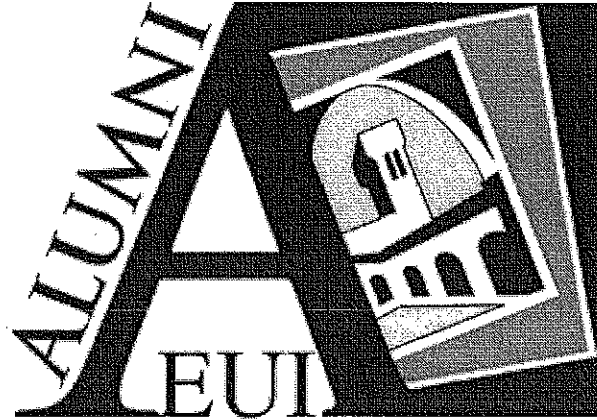


EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE
Alumni Association



GENERAL ASSEMBLY

30 September 2005

Venue: Theatre, The European University Institute, *Badia Fiesolana*

First convocation: 6:00 PM

Second convocation: 6:15 PM

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General Assembly Friday 30 September - Theatre

EC President's Report to the Alumni General Assembly

Agenda of the 2005 EUI Alumni Association's General Assembly:

- I. Presentation of the Executive Committee's (EC) Annual Report;
- II. Presentation of the Treasurer's Report (see Appendix);
- III. Statute amendment proposal;
- IV. Vote of thanks to Brigitte Schwab;
- V. Other.

D) PRESENTATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S (EC) ANNUAL REPORT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE EC OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Accountability: In line with its past practice, this EC pursued the objective of transparency and accountability both to this General Assembly and, financially, to the EUI. All EC meetings (with all decisions taken) have been recorded and are available online together with an account of the most important activities.

1) The 2nd EUI Alumni Association Prize (instituted in 2003, attributed on a bi-annual basis) **for the best interdisciplinary Ph.D. thesis on relevant European issues:**

The second EUI Alumni Association Prize for the best interdisciplinary Ph.D. thesis on relevant European issues (Alumni Prize) will be awarded in a ceremony which will take place at the occasion of the degree-conferring ceremony during the alumni weekend of 2006.

The Executive Committee has again set up an independent jury to select the winner. The Alumni Prize Jury is composed of: **Philippe Schmitter** (EUI), Chairman, alumna **Susan Senior Nello** (University of Siena), ECO, alumna **Tanja Börzel** (Free University of Berlin), SPS, alumna **Monica den Boer** (Free University of Amsterdam), LAW, and alumnus **Hubert Zimmermann** (University of Cornell) HEC.

The four EUI departments will pre-select their respective theses until the 18th of May for the Alumni Prize jury to take a final decision and communicate it to the President of the Alumni Association by mid-June 2006. The Prize will be conferred to the winner in the presence of

the jury members and of the President of the EUI and all heads of department at the degree-conferring ceremony during the alumni weekend. The EUI community is invited to the ceremony. The prize comprises an award of 3.000 Euros paid by the AA.

The EC would like to express its gratitude towards all members of the 1st Alumni Prize jury, to congratulate all nominees and the prize winner and to already thank the jury members of the 2nd Alumni Prize for having accepted this demanding task.

2) EUI Alumni publications:

A) EUI Book: Governing EMU

The 2003 EUI Alumni Conference on "Governing EMU: Economic, Political, Legal and Historical Perspectives" organised with the European University Institute, was held at the Badia on 3/4 October 2003 and had the support of the European Central Bank and the European Investment Bank.

The conference and its proceedings constitute the first collaborative product by the alumni of the European University Institute in Florence, representing the four disciplines. We have sought to address the issue from the various disciplinary perspectives and hope the reader will have a more balanced account of EMU governance as a result of reading these proceedings. The first section, "Democracy and Governance in the Euro area", starts off by reflecting on the broader democratic governance issues related to EMU. The chapters in section two, "Between Growth and Stability", examine various aspects of governing the SGP. Section three of the book, "The Euro as a World Currency and as a European Anchor", offers a look at the euro's international dimension. The fourth section of the book on the "Role of Standards and Legal Tender in EMU" comprises two chapters that examine selected legal aspects of the euro and EMU.

The full edited proceedings of the conference can still be found on the AA website and are edited in a book published by the EUI Press in record time – it was out in September 2003 and presented and discussed during the 2004 Alumni conference at the occasion of the annual Alumni weekend and degree-conferring ceremony. Many alumni (apart from paper givers and discussants) have also attended the conference and engaged in the general discussions.

B) Nomos Book: EMU Rules

A revised and updated version of the EUI book was elaborated throughout 2004/05 and proposed and accepted for commercial publication. The EC would like to thank all authors involved in this process for their outstanding collaboration. The volume is forthcoming in Torres, F., A. Verdun and H. Zimmermann in 2005, with the title, *EMU Rules: the Political and Economic Consequences of European Monetary Integration*, and published by Nomos Verlagsgesellschaft (Baden-Baden).

