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Dear Presidents, dear colleagues, dear friends,

Let me address three issues in this letter to you:

1) The Jean Monnet Conference will take place -as many of you know- in Brussels on the 1st and 2nd of October. The Conference will consider "The future of European studies". It is good that the Commission looks at the topic we in ECSA are considering since two or three years. The General Assembly will be held previously to the Conference, during the morning of October 1st.

2) As you know, in the last months we are trying to know more and more about the history of ECSA World and the different ECSAs. In that sense, we wrote to the first President of then ECSA Europe, Professor Malcolm Anderson, who said: "The formation of a European wide Federation or a federation of existing associations was discussed in the 1980s within UACES during my time as President of this UK body, and doubtless within other associations. Jacqueline Lastenouse was a key player in bringing the project to a successful conclusion. It is my memory that it was her initiative rather than that of Emile Noël". We hope that we can deepen the information in the next months.

In that sense we would be grateful if you could send back the questionnaire on the history of your ECSA we sent to you (Hong Kong, Hungary and New Zealand already answered - many thanks to you!).

3) In the last issue we included the text of the speech given by the ECSA-President in the New Zealand Parliament. With this publication we want to open a new section in the newsletter (and the web): "Documentation". Please, send us texts we can include here: relevant speeches (to Europe's Day, in the opening of your events, etc.) and other documents.

Many thanks and best regards,

Enrique Banús
President

ECSAs year of foundation

1990: ECSA Hungary (European Union Studies Association Hungary)

1995: ECSA New Zealand (European Union Studies Association of New Zealand-EUSANZ) and

ECSA Hong Kong (Hong Kong Association for European Studies)

ECSA Canada has new president

Professor Frédéric Mérand from University of Montréal (Canada) assumed the post of ECSA Canada president during the association biennial meeting held in Montreal on 8-10 May 2014.

Mérand is Professor of Political Science at the University of Montréal, campus director of the McGill University-University of Montreal Research Group on International Security, and head of the transatlantic relations programme at the Montreal Centre of Excellence on the European Union. He received his Ph.D in 2003 from the University of California, Berkeley. He was a policy advisor in the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and a Research Fellow at the San Diego-based Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation.



Prof. Frédéric Mérand succeeds Prof. Joan DeBardeleben, Chancellor's Professor in the Department of Political Science and the Institute of European, Russian, and Eurasian studies (EURUS) at Carleton University, where she also holds a Jean Monnet Chair in the EU's Eastern Neighbourhood Relations.

In her farewell to ECSA World President Enrique Banús, DeBardeleben affirmed that it "has been a great pleasure working with ECSA World".

ECSA Argentina XVII Annual Conference

Last 5, 6 and 7 of June the Faculty of Law of National University of Rosario (Argentina) was the scene of the XVII Annual Conference of ECSA Argentina, an event celebrated within the framework of the "Integration Encounters 2014". On the occasion of this meeting, also took place the XII Specialist Encounter of MERCOSUR, the XVI International Encounter of Integration Law and the II Encounter of the Integration Studies Association. All Conference panels were gathered in two themes: "Convergence possibilities of the Regional Integration process in Latin America" and "Limits of the European Union: enlargement towards the East. Crisis in Ukraine. Tension between democracy and market".



The XVII ECSA Argentina Annual Conference especially had the presence of the ECSA Argentina president Roberto Stocco in front of the opening session, who was re-elected president of ECSA, and the ECSA World president Enrique Banús. Also participated the former ECSA presidents Carlos Molina del Pozo (ECSA Spain) who talked about "European Union Challenges", Jorge Stähli and Miguel Ángel Ciuro Caldani (ECSA Argentina).

The General Assembly and the IX International Symposium of ECSA Spain

ECSA Spain (University Association for Community Studies-AUDESCO) is planning its Annual General Assembly for the next 18th of June 2014 at the Faculty of Economics and Business of Complutense University of Madrid. Some of the essential points of the agenda are related to the election of the new association board, the admission of new members, the report of the Jean Monnet Action Programme (ERASMUS PLUS) and the report about interest matters from the ECSA Spain-AUDESCO network, among other issues.

Furthermore, on the same date and place, it will be held the IX International Symposium of ECSA Spain, focused on "through the European integration". Some of the names that figure on the program are: Dr. José Miguel Rodríguez-Pardo, professor of the Master in Actuarial and Financial (Complutense University of Madrid) who will analyze the "main products and features



of alternative banking"; Dr. Tania González-Alvarado, member of the Financial Analysis Magazine with her presentation on "generation of social value by companies involved in AI-Invest and its international competitiveness" and Dr. Yolanda Gómez, Jean Monnet *ad personam* that she will talk about the "European citizens' initiative".

ECSA Turkey presents the “European Union Law Summer School”

According to the last information received by President of ECSA Turkey Prof. Haluk Kabaalioglu, from the 16th of June to the 18th of July 2014 it will take place for eight years in a row the seminar "EU Law Summer School".

This event, celebrated at the Faculty of Law of Yeditepe University (Istanbul), presents detailed knowledge of European Law and practice conducted by leading EU Law experts and judges from European Court of Justice (ECJ). Some of the names are: Heikki Kannien, Miro Prek, Eugene Buttigieg and Viktor Kreuzschitz.

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News from ECSA Macau

After some time, ECSA World-News received once again news from the Macau ECSA. Two seminars have taken place as part of the Master of Law Program in European Union Law, International Law and Comparative Law and the Jean Monnet Module at the University of Macau.

Firstly, on the 22 of May, EU Director General for Climate Action, Dr Jos Delbeke, made a speech on "EU climate policies by 2030 and beyond".

On the 5th there was an ECSA Macau Seminar offered by Prof. Henk Houweling, Associate Professor at University of Amsterdam, who spoke on "Why the EU is institutionally badly prepared to implement its East European Partnership program in the Ukraine, Belarus, Armenia, and Azerbaijan".

ECSA Italy

As informed the Secretary of ECSA Italy (AUSE) Francesco Velo, last 6th of June took place in the Italian city of Catania an Study Day called: "The election results of the European elections of 2014: the prospects for political union". The event was organized by AUSE and the Department of Political and Social Sciences of the University of Catania.

What is more, ECSA Italy is organizing for next 5th of July, in Venice, an event on the occasion of the final AUSE project 2013/2014 "Representative Democracy and Political Participation."



Darmstadt University of Technology

ECSA Germany presents "Northern and Southern Caucasus in the European Neighborhood"

As informed to ECSA World-News the Secretary General of the ECSA Germany, Dr. Frédéric Krumbein, the German association (Arbeitskreis Europäische Integration-AEI) together with the Darmstadt University of Technology, the Schader Foundation and the Volkswagen Foundation are organizing the symposium: "Northern and Southern Caucasus in the European Neighborhood: Triangular functional cooperation or competition in a heterogeneous region. Russia, EU and the Caucasus".

The conference, that will be welcomed by Prof. Dr. Michèle Knodt (Darmstadt University of Technology) and Alexander Gemeinhardt (Schader Foundation) is funded with the support of the European Commission and will take place on the 3th and 4th of July 2014 at the Schader-Forum, Goethestr (Darmstadt, Germany).