

# Minutes of the AA Executive Committee Meeting, 21 June 2006

Present: A. Bongardt, C. Spagnolo, F. Torres, M. Uvalic;

Justified absence: A. Verdun

1. F. Torres, President, and A. Bongardt, Vice President, who chaired the subcommittee, reported on the activities held within the 20th anniversary celebrations of the AA Chianti Walk and the related social activities. 23 persons participated, among whom Alumni who never attended previous events of the AA. The payment to the guide (350 €) was approved by the EC.
2. Given the success of the event and its lower than expected costs (1.000,00 euros had been set aside and only 350 were spent) it was agreed that the walk should be repeated in October, from 8 to 10 October. The EC approved the financing of a bus for the event and of a guide. Participants should register and pay their own expenses for hotel and meals, which according to one estimate might be about 150 € per person.
3. The President recalled that he had written to the 2006 Alumni Prize jury members to thank them for their work and was to talk on the phone with the two candidates in order to inform them of about the jury's preference and to ask them to attend the alumni weekend in October (theses seminar, conferring ceremony and alumni dinner). The second EUI Alumni Association Prize for the best interdisciplinary Ph.D. thesis on relevant European issues (Alumni Prize) will be awarded to Valérie Hayaert (HEC) for her thesis *Mens Emblematica et Humanisme Juridique: Le cas du Pegma cum narrionibus philosophicis de Pierre Coustau (1555)* in a ceremony which takes place at the degree-conferring ceremony during the alumni weekend on Friday 6 October 2006. The President will also put the all the relevant information on the AA website and will write to the EUI administration and all heads of department. A Diploma for the Award should be printed as in the first edition of the prize in 2004. F. Torres will address Nancy Altobelli to that effect.
4. Organization of the two Conferences on Maastricht and Globalisation for the next Alumni Weekend, 5-7 October 2006:

The programs were discussed.

It was again underlined that conferences should be self-financed.

The organisational details were discussed in order to coordinate the two conferences among each other and with all the other events (theses seminar, book presentation, award ceremony, conferring ceremony, general assembly and Chianti walk). Pompeo Della Posta was to meet with the President on the same day to discuss all the practical arrangements concerning the globalisation conference.



C. Spagnolo, Secretary, clarified the financing of the Maastricht Conference and its progress and will send a provisional program for the AA Web site to Nancy Altobelli ASAP.

The President will coordinate all activities of the alumni weekend. He will make a table with all activities and will book all rooms with Nancy Altobelli. All conference expenditures are the responsibility of the respective subcommittees and their specific budgets. This year, lunch and a dinner will be financed by the Alumni Association on Friday 6 October.

The President was still to talk with EUI President Y. Mény about all the alumni weekend activities and to inform the EUI administration of procedures. He was also to work with Nancy Altobelli on the practical organisation (and on the website) of all events and soon to inform all EC members and all members of the two organising subcommittees about the outcome.

1. The EC approved that Valentina Baggiani was to be paid although she did not introduce all the corrections and improvements asked for by the EC at its January meeting. Valentina Baggiani, contacted by telephone, had declared that she had no more time to pursue her work, namely to take into account all those suggestions and to check for the possible errors indicated by the President and to collect photos in the archive, as had been agreed in the January meeting. At this point, the EC opted for the publication of an English version only using Valentina Baggiani's text as the basis for the booklet and acknowledging her original and competent research carried out based on archived material. The President will take out of that original version what seem to be mistakes and has asked Eve Hepburn (SPS researcher), the English translator, to act as an editor (which she happens to be) and complete the booklet in English language along the lines requested to Valentina Baggiani at the last EC meeting. The President will try to make sure that the booklet still comes out for the alumni weekend despite the interruption of the work and the difficulty to access material in the archives and the impossibility to deal now with the typography (the implication being that he might have to come back to Florence before October to deal with that).
2. The EC discussed whether it was the case to call a Notary to register the statutory changes approved in the last Assembly. It was said that the cost and the availability of a notary should be checked although no one in particular was put in charge of this task.
3. The EC decided to discontinue the Housing exchange service, because of lack of demand and the fact, found out by the President and Vice President in the Academic Service (Beatrijs de Hartogh) that the EUI now offers a similar service online (EUI inbox public folders).
4. The procedure for calling the Assembly and the election of the EC will be enacted by the President who will ask Nancy Altobelli to send on time and via email a newsletter to all alumni with the convocation of the General Assembly and its agenda.