, which shall contribute to promoting the European studies in Taiwan". On that point, it is known that the new association will actively collaborate with ECSA Asia Pacific.

Finally, Su concluded that hopefully, "the accession of ECSA Taiwan may also substantially contribute to promotion of the global European studies".

President of ECSA Taiwan invited all colleagues of ECSA World "to contact them and share with them their opinions and experiences".

TWO MEMBERS OF ECSA PARTICIPATED AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE "MIGRATION AND EUROPEAN INTEGRATION OF MINORITIES" IN ORADEA

President of ECSA Moldova Vasile Cucerescu presented his research results and ECSA Rumania Vice-president Ioan Horga was part of the organizing committee

From 6 to 9 of November 2014, Oradea University (North-Western Romania) hosted a major European event, the international conference "Migration and European Integration of Minorities", at which professors Vasile Cucerescu (President of ECSA Moldova) and Ludmila Rosca participated and contributed to with their research results.

The conference was organised by senior lecturers Professor Ioan Horga (Vice-president of ECSA Rumania), Istvan Polgar, coordinator of the action "Migration and

European Integration of Minorities at the EasternB of the European Union", and associate professor Mircea Brie, within the Faculty of History, International Relations, Political and Communication Studies of University of Oradea.

Participants from multiple countries of Europe – Romania, Hungary, Italy, Slovakia, Bulgaria, Ukraine and Moldova –presented the research results in this field through applied and interdisciplinary studies.

Information provided by ECSA Moldova website

NEWS FROM ECSA POLAND

ECSA World received from the Polish European Community Studies Association information about their past activities, which are included “The Academy of Young European” project (composed by seven webinars), a seminar celebrated on June on “the role of the national delegations in the European Parliament” and also the ECSA World vice-presidency achievement of PECSA president Ewa Latoszek. Besides, as we have been informed, for the moment ECSA Polish future plans contain the conference “Facing the Challenges in European Union. Re-thinking of EU Education and Research for Smart and Inclusive Growth” (May 2015).

Throughout 2014 PECSA members have been very busy. The Academy of Young European, the educational project financed through Lifelong Learning Programme – Jean Monnet and by the National Bank of Poland, ended this year. The project included 7 webinars (on-line lessons) on issues concerning the process of European integration and the EU in the context of the new socio-economic challenges designed for secondary school students and their teachers, especially from small towns and rural areas, as well as for university students and their academic teachers. The webinars and presentations in Polish covering their topics are available on the [PECSA website \(http://www.pecsa.edu.pl\)](http://www.pecsa.edu.pl). The webinars were accompanied by a handbook for teachers “The Basis of Knowledge on the European Union”, edited by Prof. Ewa Latoszek (PECSA President) and Prof. Andrzej Stępnia (PECSA founder). The handbook with accompanying CD containing multimedia presentations was published in 1000 copies and was distributed to



secondary schools in rural areas and small towns of Poland. Not only did PECSA members conduct the webinars and prepare the handbook, they also conducted series of lessons for secondary school students in small towns and lectures for university students.

In June 2014 PECSA together with the Collegium of Socio-Economics (Warsaw School of Economics) and the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung organized a seminar on “the role of the national delegations in the European Parliament”. The panelists included Dr Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, Dr. Maria Elisabeth Rotter (advisor to the President of the Commission on the EU of the German Bundestag), Ms. Agnieszka Pomaska, Dr. Wojciech Gagattek (Centre for Europe at University of Warsaw), Prof. Joachim Osiński (Dean of the Collegium of Socio-Economics) and Prof. Ewa Latoszek as moderator.

In October 2014 Prof. Ewa Latoszek and Dr. Marta Pachocka (PECSA president and secretary of the board respectively) represented PECSA during Jean Monnet Conference in Brussels. During the conference members of ECSA General Assembly elected Prof. Latoszek the vice-president of ECSA-World.

PECSA plans for the future include a conference "Facing the Challenges in European Union. Re-thinking of EU Education and Research for Smart and Inclusive Growth" in Warsaw in May 2015 (financed through Jean Monnet Information Project/Network Policy debate with Academic World"). Members of ECSA – World, Jean Monnet

Professors and all EU researchers are kindly invited to participate. The conference details (including agenda, keynote speakers and registration information) will be published on PECSA website shortly. The 2015 will also see the launching of PECSA's own academic journal devoted to interdisciplinary European Studies.

Information provided from ECSA Poland (Jan Misiuna)

THE ECSA GEORGIA FOUNDATION

Motivated by his participation at the ECSA World Workshop, celebrated in May 2013 within the framework of the big 13th Biennial Conference of ECSA United States, the Georgian Professor of Tbilisi State University, Gaga Gabrichidze, decided to create an ECSA in his country. This decision became a reality in December 2013 when he founded ECSA Georgia. Recently, it has been officially admitted.

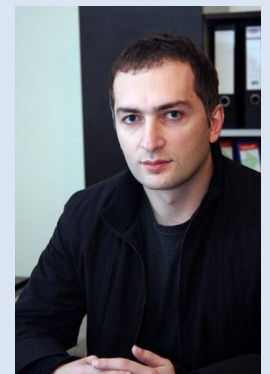
Gaga Gabrichidze, current President of ECSA Georgia, is Jean Monnet Chair in European Law and Professor at Tbilisi State University.

The main goal of ECSA Georgia is to facilitate quality research and teaching in fields related to the European Union in Georgia; to enhance international cooperation in scientific research on European Union; to disseminate results of research conducted on European Union; and to organize conferences and seminars aimed at developing European Union studies.

With the ECSA Georgia founding, the annual roundtable meetings, which in the past were organized by Prof. Gaga Gabrichidze in his capacity as a Jean Monnet Chair, have been, in a sense, institutionalized. These meetings brought together professors

who were teaching courses in the field of European Integration at various universities in Georgia.

The Association Agreement, which was signed in June 2014, marks a new stage of development in the EU-Georgia relations and is likely to further deepen political, economic, and



trade relations between the European Union and Georgia. In this context, European Studies gain additional relevance for Georgia. As to higher education, there are a lot of universities in Georgia (28 accredited universities plus 31 teaching universities) but not many of them offer courses related to European Studies, mainly, due to lack of teaching capacity. More difficult is situation with regard to research activities. There are, unfortunately, only a few scholars, who actively work in this field. The cooperation and work within the framework offered by the ECSA Georgia shall give new impetus to developments in this regard.

Information provided by Gaga Gabrichidze