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Dear Colleagues,

A year has gone to an end. I think it was a good year for ECSA. Therefore, let me express the deep gratitude for having the chance of chairing such a rich and interesting association, for so many dialogues and exchanges, for your support and understanding, for the work done by all the Presidents and our board and all the people that helped in this or that project, and also for the special help for maintaining alive this Newsletter.

But in Christmas and New Year's time there are in Italy La Befana, in Germany, das Christkind, in Spain, los Reyes Magos - in Christmas time there are gifts for kids having been brave during the year. Also this President -thinking that he was a brave kid- has some wishes for the New Year. For example:

1. The wish of an increased communication with all the ECSAs around the world; the wish to receive regularly -for example, once the month- news from all of them;

2. The wish that some ECSAs that are a bit dormant wake up and become active;

3. The wish to develop some activities with ECSA World in cooperation with other ECSAs;

4. The wish that during the year we can admit at least 3 new ECSAs to ECSA World;

5. The wish that we are able to develop some innovative projects;

6. The wish that we are selected for a grant in the frame of the Jean Monnet Programme that allows us to continue working as association, specifically in the field of communication;

7. The wish that we are able to reinforce the dialogue with the European institutions;

8. The wish that we are able to publish the proceedings of our workshops,

And

9. The wish to meet you often during this year in a good health and plenty of enthusiasm for the Europe Studies, so that

10. We are able to form the next generation of experts in European Studies, who are able to find new approaches and reflections.

See you in 2014,
 Always yours

Enrique Banús

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The ECSA Germany Symposiums

Last 5th and 6th of December 2013 the Heidelberg Academy of Science and Humanities (Heidelberg, Germany) hosted the Annual Colloquium and the General Assembly of the German ECSA (*Arbeitskreis Europäische Integration - AEI*).

The two-day colloquium, based in the “EU and USA - Europe North Atlantic Priorities”, welcomed fourteen speakers coming from different German universities: Passau, München, Siegen, Witten-Herdecke etc. with panels that focused on EU’s relation with USA from different points of view. President of AEI Prof. Peter-Christian Müller-Graff (University of Heidelberg) introduced the event and the Secretary General Dr. Frédéric Krumbein talked about the “Peculiarities of the human right understandings in the European Union, in the USA and in China”.

Furthermore, such as the Secretary General of ECSA German Dr. Frédéric Krumbein announced to ECSA World, there are three more planned AEI conferences for January and February 2014.

Firstly, a workshop called “Healing diversity? - Integration structures in Europe” which is going to take place on the 13th and 15th of January 2014 at the European Academy Berlin. The main goal of it is to present in an analytical table the different integration patterns inside and outside the European Union.

On the other side, also in January, there is going to be a conference on the 13th and 14th at University of Leipzig named “Convergence vs. Divergence in the European Union Crisis”.

Finally, on the 14th and 15th of February 2014, the Academy for Civic Education Tutzing will host a conference on the “European Parliament - Change of Function and Task Profiles”.

ECSA Israel Conference at Hebrew University

Last 11th of December, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem was the scene of the 9th Annual Graduate Conference in Political Science, International Relations and Public Policy, organized by ECSA Israel (IASEI). The event was celebrated in Memory of the late Yitzhak Rabin, the fifth Prime Minister of Israel, serving two terms in office, until his assassination in 1995.

The Conference was composed of two lectures: “Differentiated Integration and Core State Powers” and “The Different Paths of Opt-Outs in the EU”. The first one was given by Prof. Dr. Berthold Rittberger (Geschwister-Scholl-Institute of Political Science, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich). The second was imparted by Dr. Maya Sion-Tzidkiyahu (the European Forum at the Hebrew University) and discussed by one of the two presidents that ECSA Israel has, Dr. Tal Sadeh (Harold Hartog School of Government, Tel Aviv University).

A part from IASEI, took part of the Annual Graduate Conference organization the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the European Forum at Hebrew University.

