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Alumni Association



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(President's report)

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



## EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE

### Alumni Association

General Assembly, Thursday 4 October 2007, 18:00 – Theatre, Badia Fiesolana

## **EC President's Report to the Alumni General Assembly**

### **Agenda of the 2007 Alumni Association's General Assembly:**

1. Presentation of the President's Annual Report;
2. Presentation of the Treasurer's Report;
3. Presentation of upcoming publications;
4. Other.

### **1) PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

#### **1.1. INTRODUCTION**

**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. All EC meetings (with all decisions taken) have been recorded and are available online together with an account of the most important activities.

**Financial accountability:** the treasurer's report has been subject to the scrutiny of the Head of Administration and Personnel of the EUI. 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, the EC has decided that the annual transfer of the EUI to the AA should be retained by the EUI, which then pays directly any previously budgeted expenditures. This year (2007) the total amount was again retained by the EUI to pay for the various activities.

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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. In addition, financially we supported the re-arranging and cataloguing of our archives and contributed to the realisation of last year's conferences organised by fellow alumni. The Globalisation conference organisers have secured publication of the proceedings with Palgrave / Macmillan and the Maastricht conference organisers have secured publication of the proceedings with Cambridge Scholars (see below).

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 devote all the revenues from the membership fees** (from October 2006 onwards) **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 € 25,00 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. See Appendix 1 for reproduction of relevant webpage.

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## **1.2. 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. **Nancy Altobelli** left her functions of Alumni Officer last month, as she has now moved from the Academic to the Financial department. We would like to express our gratitude for her help over the last three years. **Judith Przyrowski**, in the Academic Service is now the new Alumni Officer.

### **EUI Alumni survey**

An alumni survey was launched on 27 April 2007 by the EUI Academic Service. The questionnaire had been elaborated with the help of the Center for Innovation and Research in Graduate Education (CIRGE) in Seattle, based at Washington University. It was the first time an alumni survey was to be filled out on-line and in order to reach as many alumni as possible Judith Przyrowski controlled and searched for hundreds of e-mail addresses before it was launched. In the end, the questionnaire was sent to 1750 alumni. (see questionnaire in Appendix 2). During the month of May four reminders were sent to the alumni who had not yet completed the questionnaire. The system allowed for this to work in a fully automatic way, without revealing e-mail-addresses or names of the alumni to the team dealing with the survey. In total, 813 alumni completed the survey, 1644 viewed it and 1164 started to fill it in and then dropped out. 260 alumni sent us their curriculum as requested in the survey. The survey outcome has now to be analysed.

### **EUI Review special issue (Spring 2007) dedicated to the EUI Alumni**

In the words of our fellow alumnus, Bruno De Witte, in the Spring 2007 issue of the EUI Review, the reader will find a variety of 'voices from the past', belonging to alumni who look back at their EUI experience and some of whom take the opportunity to make recommendations for the Institute's future.

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### 1.3. EUI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WEEKEND, 4-7 OCTOBER 2007, PROGRAMME

**EUI Career Event, 4 / 5 October 2007 – “Job opportunities outside academia”:** In cooperation with the Alumni Association, the Academic Service organized a number of career panels during this Alumni weekend (today and tomorrow). These panels focus on the sectors that receive most EUI researchers outside academia, i.e. international organisations and law and consultancy firms. The speakers are EUI alumni working in these sectors who have been invited to talk about their work and career and how to get successfully recruited. See programme in [Appendix 3](#).

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At the time of our assembly, we will have had already a **lunch** earlier in the day (12,30, lower loggia) within the **Festschrift** of Professor Mario Nuti, from the University of Rome “*La Sapienza*”. The lunch counted on a **Keynote speech** (on “The European Social Model and its Dilution as a Result of EU Enlargement”).

The presentation (14:00–15:00, Theatre) of a Festschrift Volume to Mario Nuti was organised to mark his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday, consisting of a collection of essays published in August 2007 (*Transition and Beyond – Essays in Honor of Mario Nuti*, edited by S. Estrin, G. Kolodko and M. Uvalic, Palgrave Macmillan) with the participation of EUI alumni and former colleagues and friends. Mario Nuti was Professor at the Department of Economics of the European University Institute from 1982 to 1989. All Alumni, especially his Ph.D. students during those years, have been invited to attend!

