

Dear Colleagues,

This issue of our newsletter informs about the acquisition of our own domain. This will be followed by the preparation of our own website! In the last years assemblies often were asking for this issue. We did the step although it is no clear how the financing of the current activities for next year will be guaranteed, so that maybe the efforts done in the last few years in the field of communication cannot be maintained. We are looking for the next decisions related to the new Lifelong Learning Programme, in which the Jean Monnet Programme and its specificity is saved, but many details (not only the final name) remain unknown - only several months before the publication of the call for applications. Let's hope for the best - and work for a good solution, according to our (limited) possibilities of influencing the deputies and governments.

The inauguration of the ECSA World website is also a good occasion for looking at the websites of the different (60!) associations around the world. I have the impression that some of them could be updated, and several should be created. There are also excellent websites, of course. But maybe we should consider to take over the collective task to refurbish all the websites till the end of the year. What do you think about this?

Best regards,

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Forthcoming ECSA Events:

2-4 September 2013
UACES 43rd Annual
Conference
Leeds

25-26 September 2013
Teaching Europe
Workshop
ECSA World
Barcelona

13-14 September 2013
EU Centre Conference
ECSA Australia
Canberra

ECSA World acquires "ecsaworld.eu" Domain

After a big effort, ECSA World has acquired a Domain name: www.ecsaworld.eu which is making possible the development of the first own ECSA World Web Page. There, visitors will be able to find all the information related to the association and their members, as well as to the past and future ECSA events. Among the different sections, there will be two of them especially dedicated to the ECSA Workshop in Baltimore and to the future ECSA Seminar that is going to take place in Barcelona next September 25th and 26th in Pompeu Fabra University.

Some years ago ECSA World acquired another Domain name which finally disappeared, so that now with www.ecsaworld.eu the process has been restarted. This situation means that the association will not be dependent any more on the website of the ECSA World President's University (Universitat Internacional de Catalunya-UIC) to whom we are grateful for all the support given.

This relevant ECSA improvement is being developed by a Spanish Company called Paredebits with the contribution of the President Enrique Banús, the Journalist who uses to work for ECSA World Carla Rabell and all the ECSA members' who provide one after another month news of their associations.

Besides, the website visitors will be able to find the link to the ECSA World twitter account (<https://twitter.com/ECSAActivities>), which is already working and regularly updated with information of Barcelona's Seminar.

We hope to have our site ready as soon as possible!

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ECSA Croatia President serves as a Judge of the Court of Justice of the European Union

Prof. Siniša Rodin



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. The first judge from Croatia to join the Court. His term began on the first of July, the day on which came into force the accession of Croatia to the European Union. That is the reason why Croatian members were designated to the European Institutions.

Prof. Rodin holds ad personam Jean Monnet Chair since 2011 at the University of Zagreb Faculty of Law in Croatia. His teaching includes a general course on EU law and an advanced course on Human Rights in the EU. Besides, two books and more than 50 research papers are under his authorship. Prof. Rodin's scientific interest includes issues of constitutional interpretation, fundamental rights and constitutional aspects of European integration. His research also focuses free movement of services.

Due to the announcement of Judge Rodin's nomination as Judge of European Court of Justice, a new ECSA Croatia President is going to be elected soon.

Croatian association is now full member of ECSA World

Croatia is since July 1st member of the European Union so that the Croatian association has become full member of ECSA World. The Board is the opinion that this is automatically given: the association was accepted as associate member and the transformation to the full membership -in the opinion of the Board- is given automatically as a consequence of the accession to the European Union.

ECSA Hungary, now registered as a association

The Hungarian ECSA has achieved one of the priorities of his Board: to be registered as an association in front of the Hungarian government. So, after twenty years existing, it has been officially established under the name of European Union Studies Association Hungary and has acquired a new legal configuration.

The leadership continues with the presidency of Peter Halmai, professor and researcher at the Department of International Economics of University of Pannonia (Veszprém, Hungary) and the vice-presidency of Dr. Ágnes Tuka (University of Pécs), Dr. Miklós Király (Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest) and Dr. Sándor Gyula Nagy (Corvinus University of Budapest).

On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Hungary accession to the European Union, ECSA Hungary has planned a conference for next May 2014. Finally, other of the plans of the association is to create a googlegroup between the members. This will help them to connect with people, access information, and communicate effectively over email and on the web.

News from ECSA Poland

PECSA President Ewa Latoszek, who was awarded with a Jean Monnet Chair in the last call for applications, has announced that there will be a Conference next May 2014 in Poland, when is taking place the 10th Anniversary of the Polish accession to EU. Together with nine countries more, it's the biggest extension of countries to the European Union ever seen.

