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Bienvenue aux jeunes de la promotion Copernic qui nous ont rejoints cet été au sein de la grande famille des Anciens du Collège d'Europe!



Fabien Durand

La liberté d'expression prend un sens tout à fait particulier cette année. En effet, la nouvelle promotion a pour patrons deux journalistes assassinés pour leurs idées, Anna Politkovskaya et Hrant Dink. Le lauréat de la cinquième édition du Prix de l'Ancien est Mohamad Goenawan, journaliste indonésien et ardent défenseur de la liberté de la presse.

Cette préoccupation commune nous rappelle aujourd'hui encore l'importance cruciale d'assurer les conditions d'une information objective, factuelle et correcte du citoyen du monde. La liberté d'expression est le socle sur lequel se construit toute démocratie. Il est essentiel de garantir à tous une information respectueuse de la diversité des opinions et des croyances.

Renforcer les liens et la communication entre cultures a toujours été une priorité du Collège d'Europe. Ce souci du partage et d'enrichissement mutuel nous a incité à développer un nouveau site web beaucoup plus interactif et beaucoup plus riche en informations. De nombreuses initiatives sont par ailleurs prises par les Groupes régionaux afin de maintenir et favoriser les liens entre les Anciens.

Je vous souhaite au nom de toute l'Association des Anciens, de très joyeuses fêtes de fin d'année !

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



Meilleurs vœux pour l'année 2008 !

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

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Secretary of State Miliband opens academic year in Bruges

This year's opening ceremony in Bruges was held in the modern surroundings of the Concertgebouw on 15 November and was presided over by former Belgian Prime Minister, Mr Jean-Luc Dehaene. Following Rector Paul Demaret's recalling of Anna Politkovskaya and Hrant Dink, the Patrons of the 2007/2008 Promotion, the Rt Hon David Miliband, Member of Parliament for South Shields and Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, addressed the students with his speech entitled: "Europe 2030: Model Power not Superpower".

Recalling the words used almost 20 years ago by the then British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, he stated, "Our destiny is in Europe." Rather than attack the European dream, however, the Foreign Secretary projected a very different vision for Europe. He rejected the idea of a European superstate but endorsed integration and supported further expansion of the single market. He mentioned the need for Europe to make use of both soft and hard power to advance democracy and put much emphasis on environmental goals.



Secretary of State David Miliband speaks with British students

After his concluding remarks, Mr Miliband took questions from several students which he graciously described as being challenging in nature. This is the first time the speaker at an opening ceremony in Bruges has done so - a move welcomed by Mr Dehaene and the students alike. After the conclusion of the official ceremony, Mr Miliband met with the British students currently studying at the College. He was intrigued by their backgrounds and opinions and promised to increase awareness of the College in the United Kingdom. The students were delighted to meet with Mr Miliband and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to discuss the future of Europe with him.

Alex Rogers
Politkovskaya/Dink Promotion

Minister Carl Bildt speaks at the Natolin opening ceremony



Minister Carl Bildt opens the Natolin academic year

On 12 November, Carl Bildt, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden, opened the academic year at the Natolin campus. Paul Demaret, Rector of the College of Europe, first addressed the College students, staff and invitees from the diplomatic corps, highlighting the importance of freedom of speech in a democratic society. He then introduced this year's patrons and champions of freedom of expression, Anna Politkovskaya and Hrant Dink.

In his speech on the future of Europe, Mr Bildt recalled that "our Europe has never been as free, as prosperous or as secure as it is today." In addition, he emphasised that in this age of globalisation all nations should be developing countries prepared to adopt changes, including the EU. He spoke in favour of further EU enlargement as a way of promoting peace and stability in the region.



Minister Bildt answers a question

The ceremony concluded with the performance of the Natolin choir singing Gaudeamus igitur and the European anthem, *Ode to joy*, in three languages, thus showing the true European spirit of diversity.

Marija Nikolova
Politkovskaya/Dink Promotion



EU Executive Programme – Hand in hand with business

The College of Europe has recently launched its EU Executive Programme. This programme is led by course director, Professor Dr. Carol Cosgrove-Sacks, Visiting Professor at the College. Furthermore, a Management Board of the Executive Programme, including Paul Demaret, Rector of the College, Marc Vuylsteke, Director-General of the College's Development Office, John Richardson, Development Advisor of the Madariaga European Foundation, and Fabien Durand, President of the Alumni Association of the College of Europe, and an Advisory Board under the chairmanship of Baron Daniel Janssen of Solvay, comprising business representatives and some top European experts, have been set up.



Executive Seminar in Brussels

This first seminar on the Business Implications of Climate Change took place in Brussels on 22 and 23 November. Among the speakers were Claude Turmes, MEP (Greens/EFA Group), Dominic Waughray from the World Economic Forum, Gies Vriesman from Dutch Royal Shell, and Willy Tomboy from Toyota Motor Europe, among others.

The next EU Executive Seminar will deal with The European Energy Market – Costs and Security, scheduled for 31 January and 1 February 2008. Registration is available at www.coleurope.eu/executiveprogramme.

2008 Programme (tentative dates)

- Business in a Common Trans-Atlantic Market (28-29 February)
- CSR & Ethics Business Needs & Regulatory Compliance (13-14 March)
- EU-Russia Relations – Business Perspective (17-18 April)
- Climate Change & Sustainable Business Development (5-6 June)

The following companies are members of the Advisory Board: Air Liquide, Arcelor-Mittal, BP Europe, Business Europe, EADS, ERT – European Roundtable of Industrialists, European Voice, Fortis Bank, Hoffman-La Roche, Johnson & Johnson, Nokia, Norsk Hydro, Philips Belgium, SAP Belgium, Solvay, Toyota Motor Europe and on an individual basis Pierre Defraigne, Stefano Micossi and Alexander Schaub.

La Turquie revisitée dans le blog 'l'Europe en débat'

La collaboration entre le Collège d'Europe et la chaîne de télévision, ARTE, soutenue par l'Organisation internationale de la Francophonie, s'est enrichie dès octobre d'un blog qui s'ajoute au webzine *Regards Croisés*. Le but est de créer un site interactif de haute qualité pour enrichir le débat sur des enjeux européens. Il vise à informer sur l'ensemble du débat en Europe, mais aussi à mettre en perspective les débats nationaux.

