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Dear Colleagues,

It was a great experience to meet so many of you in Brussels on occasion of the conference and our General Assembly. Almost 40 Presidents or their representatives participated and there were many different occasions also for talk and exchanges of information. I think that apart from the conference, these encounters have been an enrichment in order to encourage all of us to continue working for improving the European studies. I hope that also the flow of information will increase, so that our bulletin can reflect the activities from all the different associations. Let me use the opportunity for greeting especially our new partner in Romania and let's hope that in the next years several other associations will join ECSA-World.

As you know, I will continue chairing ECSA-World during the years 2013 and 2014. I have to thank for the trust you showed to my and the other Board members' work done in the last years. I want to express my cordial thanks to Vlasta Kunova, Martin Holland, Léonce Bekemans, Juan Mascareñas, who shared the responsibility in the Board in the past two years. Many thanks also to all the members of the boards of the 59 associations -first of all the Presidents- who invested time and enthusiasm. A special thank also to Carla Rabell, who month for month makes this bulletin possible.

With my best wishes for Christmas and a year 2013 in which your association's activity will do relevant steps forwards,

Yours
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Seminar
Melbourne

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EUSA Thirteenth
Biennial Conference
Baltimore

Baltimore's Workshop

As we have informed in the last ECSA World-News issues, we are working in the preparation of the workshop of the Baltimore's Conference that will take place on May 8th- 11th 2013. Up to now, there are ten participants who have confirmed their assistance.

- Arnoldo Rubios ("Universidad Estatal a Distancia" -UNED, Costa Rica): *The Euro in the Europe-Latin American commerce.*
- Carlos Hakansson (University of Piura, Peru): *Toward a reformulation of the international community and a humanist vision of community law.*
- Eugene Sensenig-Dabbous (Notre Dame University, Lebanon).
- Gaga Gabrichidze (University of Tbilisi, Georgia): *Approximation of the Georgian legislation to the EU law - How much is enough?.*
- Gazmend Qorraj ("Universiteti Prishtinës", Albania): *The role of European funds on European integration of Western Balkans.*
- Marissa Maricosa A. Paderon (Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines): *European studies in the Philippines: looking back and challenges ahead.*
- Ola el Khawaga (Cairo University, Egypt).
- Slobodan Samardzic (University of Belgrade, Serbia): *The phenomenon of European studies ideologisation and how to avoid it.*
- Orlando Mejía Herrera ("Universidad Nacional Autónoma", Nicaragua): *The influence of the communitarian European jurisprudence at the main courts of Latin America.*
- Pham Quang Minh (Vietnam National University of HCM City, Vietnam).

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Peter Halmai new president of the ECSA Hungary

Peter Halmai, professor and Researcher at the Department of International Economics of University of Pannonia (Veszprém, Hungary) has recently assumed the post of president of the Hungarian European Community Studies Association (ECSA Hungary).

Halmai succeeds Prof. Tibor Palánkai, director of the European studies and Education Centre at the Corvinus University of Budapest.

Prof. Palánkai, who has been in charge of the presidency for nearly two decades, received

a Jean Monnet Prize from the European Commission in 2010. Prof. Halmai is specialized in the economics of the EU integration, economics of common policies and international economics. He has written over 189 scientific articles and 17 professional books.

The Hungarian ECSA vice presidents are now Dr. Ágnes Tuka (University of Pécs), Dr. Miklós Király (Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest) and Dr. Sándor Gyula Nagy (Corvinus University of Budapest).

Czech Republic ECSA

The Czech Association for European studies (Czech Republic ECSA) initiated last year the organization of its annual conferences. The first one was held in Prague from 9 to 10 of November 2011 at the University of Economics in Prague with the title: *New Challenges for the European Union*. The participants were leading experts from 17 countries all over the world, including Prof. Enrique Banús, President of the ECSA-World. Conference involved the papers on topics related to European integration, politics, economics, law and other issues concerning the European Union.

