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Editorial

*Dear Presidents,
Dear colleagues,
Dear friends,*

May and June seem to be two months friends of Europe or at least of ECSA.

- * In May we will have the relevant conference of the Polish ECSA in Warsaw.*
- * At the end of June the official launching of the Central American ECSA with seat in Costa Rica will be organized.*
- * In June also the annual meeting of the ECSA Asia-Pacific will be held, this time in Seoul (Korea), with the participation of 10 different associations.*
- * Also in June ECSA South Africa, now under new name and with new objectives, will join to a workshop.*

And then in July the traditional meeting of the Italian ECSA (AUSE) will convey in Venice.

In September the ECSA UK (UACES) annual conference will take place, this time in Bilbao, Spain. It is not the first time that our colleagues from the United Kingdom organize their congress outside the British Islands.

Probably, also other meetings are planned and we hope we can inform about absolute all of them in the next issues of our newsletter. And it seems that in November 9-10, the Jean Monnet Conference will be held in Brussels, although the dates have to be confirmed.

As it is told more in detail in this issue, we are now able to start in the next weeks with our project to the origins of ECSA World. We are proud that we were successful in the Jean Monnet Programme call for applications and now the last administrative problems could be solved, and we will start talking to those personalities who were relevant for the beginnings of our ECSA and collecting information and documentation for the first years of an initiative that has brought and is bringing so many fruits for the European Studies world-wide.

We hope we can develop peu à peu a small historical archive of ECSA World, that will allow also further research work.

*Best regards,
Enrique Banús
President of ECSA World*

THE ANNUAL ECSA SPAIN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND SYMPOSIUM WILL BE HOSTED NEXT JUNE IN MADRID

On the 12th of June will be the ECSA Spain (AUDESCO: University Association of Community Studies) Annual General Assembly and Annual Symposium.

The Symposium, entitled "International Symposium ECSA Spain-AUDESCO: The European Union in a changing world", will be held at the

Faculty of Economics and Business Administration of the Complutense University in Madrid, Spain.

The deadline for submission of papers is the 10th of June 2015. Pre-registration is required at: audesco@ccee.ucm.es.

Information provided by ECSA Spain president Sara González.

THE JEAN MONNET PROJECT ABOUT THE HISTORY OF ECSA WORLD STARTS



ENRIQUE BANÚS, PRESIDENT OF ECSA WORLD

"WE WANT TO COLLECT THE MEMORIES OF AN HISTORICAL EVENT AS IT WAS TO CREATE A WORLD-WIDE ASSOCIATION DEALING WITH EUROPEAN INTEGRATION"

The time has come for starting collecting the testimonies of the persons who have been decisive for the establishment and the development of ECSA World. President of ECSA World Enrique Banús, will be leading the Jean Monnet project that - shortly - will start with this mission.

- Why did you decide to revive the ECSA World history?

Well, we are not trying to revive the history but to collect the memories of an historical event as it was to create a world-wide association dealing with European integration. We want to know the motivation for it, the challenges and aims, and we want to know the protagonists. This is the most relevant part: to meet our colleagues but also civil servants the Commission who were able to imagine and to realise this project.

- What is the aim of this project?

This project is a modest first step. We want to collect some interviews and some documents as starting point for a more ambitious project. At the end, we want to have so much documentation

that researchers can write doctoral theses, present the results at conferences, give lectures...

- Which kind of support does the Jean Monnet Grant offers?

The project passed the evaluation of the Jean Monnet Programme call for applications and, therefore, was able to receive a modest grant that allows us to conduct the interviews and to transcript them.

- How long will the project take?

We have 18 months time for this first step. Later on, further steps will come if the next ECSA Board decides to continue on this path.

- Is there any publication expected after the project?

Yes, there will be publications, very modest at the beginning, in our Newsletter and our website.

Later on, more professional, more scientific: articles, books – maybe also as the result of a workshop.

Interview done by Carla Rabell.

ECSA CHILE



Last 11th of May, ECSA-Chile in co-organization with the French Embassy in Chile, the EU delegation in that country and CELARE (Central Latin-American Corporation for the Relations with Europe), held the seminar "The bi-regional relationship between Latin America and the Caribbean to the European Union in front of the Summit CELAC-EU 2015". In fact, it was foreseen as a preparation for the next CELAC-EU Summit to be held in Brussels in June.