Ce trimestre l'objet du débat est à nouveau la grande question posée par l'éventuelle adhésion de la Turquie à l'Union européenne. L'occasion est propice puisque cette adhésion se trouve à un moment critique, comme le montre le récent rapport de la Commission européenne sur le progrès des négociations, et puisque les étudiants de Natolin ont visité le pays pour approfondir leurs connaissances à cet égard.

Pour accéder aux contributions et participer aux discussions, cliquez sur blogs.arte.tv/Leurope_en_debat.

*Luis Bouza García
Assistant académique
Promotion Copernicus*

Les 27 et 28 septembre, une délégation de sept assistants des campus de Bruges et de Natolin s'est rendue à Talloires (France) afin de participer au **Global Leadership Seminar**. En compagnie d'étudiants et de jeunes professionnels issus de quatre autres universités (Tufts University, Université de Saint-Gall, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy de Singapour et Université de Yonsei en Corée du Sud), les représentants du Collège ont débattu des problèmes liés à la gouvernance économique mondiale. Le 29 septembre, les participants ont été rejoints par un nombre de professeurs issus des universités représentées, parmi lesquels les professeurs Jacques Pelkmans, Carol Cosgrove-Sacks et Giacomo Luciani du Collège.

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The **Veneto Region** hosted a launch event for 'Veneto for Excellence' on 5 and 6 November. The region will award **four full scholarships** to students from the region to study at the Bruges or Natolin campuses, starting in the 2008/09 academic year. Rector Paul Demaret presented the College of Europe to attendees at the launch. Presenters also included Sara Carrer and Serena Forlati, Professor of Law at the University of Ferrara, both of whom are College alumnae.

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L'ancien Président du Sénégal visite le Collège



Son Excellence Monsieur Abdou Diouf

Le 20 septembre dernier, Son Excellence Monsieur Abdou Diouf, ancien Premier ministre et Président du Sénégal, a présenté une conférence sur le campus de Bruges. L'importance de l'Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie a été mise en exergue par son Excellence qui en assure également la présidence. Il soulignera la capacité unificatrice de cette organisation, dont découle sa légitimité, qui trouve ses origines dans des mouvements populaires ayant pour socle commun la langue française. Prônant la diversité culturelle en favorisant une vie internationale qui ne se résume pas à une seule langue, le message du Secrétaire général peut faire écho à la multiculturalité et au multilinguisme qui sont des fondements de la vie des étudiants au Collège d'Europe. Hormis l'appel à ne pas céder trop aisément à la langue anglaise, le discours de Son Excellence Monsieur Diouf est selon moi, une exhortation à être fier de nos cultures respectives.

*Clemens Streit
Promotion Politkovskaya/Dink*

Visions d'Europe (éd. Odile Jacob, Paris) de Bronislaw Geremek, MPE et Titulaire de la Chaire de Civilisation européenne au Collège d'Europe, et Robert Picht, Directeur du programme d'études européennes générales au Collège d'Europe, est un livre à la fois savant et politique. La démocratie et les institutions de l'Union européenne, l'intégration économique, sociale et culturelle, les frontières de l'Europe et la mémoire commune des Européens: sur ces quatre sujets d'importance primordiale pour le débat sur l'avenir de l'Europe et de l'Union européenne, les rencontres qui ont produit ce livre ont permis de confronter des points de vue très différents, parfois même très divergents, dans un échange continu et enrichissant pour tous.

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Les activités du 'Global Competition Law Centre'

2007 restera une année de consolidation dans l'histoire du Global Competition Law Centre ('GCLC'). Dans la lignée des précédentes années, le GCLC a d'abord poursuivi, à une cadence mensuelle, l'organisation de lunch talks à Bruxelles, qui font intervenir deux spécialistes sur des points d'actualité du droit de la concurrence.

Le GCLC s'est par ailleurs employé à confirmer sa position de plate-forme de premier rang des grands débats du droit de la concurrence. L'année 2007 offrait, à cet égard, des opportunités de choix : pour célébrer les 50 ans de la politique communautaire de concurrence, le GCLC a d'abord tenu le 5 juin une conférence de haut niveau réunissant plusieurs Commissaires à la concurrence et magistrats de la juridiction de Luxembourg. Pour réagir ensuite aux conséquences du Traité de Lisbonne et, en particulier, au possible affaiblissement de la politique de concurrence, le GCLC s'est associé à la revue française *Concurrences* pour organiser, le 8 novembre, une conférence intitulée 'The Place of Competition Law in the Future Community Legal Order'.

Enfin, sous la direction des Professeurs Derenne et Merola, le GCLC encadre l'édition d'un ouvrage sur le rôle de l'analyse économique dans le domaine du contrôle des aides d'Etat (Lexxion, décembre 2007). L'ouvrage, sous presse, rassemble les contributions soumises par les intervenants à la troisième conférence annuelle du GCLC.

A l'heure du bilan annuel, c'est toutefois vers l'avenir que sont tournés le GCLC et son conseil scientifique. Les projets pour 2008, nombreux, incluent une relance de la série de *Working Papers* en droit et économie de la concurrence, publiée sur le site internet ; l'organisation d'une conférence à Natolin au printemps 2008 ; et l'organisation de la conférence annuelle sur la politique de contrôle des cartels.

Pour plus d'informations, voir gclc.coleurope.eu.

*Nicolas Petit
GCLC*

The College of Europe and the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA) are pleased to announce that **Edith Frénoy** of the Natolin campus, received the **2006/07 EFPIA prize**. This prize is awarded each year for the best thesis in an area of particular interest to the pharmaceutical industry. Thomas Kostera, Politics, and Teresa Lorca Morales, Natolin, received special mentions for their theses.

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New specialisation: European Economic Integration and Business

A new specialisation in 'European Economic Integration and Business' will be offered to students in the Economics programme starting in the 2008/2009 academic year in Bruges.

Nowadays, any firm conducting business in Europe cannot avoid a thorough understanding of European economic integration. The deepening of the Internal Market together with the common policies of the EU affect the corporate strategies of companies. Likewise, European Monetary Union has successfully provided the macroeconomic stability and predictability for longer term business decisions, while eliminating exchange risks in the eurozone.

Given this background, the specialisation will study the many interactions between business and the EU in greater depth. The specialisation will be open to students in the European Economic Studies programme. It combines solid economic training in European integration with a basic understanding and appreciation of business, and – building on this dual platform – specialises in the EU-business interface. Graduates will understand business (through business 'cases' on how the EU affects companies, or how a company or sector develops an EU strategy vis-à-vis policymakers) and corporate strategy, while maintaining the College's high standards of deep EU knowledge and solid economic analysis.

