

**EUI ALUMNI Executive Committee (EC) - EUI President Yves Mény Meeting  
Badia Fiesolana, 7 January 2003**

Present: Yves Mény (EUI President); Andreas Frijdal (EUI-Academic service), Jaap Dronkers (EUI-SPS Prof.); and F. Torres (EC President), A. Bongardt (EC Vice President), C. Spagnolo (EC Secretary). The meeting lasted from 9.00 to 10.30 h. Topics treated and decisions taken:

1) Financial issues: President Mény promised continuation of EUI support to Alumni, in the form of an annual contribution, and the EC promised an Annual Report about the Alumni Activity. Mény also granted administrative assistance to Alumni and an office. Future profits of the Alumni shop, once reached balance, will be destined to Alumni and increase the annual contribution.

2) Services to Alumni: the issuing of an **electronic card**, allowing Alumni to access the EUI Mensa and the Library, was approved, as well as a **permanent e-mail address** (@iue.it or @alumni.iue.it: this point was to be clarified) for all Alumni. It was decided to give the card on a temporary basis to Alumni coming to Florence. A price reduction for Alumni meals was declined because of budgetary reasons. It was agreed that:

a) The Alumni Card could be ready by September 2003. The extent of the services included in it is not yet clear in detail; it will in any case allow access to the mensa and to the library, price reductions for Alumni in some Florentine shops and restaurants, free entrance in Florentine museums and to other facilities already available for researchers and EUI staff.

b) The Card and the e-mail address will be given to those Alumni who explicitly request it through the Alumni Web page, probably upon paying a small fee which should go to the Alumni association and/or be used in part to cover some of the EUI's additional costs.

c) A computing account and a printing quota, subject to an extra charge, will be considered; Frijdal will ask the Computing Service about their feasibility.

3) Crèche: The access of Alumni children has been accepted in principle though some restrictions might arise in practice; the issue will probably be further discussed.

4) Housing exchange: the project was approved, while agreeing that the EUI should not be involved in its actual management. The Alumni will provide the information and perhaps some advice to participants, but actual transactions should be left to private contracts.

5) The need for reform of the AA's Statutes and the issue of Alumni membership was dealt with. The EC thought that it is most important to remain located close to the Institute and remain under Italian legislation; yet, some modifications in the Statute, which is too vague on several points, seem necessary.

6) National chapters: it was agreed that national chapters will be promoted in informal ways, that no separate legal status is acceptable, that their set-up needs to be agreed by the EC and that they have to possess legitimacy and be accountable to the AA.

7) Exchange of views on Alumni-EUI Cooperation:

President Mény's Christmas letter proposing cooperation with national institutions and universities was welcomed. Some initiatives are already in place, such as in Lisbon and Brussels, and can be good examples for others. Mény proposed a booklet for EUI researchers with all job opportunities as a tool to inform everybody.

8) Torres informed Mény about the EC intention to meet in Brussels at the occasion of the Dinner with President Prodi. Mény announced that he was prepared to meet the EC there on 28 or 29 January.

9) Alumni annual conference on Governance: it was agreed that Florence is the best place for a first Alumni Conference, in particular if the Degree Awarding ceremony was to take place yearly, starting

from this September-October. Mény invited the EC to talk with H. Wallace, Director of the RSC, for its organization and see if the RSC could give some assistance in the organization.

10) EUI Online Community: the EC showed appreciation and asked about privacy and the proposed definition of the Alumni membership. As for privacy, prof. Dronkers assured that all information on the Web should be agreed to explicitly by the involved persons. As for the Alumni membership, he is ready to leave things as they are, yet the OL community should also include present and past staff, professors, and JM Fellows. The matter will be further discussed with the EC sub-committee headed by H. Voskamp. No decision was taken at the meeting.