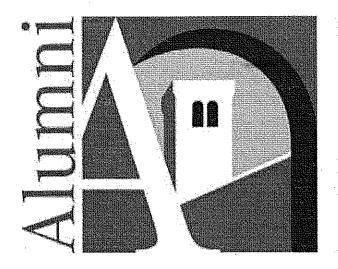
# EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE Alumni Association





2009 Report to the General Assembly by the Executive Committee of the European University Institute Alumni Association

Presented by the EC on Friday, 2 October 2009 at the European University Institute, Badia Fiesolana and approved by the General Assembly.

# Annual Report 2008/2009 of the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association

#### **CONTENTS**

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Collaboration with the EUI
- 3. EUI Alumni Association Weekend 2-4 October 2009, Programme
- 4. EUI Alumni Association Publications.
- 5. Branches
- 6. Treasurer's report for 2008
- 7. Upcoming AA Conferences
- 8. The 4th EUI Alumni Association Prize
- 9. Historical Archive of the EUI Alumni Association

Appendix 1- Alumni Association Membership and Research Grant

Appendix 2- EUI Alumni Association Weekend 2009

Appendix 3- Statutes of the EUI Alumni Association

Appendix 4- Statutes Amendment approved in 2005 by the General Assembly

#### 1.-INTRODUCTION (presented by the President Valérie Hayaert)

**Accountability**: In line with its past practice, this Executive Committee (EC) kept pursuing the objective of transparency and accountability both to this General Assembly and, financially, to the EUI.

Financial accountability: All payments received, being them alumni annual contributions related to the use of an AA card, EUI e-mail and other services or any other specific contribution (sponsoring) for the organisation of conferences, go to specific EUI accounts. Finally, Since the EC has decided that the annual transfer of the EUI to the AA should be retained by the EUI (2008), which then pays directly any previously budgeted expenditures. This year (2009) the total amount was again retained by the EUI to pay for the various activities.

Thanks to an increasing number of alumni participating in the life of the Association and to the excellent collaboration with the EUI, the EC has been able to organise many events, to provide new services, institutionalising regular academic events and the Alumni Prize for the best Ph.D. thesis at the Institute.

On balance, we are happy to announce that our financial situation is healthy and our savings in conjunction with the Institute's annual contribution seem sufficient to finance our current activities.

That is why, following the appeal by President Yves Mény for contributions to the setting-up of a special fund to provide grants for EUI researchers without a scholarship, this Executive Committee has decided to continue to devote all the revenues from the membership fees to creating an Alumni Research Grant administered directly by the EUI.

Membership fee income has been rising very significantly over the past three years and we hope that the number will increase even more with the decision to allocate these funds to an Alumni Research Grant. Apart from putting the money to excellent use, we believe that it is an important expression of solidarity and, like the Alumni Prize, a link between generations of EUI researchers. Our membership fee had been fixed at  $\in$  30,00 so as not to discourage young alumni, but alumni can donate more in view of the services provided and above all given the use of these funds for young researchers.

#### **BUDGET AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS SERVICES**

Florence 20th April 2009

Subject: Utilization of Alumni funds

In reply to the enquiry indicating the utilization of funds deposited by the Alumni, after having discussed the matter with the Academic Service, I declare that these same funds have been destined to the programme: "Excellence/not National grants"

In this framework, the EUI has received the total sum of 28,215 EURO, used to finance 2 of these same grants, for Ms Hos and Ms Tomkova.

The previous name indicated of the Rumanian researcher, Ms Nedelea, has been substituted, since her grant has subsequently been paid directly by Rumania.

I am of course available for any further information and assistance you may require.

Your sincerely,

Roberto Nocentini

#### 2. COLLABORATION WITH THE EUI

The interface of the EUI with the Alumni Association is, since 4 October 2004, managed from within the Academic Service. The secretariat of the alumni is organized in the Academic Service. Its task is to directly liaise with the Alumni Association for the normal, day-to-day activities of the Institute. **Judith Przyrowski**, in the Academic Service, is the Alumni Officer and we thank her for her efficient cooperation.

#### 3. EUI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WEEKEND, 2-4 OCTOBER 2009, PROGRAMME

Alumni Career Event organized by the Academic Service and Alumni Association

The event is an opportunity for researchers to obtain first-hand information on non-academic career opportunities and to sharpen their personal career goals.

