

Dear Colleagues,

Issue number 7 of our Bulletin includes the interview to the President of German ECSA, one of the eldest member associations, but also news from the French association, another one of our members with a long tradition.

In the Baltimore workshop we hope to establish links to our participants so that after the conference new ECSAs can be established in Latin America, in the Caucasus and the Balkans, and Asia and the Mediterranean region. Thanks to the help by Prof. Gerrit Olivier, the ECSA President in South Africa, and Prof. Luis Morais from ECSA Portugal at the end we probably will also have participants from Africa.

The preparation of the Baltimore conference is becoming a hard work, but we hope at the end we will be successful. Some of the invited guests who confirmed at the beginning are not answering to our messages so that it is not clear who at the end will be on board. It is a bit disencouraging how often messages remain unanswered. It is a paradox that in a time in which we are proud about the communication possibilities the culture of simply reacting to messages is declining. I of course cannot complain about this, because I am sometimes unable to answer to all the messages; maybe that is why some of your messages remain unanswered. In that case: my apologies and let us try to maintain the communication among the different ECSA associations. At least regarding the contact to ECSA World it has been considerably improved in the last months - and we are happy about this: we receive now news from many of our associations, and would be happy if all of them would maintain regular contact with us.

Best regards,

Enrique Banús

ECSA ROMANIA

On the occasion of the European Institute of Romania (IER) conference *The new multiannual financial framework: priorities for the EU, priorities for Romania* it was celebrated the third edition of the *IER Excellence*. The key aspect is that during the event, that took place last December in Bucharest, the Romanian Association of International Relations and European Studies (ARRISE) received an excellence award. This year, the IER has focused on *research and training centres and institutes*, and on *associations* from the academic area, in recognition for their sustained efforts regarding the research and training programmes in EU affairs.

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ECSA CHAIR CHANGES

Vice president of EPEES (ECSA Greece) George Pagoulatos has been elected new head of the Greek ECSA so that he substituted Prof. Napoleon Maraveyas (Hellenic University Association for European Studies) who has been president during the last years.

George Pagoulatos is Professor of European Politics and Economy at the Department of International and European Economic Studies of Athens University of Economics & Business. He is visiting Professor at the College of Europe in Bruges and Senior Fellow at ELIAMEP (Hellenic Foundation for European & Foreign Policy). From November 2011 to May 2012 Pagoulatos was Senior Advisor to the Prime Minister Lucas Papademos and Director of Strategic Planning. He holds a Law degree from the University of Athens, M.Sc. and D.Phil. in Politics from the University of Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar.

What is more, in Israel Prof. Guy Harpaz has recently left the Presidency of ECSA Israel so

that Dr. Tal Sadeh, from the Tel-Aviv University, is now the new President. Dr. Tal Sadeh is currently an assistant professor at the Department of Political Science in Tel-Aviv University. He holds a PhD in International Relations and an MA degree in Economics, both from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. His research and teaching interests include international political economy, and the political economy of the EU, in particular the single currency and EU-Israeli relations, as well as international institutions and governance structures. He is the author of the book *Sustaining European Monetary Union* and has published articles and edited special issues in leading academic journals. In recent years he held executive positions in the European Union Studies Association, in Israeli Association for the Study of European Integration, and in Israeli Association for International Studies.

Finally, it has been one more ECSA chair change in Tunisia: Mr. Mounir Baatour has been chosen to be the new president of ECSA Tunisia.

ECSA France Activities

The CEDECE (Commission pour l'Étude des Communautés Européennes)-ECSA France- co-organized an activity in partnership with Cherche-Midi. It was held on 13th March 2013 in Paris. The aim of the meeting was the *Nowadays protection of the pluralism in Europe: the citizens' initiative on the media*. On this occasion, Roberto Mastroianni, Professor at the University of Naples intervened with Geraldine Muhlmann and Fabrice Picod, Professors at the University *Panthéon-Assas*.

What is more related to ECSA France, a research team from the Faculty of Law of *Université de Paris Est Créteil* (SDIE) has organized with the support of other scientific teams coming from Universities of: *Aix-Marseille*, *Strasbourg* and *Valenciennes*, the 2013 CEDECE's annual conference. This year focused on *The European Union and the economic federalism: Renovation or continuity?* It will take place at the National Assembly (Paris) on the 20th and 21th of June 2013.

One of the key aspects of the annual ECSA France conference is that is the event at which it is awarded each year the Pierre-Henri Teitgen Prize to a doctorate in law, economic science and political science, supported in a French university. These prizes present an opportunity to recognize the continuing strength of European studies research. The jury of Prix Pierre-Henri Teitgen is composed of members of the Board, members of the faculty as well as CEDECE European issues specialists.