Latoszek, from Warsaw School of Economics, also informed that since June there have been some changes in the ECSA Poland Authorities.

United Kingdom ECSA presents the next edition of its Annual Conference in Leeds

UACES (University Association for Contemporary European Studies), the formal name of the UK ECSA association, is organizing its 43rd Annual Conference at the British University of Leeds, situated in the West Riding of Yorkshire. This year, it is going to take place from 2 to 4 of September.

This three day event will cover different aspects of European Studies such as Politics, International Relations, Law, Economics, Geography, History, Sociology and Public Policy. Over 350 research papers will be presented. Among the main sessions, there will be a keynote by Lord William Wallace, Government Whip and Foreign & Commonwealth Office Spokesman, on *EU Reform, EU Legitimacy and EU Priorities: How the UK's Balance of Competences Exercise Feeds into the Wider Cross-European Debate* and a roundtable sessions on Euroscepticism as a Persistent Phenomenon and EU Governance in a Global Crisis.

Different from this year, sometimes UACES organizes its annual conference in others countries of the European Union as happens last September in Passau (Germany) and two years ago in Bruges (Belgium).



University of Leeds

New possible ECSA foundations after the Baltimore Workshop

As we informed in the last issues, the ECSA World Workshop celebrated within the framework of the huge ECSA United States Biennial Conference, held in Baltimore (Maryland), convoked colleagues and experts in European integration studies coming from countries in which ECSA does not exist, what can be considered as a sign that the European studies can considerably be improved. In this sense, one of the aims of the meeting was to sound out the possibilities of establishing new ECSA's, to contact those colleagues working in university and research environments in which European integration studies are less present.

It seems that after the meeting some of the objectives can be achieved. For the moment, at the beginning of September, the Filipino Prof. Marissa Maricosa A. Paderon (Ateneo de Manila University) has convoked several colleagues to a meeting with the goal of create a new ECSA association in the Philippines, a country with only one university offering AB European studies.

In South America, a possibility to establish a Peruvian ECSA comes from Prof. Carlos Hakansson (University of Piura) who is preparing a meeting with ECSA World for August-September of this year in Peru.

Also ECSA Central American could be another reality. Banús is planning to travel to Costa Rica at the end of August to meet Prof. Arnoldo Rubios (*Universidad Estatal a Distancia- UNED*) and other Costa Rican Professors to progress in the creation of an ECSA with the head office in this country.

News from ECSCA Australia

EU Centre Conference: ECSCA Australia (CESAA) is taking part in the EU Centre Conference of September 13-14 in Canberra. During the event, there will be approximately 50 papers offered in four themes: Prospects for the EU; EU in the World; EU-Asia; and Creative Cultural Connections, as well as 3 plenary sessions, one of them lead by the head of ECSCA Australia Prof. Bruno Mascitelli.

ANZJES: What is more about CESAA activities, the association has just completed a recent journal called The Australia and New Zealand Journal of European Studies (ANZJES) that provides a forum for discussion of contemporary European issues and fosters links among those working in the field both in Australia and New Zealand and internationally.

Asia & Pacific Conference: Finally, the most important ECSCA Australia event will be the Asia & Pacific Conference of European Studies countries on March 2014. The next version of this conference will be hosted next year in Melbourne, Australia, and CESAA will be at the forefront of its organisation.

Please, mark in your agenda:

- 15th November afternoon:
ECSCA General Assembly
Brussels
- 16th November morning:
ECSCA Workshop
Brussels

New ECSCA incorporation in Moldova

It is the number sixty association which becomes part of ECSCA

After the full members of ECSCA approval, the Moldovan association *E-Institute* has been admitted as associate member of ECSCA. This is the association number sixty.

The president Prof. Vasile Cucerescu, Vice-Rector from the International Relations Institute of Moldova in Chisinau, has expressed his gratitude for the personal involvement of the ECSCA World President Enrique Banús in helping them to join ECSCA-World. He assured, on behalf of colleagues, that after becoming a member of ECSCA they will "do the best in Moldova and in the region to promote EU integration studies so that European values would be shared by more and more people in the world".

Prof. Cucerescu, expert in Comparative Literature, established some months ago the non-profit association *E-Institute* formed by professors and researchers specializing in EU integration studies and involved with European studies in Moldova. After dealing with Prof. Banús at the Brussels Conference, Cucerescu agreed to send the documentation for being his association admitted in ECSCA.

Several of the Moldovan ECSCA members are involved in two Jean Monnet projects selected in last year's call for applications: a Module "Summer School on European Integration and Human Rights Studies – Branch of the EPLO Academy of European Public Law" and a Module "Jean Monnet Module: Understanding European Integration".

