

Cascais, 15 of December 2002

Dear colleagues,

I should like to seize this occasion to address you as President of the European University Institute's Alumni Association and to introduce you to the other members of your Association's Executive Committee.

The elections held in Florence during the General Assembly of 5 October 2002, have given rise to a new Executive Committee composed of five members, namely myself (ftorres@iee.ucp.pt), Annette Bongardt (Vice-President, abongardt@egi.ua.pt), Henk Voskamp (Treasurer, henk.voskamp@minbuza.nl), Carlo Spagnolo (Secretary, carlo.spagnolo@iue.it) and Julian Lindley-French (Member, j.lindleyfrench@btinternet.com).

Our first meeting took place immediately after the election and the present members established objectives and divided tasks and set up, according to our statutes, four sub-committees.

The sub-committees already established are as follows: Sub-committee on the Alumni Annual Conference on "Economic Governance in the EU" (my responsibility); Sub-committee on National Chapters and Alumni-Researchers relations (responsibility of Annette Bongardt); Sub-committee on Network and Communications (email/web page) (responsibility of Henk Voskamp); Sub-committee on Alumni facilities at the Institute and housing exchange (responsibility of Carlo Spagnolo).

Your Executive Committee has taken up work on various fronts and is to hold a formal meeting at the Institute and to meet with President Mény on 6-7 January 2003. We are preparing different initiatives in different places, so please keep an eye on the EUI's web page - alumni section.

We count on your suggestions and participation and look forward to your feedback! Please email any suggestions to alumni@iue.it (or, alternatively, to Bobbie Rawle at roberta.rawle@iue.it) and get in touch with us.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

On behalf of your Alumni Association,

Ciao e a presto!

Francisco Torres