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### L'Europe a besoin de la nouvelle génération

A l'occasion de la cérémonie d'ouverture de la 56<sup>ième</sup> année académique, Monsieur Javier Solana a rappelé aux étudiants et aux anciens étudiants du Collège que chaque génération doit apporter sa propre contribution au développement de l'Europe. La génération des pères fondateurs dont faisait partie l'oncle de J. Solana et fondateur du Collège – Salvador de Madariaga – a jeté les bases et les principes de la construction européenne. Les générations successives ont multiplié les efforts pour construire l'Europe afin de permettre notamment à des milliers de jeunes d'y étudier et d'y travailler en toute liberté. La nouvelle génération – sans laquelle il n'y aurait pas de futur européen – est appelée à prendre le relais.



Fabien Durand

Fidèle à sa mission, le Collège proposera dès la rentrée académique 2006/2007 une nouvelle formation en relations diplomatiques et internationales. Ce nouveau département formera et permettra aux futurs étudiants du Collège d'apporter leurs contributions à la mission que s'est fixé J. Solana : que l'Europe parle vraiment d'une seule voix sur la scène internationale.

Cette année, l'Association des Anciens remet le troisième prix de l'Ancien à Mme Nuala Mole pour la manière dont elle incarne les valeurs et l'esprit du Collège. Cette récompense symbolise l'appel de M. Solana à cette nouvelle génération d'européens et la foi placée par les fondateurs du Collège dans de jeunes étudiants pour en faire des européens responsables. Ce prix met en exergue des contributions exemplaires d'Anciens qui aujourd'hui s'investissent concrètement et activement dans leur vie professionnelle ou par engagement personnel pour mettre en pratique les valeurs et les principes qui régissent la construction européenne.

Enfin, cette année, au nom de tous les Anciens, je me joins au Recteur du Collège d'Europe pour accueillir chaleureusement les quatre cents nouveaux étudiants qui feront cette expérience magique : faire vivre l'Europe du cœur.

Fabien Durand  
Président de l'Association des Anciens  
Promotion Ramon Llull



### Meilleurs vœux pour l'année 2006!

Le Recteur du Collège d'Europe, Paul Demaret, et le Vice-Recteur du campus de Natolin (Varsovie), Robert Picht, vous souhaitent une bonne et heureuse année!

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## Opening Ceremony of the academic year



Javier Solana

Javier Solana, High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy and Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union, as well as President of the Madariaga European Foundation, opened the 56th academic year at the Bruges campus of the College of Europe on Wednesday, 19 October. Prior to Mr Solana's speech, the Rector of the College of Europe, Paul Demaret, reported on the state of the College in 2005/06 and then introduced the patron of this year's promotion and author of the European anthem, Ludwig van Beethoven. In addition, the Rector highlighted the creation of a new study programme in 2006/07 in EU International Relations and Diplomacy.

In his speech, Mr Solana questioned why so much scepticism currently exists concerning the European Union and, arguing that Europe has never been so successful, pointed to its peace, prosperity and freedom. According to him, the European journey must continue, but trust and popular support need to be regained. In foreign policy, the EU is already operating nine peace support operations and is recognised as an important actor. If looking at EU foreign policy from a long-term perspective, it is getting better, and therefore the EU 'must be more ambitious and step up [its] engagement.' Mr Solana also emphasised the need for Europe to have the resources necessary, whether human or financial, in order to perform the tasks that are needed. The Constitution was a way to provide these, and even with the current impasse, the reasons for drafting the Constitution remain – to create a more streamlined and effective Union.

Finally, Mr Solana called upon students to 'chart a new course for Europe in a more demanding global context' in their future careers; 'to build a Europe focused on new tasks, but based on the same values'.

Following the speech, Jean-Luc Dehaene, President of the Administrative Council of the College of Europe, officially opened the academic year.

The speeches of High Representative Solana and Rector Demaret are available at [www.coleurop.be/press](http://www.coleurop.be/press).

## International Workshop on Terrorism

From 24-25 November a workshop on "International Terrorism – A European Answer to a Global Threat" was held at the College's campus in Bruges. The conference was organised by the Department of European Political and Administrative Studies.

The purpose of this workshop was to assess the current threat of terrorism from a European perspective and to analyse the European response to it. Over two sessions the definition of terrorism and existing counter-strategies at the EU level were discussed. In the first session on "The EU and the challenge of international terrorism" participants dealt with the definition, consequences and the new character of terrorist activities in recent years. In this context the international dimension of the topic was emphasised and it was asked whether there is a specifically European view on this modern challenge? During the second session, "The EU Response: External Action and Internal Measures", current responses and the level of cooperation among member states were presented and discussion centred on whether the EU's approach is currently adequate. The question of balancing domestic security concerns against basic freedoms was one of the most intensively discussed issues during the second half of the conference.



Discussions at the workshop on International Terrorism.

The consensus opinion was that Europe is becoming an increasingly coherent and pro-active player in the global arena of anti-terrorist measures. It was noted that the European Union is making an effort to provide a comprehensive answer to the challenges faced. Given the interconnection of the roots of terrorism and the measures to be taken, the EU's most effective strategy to follow remains a contentious subject for further discussion.

The workshop was opened by the Rector of the College, Prof. Paul Demaret. The two sessions were chaired by Prof. Dieter Mahncke, Director of the Department of European Political and Administrative Studies, and Prof. Jörg Monar, Marie Curie Professor at the University of Strasbourg.





Participants included high-level academics and professional experts from Europe, the United States and Asia, and the workshop was also open to College staff and students. In this way, the College demonstrated its commitment to making a contribution to the debate on terrorism and to providing a forum for the interdisciplinary exchange of views between academics and practitioners. Given their valuable and original character, it was decided to make the debates available to a wider audience, and so the contributions will be published next year in the College of Europe Studies series in a work to be co-edited by Prof. Mahncke and Prof. Monar.

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### Training on international trade issues

In 2005 the College received further recognition of its training expertise in the field of international trade issues. For the fourth year in a row, the Development Office of the College organised a series of seminars in Brussels for newly appointed officials of the European Commission (DG Trade). In the framework of a service contract with the Commission, renowned professors and training experts of the College tailored modules of between two and four days to the specific expectations of the DG Trade officials participating in each of the seminars.

Over the past four years more than 160 officials have participated in different modules, focussing on the most crucial legal aspects and on the economics of international trade. A module on International Trade negotiations was designed to reinforce practical skills through a number of simulations. New seminars are planned for 2006 within the framework of the same service contract.

A further step has been taken in reinforcing the trade component of the College's training activities with the launching of a trade capacity-building project for the authorities of Mauritius in 2005. In the framework of this project, six international trade experts have been deployed by the College Development Office to support Mauritius in strengthening its capacity to participate effectively in WTO negotiations and to implement WTO Agreements.