#### 1 - 2 October 2009

#### **PROGRAMME**

#### Thursday, 1 October

Refettorio, Badia Fiesolana

#### 10.00 to 12.00 European institutions

David Bearsfield, European Personnel Selection Office (EPSO)

Paul McAleavey, European Commission / European Environment Agency

Levente Borzsak, European Parliament

Alan Hick, European Economic and Social Committee

15.00 to 17.00 International organisations

Elisa Morgera, UN Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), Rome

James Heenan, Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Geneva

Bernard Knoll, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), Warsaw

Fanny Demassieux, UN Environmental Programme (UNEP), Paris

#### Friday, 2 October

Sala del Capitolo, Badia Fiesolana 9.30 to 10.30 Private companies Salomé Cisnal de Ugarte, Whirlpool Europe, Belgium 11.00 to 13.00 Law firms Ioana Knoll-Tudor, Gide Loyrette Nouel, Warsaw

Jeffrey Greenbaum, Lovells, Rome

Jorge Piernas for James Modrall, Cleary Gottlieb, Brussels

Alf-Henrik Bischke, Hengeler-Müller, Brussels

This year's Conferring Ceremony will be held on Friday 2nd October 2009

The Chianti Walk and the art history tour are organised by Valérie Hayaert. on Saturday, 3rd and sunday 4th October. See details in Appendix 4.

\*\*\*

#### 4. EUI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PUBLICATIONS (presented by the Vice-President Leila Simona Talani)

#### Globalization, development, and integration: a European perspective

Edited by Pompeo Della Posta, Milica Uvalic, and Amy Verdun

Basingstoke; New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009: 978-0-23055401-6

Back to Maastricht: obstacles to reform within the EU Treaty (1991-2007)

Edited by Stefania Baroncelli, Carlo Spagnolo, Leila Simona Talani (HEC/SPS/ECON)

Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2008, ISBN: 978-1-84718521-1

Innovative Governance in the European Union: the Politics of Multilevel Policymaking

Edited by Ingeborg Tömmel and Amy Verdun (SPS)

Boulder, Col.: Lynne Rienner, 2008 ISBN: 978-1-58826-639-2

Mens emblematica et humanisme juridique: le cas du Pegma cum narrationibus philosophicis de Pierre Coustau, 1555

Valérie Hayaert (HEC) Geneve : Droz, 2008 ISBN: 978-2-600-01121-1

EC Private Antitrust Enforcement: Decentralised Application of EC Competition Law by National Courts

Assimakis Komninos (LAW) Oxford: Hart Publishing, 2008 ISBN: 978-1-841-13744-5

EU Digital Copyright Law and the End-User

Giuseppe Mazziotti (LAW) New York: Springer, 2008 ISBN: 978-3-540-75984-3

European Unions: labor's quest for a transnational democracy

Roland Erne (SPS) Cornell: Cornell U.P., 2008 ISBN: 978-0-8014-4648-1

L' Europa Sicura : Le Politiche di Sicurezza dell' Unione Europea

Serena Giusti (SPS) and Andrea Locatelli Milano, EGEA, 2008 ISBN: 9788823820975

\*\*\*

### 5. BRANCHES (by Secretary Sigfrido Ramírez Pérez)

As stated in the article 23 of the Statutes of the Alumni Association, local branches may establish, organise and develop activities freely by the agreement of its members. In 2009 a new Branch of the EUI Alumni Association has been formally created in Brussels. Its Statutes have been freely agreed by its members in several meetings coordinated by the Secretary of the Alumni Association, Sigfrido Ramírez. Aside from particularities related with the Belgium legislation on non lucrative associations, "Association sans but lucratif" ASBL and local particularities, "the Brussels' chapter of the Alumni Association of the European University Institute" has adopted its own Statutes on the

The Executive Committee has been punctually informed by its activities and developments as stated in the minutes of the Executive Committee. It welcomes the creation of local branches which are one of the ways by which the local activities of the Alumni Association could be strengthened. More particularly the creation of a branch in Brussels may be useful for all alumni regardless of whether they live in Belgium or not.

\*\*\*

## 6. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2008 (by AA Treasurer Pompeo Della Posta).

The following report deals with the credit and debit entries of the Alumni Association of the European University Institute for the calendar year 2009.

