

AA EC meeting, Badia Fiesolana, 28 September 2005

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and continued on 29 September 2005

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1. Meeting with archivist Valentina Baggiani: after a short discussion of the report submitted by V. Baggiani on re-ordering and keeping the historical archive of the AA, the EC decided to accept her proposals.
2. The EC examined the possible structure of the booklet on the history of the Association, to be ready in 2006. Its structure was roughly agreed on. V. Baggiani reported on the first steps of the AA, which can be dated back to 18 May 1986 (date of first General Assembly and statutes approval). It was decided to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the AA at the recurrence of that occasion with a dinner in Florence.
3. The EC will explore the financial cost of publishing and distributing the book to all Alumni, possibly assuming all the cost and distributing free copies. The booklet should be ready ideally by mid-May 2006 and distributed at the latest at the next General Assembly in September 2006. It will be written in Italian language and then translated into English. It might circulate in both languages.
4. The EC approved the expenses of a present for Brigitte Schwab at the occasion of her retirement and in recognition of her contributions to the Alumni Association over the years. The present shall be given to her during this Alumni weekend, after the degree-conferring ceremony.
5. Since it has proven difficult to adequately honour and compensate the work of the Alumni Prize jury, the EC established that jury members should receive a small present rather than payment in cash.
6. The EC approved the mission expenditures for the President and Vice-President, who initiated their activities upon arrival on Tuesday 27 September and will meet with the EUI Administration on Monday 3 October.
7. As announced previously in due time, and in order to keep up with new developments at the EUI, the EC proposes to extend full membership to regular post-doctoral students who spend at least one academic year at the EUI. A modification of the statutes (article 5) will be submitted to the General Assembly.
8. The EC discussed the preparations for the General Assembly. It was decided that dinner expenses for all those who had registered will be covered by the AA.
9. Upon proposal of the Secretary, it was agreed that one of the activities at next year's Alumni weekend could be a seminar on the methodological issues of a general history for the EU. The Secretary will chair a sub-committee for that purpose, which he should set up. This and other sub-committees and activities will be discussed at the next EC meeting in January or February 2006.