

# EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE

## Alumni Association

*Minutes of the General Assembly held on Friday 30 September – Theatre 18:15*

### **Agenda:**

- I. Presentation of Annual Report on Activities by the EC President;
- II. Presentation of the Treasurer's Report (see Appendix);
- III. Statute amendment proposal;
- IV. Vote of thanks to Brigitte Schwab;
- V. Other.

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I) The President (F. Torres) followed the items detailed in his written report (see Report on line) and answered questions from the Assembly. During his presentation, the president asked A. Frijdal, Head of the Academic Service, in the name of the EUI, to explain different matters pertaining to the Institute's position and relations with the AA. A. Frijdal also gave information on different issues such as the limited use of the online community.

II) The President then passed to the presentation of the Treasurer's Report for the previous year (2004), stressing that it had already been approved by the EC in February and by the EUI administration, who had accordingly transferred its annual contribution for 2005. The Treasurer (M. Uvalic) went on explaining the different items in the report. The Report was approved by the GA by unanimity.

III) Following his written report and previous addresses to all alumni, the President explained the EC's proposal to amend the statutes of the AA as to allow post-doctoral fellows to become regular members. The President asked A. Frijdal to explain the strategy of the EUI in regard to post-doctoral fellows and research. After general discussion about the implications of the change for the profile of the Alumni Association and about the type of post-doctoral fellows to be entitled to join the AA, the Assembly approved by unanimity the proposed change.

IV) The proposal made by the EC for the GA to express its thanks to B. Schwab for her long commitment to the association received the unanimous support.

V) Other issues were discussed at the General Assembly. Members raised issues as how the AA could achieve more active participation of alumni in the life of the Association, how the EUI could help in establishing a good data base and online facilities, and what kind of events the AA should organise. The President informed the Assembly about the Competition Day that will gather some 60 alumni and former professors from the field at the EUI on the last week-end of November. The AA was invited to co-organise it with the Economics Department. He also informed about different initiatives in the AA local chapters. The EC informed the Assembly of its intention to organise a seminar on the methodological issues of European historiography for the next alumni weekend in autumn 2006. The Secretary (C. Spagnolo) is to set up a sub-committee under his chairmanship to that end.