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1. FOREWORD BY RICHARD LAMING

After the summit: what route to a European constitution?

The recent EU summit saw European leaders abandon the idea of a European constitution and settle instead for a compromise "Reform Treaty". Federalists throughout Europe are disappointed. All the ambitions and needs of the people of Europe – for a Union that is democratic, effective and accountable – have been ignored by their national government leaders. Instead, they will have a Union that continues to limp along, hamstrung by national vetoes, distant from the political process, drowning in a sea of words.

Perhaps it was inevitable. What other outcome could have been possible? The debate about the Reform Treaty was held in secret, behind closed doors: an uncontrolled collusion of diplomats, technocrats and bureaucrats, if ever there was one.

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Some observers have congratulated the German presidency for its skill in bringing the negotiations to a conclusion, given the disparate range of views and entrenched positions national governments brought to Brussels. And they may well be right, but one is left wondering whether this is the kind of professional skill, like that of the bankrobber or the pickpocket, that should not actually be used. It is surely wrong that the most important decisions are taken in the worst manner. This is why we demand a democratic Europe.

If federalists are disappointed, they also know that disappointment is not enough. So, amid the gloom, here are some reasons to be cheerful.

First, the new Reform Treaty will contain many of the democratic provisions in the text of the former Constitutional Treaty. There will be extensive co-decision for the European Parliament, more majority voting and open decision-making in the Council of Ministers, and the possibility of a stronger electoral mandate for the president of the Commission. National parliaments, too, will become more involved in the European legislative process.

Secondly, the EU will acquire a single representative in foreign affairs, on issues where there has been a common policy agreed. While the decision-making process on foreign policy does not change, the expression of those decisions will become stronger. This has the potential to change the shape of global politics in a way that is desperately needed.

And lastly, there is the possibility that the practice of politics in Europe will become more democratic and more open, involving more people. As with the democracy of the institutions and the effectiveness of the foreign policy, improved accountability becomes possible.

But it is important to emphasise the fact that all this is a possibility and not a guarantee. To realise the potential of the new Europe will require work and effort from all those who believe in it. That is the way in which the argument for a European constitution can be won.

Even after this summit, perhaps especially after this summit, federalists must continue to campaign. Europe will not unite itself without them.

By Richard LAMING

2. PAST EVENTS

UEF at ETUC demonstration in Brussels

On 20 June 2007, the UEF advertised their new campaign for European referendum during the demonstration of the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) in Brussels.

ETUC promotes the interests of working people at the European level and represents them in the EU institutions. During the demonstration hundreds of ETUC members directly addressed the EU Commission in an appeal to assure a strong social Europe and to safeguard the well-being of all European citizens.

Moreover, nearly 500 trade unionists assembled in front of the European Commission to demand the Charter of Fundamental Rights is included in any new European constitutional treaty. ETUC is convinced that any constitutional treaty which does not include state binding fundamental rights will raise tensions and affirmed that ETUC would campaign against such a treaty on both European and national levels.

During the ETUC event almost 80 visitors signed up for the referendum campaign at the UEF stand. The campaign for a European referendum, launched jointly by UEF and JEF on 17 March 2007 in Berlin, aims to show that there is a widespread public support for a European referendum. The majority of Europeans is still in favor of the European Constitution and believes that a European referendum held simultaneously with the elections of the European Parliament in 2009 would help reduce the democratic deficit of the European Union.

To support the campaign and for more information please visit:
https://www.europeanreferendum.eu/

UEF at ETUC demonstration in Brussels

Speak up Europe hands its interim report to Commissioner Wallström

On 13 June 2007, the European Movement International, Euractiv, JEF and the UEF held a press conference during which Pat COX, the President of the European Movement International (EMI), speaking also on behalf of Notre Europe, Deutsche Gesellschaft and European House Hungary, resumed the results of projects implemented within the Commission`s Plan D.

From left to right: Margot WALLSTRÖM, Pat COX, Jo LEINEN.