Immediately after the General Assembly a **Dinner** will take place with the speakers of the Career panels.

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This year’s **Conferring Ceremony** will be held tomorrow. Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the European Parliament, and EUI alumnus (former Jean Monnet) will deliver a speech during the ceremony. For further details please write to [conferring.ceremony@eui.eu](mailto:conferring.ceremony@eui.eu).

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The **3rd Chianti Walk** is organised by Valérie Hayaert, AA Secretary. This one-day walk will be done on Saturday, 6th October. See details in [Appendix 4](#).

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### 1.4. EUI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PUBLICATIONS

#### **History of the Alumni Association.**

*Noi si mura The Building-up of the EUI Alumni Association 1986-2006*

ISBN: 92-9084-032-3 and bar code 9 789290 840329. Cover illustration: Onofrio Pepe, *Il Ratto di Europa* (2003) © Onofrio Pepe, 2006.

This brief history of the Alumni Association of the European University Institute is based on the material collected in the Alumni Association archives, presently being arranged and described at the Historical Archives of the European Union or available on-line on the

Alumni Association website. It represents a first attempt to gather information on the creation and development of the Association within a wider archival effort motivated by the wish not to risk losing material that constitutes the historical memory of the Association. It was also a way to mark the 20th anniversary of our Association, and an effort perhaps to be continued in a revised and more complete version.

This brochure has been sent by the EUI (Nancy Altobelli) to all alumni in December 2006. If you did not get your free copy of the AA booklet please check ([alumni@iue.it](mailto:alumni@iue.it)) whether your address is correct. See [Appendix 5](#) for a more detailed description.

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#### **1.4. NATIONAL CHAPTERS**

**National chapters.** Local chapters are informal and do not have any separate legal status. They should be accountable to the AA General Assembly. Please note that several active local alumni chapters are already in place and have kept the EC informed about their activities.

**Berlin chapter.** The Executive Committee met in Berlin with fellow “Berliner” alumni and others coming from Brussels, Düsseldorf, Florence and London. They visited the Technische Universität Berlin, the Ecologic - Institute for International and European Environmental Policy, the Hertie School of Governance and the Freie Universität Berlin, where Tanja Börzel hosted a roundtable discussion on current European issues. A summer outdoor dinner at Café Einstein brought together other alumni. Other activities of the Berlin chapter (to be announced on the web page) will follow. Active members of the AA Berlin chapter include: Tanja Börzel, Markus Jachtenfuchs, Ingmar von Homeyer, Victoria Jennett, Till Steinvorth, Mareile Buescher, Carsten Brutschke and Arne Baumann.

The **ECB chapter** in Frankfurt, with whose members some EC members have been organising lunches and seminars;

**The London chapter.** After the 2005 conference on “Between growth and stability: the consequences of the reform of the European Stability and Growth Pact”, the London AA chapter will hold another conference this month. The conference is organised again by Simona Talani (also a member of the AA e-journal subcommittee) at the LSE on **the Future of EMU**.

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**2. PRESENTATION OF TREASURER’S REPORT FOR 2006 (by AA Treasurer Milica Uvalic).** Please find the Treasurer’s report in **APPENDIX 6** and a EUI statement on its scrutiny in **APPENDIX 7**.

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#### **3. PRESENTATION OF UPCOMING PUBLICATIONS (AA CONFERENCES)**

*Interpreting globalisation: a European Perspective*, Basingstoke: **Palgrave**, edited by **P. Della Posta, A. Verdun and M. Uvalic**.

(See table of contents, foreword and acknowledgments in [Appendix 8](#))

*Back to Maastricht: The EU after the setback of the Constitutional Treaty*, Cambridge: Cambridge Scholars Publishers, edited by S. Baroncelli, C. Spagnolo and S. Talani.