Under a third project the College will coordinate a series of conferences to promote an informed debate on the EU's Trade Policy among civil society actors in the new Member States of the EU. The Development Office of the College is cooperating with the European Movement and Eurochambers in organising workshops at three different locations in 2006.

The College of Europe Development Office intends to further increase its involvement in training programmes and capacity-building projects on trade related issues. See also: [www.coleurop.be/training](http://www.coleurop.be/training).

### Conference on Turkish Accession

The successive ratification failures of the European Constitutional Treaty in France and in the Netherlands may or may not have endangered Europe's integration process, but they have undoubtedly led to questions regarding the current state of the European project. The argument progressively focused on acceptance of the former enlargement, and, consequently, of further ones. Nevertheless, the prospect of Turkish membership, a concern for many and formally rejected by some, did not appear to be fundamentally questioned.

Shortly before the opening of accession negotiations, Sylvie Goulard (Sciences-Po Paris and College of Europe, Bruges) and Binnaz Toprak (Boğaziçi University, Istanbul) discussed this issue on the Natolin campus of the College at the invitation of Professor Geremek using a different approach from the usual discourse. Since the fundamental question of whether Turkey is European or not by and large still remains open, instead of the Europeanness or the enlargement policy, the changing patterns of societies and political behaviours were considered. In addition, the mental and social aspects of this prospective enlargement, especially as these relate to Western European social and cultural standards, were discussed. So, are the European Union and Turkey ready to accept one another?



*Student enters into the discussion on Turkish accession.*

In a very passionate and sometimes heated debate, both speakers agreed that in certain aspects the two parties were not yet ready. But, their views differed regarding the possible transformation of Turkish society because of the prospective accession, and the fear that, although defensible, this enlargement would endanger the hitherto assumed nature of the European integration project: an integrated political entity. Calling upon many arguments used in the lost referendum campaign, Prof. Goulard argued that one clear demand emerges from what can be considered a defeat: the forthcoming enlargements should be appraised and led in a completely different manner from the previous ones. It remains to be seen whether this will be the case, and it is likely that these discussions on Turkey's accession will continue during the coming years.

For the full text of the discussion, see [www.chair.coleurop.pl](http://www.chair.coleurop.pl).

*Edouard Gaudot  
Coordinator of the Chair of European Civilisation*



Le 27 octobre dernier, le Collège d'Europe à Bruges a reçu la visite de **M. Jean-Claude Trichet**, Président de la Banque centrale européenne, ainsi que M. Guy Quaden, Gouverneur de la Banque nationale de Belgique, qui ont été accueillis par le recteur Paul Demaret. M. Trichet a prononcé un discours sur 'La gestion de la transition vers la monnaie unique et l'établissement de la crédibilité de l'euro', et a ensuite répondu aux questions des étudiants.

#### The College welcomes Graham Watson



Graham Watson, MEP and Leader of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats in the European Parliament, spoke to students in Bruges about 'Redefining the Purpose of the European Union'.

#### 'EU negotiations in practice', 10-14 October 2005

The third edition of this highly practical training seminar was attended by officials from EU member and candidate states, eager to learn how to negotiate effectively with and within the EU. This programme is organised twice a year at the Bruges campus of the College. The next edition will take place from **3-7 April 2006**. More information is available at [www.coleurop.be/training](http://www.coleurop.be/training).

A conference on "**Adhering to the European Lisbon strategy: which creative partnerships for social reforms in Europe?**" will be organised in Bruges on 14 February, 2006 with the financial support of Cera. Academics, policy makers and representatives from international and European institutions will analyse the roles and responsibilities of social actors in implementing their respective missions in the framework of the Lisbon strategy. More information is available at [www.coleurop.be](http://www.coleurop.be).

Cafébabel.com, le magazine européen d'information en ligne, possède pour la troisième année consécutive une antenne sur le campus de Natolin. Cette année, un groupe d'étudiants organise une conférence qui se tiendra au début du mois d'avril avec pour thème **la politique migratoire de l'Union Européenne** analysée sous un angle politique et humanitaire. La frontière orientale polonaise sera prise pour cadre d'étude.

La conférence aura lieu sous la forme d'une table ronde à laquelle participeront trois intervenants. Cette dernière sera également ouverte aux questions soulevées par des experts académiques et des étudiants.

Le 5 décembre le '**Global Competition Law Centre (GCLC)**' du Collège d'Europe a organisé une conférence à Londres en association avec British Telecommunications plc sur l'application du droit de la concurrence au contenu télévisuel (PROPOSITION). Parmi les intervenants se trouvaient des représentants du monde académique et du secteur privé. Les sessions se concentraient sur quatre thèmes: «Aspects juridiques et économiques du contenu télévisuel», «concurrence et régulation du contenu télévisuel : approches dans l'UE, le Royaume-Uni et les EE.UU.», «Actualités relatives au contenu télévisuel», «Développements futurs dans l'industrie des contenus télévisuels». Ces sessions étaient suivies d'une table ronde.

En outre, le GCLC a organisé des 'Lunch Talks' cet automne. Le dernier avait lieu le 6 décembre à Bruxelles et portait sur 'The Future Role and Organisation of the Court in the Competition Field'. Pour plus d'informations sur les activités du GCLC, voir [www.coleurop.be/gclc](http://www.coleurop.be/gclc).

#### Michael Deppler visits the College



M. Michael Deppler, Directeur du Département Europe du Fonds Monétaire International, a parlé aux étudiants à Bruges en septembre.

#### Advanced Community Law Training (ACLT) – A New Edition

The last edition of the ACLT programme offered a highly-motivated group of European affairs professionals a specialised and practice-oriented insight into the latest EU developments in the field of institutional reform, Internal Market law, and EC Competition Law. The programme offers up to 14 sessions and workshops on Saturday mornings, spread over a 5-month period. The trainers are lawyers from some of the leading Brussels-based law firms, the European Commission, and the best-ranking European universities. Assistance and tutoring is provided both on-site and on-line by module coordinators.

The "Spring edition 2006" of the ACLT starts on Saturday 28 January. For further information please contact Ms Eveline Buyck, [ebuyck@coleurop.be](mailto:ebuyck@coleurop.be), or see [www.coleurop.be/training](http://www.coleurop.be/training). Please note that the number of places is limited.

Take a look at some of the new features on the College's **newly-designed website** ([www.coleurop.be](http://www.coleurop.be)), including an online staff directory and be sure to check back often for more features and updates. Feedback is always welcome and can be sent to the College webmaster at [webmaster@coleurop.be](mailto:webmaster@coleurop.be).