"We call upon the EU Heads of State and Government to avoid a low-level compromise that would significantly dilute the existing Constitutional text. We believe that it is essential to design the new European Union fit for our times and capable of fulfilling the expectations of its citizens," COX stressed.

COX welcomed Plan D as a project that "responded to this challenge in a novel manner. It financed a series of projects to learn how ordinary citizens can be involved in the EU decision-making and how they view EU's future. This exercise responds to a basic value of the EU in the 21st century: active citizenship. "

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Mrs. Margot WALLSTRÖM, Vice-President of the European Commission and Commissioner for Institutional Relations and Communication Strategy, followed with her wish that "the Plan D extends well beyond the 2007" and that "we continue with the setting up an infrastructure for such debates in the future."

Mr. Jo LEINEN, Chairman of the Constitutional Affairs Committee of the EP, strongly emphasized the need to respond to the wish of the citizens "for more Europe, in the area of environment, energy and much more. The democratic improvements of the Constitution should not be watered down," LEIEN said.

To read Pat COX's full statement, please go to: http://www.federaleurope.org/fileadmin/files_uef/picture_gallery/Speak_Up_Europe/Pictures/Press_conference/statement.pdf

For more pictures of the event, please go to: http://www.federaleurope.org/index.php?id=5597

UEF invited MEPs to evaluate the last European summit, European Parliament, Brussels

On 3 July 2007, the UEF invited the members of the European Parliament to evaluate the outcome of the European Council meeting of 21-22 June 2007 and to reflect on the next steps ahead.

The meeting was organised by MFE President Guido MONTANI, Gérard ONESTA (Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance), the office of Mr. Andrew DUFF (Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe, ALDE) and the European Secretariat of the UEF, and moderated by UEF Secretary-General Friedhelm FRISCHENSCHLAGER.

Mr. FRISCHENSCHLAGER opened the discussion asking the participants for a joint reflection of the recent summit, the current situation of the constitutional treaty and their opinion concerning the ratification method of the new treaty - whether they thought the fight for a constitutional Europe should still go on.

Gérard ONESTA took the floor and evaluated the "complexified treaty" and the obstacles that were lying ahead in the next months. Mr. ONESTA also revealed that the EP now planned Citizens' Agoras, which were a sort of "pre-legislative tool, a mega-hearing of 500 citizens' experts". The first agora would focus on the constitution.

Sharon BOWLES (ALDE, UK) stated that whereas previously she favored referenda as a means to educate the public politically, she was now convinced that they would be misused by the media and counterproductive. Mr. DE ROSSA (Socialist Group, IR) also stated that the idea of a European-wide referendum was "not a runner at the moment".

Guido MONTANI regretted that the European Council had declared the constitution as dead and stated that now obviously, the citizens could not be consulted on the constitution anymore. Mr. MONTANI emphasised that there was a need for a federal Europe, a federal government that would speak with one voice in the world and that was capable of solving the most pressing problems. He proposed exploiting the European elections and suggested the EP could ask for a convention to restart the constitutional process.

According to Panayiotis DEMETRIOU (European People's Party, Christian Democrats and European Democrats, CY) it was a big mistake that the countries that already ratified the constitution did not insist to push for the

validity of the 2004 draft constitutional treaty. Now the situation was risky because referenda could not be avoided in certain countries and success was not guaranteed. He finally encouraged federalists to hold an internal reflection on the next steps ahead and offered his support to the movement.

Gerard ONESTA finally stated that the EP would decide on the LEINEN report in the coming Strasbourg week which would mean the consent of the EP to an IGC. ONESTA emphasised that he would table an amendment asking for a direct link between the IGC and citizens. He asked the UEF and the other MEPs present to support this amendment.

