

Minutes of the AA Executive Committee Meeting, 3 October 2007

Present: A. Bongardt, P. Della Posta, V. Hayaert; F. Torres, M. Uvalic.

1. The EC Committee approved the incurred mission expenditures of the President, Vice-president, Secretary and Councillor on the basis of mission statements submitted to the Treasurer.
2. The EC discussed the execution of the budget (*preventivo*) for 2007.
3. The Vice-President reported on developments regarding the A.A. archives (deposited in the EU Historical Archives) front. The president and/or the vice-president were also to meet with Prisca Giordani at the EU Historical Archives during their stay in Florence in order to be kept informed of any new developments.
4. The President informed about how many alumni had contributed to the Alumni Research Grant directly administered by the EUI by getting their magnetic cards and associated benefits: around 175, according to Judith Przyrowski.
5. The EC welcomed the forthcoming activities of the alumni weekend (job event; lunch with Mario Nuti as guest speaker and seminar on his Festschrift, General Assembly).
6. The President reported on the job event to take place within the Alumni Weekend which seemed to be of interest to many researchers – the event had to move the panels to the *Refettorio* as the *Sala del Capitolo* would be too small. Judith Przyrowski gave an update of the programme.
7. The EC also welcomed the interest of about 20 participants in the third Chianti walk organised by V. Hayaert around Florence within the AA weekend activities.
8. The EC decided to pay for the lunch of the Festschrift participants and for the guide of the Chianti walk.
9. The EC approved the President's Report to be presented to the General Assembly.
10. The President reminded the EC that the third EUI Alumni Association Prize for the best interdisciplinary Ph.D. thesis on relevant European issues (Alumni Prize) will be awarded in 2008 and that all expenditures related to the Alumni prize need to be previously budgeted. He called attention for the need to start preparing that next Alumni Prize. The selection criteria for the constitution of the jury (except for its president who was a non-alumna(us) in the previous editions of the prize) were approved: the four representatives of each of the four areas of study in the EUI should be distinguished alumni with relevant academic contributions and/or career, and they should not have been involved in the organisation of previous AA activities, so that a larger number of alumni becomes involved in the activities of the Association. The President will also address all heads of EUI department on the issue.

11. As approved in the previous EC meeting in Berlin in June (and whose minutes were available on-line since June), the EC confirmed the realisation of a conference on “EU Governance and Environmental Policy” to be organised in 2008. The EC also approved the constitution of the respective AA Conference Subcommittee composed of A. Bongardt, Ingmar von Homeyer and F. Torres. The Subcommittee will soon present a draft programme on the conference which should take place in June 2008. The AA will contribute with 2500,00 euros to its realisation. The subcommittee was to meet immediately after the EC meeting as alumnus Ingmar von Homeyer (SPS) was in town to participate in the job event seminar in representation of the Ecologic Institute.
12. The Secretary informed about her initiative to distribute extra copies of the AA History booklet and was to arrange with Judith Przyrowski the best way to reach people (alumni, 4<sup>th</sup> year researchers and members of the EUI Administration) interested in having the booklet.
13. The idea of organising various collections of selected papers published by different alumni at the EUI or at the RSC in particular fields, already discussed in Berlin, was approved. EC members were to find and propose to the EC topics in their areas of interest and expertise for which each one was to take responsibility. Francisco Torres had already suggested one topic in Berlin which he put forward again: “Economic and Monetary Integration”. Other EC members were to come up with other topics. A *stagiaire* could be hired by the EC to help with that task.
14. The Secretary suggested to write a short article on the “Emblems of Europe”, featuring a review of Onofrio Pepe’s works on the Myth of Europe, namely his sculptures reproduced on the cover of the AA History booklet and on the medals given to the alumni prize winners. The article could be submitted to the EUI review and a summary or short version of it could be published as an appendix in a second edition of the AA history booklet.
15. The EC decided to publish an updated version of the AA History booklet in 2008 (as had already been envisaged in previous EC meetings). The President was to ask Barbara Ciomei for a *preventivo* to be taken into account in the EC *preventivo* in the beginning of 2008. The Booklet should contain relevant information on the Association’s activities in 2006/7 and 2007/8, a reproduction of the AA website and an appendix with a summary of the proposed article by V. Hayaert.
16. The President reported that Simona Talani, who was to discuss with Nancy Altobelli the best procedures to put the papers of the first issue of the E-journal online and see to its implementation and was to present the first number of the E-journal in the General assembly in October, could not make it to Florence this time. The President suggested to re-launch the idea and move on ASAP to announcing and implementing the first issue of the E-Journal with

articles of alumni on different topics, namely contributions to recent conferences. He was to discuss with Linda Gilbert the possibility of doing it in conjunction with the restructuring of the website.

17. The EC approved that electronic voting could be adopted for the September/October 2008 election of a new Executive Committee. AA membership cards would automatically give alumni the right to vote electronically. The procedure would be supervised by the Electoral subcommittee with the help of the Academic service.
18. The EC approved that the next meeting will take place roughly at the end of January (exact dates to be confirmed via email).
19. The EC approved of the need to have new magnetic cards for all alumni with the new logo and new visit cards with both the new logo and the new EUI email address for EC members who wished so. Those cards should mention the function of each EC member in the EC.