## Workshop on Intellectual Property

A workshop on 'Issues of Public Policy and Trade in Intellectual Property Law' took place at the Bruges campus on 5 October 2005 at the initiative of Rector Paul Demaret, Professor Inge Govaere, Director of Legal Studies at the College of Europe, Bruges and Professor at Ghent University, and Professor Hanns Ullrich, Professor at the European University Institute in Florence and Visiting Professor at the College of Europe, Bruges, and with the financial support of the Microsoft Corporation.

The morning session, chaired by Professors Ullrich, Jerome Reichman (Duke University) and Thomas Dreier (Karlsruhe University), stimulated an interesting debate dealing with the potential conflict between public interest concerns and a system of protection of Intellectual Property. This was followed by a contribution by Professor Gustavo Ghidini (LUISS University in Rome) and Professor Geertrui Van Overwalle (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven) to the current debate on biodiversity.

The afternoon session, chaired by Professor Govaere, was devoted to two rather different topics. First, Professor Klaus Stegemann (Queen's University, Canada) and Dr. Carsten Fink (World Bank) examined the question of price discrimination for pharmaceuticals from a social welfare perspective. Professor Thomas Cottier (Bern University) and Dr. Christine Godt (Bremen University) then discussed the consequences of the recent Doha waiver compromise reached in the framework of the WTO.



Professor Jerome Reichman, Duke University, presenting at the workshop.

These various issues were raised again in a final panel discussion chaired by Professor Frank Gotzen (Katholieke Universiteit Brussel). The panel discussion benefited from the reflections of Professor Dominik Hanf (Professor at the College of Europe, Bruges), Dr. Brendan Barnes (EFPIA) and Professor Alain Strowel (Facultés Universitaires Saint-Louis).

A number of College students, as well as the assistants of the Legal Studies Department, attended the Workshop. The high level of the participants allowed in-depth discussions on the different issues, making the Workshop a success. The outcomes will soon be made available in a book, which will be published in the "College of Europe Studies" series.

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## Mémoire européenne ou mémoire des Européens ?

A l'initiative du Professeur Geremek et du Vice-Recteur Robert Picht, la conférence 'Construire une mémoire commune ?' a réuni à Natolin le 14 octobre Tzvetan Todorov (Paris), Anne-Marie Thiesse (Paris), Ute Frevert (Yale) et Bo Stråth (Florence), chacun accompagné d'un « junior academic » afin de donner une dimension intergénérationnelle supplémentaire aux débats.



M. le Prof. Todorov, Mme la Prof. Frevert, M. le Prof. Geremek, Vice-Recteur Picht, Mme. la Prof. Thiesse et M. le Prof. Stråth.

Le problème posé par la question de la mémoire commune des Européens ne semble jamais relever de l'impératif, du spectaculaire ou de l'urgence – pour autant, chacun s'accorde à reconnaître qu'il présente un défi réel, sous-jacent mais croissant, d'une actualité politique et philosophique persistante. Fondamentale à toute communauté car elle fonde le sentiment d'appartenance à celle-ci, la question de la mémoire commune se retrouve obstinément au cœur des débats sur l'identité des Européens et l'avenir de l'Europe, et inversement. De plus en plus, l'essoufflement spectaculaire des moteurs traditionnels de l'intégration européenne conduit une classe politique souffrant d'un certain manque d'imagination à solliciter le passé pour dégager les visions de l'avenir et pallier l'absence de projet.

Les Lumières nous enseignent que s'il existe une identité commune en Europe, c'est bien dans la capacité à prendre de la distance par rapport à sa propre mémoire : « être européen, c'est savoir prendre ses distances d'avec soi-même » (Todorov).

Les contributions à cette conférence-atelier tenue dans le cycle des Visions d'Europe sont consultables sur le site de la chaire [www.chair.coleurop.pl](http://www.chair.coleurop.pl).

*Edouard Gaudot  
Coordinateur de la Chaire de Civilisation Européenne*

One year after the Orange Revolution shook public opinion from all over the world, the College of Europe organised the conference "Ukraine on the move" on November 28 to review and analyse the current state of affairs in the country and its pending challenges. The discussion was held around four thematic panels: the European Neighbourhood Policy, Foreign Affairs, Rule of Law, and Economic reforms.

Speakers included top-level Ukrainian politicians, key representatives from the European institutions, NATO and the UK Defence Academy, academics and experts currently working on Ukraine.





## Le Collège d'Europe lance le programme d'études en relations internationales et diplomatiques de l'Union européenne

Le programme d'études en relations internationales et diplomatiques de l'Union européenne a été lancé en présence de M. Javier Solana, Haut représentant pour la PESC et Secrétaire général pour le Conseil de l'Union européenne, lors de la cérémonie d'ouverture annuelle du Collège d'Europe. Ainsi, le Collège répond à l'intérêt croissant d'étudiants et de praticiens pour les relations extérieures de l'Union européenne. Non seulement les pays membres, mais aussi les pays tiers et les organisations internationales voient de plus en plus dans l'Union européenne un acteur mondial important.

Le nouveau programme intéressera particulièrement des jeunes fonctionnaires et des jeunes professionnels ainsi que des étudiants des pays non européens. Les candidats disposeront d'un diplôme en sciences politiques, études européennes, juridiques, économiques ou histoire et pourraient également être détachés d'organisations internationales et de ministères nationaux. Ils doivent démontrer une connaissance approfondie de l'anglais et une connaissance élémentaire du français.

En procurant une connaissance approfondie de l'Union européenne en tant qu'acteur international et une formation à la négociation internationale et diplomatique, ce programme intensif d'une année, débouchant sur un Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies en Relations Internationales et Diplomatiques de l'Union européenne, préparera les étudiants à différents types de carrière dans le domaine des affaires européennes et internationales.



Des étudiants dans le département politique participent au jeu de simulation sur le processus de négociation au Conseil.

Le programme se déroulera sur le campus de Bruges en Belgique et comprendra un séjour de cinq semaines sur le campus de Natolin (Varsovie, Pologne). Le département sera dirigé par le Professeur Dieter Mahncke. Au premier semestre, des cours interdisciplinaires portant sur les relations internationales et les matières européennes serviront de base pour une spécialisation. Au second semestre, les étudiants suivront des cours portant sur les thèmes de l'Union européenne suivants : la sécurité et la justice, les relations économiques étrangères, la diplomatie bilatérale et multilatérale, et les compétences professionnelles. Les étudiants suivront un cours de français, ou en cas de bonne connaissance du français, d'allemand, d'espagnol ou de russe. Le programme sera complété par un mémoire. Initialement, il sera limité à une quarantaine d'étudiants.

## Borders, buses and a revolution – the Natolin study trip

In late October the students of the Beethoven Promotion of the Natolin campus left for the traditional first semester study trip. The theme of this year's trip was "Borders and Borderlands" with a specific focus on the new external boundaries of the enlarged European Union. Therefore, the destination of the trip, the border region of Poland and Ukraine, was an ideal case study. This is particularly true for the region of Transcarpathia in south-western Ukraine with borders, quite volatile throughout history, extending to four different countries (Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia). The region has at some point or another been claimed by all neighbouring countries as their territory and its ethnic and cultural composition is extremely diverse.