According to Rector Demaret, 'the specialisation in European Economic Integration and Business allows students to look closely at the intricacies of the relationship between the private sector and the European Union. This is an area which is becoming increasingly important given the Union's role, and the graduates of the specialisation will be well placed to analyse and anticipate that role.'

Suitable applicants will primarily come with an academic degree in economics or business administration. This programme will be of particular interest to young professionals. In the first year, it is expected that the specialisation will include about twenty students.

International workshop on Transatlantic Relations



Workshop participants and student attendees

On 26 and 27 October, the Department of EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies organised an international workshop on transatlantic relations with the support of the GE Foundation. The workshop gathered about thirty leading experts, academics as well as practitioners, from both sides of the Atlantic, as well as a number of College students. The workshop assessed the current state of the transatlantic relationship from a political and economic point of view while also looking at future prospects.

During the first day, the presentations and discussions considered the new political challenges to the Atlantic alliance as well as the importance of NATO for EU-US relations. On the second day, economic and financial issues were the focus of the workshop. The speakers and participants considered the prospects of strengthening the economic transatlantic partnership, and the role of the dollar and euro in the international financial architecture.

Overall, the conference comprehensively addressed the many challenges that the EU-US relationship is facing, but also made the case for a strengthening of the transatlantic partnership. Indeed, it seemed to confirm, as the European Security Strategy states, that 'acting together, the European Union and the United States can be a formidable force for good in the world'.

*Fredrick Lee-Ohlsson
Academic assistant
Copernicus Promotion*

A l'occasion de la célébration le 12 juillet 2007 du 25e anniversaire de la création par le **Patronat catalan** d'un programme de bourses destinées à de jeunes diplômés intéressés à suivre des programmes d'études portant sur l'intégration européenne, le recteur Paul Demaret a été invité à prononcer un discours portant sur le Traité de Rome après le Conseil européen de Bruxelles lors d'une cérémonie tenue au Palais de la Généralité de la Catalogne à Barcelone, présidée par le vice-président du Gouvernement catalan, M. H. M. Josep Lluís Carod-Rovira. Au cours des années, 57 diplômés ont ainsi bénéficié de bourses du Patronat catalan en vue d'étudier au Collège.

NEW! The Development Office of the College of Europe is pleased to announce that all **members of the College Alumni Association** are offered a 15% discount on the registration fee for one of its training programmes. For more information, see www.coleurope.eu/training.

Furthermore, the **College of Europe experts database**, an online resource to manage the College's worldwide network of experts, continues to grow. Specialists in relevant fields wishing to do project-related work with the College of Europe are encouraged to register at experts.coleurope.eu.



College opens extension in Bruges



Prof. N. Vanhove, Rector P. Demaret, Minister J.-L. Dehaene, Minister-President K. Peeters, Mayor P. Moenaert, Governor P. Breyne and Baron O. Vanneste

On 31 August, the College of Europe inaugurated the Verversdijk extension of the Bruges campus. Jean-Luc Dehaene, Minister of State, Member of the European Parliament, Former Belgian Prime Minister and President of the Administrative Council of the College of Europe and Paul Demaret, Rector of the College of Europe, welcomed Kris Peeters, Minister-President of the Flemish Government. After an introduction of the College and the Verversdijk project by Minister Dehaene and Rector Demaret, Minister-President Peeters delivered a speech to dignitaries, the many sponsors of the extension, and to staff members who were in attendance.

The Verversdijk extension includes three buildings, one of which was completely renovated for College use and two that are new constructions. The renovated building now houses the offices of the Law and Politics study programmes, as well as one of the codification teams of the Development Office. Building A, which is already completely in use, houses two auditoria and the IT Service while Building C, to be completed in January, will feature twelve seminar rooms. This extension allows the College to extend its activities and allows lectures to be organised in fully-mediated classrooms.

The Verversdijk extension was made possible through the financial support of the Flemish Government, the Province of West Flanders, the City of Bruges, the National Lottery, KBC, and Suez. A number of other firms and organisations sponsored the project at the silver or bronze level.

For current photos of the extension and more information on the inauguration, please see www.coleurope.eu/verversdijk.

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The **Belarus Working Group** recently organised a Belarusian concert at the Natolin Campus. Two groups were invited (Gurzuf and Silver Wedding) to play in the Bar'Rosso on 13 October. Musicians sang in both French and Belarusian. The Belarus Working Group will continue to organise activities throughout the year.

Voyage d'études en Turquie

Tous les étudiants du campus de Natolin ont participé ce novembre à un voyage d'études à Istanbul. La réflexion sur la situation actuelle en Turquie avait déjà commencé avant le départ dans le cadre de groupes de travail. Puis, pendant le séjour à Istanbul, une série de conférences furent organisées qui permirent de faire le point sur l'état des relations entre la Turquie et l'Union européenne et sur les questions de son adhésion éventuelle à l'Union européenne. Selon la conception interdisciplinaire du programme d'études de Natolin, les intervenants ont débattu des questions politiques et économiques, mais aussi sociologiques et historiques. La contribution de Murat Belge, un ami de Hrant Dink, un des patrons de notre promotion, a été particulièrement appréciée.



Voyage d'études en Turquie

Plusieurs Anciens du Collège ont également participé aux conférences et ont répondu aux questions lors d'une soirée-rencontre amicale dans le centre d'Istanbul. Après les conférences, certains étudiants ont mis à profit leur séjour pour faire des recherches supplémentaires pour leur mémoire de master tandis que d'autres ont choisi de découvrir les divers aspects de la culture turque dans les nombreux musées et restaurants d'Istanbul.

Marc Naether
Promotion Politkovskaya/Dink

Le 16 novembre 2007, le **général Ferenc Banfi**, chef de la Mission d'assistance à la frontière entre l'Ukraine et la Moldavie, a donné au Collège une conférence sur « La réponse de l'Union européenne à un conflit gelé au bord de ses frontières ». La mission qui a été mise en place en 2005 vise à renforcer la sécurité, la coopération et la stabilité régionale. Dans son exposé, le général Banfi a décrit l'engagement sur le terrain de l'Union européenne dans un contexte très délicat.

Il a expliqué comment la mission aide l'Ukraine et la Moldavie à mieux contrôler leur frontière commune, y compris la partie transnistrienne, et à renforcer leur capacité de lutte contre les trafics illicites. La conférence a suscité un grand intérêt parmi les étudiants comme en témoigna le grand nombre de questions posées au général Banfi.