(See table of contents and foreword in [Appendix 9](#))

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#### **4. OTHER**

**EUI Alumni Interdisciplinary Journal.** Following the discussion at last years' General Assemblies, the EUI Alumni Interdisciplinary Journal of European Political Economy, Europe at Large, was created and is ready to be published. This is an academic 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. Simona Talani, member of the respective subcommittee, is to discuss with the EUI the best procedures to put the papers of the first issue of the E-Journal online and see to its implementation.

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**The 3rd EUI Alumni Association Prize** (instituted in 2003, and attributed in 2004 and 2006 on a bi-annual basis) for the best interdisciplinary Ph.D. thesis on relevant European issues (Alumni Prize) will be awarded in 2008, 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.

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**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. 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.

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**New logo.** Last year, the AA adopted a new logo encompassing the new EUI logo.

## APPENDIX 1 - Alumni Association Membership and Research Grant

### HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

Yearly membership costs 25 Euro (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.

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### 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)

**PLEASE NOTE: as of October 2006 the EUI will have a new domain: [www.eui.eu](#). This will also be reflected in the e-mail addresses: [name.surname@eui.eu](#). For the time being, the former [@iue.it](#) will run in parallel.**

- Alumni EUI card
- Use of the EUI Library:
  - 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.

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## **APPENDIX 2 – Alumni survey: Questionnaire**

### **APPENDIX 3 – Programme of Career Event, 4 / 5 October 2007**

**Thursday, 4 October:** Alumni of the following organisations have confirmed their participation:

10 am to 12 noon

- European Commission, Brussels
- European Court of Auditors, Luxemburg
- European Patent Office, Munich
- Ecologic - Institute for International and European Environmental Policy, Berlin
- European Central Bank, Frankfurt

3 to 5 pm

- White & Case Brussels
- Clifford Chance London
- Simmons & Simmons Rotterdam
- Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer Rome

**Postponed – New date to be confirmed:**

McKinsey London, management consulting firm - presentation and workshop

The event is an opportunity for researchers to obtain first-hand information on non-academic career opportunities and to sharpen their personal career goals. 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 4 - Chianti Walk - October 6-8**

### **EUI Alumni Association Weekend 2007**

#### **Chianti Walk - Saturday 6 October (with option of Sunday 7 October)**

**Please register by Wednesday 3rd October 2007 at the latest**

Depending on the number of participants, we will maintain two days or choose to do a one-day walk.

**Primo giorno** (le colline attorno a Firenze): attraversamento delle colline a Sud-Est di Firenze dalle quali si godono continui panorami sulla città e sulle colline che la circondano. Allontanandosi da Firenze ci addentreremo nei boschi secolari della antica Abbazia di Montescalari che ci accompagneranno quasi fino a Greve in Chianti, dove saranno sostituiti dai famosi vigneti dai quali nasce il vino Chianti Classico.

#### **(Optional)**

**Secondo giorno** (il Chianti Fiorentino): Escursioni lungo le colline che sovrastano Greve in Chianti con visita ai famosi e splendidi borghi fortificati di Lamole, Panzano e Montefioralle e se il tempo ce lo permette potremmo arrivare fino al castello del famoso esploratore Giovanni da Verrazzano, attuale sede di una delle più famose fattorie del Chianti Classico.

## **APPENDIX 5 – History of the Alumni Association: *Noi si mura. The Building-up of the EUI Alumni Association 1986-2006***

Last year the EUI's Alumni Association (AA) commemorated 20 years of existence. To mark this special occasion, before Christmas the AA Executive Committee published and distributed to all alumni and to the EUI Community a booklet entitled *Noi si mura: The Building-up of the EUI Alumni Association, 1986-2006*, which brings together information about the EUI Alumni Association drawn from our archives. Most of these archives have been on-line since 2002, reflecting the Executive Committee's desire to be as transparent and accountable as possible, and to make our documents widely available. The address is <http://www.eui.eu/Alumni/>. 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. This brief history of the EUI Alumni Association shows the difficulties, achievements and challenges that the Alumni Association has faced over more than two decades.