Natolin students listen to a colleague's presentation while in the Ukraine.

The week prior to our departure, a number of preparatory seminars and lectures, among others a meeting with Mr. Laitinen, Executive Director of the recently established FRONTEX Agency, were organised to offer initial impressions of what was lying ahead. For most, this was to be the first trip to Ukraine and most information about the country stemmed from the late 2004 Orange Revolution in Kiev (not least through an excellent presentation by our fellow revolutionary Natolinian student Ania Yatsyuk).

The first days of the trip comprised a fact-finding mission at the Polish-Ukrainian border check point and the "Wider Europe" seminar in Lviv. We also visited the cities of Chernivtsi (Bukovina) and Uzhhorod where we discussed problems of multiethnic society and cross border cooperation. Some students prepared presentations and guided tours in the castles and cities of Kamyanets Podilsky and Khotyn, which brought the topics much closer to us. One of the unforgettable moments was the performance of the "Ruthenian National Anthem" by a group of students (featuring Vice-Rector Robert Picht) during a picnic at the bank of the river Prut, a natural border with Romania. Even what sometimes seemed to be an endless bus ride certainly contributed to the famous "Natolinian spirit".

Overall, the 2005/06 study trip to Ukraine was both an exciting and challenging experience and gave us a whole new perspective on the notion of borders. It was not only interesting to see such a large and important neighbouring country to the EU but also to look at our current home country, Poland, from the Eastern side of the border.

Marius Osswald  
Beethoven Promotion



### Construction at Verversdijk continues

The first phase of the Verversdijk expansion project of the Bruges campus of the College of Europe is expected to be completed by 2007. In 2005 restoration work on the existing building, formerly part of a Jesuit training school, was completed: this will house a number of academic staff. In addition, work on the two additional buildings continued during 2005. The first of these, on which construction work began at the end of 2004 and whose façade is now almost complete, will house two auditoria, a foyer, and the ICT Service. Twelve flexible seminar rooms, a reception area and an underground bicycle shed will be housed in the second building. By providing additional space for the College, the Verversdijk buildings will allow the College to expand its academic activities.

The College would like to thank the following golden and silver sponsors of the Bruges campus expansion: AROHM Monumenten & Landschappen, Cera, De Vlier Project Development, Ethias, Exxonmobil nv, Fortis, Glaverbel Group, KBC Bank & Verzekering, Koramic Building Products, Nationale Bank van België, Nationale Loterij, Provincie West-Vlaanderen, Sapa RC Systems, Stad Brugge, Suez-Tractebel nv, Toyota Motor Europe, Vlaamse Gemeenschap. The College would also like to thank the following new sponsors for 2005: Alcatel, BASF, Buderus, MBZ – Port Authority Zeebrugge, Domo nv, Electro Decat bvba, Etap, GIMV, Novalux, SD Worx.

For a complete list of sponsors and for more information on the Verversdijk project, see: [www.coleurop.be/verversdijk](http://www.coleurop.be/verversdijk).



### The Intensive Seminar on the EU – more than 700 participants over the years

In July 2005, the College organised the twelfth edition of its Intensive Seminar on the EU in Bruges. Over a three-week period this training programme brought together seventy professionals from over twenty countries, participating in one or more of its modules.



Participants in the 12th annual Intensive Seminar on the EU.

The programme of the Seminar is evolving on a yearly basis, following the latest developments in different spheres of EU policy-making. It continues to stick, however, with its tradition of allowing participants to shape their own training curriculum by choosing among different parallel sessions. Over recent years a stronger emphasis has been placed on individual practical and professional skills, and on enabling the participants to literally 'experience' the EU through workshops and simulation games recreating the EU's working procedures. The different training formulas are based on intensive and diversified teaching, workshops, and social programmes, which taken together enable participants not only to get a thorough understanding of the EU's institutions and processes, but also to experience the 'esprit' of the College of Europe by living and working together in the College and its student residences, in an intense multicultural environment.

More than 700 professionals have participated in the Intensive Seminar over the past 12 years. Some countries, like Canada, have introduced the programme into their preparation scheme for diplomats posted to their Mission to the EU. The participants are primarily civil servants and diplomats, but over the years academics and private sector professionals have become increasingly represented.

The 2005 edition introduced a one-week training formula into the programme, addressing a limited audience of 25 time-constrained professionals with a solid proven knowledge of the EU. This 'compact formula' focused exclusively on the most recent developments in the core areas of European integration, providing the participants with ready-to-use information, opportunities for discussion and an exchange of ideas with renowned experts.

Further information on the next edition (3-21 July 2006, Bruges) will be available starting in January 2006 at [www.coleurop.be/training](http://www.coleurop.be/training).

Comme chaque année, le **Comité local** pour le Collège d'Europe, Bruges, a organisé différentes activités afin d'intégrer les étudiants dans la ville de Bruges: une réception de bienvenue à l'Hôtel de Ville, une session d'information sur la vie à Bruges, des visites guidées de la ville, une visite à Damme à bicyclette. En outre, en coopération avec le Mouvement 'Hendrik Brugmans' une quarantaine d'étudiants ont passé la journée dans la région frontalière.

Une date à retenir: le **Concert européen** se tiendra le 9 mai 2006! Les revenus du concert seront intégralement versés au 'Students Fund' du Collège.





## Le Service carrière du Collège d'Europe

Plusieurs nouveautés cette année dans le cadre des activités du service carrière !

- Une page emploi plus détaillée sur le site internet du Collège ([www.coleurop.be/careers](http://www.coleurop.be/careers)).
- Les séminaires « emploi » (recherche d'information – rédaction d'un CV – lettre de motivation) sont maintenant mis en pratique à l'aide de workshops interactifs.
- Des cours de préparation aux tests verbaux et numériques des concours institutionnels ont été dispensés sur les deux campus.
- A l'initiative de quelques étudiants, une réflexion a été ouverte sur la conciliation « vie de famille/travail » sur le marché de l'emploi européen. Dans le cadre de cette réflexion une première conférence a été organisée sur le campus de Bruges le 3 novembre dernier, rassemblant près de 50 étudiants venus écouter et débattre de l'expérience et de l'expertise de quatre intervenantes (dont trois Anciennes). Le débat continue et nous vous tiendrons informés des futures activités sur ce thème.

A vos agendas !

En tant que lecteur de cette newsletter, vous êtes un soutien privilégié des activités proposées à nos étudiants dans le domaine des carrières. Votre parcours professionnel, vos choix de carrière, l'expérience que vous avez acquise, sont autant d'informations indispensables à nos étudiants pour s'orienter, se guider dans les méandres du marché européen de l'emploi et de ses spécificités.

