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Editorial

Dear Presidents,
dear Colleagues,
dear friends,

with the end of June the first half part of the year 2015 will belong to history (to recent history), and maybe it's a good moment for recapitulate what it has been done in these six months. In our newsletter we included articles from ECSA Turkey, United States, Poland, South Africa, Central America & the Caribbean, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Asia Pacific, Spain, Chile, Ukraine, Italy, Croatia, Japan, Sub-saharan Africa and Romania. We hope in the second part of the year they will continue sending information and other associations will join.

I would like to inform about the ongoing negotiations for establishing new ECSAs, after the official inauguration of the Central American on the last day of June in San José de Costa Rica.

Continuing with Latin America, colleagues from Peru have promised to create their association before the end of the year. Let's see! In Colombia, where we had via the Chile association a good contact we have to restart negotiations: our contact was an enthusiastic German colleague, who now returned to his home university. Our Argentinian colleagues promised to try to look for the establishment of an association in Uruguay.

In Asia, it's already two years ago that we started very promising contacts in the Philippines and we hope to get new feedbacks. Also in Indonesia there have been different attempts, and we hope to count now with the support of the President in the Netherlands: many students from Indonesia came to Dutch universities and are now in relevant positions at Indonesian universities.

It would be great if we also could start in Egypt and Lebanon, as well as in Serbia.

If you have contacts to these countries (or to universities in any other country in which ECSA is not present), please, let us know!

Many thanks and kind regards,

Yours,
Enrique Banús

PECSA'S INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE "EUINTEG" 2015

On 14-15 May 2015 the Polish European Community Studies Association (PECSA), together with Warsaw School of Economics, University of Warsaw and University of Gdańsk, organized at Warsaw School of Economics the International Scientific Conference "Facing the Challenges in European Union. Re-thinking of EU Education and Research for Smart and Inclusive Growth (Eulnteg)".

The conference was supported by ECSA World, European Academy of Diplomacy and Konrad Adenauer Stiftung in Poland. It was organized as part of Jean Monnet Information Project "Policy Debate with Academic World" (Programme Erasmus+ of the European Commission) and as part of "Cooperation in the Area of Public Diplomacy 2015" Programme of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland. It also marked the 25th anniversary of the Polish European Community Studies Association and the 25th anniversary of the beginning of the Polish systematic transformation.

The new challenges for European integration that influence development of multi- and interdisciplinary approach in European studies were the main subject of the Conference. Its aims included enhancing international educational, scientific and research cooperation in the field of European studies, particularly through participation of young researchers and professionals from Poland and other states, including Eastern Partnership states. The Conference also offered opportunity to discuss economic and political transformation of Poland and share Polish experience with other countries undergoing systematic transformation.

During the two - day conference, more than 10 panels were attended by more than 200 participants. The conference was opened by Prof. Ewa Latoszek (President of PECSA) and Prof. Tomasz Szapiro (Rector of Warsaw School of Economic). Among the special guests were Prof. Jerzy Buzek, MEP (former President of the

European Parliament and former Prime Minister of Poland), Prof. Enrique Banús (President of ECSA-World), Prof. Lena Kolarska-Bobinska (Polish Minister of Science and Higher Education) and Prof. Jerzy Pietrewicz (Vice-Minister of Economy of Poland). The Conference was also attended by notable representatives of the Board of ECSA World (Prof. Enrique Banús, Prof. Martin Holland – ECSA New Zealand, Prof. Léonce Bekemans – ECSA Belgium) as well as by representatives of national ECSAs, including Presidents and Vice-Presidents (Tatjana Murawska – ECSA Latvia, Gaga Gabrichidze – ECSA Georgia, Roman Petrov – ECSA Ukraine, Vasile Cucerescu – ECSA Moldova, Ioan Horga – ECSA Romania, Olga Bombardelli – ECSA Italy, Nico S. Groenendijk – ECSA Netherlands). The Eulnteg Organizers were also honored by the presence of Ms. Vito Borrelli, Head of the Jean Monnet Sector, Directorate General for Education and Culture of the European Commission.

