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PRESS RELEASE

College of Europe opens academic year on new Warsaw campus

Fifty-one graduate students from twenty-three countries will gather in Natolin Park, Warsaw, on September 20th, 1994, to mark the opening of the College's first full academic year in Poland. Two Natolin pilot promotions studied mainly in Bruges.

Mr Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, Polish Secretary of State for European Integration, will give an address. The Rector of the College of Europe, Dr Gabriel Fragnière, will commemorate the "patron" of the promotion, the 13th-century Majorcan philosopher, Ramon Llull (pronounced "yew").

The ceremony, which commences at 4.00 p.m., will be preceded by a campus "open house" (2.00-3.30 p.m.). It will be chaired by Mr David W. Lewis, who was recently appointed Vice-Rector and Director of the Natolin campus.

The College of Europe was founded in Bruges, Belgium, in 1949 on the initiative of the Hague Congress of the European Movement. The new campus was created on the invitation of the Polish Government in Natolin Park, known for its nature reserve and 18th-century national monuments. The Natolin College works to the same high academic standards as the College of Europe in Bruges, taking into account the special viewpoints and needs of Central and Eastern Europe.

The College of Europe Natolin receives support from the PHARE and Tempus Programmes of the European Union, from the Flemish Community, from the Thyssen Foundation, from the France-Poland Society, from the Swiss government as well as scholarships from many European governments.

The College of Europe in Bruges held its opening ceremony on September 15th, 1994.

Appendix : List of students with nationalities.

Representatives of the media (press, radio, television) are welcome to the open house and ceremony. For an invitation please call (48) 2 644 13 31 between 8.45 a.m. and 5.00 p.m.