Nous vous invitons donc à prendre part à nos activités. N'hésitez pas à nous contacter pour obtenir plus d'informations sur l'une ou l'autre de nos activités ou visitez notre site web.

Février - Mars 2006 : Soirées 'Networking' à Bruges et à Natolin

Avril 2006 : Journées carrières sur le campus de Bruges

Toute initiative de votre part qui viendrait encadrer la démarche de nos étudiants dans la définition et la réalisation de leur projet professionnel est toujours la bienvenue !

Anne Draime  
Careers Officer  
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Prof. Robert Picht has been confirmed as the new Vice-Rector by the Administrative Council in December. As the 5th **Vice-Rector of the Natolin campus**, Prof. Picht will represent the Rector and oversee the College of Europe's academic activities in Warsaw.

Prof. Picht joined the College in 1987 and has served as the Director of the European General and Interdisciplinary Studies programme in Bruges. As Vice-Rector ad interim since September 2004, Prof. Picht is well-acquainted with Natolin and the distinctiveness of its academic programme.

On the eve of his official appointment, Prof. Picht reflects on the future of the Warsaw programme: "Natolin needs to sharpen its academic profile. It should deepen interdisciplinary interaction looking at the new challenges the EU and wider Europe are facing after enlargement. A specific asset of Natolin is that it is sharing the experience of a dynamic new Member State such as Poland, but Natolin is not only looking eastwards. In questions like European neighbourhood policies its programme encompasses the EU as a whole, also taking into account the Mediterranean dimension."

NEWS

### College of Europe: Staff on the Move

*The College is pleased to welcome:*

#### **Professors (EU International Relations & Diplomacy, Bruges)**

David Bach, Tony Bass, Stefano Bartolini, Pierre Defraigne, Tanguy de Wilde d'Estmael, Kennedy Graham, Maria Karasinska-Fendler, Paul Meerts, Pier Carlo Padoan, Robert Rotberg, Pierre Sauvé, Christian Tomuschat

#### **Assistant (Natolin)**

Barbara Bobrowicz (Eco.)

#### **Catering**

Koen Bossuyt

#### **Development Office**

Marie-Hélène Cussac, Marie Jeanne dos Santos, Heikki Kauppinen

#### **UNU/CRIS**

Birger Fuhne, Giulia Pietrangeli

*The College says farewell and thank you to:*

#### **Assistant (Natolin)**

Bartosz Hackbart

#### **Administration**

Tim Van Praet

#### **Development Office**

Sara Deodato Castanheira, Nina Klemola

#### **Congratulations!**

Nancy Vandenberghe - son Alessio, Valérie Hauspie - son Casper



### Prix de l'Ancien

Fabien Durand, President of the Alumni Association of the College of Europe, introduced the three finalists for the Alumni of the Year Award on 9 December 2005 in Oslo. The recipient of this year's award is Mrs **Nuala Mole** (Comenius promotion, 1967/1968).

Nuala was selected from 22 alumni nominees to receive this year's award due to her dedication to making practical information and advice about the rights conferred under EU law available to the public. In 1993 Nuala set up the AIRE Centre to serve this purpose, while also providing advice concerning the rights conferred by the European Convention on Human Rights. The Centre quickly developed a niche service advising on all aspects of human rights and EU free movement rights. In addition to high profile cases, the AIRE Centre has assisted thousands of individuals.

As her nominators wrote, "these achievements are without doubt due to Nuala's dedication and energy. The AIRE Centre remains a small organisation driven by the dedication of a small staff and hundreds of interns from all over the world, to whom Nuala has always generously given her time in training and support. As former interns ourselves we truly value this opportunity to make rights become reality. Moreover, Nuala's friendship and passion for the European ideal has inspired all who work with her. Under her leadership, employees and volunteers continue to help strengthen rights across Europe, long after their time working at the AIRE Centre."



### Nuala Mole

"I think the main challenge across Europe for the next decade is to be absolutely sure that we do not allow the concerns that everyone rightly has about our safety and security to undermine the principles of justice and fairness that it takes us many centuries to acquire. We must work very hard to defend our security but we must also work very hard to defend our human rights."

### La cérémonie

L'Association des Anciens, en partenariat avec Norsk Hydro ASA, a organisé le 9 Décembre 2005, la cérémonie de remise du Prix de l'Ancien à Oslo où Mme Nuala Mole a reçu le Prix et la statue du Prix de l'Ancien, réalisée par l'artiste norvégien M. Nico Widerberg.

Le Prix décerné est constitué d'une invitation personnelle à la Cérémonie de remise du Prix Nobel de la Paix le 10 décembre ainsi qu'au concert du prix Nobel qui a lieu le lendemain.

### Les finalistes



#### Ambassadeur Byczewski

"Le Collège a été la prise de conscience d'une autre Europe, cette Europe dont nous avons une vision, chez nous en Pologne, défigurée et déformée par la censure communiste."

Actuellement Ambassadeur de la République de Pologne en Belgique Iwo Byczewski fut diplômé du Collège d'Europe en 1971/1972, Promotion Dante.

Iwo est l'exemple d'un européen convaincu. Il l'a démontré en Pologne par son attachement à la promotion de la démocratie active dans les municipalités locales et par son rôle de Secrétaire d'Etat en développant les relations extérieures de son pays.

Iwo a œuvré à l'intégration de la Pologne dans l'Union européenne en tant que chef de la Mission de Pologne auprès de l'UE lors de la première étape des négociations de l'adhésion. Il a également contribué à assurer la présence du Collège à Natolin.



#### Alan Forrest

"I thought that in my retirement I would help make the British people more European minded. (...) This can be very frustrating but sometimes very rewarding when people come up and say "well, we're in Europe, let's get on with it! We like what you're doing" (...) I'm sure that I would not be doing this in my retirement if I hadn't been to the College of Europe."

Alan Forrest's values, commitments, career, and achievements over the past fifty years epitomize the European ideal of unity and peace, as well as the hard work, persistence, sensitivity and open-mindedness to achieve it. Soon after Alan left the College of Europe (Alcide De Gasperi Promotion, 1954/1955), he began to use his professional skills in the labour field to build democracy and European and international cooperation through his work in the UCFTU.



His nominators wrote that he has been a unifying force working to bring together the peoples of Europe irrespective of differences in language, nationality and politics.

### *The panel of judges*

Award winner Nuala Mole was chosen from 22 nominees by a panel of high-level personalities. Below are some of their reflections on the EU, the College and its values.

**Pat Cox**, Former President of the European Parliament



"I think the European Union is going through a winter of discontent. And that's the time where those who believe in the European ideal, as the College of Europe believes in and promotes, must look to the spring, which for Europe is the Europe of values and of added values."

