

Dear colleagues,

All relevant personalities use to give programmatic speeches at the beginning of a new year. Not being a relevant personality I am unable to join them in proclaiming what will be the future of Europe in the world. But I can bring to the fore some expectations for ECSA World in the New Year. Hopefully, we can - thanks to an operational grant - improve the professionalization of our administrative structure. Hopefully we will be able to organize a fascinating workshop in Baltimore and to design other activities to be done in co-operation with other ECSAs (Presidents, please, send us proposals!). Hopefully we can maintain and improve - with your co-operation - our bulletin and acquire an own internet domain.

And hopefully this year at least two new ECSAs will join our association and we can also start or continue talks for establishing several others in the next few years. It is also my firm proposal to prepare a reform of the Statutes. I hope I will count for this task on the advice of the previous ECSA-World-Presidents, so that the modification is not only the result of my ideas but also of the experience of all these years. And hopefully we will meet here and there, at some of the many activities you will organize, and we can exchange ideas and proposals, for the best of the European studies world-wide.

Best regards,  
Enrique Banús

PS: Don't forget: on February 15th is the deadline for applications to the Jean Monnet Programme. I hope many ECSAs will present proposals - maybe some of them in co-operation with ECSA World.

## ECSA-Workshop at Baltimore's

The workshop of the Baltimore's Conference (Maryland, US) that will take place on May 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> 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 seven 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 Qorraaj ("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).

Besides, the Marissa Marricossa PhD student, Manuel Enverga III (Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines) will also assist to the Workshop to present a paper on: *EU Perceptions in the Philippines.* On the other hand, there are three more participants to be confirmed definitively: Slobodan Samardzic (University of Belgrade, Serbia), Tigran Torosyan (State Engineering University of Armenia) and Yeo Lay Hwee (Singapore Institute of International Affairs). We really look forward to find participants from Africa and Mediterranean.

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### February 2013

ECSA AUSTRALIA with  
RMIT  
(Royal Melbourne Institute  
of Technology)  
Seminar  
Melbourne

### 8-11 May 2013

EUSA Thirteenth  
Biennial Conference  
Baltimore

### 17-19 May 2013

EUSA Asia-Pacific  
International Conference  
Macau

### 2-4 September 2013

UACES 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
Conference  
Leeds

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# Romania, new ECSA member

In November 2012, the General Assembly of ECSA approved unanimously the admission of ARRISE (The Romanian Association of International Relations and European Studies) as a new member of ECSA. Thus, there are now along nearly 60 other national and regional academic associations who are interested in boosting teaching and research on European integration.

The Romanian ECSA was established in 2010. It is composed by specialists – academics and practitioners– and it defines itself as a professional organization within the International Relations and European Studies (IRES) field. Following the ECSA philosophy, the main idea of the association is to enhance knowledge of European studies, not only in Romania, but also in Europe and worldwide.

The president of ECSA-Romania is Prof. Dr. Iordan-Gheorghe Barbulescu (The National School of Political Studies and Public Administration-NSPSPA, Bucharest) and the Vice-Presidents are Prof. Dr. Ioan Horga (University of Oradea, Romania), Prof. Dr. Adrian Ivan (Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca), Prof. Dr. Gheorghe Poede (Al.I.Cuza University, Iasi), Prof. Dr. Vasile Docea (West University, Timisoara) and Dr. George-Claudiu Anglitoiu (NSPSPA, Bucharest).

Furthermore, ARRISE publishes a journal called the Romanian Journal of International Relations and European Studies (ROJIRES) which aims to set new standards in terms of international relations or European studies research in Romania. At the moment two numbers had been published.

## ECSA-World and Jean Monnet Conference (Brussels)

On November 13 and 14 Brussels was the scene of the ECSA-World and Jean Monnet Conference *Sustainable Growth in the European Union – The Role of Education and Trainings*, organized by the European Commission's Directorate-General Education and Culture.

The opening session was devoted to the importance of providing education to cope with the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century to get the EU out of the current crisis. The president of the session was Jan Truszczyński –Deputy Director-General for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth– and the main speaker was the President of the European Commission, José Manuel Barroso, together with the Commissioner responsible for Education, Androulla Vassiliou. Jeremy Rifkin and the US under-secretary for Education gave the keynote speeches. The first session went into the new education for new growth. The Re-thinking the education and training systems: new pedagogical methods providing the skills necessary for success in the labor market; the use of ICT for pedagogical purposes, the teachers' training and the action to develop at the European level were some of the subjects that were discussed. Regarding the second session, chaired by Koos Richelle – Commission's Director General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion -, the underlying idea was to find out what are the skills that markets presently need in order to achieve higher economic outcomes. The third session was devoted to the keys for increase the employment rate. In the closing session took the floor José María Gil-Robles, former President of the European Parliament. *Information extracted from the ECSA Rumania webpage.*

## ECSA-UK

Recently on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of January 2013 the UACES (University Association for Contemporary European Studies)-the UK ECSA organization celebrated an event at University of Sheffield (United Kingdom) entitled *Doing Law beyond the State: Research Methodologies in Comparative, EU and Public and Private International Law*.