As early as in 1978, some of the first EUI researchers met in London with the express intention of maintaining and nurturing the friendships that they had developed during their time at the Institute. These researchers developed the idea of creating an 'alumni' association, which was initially seen as having a mainly recreational value. Their proposals were welcomed with great enthusiasm by the President of the EUI at that time, Max Kohnstamm, who became personally committed to getting the initiative off the ground as quickly as possible. However, the initiative was not immediately acted upon. In effect, the period of preparation lasted longer, and ended up being far more complex than initially expected. This was because the founding members had to resolve a number of preliminary questions regarding various logistical, institutional and legal formalities, and this necessitated the involvement and consultation of a great number of people. The consultations lasted until 1985, when a committee was formed in order to draw up the statutes. Meanwhile, Sandra Pratt – who had been employed by the EUI Academic Service – was charged with identifying and examining the functions, organisational activities and finances of alumni associations of institutions similar to the EUI. The above-mentioned committee benefited greatly from the advice of various colleagues, who were called upon in more or less official ways, and who met with Sandra Pratt, President Maihofer and the Secretary-General Marcello Buzzonetti to compose a text that would outline the ground-rules of the association.

Following this long preliminary phase of deliberation, the Association was officially born on 18 May 1986, a date that coincided with the ten-year anniversary celebrations of the Institute. The First Alumni Weekend was held on the 16-18 May 1986 at the *Badia Fiesolana*. On the final day, the first General Assembly was convened by the Alumni, at which point the Statutes of the Association were approved and the Executive Committee was nominated. The EUI committed itself to providing material and logistic support to the Association, recognising at the same time the full autonomy of the body. The Association, in return, placed great emphasis on close collaboration with the Institute and participation in its activities. In dealing with its EUI affiliates, the Association proposed that it be used as an instrument for the promotion and reinforcement of relations of acquaintance, collaboration and friendship that were made at the *Badia Fiesolana*. It was considered to be an ideal place for bringing together various generations of student researchers and facilitating communication and the exchange of information between them.

A constant presence, providing continuity and regularity in the life and development of the Association, was that of Brigitte Schwab, who showed great dedication to furthering the activities of the Association through her position as Alumni Affairs Officer from 1988 to 2002 and Co-Treasurer from 1990 until, at least formally, 2005. She coordinated and directed the activities and relations of the Association with its Executive members from a key position, whilst putting her own mark on the initiatives undertaken.

The primary objective of the Association is to maintain links between the Alumni and the Institute. This objective is defined generically, so as not to pre-determine the exact ways and means in which this goal is achieved. The different Executive Committees, which have acted as the ‘deputies’ of the Alumni, have provided diverse services and activities for the Association’s members. These have been altered in accordance with cultural requests, technical innovations and arrangements, and also the preferences and specific professional skills of the Executive Committee of the day.

The creation of a website for the Association represented a pivotal moment in the history of the Alumni: guaranteeing visibility, immediate exchange and manageability of data, increased opportunities for making contacts and acquaintances, offering the possibility of providing members with innovative and useful services, and of putting into circulation a large quantity and variety of informative materials and reports. Prior to the advent of the internet, the realisation of these services was unthinkable due to the costs and difficulties involved. Furthermore, the website visually underlined the independence of the Association,

notwithstanding its strong links with the Institute, which hosts the virtual space of the Alumni Association.

The Alumni Weekends have in general been structured so that there is a period allocated to discussing institutional matters (such as the meeting of the General Assembly and the biannual elections of the Executive Committee), and a more social and recreational part (drinks, dinners or lunches, and guided tours), which also encompasses cultural events (such as museum visits, concerts, etc.). Some weekends are also centred on more scholarly activities, such as conferences, roundtables, research presentations and debates, in line with research being done at the Institute. These events are meant to underline the specific functions of the Association and its task of making contacts with European institutions on behalf of its members. The Association has recently added the activity of holding guided walking tours in the Chianti. This event is particularly attractive for those alumni nostalgic about the beauties of Tuscan countryside, or for those who were unable to take advantage of their surroundings whilst studying at the Institute.