Call for papers for the Annual EUSA Asia Pacific Conference in May 2014

Participants can present their online-paper until the 31th of January 2014 for the “EU in the Shadow of Asia? Changing Relationships between the EU and the Asia Pacific”, the Annual EUSA Asia Pacific Conference that is going to take place on the first and second of May 2014 in Melbourne (Australia). Application forms can be filled out and submitted at the EUSAP webpage (<http://www.eusaap.org>). Successful applicants will be informed by mid-February 2014.

The goal of the event is to try to help overcome some of the geographical distance problems between Europe and the Asia Pacific nations and investigate ways in which they can communicate and interact on the world stage. This conference will receive experts from a wide range of disciplines such as History, Political Science, Law, and Economics.

ECSA Workshop

“The Future of the European Studies”

Brussels 16/11/2013 On the 16th of November 2013, the day after the General Assembly of ECSA took place, the ECSA World President convened a Workshop attended by several ECSA associations' representatives. This time it was the Spanish Permanent Representation that hosted the event. The aim was to exchange points of view, suggestions and perceptions among the presents about the situation of the European studies in the different countries and to develop ideas for the future. The Workshop was divided in two parts, first one chaired by Prof. Banús and the second by Prof. Léonce Bekemans.

To sum up, the discussion started with Ambassador Mark Entin, Vice-President ECSA Russia, who underlined that European Studies have to moved in two directions, becoming on one side comparative studies (for example with the BRICs or in the context of Euro-Asian relations) and bringing a contribution to the configuration of the future). The President of ECSA Macau, Paulo Canelas, who emphasized that for legitimising the European studies in each country they have to be brought in relation to the local context, that is, the case is not to deliver a “product” but to adapt the contents to the local interests. Sandor G. Nagy, Vice-president of ECSA Hungary, pointed out the decreasing on the interest for European integration, especially in Central and Eastern Europa, but on the contrary the increasing interest in countries like Ukraine and Armenia. Roman Puff from ECSA Austria mentioned the fact that Political Sciences and to a certain extent Sociology are increasingly present in the field of European Studies. The essentially interdisciplinary character of European Studies is bringing some difficulties for presenting research projects; often reviewed by “foreigners” (experts in one specific discipline) they can easily be rejected. Francesco Velo from ECSA Italy added History as a field with a traditional interest in European Studies and commented the need to be active in evaluation processes. Tatiana Muravska (ECSA Latvia) talked about the need for moving from “the classical European studies” to a comparative approach and devoted a good part of her contribution to the specific problems of the PhD programmes about European studies.

To end this part, Alfred Tovias, the ECSA Israel Co-President, underlined that the European studies are a must for many disciplines, so that the academic authorities maintain an ambiguous stance in front of these studies. He considers that Europe is seen increasingly as a part of the growing globalization whereas supranationalism is becoming less interesting. And Nico Groenendijk, President of ECSA Netherlands, commented that together with a shift in the European Studies from Law and Economics to Political Sciences there is the emergence of new fields dealing with European Studies like Civil Engineering, Public Administration or Business Administration.

In the second part of the Workshop other national ECSA presidents or representatives explained the situation of the role of European Studies in their countries and added some comments or suggestions to the future of the European studies. All interventions mentioned the importance of raising the profile of European Studies. Some pointed at the lack of a vision and mission of the ES field and suggested to: embark on ideas of (public) employment, explain and propose themes closer to the daily European reality; integrate ES issues beyond the classical and more traditional themes.

In particular, the following points were underlined:

- The real focus of ES, i.e. the discipline as such, is not always recognised, with course decline as a result; moreover there is great competition (Luke Foster, UK);
- Also the impact of the financing cost on the programmes and the need for rethinking concepts linked to ES have to be taken into account (Savvas Katsikkides, Cyprus);
- Structure of ES is struggling with various interpretations of BA and MA levels and not linked with PhD Studies;
- More focus on the development of a specific ES approach through the various disciplines should result in more interdisciplinary work and cooperation between disciplines (Panagiotis Gregoriou, Greece);
- The interaction and confusion between European Studies and EU integration studies is not always dealt with in the same manner in European and non European countries;
- European studies should be directed towards more practice-oriented relations between universities taking into consideration the institutional realities;

- Mostly the ES presents a multi-community of scholars which requires strong arguments and committed persons; this needs a focussed selling position and attention to “Apprendre l’Europe” (Mary C. Murphy, Ireland);