#### Revenues:

EUI contribution:

10.000 €

Alumni fees 2009: total as of 29/9/2009

5.891,74€

Of which:

1/1-31/08/2009 3.601,74 € 1/1-29/9/2009 on line (not registered yet)

bank transfers

1.870,00€ 420 €

(Reminder: 2007 + 2008 Alumni fees: 2007 and 2008: 28.215 €)

Used to finance the grants of Nikolett Hoes and

Jordanka Tomkova (see the note of Roberto Nocentini).

**Total Revenues** 

15.891,74€

**Expenditures:** 

Activities:

EC meetings:

4.750,16€

Publications-related expenditure:

611,95€

(549,99 BP): Index preparation for the "Globalization,

Development and Integration" Book

Donation to the Alumni Research Grant Fund:

5.891,74 €

**Total Expenditures:** 

11.253,85€

Left over: Total Revenues - Total Expenditures =

(15.891,74 € - 11.253, 85 €)

4.637,89 €

#### Patrimonial situation:

Permanent account

41-331010

9.897,23 Euro (what's left from the

amount

transferred from the account with

CRF and former years ?????.

4-331010

262,90 € (what's left from 2008).

1-331010

4.637,89 € (left from 2009)

TOTAL permanent account: 10.160,13 € (previous years) + 4.637, 89 € = 14.798,02

#### 7. UPCOMING AA CONFERENCES

#### **CALL FOR PAPER PROPOSALS**

#### **EUI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

#### "EUROPE IN CRISIS"

15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2010

The Executive Committee of the EUI Alumni Association is pleased to invite you to participate in the next Alumni Association annual conference which will take place on January 15<sup>th</sup> at the Institute.

The title of the conference is "Europe in crisis". The theme is related to the recent but also to past crises in Europe.

Contributions from all the disciplines of the Institute as well as interdisciplinary ones are welcome.

Please send you proposals for or abstracts of papers to the EUI Alumni Association (e-mail: alumni@eui.eu) by 20 December 2009.

It will be a great opportunity for alumni and researchers to contribute to the Institute's lively intellectual debate.

Papers will also be collected for publication.

We hope to see many of you on this occasion.

The EC of the EUI Alumni Association

\*\*\*

**8.** The 4th EUI Alumni Association Prize (instituted in 2003, and attributed in 2004 2006 and 2008 on a bi-annual basis) for the best interdisciplinary Ph.D. thesis on relevant European issues (Alumni Prize) will be awarded in 2010, during the degree-conferring ceremony. The Prize comprises a medal designed by Florentine artist Onofrio Pepe on the Myth of Europe and an award of 3.000 Euro.

\*\*\*

9, 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, reordered the old papers of the Association and made a selection of the relevant documents for the history and workings of the Association. The contents of the archive, along with other documents found at the *Badia Fiesolana*, are now being classified and described at the Historical Archives of the European Union, which has offered to host the Alumni Association's archives at the Villa Poggiolo, where the EUI archives are also based.

\*\*\*

#### APPENDIX 1 - Alumni Association Membership and Research Grant:

#### HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

Yearly membership costs 30 Euros (valid from 1 October to 30 September). Additionally, it is also possible to make a donation above that amount. All proceeds will go to the **Alumni Research Grant**, which will be used to provide grants to researchers without a scholarship.

There are two ways to pay:

Online: credit card payment through the EUI Online Shop

- 1. Select Alumni Affairs
- 2. Select EUI Alumni Association Membership
- 3. Register on the web page (if you haven't already done so) and/or login
- 4. Request the item
- 5. Repeat steps 2-4 for the voluntary donation to the Researcher Fund

After you have requested the Alumni Association membership, you will receive an e-mail confirming your selection. A second message, containing your authorisation code, will follow soon afterwards to enable you to complete your payment. **Note:** your registration with the AA will not be valid until this final step has been carried out.

**Offline:** bank transfer, direct deposit, credit card (should the online option not be possible) Please go to the Fees Payment Form and follow the instructions.

#### Membership services and conditions:

- An Alumni e-mail account (click here for information on creating a new account, or transforming an already existing account before it expires)
- Alumni EUI card
- Use of the EUI Library:
- o Registration at the Library is necessary, whether the alumnus/a is member of the Alumni Association or not: see the Library rules for specifics, and the access policy for EUI-associated members Please note: it is not possible to have remote access to e-resources since this access is not included in our licence agreements. Alumni can, however, use all our e-resources on site, i.e., when they are physically in the EUI Library).
- The Library fines policy will be fully implemented as of 1 February 2006
   after a trial period of 4 months: please read the entire Fines Policy document carefully
- Use of EUI mensa (but without student discount)

#### Who is eligible?

Remember, the Alumni status is valid only for the categories listed in Article 5 of the Statutes of the Alumni Association.