**Paul Demaret**, Rector of the College of Europe



"Il n'y a pas de plus belle illustration de ce que fait le Collège d'Europe qu'une photo des étudiants du campus de Natolin rassemblés sur le pont de Mostar, reconstruit après les guerres civiles dans les Balkans."

**John Hume**, MP and 1998 Nobel Peace Prize Winner



"The young people of Europe today are living through the biggest revolution in the history of the world: the technological, telecommunication and transport revolution. As a result the world is now a smaller place. Therefore, the new generation is in a stronger position to shape that world."

**Lionel Jospin**, Former Prime Minister of France



"L'Europe doit veiller à ne pas s'éloigner de ses peuples. La paix ne suffit pas. Le progrès social est nécessaire. Nous avons un modèle social à préserver et nous avons aussi un modèle social à proposer à nos partenaires internationaux."

**Eivind Reiten**, President and CEO of Norsk Hydro ASA



"The reason why we have chosen to support the College is among other things that the values of Hydro and the values of the College of Europe go very well together. We focus on respect for each individual, respect for each nation and work a lot with co-operation. The College of Europe also helps to improve co-operation across borders."

**Javier Solana**, Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union and High Representative for the CFSP



"Je crois que l'Europe est plus nécessaire que jamais dans le monde d'aujourd'hui et donc dans le monde de la globalisation. Les valeurs qui sont propres au Collège sont les miennes. C'est le Collège qui prépare les nouvelles générations, des étudiants qui seront à la fin des grands professionnels de l'Europe."

**Habib Thiam**, Former Prime Minister of Senegal



"La place de l'Europe, pour moi, est une chose extrêmement importante dans le cadre d'un monde de solidarité où il s'agit que les uns et les autres nous puissions effectuer des échanges et que chacun de nous puisse apporter sa part dans la construction d'un monde plus humain."

**Simone Veil**, Former Prime Minister of France



"Après plus de cinquante ans d'existence, le bilan de l'Europe est extrêmement grand. (...) Je crois que ce qu'apporte l'Europe est important pour nous tous, en termes de valeurs et de la défense de ces valeurs, mais aussi en termes de solidarité vis-à-vis des uns et des autres et enfin de bien-être et de prospérité."

### **The Nobel Peace Prize**



The winner, the two finalists and the members of the panel of judges were invited to attend the Nobel Peace Prize Ceremony on 10 December at the Oslo City Hall, this year, the prize was awarded to Mr Mohamed ElBaradei and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) "for their efforts to prevent nuclear energy from being used for military purposes and to ensure that nuclear energy for peaceful purposes is used in the safest possible way."

### **Prix de l'Ancien 2006**

Le Prix de l'Ancien évolue chaque année et nous souhaiterions y apporter de nouvelles améliorations. Nous vous tiendrons au courant par email ou via notre site web: [www.coleurop-alumni.org](http://www.coleurop-alumni.org).

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## Regional Group News

### Norway is going regional!



On 16 November, 35 alumni gathered for an alumni meeting with Ambassador Percy Westerlund of the European Commission Delegation to Norway and Iceland, thus relaunching the Norwegian regional group. Norwegian alumni also gathered for the Prix de l'Ancien ceremony held on 9 December. Contact us for more information about our monthly meetings.

*Kristin Mørkestøl, kmorkestol@students.coleurop.be*  
Montesquieu Promotion

### Irish Alumni reunite for the first time

At the initiative of Irish regional representative John Coyle (Konrad Adenauer Promotion), the Minister for European Affairs hosted a dinner for Irish alumni in the plush surroundings of Iveagh House in Dublin on November 17. The dinner was attended by the Minister, Mr Noel Treacy, Rector Paul Demaret, the Belgian ambassador, Mr Leopold Carrewyn (Comenius Promotion), Ms Justice Finlay Geoghegan (Richard N. Coudenhove-Kalergi Promotion) and around 80 other Irish alumni. Following an address by Mr. Treacy outlining the Irish position on the Constitutional Treaty and his thoughts on the current round of trade negotiations and a word from the rector concerning the College in 2005, the alumni took this opportunity to catch up with old friends and to make new acquaintances.

*Orla Lynskey*  
Montesquieu Promotion

### Hungarian Alumni meet Deputy British Ambassador

Michael Ward, Deputy Ambassador of the United Kingdom to Hungary, welcomed the members of the Hungarian Alumni Association for an afternoon tea and an informal discussion at the British Embassy on October 11. Mr. Ward mainly gave insights into the issues of the UK presidency. Moreover, having served as a diplomat in Ankara, he also touched upon Turkey's accession to the EU, which was followed by a lively discussion on issues, such as the instruments of combating terrorism, the EU's response to security threats and problems of immigration.

*Bálint Bassola*  
John Locke Promotion

For information on Hungarian regional group events, please write to [Andrea.Erdei@om.hu](mailto:Andrea.Erdei@om.hu).

## Naissances

Oryann Camara, née le 26 octobre 2005, fille de Marie-Laure Lulé (promotion Ramon Llull, 1994/1995) et de Michel Camara.

Ferdinando Ceravolo, né le 29 mars 2005, fils de Paola Tambuscio (promotion Walter Hallstein, 1995/1996) et de Francesco Ceravolo.

Joseph Armin Hosseini, né le 2 septembre 2005, fils de Anne Heinen (promotion Von Humboldt, 1999/2000) et de Seyed Alireza Hosseini.

Olivia Maria Klabunn, née le 9 octobre 2005, fille de Karin Klabunn Booss (promotion Alexis de Tocqueville, 1996/1997) et de Ronald Klabunn.

Tristan Pelzer, né le 21 juillet 2005, fils de Cécile Tassin-Pelzer (promotion Stefan Zweig, 1993/1994) et de Christoph Pelzer.

Louise Pérignon, née le 20 juillet 2005, fille de Isabelle Pérignon Fabre (promotion Walter Hallstein, 1995/1996) et de Olivier Pérignon.

Juan Moureau Taymans d'Eypernon Rodriguez, né le 19 septembre 2005, fils de Ana Rodriguez Pérez (promotion Ramon Llull, 1994/1995) et de Hervé Moureau Taymans d'Eypernon.

Martin Trescher Berrod, né le 5 octobre 2005, fils de Frédérique Berrod (promotion Charles IV, 1992/1993) et de Bruno Trescher.

## Mariages

Anne Heinen (promotion Von Humboldt 1999/2000) et Seyed Alireza Hosseini le 30 décembre 2005.

Merel Ritsma (promotion Walter Hallstein, 1995/1996) et Peter Hoogweg, le 25 juin 2005.

Outi Saarnilahti et Georg Schubiger (promotion Walter Hallstein, 1995/1996), le 9 juillet 2005.

## Deces

Firmin Van den Bergh (promotion Erasme, 1953/1954) est décédé le 13 septembre 2005.

