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Dear colleagues,

Families use to celebrate solemnly the first birthday of the son or daughter. With this issue, our Newsletter is celebrating its first birthday! So, congratulations to all of us because all of us are parents (or at least uncles and aunts) of the bulletin.

In this first year a lot of things could be included: we were able to inform about the Fifth General Assembly of one of our youngest associations, ECSA Romania; but also about meetings and conferences from Spain, UK, Brussels, Italy, Czech Republic, Romania, Ukraine, Poland, Denmark, Korea, Macau, Hong Kong and Australia.

The Baltimore Workshop in May took a relevant place in our information, welcoming our guests from Central and South America (Nicaragua, Peru and Costa Rica), Caucasus (Georgia), Balkans (Albania, Kosovo), Asia (Philippines, Vietnam) and also from Africa (Botswana). We hope we can further inform about the consequences of this meeting, for example the ongoing new possible ECSA in Philipines (under the initiative of Prof. Marissa Maricosa A. Paderon - Ateneo de Manila University), Peru (Prof. Carlos Hakansson - University of Piura), ECSA Central American (Prof. Arnoldo Rubio - Universidad Estatal a Distancia in Costa Rica and Prof. Orlando Mejía - Universidad Nacional Autónoma in Nicaragua) and Georgia (Prof. Gaga Gabrichidze - University of Georgia).

Together with this meeting we were able to inform also about the Annual Asia-Pacific ECSAs meeting in Macau, under the title "Reassessing the EU-Asia Pacific Relationship in the context of the EU crisis", organized by Prof. Paulo Canelas de Castro (president of ECSA Macau).

We welcomed the Croatian ECSA as full member of ECSA World, as a consequence (the most relevant one?) of Croatia's accession to the EU (apologies for the joke!). More relevant is of course that Prof. Siniša Rodin, President of ECSA Croatia since its foundation, has been appointed a judge on the Court of Justice of the European Union in Luxembourg.

We also welcomed ECSA Moldova as a new partner, whereas from Hungary we got the good news that ECSA is now registered as association.

What is more, we are now more present in the virtual world with our domain ecsaworld.eu. But in this issue you will find news about the transfer from the virtual virtual world to the real virtual world (or something like this!).

The newsletter could reproduce news about the new elected Presidents in: Switzerland (Francesco Maiani), Korea (Dohoon Kim), Denmark (Christilla Roederer-Rynning), Japan (Takao Suami), United States (Michelle Egan), Greece (George Pagoulatos), Israel (Tal Sadeh and Alfred Tovias as Co-Presidents) and Tunisia (Mounir Baatour).

Looking to the future, we included some information about the workshop for teachers that will be held in Barcelona at the end of September.

Finally, ECSA Macau should be specifically mentioned here because it provided us very regularly with information about activities. The ECSA Newsletter wants to offer to it the First Price in communication policy, although also Romania and Chile were very active in this field. A special thank goes also to the Presidents who answered to our request for giving a short interview. So, we could publish the talk with Maria Cristina Silva, from Chile, Peter-Christian Müller-Graff, from Germany, and Ewa Latoszek, from Poland. We hope we can continue this series. A good sign is the fact that also in this number you can find an interview with a President - but we will thank him when becoming 2 years old and we look to the events of the second year.

We hope that we in fact can become two years old. Until December the Jean Monnet Programme's grant guarantees the publication; for the time after that, we are looking for sponsors who can take over, for example, the expenses of one issue. Maybe some of the ECSAs in the world?

Best Regards,

Enrique Banús.

New ECSA Foundations

ECSA Central America

On August the 31th, President of ECSA World Enrique Banús took advantage of his stay at University of Costa Rica and held a meeting at the Costa Rican University UNED (*Universidad Estatal a Distancia*) with Professor Luis Arnoldo Rubio and the Director of the School of Management Sciences, Professor Eduardo Castillo Arguedas, and other lecturers. Rubio, who is interested in founding ECSA Central America, presented a proposal of statutes for the foundation and affirmed that he has already contacted experts from other countries like Guatemala or Nicaragua. What is more, during the meeting it was outlined the question of whether the association will only focus on Central American or Caribbean countries will be also included, for example those that make the CSUCA (High Central American University Council). After the encounter with Professor Banús, professors continued with a work session to finish refining the new ECSA foundation.