In the framework of the Jean Monnet project on 12th April 2012 it took place a debate related to the topic *60 years of European Communities: from supranational project to its sub national implementation*. The judge of the Court of Justice of the EU Prof. Jiri Malenovsky played a major part in the debate that was moderated by Jean Monnet Professor Nadezda Siskova. What is more, a round-table debate *EU Law and German Constitutional Court* was held on 9th of November 2012 at University of Economics in Prague, by Jean Monet Chair Prof. Rainer Arnold (University of Regensburg). This year Czech Republic ECSA also organized the meeting of the Executive board with the participation of others members of the association. It was celebrated on the 7th of July of 2012.

The association is planning as well for 2013 the second Annual Conference with the title *From Eastern Partnership to the Association – the Great Debate*. The conference will be held in May 2013 in Prague and is counting with the cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Karel Schwarzenberg, and the Faculty of Social Sciences Charles University.

Furthermore, the preparation of the first issue of the new periodical of the Czech-ECSA has recently started. This new Journal called *European Studies – Review of European Law, Economic and Political Science* will be edited in English by Wolter Kluwer publisher. The first issue is envisaged at the beginning of 2013. This scientific Journal edited once a year will bring the selected scientific articles in all branches of EU studies, the reviews of relevant books and information from the key conferences in the Czech Republic and abroad.

ECSA Canada presented “Europe in an Age of Austerity: Integration, Disintegration or Stagnation?”

The 9th Biennial Conference of European Communities Studies Association Canada (ECSA-C) entitled *Europe in an Age of Austerity: Integration, Disintegration, or Stagnation?* was hosted by Carleton University's Centre for European Studies and took place in Ottawa from April 26 to 28, 2012.

The conference explored how the EU and its member states deal with these challenges at a time when financial resources are scarce and invited researchers and practitioners from all over the world who study Europe from an economic, historical, legal, political, or sociological perspective to join us in Ottawa. Paper and panel proposals focused on all aspects of European integration, including continuity and change in European law, EU institutions and their relationship with the member states, democracy and political legitimacy, citizenship and identity, economic and social policy, among others. After the conference, some papers were awardwinner. The Best Student Paper Award was given to Dorottya Egerszegi from King's College London for her paper titled *Corporate Lobbying in the Enlarged European Union*. The Best EU Governance Paper was awarded to Ekaterina Turkina (HEC Montreal) and Kostas Kourtikakis (University of Illinois) for their paper *Inter-Organizational Networks in the EU's External Relations with the Mediterranean and Post-Soviet States*. Finally, the Best Overall Conference Paper was awarded to Amandine Crespy (Université Libre de Bruxelles) and Vivien Schmidt (Boston University) for their paper *The Clash of the Titans/The White Knight and the Iron Lady: France, Germany and the Simultaneous Double Game of EMU Reform*.

Vice President of ECSA Russia appointed ambassador to Luxemburg

Professor Mark L. Entin, Vice President of ECSA Russia and a former director of the European Studies Institute at MGIMO University (Moscow State Institute of International Relations), has recently moved to Luxemburg to assume the post of Ambassador of the Russian Federation. Prof. Entin graduated in Law from MGIMO and later obtained the PhD in Legal Studies. Before assuming the directorship at the European Studies Institute he was director of the Institute of European Law at the same university. Before 2006 he already worked as a member of the diplomatic staff of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation. Mark Entin is Jean Monnet Chair and professor of Jean Monnet Center for European Studies at MGIMO-University. Vice President of ECSA Russia is the author of over 300 publications, including a series of monographs on European law and Russia-EU relations.

