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Dear Presidents, dear colleagues, dear friends,

in this issue we have collected information about May 9th, Europe Day, as you know. It is coming with some delay; the different issues in which we are documenting interviews with relevant personalities for the European Studies and the history of ECSA are specially challenging and ask for more time, so that sometimes it is not easy to maintain our time schedule. We hope you will understand it taking into account that these issues are bringing an added value.

May is always a special day. We received some information about your activities at that day - nevertheless, we are sure that many other events have being organised about which we have no documents. In this issue we have added some other events, organised by single members of one of our ECSAs. Normally, we are not announcing such kind of activities; in that case we made an exception in order to encourage many of our experts to be active in transmitting the knowledge about the European integration also to a broad society.

In the meantime, we are also aware that this year's Jean Monnet/ECSA Conference and our General Assembly will be held in Brussels on 17-18 October. In the last years we were in the GA under time pressure. Let's hope that we will have more time for discussing the different issues. I hope all our member associations will be able to come to Brussels for this meeting. Please, arrange that all of you are represented by the President or another member of the Board.

Best regards,  
Enrique Banús

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# ECSCAs Celebrations for the Europe Day



Robert Schuman

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of May 1950, in the sumptuous Salon l'Orologe, headquarters of the French Foreign Ministry, the then French foreign minister Robert Schuman gave a speech in front of a large group of reporters, later remembered as the Schuman Declaration. He set out his idea for a new form of political cooperation in Europe, which would make war between Europe's nations unthinkable. His vision was to create a European institution that would pool and manage coal and steel production. A treaty creating such a body was signed just under a year later. Schuman's proposal is considered to be the beginning of what is now the European Union.

The European Union has institutionalized the 9<sup>th</sup> of May as the Europe Day, to commemorate that event.

Here we report on some events held by our members on the occasion of this celebration.

Information provided by AUSE website and europa.eu

## ECSCA Australia



CESAA, the Australian ECSCA, has celebrated the Europe Day with "a Toast to Europe" and a conversation about "Brussels, Borders and Brexit: Multidimensional challenges for the European Union".

The event, that took place on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May 2016 at RMIT University Council Chamber, has been co-sponsored by University of Melbourne, RMIT and CESAA.

The toast (with European sparkling wine, of course) was offered by president of CESAA Bruno Mascitelli. Then a panel of speakers led a conversation about current

challenges facing the European Union: Prof. Philomena Murray (Jean Monnet Chair *ad personam* at the University of Melbourne), Professor Remy Davidson (Jean Monnet Chair in Politics and Economics at Monash University) and Antonia Mochan (EU official currently living and working in Australia as a Communications Consultant). More than 50 people attended.

## ECSCA Bosnia and Herzegovina



On the occasion of the 9<sup>th</sup> of May, the recent ECSCA established in

Bosnia and Herzegovina presented a project funded by the EU "Facts and Challenges of the EU Accession" which will be realized in period 2015-2018 on Faculty of Economics (University of Mostar). Also, in the project implementation, representatives from other universities, enterprise sector, local and regional authorities will be involved, as well as other groups interested in EU topics. The Module implementation is planned through lectures three times a year, which will cover topics about the history and theory of economic integrations, legislative and institutional system of the EU and business opportunities in the EU market as well as an analysis of the current state of integration of BiH towards EU.

What is more, in October 2016 ECSA BiH will organize in Mostar the International Conference "Economic System of European Union and Accession of the Bosnia & Herzegovina".

Information provided by <http://ef.sve-mo.ba/jean-monnet-projekt>

## ECSA Ukraine

 On occasion of the Europe Day, the Ukrainian ECSA conducted the following International seminar "Theoretical and practical principles of conflict transformation: international experience". It took place at the National Academy of Public Administration under the cooperation of President of Ukraine with the Research Institute of Conflict Transformation and Social Justice at the Queens University, Belfast (UK) and the Ukrainian Association of European Studies.

The meeting was attended by President of the National Academy and Prof. Roman Petrov, Jean Monnet Chair in EU Law and

Head of the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence at the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy.

## ECSA Argentina

 On the other side, President of ECSA Argentina Roberto Stocco announced to ECSA World that on the 5th and 6th of May it was held in the National University of Cuyo (Mendoza, Argentina) the XIX ECSA Argentina Conference in commemoration of the Europe Day.

The event, actually named "Current Challenges of the European Union to light dialogue and to the encounter: Migrations, Nowadays Economic Aspects, Minorities in Europe", count on the collaboration of experts from Latin America Universities (University of Buenos Aires, National University of Rosario, University of Cuyo and University of Chile) and European universities such as University of Paris and Montpellier. Prof. Stocco gave a speech concerning "the European influence through the Argentinian Civil and Commercial Code". The conference had special features, including the concert of the pianist Miguel Angel Estrella and the presence of the filmmaker Pierre Anglade, who exhibited a short of the "Orchestra for Peace" tour, composed of Arab and Jewish musicians.



*Prof. Roberto Stocco*

# Activities from national associations for European studies

Apart from the activities officially organized by the ECSAs within the framework of the 9<sup>th</sup> of May, other members of the different ECSAs organized activities in their universities. We are sure that there are many other activities but we published the information we got from the ECSAs.

## ECSA New Zealand

The NCRE (The National Centre for Research on Europe) from University of Canterbury (Christchurch, New Zealand) held a Europe Week series of events:

1. Day EU quiz for university students with a prize of being a shadow EU MS ambassador for a day.
2. Public EU Climate Change seminar.
3. Public "Solutions to Europe's Critical issues" seminar by the Dutch Ambassador to New Zealand, H.E. Rob Zaagman, who spoke about the challenges of Europe and the Dutch perspective on dealing with them.
4. Europe Day concert showcasing European songs and arias followed by a reception.

## ECSA Italy

Punto Europa of Forli in Northern Italy, organization established in May 1999 at Forli -following an agreement signed by the Universities of Bologna (Forli), the Municipality of Forli and the Province of Forli-Cesena- organizes annually since 2000 an event for the Europe Day. It has the dual purpose of bringing citizens closer to Europe (through meetings, conferences, competitions in schools, music, performances, readings), and of perceiving the anniversary of 9 May as a symbolic date

in the European integration process like other significant national anniversaries.

## ECSA Turkey

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of May, it was announced that the 10th Annual European Union Law Summer School, organized with the collaboration of Yeditepe University Faculty of Law, University of Amsterdam Faculty of Law, the Economic Development Foundation (İKV) and the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB), will be held at Yeditepe University, Istanbul (Turkey), between the dates of 20 June – 1 July 2016.

The Summer School aims to present detailed knowledge of European Law. Courses will be conducted by the leading experts from University of Amsterdam. Additionally, Prof. Vilenas Vadapalas, member of Yeditepe University Faculty of Law and former judge at the European Court of Justice, and Prof. Rolf Gutmann, member of Yeditepe University Faculty of Law, will teach in the programme.



*Yeditepe University*