Prof. Rubio participated on the ECSA World Workshop celebrated in Baltimore last May 2013 as well as Nicaraguan Prof. Orlando Mejía, who is also involved in the project of ECSA Central America.

ECSA Georgia

On the other hand, there is one more possibility of an ECSA foundation in Georgia. The initiative comes from Professor of Public International Law and EU Law Gaga Gabrichidze who was also participant in Baltimore.

University of Piura hosts a Workshop in Lima to analyze the European Union crisis

Experts coming from University of Piura (UDEP) together with the participation of the ECSA World President organized a symposium that analyzed, in a comprehensive way, the crisis in the European Union, the circumstances that the process of European integration is experiencing as well as its pending challenges.

This academic event: “The crisis in the European Union. Perspectives from the European Studies” was held on the 14th of August at the University of Piura - Faculty of Law (Peru) and aimed at teachers, students and the general public.

Attended the symposium the current president of ECSA World Enrique Banús and the UDEP professors: Carlos Hakansson, holder of the Jean Monnet Chair of European Community law, Victor Velezmoro from the Faculty of Humanities, Rosa Zeta from Communication Faculty and Sandro Navarro from Economics.

All of them provided their views from each of its professional fields.



Rosa Zeta and Sandro Navarro



Carlos Hakansson and Victor Velezmoro

Marco Mascia, ECSA Italy President

Marco Mascia is Professor of International Relations and International Security at the University of Padua (Italy). In the same University he is Jean Monnet Chair in “Political System of the European Union”; coordinator of the Jean Monnet European Centre of Excellence and Chairperson of the Master Degree in “Institutions and Policies of Human Rights and Peace”.

Q: What is the importance of the Associazione Universitaria di Studi Europei (AUSE) in the European integration studies sphere?

A: AUSE's academic and political-cultural rationale lies in a threefold set of factors. First of all, since its origin, starting from the end of the 1980's with the launch of the Jean Monnet Programme, the development of teaching and research on European integration in Italian universities. Secondly, AUSE is a well rooted association in the Italian university system. The presence of associates in the majority of Italian universities has allowed the creation of a widespread network of scholars which favors the exchange of knowledge, the continual updating of teaching programmes as well as the fulfillment of innovative research projects with a strong interdisciplinary dimension. The third factor is represented by the permanent dialogue that AUSE promotes with civil society organizations, local and regional authorities, social partners.

Q: Which are the forthcoming purposes of ECSA Italy?

A: In 2014, ECSA Italy will promote initiatives devoted, on the one hand, to strengthen the association's structure and its academic role; on the other hand, to develop a constructive debate with political forces and civil society organizations.

On the internal side, AUSE will move its action alongside three main lines: that of the information and communication throughout an empowerment of the website and of publishing activities; that of the commitment in the university throughout the publication of a census of European studies in Italy to reach a higher level of knowledge of teachings, degree courses and master offered by the Italian education system and the participation to the initiative “University for Europe: towards a political Union”; that of the consolidation of the network by means of an annual meeting of Jean Monnet professors. On the external side, AUSE will organize its annual Conference on the subject



“Representative Democracy and Political Participation Towards a European Transnational Party System”.

A: What do you think it will be the situation of the European studies in the future?

