

## EUI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

6th Executive Committee Meeting: 7<sup>th</sup> December Monday- 14:00-18:00, EUI Office in Brussels, Rue de la Presse 4.

Participants: Nanette Neuwahl, Leila Simona Talani (vice-president) Pompeo della Posta (treasurer), Sigfrido Ramírez Pérez (secretary).

1. Approval of the Agenda and signature of the minutes of the previous meetings and of the General Assembly prepared by the Secretary of the Association.
2. The EC welcomes its new member Nanette Neuwahl who introduced herself to the other members of the EC.
3. The EC accepts the resignation of the AA President Valerie Hayaert who after the General Assembly circulated a mail to all members stating her desire to resign from her position due to personal reasons. The EC thanks her former President for what she has done for the association during the years she has been member of the EC. After a debate it is decided not to appoint a new President.
4. 5th AA EUI Prize for the best interdisciplinary thesis. The EC appointed (pending on their acceptance) the following jury member: Professor Peter Hertner (former EUI Professor), University of Halle-Wittenberg, Germany (Chairman); Professor Alan Cafruny (former EUI Professor) Hamilton College, NY; Professor Ruggero Ranieri, University of Padova; Professor Milica Uvalic, Università di Perugia; François Lafarge, Fellow from the Ecole Nationale de l'Administration (ENA), Strasbourg. This was a task of Valerie that now is taken on board by Simona Talani.
5. AA EUI Conference "Europe in crisis" 15<sup>th</sup> January. As we do not yet have enough papers but the deadline is still due, it is discussed whether to postpone it but the EC decided to go forward in this date trusting that the papers will arrive in the remaining 10 days for the deadline, as often in conferences. We will attempt to bring two keynote speakers and some funding may be used to pay for their hotel (up to 250 Euros). About the future publication the EC discussed two options: either to edit a book and/or special issue of the EUI AA Review.
6. Career Days 2009. The EC will request to the Academic Service a detailed list of the expenses incurred from the 2,000 subsidy that the AA gave for bringing Alumni to this event. This is necessary to have a clear view on how was spent this money from the AA. Furthermore, if the AA is required to fund an event for which the AS has its own budget, it is a requirement that in the future the selection of Alumni to invite for the event will be previously agreed between the AA and the Academic Service.
7. Sigfrido Ramírez introduced the proposal made by the new Head of the History Department, Bartolomé Yun-Casalilla, to the AA to cooperate in the organisation of a special meeting between Senior Alumni from the History department and current researchers from the same department. The format suggested is the 50%-50% cost-sharing, like in the AA career event organised by the Academic Service. The funding requested is of 1,000 Euros. After debate, the EC decided not to support the request on the basis that if this is part of the career event it should be made and funded at the same time of this event. The EC requests the HEC Department to contact the Academic Service to include this activity in the next Career Day funded already by the AA.
8. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of the booklet about the history of the Alumni Association. This was one of Valerie's tasks before her resignation. Sigfrido Ramírez volunteers to take the relay

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about this issue, and the EC accepts that he takes this task, even if as nothing was done so far, it is quite unlikely that we may have the new edition ready before the next General Assembly.

9. E-Voting next General Assembly. The General Assembly decided that the next GA, which will include elections for the EC, will make again use of e-voting. However, there are problems which should be solved in order to have the method improved. In particular that people who paid their fee but not have a eui mail should be able to vote. The elaboration of a census that Alumni can consult is fundamental for this purpose. The Statutes states that one member of the outgoing of the EC takes in charge the organisation of the Electoral Committee, but this EC member must not stand for office in the next term. The principle is restated, like in the General Assembly, that those entitled to vote are only the Alumni who paid their fee as this is the only actual prove we have of formal, active will to adhere to a voluntary association like the EUI AA.
10. Modification of the Statutes of the EUI AA. Following the mandate of the GA meeting, Sigfrido Ramírez will be in charge to take the necessary steps to create a working group on the modification of the Statutes which will be the first step towards a general debate about the refunding and adaptation of the AA to the new changes and circumstances of the EUI (Postdoc Alumni, Fellows of RSC, Local Branches, etc).
11. Website-Database. It seems that the situation of the new web 2.0 of the EUI is not yet fully stabilised. Sigfrido is in charge to liaise with Linda from the Academic Service for this issue as the new webpage and the design for new social networks is fundamental for the activities linked to the restructuring of the Statutes, like for example creating a forum for this.
12. EUI Review. There is a need for a text summarising the activities that the AA EC has carried out so far. Sigfrido Ramírez will draft a text that can be submitted for discussion, modification or approval in the next meetings.
13. Planning on expenses. Pompeo provides an overview on which expenses we have scheduled but we have a surplus of funding. More information will be given in the next meetings.
14. Local Branches. Sigfrido Ramírez informs that he has organised with the Brussels Branch a book presentation by the former Alumna Amy Verdun, Professor of Political Science, Director of the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, at the University of Victoria, Canada. The discussant is Alumnus Filip Keereman, Head of Unit at DG ECFIN in the European Commission,. The book title is "Ruling Europe: The Politics of Stability and Growth Pact" (Cambridge University Press)" followed by a dinner to which all Brussels' members and the AA have been invited. So far ten Alumni registered for this meeting and the dinner. SR made an effort to have all these activities happening in the same day in order to make it a worthwhile and pleasant moment. He thanks Ana Aguado, from the EUI office in Brussels, and Alumni Elena Fierro and Svetzolar Andreev for having contributed to the organisation of this event. Simona Talani suggests that the AA meets next time in London, with a book presentation she will be organising at her University The AA accepts to meet next time in London following the successful organisation of this meeting and confirms her full support for the formal creation and development of Local Branches. SR comments that he knows that in Barcelona there is some interest in creating a local branch and that he may take some initiatives to encourage it.