Also, another workshop organized by the UACES CRN (Collaborative Research Network) on CSDP and Strategy will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2013 at the University of Surrey (Guildford, United Kingdom). The workshop, called *CSDP Strategy: A Reality or Wishful Thinking?* aims to debate what is understood by strategy and to what extent the EU can be said to already have elements of a strategy in its external actions.

Finally it will examine the implications for the debate of EU strategic culture.

# Next UACES- 43rd Annual Conference

Leeds (West Yorkshire, England) will be the scene of the next UACES 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference that is going to take place next September 2-4 2013. It is planned a three day interdisciplinary conference covering all aspects of European Studies, at which it is expected 300-400 research papers presented.

The conference dinner will be in Leeds City Museum and there is the possibility of offering an excursion to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Saltaire. Some of the panels of the conference will be: *EU-China (Panels on Political relations, Economic and trade issues, Global governance and multilateralism, People-to-People exchange and 'soft-diplomacy, China-Europe-US), The Central and Eastern European EU member states and EU policies towards the post-Soviet space, Constructing the European Research Area in times of crisis & Delineating boundaries of the Europe of Knowledge in times of crisis*, among others.

# General Assembly

On November 14<sup>th</sup> 2012, after the Jean Monnet and ECSA-World Conference *Sustainable Growth in the European Union - The Role of Education and Trainings*, ECSA World met to his regular General Assembly. The encounter was attended by ECSA Presidents, Vice-presidents (32 in total), and other personalities of the European Community invited by the President, such as Harald Hartung and Renato Girelli (from Directorate General for Education and Culture), Luciano di Fonzo and Maria Victoria de Yturriaga Saldanha (from the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency-EACEA).

On the one hand, Harald Hartung informed about the financial provisions of the Jean Monnet Program for the next 2013- 2020 within the Commission budget. President of ECSA World Enrique Banús exposed some points of the ECSA communication policy, including the monthly bulletin and the web page. In this point, he requested the collaboration of all the associations and considered as well the possibility to have an own domain and ECSA website. On the other hand, Banús informed that after the successful Workshop in Barcelona there are going to be more events such as Baltimore, in May 2013, and some more for 2014. The President also proposed, with a considerable acceptance, "a new line of work about *The founding fathers of the European integration studies*" for the forthcoming ECSA events. As it occurs in Baltimore, Enrique Banús suggested that some ECSA events could be presented in collaboration with a national ECSA and could follow the two thematic focus initiated up to now: "Mapping the European studies" and "Improving the European studies in new countries". Finally, the President indicated his intention of preparing a statute reform for the next General Assembly, in October or November 2013.

# ECSA Macau and Jean Monnet

Within the framework of the Master of Law Seminar Series 2012-2013, the Jean Monnet Chair of the University of Macau and the European Union Studies Association of Macau had organized many seminars at the University of Macau (China). These count on with the participation of professors and researchers from different universities around the world.

Firstly, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November 2012 it took place a seminar called *The European Union Facing the Current Shifts of Global Power: Can Multilateral Cooperation Frame the Emergent Multipolar World?*. It was given at the Auditorium of the said University by Prof. Mario Telò, member of the Royal Academy of Sciences (Belgium) and Vice President of the Institute of European Studies at Université Libre de Bruxelles (Brussels, Belgium). What is more, on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2012 a seminar entitled *The Recent Reform of UE Generalized System of Preferences and Its Impact on China* was celebrated at the Moot Court of the University of Macau. The speaker was Prof. Zeng Lingliang, Professor at Wuhan University (Hubei, China). Finally, another seminar was offered as part of the Master of Law Program in European Union Law and dedicated to *The International Economic Crisis - Causes of the Crisis and Consequences in Terms of Competition Policy*. It took place at the Auditorium of Macau University on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January 2013 and it was given by Prof. Luis D. S Morais, Professor at the Faculty of Law at University of Lisbon (Portugal) and Jean Monnet Chair- Economic Regulation in the EU and also Vice-President of ECSA-Portugal.