ECSA Korea

On 21 February 2012 the EU Studies Association of Korea (EUSA-Korea) celebrated its annual conference at Yonsei University (South Korea). During this one-day event, three themes distributed in different sessions were discussed: the *Samsung's Global Business Strategy Focused on the EU Market, Dynamics and Economic Nationalism in EU Banking Market Integration and the Real Convergence and European integration: What Factors make the Difference in Growth at Regional Level?*. The chair was Prof. Hee-Yul Chai of Kyonggi University and the three main speakers were Prof. Sang-Chul Park (Korea Polytechnic University), Dr. Hye-Kyung Cho (Institute of Finance and Economics) and Dr. Yoo-Duck Kang (KIEP: Korea Institute for International Economic Policy).

On the other hand, on the 7th of June it took place a Policy Seminar at Korea Chamber of Commerce, Seoul (Korea). The aim of the seminar included a presentation of three papers and a panel discussion can be summarized in one theme: *The Continuing Eurozone Crisis and Korea's Response*. In addition, a two-day conference co-hosted and sponsored by KIEP and KIET (Korea Institute for Industrial Economics & Trade) was held at Gyeonggi College of Science and Technology of Korea on 7 and 8 of September. Besides, the association publishes the “Korean Journal of EU Studies” and the “Asia-Pacific Journal of EU Studies”. Each journal is issued twice a year.

ECSA Japan celebrated its 33rd Annual Conference

The European Union Studies Association-Japan held its 33rd Annual Conference in November 10 and 11 at Komaba Campus of the University of Tokyo. Among the 500 members of the association 150 attended the event.

The aim of this annual conference brings together academics and high-profile policy-makers to discuss the main aspects of *The EU as a Global Actor*.

Firstly, Prof. Toshiro Tanaka (Keio University) welcomed the conference and chaired the three first lectures: *The European Union as a Global Actor: Focusing on the Field of Foreign and Security Policy*, *The Regulatory Power of the European Union- The Politics of Global Standardization* and *the EU Human Rights Diplomacy in a Globalized World*. On the first day as well, there was another session composed of three more lectures: *The European Union's Normative Power in a More Global Era*, *Austerity, the Euro-Crisis and EU's Diminished Profile in Global Security* and *EEAS- How EU Diplomacy is Taking Shape*. This session was covered by Prof. Hiromasa Kubo of Kobe University.

On the last day, among the main questions considered were *The Features and Impact of EU Free Trade Agreements*, *Territoriality and Demos in the European Polity* and *The Formation Process of the European Political Community Plan*. Prof. Tamio Nakamura (Waseda University), Prof. Masami Kodama (Kurume University) and Prof. Machiko Hachiya (Kyushu University) chaired at three sessions on these lectures.

Finally, the topic of *The Euro Crisis and the EU Institutions* concluded the ECSA Japan annual's conference. It was discussed by four speakers and two discussants, chaired by Prof. Soko Tanaka of Chuo University.

The 34th annual conference will be held at Ritsumeikan University in Kyoto, in November 2013.

ECSA Austria

The European Community Studies Association of Austria (ECSA Austria) has organized during this year 2012 several activities in the capital of Austria, Vienna, and in the fourth-largest city in the country, Salzburg. Firstly in May the association prepared two workshops and one seminar. The first workshop *Distribution of Powers from Rome to Lisbon* was celebrated in Salzburg on May 23rd and it was followed by the *National Constitutions and EU Integration* workshop, held on the 10th and 11th in Vienna. On 14th and 15th of June a conference with the aim to discuss *The Role of National Parliaments after Lisbon* was presented in Salzburg.

On the other hand, a programme dedicated to *The European Constitution Post Lisbon* is expected to run in January 2013 and will comprised of the conference *Constitutional Courts and European Integration*, planned for the 13th and 14th of June in Salzburg.

Besides, there are also part of the programme the conference: *Court Co-operation in the European Constitutional Compound Fundamental Issues and Latest Developments* (which took already place on September 28 and 29 of 2012) and the Policy briefing seminar: *The Lisbon Treaty and the Distribution of Power in the EU*, held in Vienna in May 2012.