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College of Europe Staff on the Move

The College is pleased to welcome:

Assistants (Bruges)

Davide Bonvicini (IRD), Luis Bouza García (EG), Stephen Coutts (Law), Jacopo Figus Díaz (Law), Cristina Freitas Da Costa (Law), Thomas Kostera (Pol.), Fredrick Lee-Ohlsson (IRD), Alessandro Maravalle (Eco.), Elisa Molino (Pol.), Skander Nasra (Pol.), Laurence Pham (Eco.), Mathieu Rousselin (Pol.), Sébastien Thomas (Law), Robert Wagner (Law)

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Housekeeping and Catering, Bruges

Steven Bouckaert, Saskia Clauwaert, Catherine Wullus (maternity replacement for Michèle Debaecke)

UNU/CRIS

Maria Cristina Macovei

The College says farewell and thank you to:

Assistants (Bruges)

Lourdes Acedo Montoya, Nike Bönner, Mathieu Briens, Francisco Costa-Cabral, Thien Uyen Do, Anna-Lena Högenauer, Pablo Ibáñez Colomo, Katarina Jaksic, Orla Lynskey, Andrea Maier, Daniele Marchesi, Elise Muir, Jérémie Pélerin, Kiril Strahilov

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Administration

Marzena Adamczuk (Natolin), Johan Peeters (Bruges)

Congratulations!

Eveline Buyck – son Arthur, Michèle Debaecke and Maxime Dhoore – son Julien, Xavier Esteve and Annouchka Nabokov – daughter Lilly, Andrea Pietras – daughter Amelia

Tania Neyts on her marriage to Dominique Casin.



Ambassador Otto von der Gablentz, who served as rector of the College from 1996 to 2001 passed away on 13 July 2007 after a long illness, which, in typical fashion, he faced with courage, dignity and elegance.

After retiring from the College, Ambassador von der Gablentz had made his home in Amsterdam, the Netherlands having become his second country after he had served there as German Ambassador for many years. His career as a diplomat was indeed brilliant. After having been Ambassador to the Netherlands, he was appointed Ambassador to Israel, and just before being chosen as rector of the College of Europe, to Russia. He won unanimous applause for the manner in which he represented the new Germany in these three countries, where the Second World War had left bitter memories.

He became rector of the College at a sensitive time for the latter. By the time he left the College in 2001, the College was in a stronger position. From the College's perspective, he will always be remembered for the phrase 'One College, two campuses'.

Conférence « Langues et construction européenne »

Le Collège d'Europe intensifie sa coopération avec l'Organisation internationale de la francophonie. Dans ce cadre, une conférence à caractère interdisciplinaire portant sur « Langues et construction européenne » s'est tenue les 29 et 30 novembre 2007 sur le campus du Collège d'Europe à Natolin. Son objectif était d'analyser le défi du multilinguisme dans l'Union européenne d'un point de vue de la pratique institutionnelle.

Quelles sont les « langues de travail » officielles ou officieuses des différentes institutions européennes ? Sur quels critères dépend leur choix ? Quelles sont les conséquences qui en découlent pour les institutions, les citoyens et les entreprises ? Voici quelques-unes des questions qui ont été analysées par une quinzaine d'intervenants – juristes, linguistes, économistes et historiens issus tant du monde académique que de la pratique institutionnelle – et débattues devant un public composé de professeurs et d'étudiants du Collège, ainsi que de représentants de la fonction publique européenne et nationale.

Pour rendre ces débats accessibles à un public plus large, les actes de ce colloque seront publiés en 2008 sous la direction du professeur Dominik Hanf, d'Elise Muir et de Klaus Malacek. Ce volume paraîtra dans la série des « Cahiers du Collège d'Europe » chez P.I.E.-P. Lang (Bruxelles).

*Klaus Malacek
Assistant académique
Promotion Beethoven*



Agenda 2008 du Service Carrière

Janvier: mise en route du programme 'mentoring' pour les étudiants IRD

Des Anciens soutiennent les étudiants du département IRD dans la définition de leur projet professionnel. Suite à l'enthousiasme suscité l'an dernier, de nombreux Anciens ont déjà manifesté leur souhait de parrainer un étudiant!



C'était un réel plaisir de rencontrer et de pouvoir, en tant que mentor, partager quelques pistes dans la recherche d'emploi de deux excellents étudiants de la promotion 2006/2007.

Thomas Huyghebaert

*(Promotion Hallstein, 1995/1996)
Democratic Governance Advisor, UNDP*



It has been a concrete and fruitful experience. My mentor helped me in clarifying my future plans and contributed to my choices with useful and prompt advice. I am still in touch with him, and now that we know each other a bit more, it is good to

say that it has also evolved into a rewarding friendly relationship.

Davide Bonvicini

*(Copernicus Promotion, 2006/2007)
Teaching Assistant, EU International Relations & Diplomacy Studies, College of Europe*

Février: 'Networking Evenings' à Natolin le 20 et à Bruges le 25

Les soirées 'Networking' sont l'occasion pour les étudiants de rencontrer des Anciens de manière informelle, d'échanger des idées sur les diverses possibilités de carrières qui s'offrent à eux et ainsi de commencer à constituer un précieux réseau.



C'est avec un plaisir toujours renouvelé que je me rends depuis plusieurs années à la Networking Evening. Cette soirée me donne l'occasion de partager mon expérience avec des étudiants toujours curieux des nombreuses opportunités que leur réserve le marché de l'emploi européen.

Jo Vander Stuyft

*(Promotion Da Vinci, 1998/1999)
Head of Department, Legal Support,
KBC Asset Management*

Avril: Journées Carrière les jeudis 10 et 17 et le samedi 12

Des employeurs viennent au Collège pour conduire des entretiens de recrutement auprès d'étudiants qu'ils auront préalablement choisis en fonction de leur CV à partir d'une base de données permettant d'effectuer des sélections ciblées.

I have experienced the usefulness of the CV website several times. For me, it is the most efficient tool to meet and recruit targeted candidates.

Claude Claire Sönmez

*Public Affairs & Communication Director,
European Aluminium Association*

Tout au long de l'année:

- Entretiens de guidance et définition du projet professionnel, préparation aux interviews de recrutement
- Séminaires et workshops sur la recherche d'information, la rédaction d'un CV et les techniques d'entretien
- Mise en ligne des CV sur un site, accessible aux recruteurs
- Formations aux concours des institutions européennes (raisonnement numérique et verbal, préparation à l'épreuve orale, ...)