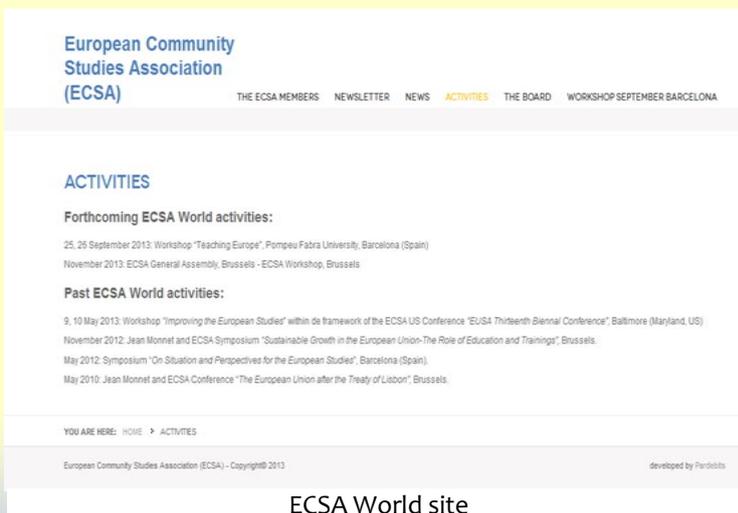
Q: The EU system is the most complex and sophisticated experimental field of multi-level governance existing today, and the scientific reading concerning it is specular in terms of extension and analytical refinement. It is broadly multi-disciplinary, as it involves the fields of Law, Economics, History, Sociology, Political Science, etc. From the political analysis point of view, I share Antonio Papisca's reflection according to which the EU system is interesting above all as an applied research laboratory in the field of “sustainable statehood”, that is, for the experimentation of new frontiers of the statehood “form”.

If for the states, at the beginning of the European construction, it was a matter of devolving part of their sovereignty to the primary goal of definitely pacifying their relations, nowadays, in the presence of the widespread desovereignisation caused by the multiform globalisation processes, the EU puts itself as the rational container in which the states can continue (co)existing as primary subjects of governance. Hence, the EU as a clinic laboratory in which therapies, even invasive, are carried out for the reconversion of the old statehood form – sovereign, national, borders-related – in more adequate and sustainable forms.

ECSA World has its Web Page!

After having notified in the last issue the acquirement of an ECSA World Domain name, we can finally present the ECSA World site: www.ecsaworld.eu.

There you can find a section dedicated to the ECSA members (including the links of all the ECSA sites), a Newsletter corner which contains all the ECSA monthly bulletins, a section about the main past and forthcoming ECSA activities, an ECSA Board space, and finally a provisional section dedicated to the Barcelona Workshop which is going to be held this September in Pompeu Fabra University.



ECSA World site

News coming from ECSA Moldova

As we informed on the last ECSA World Issue, the Moldovan association "E-Institute" has been recently admitted as associate member of ECSA, being the number sixty association which becomes part of ECSA World.

In the new ECSA site (<http://studiieu.org>) there is the publication of the association called "European Newsletter" which is printed twice per year, spring and autumn editions. This year it has published the 1st number. It is the only serial journal in Moldova dealing exclusively on EU studies.

On the other hand, this week will appear two books of two of the ECSA Moldova members: Vasile Cucerescu, *European Institutional Law*, Chisinau: Print-Caro, 2013 and Ion Buruiana, *European Protection of Human Rights*, Chisinau: Print-Caro, 2013.

ECSA World President Meetings in Latin America

Last 21th of August 2013 took place a meeting between President of ECSA World Enrique Banús and some of the members of the ECSA Chile board. Among them, there were the current and former Presidents Cristina Silva and Roberto Duran, as well as Iris Vittini, the founder and first ECSA Chile President. Vittini was also -along with Professor Alberto Rioseco- the founder of the European integration studies in Chile at the Institute for International Studies (University of Chile). During the meeting, she explained how the European integration studies began in Chile, bringing out her motivation to undertake them, and as well in what way ECSA Chile was founded in 2000.

Professor Banús reminded the attendees the interest of ECSA World to gather the testimonies of the people who started the European studies in different countries. He also emphasized his effort to promote the exchange of information and specifically suggested that all ECSAs, when it comes time to disseminate information, ECSA World should be considered one more member. Besides, President Banús remarked the importance of distributing the monthly Bulletin amongst all members of the association.

On his behalf, ECSA Chile suggested striking up conversations with the European Commission in order to have some support -not necessarily economic- for the realization of activities; in this way the search for local funding becomes easier.

What's more, ECSA World President also had a meeting with Fernando Laiseca, President of ECSA Latin America, in which they reviewed the status of various ECSAs in Latin America (Mexico, Ecuador, Bolivia, Paraguay, Argentina, and Brazil) and commented the advisability of taking steps to establish it in Peru, Colombia and Uruguay. ECSA Latin America is an association registered in Paraguay, as its first president (Roberto Ruiz Diaz-Lambrano) is from there.