

**Proceedings of the Executive Committee Meeting
EUI, Badia Fiesolana, 6 Jan. 2003**

Present: Francisco Torres, President; Annette Bongardt, Vice-president; Carlo Spagnolo, Secretary.
Justified absence: Henk Voskamp, Treasurer, and Julian Lindley French, Member.

The meeting lasted from 14.30 h. to 17.00 h. The President reported on his contacts and activities in Brussels and Lisbon, the Vice-President reported on alumni chapters and the Secretary on his talks in Florence with Prof. Dronkers and with EUI President Mény. What follows is a shortlist of the subjects discussed and the decisions taken:

I. Preparation of the EC meeting on 7 Jan. 2003 with President Mény, Prof. Dronkers and representatives of the EUI Administration. The EC has established a shortlist of priorities, including:

- 1) the clarification of the patrimonial and financial situation of the EUI Alumni Association.
- 2) understanding whether President Mény intends to further finance the Association with regular annual contributions, and whether other financial sources might be considered.
- 3) support for Prof. Dronkers' proposal for an EUI Alumni Online Community, but privacy tutelage and EUI credibility must be preserved.
- 4) the services and facilities for Alumni in Florence (Mensa, Crèche, Computing Account, Permanent e-mail, Printing quotas, etc.) mentioned in the Secretary's memo have been approved. They should be discussed and implemented with the EUI Administration;
- 5) the Secretary's memo on a Housing Exchange Programme has been approved. It should be implemented as 4;
- 6) an office for Alumni should be asked to Prof. Mény.

II. Dinner with EU Commission President, R. Prodi, on 28 Jan.:

7) all EC members should attend the meeting where President Prodi will address the Association. A new EC meeting should then be convened in Brussels, after consultation with H. Voskamp and J. Lindley French.

III. Future EC and Alumni Activities

- 8) the EC will meet at least twice per year. Reimbursement shall include travel expenses and a *per diem* amount, to be set according to EUI present rules.
- 9) National chapters and Brussels Office:
 - a) the increasing size and scope of the Association activity would require some changes to the Statute. The President and Vice-President were to contact jurists among the Alumni and ask for their professional advice.
 - b) all national chapters and the Brussels Chapter must be part of the Alumni Association, yet they must be granted enough elbow-room to promote their own initiatives.
 - c) relationship with the Brussels chapter must be discussed in Brussels, on occasion of the 28 Jan. meeting.
- 10) The Conference on EU Governance might take place equally well in Brussels, Florence or Lisbon according to the institutional support that can be obtained.
- 11) at the last October 2002 assembly the outgoing EC decided not to take minutes of the meeting. Nevertheless the EC feels it appropriate to produce at least a brief summary of the last Assembly, as its members presented there their electoral program. The summary should be submitted first to the EC and then to the next Assembly for approval.