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Dear Presidents, dear colleagues, dear friends,

There is some delay in sending this newsletter. The last weeks were plenty of administrative tasks in order to present the applications both to the Jean Monnet Programme and to a (small) programme by the Spanish State Secretariat for European Affairs. The last one allows continuing the work done last year with a Seminar for teachers. This time, a local association will take over the responsibility, and ECSA will be there only as advisor. It is a very interesting model!

At the end, we were able to present to the Commission two applications: one of them inside the action for giving during three years support to associations. We hope to be selected: this would allow continuing working in order to disseminate the European studies all around the world. A main chapter in our application is the creation of new ECSAs but also the reinforcement of the ECSA work in some countries.

The other application has to do with a research projects to ECSA World history. I think we have to collect the testimonies and the documents about the beginnings of ECSA, talking to the protagonists and witnesses of the origins. Although research project are not any more foreseen explicitly in the call for applications, I hope that -due to the very specific character of this proposal- it will be accepted. In any case, I guess we shall work more on this field for better understanding our history and our objectives.

After Luciano di Fonzo, also Franco Burgio is now leaving the unit dealing with Jean Monnet in the Agency. He was always helpful to ECSA when having doubts or questions, and I am grateful to him for his patience with an ECSA President whose fortresses are not connected to administrative issues! Also Leonor Wiesner, who was responsible for the last Jean Monnet Conferences, left the Jean Monnet Unit at the Commission. All the best to all of them in their new tasks!

Best regards,

Enrique Banús

ECSA Argentina:

As the President of ECSA Argentina Dr. Roberto Stocco has informed to ECSA World News, the Annual Conference of the association it's going to take place on the 5th, 6th and 7th of June 2014 at Rosario. This year is the 17 anniversary of the association as member of ECSA World.

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Local initiative takes over an ECSA World Seminar in Barcelona

At the end of September, Pompeu Fabra University (Barcelona) will be the scene of the Seminar "European integration, a priority in classrooms" organized by ENCAY (European New Communication Association for Youth), a new local association created in Catalonia, among others, by lecturers from six different universities. The event has the entire support of ECSA World and the Jean Monnet Chair of History of Prof. Fernando Guirao.

This new association was born encouraged by the last-year ECSA activity "Teaching Europe in Secondary School" that took place also at UPF and was very similar to this one. ENCAY is an association in Barcelona created in order to continue organizing events of European issues in a local way. "European integration, a priority in classrooms" has the objectives to launch the association and to establish regular activities related to European integration, especially those ones destined to a youth target, as it is a key sector for the future of the European project. That is why in this case the support of ECSA is essential.

They will participate in this activity the President of ENCAY, also President of ECSA

World, Prof. Enrique Banús, the Vice-president Prof. Fernando Guirao, the Secretary General Carla Rabell (ECSA World-News Journalist) and other members of the association that also participate last year in the ECSA Seminar: Prof. Teresa Freixes and Prof. Jordi Martí, among others.

The seminar will be supported by the Secretary of State for the European Union in the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation.

Pompeu Fabra University



2013 ECSA World Workshop in Barcelona



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Latvian ECSA organizes a Jean Monnet Conference at University of Latvia, Riga



University of Latvia

ECSA Latvia is organizing together with the European Commission and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Latvia, the Jean Monnet Conference “EU Eastern Partnership from Capacities to Excellence: Strengthening Research, Regional and Innovation Policies in the Context of Europe 2020 Strategy”. The event will be held at the University of Latvia (Riga) on June 12th - 13th, 2014.

The conference is planned to discuss subjects such as the “EU Regional and Innovation Policies for Enhanced Cooperation with the EaP (Eastern Partnership) Countries”, “Research Cooperation and Perspectives for the Horizon 2020 including University and Industry Partnership and “Climate Change and Cooperation Opportunities in Renewable Energy and Environment”, among others.

The event will bring together the main stakeholders, including the European Commission, national policy makers, research community and those who are interested in international dimension of EU policies and cooperation with EaP countries.

Information provided by President of ECSA Latvia Professor Dr. Tatjana Muravska

Next May ECSA Italy will celebrate its International Conference

On the 5th and 6th of May 2014 there is going to be held at University of Padua the International ECSA Italy (Associazione Universitaria di Studi Europei-AUSE) Conference on "Representative democracy and political participation. Towards a European transnational party system". The Conference is going to be divided into three sessions “Towards the 2014 elections of the European Parliament”, “Towards a European transnational party system” and “Towards a more active European citizenship”. In this last session they will participate the Secretary General of ECSA World Léonce Bekemans, Marco Mascia (Università di Padova), Antonio Papisca (Università di Padova) and Francesco Velo (Università di Pavia).

ECSA Italy this year celebrates its 25th Anniversary with more than 100 professors and Italian researchers in the field of European integration.

Information provided by Secretary General of ECSA Italy Francesco Velo

Central America and Georgia: the new incorporations into the ECSA universe

Two new associations have been born in the European Community Studies Association union: ECSA Central America, with central office in Costa Rica; and ECSA Georgia, which is the first Caucasus country becoming part of ECSA.



President of ECSA Central America Arnaldo Rubios is professor of International Relations at Universidad Estatal a Distancia – UNED (Costa Rica) and has been director of the European Studies Institute at the Costa Rica National University. On the other side, Gaga Gabrichidze is the president of the Georgian ECSA and he is professor at the Faculty of Law of Tbilisi State University (Georgia). Both professors participated at the ECSA World workshop celebrated last May in Baltimore within the framework of the huge ECSA United States Biennial



Conference. Therefore, these two ECSA foundations demonstrated once more the achievement of the objectives of the past workshop: to sound out the possibilities of establishing new ECSAs in countries which European integration studies are less present. In order to set up the Central American association, on the 29th of August 2013, Prof. Rubios convoked a meeting with: the President of ECSA World Prof. Enrique Banús, the Dean of the Faculty of Business Science at UNED Eduardo Castillo Arguedas and five more lecturers, all from UNED.

According to the procedure decided at the last ECSA General Assembly, both Central America and Georgia ECSAs figured as members of ECSA World even though they will be definitely admitted in the next Assembly in October-November 2014.

President and Vice-president of ECSA World will talk at the New Zealand Parliament

It is the first time in the history of ECSA that the president and a vice-president speak before a Parliament.

Within the framework of the Europe Day Commemoration on the 7th of May, Prof. Enrique Banús (President of ECSA) together with Prof. Martin Holland (Vice-president of ECSA and President of ECSA New Zealand) and the Ambassador of the European Union to Australia and New Zealand, Mr Sem Fabrizi, are going to make a speech at the New Zealand Parliament.



Prof. Banús will talk about the importance of the EU studies and Prof. Holland will focus his interest on the European Parliament elections. Mr Sem Fabrizi will be based on the formal Framework Agreement that since July 2012, New Zealand and the EU have been negotiating. President of ECSA New Zealand Prof. Holland is the Director of the National Centre for Research on Europe and has been since 2001 a Jean Monnet Chair of European Integration and International Relations.