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Dear Presidents, dear colleagues, dear friends,

In the last issue of the Newsletter we started presenting a first approach to the history of some of the ECSAs. The Hong Kong association was one of the members we presented. President Ting Wei wrote thanking for the article but also indicating that the photo of one of the founders did not correspond to Professor Murray Forsyth. So, we contacted him, and he sent us a marvelous report about how he contributes to establish ECSA in Hong Kong. We are publishing it as a first article to a new space in the Newsletter: "Pioneers of the European Studies".

On that way, we are -without neglecting the actual events- completing our approach to the history: with it, we try also not to forget our colleagues who were inspiring the European Studies and mainly the ECSA foundation here and there. In this issue, two other countries are presented, and also here we hope to receive feedback adding new information to our findings.

In that sense, I also wanted to transmit you that in the frame of the Jean Monnet Programme, a two years project for ECSA World has been approved devoted to our own history, and mainly to our foundation and first activities. This will allow to talk to some of the protagonists and to look for documents for creating the ECSA Archives.

I hope on your support for all these projects and activities. Please, if you didn't answer to our questionnaire, send us the information about your foundation: thirty seven associations are lacking for having the full picture.

*Many thanks and best regards,
Enrique Banús*

New President in ECSA Korea

As we have recently been informed, Dr. Dohoon Kim (Korea Institute for Industrial Economics & Trade) left in January of this year the presidency of the Korean ECSA. The president now is Hee-Yul Cha, Ph.D. in Economics and Professor at the Department of Economics at Kyonggi University.

ECSA World and ECSA Chile meeting

ENRIQUE BANÚS, President of ECSA World

"The main objective of ECSA Latin America should be to assist in creating ECSAs and to help in other problems"

CRISTINA SILVA, President of ECSA Chile

(Referring to ECSA Latin-American) "We are few for such a large potential"

On the 6th of August 2014 the President of ECSA World Prof. Enrique Banús met at the Diego Portales University (Santiago de Chile) with some of the ECSA Chile members. The aim of the meeting was to discuss issues affecting the Chilean association, ECSA Latin America and ECSA World. Among the presents, there were the President of ECSA Chile Cristina Silva, the Vice President Beatriz Hernández, the Secretary General Maria Villanueva and the Treasurer Gilda Ciccì. Also in attendance there were the former head of ECSA Chile Roberto Duran and members of the French embassy in Chile: Lagathu Thomas and Pascal Delisle, among others.

Prof. Banús started his speech around the meaning and the main ideas of ECSA World. As to the meaning, the professor explained the role of exchange of information that the association has between different organizations "daughters" and the role of approach issues that are common in European studies from all around the world. When it came time to exposing the main ideas of the association, Prof. Banús spoke about the vision of the European studies from a geographic, disciplinary and also from a future perspective.

Furthermore, it was announced the development of the research project "History of ECSA World", which is collecting firsthand testimonies of people who initiated the European studies. Specifically, the main points of interest of the research are, on the one hand, the motivation, and on the other hand, the ECSA World history (including the different ECSAs). On this basis, one of the goals is to create new partnerships in countries where there are none, such as Peru or Colombia. All, thanks to the financial support of the Jean Monnet Programme of the European Commission.

President of ECSA World also spoke about the Jean Monnet applications, in particular about



the importance of a good quality to have considerable success in the resolutions. Prof. Banús encouraged to improve on this point and to be aware that there are alternative ways a part from the ones provided by the Commission. "To be an important partner, it is important to maintain independence but also proximity to the Commission".

In parallel, it came to light some points about ECSA Latin America. Prof. Cristina Silva (President of ECSA Chile) told that there are few countries involved in this association so that more support is needed. "We are few for such a large potential". Prof. Banús added that when ECSA Latin America was created, through a European Commission proposal, the potential for the emergence of other ECSAs was not predicted. No ECSAs foundations were planned in Latin America. "We made a mistake and now the main objective of the association should be to assist in creating ECSAs and to help in other problems".

Similarly, Banús affirmed: "it would be ideal that ECSAs that work properly and are active in the Latin region could help to the refoundation of ECSA Latin America and revitalize it".

Pioneers of the European Studies

In this new section of the ECSA World-News, we are publishing the experience of persons who have significantly contributed to the founding of the European studies in different countries.



MURRAY FORSYTH,

First President of ECSA Hong Kong

“When I left Hong Kong in 1997 I felt that at least some progress, along three related paths, had been made towards implementing European Studies firmly on the far-off shore of China”

“It brought back pleasant memories of those years in the 'nineties when I and my colleagues at Hong Kong Baptist University worked hard to establish European Studies firmly as an academic discipline in Hong Kong. Here are some spontaneous remarks. [...]