Secretary General Léonce Bekemans presented some concluding remarks:

- 1) Place of ES: Contextualise ES in a changing international environment in view of the increasing complexity and interconnection of issues and the European integration process;
- 2) They are different perceptions of ES: global vs. European Studies, ES vs. EU studies; area study or specialisation, part of International Studies, etc. Moreover, there are many transversal, comparative and cross-disciplinary issues involved in ES; the European dimension of various disciplines has to be taken into account;
- 3) Focus on the employability of graduates in ES to offer perspective in the labour market;
- 4) There is the problem that the academic trajectory of ES often is not finalised in PhD studies;

5) ES should be based on an idea of Europe/ European identities and identity building; therefore conceptual guidelines are needed and the specificity of the field should be adapted according to the changing nature of European and international relations;

6) A main focus has to be established on a re-generation of young scholars in ES; this requires a committed interest by students and the possibility of pursuing an academic career in ES;

7) A re-positioning of the place of ES (adaptation within a given agreed upon framework) to strengthen its selling points implies a more focussed evaluation of projects; the proposition of full (attractive) academic life cycles of ES.

Overall, the workshop was a great success. The quality of the contributors and of the discussion was great, and at the very end Prof. Banús suggested to establish the “Saturday-Workshop” as a tradition for the coming years, always after the General Assembly.

Luciano Di Fonzo’s message

to all Jean Monnet Professors

Luciano Di Fonzo, who has recently left the post of Head of the Unit dealing with the Jean Monnet Programme at the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (European Commission), asked ECSA to publish the message below in the Newsletter, so that his gratitude reaches to all Jean Monnet Professors and ECSA members.

Dear Professors, (and if I may) Dear friends,

I would like to inform you officially that, after almost 19 years with the Jean Monnet Programme, I have been appointed Head of Sector for Sport under the new education and training programme, ERASMUS+. I take up my new post on 1st January 2014.

My successor is Amaya Pérez De Albéniz, who comes to the Jean Monnet Programme from 'Europe for citizens' where she held the position of Deputy Head of Unit.

At the end of this long, wonderful professional (and personal) adventure, I would like to take the opportunity of thanking you for the patience and tolerance with which you have put up with my 'instructions' all these years and for the opportunity that you have given to me to share in your academic and scientific activities, which have been so numerous and interesting.

For me, the Jean Monnet family has provided the chance not only to exchange points of view on topical European issues and on the future of the European Union with academic specialists in this field, but also to get to know the personalities behind the expertise, and I can assure you that you will remain always in my heart.

I am convinced that, for some of us, our paths will cross again and I look forward to that possibility.

Thank you all again for everything!

Luciano



The Interview

Prof. Jordan Gheorghe Barbulescu

President of the Romanian Association of International Relations and European Studies (ARRISE), Dean of the Department of International Relations and European Integration of the National School of Political Studies and Public Administration of Bucharest (NSPSPA).

- What is the situation of the European studies in Romania?

When it comes to the development of European studies field from Romania, we can mention the recently extended MA programme in Evaluation of European Public Policies and Programs to two more universities – Babeş-Bolyai University from Cluj-Napoca and the University from Oradea. Therefore, in October this year, the full-time study MA programme was officially launched at the two universities [...].

Moreover, for 2012, we can also mention the launch of the Institute of Policies and European Public Programs Evaluation from NSPSPA. This Institute, together with the Centre for European Studies, organized this summer two Schools of Advanced Study – one on evaluation and the other on European governance.

On the 1st of October 2012, the Institute of Latin American Studies (ISLA) was founded as part of NSPSPA. Its members are now organizing the Preparatory Reunion of the Second Academic CELAC-EU Summit, which will be held in Bucharest from 26 to 27 May 2014, with support from the Ministry of National Education.

With the occasion of launching these institutes and the reorganizing of others, new journals

in the European Studies field or in related domains were (re)published: European Journal of Latin American Studies, Romanian Journal of Evaluation and Europolity.