Si vous êtes intéressé(e) par l'une ou l'autre de ces activités, contactez-nous!

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Bruges training course for students of the Moscow European Studies Institute

In the framework of a cooperation between the College of Europe and the European Studies Institute (ESI) set up at the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO), the Development Office organised a two-week course for twenty-five Russian students, accompanied by five professors in Bruges in late August. The seminar focussed on EU-Russia relations and a better understanding of the decision-making mechanisms in the EU. Various study visits to the European Commission, the European Parliament, the European Court of Justice, as well as to the Permanent Representation of the Russian Federation to the EU were included as part of the programme. It offered the participants a unique opportunity to discuss and exchange views with high-level international experts and officials dealing with EU-Russia relations. Students used the occasion to collect research materials for the finalisation of their Master theses presented in Moscow in December.

The cooperation between the College and MGIMO led to the creation of the European Studies Institute in September 2006, as well as the start of an EU-funded "TEMPUS" project, together with Sciences Po Lille, the School for International relations of the St-Petersburg State University and the Moscow State Academy of Law. For more information, see eurocollege.ru.



The College of Europe 2007 Alumnus of the Year Award

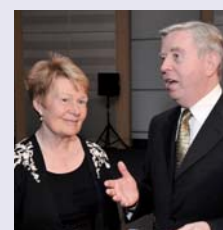
On 6 December, the fifth edition of the Alumnus of the Year Award took place in the European Parliament. The Award was launched in 2003, aiming to highlight and promote outstanding contributions from former students of the College of Europe to furthering European values, such as the promotion of the European ideal, excellence, generosity, tolerance, and respect for diversity and solidarity.

A pre-selection of three finalists was completed by the Board of the Alumni Association of the College of Europe and a representative of Norsk Hydro ASA, who sponsors the Award. The three finalists were Mohamad Goenawan (a poet and journalist contributing to freedom of the press and of thought in Indonesia), Faruk Kaymakci (a diplomat promoting the relations between the EU and Turkey), and David O'Sullivan (Director General for Trade in the European Commission).

A high-level jury selected the award recipient. This year's members of the jury were: Mr Pat Cox, Former President of the European Parliament; Mr Václav Havel, Former President of the Czech Republic; Mr John Hume, Former MEP and 1998 Nobel Peace Prize winner; Mr Lionel Jospin, Former French Prime Minister; Mr Javier Solana, Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union and High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and President of the Madariaga European Foundation; Mr Habib Thiam, Former Prime Minister of Senegal; Mrs Simone Veil, Former French Minister and Former Member of the Constitutional Council; and Mr Antonio Vitorino, Former European Commissioner for Justice and Home Affairs, together with Mr Paul Demaret, Rector of the College of Europe, and Mr Eivind Reiten, President and CEO of Norsk Hydro ASA.

Mohamad Goenawan is the recipient of the 2007 Alumnus of the Year Award. The prize includes a personal invitation to the Award Ceremony of the Nobel Peace Prize in the Oslo City Hall on 10 December 2007 as well as to the Nobel Peace Prize Concert on 11 December. Mr Goenawan also received a statue created specifically for the Alumnus of the Year Award by Norwegian artist Nico Widerberg.

The Norwegian Nobel Committee has decided that the Nobel Peace Prize for 2007 is to be shared, in equal parts, by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and by Albert Arnold (Al) Gore, Jr. for their efforts to build up and disseminate greater knowledge about man-made climate change, and to lay the foundations for the measures that are needed to counteract such change.



ALUMNI OF THE YEAR AWARD 2007



At the official award ceremony on 6 December in the European Parliament, musician Lorenzo Gatto, a participant of the Concours Reine Elisabeth, astonished the audience with a superb performance. This year's ceremony was once again hosted by Pat Cox. In addition, Lionel Jospin congratulated the nominees and reflected on the importance of the prize, as well as on the current situation in Europe. Fabien Durand, President of the Alumni Association of the College of Europe, officially opened and closed the evening.

Mohamad Goenawan



Mohamad Goenawan, born on 29 July 1941 in Indonesia, began his career as a poet and essayist in 1961 but was banned by the Indonesian government for signing a "cultural manifesto" opposing the imposition of "socialist realism". After his studies at the College of Europe in 1965/1966, he joined

Harian Kami, a daily newspaper fighting for freedom of expression under the Suharto regime.

He established *Tempo* in 1971, which soon became the most influential and liberal Indonesian weekly, but was banned in 1994. Goenawan also founded the Institute for the Study of the Free Flow of Information and set up the Utan Kayu Community for Free Expression, consisting of a radio station, a school for broadcasting journalism, an art gallery, a bookstore, a small theatre, and the Liberal Islam Network. He is the author of many essays, librettos, and lyrics for operatic works and dance-theatre and has received numerous international distinctions.

As a long-time poet, journalist, teacher and editor of Indonesia's most influential weekly, Mohamad Goenawan has devoted his life to the cause of freedom, tolerance and respect for diversity of cultures and beliefs. He is therefore a strong voice for democracy, respect, and mutual understanding in the world.

As this year's College patrons, Anna Politkovskaya and Hrant Dink, Mohamad Goenawan is a journalist who has fought for freedom of the press and expression in Indonesia. According to former colleagues of Mohamad Goenawan at the College of Europe, he represents an unwavering moral example for a better world.



CE PROJET EST SOUTENU PAR HYDRO

“ Now, more than four decades after my stay in Bruges, having learned so much about the idea of 'Europe' in the College... I have the feeling that I am reading a narrative of a new Utopia... In fact, I am of the opinion that Utopia is not something which one should not regret to aspire to. To me, being a member of the Thomas More Promotion, Utopia is a wonderful exercise of irony. I learn that the word itself is a playful mix of *ou-topos* (no-place) and *eu-topos* (good place) and More's main character is, as one translator calls him, a 'Raphael Nonsense'. Such an irony implies a recognition of a split-albeit an affirmative one, which, to me, should be the idea of today's 'Europe'. This 'Europe' - something impossible but necessary - begins not from glory, but from a sense of finitude, not towards a carefully guarded space, but a boundless horizon of universality. At least, that is what I would like to see in this tremendous cultural and political space. At least, this is an appeal - a forgivable one, I think, coming from someone who comes from Indonesia, a former Dutch colony with an unpleasant history, but with fond memories of being a member of a community of friends at the College of Europe. ”

Extract of Mr Goenawan's speech

Le nouveau site Internet de l'Association des Anciens, www.coleurope-alumni.eu, a été lancé ! Depuis septembre 2007, il comptabilise déjà plus de 1628 remises à jour de profil, 167 offres d'emploi et une vingtaine d'annonces personnalisées et d'événements.