Une date à retenir ! Nous invitons les Anciens qui fêteront leur anniversaire de promotion en 2006 (Promotions Walter Hallstein, Christophe Colomb, Czartoryski, Thomas More, Virgile) à se mobiliser et à nous faire parvenir leur changement d'adresse. Le dîner des promotions anniversaires aura lieu samedi, 24 juin, 2006.

The Alumni Association would like to thank the following sponsors for their support:





## New Leadership at Madariaga



John Richardson

Following my work in helping build the Europe of education as the founding Director of Eurydice, the European network of education at the EU level, and encouraging a European philanthropic space as the founding Chief Executive of the European Foundation Centre (EFC), I am honoured to serve the Madariaga European Foundation. I am inspired by the words of its President, Javier Solana, Secretary General of the Council of the European Union and High Representative for the European Common Foreign and Security Policy: "I am proud to preside over the activities of this young and dynamic Foundation whose unique culture will allow it to contribute significantly and in an innovative manner to promoting a more active and cooperative Europe in the World".

As the new Director General of the Madariaga European Foundation, I intend to strengthen its service capacity to the College of Europe, the European institutions and importantly to the European citizens.

This will be done by implementing the Euroserve Programme, which is already being welcomed by significant funders. The aim of the programme is to provide services to enable and encourage citizen participation in the development of an integrated Europe in the World through the growth of partnerships between Europeans, Near Neighbours and Distant Friends.

In this way, the Madariaga European Foundation networks will be at the service of organisations and individuals involved in or wishing to set up Conflict Prevention or Health projects, and research that underpins these thrusts.

Thus, allowing the College of Europe family, to tap into the thriving world of European philanthropy, business and diplomacy. Euroserve will build on the underpinning of the existing and new projects and programmes of the Madariaga European Foundation. To be precise, the three key goals are to engage, to collaborate and to mentor.

John Richardson  
Director General

## 'Les Mardis de l'Europe' continuent...



John Richardson, Richard Kinchen et Raymond Georis.

La Fondation Européenne Madariaga organise chaque mois (généralement un Mardi) une conférence-débat, qui se tient à l'heure du déjeuner (12h30-14h) dans ses locaux à Bruxelles (87 rue Royale, 1000 Bruxelles) sur un thème d'actualité européenne et en présence d'une personnalité clé de la scène européenne.

Pour ne mentionner que les dernières :

### Mardi 25 octobre 2005

«Islam' et 'Occident': cohabitation ou conflit ?» en présence de l'Ambassadeur britannique Richard Kinchen.

### Mardi 15 novembre 2005

«La place de la religion dans une Europe élargie» par Gabriel Fragnière, ancien Recteur du Collège d'Europe. (en partenariat avec le Forum Europe des Cultures)

### Mardi 29 novembre 2005

«La crise de la grippe aviaire : quelle réponse au niveau européen ?» avec comme intervenants Dr. Luc Hessel, Président du Groupe de Travail sur Influenza Pandemic Vaccine à European Vaccine Manufacturers et Robert Sturdy, Député au Parlement Européen, membre suppléant à la Commission Santé. (en partenariat avec Café Babel)

### Mardi 13 décembre 2005

«Laculture, ciment de l'Europe» par Marine Imberechts, Directrice du Centre de Culture Européenne.

Pour plus d'information sur les conférences, contactez Colombe Warin, Communications Manager, [cwarin@coleurop.be](mailto:cwarin@coleurop.be).

## Nouveaux membres à la Fondation

Le Conseil d'Administration de la Fondation Européenne Madariaga s'est réuni le 30 novembre dernier à Bruxelles sous la Présidence de Javier Solana, Secrétaire Général du Conseil et haut Représentant pour la Politique Etrangère et de Sécurité Commune.

Le Conseil d'Administration a eu le plaisir d'accueillir deux nouveaux membres :

- Baron Daniel Janssen, Président de Solvay S.A.
- Craig Kennedy, Président, The German Marshall Fund of the United States.



## Lancement de la publication 2005 du Programme Anna Lindh à New York et à Stockholm

Coller au plus près à une actualité permettant à l'Union européenne de jouer un rôle moteur sur la scène internationale dans le domaine de la prévention des conflits constitue une caractéristique essentielle du programme Anna Lindh, initié par la Fondation Européenne Madariaga fin 2003 à l'initiative de son Président, Javier Solana.

"Development, Security and Conflict Prevention: Security as a Millenium Goal", thème retenu en 2005 pour la seconde publication du programme, s'inscrit ainsi dans la lignée de la préparation du Sommet des Nations-Unies sur les objectifs du Millénaire pour le Développement (OMD).

C'est donc logiquement en marge de ce sommet que fut lancé le 14 septembre dernier, à New York, la deuxième publication du programme Anna Lindh. Le bureau de liaison de l'Union européenne auprès des Nations Unies a accueilli cet événement qui a rassemblé un grand nombre de personnalités malgré un agenda officiel chargé en cette période de l'année.

La présentation de l'ouvrage a été l'occasion d'un débat passionnant entre Jim Cloos, Directeur au Secrétariat Général du Conseil de l'Union européenne et Evelyne Herfkens, Coordinatrice du Secrétaire Général pour la campagne de promotion des OMDs.



Jim Cloos, Evelyne Herfkens and Micaíl Vitsentzatos

La discussion ouverte et animée qui a suivi a mis l'accent sur la complémentarité mais aussi la nécessité d'une coopération renforcée entre les Nations Unies et l'Union européenne dans leurs activités de promotion du développement et de la prévention des conflits.

Si le lancement New Yorkais s'imposait cette année au regard de l'actualité internationale, la Fondation Européenne Madariaga tenait néanmoins à maintenir un lien étroit avec le public suédois en hommage à Anna Lindh, inspiratrice du programme.



L'inauguration à Stockholm le 10 novembre dernier par Margot Wallström de la nouvelle Bibliothèque Anna Lindh, entièrement consacrée aux affaires internationales, a offert un cadre idéal au lancement de l'ouvrage sur la scène suédoise.

La Vice-Présidente de la Commission européenne, proche d'Anna Lindh et membre du comité de

patronage du programme mis en œuvre par la Fondation Européenne Madariaga, a assuré une présentation à la fois chaleureuse et engagée de l'ouvrage (voir encadre ci-dessous), rappelant en des termes touchants le combat de sa compatriote pour faire de la prévention des conflits un des fers de lance de la politique étrangère européenne.

La politique de développement représente sans nul doute un des piliers d'une politique structurelle de prévention des conflits. L'impact de cet instrument est réel et les résultats positifs doivent être mis en avant par une Union européenne toujours modeste dans la communication de ses succès.

