

Alumni Association EC Meeting, Berlin, 9 June 2007

Present: Annette Bongardt, Pompeo Della Posta, Valérie Hayaert, Francisco Torres
Justified absence: Milica Uvalic

1. The EC regretted that Milica Uvalic could not be present and expressed their wish of a fast recovery.
2. The missions of the president and the vice-president were approved on the basis of the previously approved memorandum of understanding on the Berlin Alumni Weekend, as always subject to the scrutiny of AA Treasurer. AA secretary Valérie Hayaert and EC Member Pompeo Della Posta were to prepare their mission forms also according to the above-referred memorandum of understanding and to AA rules and send it for approval. It was also approved that EC Member Pompeo Della Posta who paid for the Friday dinner offered to all participants, within the Alumni Weekend activities in Berlin on the basis of the above-mentioned memorandum of understanding, should be reimbursed by the AA ASAP.
3. The EC President and Vice President reported on their visits to various institutions (3 of them made together with Valérie Hayaert) in representation of the AA and on their meetings with EUI alumni in Berlin.
4. P. Della Posta reported on the on-going efforts to organise a job event activity at the margin of the degree-awarding event in October. The EC discussed the – rather remote – possibility of sponsoring one or the other alumna/us coming to Florence to have an active role in the job market in case of need. F. Torres suggested asking alumnus Ingmar von Homeyer from Ecologic to go to Florence to present his institute at the job event.
5. P. Della Posta reported on a meeting with a delegation of three members of the RETE-IHEE, a *European University Network* to serve as a European forum for academic contacts, to share ideas essential to a complete European citizenship and to promote cooperation between students, as well as Universities, by incorporating the principle of sharing knowledge and free flows of information, based in Strasbourg. RETE is an association founded in November 2006 by a group of students and professors of the *Institut des Hautes Etudes Européennes* (IHEE) of Robert Schuman University (Strasbourg III) and they would like to establish a sort of partnership with the AA. A. Frijdal also took part in that meeting. They would be very interested, for example, in hosting a presentation of the forthcoming books of the EUI AA. The EC concluded, very much along the lines suggested by A. Frijdal, that the relationship had to be evaluated carefully, given the different nature of the two institutions, the EUI and the IHEE. P. Della Posta was to write to RETE-IHEE association to explain that it would not be possible for the AA to assume any formal association but that the AA would be open to exchange information and could consider to publicise on its web site some of their academic initiatives and news on the European network of Alumni associations of academic institutions with a European thrust.

6. The EC discussed the forthcoming initiatives of the AA, including social and leisure activities such as walks to be organised by V. Hayaert (Chianti or *Via Francigena* between Florence and Siena including a visit of Bagno Vignoni in October 2007 and Southern France in spring 2008).
7. The EC discussed the execution of the budget (*preventivo*) for 2007.
8. The Vice President reported on developments on the AA archives (deposited in the EU Historical Archives) front. She informed the EC about the current situation and on P. Giordani's (EU Historical Archives) activities.
9. The EC discussed how best to cover the 30th anniversary of the Bar Fiasco by the EUI Review. P. Della Posta was to prepare a small text on the event in the name of the AA.
10. F. Torres informed about how many alumni had paid their contribution to the AA (which is being automatically transferred to the Alumni Research Grant, directly administered by the EUI).
11. The EC also discussed the activities for the next alumni weekend in Florence (Lunch with Prof. Nuti as guest speaker; Job event; Chianti Walk; and General Assembly).
12. The EC decided on the convocation of the AA General Assembly for Thursday afternoon, 4 October 2007 in the Badia.
13. The president also reminded the EC of the need to start preparing the next Alumni Prize. The idea of creating a special interdisciplinary prize for environmental issues was also discussed.
14. The president also suggested to the EC that the next AA conference could be on the topic of "EU Environment Governance". The EC approved the idea. A. Bongardt will present a draft programme at the next EC meeting for its realisation in 2008.
15. EC members were surprised that none of the alumni living in Berlin participating in the Alumni Weekend activities, including Eleonore Eckmann (working at the EUI), had received the AA History Booklet that had been sent by Nancy Altobelli to all alumni together with the EUI review. The AA Secretary was to see with Nancy Altobelli what could have happened.
16. The possibility of organizing various collections of selected papers published by different alumni at the EUI or at the RSC on particular fields such as "Environmental policy", "Economic and Monetary Integration" and "EU Constitutional / Institutional matters", as sound contributions by the EUI alumni community, was discussed and to be analyzed at the next EC meeting.
17. The possibilities to publish a corrected and updated version of the AA History Booklet in 2008 (as had been envisaged by the previous EC) and of having a meeting of past EC presidents were also discussed. Those issues were to be followed up in the next EC meeting.



Minutes of the meetings of AA E-Journal Sub Committee with:
9 June 2007 – Present: A. Bongardt, V. Hayaert, P. Della Posta, S. Talani and F. Torres;
Justified absence: M. Uvalic.

1. The subcommittee met again in order to discuss the E-Journal along the lines of the document on the E-Journal sent to all by the EC president on 16 October 2006 and discussions in its previous meeting. It was agreed that the very interesting possibility of having a Forum as suggested by Roberto Tamborini would have to be dealt with separately as it would involve considerable time and resources. P. Della Posta was to check whether Roberto Tamborini would like to be its editor and do it from Trento.
2. It was approved to invite Simona Talani, again under the same conditions established by the approved memorandum of understanding on the Berlin Alumni Weekend (that had not materialized), to present the first number of the E-Journal in the General Assembly in October.
3. Simona Talani was to discuss with Nancy Altobelli the best procedures to put the papers of the first issue of the E-Journal online and see to its implementation before the General Assembly in October.