Offres d'emploi, annonces d'événements, inscriptions et formulaires en ligne, forums, messageries instantanées, base de données reprenant près de 9000 Anciens de notre réseau ('Who's Who' désormais accessible en ligne) et bien d'autres fonctionnalités sont au service d'une communication plus efficace entre les Anciens.

Le tout relayé par le biais de notre 'Newsletter' mensuelle qui vous tient informé des nouvelles en provenance de toute la famille du Collège d'Europe.

Grâce à une remise à jour régulière et à une communauté plus désireuse que jamais de se dynamiser, notre plateforme virtuelle connaît un succès indiscutable!

SITE WEB



Alumni celebrate 'l'esprit du Collège' at the Brussels Bar Night

A bar night for the alumni community was once again organised in Brussels at the new and trendy bar Phoolan. On Wednesday, 21 November, a "Welcome to Brussels!" Bar Night was held to greet those that had joined the College community in Brussels after the summer break.

130 alumni took advantage of this opportunity to meet with fellow alumni. Alumni were able to enjoy a great atmosphere, speak with alumni, have a beer with old friends, and meet new friends as well. Most alumni registered online via the new Alumni Association website and received a free drink by doing so.

Some reactions of alumni who attended the bar night:

Michael Klinkenberg (Copernicus, 2006/2007): "It's great to meet fellow students again after the summer break. Most have started a job or a stage in Brussels now, and it's really good to get back in touch!"

Zaiga Birzniece (Hendrik Brugmans, 1997/1998): "In my work at the Commission, I often meet Anciens and today I joined a colleague of mine, who is one of the 'younger' Anciens. I think that such a bar night is a great opportunity for various promotions to meet."

Following the success of this bar night, the Board of the Alumni Association will organise further bar nights in 2008. Check the website regularly in order to stay up to date on these and other events: www.coleurope-alumni.eu.

Groupes régionaux

Eparpillés sur les cinq continents, les Anciens du Collège d'Europe se réunissent régulièrement grâce aux Groupes régionaux.

Nos groupes régionaux se sont encore cette année réunis dans leur région. L'Association des Anciens s'associe à ces initiatives en mettant à leur disposition un espace (contacts, inscriptions aux événements...) sur son site web www.coleurope-alumni.eu. Si vous aussi voulez entretenir la flamme du Collège dans votre région, n'hésitez pas à contacter l'Association.

Alumni on the Move

On Monday, 1 October 2007, Mr Ledi Bianku (Alexis de Tocqueville Promotion, 1996/1997) was elected as a judge at the European Court of Human Rights by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. Executive Director of the European Centre, lecturer of EU Law and Human Rights Law among others, Mr Ledi Bianku is the first alumni of the College of Europe to be elected as a judge to the European Court of Human Rights.

2008 Anniversary Dinner

The event every Promotion is waiting for!

Alumni from the Hendrik Brugmans, Altiero Spinelli, Karl Renner, Comenius, and the Henry the Navigator Promotions will celebrate respectively their 10th, 20th, 30th, 40th and 50th anniversaries on Saturday, 21 June 2008, in Bruges. The Alumni Association is pleased to invite you to already mark your calendar. Also be sure to update your contact information in the online directory (especially your e-mail address) in order to receive the most up-to-date information about the Dinner. If you would be interested in helping to contact alumni in your promotion, encouraging them to come back to Bruges for this tradition, please contact the Alumni Association at hbaeten@coleurop.be.

Naissances

Anna-Aliénor, fille de Marie-Ange Gaiffe-Schellekens (promotion Mozart, 1991/1992) et de Pierre Schellekens (promotion Hallstein, 1995/1996), née le 23 juin 2007.

Ethan, fils de Miriam Driessen-Reilly (promotion Aristote, 2000/2001) et Bart Driessen, né le 15 septembre 2007 à Bruxelles.

Mariages

Emer Traynor et Giles Keane (tous deux de la promotion Simon Stevin, 2001/2002) en juin 2007.

Mariana Calvo de Irujo et Alberto Alemanno (promotion Aristote, 2000/2001) le 8 septembre 2007.

Lisa Bingham et Luca De Carli (promotion Montesquieu, 2004/2005) le 5 janvier 2008.

Décès

Otto Von der Gablentz (promotion Masaryk, 1952/1953), le 13 juillet 2007. Ambassadeur, il fut également Recteur du Collège d'Europe de 1996 à 2001.

Klaus-Peter Zimmer (promotion St Exupéry, 1950/1951) décédé le 20 octobre 2007.

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FONDATION EUROPEENNE MADARIAGA: Nominations au Conseil d'Administration

Lors de sa dernière réunion, le Conseil d'Administration de la Fondation européenne Madariaga, présidé par M Javier Solana, a invité Mme Corinne Evens à siéger en son sein. Corinne Evens, présidente de la Fondation Evens, apportera à notre Fondation, outre son enthousiasme, une vaste expérience dans le domaine des relations interculturelles. La Fondation Madariaga bénéficie d'ailleurs depuis des années déjà de l'appui de la Fondation Evens en faveur de ses programmes.



Conseil d'administration de la Fondation

Au cours de la même réunion, le Conseil d'Administration a nommé M. Dan Brändström Trésorier de la Fondation. M. Brändström, auquel me lie une longue amitié, participe déjà activement aux activités de notre Fondation. C'est en effet grâce à l'appui de la Fondation suédoise Riksbankens Jubileumsfond, que Dan Brändström a dirigé avec succès durant de nombreuses années, que la Fondation Madariaga a lancé le programme Anna Lindh axé sur la prévention des conflits. C'est un grand honneur de pouvoir compter non seulement sur sa grande expérience en matière de gestion, mais aussi sur son vaste réseau de contacts et d'amitiés à travers l'Europe.