Not eligible are Jean Monnet Fellows who have been at the EUI for less than an entire academic year, Visiting Fellows, Visiting Scholars, Visiting Students, Erasmus and other exchange students. They are encouraged to become members of the EUI Online Community as a way of keeping in touch with other EUI members.

The Academic Service got a

very good feedback from the researchers and the event had to move the panels to the *Refettorio* as the *Sala del Capitolo* would be too small.

#### APPENDIX 2 - EUI Alumni Association Weekend 2009

#### Chianti Walk - Saturday, October 3rd 2009

#### Discovering Carmignano and the hills of Montalbano

Meeting point: Florence Railwaystation Santa Maria Novella

Departure of the train for Prato at 8.08, the next train leaves at 8.29

From Prato Railway station there will be a bus to Carmignano

Participants can also go directly to Carmignano by car and meet the group at 9.00 in the centre of the village

The excursion will be over at about 17.00 in Carmignano, the train to Florence arrives at 18.52.

Difficulty level of the excursion: medium.

There will be a lunch break in a restaurant. Please take at least one bottle of water with you during the walk.

Train and bus ticket as well as restaurant costs are born by the participants.

#### Description of the walk:

It is a ring walk, departure from and return to Carmignano. The group will be guided by Marco Pacenti, a passionate trekker who organizes excursions all around Florence, and Valerie Hayaert, President of the Alumni Association and a researcher in medieval art history.

The area we will visit is on the slopes of the Montalbano and is full of history and testimonials of the past.

First we will visit a church in Carmignano, Chiesa di S. Michele with a famous painting of Jacopo Carucci, called "Il Pontormo" (1494-1556): the "Visitazione" (it shows the visit of the pregnant holy Mary to her cousin Elisabeth). Valerie will give information about the painter and his work and will also talk about the artist Bill Viola and his interpretation of this visit which he had had performed in a video in 1995. You can find further information on Bill Viola's work at the following link: <a href="http://www.mediaartnet.org/works/the-greeting/">http://www.mediaartnet.org/works/the-greeting/</a>

The tourist association Proloco of Carmignano shows and informs about II Pontormo's painting on its website (in Italian): <a href="http://www.carmignanodivino.prato.it/itinera/htm/visita.htm">http://www.carmignanodivino.prato.it/itinera/htm/visita.htm</a>.

Around Carmignano there are various testimonials of antic Etruscan settlements who settled there because of the climate which was ideal for the cultivation of grapes and to have the control over an important communication, the Arno, which at that time was almost completely navigable.

During the Middle Ages Carmignano was contested by Florence and Pistoia. In 1300 all the area fell under the rule of the Florentine Republic. All which is left from the old fortifications is the tower, called "Il Campano" on a high ground overlooking the village.

The excursion will be an immersion into the typical Florentine countryside characterized by grapevines, olive trees and small medieval villages

# Art history tour in Florence – on the traces of "Il Pontormo" Sunday, 4 October

Meeting point: 10.00 am, at the Baptistery (in front of the Duomo)

The tour will approximately last one hour.

Valerie Hayaert, President of the Alumni Association and a researcher in medieval history and art history will visit two churches where works from the tuscan artist Jacopo Carucci, called "Il Pontormo" (1494-1556) are shown:

- In the Church of San Michele Visdomini at the corner of via Bufalini, piazza Visdomini, a very interesting and puzzling Sacred Conversation, the Pala Pucci
- The Deposition from the Cross in the Capponi Chapel of Santa Felicita

The explanations will be given in French; handouts in English/or French will also be distributed.

#### APPENDIX 3 - Statutes of the EUI Alumni Association

Title I: Nomination - Seat - Limitation in time

Title II: Objectives
Title III: Members

Title IV: Structure and organisation

Title V: Finance and assets Title VI: Final Provisions

Title I Nomination - Seat - Limitation in time

#### **Article 1 Nomination**

By this Statute there is established an Association of Alumni of the European University Institute, Florence. The Association shall be called The European University Institute Alumni Association (or in Italian Associazione degli Alumni dell'Istituto Universitario Europeo) and is referred to hereinafter as the Association.