3. FUTURE EVENTS

24th International Seminar on Federalism "Federalism in Europe and the world" Ventotene, 2-7 September 2007

For many years, the Altiero Spinelli Institute for Federalist Studies has organised a yearly international seminar on the island of Ventotene. This island off the Italian coast was the place where Altiero Spinelli, author of the Federalist Ventotene Manifesto, was imprisoned during the Second World War. Each year, young Federalists gather here to discuss with leading experts from the European and World Federalist Movement federalist ideas and their application to the European and global context.

For more information, please go to: http://www.federaleurope.org/fileadmin/files_uef/ALTIERO_SPINELLI_INSTITUTE_FOR_FEDERALIST_STUDIES.doc

Enlarged Bureau meeting 22-23 September, Brussels

The UEF enlarged Bureau will meet on the weekend of 22-23 September in Brussels to review the current campaign for a European-wide referendum, in the context of the recent European summit and the IGC on the next treaty.

Exact location, conditions and programme will be sent to the UEF sections shortly and will be available on the UEF website.

"What can Cultural Europe do for Political Europe?" 20-21 October 2007 at Sarum College, Salisbury, United Kingdom

Wyndham Place Charlemagne Trust in collaboration with Sarum College are pleased to invite you to a conference called "What can Cultural Europe do for Political Europe?" that will take place on 20-21 October 2007 at Sarum College, Salisbury, United Kingdom.

The conference will be devoted to questions concerning the causes of the current divisions within Europe, what reforms are necessary to help it achieve common aims for its institutions whilst respecting Europe's cultural and religious pluralism; how can personal human rights be safeguarded.

For more information on the conference program and registration, please go to: http://www.federaleurope.org/fileadmin/files_uef/Other/conference_What_can_cultural_Europe_do_for_political_Europe.doc

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Copenhagen, Denmark

To find out more about the event or to get registered, please consult www.jef.eu.

4. NEWS FROM THE UEF BUREAU

Meeting of 30 June, Berlin

The UEF Bureau took place on 30 June in the German Reichstag.

UEF Secretary General, Friedhelm FRISCHENSCHLAGER, presented a brief report summarising recent activities. He gave attention to the work of the UEF Secretariat which since the last Federal Committee (FC) focussed mainly on the referendum campaign and the Speak up for Europe project as well as organisation of two public debates – the first on the constitutional treaty and the second on EU-Russia relations (For more information on the latter, please go to Section 2 of this Newsletter). The Secretariat was also engaged in lobbying activities in order to gain more support for the campaign within the European Parliament.

Afterwards, the Bureau evaluated the last FC in Munich and agreed on a need of some structural changes in the preparation of a high quality political debate for the next FC, especially fixing of a clear deadline for the submission of resolutions.

Taking place shortly after the June European Council meeting, the Bureau furthermore discussed the outcome of this significant event. The participants presented various ideas and approaches concerning future of the referendum campaign. Following this debate, the Bureau members decided to ask the political team to elaborate an analysis and make a proposal on how to proceed with the campaign. The Bureau could then prepare the final decision of the FC in November.

Mr. FRISCHENSCHLAGER presented the new projects that had been granted funding – European Voluntary Service and a project called "Why Europe?!". With regards to future activities, he stressed the importance of an early planning of the UEF work programme 2008-2010 because of the European Commission's plan to issue multiannual grants.

Vice-President AGATHONOS finally announced that Mr. FRISCHENSCHLAGER would end this term in November and thanked him for his work during the last two years. The Bureau decided to announce an internal call for candidates and set 10 September as deadline for nominations (If you wish to find out more about the call for candidates, please go to Section 10 of this Newsletter)

The Bureau also decided that the next Federal Committee would be held on 9-11 November 2007 in Prague.

5. REFERENDUM CAMPAIGN

UEF Bureau discusses state of the constitutional process

In response to the European Council meeting of 21-22 June, the UEF Bureau expressed its regret at the failure of the European Constitution.

For the full official statement of the UEF and JEF on this issue, please see Section 9 of the Newsletter.