The Conferring Ceremony – the formal ceremony in which the diplomas of the Institute are conferred – was celebrated for the first time on 27 September 1996, on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the EUI. Following this, given the success of the event and the enthusiastic participation of numerous student researchers, both past and present, the Institute decided to hold the event regularly. In 1996 the AA committed a part of the funds destined until then for study grants to financing the design of the academic gowns of the alumni.

In the last few years, the Association has increased its scholarly profile by organising a series of high-profile conferences and workshops, publishing books and setting up an on-line journal, in addition to providing research grants and prizes for outstanding scholarly achievements. From the 2003 conference on EMU two books were published: *Governing EMU: Economic, Political, Legal and Historical Perspectives*, Florence: EUI Press, and *EMU Rules: the Political and Economic Consequences of European Monetary Integration*, Baden-Baden: Nomos Verlagsgesellschaft, both presented at the *Badia* and at the European Central Bank, among other venues. Another book, based on the proceedings of the 2006 conference on Globalisation, will be soon published by Palgrave.

Following a brief interruption, the tradition of distributing prizes was revived with the creation of an EUI Alumni Association Prize for the best interdisciplinary Ph.D. thesis on relevant European issues, thereafter known as the Alumni Prize. President of the EUI Yves Mény called it ‘a bridge between the past and the future’ of the EUI. Two prizes have already

been awarded. They comprise a prize of €3,000, a diploma, and a medal designed by the Florentine artist Onofrio Pepe, who is known for his exhibitions on *Il mito di Europa* (The Myth of Europe).

Recently, the AA decided to devote retroactively all revenue from the increasing membership fees to create an Alumni Research Grant administered directly by the EUI.

In more recent years, the large-scale re-structuring of the Institute's services and membership (such as doubling the number of Post-Doctoral Fellows) and its new strategic orientation of combining doctoral with post-doctoral studies has required more careful consultation and collaboration between the two bodies. This has not always been easy, especially as the position of Alumni Affairs Officer – the Association's main point of contact at the Institute – has repeatedly changed hands. This has made it sometimes difficult to maintain consistent and dependable contacts with Institute bodies. For this reason too, it has become urgent to make the Association a more professional and autonomous body, so it can draw clear lines around its objectives and status during this period of transition at the EUI.

The local branches of the Association, as was foreseen in the Statute of 1986, were rather unstable and some were discontinued over time. Indeed, their survival and vitality was not subject to a binding mandate, nor were their legal norms codified. However, they have always been linked to the interests and spirit of entrepreneurship of individual members. Local chapters are informal and therefore do not have any separate legal status. The first local associations were established in Brussels, and were already active by September 1986, and in London, where the first meeting was held on 12 December of the same year. Other 'branches', or as they are now called, 'chapters', were subsequently organised in more or less official and consistent ways in Bonn, Amsterdam, Frankfurt and Lisbon. They aim to involve as many as possible of the EUI alumni living in the local area in the Association's activities, and are steered by one (or several) 'Coordinators' who report back to the Executive Committee. In certain periods, the local branches have demonstrated themselves to be very active in promoting scholarly and cultural projects and meeting with prestigious people in the European sphere, which has highlighted the importance of the Association and its great potential. In addition to these established chapters, several alumni have contacted the Executive Committee in order to establish local branches in Rome, Edinburgh, Geneva, Norway and North America among other places. The Executive would also like to see the revival of chapters that were once active, such as the Berlin branch.

The Alumni Association has tried to maintain a cohesive community of EUI researchers and fellows, both past and present, and to develop these links to ensure the success and expansion of the EUI community at home and abroad. One of the most important tasks for the Alumni Association, repeated by successive Executive Committees, has been to act as a bridge between researchers and the Institute, and to advance alumni interests. In earlier times these interests focussed more on providing a place for alumni researchers to meet with a view to fostering helpful contacts or even lasting friendships. Throughout the years, the Association has sought to give its members opportunities to engage in scholarly activities such as participating in conferences, has provided career advice and contacts, awarded research grants and prizes, as well as engaging in the more 'traditional' aims of providing an array of social activities in Florence and elsewhere.

