

Dear Colleagues,

February is always a special month for the European integration studies because in the middle of the month the deadline is given for presenting applications to the Jean Monnet Programme. I know that several ECSAs presented projects for organizing activities with the support of the Jean Monnet Programme. Let's hope the best for all applicants. ECSA-World also is involved in two projects, one together with ECSA-Slovakia (for the organization of a workshop on the "founding fathers of the European Studies" in Bratislava in May 2014) and AUSE (ECSA Italy, for including one special session in the Annual Conference; it is centered in the Mediterranean and we hope that on that way also the ECSA activities in the countries of the Eastern and Southern Mediterranean can be improved).

For May two major events are foreseen: the Baltimore Conference with the own ECSA-World sessions as well as the Asia-Pacific ECSAs meeting in Macau, organized by Prof. Paulo Canelas de Castro.

And we greet new Presidents in Switzerland, Korea and Tunisia. Congratulations to all of them and our best desires of an intensive co-operation.

As far as the Bulletin is concerned, we start in this issue a new section with short interviews to the different Presidents in order to spread a wider knowledge on our member associations. We begin with Chile its contribution to the recent EU-Latin America Summit.

Best regards,

Enrique Banús

## ECSA MACAU

Within the framework of the Speaker Series Seminar, the University of Macau and the Institute of European Studies of Macau are constantly organizing activities at the University of Macau (China). All of them count on professors and researchers collaboration, coming from different universities around the world.

For the moment, during this year 2013, two ECSA Macau seminars have been taken place at University of Macau. Firstly, on the 18<sup>th</sup> of January, a seminar entitled *The EU outlook for 2013* has been celebrated at the Auditorium of the University. The speaker was Prof. Vincent Piket, head of Office of the European Union (EU) to Hong Kong and Macao, doctorate in arts (University of Nijmegen, The Netherlands), fellow of American Studies Department (Yale University, USA) and grant recipient of Fulbright Program of American Council of Learned Societies.

Besides, on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February, Prof. Franceso Passarelli gave a speech about the *Fiscal Discipline and Financial Crisis in the EU* at the Auditorium of Macau's University. Passarelli is an associate professor of Economics (University of Teramo and Bocconi University, Italy) and his recent topics of studies include the consequences of the Lisbon Treaty on member countries' power, the political aspects of the choice between regulation and taxation, the behavioral aspects of political choices and the governments' incentives to strategic defaults.

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# The interview

## **María Cristina Silva, *ECSA Chile President***

*María Cristina Silva is an expert on regional integration and European Union / Latin America and the Caribbean relationship. Journalist and social communicator (University of Arts and Social Sciences, ARCIS, Chile), master in International Studies (University of Chile, International Studies Institute) and degrees in Latin American regional integration (University of Chile) and European integration (Autonomous Technical Institute of Mexico, ITAM).*

*Silva is advisor at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile, president of the European Community Studies Association-Chile (ECSA-Chile) for the period 2012-2013 and researcher associated to the International Studies Institute, University of Chile.*

**What does ECSA Chile do for the European studies sphere?**

M.C.Silva: ECSA Chile organizes monthly activities (seminars, workshops, videos, conferences and others) promoting three main topics: follow up of the European Union integration process, features and advances in the Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) regional integration mechanisms, history and update in the relationship between the European Union and Latin America and the Caribbean, specially on their strategic partnership. Regarding the EU integration process, during the last year ECSA-Chile was mostly focused on the current events, organizing conferences and debates mainly with students regarding the EU crisis, its implications and future perspectives. It also organized the *Day of Europe* celebration, in coordination with the EU Delegation in Chile. This massive event convened students, academics, diplomats and government officials.

**Which was the role of ECSA Chile in relation with the First Summit of Latin American and Caribbean States and the European Union (EU-CELAC)?**

M.C.Silva: As Santiago was the scenario of the I CELAC-EU summit, ECSA-Chile made a special contribution through four preparatory academic events: Workshop "Preparing the first CELAC-EU Summit" (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile), Seminar "CELAC-EU Summit for the citizenship" (University of Chile), Panel "New balances in the relationship LAC-EU" (Political Sciences Chilean Congress), Conference "Regional Integration in the EU and LAC in times of crisis" (Diego Portales University). In these activities participated outstanding professors from United Kingdom, Spain, Portugal, Uruguay and Chile. ECSA-Chile also sponsored the I CELAC-EU Academic Summit, held in Santiago in January 22-23.