The European Parliament have taken High Patronage of the Conference and the European Commission Representation in Poland, Ministry of Science and Higher Education of Poland, Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Infrastructure and Development and National Center for Research and Development have taken Honorary Patronage of the Conference. Moreover, the Polish Bank Association and the Association of Top 500 Innovators were patrons of the event.

Information provided by: Marta Pachocka and Jan Misiuna, from PECSA.

THE OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA ECSA

European Studies Association of Sub-Saharan Africa (ESA-SSA) was officially launched on the 5th of June 2015 at the annual Governance Innovation Week of the University of Pretoria, South Africa.

The former ECSA-South Africa has morphed into a network covering the entire sub-continent, with Prof. Lorenzo Fioramonti as president. Fioramonti is founding Director of the Centre for the Study of Governance Innovation at the University of Pretoria and the first and only Jean Monnet Chair in Africa. He also currently holds the UNESCO-UNU Chair in Regional Integration, Migration and Free Movement of People.

The other members of the Executive Committee are: Gerrit Olivier (Emeritus President), Chris Nshimbi (Deputy President), John Kotsopoulos (Treasurer) and Camilla Adelle (Coordinator). The secretariat of the association is currently hosted at the Centre for the Study of Governance Innovation, South Africa.

Information provided by Lorenzo Fioramonti



UACES 45TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This 3-day research conference of ECSA UK will take place in Bilbao from 7-9 September 2015

The conference is going to cover all aspects of European Studies, at which over 400 research papers will be presented.

Hosted by Deusto Law School at the University of Deusto, the conference will take place in some of the most emblematic buildings of Bilbao. A reception will be held in the beautiful Cloisters of the Literaria Building – one of Bilbao's Historical Monuments.

More information about the conference at: <http://www.uaces.org>

ARRISE – ECSA ROMANIA MEETING AND “LEARNING ABOUT EUROPE” CONFERENCE IN BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

Between the 22nd and the 24th of June 2015, members of ECSA Romania attended a series of events and meeting in Brussels, at the European Parliament. On Monday, the 22nd of June, they attended the ARRISE – ECSA Romania meeting, during which were discussed topics related to the present and future activities of the Association.

The “Learning about Europe” Conference took place the second day, on the 23rd of June, and it had as a special guest, the European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport, Mr. Tibor Navracsics. The other speakers were: Members of the European Parliament Ioan Mircea Pascu, Victor Bostinaru, Victor Negrescu (from Romania) and Momchil Nekov (from Bulgaria), Professor Iordan Gh. Barbulescu, PhD, President of ARRISE, Professor Remus Pricopie, PhD, Rector of the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Professor Ioan Horga, PhD, Vice-President of ARRISE, Professor George Poede, PhD, Vice-President of ARRISE and Professor Cezar Birzea, Ex-Director of the Institute for Education Studies from Romania and member of ARRISE.

During the Conference, which was focused on the development of the European Studies field, the participants discussed about the importance of the Jean Monnet Action, about ERASMUS exchanges, but also about the need to encourage exchanges among teachers, which are very low at the moment. They also discussed about the possibility of creating a curriculum on European funds in order to improve the quality of European projects and programs to be financed.

The before-mentioned events benefited from the participation of both professors with a vast experience in the field of International Relations and European Studies, as same as young researchers. They came from the entire country, representing universities from Bucharest, Cluj, Oradea, Iași, Craiova, Constanța and Târgu Mureș.

*Information provided by ECSA Romania website:
<http://www.rise.org.ro/>*

ECSA ITALY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The University Association of European Studies - AUSE promotes the annual conference "The European Economic Union: Economic, Social and Institutional Aspects", to be held at the Cultural Center Don Orione Artigianelli (Venice) from 17th to 19th July 2015.

The coordinator of the event is president of ECSA Italy Marco Mascia.

Some of the speakers are:

- Pier Virgilio Dastoli, President of the Italian Council of the European Movement.

- Francesco Gui, Professor at Sapienza University of Rome.
- Luigi Moccia, President of the Center of Excellence Altiero Spinelli of Rome.
- Antonio Papisca, Honorary Jean Monnet Chair, University of Padua.
- Daniela Preda, Jean Monnet Chair, University of Genova.
- Dario Velo, President of the Jean Monnet European Centre of Excellence, University of Pavia.

