

Dear Colleagues,

Number 2 of our ECSA World News includes a brief description of the project we will develop in May, together with EUSA (US ECSA). In the workshop we organize colleagues from countries in which European studies are not or only weak represented will present their research work, and also establish contacts in order to create networks. This is only one way for realizing what the actual Presidency is considering as a priority: the enlargement of the European studies and the support for introducing them in new areas. Personal contacts are for sure another -and very effective- way for convincing colleagues to establish ECSAs in new countries. In my case, for example, taking advantage of travels for conferences or meetings, I talk to colleagues about the start of ECSA activities and the improvement of European studies in Serbia and Bosnia-Herzegovina, in Uruguay, Colombia, Central America, Egypt, Ivory Coast... The next ECSA could be born in Peru, where contacts with a Law Professor who is interested in European Law are probably conducting to a first assembly for creating the association. In other cases, patience and perseverance is needed: the follow-up of such negotiations is often like a marathon...

For this year we have a dream: to apply for an operational grant. For this, we will need the support from all our members. We will ask very soon to send us basic information we need for the application. I look forward to seeing you in Brussels in November.

Enrique Banús- ECSA World President

ECSA CHAIR CHANGES

Roberto Stocco, new head of ECSA-Argentina

Roberto Stocco has been elected new president of ECSA-Argentina in September. He is a specialist of International Private Law, coordinator of DE. C.I, International Cooperation Department of the Supreme Court of Mendoza, and lecturer of Private International Law chair at the faculties of Law of the National University of Cuyo, the University of Mendoza, the University of Aconcagua and the Catholic University of San Luis. Roberto Stocco succeeds Professor Dr. Jorge Stähli (from University of Rosario) who has been in charge of the presidency of ECSA-Argentina during the last years. Stähli is the secretary of the Center of Community Studies at University of Rosario. Prof. Miguel Angel Ciuro Caldani, who was President before Jorge Stähli, is now First Vice-President.

Helen Drake at the head of United Kingdom ECSA

Dr. Helen Drake, Senior Lecturer in French and European Studies at the University of Loughborough, has recently been elected as Chair of UACES (University Association for Contemporary European Studies), in such a way she succeeds Prof. Richard Whitman, from the School of Politics and International Relations of University of Kent. The election took place in April and the term-of-office commenced in September during the UACES 42nd annual conference at University of Passau, Germany. Dr. Drake studied Linguistic and International Studies at Surrey University and obtained the MSc in European Management at Cranfield Institute of Technology. Her PhD, in political science, is from Aston University. Since September 2010 she is co-convenor, with Alistair Cole of Cardiff University, of the Political Studies Association (PSA) Specialist Group for French Politics, Policy and Society, and in August 2010 she was named a *Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques* by the French government. Her current research projects include Franco-British migration and also the relations between France and the European Union. The predecessor of UACES's chair, Richard G Whitman, is Professor of Politics and International Relations at the School of Politics and International Relations and he was Professor of European Studies at the University of Westminster.

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FUTURE EVENTS

BALTIMORE 2013

ECSA-World will organize a workshop in Baltimore's Conference

One of the priorities of ECSA-World is to enlarge the activities also to countries in which European studies are not yet or only weakly present. The Board is convinced that –together with personal contacts- also a workshop could be helpful for activating the creation of new ECSA's.

Every two years, EUSA (ECSA-USA) organizes a Conference in a different place and with many sections on it. During the last EUSA Conference celebrated in Boston, Prof. Banús opted for asking to the president, Amie Kreppel, if it would be possible that in the frame of the next conference (on May 2013 in Baltimore) ECSA World could make a specific workshop. The idea is to invite colleges coming from different geographical areas -Africa, America, Asia, Balkans, Caucasus and Mediterranean-, in which improvement of the European Studies is needed. We want them to present their research and to debate the papers with some of the many participants at the EUSA Conference. Kreppel agreed and we applied for a grant in the frame of the normal call for applications of the Jean Monnet programme. The application was successful and, on that way, the workshop in Baltimore 2013 became possible. There will be two panel sessions probably on May 9th and an informal meeting in the morning of May 10th in which it will be discussed with our participants the possibility of establishing new ECSAs in their respective countries. Together with these guest speakers it would be great if also some ECSA Presidents or members from the different countries would participate in order to establish a broad and encouraging dialogue with the “newcomers”.

For the future, this co-operation formula between ECSA-World and one or more national associations could be a valuable model.

BRUSSELS 2012

The Jean Monnet and ECSA-WORLD Conference 2012

Brussels is going to be the scene of the next ECSA-World and Jean Monnet Conference “Sustainable Growth in the European Union- The Role of Education and Trainings”, organized by the European Commission's Directorate-General Education and Culture. The event will be held on November 13th and 14th 2012.