## **16th Congress of the Ukrainian European Studies Association**

Within the Ukrainian ECSA (UESA) activities in the last months, it stands out the VIth Congress of the Ukrainian European Studies Association. It was held in the city of Mykolaiv (Ukraine) on October 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> of 2012 at the Petro Mohyla Black Sea State University. The event was entitled "*Modern Teaching and Research Methods of European Studies: International and Ukrainian Experience*". Leading Ukrainian and international experts in European Studies discussed modern methodologies and experiences in teaching and researching European Studies in Ukraine and abroad. Key speeches were given by Former Member of the European Parliament and by Bosch Stiftung lecturers in European Studies at the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla.

Besides, the Ukrainian European Studies Association publishes the *Ukrainian Journal of European Studies* that is the first academic periodical of interdisciplinary nature in Ukraine. It focuses on contemporary developments in research in area of European Studies in Ukraine and beyond. It also aims at studying modern tendencies and actual problems that arise against a background of the European Union - Ukraine relations. The Ukrainian Journal of European Studies was established by Ukrainian European Studies Association and National University *Odessa Law Academy*, with the support of the Jean Monnet Programme funded by the European Commission.

# President of ECSA World Enrique Banús chaired one of the Jean Monnet Cluster Meeting sessions

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Within the framework of the Jean Monnet Programme activities, Prof. Enrique Banús, President of the European Community Studies Association (ECSA), attended the 2013 Cluster Meeting organized by the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA). It took place on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of February in Brussels.

The event focused on the topic of Trends and Developments in the European Studies. Also, the establishment of *diversification* of teaching and research in EU issues by incorporating the teaching of relevant EU topics into subjects that do not traditionally cover European matters in their core content. Besides, the meeting considered the future perspectives of European Studies (EU knowledge in primary and secondary schools, the promotion of the third cycle of studies, the development of a new generation of Jean Monnet Professors and the promotion of young researchers in the area of European Studies). Particular attention was paid to the role of the Jean Monnet Programme and ECSA in the development of European Studies including the challenges related to the new Jean Monnet Programme (2014-2020).

The meeting brought together Jean Monnet Professors, who some of them are presidents of ECSA as well. The participants, from EU Member States, Candidate Countries and Third countries, cover the various disciplines in the area of European Studies.

The event was composed of four sessions (two on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and the other two on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February). The first one, *Trends and challenges for European Studies: between specificity and mainstreaming* was chaired by Prof. Elzbieta Kawecka-Wyrzykowska, from Warsaw School of Economics, Poland. Key speeches were given by Prof. Leónce Bekemans -President ECSA Belgium- (Università degli studi di Padova, Italy), Prof. Amie Kreppel -President of ECSA USA- (University of Florida, USA) and Mr

Luciano Di Fonzo (Head of Sector, Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency).

Second session, chaired Mr Harald Hartung (Head of Unit - Directorate General for Education and Culture, European Commission) was called *Trends and challenges for European Studies: diversification and future perspectives* and had the support of the discussants: Prof. Paulina Astroza Suárez (Universidad de Concepción, Chile), Prof. Mark Entin (MGIMO Moscow, Russia), Prof. Ioan Horga (University of Oradea, Romania), Prof. Siniša Rodin (University of Zagreb, Croatia) and Prof. Lucia Rossi (Università degli studi di Bologna, Italia).

Third session, entitled *Trends and challenges for European Studies: attractiveness and innovation in the curricula* had the chair Prof. Tatjana Muravska –President ECSA Latvia- from Latvijas Universitate, Latvia. The main speakers of this part of the lecture were: Prof. Thomas Christiansen (Universiteit Maastricht, Netherlands), Prof. Marianne Dony (Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium), Prof. Philippe Mioche (Université Aix-Marseille, France), Prof. Ferenc Miszlivetz (Institute for Social and European Studies, Kőszeg, Hungary) and Prof. Meltem Muftuler-Bac (Sabanci Üniversitesi, Turkey).