The interview

Peter-Christian Müller-Graff, *ECSA Germany President*

The Honorary Jean Monnet Professor, Peter-Christian Müller-Graff, is Chairman of the Board of the AEI (*Arbeitskreises Europäische Integratione*), Professor for Civil Law, Commercial Law, Economic Law, European Law and Comparative Law at the Law Faculty of the University of Heidelberg (since 1994) and Director of the Heidelberg University Institute for Economic Law and European Law.

-Which are the main objectives of AEI?

The main tasks and objectives of AEI are the promotion of knowledge and understanding of the European integration through scientific research and learning.

To put this into practice we organize about eight conferences per year in different locations. We have also published several books (*Schriftenreihe des Arbeitskreises Europäische Integration*, Nomos: 77 volumes), a scientific journal ("Integration", Nomos: 4 issues per year), we diffuse information about current and essential European integration issues and European Union activities taken place in the university sphere (research and teaching)-.

-Has de European studies situation, in your opinion, changed meaningfully in the last ten years? How is it going to be in the future?

The AEI became in 1969 as an interdisciplinary Union founded by scientists and professionals. One of the initiators and founders incorporated scientists and distinguished professionals, including in particular, the first President of the European Economic Community: Professor Dr. Walter Hallstein (former Professor of Private Law and Economic Law) and former Secretary of State: Professor Dr. Alfred Mueller Armack (one of

the main founders of the social market economy doctrine).

The AEI is since the beginning and till today the leading academic association dealing with the European integration issues in Germany. Most of its members are academics experts in Law, Political Sciences and Economy. The acceptance as member presupposes the proof of specialized publications in the field of the European integration research.

-AEI is one of the oldest associations in ECSA. How was it founded?

In the past two decades, research and teaching in the field of European integration have made a tremendous boom in Germany. A good example of the rise of scientific research and teaching of European integration provides European law.

During the early 90s, the European law at the law faculties in Germany has been the subject of research projects only partially and even an optional elective course in the legal examination regulations constituted.

The number of publications on European integration issues has likewise increased dramatically. This can be seen especially in the great spectrum of the title Nomos Verlag, which remains the leading publisher of the European science. Numerous other publishers have expanded their range considerably European scientific books.

Russia and the EU: The Future of Europe and Eurasia

On the 15th and 16th of April 2013 is going to take place in Moscow the conference *Russia and the EU: The Future of Europe and Eurasia*, organized by the UACES EU-Russia Collaborative Research Network.

The aim of this event is to build on the profile of the network, drawing in academics and experts from UACES (ECSA UK) and the Russia European Studies Association, which is hosting the conference and providing in-kind support.

The conference will examine key issues within the EU-Russia policy framework, in particular Russian policy with regard to relations with, first, the EU and, second, emerging integration processes in Eurasia. It will bring together leading academics and experts from Europe and Russia as well as young scholars who will be the future generation working in this field.

Provisional keynote speakers will be the EU Ambassador to Moscow, His Excellency Fernando M. Valenzuela, and the Deputy Director of IERAS and ECSA Russia President Professor Alexey Gromyko.

Invitees will include officials from the European Delegation in Moscow, which has agreed to host a reception at the conference, the UK Embassy and the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Honorary Doctorate Conferred on President of ECSA

This March, the University of Art and Design of Cluj-Napoca (Romania) has granted an Honorary Ph.D to President of ECSA World Enrique Banús Irueta for his important contribution to the European culture.

Therefore, Banús, who has maintained relations with the city of Cluj since 1996, has been proposed by the President of the University, Prof. Dr. Ion Sbarciu, to become member of faculty.

ECSA Romania's fifth General Assembly

The fifth General Assembly of ECSA Romania (ARRISE), headed by its president Iordan Barbulescu, was held on 22th February 2013 at Babes-Bolyai University (Cluj Napoca, Romania).

Among the 35 attendees there were professors coming from many Romanian universities: Cluj Napoca, Iasi, Timisoara, Oradea, Bucarest, Suceava etc. Prof. Vasile Puscas, former Minister for European Affairs- Government of Romania, and Prof. Liviu Zapartan, former Luxemburg Ambassador, were also present.

There was a lively debate related to ARRISE subjects. They talked about the third issue of the ECSA Romania magazine -which is dedicated to Governance-, the establishment of annual ARRISE awards (for research, teaching, etc.), and it was also discussed the place in which the next annual Conference will be held (probably at Iasi). Besides, the intention to create a regular forum between the EU associations and Latin America was other of the dealt issues. The ECSA Romania vice-president Ioan Horga informed about the activities arranged with frontiers countries and Vasile Docea, also vice-president of ARRISE, suggested dedicating one of the magazine numbers to the European studies training.

Finally, the improvement of the web platform and the necessary interdisciplinary perspective were also commented during this ECSA Romania meeting.