## APPENDIX 6 – Treasurer's Report for the year 2006 (EUI Alumni Association)

The following report deals with the credit and debit entries of the Alumni Association of the European University Institute for the calendar year 2006.

### 1. Income

The income of the Association in 2006 resulted from an annual grant of the EUI, from fund raising activities, and net interests received on the CRF bank account.

- The ***EUI contribution*** amounted to **€ 10.000,00**. Most of the money was withheld at the EUI to pay various expenses of the AA, according to the *Preventivo 2006*, while the unspent amount (€ 1.596,90) was transferred to the AA Account in late December 2006.
- ***Funds***: Incoming alumni fees totaled **€ 4.900,00\***
- ***Interest payments net of bank charges*** totaled **€ 63,04**

The Association's income in 2006 therefore totaled **€ 14.963,04**

### 2. Expenditure

The expenditure of the Association in 2006 was as follows:

- ***Book on History of the AA*** (translator, printing and related expenses): **€ 3.423,38**
- ***Alumni Prize***: **€ 3.000,00**
- ***Activities: 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Alumni Weekend and EC meetings***: **€ 9.160,14**
- ***Transfer (2006 donation) to the EUI for the Alumni Research Grant*** (Oct. – Dec. 2006 alumni fees): **€ 1.400,00**

The Association's expenditures in 2006 therefore totaled **€ 16.983,52**

### 3. Patrimonial situation

On 31 December 2006, the Association had **€ 15.172,75** on the CRF bank account. The Association had no debts at that date.

**\*N.B.:** € 1.596,90 was transferred to the AA account on 27.03.2006, while the remaining alumni fees (€ 3.683,30) were to be transferred to the AA account in 2007.

The budgets of the two Alumni conferences held in October 2006 were administrated directly by the EUI Administration and the two Conferences sub-committees. The Globalisation conference received a grant from the EIB, while the Maastricht conference was supported by the EUI. The AA supported all meals and drinks (Activities – alumni weekend) on the common day of the two conferences, Friday, and the trip of a common guest participant to be paid in 2007.

Florence, 6 February 2007

Milica Uvalic  
The Treasurer

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## **Foreword**

This book presents a collection of most of the papers presented at the international interdisciplinary conference 'Interpreting Globalization: Evidence and Theories from the Four EUI Disciplines' that took place on 6-7 October 2006 at the European University Institute, San Domenico di Fiesole (Florence), Italy. The conference was one of the events organized within the programme of the 2006 Annual Meeting of the European University Institute (EUI) Alumni Association and all papers have been presented by EUI Alumni who did their Ph.D. studies in one of the four departments of the EUI (Economics, Political and Social Sciences, Law, and History and Civilization).

The heterogeneity of approaches and competences that would have been possible to obtain by putting together scholars belonging to different disciplines was one of the main rationales of organizing this conference. As a matter of fact, while the theme of globalization has been hotly debated in the past in the various individual disciplines, we believe that a multidisciplinary approach allows a more comprehensive and satisfactory treatment of the issue. As such a conference, and now the book, is able to add various important insights to the existing literature. The second reason why we organized this conference is clearly reflected in the subtitle of the book: although the authors work and teach all over the world (various European countries, Australia, Canada and the USA) their studies at the EUI provide them with a peculiar and unique 'European Perspective' on globalization. We hope that our ambition is reflected in the final manuscript.

The content of the volume follows quite closely the structure of the conference. Stefano Zamagni was the guest keynote speaker at the conference dinner and it has been an honour to include his contribution in the preface of the book. Paul De Grauwe, Giorgia Giovannetti, Jurgen Kroeger and Mario Nuti have kindly accepted to participate in the final roundtable of the conference, chaired by Francisco Torres, and they subsequently also agreed to contribute a piece to the volume based on those reflections. Alessandro Cigno, Francesco Farina and Giovanni Federico have chaired distinct sessions of the conference and they have also kindly accepted to comment on the various chapters, as have Michael Plummer, Philippe Schmitter and Alessandro Vercelli. We would like to express our warmest thanks to all of them and to all other conference participants and book contributors for their participation during the conference and in its wake – as we prepared this book.