The seminar was held as part of the activities marking Europe Day and took place at the Diplomatic Academy Andrés Bello in Santiago, Chile, where it was attended by an audience of nearby 80 people.

In this diplomatic and academic event the objectives of the II Summit of Heads of State and Government CELAC-EU were presented, together with the content of two relevant events organized around the official meeting: the Business Summit (June 10, 2015) and the Academic Summit (June 8 and 9, 2015).

The seminar was opened by ambassadors Juan Somavia, Director of the Diplomatic Academy of Chile, and Rafael Dochao Moreno, representative of the European Union in Chile. At the opening also participated Homero Arellano Lascano, ambassador of Ecuador, host country of the Presidency pro tempore of CELAC, and Paul Mariñez, ambassador of the Dominican Republic, next Presidency pro tempore CELAC.

The event was held around a panel conducted by the French Ambassador to Chile, Marc Jacomini.

Maria Cristina Silva, President of ECSA-Chile, presented a scholarly analysis of the summit, focused on the innovations of the I CELAC-EU Summit 2013 and the challenges for the continuity of this process in the II Summit of Brussels 2015. Also, she exposed the losses and profits of the period and recommendations for revitalizing the bi-regional relationship, highlighting the fact that in front of the emergence of new CELAC dialogues with other areas of the world and the weight of the Asian century in international priorities, it has still more sense to reinforce the "Western alliance" led by the EU, Latin America and the Caribbean.

*Information provided by President of ECSA Chile
Cristina Silva.*

ECSA UKRAINE PRESENTED THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE:

“MEETING THE CHALLENGES OF COOPERATION BETWEEN UKRAINE AND THE EU: SHARING EXPERIENCES OF THE JEAN MONNET CENTERS IN KYIV AND DONETSK”

The Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence at National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy and the Jean Monnet Center of Excellence at Donetsk State University of Management - with the financial support of the Jean Monnet Programme -, presented under the umbrella of ECSA Ukraine the International Conference “Meeting the challenges of cooperation between Ukraine and the EU: sharing experiences of the Jean Monnet centres in Kyiv and Donetsk”. It took place on the 26th of March 2015 at the Museum NaUKMA, Kyiv.

The aim of the Conference was to present the experiences of the two Jean Monnet Centres

in Ukraine (Kyiv and Donetsk) to wider community, as well as to discuss the modern challenges of cooperation between the EU and Ukraine, to analyze the progress of integration of the Ukrainian academia into the European Higher Education Area and, finally, to promote the Jean Monnet Programme’s ideas and goals.

At the Plenary Session participated higher education institutions (involved in the EU and Ukraine); President of ECSA Ukraine Roman Petrov presented the panel “Integration of Ukrainian academia into EHEA: Legal Studies”.

Information provided by President of ECSA Ukraine Roman Petrov.

CALL FOR PAPERS OF THE ANNUAL ECSA ITALY CONFERENCE

The ECSA Italy (AUSE: *Associazione Universitaria di Studi Europei*) International Conference entitled “The European Economic Union: Economic, Social and Institutional Aspects” will take place in Venice, Italy, on the 17th and 19th of July 2015.

It will be organised in three sessions, dedicated to analyse the origins and future of European Economic Union, on a historic, political, economic and juridical perspective:

- First Session: “From the Messina Conference to the project of a European Economic Union. 60 Years of European Integration”.

The Path towards Economic Union: the innovative characteristics of the European unification process; lessons learned from European Monetary Union; the beginning of Economic-Monetary Union.

- Second session: “The European Economic Union: Economic, Social and Institutional Aspects”. The economic dimension: Social Market Economy as key principle of the EU Treaty; the Constitutional dimension of Economic Union.

- Third Session: “The social dimension of Economic Union”. The Institutional and Political dimension of Economic Union; the social dimension of Economic Union: rights and protections.

The deadline for sending the extended abstract (max 1500 characters) is June 12th. Paper proposals, as well as any request for additional information should be sent by e-mail to: AUSE Secretariat: fvelo@eco.unipv.it

Information provided by Secretary General of ECSA Italy Francesco Velo.