Furthermore, when it comes to the development of international relations and European studies curriculum, we can say that two new MA programs were launched this year: Development, International Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid; Diplomacy and Negotiation. The „Development, international cooperation and humanitarian aid” MA program is constructed on forming the future specialists and experts in international development and humanitarian aid. The second mentioned MA program, “Diplomacy and Negotiations”, addresses those who practice or want to practice international diplomacy and negotiations. The curricular approach is made from the perspective of political science, but - given the nature of specialization – it assumes a multidisciplinary by offering basic knowledge in the following major fields of study: Political Science, Sociology, Public Administration, European Administration, International Relations and European Integration, Law, European Law, Communication and Public Relations, Psychology, Philosophy.

For the next academic year we already have prepared two new

MA programs: MA in Social Economy and the MA in Advanced Studies in International Relations and European Studies.

- Which are the forthcoming purposes of ECSA Romania?

ARRISE was created in order to set up a functional and effective partnership with public authorities and with private legal persons that are interested in this academic field. The scope of the association is to enhance knowledge about and to promote intrinsic values belonging to the area of IRES academic study and research, not only in Romania, but also in Europe and worldwide.

Having this in mind, in the proximate future, we intend to publish the third number of the Romanian Journal of International Relations and European Studies, to organize a national conference and reunion of our members in spring 2014, to expand to other universities from the field, to increase the number of members and to reorganize our website. These are only a part of what we intend to do in the following period. However, we also have in mind other activities that have to be better defined first, and afterwards we will start preparing them. Here, we can include a summer school, a series of foreign language courses (English, French and German) specific to the IRES field and other projects.

Presidents of the ECSAs in non UE Member states

This is the continuation of the “Presidents of the ECSA non UE Member States” section, published on the Issue 14. It includes presidents from letters M to U countries.

ECSA Macau	Paulo Canelas de Castro	Coordinator of the Master’s in European Union Law, International Law and Comparative Law, Faculty of Law at University of Macau	
ECSA Mexico	Rosa Maria Piñon Antillón	Professor of International Relations at Autonomous University of Mexico (Faculty of Social and Political Science)	
ECSA Moldova (E-Institute)	Vasile Cucerescu	Associate Professor of the European Union Law at the Department of International Law, Vice-Rector, International Relations Institute of Moldova (IRIM)	
ECSA Morocco	Jamila Houfaïdi Settari	Professor at the Faculty of Legal Science, Economics and Social, Ain Sebaâ (Casablanca)	
ECSA New Zealand	Martin Holland	Director of the National Centre for Research on Europe, University of Canterbury	

<p>ECSA Norway (Norwegian Society for European Studies)</p>	<p>John Erik Fossum</p>	<p>Professor in Political Science at ARENA Centre for European Studies of University of Oslo</p>	
<p>ECSA Paraguay</p>	<p>Roberto Ruiz Diaz Labrano</p>	<p>Doctor of Legal Science at National University of Asunción</p>	
<p>ECSA Russia</p>	<p>Alexey Gromyko</p>	<p>Deputy Director of the Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences (IERAS)</p>	
<p>ECSA South Africa (European Commission Study Association of Southern Africa-ECSASA)</p>	<p>Gerrit Olivier</p>	<p>Professor in the Department of Political Sciences and head of the Unit for Euro-African Studies at the University of Pretoria</p>	
<p>ECSA South Korea (EUSA-Korea)</p>	<p>Dohoon Kim</p>	<p>President of the Korea Institute for Industrial Economics & Trade</p>	
<p>ECSA Switzerland</p>	<p>Francesco Maiani</p>	<p>Professor at the Swiss Graduate School of Public Administration (IDHEAP), University of Lausanne</p>	

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ECSA Thailand (EUSA Thailand)	Apirat Petchsiri	Associate Professor, Faculty of Law at Chulalongkorn University	
ECSA Tunisia (Association Tunisienne des Etudes Euro Méditerranéennes- ATEEM)	Mounir Baatour		
ECSA Turkey	Haluk Kabaalioglu	Professor of Commercial Law, Jean Monnet Professor of EU Law at Yeditepe University, Istanbul	
ECSA USA	Michelle Egan	Associate Professor at the School of International Service, American University	
ECSA Ukraine	Roman Petrov	Jean Monnet Chair in EU Law and Head of Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence at the National University "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy"	