Le programme 2006 s'articulera autour du thème « santé et prévention des conflits », un sujet dont la complexité et les enjeux ne sont plus à démontrer. Toute contribution de la communauté du Collège est particulièrement encouragée par le comité de pilotage du projet.

Marie-Ange Gaiffe  
Promotion Mozart

The 2005 edition of the Anna Lindh Programme is available for purchase at the Madariaga European Foundation.

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## Genocide Prevention: theory to practice

"The progression of events toward genocide is gradual, and the years from initial threat to full genocide offer an interval for the international community to take preventive action." This assertion by David Hamburg, President Emeritus of the Carnegie Corporation of New York, constitutes the premise of a forthcoming study proposing to explore the feasibility of setting up an International Centre for the Prevention of Genocide. The study, initiated in the aftermath of Raymond Georis' meeting with President Jimmy Carter in Atlanta in September 2005, opens a new collaboration between the Carter Center and the Madariaga European Foundation. The Folke Bernadotte Academy of Sweden, as well as a personal representative of Javier Solana, will also participate in this endeavour. The feasibility study will consist of a series of Steering Committee meetings to be held between January and June 2006, under the chairmanship of David Hamburg, and coordinated by the Madariaga European Foundation.



Raymond Georis, Jimmy Carter and David Hamburg





## Health as a key issue



The Centre for Health, Ethics and Society (CHES), created in 2003, is one of the key health programmes of the Madariaga European Foundation. With the support of Johnson & Johnson, it aims to improve European integration through dialogue and debate on healthcare, ethical and societal issues.

Activities consist of facilitating discussion and dialogue, bringing together representatives of the EU institutions, academic, advocacy, corporate, government, medical and scientific organisations in order to influence the public policy arena. To this effect, CHES organises roundtables where all stakeholders meet to discuss topical EU health issues.

The most recent one, on November 23rd 2005, focused on the recently published Green Paper of the European Commission on Mental Health. It provided an opportunity for stakeholders from the mental health field to enter into dialogue with representatives of the European Commission and the European Parliament. The next event, planned for February 2006, will address the proposed health activities of the future EU Framework Research and Development Programme.

*Christine Marking*



## Roundtable on Eurocarers

The CHES Roundtable, organised in partnership with Eurocarers, on 20 September 2005 at the Madariaga European Foundation, aimed to explore the practical possibility of placing issues related to informal care firmly on the EU policy agenda.

Based on the figures of the demographic dependency ratio (expected to rise from 49% in 2005 to 66% in 2030), and given the fact that most of the care is provided on a voluntary basis by relatives (i.e. friends and neighbours), this informal care is a critical element in addressing the sustainability and quality of health care systems – a challenge faced by all EU member States.

In many cases, the important work carried out by carers is unrecognised and unpaid, and policies need to ensure that this important care resource is being maintained.

The roundtable brought together a number of key representatives of the European Commission's Employment and Research DGs as well as of the European Parliament, health advocacy groups, academics and health professional organisations.

Mrs. Brigid Barron, President of Eurocarers, described the needs of carers and the challenges they face, stating "the need to care about carers and take into consideration their long hours of work, stress, isolation and loss of freedom of choice".

Mrs. Kathy Sinnott, Member of the European Parliament, stressed that "caring is a necessity for the human person as well as for society; carers are workers and thus they have to be remunerated for their work. EU policies should address carers as workers".

## Highlights of the debate on Avian Flu

On 29 November 2005, the Madariaga European Foundation held a timely lunch debate on: "Avian flu crisis: a European response?" Both guest speakers, Dr. Luc Hessel of the European Vaccine Manufacturers and Mr. Alexander Woollcombe, assistant to MEP Robert Sturdy, stressed the need of a coordination between EU member states on a health-related issue, albeit still of national competence is. The debate was moderated by Vanessa Witkowski from Café Babel.



The speakers described the specificities of a pandemic in which the entire population (pan = all, demos = population) is at risk and not only specific segments. A pandemic can occur anytime, whereas annual epidemics are mostly seasonal, and is very severe, as far as potential mortality rates are concerned.

In the second part of the debate, the question raised was not *if* but *when* a pandemic could occur and the need for the member states, the European institutions and the private sector to be well prepared. Having a preparedness plan ready is essential, and the different actors need to know what they are expected to do and at which stage they are involved.

Finally, both speakers insisted on the need to differentiate the media reaction to avian flu, which is rather cyclical, and the work of the European institutions and the laboratories, which has a long term perspective. In conclusion, this pandemic threat could be seen as a learning experience of coordination and communication that will help to make progress in other areas.

*Colombe Warin  
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## EU Policy Workshops 2005-2006

The College of Europe is organising a series of 'EU Policy Workshops' on the premises of the Madariaga European Foundation in Brussels. Under the coordination and guidance of Prof. Carol Cosgrove-Sacks, each four-day workshop will provide participants with an analytical insight on a specific EU policy and a thorough understanding of the main issues and interests at stake. The participants will have the opportunity to:

- Enhance their specialised knowledge in EU affairs
- Develop critical and analytical thinking on specific EU policy issues
- Strengthen their negotiation and persuasion skills vis-à-vis the EU

The next EU Policy Workshop on Social, Employment and Gender Policies will take place from 23 to 26 January 2006. For more information and for the application form see [www.coleurop.be/training](http://www.coleurop.be/training).

## EU Fact Finding: The EU at Your Fingertips

A series of practical and short seminars aimed at optimising on-line research of EU-related information will be organised by the College Development Office in Brussels on the following dates in 2006:

- 22 February 2006 – 14.00 - 18.00
- 14 April 2006 – 9.00 - 13.00
- 9 June 2006 – 9.00 - 13.00

For details see [www.coleurop.be/training](http://www.coleurop.be/training).

Following the Polish parliamentary elections in September and before the Presidential elections in October, the Natolin Campus organised a debate entitled "**Polish Political Landscape**" for students on 28 September with the participation of Mr Jan Cienski, Warsaw correspondent of the Financial Times, and Mr Konrad Schuller, Warsaw correspondent of the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, to discuss the elections and political developments in Poland.

Students participated in a lively discussion with the two correspondents on the results of the elections, the personalities of the presidential candidates as well as an analysis of past and potential developments of political parties in Poland. Mr Cienski's and Mr Schuller's analytical and personal insights captured the students' interest shortly after their arrival in Warsaw at the beginning of the academic year.

## COLLEGE DIARY *(Bruges and Natolin)*

30/09/05	Michael Deppler, Director, European Department, International Monetary Fund
19/10/05	Javier Solana, Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union and High Representative for the CFSP; President of the Madariaga European Foundation
20/10/2005 - 21/10/2005	6th Colloquium in cooperation with the International Committee of the Red Cross, "Current Challenges to the Law of Occupation"
27/10/05	Jean-Claude Trichet, Président, Banque Centrale Européenne
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