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UEF Italy on the Referendum Campaign

On 20 June, a delegation of Movimento Federalista Europeo (MFE) submitted to the Italian Foreign Minister Massimo D'ALEMA the first 10.000 signatures collected throughout Europe by the European Referendum campaign (www.europeanreferendum.eu). The campaign demands that the draft European Constitution which is being negotiated in the coming months is directly voted by the citizens in a Europe-wide referendum which should take place the same day as the European elections 2009.

Not only Europe needs a Constitution, but the European citizens want to take part more actively into the construction of Europe. According to a recent Financial Times/Harris poll, 75% of the Spaniards, 71% of Germans, 69% of the Britons, 68% of the Italians and 64% of the French demand a referendum on the new treaty.

Minister D'ALEMA granted the full support of the Italian Government in defending the European Constitution during the incoming European Council. According to the Minister, who is also Vice President of the Italian Council of Ministers, Italy will not accept a compromise at any costs. The same position had been expressed recently by President Prodi himself before the European Parliament.

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Campaign Newsletter 01/07

On 14 June 2007, the first issue of Campaign Newsletter about the European referendum campaign was released.

If you wish to find out more, please go to:

http://www.federaleurope.org/fileadmin/files_uef/picture_gallery/Campaign/Campaign_Newsletter_01-07.pdf

The Robert Schuman Center Seminar, 9 February 2007

The Robert Schuman Centre (RSC) of the European University Institute (IUE), Fiesole (Italy), published a Policy Paper of conclusions taken during the symposium organized by the RSC on the 9 of February 2007 in cooperation with the European Federalist Movement and the representation of the European Commission in Rome.

The objective of the seminar was to examine the problems of a European referendum as an alternative solution to the national referenda decided unilaterally by certain governments for the ratification of the new treaty which could be called in to replace the Constitutional Treaty signed in Rome and rejected by referendum into Member States (France and Netherlands).

The seminar first examined the democratic legitimacy of national referenda for the ratification of a European treaty which requires the unanimity of the Member States in order to come in to effect. A large majority of the participants shared the opinion of Prof. Andreas AUER who believes that the decisions taken on a national level to organise a referendum on the ratification of a European treaty is questionably undemocratic as it means that the electorate from one single Member State could in fact be making a decision for 500 million European citizens without being able to carry out their global responsibilities.

Therefore, the participants examined the legal and practical possibilities of a consultative referendum on a European level in view of ratifying a new European treaty based on

decisions taken by the European Institutions or in a coordinated way by the governments of the Member States.

This examination demonstrated that the most solid and legal basis for introducing the referendum mechanism in European law would probably be article 22 of the TCE. However this article does not only require a unanimous decision of the Council on Commission proposals but also a ratification on behalf of all the Member States. Under these conditions the participants explored the alternative idea of a coordination of the procedures of ratification at the European level at least concerning the date of the possible consultative ballot and in this case the question demanded to the voters. Such a solution could take form of a simple coordination of the procedures of ratification (parliamentary or by referendum) at the European level or that kind of "enhanced cooperation" between certain Member States in regards to a referendum, as was suggested by Prof. Jacques ZILLER.

After the publication of the results of the seminar of Strasbourg in 1997, on the same issue, the current Policy Paper is an original contribution to the debate on the idea of a European referendum and aims to offer a concrete perspective on the implication of a consultative ballot on European scale. If the European Union bases its legitimacy on the States and its citizens it is essential to find the means to allow the participation of the latter as Europeans and not just as French, Germans, Italians, Greeks, Spanish, English etc. The Policy Paper is available on web site of the Robert Schuman Centre: http://www.iue.it/RSCAS/WP-Texts/07_01p.pdf

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6. SPEAK UP EUROPE

Speak up Europe debate on "The EU and Russia"

On 27 June 2007, the UEF organized a public debate in the Eastman Building of the European Parliament on the subject "EU and Russia – Uncomfortable neighbours or strategic partners?".