#### **Article 2 Seat**

The association shall have domicile at the Badia Fiesolana, Via dei Roccettini 9, San Domenico di Fiesole, Italy.

#### **Article 3 Limitation in time**

The Association is not limited in time.

Title II Objectives

#### **Article 4 Objectives**

18 The objectives of the Association are:

- a. To promote and reinforce contacts, mutual assistance and information exchange between its Members in the spirit of the Convention setting up the European University Institute:
- b. To maintain close links to the European University Institute in the furtherance of the above objectives and to participate, when appropriate, in the activities of this Institute.
- 28 The Association does not aim at gaining economic profit.
- 38 In furtherance of the aims mentioned above, the Association may cooperate with institutions and associations which have the same objectives.

Title III Members

#### Article 5 Membership

18 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.

2š 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.
- 38 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.
- 4š Membership is ended
- a. by decease of
- b. by withdrawal of the Member. This has to be notified in writing.

#### **Article 6 Rights of Members**

18 Full Members have the right to participate in the General Assembly and to vote in

decisions. They have the rights to stand for election to the Executive Committee and to all other committees and functions within the Association.

28 Associate Members and Honorary Members may participate in and shall be kept informed of all activities of the Association. They have no right to vote in the General Assembly nor to serve on the Executive Committee nor to chair any sub-committee.

#### **Article 7 Duties of Members**

Membership of the Association is independent and voluntary, but the Members are bound to respect the Statute, the decisions taken by the executive bodies following the competencies given by this Statute, and the Italian law.

Title IV Structure and organization

#### Article 8 Structure

The Association shall conduct its affairs through:

- a. the General Assembly (art. 9 11);
- b. the Executive Committee (art. 12);
- c. the President, in his/her absence the Vice-president (art. 13);
- d. sub-committees for specific tasks (art. 16 17).

#### **Article 9 Composition of the General Assembly**

The General Assembly is composed of all Full Members of the Association as defined in art. 5 of this Statute.

#### Article 10 Tasks of the General Assembly

The General Assembly has the right and the duty to:

- a. Elect the Executive Committee by simple majority following the procedure given in art. 17 of this Statute.
- b. approve the Treasurer's report (art. 22).
- c. approve the administration of the Executive Committee;
- d. decide on the dissolution of the Association (art. 24).
- e. decide on amendments to or modifications of the Statute with a majority of two thirds of the votes cast, following the procedure given in art. 25 of this Statute.

#### Article 11 Meetings of the General Assembly

18 The Executive Committee shall call a meeting of the General Assembly at least once a year.

2š The Executive Committee shall give all Members of the Association notice of such a regular meeting at least three months before the actual date; the invitation shall enclose the agenda to be discussed.

3š An extraordinary meeting of the General Assembly may be convened by the Executive Committee either on its own motion or as a result of a request for such a meeting signed by one tenth of the Full Members of the Association.

48 More than half of the Full Members of the Association shall form a quorum for the

#### General Assembly,

- 5š If there is no quorum at the time of the first invocation, a second invocation is held for the same day and place one hour later. At this second occasion, the Full Members present do form a quorum.
- 68 The General Assembly takes a decision with simple majority of the votes cast except when a qualified majority is required by this Statute. Postal votes are held valid.
- 7š The members of the Executive Committee shall not vote on the decision regarding their administration. The President, in his/her absence the Vice-president, shall not vote in the General Assembly, except in the event of a tied vote.

#### **Article 12 The Executive Committee**

25

- 1s The Association shall be administered by an Executive Committee consisting of the five Full Members who are elected by the General Assembly for a period of two years in accordance with the procedure given in art. 17.
- 2š The members of the Executive Committee are re-eligible.
- 38 The Executive Committee is accountable to the General Assembly.
- 4š The Executive Committee shall name from among them the President, the Vice-president, the Treasurer, and the Secretary.
- 58 The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a year on request of the President, in his absence of the Vice-president. Three members shall form a quorum; decisions shall be taken by simple majority of the votes cast.

#### **Article 13 The President**

- 18 The President, in his absence the Vice-president, represents the Association towards Third Parties as well as towards State Administration and the Courts.
- 28 The President, in his absence the Vice-president, chairs the meetings both of the General Assembly and the Executive Committee.

