

Minutes of the AA Executive Committee Meeting of 7 October 2007

Present: A. Bongardt, V. Hayaert, F. Torres;

Justified absence: M. Uvalic, P. Della Posta.

1. The EC discussed and approved the minutes of all the meetings that had taken place in the previous week.
2. The vice president informed the EC about the current situation and on work (inventory and organisation) developed so far by Prisca Giordani of the EU Historical Archives. She showed the documents given by Prisca Giordani to the present EC members. With a view to feeding the AA archive, she also suggested how the old AA archive at the EU Historical Archives and the living archive at the Academic Service should automatically connect in the future. Judith Przyrowski could coordinate that task with Prisca Giordani. The EC approved the proposal.
3. The Secretary reported on the third Chianti walk. Fifteen participants walked around Greve, visiting various monuments and enjoyed the explanations given by Marco Antonio Pacenti on nature and vineyards and by V. Hayaert on art history. Marco Antonio Pacenti will present his bill to Judith Przyrowski who will send it to the Treasurer (M. Uvalic) for approval.
4. The EC discussed the suggestions made at the General Assembly and decided that the EC should try to implement strategies to further improve communication with the alumni and further the relations between alumni and researchers. V. Hayaert was to pursue with her efforts on this front.
5. The President suggested also to follow up on the proposals and concerns of the GA, the creation of more subcommittees, namely on career developments in order to further the relations between alumni and researchers. He was to draw up a proposal on the composition of a subcommittee.
6. The EC approved that the vice president should represent the AA at the occasion of the next Competition Day organised together with the Economics Department of the EUI.
7. The President suggested one possibility for chairing the Alumni prize jury: a former EUI professor of History (in previous years the chairman of the jury had been an economist and a political scientist). He was to contact that former EUI professor with a view to his willingness to act as president of the jury.
8. The EC approved of the idea of having a meeting with past EC presidents at the time of the realisation of the conference on EU Environmental Governance, the visit to the *Corridoio Vasariano*, to be arranged by the EUI Secretary General, and the June Ball.

9. The EC approved that a editorial board of the E-journal on European Political Economy should be constituted with a mandate for a minimum of two years. At the same time a first issue of the journal should be implemented ASAP.
10. The EC welcomed the suggestion of Domenica Tropeano of a conference on the topic of financialisation. The EC was to wait for a more detailed proposal and discuss the possibility of realising it within its already approved programme of conferences for the coming year. The EC did not exclude the possibility of re-proposing the topic to be discussed in a specific item of the agenda of the next GA in 2008.