

EC Meetings, Badia Fiesolana, 2 February, 10.30-11.15 am, and 7 February 9.30-12:45 am. Present: F. Torres, A. Bongardt, C. Spagnolo, M. Uvalic. Justified absence: A. Verdun

Agenda and decisions:

1. The EC approved the Treasurer's report for 2004.
2. Budget for the year 2005: the EC agreed to ask the EUI Administration to have the EUI annual contribution transferred earlier than in the past two years, following the scrutiny of the Treasurer's report for 2004.
3. The EC approved the refund of the mission expenditures incurred by the EC members.
4. The EC decided to move ahead with the following actions:
 - a. Preparation of a booklet with the Alumni Association history, based on the archival sources available and possibly some interviews. The booklet should be ready by May 2006 and distributed at the latest on time for the Alumni weekend of Sept./Oct. of the same year. The archivist, Valentina Baggiani, was asked and agreed to present a budget proposal. A sponsor may be looked for.
 - b. Preparation of the 2005 EUI Alumni Conference should focus on "Transatlantic Relations", leaving other topics for subsequent years. Former and current holders of the transatlantic chair at the EUI/RSC as well as interested former and current professors and fellows of the Institute were to be contacted and possibly involved.
 - c. A Subcommittee on the 2005 Annual Conference on "Transatlantic Relations" was appointed: Annette Bongardt, Francisco Torres, chair, Amy Verdun and Hubert Zimmermann.
 - d. An Alumni dinner with the President of the European Parliament, the European Council or the President of the European Commission, either in Brussels or in Florence or at some other place, is desirable. At best such a social event may take place regularly, every one or two years.
 - e. An interdisciplinary EUI Alumni Electronic Journal's initiative, already discussed at the General Assembly and further developed by Simona Talani, after talks with EC president in London and EC Secretary in Florence, was given green light. The E-Journal should preferably be set up within / hosted at the EUI site. In order to guarantee its continuity and independence it should not depend on the EC but be directed by a board of EUI alumni.
 - f. The EC was to explore the possibilities of help from William Chiaromonti, and of his successor from July 2005 onwards, in the setting up and implementation of the E-Journal at the EUI and in reviewing the legal consistency of the AA statutes.
 - g. The EC discussed of the formation and functioning of local chapters. It was decided that these local chapters should try to involve as many EUI Alumni living in that area as possible and should be steered by one (or several) "Coordinator(s)", who would report to the EC.
 - h. The EC agreed that the access to the new services may be granted temporarily to Alumni in financial difficulties, particularly from Central and Eastern Europe, on a case by case basis.

EC Meeting with EUI President Yves Mény, Badia Fiesolana, 2 February 2005, 11.15-12.00 a.m.

Present: Y. Mény, F. Torres, A. Bongardt and C. Spagnolo.

1. The Logistics service, most probably Valerie Coppini, will provide assistance for the AA annual conference on Transatlantic Relations. William Chiaromonte will take care of computing matters and another stagiaire may be hired by the Academic Service from June/July onwards to help the AA.
2. Y. Mény recalled previous holders of the RSC Transatlantic chair, the first holder, Richard Epstein (the 2nd holder) and Pascal Benasson (3rd holder and joint chair with SPS) and encouraged the Alumni organising committee to get in touch with them and with the future chair holder (to be known by June) for the conference.
3. F. Torres informed the EUI president about the AA initiatives for 2005/2006 and on the current implementation of on-going actions (book publication with Nomos, the organisation of the AA archives, etc.)
4. Y. Mény also expressed the EUI's interest in collaborating with the AA in the organisation of the job day on the 29th of September.

EC Meeting with EUI Head of Administration Andreas Frijdal, Badia Fiesolana, 2 February 2005, 11.15-12.00 a.m.

Present: Y. Mény, F. Torres, A. Bongardt and C. Spagnolo.

1. The job day for Alumni, to take place on the Thursday before the Conferring ceremony, is to be promoted by the EUI in association with the AA. The EUI and the AA will write ASAP to key alumni and institutions to invite them to take part. A. Frijdal was to exchange emails with the EC president and suggest names of institutions (ECB, EC, European Council, European Court of Justice / First Instance, etc.) and alumni and prepare draft letters.
2. The AA annual conference on "Transatlantic Relations" should be announced and as much related as possible with the job market day and the rest of the Alumni activities.
3. The Alumni data base issue was discussed. The EUI, namely the Academic Service, was to soon integrate different mailing lists with different access / selection criteria. The AA would display on its site an option to automatically update alumni addresses.
4. The EUI Administration also agreed to collaborate with the AA in suggesting improvements to the AA statutes. William Chiaromonte was to look at the AA statutes and to check their consistency with Italian Law. He was also to help with the E-journal. A stagiaire was to be found to replace him as to start working before the summer and take over W. Chiaromonte's tasks.

EC Meetings with Archivist Valentina Baggiani and visit to the AA archives deposited in the EUI archives in Villa Il Poggiolo, 2 February 2005, 12.15-13.00, and 7 February, 12:00-12:45.