The founding of the HK Association needs to be seen against the background of the undergraduate course in European Studies, the first of its kind in Hong Kong, which was founded when I was head of the Government and International Studies (GIS) Department at HKBU in 1995-1997. This course was an ambitious one. It included intensive language instruction, in either French or German, plus a year's study at an academic institution in Europe, for all those enrolled on it. It naturally required considerable long-distance organization to work effectively. I was fortunate to have in the GIS Department a group of very able colleagues - Chinese, French and German - who devoted their whole energies to making the course a success. We were also helped materially by the French, German and Swiss Consulates, and of course by the European Commission in Brussels, as

well as by its representative in Hong Kong. GIS became a European Documentation Centre.

The establishment of the Association was a natural concomitant of the course. It provided an opportunity for all those who specialized in some aspect of Europe in the many universities and colleges in Hong Kong to meet together, to exchange ideas, to invite and hear visiting speakers, and so on. As a member of the umbrella organization ECSA it facilitated communication between Hong Kong scholars and their counterparts in Europe.

One further development at this time also deserves mention. Professor Meissner, a distinguished colleague in the GIS Department, was keen to establish a journal devoted to 'East-West Dialogue.' I strongly favored his initiative and the first issue, edited by Meissner, duly appeared in June 1996. Hence when I left Hong Kong, regretfully, in the autumn of 1997, I felt that at least some progress, along three related paths, had been made towards implanting European Studies firmly on the far-off shore of China”

From the History of the ECSAs

The following table completes the one we published in the last issue of the newsletter, so that we have included the countries that, in the last days, have provided us the information about their ECSA.

Coming up next, as we did last month with ECSA Hong Kong and ECSA Hungary for being the first ones in sending the information, we are now explaining in detail who was the first president and who were the founders of **ECSA New Zealand** and **ECSA Slovenia**.

Year	Name	Country	First President	Other founders
1984	Chinese Society for EU Studies (CSEUS)	China	Kaixiang YU	Xiang HUAN Yikang WU Yunling ZHANG Baohua DING Menghong YI Bingran DAI
1989	European Union Studies Association (EUSA)	United States	Roy Ginsberg	Glenda Rosenthal Desmond Dinan George Ross Alberta Sbragia Pierre Henri Laurent James Caporaso Vivien Schmidt David Cameron Alan Cafruny, Carl Lankowski
1992	Association of European Studies (Russia)	Russia	Yuriy Antonovich Borko	Vitaliy Vladimirovich Zhurkin Mikhail Egorovich Erin Oleg Aleksandrovich Kolobov Valeriy Ivanovich Mikhailenko Alexander Ivanovich Boroznyak Igor Mironovich Uznarodov Viktor Alexandrovich Artyomov
1994	EUSA-Korea (The European Union Studies Association of	Korea	Cae-One KIM	Sung-Hoon PARK Myung-Ho PARK

	Korea)			Yeongseop Rhee Hee-Yul CHAI Woo-Sik Moon
1995	ECSA Suisse	Suisse	Dusan Sidjanski	Thomas Cottier Pierre du Bois Daniel Thürer A Müller Victoria Curzon-Price Olivier Jacot-Guillarmod Astrid Epiney Martin Nathusius
1995	Malta European Studies Association (MESA)	Malta	Peter G Xuereb	Roderick Pace Gabriella Pace, Joanna Drake Eugene Buttigieg
1998	Wuopos Sajungos Studijų Asociacija	Lithuania	Vilenas Vadapalas	Gediminas Vitkus
2000	Asociación Chilena de Estudios Europeos y Regionales, (ECSA-Chile)	Chile	Iris Vittini	Alberto Rioseco
2000	ECSA Thailand	Thailand	Apirat Petchsiri	Chayodom Sabhasri Kanich Punyashtthiti Suthiphand Chirathivat Charit Tingsabadh
2001	European Communities Studies Association of Slovenia (ECSA Slovenia)	Slovenia	Andrej Kumar	Katja Zajc Kejžar Marija Adanja Samo Zupančič Miha Juhart Andreja Jerina Irena Brinar Vladimir Lavrač Rudi Rozman