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## **Foreword:**

The Treaty of Maastricht marked a watershed in the history of European integration. Reshaping the structure of the European project from its foundations, the Treaty gave birth to the European Union, established the Economic and Monetary Union, institutionalized and substantiated the notion of European citizenship, and initiated the discourse on European identity in the global context. It is therefore hard to overestimate its significance for the process of European integration and the relevance of its contents for the present and future outlook of Europe.

However, fifteen years after its enactment, many events have redefined the context in which Maastricht was devised making it important to reassess its legacy. Enlargement has radically broadened the scope of application of the *acquis communautaire* introducing new practices and producing new challenges to the institutional settings defined in 1992.

Twelve EU states enjoy a common monetary policy and a common exchange rate policy and rely on a single decision making process to enhance their competitiveness in the new global economy. A dramatic increase in the inflows of extra-European migrants has reshaped the meaning and importance of the notion of EU citizenship creating new winners and new losers. New securities threats, including terrorism, have imposed new limits to the discourse on European identity.

The questions this book is addressing are therefore related to the dynamic relation between the Maastricht Treaty and the changes to European Integration in the global context.

What is surviving of the Maastricht project in contemporary Europe? Which were the consequences of the establishment of EMU? Has the common monetary policy been able to promote the interests of the European economy? Which were the challenges the ECB had to face from the outset? Has the Maastricht notion of citizenship taken over the national definitions? How does European citizenship addresses the needs of migrants from third countries? Where does this leave the discourse on European identity?

In a few words: *Was and still is the Maastricht idea of Europe viable?*

The authors of this book will try to answer these questions by assessing the legacy of the Maastricht Treaty in the new global context and by addressing the most important policy and legal outcomes of the Maastricht Treaty in the light of the most recent events.

The book is therefore structured thematically, with five different parts taking care of the different policy issues representing the legacy of Maastricht to the process of European integration.

After an introductory part, focused on the “Maastricht model”, five parties follow, each specialized on a particular aspect.

All contributions to this book have been presented at a Conference on “The Maastricht Treaty: a watershed in European Integration” which took place at the European University Institute on October 5/6, 2006. The contributors to the book are highly specialized experts on the various aspects of European integration. The feature of the book is interdisciplinary; the issues are analyzed from the economic, the political, historical and legal point of view. Apart from being leading academics in their respective fields of expertise they are all alumni or ex professors or somehow related to the activities of the European University Institute of Fiesole (Florence-Italy).

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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**

1§ 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.

2§ The Association does not aim at gaining economic profit.

3§ 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**

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.

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

1§ 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.

2§ 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**

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

2§ 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.

3§ 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.

4§ More than half of the Full Members of the Association shall form a quorum for the General Assembly,

5§ 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.

6§ 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.

7§ 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**

1§ 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.

2§ The members of the Executive Committee are re-eligible.

3§ The Executive Committee is accountable to the General Assembly.

4§ The Executive Committee shall name from among them the President, the Vice-president, the Treasurer, and the Secretary.

5§ 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**

1§ The President, in his absence the Vice-president, represents the Association towards Third Parties as well as towards State Administration and the Courts.

2§ The President, in his absence the Vice-president, chairs the meetings both of the General Assembly and the Executive Committee.

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

1§ The Treasurer is responsible for the accounts of the Association.

2§ 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**

1§ The Executive Committee may establish sub-committees for specific tasks. The size of each sub-committee shall correspond to the tasks concerned.

2§ 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**

1§ Prior to each election of the Executive Committee, an Electoral Sub-Committee consisting of three members shall be established.

2§ The Electoral Sub-Committee shall be responsible for the conduct and scrutiny of the elections of the Executive Committee.

3§ 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 2§ 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**

1§ The revenue of the Association may include:

- a. subscriptions by its Members;
- b. subsidies and grants;
- c. interest from the assets and other income.

2§ The use of the revenue is dedicated to the objectives of the Association.

#### **Article 20 Surplus**

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**

1§ 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.

2§ 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**

1§ 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.

2§ 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 11 – 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:

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