En terminant, je tiens à rendre un hommage tout particulier à M. William Squire de la promotion Juan Vivès, qui au cours des deux dernières années a assumé dans des conditions parfois difficiles la tâche ingrate de Trésorier. Il quitte ses fonctions après avoir assuré l'équilibre de nos comptes. Au nom de tous les collègues et du personnel de la Fondation, merci Bill pour tes conseils toujours avisés et pour ton indéfectible amitié!



Raymond Georis
Secrétaire Général
Promotion Raoul Dautry

De l'Europe des Mardis aux Mardis de l'Europe

La Fondation européenne Madariaga a le plaisir d'annoncer le lancement de sa nouvelle campagne 2008 qui portera sur le rôle des fondations face aux défis de l'intégration européenne. Cette série de débats fait suite à la campagne 2007 sur le Traité Constitutionnel dont le débat de clôture, le 18 décembre, a fait le point sur le Traité de Lisbonne : le député européen Jo Leinen, Piotr Maciej Kaczyński, chercheur au CEPS (Promotion John Locke) ainsi que Claude Fischer, Présidente du Think tank Confrontations Europe, ont présenté les enjeux du nouveau Traité européen.

Le rôle des fondations européennes s'avère de plus en plus important dans ce contexte. Les fondations ont une vocation philanthropique qui donne au rêve européen une possibilité de devenir réalité. Mais elles rencontrent les mêmes difficultés liées au déficit d'intégration européenne, à savoir le manque de statut européen, de critères communs et d'une vision paneuropéenne dans le cadre de leur mission.

Le lancement de cette deuxième campagne aura lieu en janvier 2008. Ce sera l'occasion d'examiner les relations existantes, ou non, entre les fondations européennes, le monde de l'entreprise et les institutions européennes. Nous espérons ainsi valoriser les contributions des uns et des autres au projet européen et leur donner une plateforme d'expression sur leurs rôles respectifs dans l'Europe en devenir.

Vanessa Witkowski
Promotion John Locke

Mémoires de l'Europe en Devenir

Après le succès de sa collection Anna Lindh sur la prévention des conflits, la Fondation européenne Madariaga a le plaisir d'annoncer qu'elle projette, pour soumission à son Comité exécutif, le lancement d'une collection d'ouvrages, les Mémoires de l'Europe en devenir. Celle-ci rendra hommage aux « Acteurs », « Événements » et « Institutions » qui ont marqué l'histoire de l'intégration européenne, mais qui étaient jusqu'alors restés dans l'ombre.

Publiée par la Maison d'édition Peter Lang, cette collection permettrait d'accueillir plusieurs langues, donnant au projet une vue d'ensemble sur l'ampleur du dynamisme de la société civile transnationale. Les sujets seront sélectionnés par un Comité de rédaction dirigé par M. Gabriel Fragnière, ancien Recteur du Collège d'Europe et instigateur de ce projet d'envergure.



Energy Conflicts: Spotlight on the Near East

As the final activity in the Hydro-sponsored project, 'Energy & Conflict Prevention', the Madariaga European Foundation (MEF) and the EastWest Institute (EWI) organised a half-day expert meeting in London on 27 September 2007. The event, held at the Foreign Press Association, focused on challenges and possibilities of energy cooperation between neighbouring Caspian States and aimed to promote more efficient energy management mechanisms in the region.

Attended by 50 experts from academia, diplomatic missions, the British government, international organisations, oil companies, NGOs and the international press, the speakers and participants discussed the benefits of building an energy community in the region and how to strengthen the link between Turkey and other regional players under a regime of satisfactory rules.

Some of the challenges examined by the panel concerned the difficulties of cooperation due to mistrust among the big regional players, the lack of transparent regional policies and the lack of regional economic integration in the Caspian region. Also, participants agreed that the use of dissuasive energy legislation as a political and economical tool by governments in relations with foreign companies is not helpful in the development of a regional energy infrastructure in the Near East.

After interesting and lively discussions between participants and panellists, a consensus among the experts was reached that the European Union, Russia and the neighbouring Caspian states should update existing legal mechanisms and aim to reach a common understanding on the principles of reciprocity in energy relations. The event was also an occasion to launch the book 'Energy and Conflict Prevention', the latest publication in the series of the Anna Lindh Programme on Conflict Prevention, sponsored by Hydro and the Riksbankens Jubileumsfond. An official book launch will take place in Brussels on 11 December 2007 with Pascal Laffont, Senior Expert of the Energy Charter Secretariat.



Pascal Laffont, Energy Charter Secretariat

Beyond this meeting, MEF and EWI continue to focus on future Near East projects and are in the process of mapping out future collaborations addressing tensions over energy resources in the South Caspian and the Black Sea region within the framework of the Energy & Conflict Prevention Programme.

Sara Khodarahmi

"Third Parties and Conflict Prevention"



Mediation and arbitration have been seen as core instruments for avoiding violent conflict and achieving peace since the early years of the international peace movements. Third parties have clear roles and responsibilities in conflict prevention efforts.

Conceived in partnership with Uppsala University, this fifth and final Anna Lindh volume on Conflict Prevention, to be released in January 2008, brings together political and diplomatic practitioners with academic analysts. It highlights the ambitions and achievements of various third parties in conflict prevention. Several contributions present and discuss the potential of the United Nations system. In addition, case studies of the capabilities and activities of the European Union in the South Caucasus, the Middle East and West Africa, and of the Council of Europe as a conflict prevention mechanism are included.

Conflict Prevention: Strengthening Cooperation with Regional Organisations

It is by reaffirming the strong commitment of the EU to a concerted action in conflict prevention that Javier Solana opened the conference organised on 22 November 2007 by the Madariaga European Foundation and the Folke Bernadotte Academy. This workshop, the fourth of its kind, was supported by the Portuguese Presidency and sought to enhance cooperation between the EU and regional and sub-regional organisations in conflict prevention.

During this intense one-day debate, the now well established network of experts in conflict prevention had the opportunity to exchange views with representatives from ASEAN, ECOWAS, the Organization of American States and the League of Arab States on their current activities in a new international context. Regional organisations showed their capacity to be major actors in conflict prevention, being in an ideal position to identify and address the root causes of conflict and to quickly respond to early warning signs. They have a key role to play in conducting dialogue with conflict-prone countries, in handling emerging conflicts and in addressing long-term threats.

The morning session stressed the need for regional organisations to adapt to a new reality in which intrastate tensions increasingly replace traditional interstate conflicts. The fight against an unacceptable level of poverty was identified as one of the main challenges for the development of peaceful societies.