The opening session will be devoted to the importance of providing education to cope with the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century to get the EU out of the current crisis. The president of the session will be Jan Trzuszczynski – Deputy Director-General for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth- and the main speaker will be the President of the European Commission, José Manuel Barroso, together with the Commissioner responsible for Education, Androulla Vassiliou. Jeremy Rifkin and the US under-secretary for Education will give the keynote speeches.

The first session will go into the new education for new growth. The Re-thinking the education and training systems: new pedagogical methods providing the skills necessary for success in the labor market; the use of ICT for pedagogical purposes, the teachers' training and the action to develop at the European level are some of the subjects that will be discussed. Regarding the second session, chaired by Koos Richelle -Commission's Director-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion-, the underlying idea is going to be to find out what are the skills that markets presently need in order to achieve higher economic outcomes. The third session is devoted to the keys for increase the employment rate. In the closing session will take the floor José María Gil-Robles, former President of the European Parliament, and the now President, Martin Schulz.

They will also take part as speakers the Chairs of ECSA Latvia, ECSA Estonia and ECSA Portugal. After the Conference, ECSA World will meet to the regular General Assembly.

RECENT EVENTS

ECSA-CHILE: “CELAC-EU Summit for the citizenship”

This one-day forum was co-organized by the president of ECSA Chile, María Cristina Silva, and the Director of the Institute of International Studies, José Morandé. It took place at the University of Chile on September 26th and involved the main actors in the preparatory process of the next CELAC-EU Summit, to be held in Santiago on January 26-27. The aim of the conference was to talk about the new dialogue and relations between CELAC (stands for Community of Latin-American and Caribbean States) and the EU, including their consequences on the citizenship.

Rodrigo Gaete, Senior Official in charge of the next Santiago Summit, from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile, and Rafael Dochao, ambassador of the European Union Delegation in Chile, exposed the official perspective of the CELAC-EU Summit and its implications on the citizenship. Besides, Jorge Balbis, Executive Secretary from ALOP (stands for Latin-American Association of Promotion Organisms), and Fernando Alvear, from CPC (stands for Confederation of Production and Commerce), organizers of the CELAC-EU Civil Society Forum and the Business Summit, respectively, explained the main objectives of their meetings as well as the impact of the birregional process on the citizenship. At the end, a lecture on migration and economic crisis was given by Rita Lages, from the University of Coimbra.

The ECSA-Argentina annual event in Mendoza

ECSA Argentina, in co-operation with other entities, organized the event “*Mendoza and Europe. Challenges of the Integration in the XXI Century*”, which took place at the State University of Cuyo (city of Mendoza) from 10th to 13th of September 2012.

ECSA offered sessions such as “Europe, Argentina and Mendoza, today”, in charge of Prof. Dr. Miguel Angel Ciuro, from National University of Rosario; “The International Economical Crisis and its influence to Nowadays Europe” by Carlos Francisco Molina del Pozo, from Alcaná de Henares University; and “The crisis as a opportunity” by Maria Cecilia Martinez (State University of La Plata). The head of ECSA Argentina, Roberto Stocco, offered a closing session about the Economical Crisis, Emigration and Procesal issues.

The sessions were taken place within the framework of the “Integration week: Mendoza and Europe”, together with cultural activities such as pictorial exhibitions, contemporary dance performances and cultural representations of European countries, like the offering of tastings of typical dishes– together with Argentinean wines. Besides, there were three consecutive nights of European Cinema and a performance of the Symphony Orchestra of the State University of Cuyo directed by Arkadi Gologorksi.

ECSA Argentina organizes its annual conference in different Argentinean cities.

IN BRIEF...

2012 Convention of the Russian International Studies Association (RISA)

The Russian International Studies Association (RISA) is organizing its 7th convention called “Resources for Modernization: Opportunities and Limits of International Context” that will take place on September 28 and 29 at Moscow State Institute of International Relations (University). As part of this ECSA Russia conference, it is planned for the second day a section “The Crisis in Europe: problems and their solutions”, which will be moderated by Dr Alexey Gromyko, Deputy Director of the Institute of Europe (The Russian Academy of Sciences) and Head of the Russian Association of European Studies, Prof. Mark Entin, Director of the European Studies Institute at MGIMO, and Academician Nikolai Shmelev, Director of the Institute of Europe.

New Hungarian ECSA Conference

For the next 31st of October 2012, Hungarian ECSA has planned the conference “Lessons of the Euro- crisis-challenges to the Hungarian EU-policy” at the Corvinus University of Budapest. Professor Zsolt Rostvány, the Rector of the University, will open the conference. The first session “Hungarian EU policy in the shadow of the Euro crisis” will count with the presence of Enikő Győri (junior minister for EU affairs, Hungarian Government) and György Schöpflin (Member of the European Parliament, university professor) amongst others. Szabolcs Fazakas (Member of European Court of Auditors) and Guntram Wolff (Deputy Director, Bruegel) will be the speakers, amongst others, of the last lecture “Lessons and challenges of the Euro-crisis”. Once the conference has finished there will be the election for the new board of the Hungarian ECSA.