				Peter Grilc Vladimir Kenda Mirko Ilešič
2004	Centre for European Education and Studies	Montenegro	Nina Vujosevic	Gordana Radojevic Maja Drakic Ivan Jovetic
2006	Ukrainian European Studies Association	Ukraine	Roman Petrov	Serhiy Zagorodnyk Alime Asanova Olexander Vyshnyakov Ihor Todorov Serhiy Shtukarin
2010	The Romanian Association of International Relations and European Studies	Romania	Iordan Gheorghe Bărbulescu	Ioan Horga Adrian Ivan Gheorghe Poede George Anghitoiu Adrian Popoviciu
2011	ECSA Moldova ("E-Institute")	Moldova	Vasile Cucerescu	Ion Buruiana
2013	European Union Studies Association Georgia	Georgia	Gaga Gabrichidze	Lita Surmava
2013	Asociación Centro americana y del Caribe de Estudios Europeos (ACACEI) o ECSA-ACC		Luis Arnoldo Rubio Ríos	Alonso Rodríguez Chaves Eduardo Castillo Arguedas Karen Padilla Romero Federico Li Bonilla Dunnia Marín Corrales Katherine Ledezma Bravo Jorge Umaña Vargas Desiderio Mora Bustos Dalia Borges Marín

New Zealand

ECSA New Zealand was founded in 1995 by Professor **Martin Holland**, the current president of the association.

Prof. Holland is Director of both the National Centre for Research on Europe at the University of Canterbury and of European Union Center Network in New Zealand and is an active member of a number of international EU research networks. He holds a Jean Monnet Chair *ad personam* since 2008.

Professor Holland is professor at the University of Canterbury since 1984: in 2000 he established the National Centre for Research on Europe, New Zealand's only dedicated EU tertiary level centre. In the last two six-yearly research assessment cycles in New Zealand (PBRF) he received an A grade denoting a recognized international reputation.

He has been a visiting lecturer at a number of EU programmes in Asia and in the USA. Holland is internationally recognized for his work on EU Development Policy, Common Foreign and Security Policy and Perceptions of the EU. He is the author of over one hundred articles as well as twenty-three books, two recent titles being "*Development Policy of the EU*" and "*Communicating Europe in the Times of Crisis: External Perceptions of the European Union*".



Mia Mikic is heading a Trade Policy and Analysis Section of the Trade and Investment Division in United Nations ESCAP. She also coordinates the Asia-Pacific Research and Training Network on Trade (ARTNeT), an open network of research and academic institutions and think-tanks in the Asia-Pacific region.

Previously, she was Professor of International Economics at the University of Zagreb, Senior Lecturer at the University of Auckland, Research Associate at the University of Canterbury and a visiting fellow at the Universite Lumiere, Lyon, and Oxford University. She is the author of "International Trade", co-authored "Trade Statistics in Policymaking - A handbook of commonly used trade indices and indicators" and has contributed chapters to several edited volumes and reports and published a number of journal articles and

other papers.

Slovenia:

Andrej Kumar founded ECSA Slovenia in 2001 and he is the current chair of the association.

Prof. Kumar is full professor at the Faculty of Economics of Ljubljana University, where he teaches



subjects from the Undergraduate University Degree Program “Analysis and development of global markets”, “Economic integration processes” or “EU Economics and Slovenian”, and from the Graduate Program such as “Economic Policies of the EU”.

Other names of the founders of ECSA Slovenia also come from Ljubljana University. Is the case of **Katja Zajc Kejžar**, who is the current vice-president of the Slovenian association, is regular member at the Department of International Economics and Business at the same University. Among her publications there are “Effects of FDI on industry structure: a host country perspective” and “Does Foreign Direct Investment Induce Domestic Mergers?”

Besides, both founders **Samo Zupančič** and **Rudi Rozman** work at the Faculty of Economy of Ljubljana University. To be exact Zupančič at the Bologna masters programs (International Business Logistics). **Miha Juhart** and **Peter Grilc** come from the Faculty of Law. Juhart holds a Jean Monnet Chair of Civil Law and Grilc is the Dean of the Faculty. **Irena Brinar** (Faculty of Social Sciences) is the Head of the Office for the EU and International Project

Other founders of the Slovenian ECSA are **Vladimir Kenda** (founder and worked at the International Business School de Ljubljana), **Mirko Ilešič** (author of many books of European issues) and **Vladimir Lavrač**, who is Senior Research Fellow from the Institute for Economic Research and author of many articles such as “Inclusion of Slovenia in the Euro Area and Perspectives of Enlargment after the Global Financial Crisis” and “Euro adoption in Central and Eastern Europe: Opportunities and Challenges”.



Finally, there are two relevant personalities who also contributed to the founding of ECSA Slovenia. These are: **Mrija Adanja** and **Andreja Jerina**.

Mrija Adanja is the current ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia Beijing since 2009. She was before the Head of International Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She is strongly linked to European issues (she took part in the negotiations for the Slovenian adhesion to the European Union).

On the other side, **Andreja Jerina** is currently the State Secretary at the Government of the Republic of Slovenia (Ministry of Agriculture and Environment) among others responsible for implementation over 1 billion of EU investment projects in the area of environment and climate change. From 2008-2012 she was State Secretary responsible for EU Affairs including the enlargement process and accession negotiations.

