

Minutes of the Alumni Annual Assembly, Badia Fiesolana, 3 October 2003

Present:

1 Rosita Bianca Bouterse; 2. Anissa Lardjane; 3. Oliver Schmidtke; 4. Eric Perée; 5. Ilaria Porciani; 6. Pompeo Della Posta; 7. Dario Togati; 8. Barbara Curli; 9. Serge Noiret; 10. Robert Burmjer; 11. Jackie Suter; 12. Anne-Laurence Faroux; 13. Régine Perron; 14. Maria-Chiara Malaguti; 15. Chiara Zilioli; 16. Machteld Nijsten; 17. Jens Hoiberg-Nielsen; 18. Sieglinde Schreiner-Linford; 19. Péter Munkacsi; 20. Susan Senior; 21. Paolo Nello; 22. Lea Campos Boralevi; 23. Roberto Tamborini; 24. Elisabetta Croci Angelini; 25. David Natali; 26. Renzo Daviddi; 27. Milica Uvalić; 28. Achille Accolti Gil; 29. Leila Simona Talani; 30 Carlo Spagnolo; 31. Amy Verdun; 32. Annette Bongardt; 33. Francisco Torres

Agenda:

1. Report of the President for the Year 2003. Francisco Torres reported on the EC activities and their result in the year 2003. The issues were: EC efforts for accountability, set up of national chapters and collaboration with EUI (namely new facilities). See distributed report.
2. Minutes of the Assembly held in October 2002: the Assembly approved the minutes which had been circulated.
3. Accounts for the Year 2002: the Assembly approved the treasurer's report for 2002.
4. Budget Forecast for the year 2003: the Assembly approved the forecast, which foresees a balance between current receipts and current expenses in the year 2003. The assets of the Association will remain therefore about unchanged from the end of 2002. The grants by the European Central Bank and the European Investment Bank to the conference (not to the AA) were transferred directly to the EUI and will be spent on covering the costs of the Conference and on publishing its results, including necessary travelling and editorial work and possibly a seminar to present to be held in 2004.
5. The assembly approved a fee of minimum 25 Euro/year in exchange for the new services negotiated by the EC with the E.U.I. Administration, which had been introduced by Torres: the new electronic cards, the permanent e-mail address and other facilities. Payments may be done by cash at the EUI, or through credit card on the Web pages of the EUI.
6. The Assembly approved the President Report on the First Alumni Conference which was being held in the same days.
7. Statute Reform: The Assembly approved the EC proposal to set up a Committee, chaired by Annette Bongardt, to reform the Statute of the Association. Members will also include Achille Accolti Gil, Machteld Nijsten, Carlo Spagnolo. Other volunteers are welcome. The Committee obtained a wide mandate. The Assembly recommended that the new Statute draft be available at least three months before the next Assembly, and put on the Web.
8. EC Vacancies: The AA approved by acclamation the proposal to co-opt Milica Uvalić and Amy Verdun for one year to substitute the two EC members which had resigned.
9. Co-Treasurer: the Assembly approved the appointment of Brigitte Schwab as voluntary Co-Treasurer, praising her important work in the past assisting the EC and the Treasurer in particular.
10. Alumni Award: The Assembly approved the proposal to set up an Alumni Prize for the best PhD thesis, leaving up to the EC as to how to organize the Award concretely.
11. Logo: The Assembly approved of the idea of a logo of the Association. The President explained why the EUI's preferences regarding the logo were taken into account in the choice between several alternatives (the AA is using the EUI's logo in its own logo). It was agreed that the alternative logo will also be put on the Web for a comparison with the one

currently in use and that individual preferences should be collected by the EC. A final decision, by the EC, will also take into account those preferences.

12. Future Scientific Activities: It was agreed that a Conference should take place every two years. In the next year a small seminar may be organized on occasion of the next Assembly, presenting the publication which is expected to result from the First Conference. Other small scientific initiatives are thinkable, such as on the European Constitution which could be approved in the next months. Proposals are welcome and shall be sent to the EC.
13. E-mail voting in the EC: the Assembly welcomed the announcement of a new e-voting procedure in the EC, which should speed up decisions and reduce travel costs.
14. Honorary membership: The Assembly agreed with the President on the idea of assigning the honorary membership of the Alumni to distinguished persons in the field of European cooperation and integration. The EC will put that item on the agenda of the General Assembly to which it may present proposals, according to article 5.3 of the statutes.
15. EUI Online Community: The Assembly took note of Prof. Dronkers' presentation of the new Web pages of the EOC and explained the purpose of the data-bases which are being set up.