Present: Valentina Baggiani, F. Torres, A. Bongardt, C. Spagnolo and M. Uvalic.

EC members and Valentina Baggiani looked at the AA archive and discussed ways of ordering it. It was agreed that parts of it, not pertaining to the AA, would be given to the EUI Administration.

The EC President and Vice-President met with Valérie Coppini, 8 February 2005, 15:00-16.30.

EC members and Valérie Coppini looked at the EUI accounts and procedures that concern the AA, namely payments directly effected by the EUI and alumni fees paid directly to the EUI. V. Coppini was to help Nancy Altobelli, who is not yet familiar with those matters and will take a course on accounting, to work with the new EUI payment / accountancy procedures. F. Torres and A. Bongardt took note of the functioning of EUI accountancy and other procedures that regard the AA. They also took note of some items that should be known and followed up by the AA Treasurer, namely that:

- **EUR 59,31** (US\$ 75) of maintenance costs of the housing exchange site of the period Jul/Sept had been paid by the EUI (credit card) and should thus be discounted in its contribution to the AA for 2005;
- Soon the AA should pay directly to the site manager the amount corresponding to the period Sept/Dec.;
- Card fees paid to the EUI (already at the time of N. Altobelli) were not yet transferred to the AA account (although that should be done shortly) and should be reported in 2005 as revenue of the AA.
- Alumni lunch contributions **EUR 154,00** deposited by V. Coppini on the EUI account in the name of the AA (Article 332004 but under some other item) went unnoticed. V. Coppini volunteered to help the AA Treasurer to make sure that the amount would be transferred to the AA CRF account and/or used for any payments of AA expenditures. These EUR 154,00 should be included as revenue in the 2005 Treasurer's report.

It was decided to order some copies of photographs of the Alumni weekend (namely the prize awarding ceremony) for the AA archive and for distribution to participating alumni.

The EC President and the Vice-President met with EUI President Y. Mény, upon his request, on 9 February from 9:30-10:00.

1. Y. Mény informed the EC members about the large increase in the numbers of post-doctoral fellows (almost duplicating), some of whom staying for two academic years. He also stressed the strategic orientation of the EUI towards combining doctoral with post-doctoral studies. The issue of membership in the AA was then discussed. F. Torres and A. Bongardt expressed their favourable opinion on having a full-membership status for the post-doctoral fellows that could be submitted in revised statutes of the AA to its General Assembly. They agreed that post-doctoral fellows' full membership would increase the profile of the AA and help the EUI to maintain a cohesive and indeed productive community; after all, post-docs spend the same or more time at the Institute than LLMs but were not accounted for at the time of the foundation of the AA. Nevertheless, the EC President and the Vice-President were obviously to consult with the other members of the EC on that issue prior to any EC position.

2. F. Torres then inquired about the possibility of support from the Institute in publishing and especially in distributing the book on the history of the AA for its twentieth anniversary in 2006. Y. Mény welcomed the idea and indicated various possibilities of help, from in-house publication to the use of the Community facilities in Luxembourg via the EUI, although the later would have to be checked out first.

The EC President also talked to Massimo Motta, head of the EUI Economics Department, on 9 February 11:30-11:50. M. Motta will not be able to participate in the Alumni conference on Transatlantic Relations for already being committed to a Competition conference in Copenhagen at the same time but he is prepared to publicise the AA conference among students, fellows, alumni and professors of Economics. He also suggested organising a Competition Day sometime in the fall together with the AA.

The EC President met with Roberto Noccentini, EUI head of financial and personnel services, on 9 February, 12.00-12.15, with a view to the scrutiny of the AA Treasurer's Report – submitted to him following the EC's approval – and transfer of EUI contribution. R. Noccentini was to examine the AA Treasurer's Report and transfer the EUI contribution. He would check with V. Coppini and N. Altobelli what was to be deducted in terms of any advance payments already directly made by the EUI on behalf of the AA. He declared his availability for any help the EC might need in regard to financial matters.

The EC President met with Barbara Ciomei, the new EUI Web Master, concerning the AA website and the AA E-journal. The AA site is to be streamlined. F. Torres discussed then with B. Ciomei the possibilities of installing the Alumni E-journal on the AA site. They looked at other journals already available at the EUI site, such as the Academy of Law journals, and concluded that it was feasible to do so. F. Torres pointed out that the AA was promised some help from the Academic Service, namely from a stagiaire who will help with implementation. Also, members of the E-journal's Executive Committee could have direct access to the E-journal site as to be able to work on its contents.

The EC President and Vice-President met several times with Nancy Altobelli, EUI alumni Officer, on 8, 9 and 10 February. About 50 alumni have asked and paid for the card since N. Altobelli is dealing with that. Several alumni have also contacted Nancy about how to start alumni chapters. Others issues, such as data base, web page, other alumni services, access to those services, the E-journal, possible newsletter, etc., were also discussed.