The debate took place in the framework of the Speak up Europe debate series and featured a panel of experts assembled by the UEF. Giulietto CHIESA, Member of the European Parliament (MEP) and also Delegate Member to the EU-Russia Parliamentary Cooperation Committee, Janusz ONYSZKIEWICZ (MEP, Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs) and Konstantin TROFIMOV (Deputy Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the European Communities) were part of the panel. The debate was moderated by Alison WESTON (UEF Federal Committee) and commentated by Frederic SIMON (EurActiv).

For Mr. CHIESA the EU and Russia had a powerful strategic partnership. The EU had to deal with a very strong and self confident Russia. The Russia of today was not the Russia of 1991 or the Russia of 2000. Russia had changed into a strategic partner for the EU: "From the economical point of view and from the political point of view and from the geographical point of view we are strictly connected. From the practical point of view we are European. We are energy dependent. Russia sells 75 percent of their gas to Europe. But does this mean that we are weak? No, because Russia needs us not less as we need them".

Janusz ONYSZKIEWICZ defined the partnership in another way: "There are strategic

goals. On the one hand we have economic goals. To reach those goals energy is needed which Russia provides to the EU. On the other hand the EU and Russia want to guarantee political stability and fight terrorism. The problem of this partnership is that the EU wants to spread their model of democracy. Only 16 percent of the Russian inhabitants declare that Russia should share a model of democracy which is based on the western model". Moreover, Mr. ONYSZKIEWICZ stated that Russia was indeed different from most European countries, which had historical reasons. Britain, France and Holland were countries that had empires. Russia never had an empire. Russia was an empire. "There is a certain legacy of a strong state. Russia is not ready to accept the suggestions of Europe how to build their own political system. The understanding in Russia is that they will develop their own sovereign democracy".

Konstantin TROFIMOV from the Russian permanent representation to the EU indicated that a strategic partnership was a "joint effort and also a process". Generally it was good to see that the EU and Russia have become strategic partners. He stated that Russia shared the principles of the EU and that a united Europe was in the interest of Russia.

Frederic SIMON commentated the first interventions of the panellists. He called the EU and Russia relationship very complex : "Many tasks have been mentioned: economy, military, fight against terrorism and political issues". Mr. SIMON saw the main problem of relations of third countries with the EU in the fact that it was not clear whom to address if you wanted to talk about several political fields. There was still a valid fragmentation of the EU and it was therefore easier to negotiate with individual states rather than the whole EU at once. Only in the economic field could a certain progress and coherence of the EU be noted.

Alison WESTON invited the audience to put their questions to the panel. One question directly addressed to Mr. TROFIMOV concerned the freedom of society and the media in Russia. This was a topic EU citizens were especially concerned by when thinking about Russia. How could the European Parliament and the other institutions of the EU address this issue to the Russian government?

Concerning the freedom of society, Mr.. TROFIMOV stated that today it was easier for students to study abroad and to have a very good education. "The media published a lot of problems. But the developing of the EU and Russia relationship has just started and will change into a better one. Moreover it is not the overall dialogue that matters. The point is the understanding of democracy. Democracy can not be defined by the national models. Democracy is a public assessment, a public perception".

Following the panel discussion, the participants were invited to continue the debate whilst enjoying some refreshments.

If you wish to see some pictures of this event, please go to:
http://www.federaleurope.org/index.php?id=6131&L=3

7. NEWS OF THE FEDERALIST INTERGROUP

Parliament's position before the June European Council

The meeting of the Intergroup of 23 May 2007 discussed the Parliament's position before the June European Council. Among other MEPs,

Elmar BROK (PPE-DE, GE) and Enrique BARON CRESPO (PSE, ES), co-rapporteurs on the road map for the Union's constitutional process, were present.

The participants expressed their views concerning the future of the European Constitution and approaches of various Member States towards this issue. The creation of a new text and possible ways of its ratification, its contents, explicit reference to the EU symbols in the text and other closely related issues were also discussed.