C) Book on the history of the EUI Alumni Association

To commemorate its 20 years, the EC decided to ask an Italian historian and archivist to write up the history of our Association on the basis of our archives and interviews. The book will be written in Italian and translated into English and will be ready in 2006.

D) Special issue of the EUI Alumni Interdisciplinary Journal

A special issue of the EUI Alumni online Interdisciplinary Journal, *Europe at Large*, drawing on the London Chapter conference that took place earlier this month, will be soon available.

3) Social activities

The traditional alumni dinner will take place immediately after the General Assembly in the loggia at the Badia and will be offered by the Alumni Association to all alumni and guests who had registered online and/or with Nancy Altobelli.

The EC has decided to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the first constitutive General Assembly and the approval of the statutes of the EUI Alumni Association (on 18 May 1986) in 2006. It envisages to hold a ceremony and a social programme on the 18th and 19th of May 2006 as well as at the next alumni weekend in October 2006. The programme of activities will soon be made public on the web and through the EUI newsletter.

4) Historical Archive of the EUI Alumni Association

The Executive Committee set up an **historical archive** and a current one. An archivist, supported by the Alumni Association, re-ordered the old papers of the Association and made a selection of the relevant documents for the history and workings of the Association.

5) Online journal:

Following the discussion at last year's General Assembly, the EUI Alumni Interdisciplinary Journal of European Political Economy, *Europe at Large*, was created and will be published. This is an academic refereed journal addressing interdisciplinary issues in the political economy of contemporary Europe. This online serial has been recorded provisionally in the ISSN Register as follows: ISSN 1814-8182 = *Europe at large*.

6) National chapters

Local chapters are informal and do not have any separate legal status. They have to possess legitimacy and need to be accountable to the AA General Assembly.

Please note that several informal local alumni chapters are already in place:

- a) the ECB's in Frankfurt, with whose members 3 members of the EC (FT, AB and AV) had lunch before a seminar organised at the Bank in which they participated;
- b) the Brussels chapter, with whose members President Mény and 2 members of the EC (FT and CS) had dinner, having as guest speaker the then President of the Commission, Romano Prodi;

c) the London chapter (set up in London by EC president and Simona Talani and Svet Andreev). A conference on "Between growth and stability: the consequences of the reform of the European Stability and Growth Pact", was organised by the London chapter at the LSE on 9-10 September 2005 (programme on the web page).

See alumni chapter news on the WEB page.

Several alumni have contacted the EC in order to have local chapters organised (Roma, Geneva, Norway, etc.).

7) Collaboration with the EUI

The Institute decided that its interface with the Alumni Association is, as from the 4th of October 2004 onwards, managed from within the Academic Service. The secretariat of the alumni is organized in the Academic Service (Nancy Altobelli, with the support of a stagiaire). It will directly liaise with the Alumni Association for the normal, day-to-day activities of the Institute. At the initiative of the AA, events will be planned through the secretariat and organized by the Logistics Service.

8) Alumni conference on the future of Europe with the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies September 30, 2005

The conference reflected on the future of Europe, through a number of book presentations of former and/or current EUI professors (G. Majone and S. Bartolini, both published by OUP) and of EUI fellows (R. Epstein, on-going work) and alumni (M. Maduro and F. Torres, both published by Nomos Verlagsgesellschaft, S. Senior Nello, published by McGraw-Hill and A. Bongardt, published by INA). There was also a roundtable discussion about where Europe and North America are heading in their mutual relations. See programme below.

8:45 - Opening: Yves Mény (EUI President), Helen Wallace (RSC), Francisco Torres (AA)

9:00 - Book presentations and discussion on the future of Europe
Chair: Christian Joerges (RSC/EUI)

Giandomenico Majone (EUI): Dilemmas of European Integration
Stefano Bartolini (U. Bologna): Restructuring Europe

10:30 - coffee break

Rachel Epstein (RSC/EUI): The Transformation of Postcommunist Europe
Miguel P. Maduro (ECJ) (with Ingolf Pernice): A Constitution for the EU
Annette Bongardt (U. Aveiro): Competition and Policy in the European Union
Susan Senior Nello (U. Siena): The EU: Economics, Policies and History
Francisco Torres (UA/UCP) (co-edited: Amy Verdun, H. Zimmermann): EMU Rules

Guest discussion panel: Adrienne Héritier (RSC/EUI), Donatella Della Porta (SPS/EUI), Rick van der Ploeg (RSC/EUI), Ulrich Petersmann (RSC/EUI)..

12:30 - Lunch

13:45 - Roundtable discussion on the EU and transatlantic relations.