Finally, the key question of the last session: *Trends and challenges for European Studies: dissemination and promotion* was chaired by Prof. Enrique Banús, President of ECSA World, with the participation of: Prof. Péter Balázs (Central European University, Hungary), Prof. Amelia Hadfield (Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium), Prof. Peter-Christian Müller-Graff –President of ECSA Germany- (Arbeitskreis Europäische Integration e.V., Germany), Prof. Roman Petrov – President of ECSA Ukraine- (Natsionalniy Universytet kyevo-Mohylyanska Akademiya, Ukraine) and Prof. Sonja Puntscher Riekmann (Paris-Lodron Universität Salzburg, Austria).

## Baltimore's workshop

The workshop of the Baltimore's Conference (Maryland, US) that will take place on May 8<sup>th</sup>-11th 2013 is more closely. Since the last piece of news referring to the Workshop the situation has suffered changes in relation with some of the participants. Up to now we have eight participants who have confirmed their assistance:

-Arnoldo Rubios ("Universidad Estatal a Distancia"-UNED, Costa Rica): *The Euro in the Europe- Latin American commerce.*

-Carlos Hakansson (University of Piura, Peru): *Toward a reformulation of the international community and a humanist vision of community law.*

-Gaga Gabrichidze (University of Tbilisi, Georgia): *Approximation of the Georgian legislation to the EU law - How much is enough?*

-Gazmend Qorraj ("Universiteti Prishtinës", Albania): *The role of European funds on European integration of Western Balkans.*

-Marissa Maricosa A. Paderon (Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines): *European studies in the Philippines: looking back and challenges ahead.*

-Orlando Mejía Herrera ("Universidad Nacional Autónoma", Nicaragua): *The influence of the communitarian European jurisprudence at the main courts of Latin America.*

-Ivan Jobetic (University of Donja Gorica, Montenegro).

-Tigran Torosyan (State Engineering University of Armenia)

Besides, the Marissa Marricossa PhD student, Manuel Enverga III (Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines) is accompanying her to the Workshop to present a paper on: *EU Perceptions in the Philippines.* Finally, there are four more participants to be confirmed definitively: Prof. Slobodan Samardzic (University of Belgrade, Serbia), Dr. Gladys Mokhawa (Botswana University, Republic of Botswana), Prof. Carlos Teixeira (Agostinho Neto University, Luanda, Angola) and Prof. Gilles Cistac (University Eduardo Mondlane, Maputo, Mozambique).

## ECSA Poland

During this February, the ECSA World President Enrique Banús, as a Jean Monnet Professor, has been designated visiting Professor at the Faculty of Political Science of Poznan University (Poland). There, he has given some classes about the role of the culture within the framework of the European culture.

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February Prof. Banús went to Torun University to give a lecture on the European culture at the Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology Department. After that, he moved to Varsovia in order to meet the President of Polish ECSA, Prof. Ewa Latoszek, and other members of PECSA (ECSA Polonia) coming from Warsaw University and Warsaw School of Economics.

During the meeting some future projects were commented, such as the intention of Latoszek to present a request to the Jean Monnet Programme in order to organize a symposium for the next year.

In this way, PESCA is going to develop activities regularly. What is more, it was discussed the possibility of elaborating material for teaching with communitarian issues matters. The Vice-Rector for Research and International Relations of the University of Warsaw, Prof. Włodzimierz Lengauer, expressed the University support in front of the PESCA activities.

## ECSA CHAIR CHANGES

Since January 1st, Prof. Francesco Maiani (Swiss graduate school of public administration-IDHEAP, University of Lausanne) is the new President of ECSA Switzerland. Maiani is the holder of a Degree in Law (University of Rome La Sapienza), of an LL.M. in European and International Economic Law (Universities of Geneva and Lausanne), and of a PhD in Law (Universities of Lausanne and Milano Statale). He is also assistant Professor at the Swiss Graduate School of Public Administration, Lausanne.

What is more, Dr. Dohoon Kim (Korea Institute for Industrial Economics & Trade) has recently been elected president of ECSA Korea after being the former vice president of this ECSA.