To read the French summary of the meeting, please go to:
http://www.federaleurope.org/fileadmin/files_uef/Other/Compte_rendu_23mai2007_-_summary_of_the_Intergroup_meeting.doc

8. OTHER

The "Neue Europäische Bewegung Switzerland" (European Movement Switzerland, UEF Switzerland) launches internet platform: active-member.EU

The project is based on the assumption that Switzerland is a passive member of the European Union: it has adopted many EU-policies, it has adapted its legislation to the acquis communautaire, and it even contributes financially to the EU. But, compared to the EU member states, Switzerland has voice on the European level because it is not member of the EU.

The EM Switzerland has launched the internet platform active-member.EU to show the opportunities the Swiss would have to have a say in European initiatives that concern them. In order to do so, EM Switzerland simulates the representation of the country in the EU institutions as a member state. Therefore, it has summoned 18 members of the national parliament who took one of the virtual seats in the European Parliament. The Swiss deputation unites representatives of the major Swiss parties and from all linguistic parts of the country.

As virtual MEP, the participants of the project comment on recent political discussions within the EU institutions, e.g. the directive on the roaming tariffs. They communicate their personal political view on the legislative project and in relation to the effects it has on Switzerland. Eventually, they vote on the bill, as they would do in the plenary meeting of the EP. Thus, we are able to show to the Swiss population that the EU functions democratically and that it matters to have a say in the decision process. Therefore, Switzerland has to become a member of the EU as soon as possible.

The other Swiss representatives, e.g. the Swiss commissioner, will be appointed later.

For more information, see the project website: www.aktiv-mitglied.eu (in German), www.membre-actif.eu (in French) or contact Ronald Abegglen, Secretary General, EM Switzerland, abegglen@europa.ch, Skype: ron.abegglen.nebs.

Brussels section of Europa-Union Deutschland (EUD)

On 14 June 2007 the *Europa-Union Deutschland* (German section of the UEF) inaugurated its Brussels branch. More than 200 people attended this evening event in the representation of the Land of Baden-Württemberg.

Representatives of all political parties spoke about the importance of joining forces in order to build a strong and democratic Europe that is build on the consent of citizens. Several guest

speakers addressed the audience. Mr. Peter ALTMAIER, Parliamentary Secretary of State at the Federal Ministry of the Interior and President of EUD spoke about the importance of the European project. Furthermore, Rainer WIELAND, Member of the European Parliament (MEP) for the European people's party and speaker of the EUD group in the EP welcomed the participants, as well as Heide RÜHLE, Green MEP and Jo LEINEN from the European Socialists.

The newly set up branch adopted its statutes, elected the president, board members, an auditor and a treasurer. The new president of the EUD Brussels branch is Dr. Michael KÖHLER. He is deputy cabinet chief of Joe BORG at the European Commission. For more information please visit: http://www.eud-bruessel.eu/index.php?page=800

The aim of the EUD Brussels section is to act as a link between Brussels and Berlin, where the main office of the EUD is located. Thanks to their professional expertise, the members of EUD Brussels can provide the national section with first-hand information and contacts in the European institutions. Thereby the direction of the EUD can react faster to emerging developments. Furthermore, the new section intends to take care of German visitors groups and to thus bring Brussels closer to citizens from all parts of Germany and all political groups. Furthermore the EUD Brussels will hold especially close ties with all German interns in Brussels who will go back to their home towns with a "suitcase full of Europe" which will be of great interest to their local EUD section.

For more information please visit this website: http://www.eud-bruessel.eu/index.php?page=799

9. PRESS RELEASES

UEF and JEF statement on the European Council meeting in Brussels, 21-22 June 2007

Berlin, 30 June 2007 - The UEF and JEF regret that the European Council meeting in Brussels in June 2007 failed to agree a European constitution. The need for a European constitution remains undiminished – in fact it is growing all the time – and the UEF and JEF will continue to campaign for this goal.