#### **Article 14 The Treasurer**

- 18 The Treasurer is responsible for the accounts of the Association.
- 2s At the end of an accounting period, the treasurer submits the Treasurer's Report in accordance with the procedure of art. 22.

#### **Article 15 The Secretary**

The Secretary documentates the proceedings of the meetings both of the General Assembly and the Executive Committee in written minutes which have to be signed by himself and by the President, in his absence the Vice-president.

#### **Article 16 Sub-Committees**

- 1š The Executive Committee may establish sub-committees for specific tasks. The size of each sub-committee shall correspond to the tasks concerned.
- 2š Each sub-committee shall include at least one member of the Executive Committee except in the instance of art. 17-3.

#### **Article 17 Electoral Sub-Committee**

- 18 Prior to each election of the Executive Committee, an Electoral Sub-Committee consisting of three members shall be established.
- 28 The Electoral Sub-Committee shall be responsible for the conduct and scrutiny of the elections of the Executive Committee.
- 3š The members of the Electoral Sub-Committee may not themselves stand for office at the election with which they are concerned. Given that all members of the Executive Committee in power are standing for re-election, the provision of art. 16, sub 2š shall be waived.

#### Title V Finance and assets

#### **Article 18 Assets**

The assets of the Association consist of:

- a. the movable and immovable property belonging to the Association;
- b. reserve funds carried over from the last balance;
- c. donations and inheritance.

#### Article 19 Revenue

- 18 The revenue of the Association may include:
- a. subscriptions by its Members;
- b. subsidies and grants;
- c. interest from the assets and other income.
- 28 The use of the revenue is dedicated to the objectives of the Association.

#### **Article 20 Surplus**

26

Any surplus of funds at the end of an accounting period may be carried over to the next period.

#### **Article 21 Debts**

The Association may not engage in loans to finance its activities.

#### Article 22 Treasurer's Report; Scrutiny

1š Once a year before the General Assembly, the Treasurer shall submit detailed accounts of the Association's financial transactions during the previous year to the Head of Administration and Personnel of the European University Institute for scrutiny.

2š The results of this scrutiny together with the Treasurer's Report shall be presented to the General Assembly for approval.

Title VI Final Provisions

#### **Article 23 Branches**

The establishment, organization and activities of Branches shall be freely determined by its Members in accordance with local requirements in so far as they are consistent with this Statute.

#### **Article 24 Dissolution**

The dissolution of the Association shall be decided by at least half of all Full Members. In such a case the General Assembly shall name liquidators and decide on the devolution of the assets in accordance with art. 21 of the Italian Civil Code.

#### **Article 25 Amendments**

1š Amendments to or modifications of this Statute may only be adopted by a majority of two thirds of the votes cast in a General Assembly, whether given in person or by post. 2š Proposals for such amendments or modifications may be made by the Executive Committee or by at least one tenth of the Full Members of the Association. Such proposals shall be notified in writing to all Members of the Association by the Executive Committee at least one month before the respective meeting of the General Assembly. Where the Executive Committee unanimously agrees, and where two thirds of the Members at the General Assembly agree, amendments or modifications to this Statute may be the subject of proposals tabled orally in the General Assembly.

#### Article 26 Reference

For all questions not dealt with by the present Statute, reference is made to the legal norms and the general principles of the law of the Italian Republic.

#### APPENDIX 4 - Statute amendment approved in 2005 by the General Assembly

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 submitted for approval by the 2005 General Assembly a statute revision endorsing full-membership status

for the post-doctoral fellows Post-doctoral fellows' full membership. This would increase the profile of the AA and help the EUI to maintain a cohesive and productive community. Following his written report and previous addresses to all alumni, the President explained the EC's proposal to amend the statutes of the AA as to allow post-doctoral fellows to become regular members. The President asked Dr. A. Frijdal, Head of the EUI's Academic Service, to explain the strategy of the EUI in regard to post-doctoral fellows and research. After general discussion about the implications of the change for the profile of the Alumni Association and about the type of post-doctoral fellows to be entitled to join the AA, the Assembly approved by unanimity the proposed change.

Approved amendments to Article 5 Membership of the statutes:

#### Article 5 Membership

- 1š Full membership of the Association shall be open to all research students and to postdoctoral fellows who have been enrolled at the European University Institute for at least one academic year through the normal Institute selection procedure.
- 2š 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.
- 38 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.
- 4š Membership is ended
- a. by decease of
- b. by withdrawal of the Member. This has to be notified in writing.