Chair: Milica Uvalic (U. Perugia)

Philomena Murray (U. Melbourne): Close Encounters: Beyond the Transatlantic relationship
Péter Munkácsi (HPO): Intellectual Property Rights: Impacts on Transatlantic Relations

15:00 - Conferring Ceremony

17.00 Cocktail / Drinks in the Loggia

18:30 General Assembly of the EUI Alumni Association - Theatre

20:00 Alumni Conference Open Air Dinner: Lower Loggia, Badia

9) AA services and card membership:

More and more alumni are adhering to the AA services provided to AA card holders.

a. Electronic Alumni card (with photo and name of alumna or alumnus) giving access to the EUI Mensa and the Library, which includes other facilities available for researchers and EUI staff – over a hundred were already distributed;

b. Permanent e-mail addresses (@iue.it) for all alumni who wish so – several lots already created;

c. Housing exchange. The programme is already in place. The Web site is now accessible at: <http://www.homexchange.com/iue/>. Entitled are Alumni who got the electronic Alumni card. EUI current and former professors and the EUI community at large are also entitled provided they first register with the AA for that purpose. See front page attached.

d. EUI Online Community. The programme is also in place, register at <http://internet-alumni.com/it/iue/>.

An annual fee - 25 € minimum (cash, credit card or electronic payment).- is to be paid as from 1 October 2005 to the Alumni Association in exchange for these services: to obtain or renew the electronic card and to access or maintain access to the permanent e-mail address and/or the housing exchange programme.

10) Other.

The President

II) PRESENTATION OF TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2004.
SEE APPENDIX.

III. STATUTE AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

Full-membership status in the AA for post-doctoral fellows. Given the large increase in the numbers of post-doctoral fellows (almost doubling), some of them staying on for two academic years and the strategic orientation of the EUI towards combining doctoral with post-doctoral studies, the Executive Committee is submitting for approval by the General Assembly a statute revision endorsing full-membership status for the post-doctoral fellows. Post-doctoral fellows' full membership would increase the profile of the AA and help the EUI to maintain a cohesive and indeed productive community.

Article 5 Membership of the statutes presently reads as follows:

Article 5 Membership

1§ Full membership of the Association shall be open to all research students who have been enrolled at the European University Institute for at least one academic year.

2§ Associate membership of the Association shall be open to persons who for at least one academic year

- a. belonged to the teaching and research staff of the European University Institute;
- b. belonged to the library and administration staff of the European University Institute;
- c. have been attached to the European University Institute as Jean Monnet Fellows.

3§ Honorary membership of the Association may be extended to such persons as the General Assembly may from time to time decide on proposal of the Executive Committee.

4§ Membership is ended

- a. by decease of
- b. by withdrawal of the Member. This has to be notified in writing.

Proposed amendments to Article 5 Membership of the statutes:

Article 5 Membership

1§ Full membership of the Association shall be open to all research students and to post-doctoral fellows who have been enrolled at the European University Institute for at least one academic year through the normal Institute selection procedure.

2§ Associate membership of the Association shall be open to persons who for at least one academic year

- a. belonged to the teaching and research staff of the European University Institute;
- b. belonged to the library and administration staff of the European University Institute.

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IV. VOTE OF THANKS TO BRIGITTE SCHWAB;

V. OTHER.

EUI Alumni Association
Treasurer's Report for the year 2004

The following report deals with the credit and debit entries of the Alumni Association of the European University Institute for the calendar year 2004.

1. Income

The income of the Association in 2004 resulted from an annual grant of the EUI, from fund raising activities and interests received on the CRF bank account.

The Institute's contribution amounted to **EUR 10,000.00** and was paid in two instalments in October and December 2004. Funds (Alumni Cards – Membership Fees for Special Services of the AA) totalled **EUR 475.00**, paid cash, and **EUR 298.19** paid already directly to the Institute (article 332004, *indice 1*). Interests were **EUR 75.31**.

The Association's income in 2004 therefore totalled **EUR 10,848.50**

2. Expenditure

Expenditure was as follows: Alumni Prize (winner): **EUR 3,000.00**; Alumni Prize related expenditures (diplomas, jury members travelling and other expenditures): **EUR 596.44**; Alumni reports and weekend activities and meetings in Florence and in Bologna (including Alumni Prize, Alumni Weekend and Executive Committee meetings): **EUR 8,537.33**; Archivist: **EUR 700,00**; Set up and maintenance costs of the Housing Exchange Site: **EUR 179,00** (USD 212,50). Bank charges totalled **EUR 71.40**.

The Association's expenditures in 2004 therefore totalled **EUR 13,084.17**

3. Patrimonial situation

On 31 December 2004 the Association had **EUR 14,261.97** on the CRF bank account. The Association had also **EUR 298.19** on the EUI's account (article 332004, *indice 1*, corresponding to fees paid already directly to the Institute. The Association had no debts at this date.

***N.B.:** As already referred in last year's President and Treasurer's Reports, the European University Institute received two grants from the European Central Bank and the European Investment Bank for the organisation of the 1st EUI Alumni Conference. Those grants have been used for the organisation of the conference (logistics, meals, contributors' fees, guests' travel expenditures, organisational and editorial work and costs, presentations and publishing costs of both the EUI volume and the Nomos book) and administered directly by the EUI Administration.

Florence, 7 February 2005

The Treasurer