In the afternoon, on the eve of the Annapolis summit, the discussions focussed on the Middle-East and the Mediterranean regions. Panellists exchanged views on how to sustain the peace process from a conflict prevention perspective, touching upon issues such as the management of natural resources, the intercultural dialogue, the handling of migration, and the revitalisation of economic activity.



Panel on the role of regional organisations in conflict prevention

The importance of a dynamic civil society as a tool for conflict prevention was emphasised throughout the day. Strengthening the link with civil society and building its capacities should become a priority. To conclude, it was suggested that the EU and its regional partners should invest more in developing adequate fora for consultation and exchange of best practices.

Launch of a New Programme

The Madariaga Foundation and the Folke Bernadotte Academy were pleased to announce the launch of a follow up initiative in 2008-2009. The new programme, reinforced by the organisation of closed expert meetings, will aim at building better capacity for early action and the harmonisation of international efforts. The four upcoming EU presidencies as well as the European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO) have already confirmed their support of this initiative. The programme will address concrete issues, focusing on themes such as the fight against the trafficking of small arms, the role of media in conflict prevention, and the religious aspects of conflicts. The first workshop, to take place in April under the Slovenian Presidency, will focus on climate change and conflict.

*Marie-Ange Schellekens-Gaiffe
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Promotion*

Towards a European Response to Deadly Conflicts and Genocide

On 1 September 2007, the Madariaga European Foundation (MEF) and the Folke Bernadotte Academy launched the preparatory phase of the European Programme for the Prevention of Deadly Conflicts and Genocide. This initiative responds to the invitation of Javier Solana to set up a coordinated European strategy to allow the EU to be an effective global actor in the prevention of genocide, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity – towards fulfilment of the Responsibility to Protect principle.

This Programme directly follows the feasibility study conducted in 2006 by the Steering Group chaired by Dr David Hamburg, President Emeritus of the Carnegie Corporation of New York, and which included representatives of the Carter Center, the Folke Bernadotte Academy, MEF and a personal representative of Javier Solana.

For a period of six months, contacts with EU Member States and institutions will be established exploring steps to be followed at the European level in order to create the proper institutional preparedness making the prevention of mass violence both credible and effective. Using the available body of knowledge, the Programme will foster links with UN agencies, regional organisations, academia, civil society and international judicial institutions.



Marie-Ange Schellekens-Gaiffe, Madariaga European Foundation, and Jonas Albero, Folke Bernadotte Academy, sign a Memorandum of Understanding to reinforce the collaboration between the two organisations, in the presence of Javier Solana.

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Regulatory Impact Analysis - Three Training Courses in 2008

(10-14 March, 23-27 June and 6-10 October 2008, in Bruges)

Following the success of the three previous editions, the College of Europe's Development Office, in cooperation with Jacobs and Associates Europe will organise three RIA training courses in 2008. These are practice-oriented courses, tailored for officials coming from all over the world who use RIA in their daily work, as well as executives wanting to get an insight into the RIA process to influence policy decisions.

Participants who complete the course should be able to set up a RIA programme within their ministry/unit/company and understand how to prepare basic impact analyses of regulations for the use of Commissioners, ministers and stakeholders. More information and registration information can be found at www.coleurope.eu/ria2008.

15th Intensive Seminar in July 2008

The 'Intensive Seminar on the European Union' will mark its 15th anniversary in July 2008. Professionals from all over Europe and beyond will gather in Bruges to enhance or refresh their knowledge about the EU and to engage in a stimulating exchange of views on policies and politics.

Participants can choose from three formulas (one-, two- or three-week programmes), according to their background and professional needs. Among them, the one-week formula has been designed specifically for those who already possess an extensive knowledge of EU affairs, but would like to be updated on the hottest topics in Brussels.

More information can be found in January 2008 at: www.coleurop.be/content/development/prof/IS_2008/index.html or at www.coleurope.eu/training.

Registration will be from mid-January until mid-June. As a reminder, College of Europe alumni receive a 15% discount on all training programmes.

Rector Paul Demaret represented the College at the 35th Meeting of Deans and Directors of **Diplomatic Academies and Foreign Relations Institutes** in Maputo, Mozambique. The three-day conference focused on the role of diplomacy in a variety of situations. The College is pleased to announce that it will host the 36th annual meeting in Bruges in autumn 2008.

31/08/07	Mr Kris Peeters , Minister President of the Flemish Community
26/09/07 - 28/09/07	Participation in the 35th IFDT Meeting in Maputo, Mozambique
20/09/07	M. Abou Diouf , Secrétaire général de l'Organisation internationale de la Francophonie
18/10/07 - 19/10/07	8th Bruges Colloquium in cooperation with the International Committee of the Red Cross , 'Current Perspectives on Regulating Means of Warfare'
26/10/07 - 27/10/07	International Workshop on "US and EU Perspectives on Global Issues: Transatlantic Relations in Transition?"
31/10/07	Joint Seminar with the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales
12/11/07	Natolin Opening Ceremony, H.E. Carl Bildt , Swedish Minister for Foreign Affairs
15/11/07	Bruges Opening Ceremony, The Rt Hon David Miliband MP, British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs
29/11/07 - 30/11/07	Conférence sur 'Langues et construction européenne'
10/01/08	Ms Danuta Hübner , European Commissioner for Regional Policy
26/02/08 - 28/02/08	Introductory Seminar with the International Committee of the Red Cross (Bruges)
TBD	Introductory Seminar with the International Committee of the Red Cross (Natolin)
03/04/08 - 04/04/08	Conference on 'The Role of the Franco-German Tandem in re-launching the EU'
19/6/08	Closing ceremony of the 2007/08 academic year, Natolin
20/6/08	Closing ceremony of the 2007/08 academic year, Bruges

Le 22 octobre, **M. Kenneth Katzman**, expert de la situation au Moyen Orient au Service de Recherche du Congrès américain, a tenu une conférence à Natolin, sur le thème de la « Situation en Irak : problèmes de sécurité et de gouvernance ». Il est longuement revenu sur les difficultés auxquelles étaient confrontées les troupes américaines pour stabiliser la zone, et sur la position des plus délicates dans laquelle se trouvait l'administration, face à une opinion publique de plus en plus réticente sur la question irakienne. M. Katzman a également abordé le bilan, qu'il jugea plutôt positif, de l'intervention américaine en Afghanistan, et les enjeux liés à la menace nucléaire iranienne.

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