The failure of the summit shows why diplomatic negotiations, meeting in secret and agreeing by unanimity, are the wrong way to take decisions about the future of Europe and it proves that this method will not produce the constitution that Europe needs.

The UEF and JEF will continue to campaign for a European constitution, to be submitted to a European consultative referendum.

For French version of the press release, please go to: http://www.federaleurope.org/index.php?id=3336

UEF President warns against watering down the European Constitution

Brussels, 19 June 2007 – President of the Union of European Federalists and President of Piedmont Region, Mrs. Mercedes BRESSO, expressed her position on the eve of the July European Council meeting stating that "Europe currently finds itself at a dramatic crossroads".

Mrs. BRESSO further explained: "If we leave this situation to those who put short-sighted national interests before the common goal of a sustainable European Union, Europe will be

unable to tackle all the challenges it faces already today: globalization, climate change, sustainable economic development and the construction of peace".

Mrs BRESSO supported the UEF and JEF campaign for a European consultative referendum stating that "negotiations on the future of Europe cannot be held behind closed doors. An effective European Union must be democratic and founded on popular consent. The idea of Europe is too important to be left to the politicians alone".

For the full statement, please go to:
http://www.federaleurope.org/index.php?id=3940

10. NEWS FROM THE SECRETARIAT

Call for new Secretary General

UEF Bureau calls for nominations and applications for the position of Secretary General.

To find out more about the call, please go to:
http://www.federaleurope.org/fileadmin/files_uef/Other/Call_SG_UEF.pdf

Director of European Secretariat leaves UEF

Hanneli EBDING, who has been running the UEF European Secretariat since August 2005 will end her job at the UEF and move to Berlin.

"I have greatly enjoyed working for the federalist movement. I met wonderful people during my time here and it has been a very interesting and valuable experience. I wish the organisation all the best in meeting the external and internal challenges it faces".

Hanneli will be working for a private University where she will set up a new Master's programme. Her successor at the UEF will be recruited in September. Until then, Ivana and Jörg (see below) will be available, assuring that the office continues to run smoothly.

New Project Manager and new Intern in the office

On 14 June, Jörg JANSSEN (joerg.janssen@federaleurope.org) has joined the UEF Secretariat as the new project manager for the Speak up Europe campaign. He replaces Christophe de Nijs and will stay until December.

Jörg Janssen (German mother tongue, fluent in English with some notions of French) is 26 years old and has just graduated in political science at the University of Potsdam. He studied in Norway for a while and worked for the representation of the European Commission in Berlin.

On 2 July, a new stagiaire within the framework of European Voluntary Service, Ivana JEMELKOVA (ivana.jemelkova@federaleurope.org), has joined the UEF Secretariat.She will stay with us till the end of the year.

Ivana is 22 years old and comes from the Czech Republic. After completing her B.A. degree in International Area Studies, she now continues in European Studies M.A. Programme at the Charles University in Prague. Before her arrival to Brussels, she worked at the European Information Centre in Prague. Except of her mother tongue Czech, Ivana is fluent in

English, has passive knowledge of German and is intensively working on her French at the moment.

11. CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

- 29 July - 5 August: International Summer University "European Union and the Black Sea Region", European Movement International
- 4-11 August: Symposium of the Medgyessy Ferenc-Groupe, Pesc, Hungary
- 27 August – 14 September: University on Federalism, Fribourg, Switzerland
- 2-7 September: 24th International Seminar on Federalism "Federalism in European the world", Ventotene, Italy
- 12-14 October: 42. Feldbacher European discussions "50 years treaty of Rome", Austria
- 19-21 October 2007: JEF-Europe's XIX. European Congress, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 20-21 October: conference "What can Cultural Europe do for Political Europe?", Salisbury, United Kingdom
- 21-23 November: European seminar for teachers in the house of education Retzhof/Leibnitz "From the European Economic Community to a democratic EU of 27: 50 years EWG", Austria

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