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**MESSAGE FROM STEVE WOLINETZ,
 OUTGOING PRESIDENT:**

This summer marks an important transition. After five years, I am stepping down as president of ECSA-Canada. A new executive will take over at the end of August. New blood is long overdue. With a few exceptions, those of us on the executive are the same people who founded ECSA-C five years ago. Although none of us are *per se* “over the hill,” organizations benefit when they can draw on different insights and different points of view. As many of you will remember, a call for nominations went out in the last newsletter and was repeated on our distribution list. Even though the number of volunteers was not great enough to warrant an election, decisions by several board members not to stand for re-election opened the way for change.

Leaving the executive (or at least its elective positions) are Peter Leslie, Alex Moens, Liesbet Hooghe, as well as Hans Michelmann and myself. Replacing us are Stephen Harris (School of Public Administration, Carleton University) Osvaldo Croci (Political Science, Laurentian University), Edelgard Mahant (Political Science, Glendon College, York University), and Jean Pierre Thouez (Geography, University of Montreal). However, the executive will not be totally new. David Long (Norman Paterson School, Carleton University), Amy Verdun (Political Science and European Studies, University of Victoria) and Patrick Crowley (Middlebury College, Vermont and St. Mary’s University, Halifax) remain on the board, and both Hans Michelmann and I will be involved as liaison with the *Journal of European Integration*, and past

president, respectively. Panayotis Soldatos, Jean Monnet Chair at Montreal continues as an *ex officio* member. Although the new executive has not yet designated a president or secretary, only David Long and Amy Verdun have indicated that they are willing to serve.

ECSA-Canada has come along way since 1994, when a group of us, in Calgary for the Canadian Political Science Association’s annual meeting, set up a steering committee to consider whether we should establish a Canadian ECSA. Doing so was no simple task: Relations with pre-existing organizations -- the Canadian Council for European Affairs and the Jean Monnet Chair -- had to be worked out. There were also doubts about whether there was sufficient interest to sustain an ECSA. Sceptics argued that there were too few students of European integration in Canada and that an ECSA would disintegrate after a year or two. Optimists argued that there was renewed interest in the European Union. Previously, the EC had been of greatest interest to international relations specialists. Comparativists could ignore the EC because it was mired in Euro-sclerosis.

The Single European Act and the Maastricht Treaty changed that. After Maastricht, few students of domestic European politics could ignore the EU. Although not a federal system, the EU was more than an international organization. A Canadian ECSA would not only provide an organizational link for students of the EU and its member states, but also enable students of Canadian politics to bring their expertise on the aches and pains of federalism to bear on the EU. Optimists won the day. ECSA-Canada was launched at the 1995 Annual Meeting of the Canadian Political Science

Association in Montreal, when a provisional constitution was adopted. With only a few minor revisions, that document remains our present constitution. However, either because it has been sufficiently flexible or perhaps because we have been too small to need it, few of us have had reason haul it out except perhaps to refresh our memories.

ECSA-Canada held its first conference at Brock University in 1996. Although its proceedings have yet to appear -- these are being gathered, along with papers from our 1997 meeting in Newfoundland, into a single volume -- the 1996 meeting was a success. Following the direction of its founding meeting, ECSA-C met again with the Learned Societies at Memorial University in 1997 and at the University of Ottawa in 1998, but declined to follow the Congress of the Social Sciences and the Humanities to Bishop's University and Sherbrooke in 1999. Several factors dictated change: first, after three successive annual meetings, the small group at the helm was getting stale and running out of ideas; second and equally important, it turned out that the much larger and higher profile ECSA (US), to which many of us belong, was meeting in Pittsburgh, June 2-5, 1999, blocking two of the days when ECSA-Canada would have met. The Executive chose another route -- to co-sponsor workshops with Centres for European Studies in Canada (the first was held at York University, March 4-5, 1999 and the second is to be held October 16-17 in Victoria (see p. 4 and 5, this newsletter) -- and defer a general meeting until the year 2000. Then, as the call for papers (p. 6) indicated, we will be meeting with the CSPA and the International Political Science Association (IPSA), July 31-August 2, in Quebec City. Because ECSA (US) will be meeting late in Madison, Wisconsin, May 29-31, 2001, ECSA-C will not hold a general meeting until the spring of 2002.

Meeting on a two year cycle works to the advantage of ECSA-C. The experience from 1996-1998 has demonstrated that we are too small to hold annual meetings without exhausting those most closely involved. Although the 1998 meeting benefited from both the presence of Euro MP, Richard Corbett, and the efforts of its paper-givers, conference organization was not as effective as it should have been. Nor has the executive, perennially preoccupied with organizing yet another conference, been able to pay sufficient attention to

the website (finally restructured and updated and open again for business), newsletters, or communication with members. This is reflected in our membership. Although activities such as the York University workshop on Monetary Unions and the introduction of the EURO brought in new members, particularly among graduate students, we have not been as successful as we should have been in either getting existing members to renew or in attracting membership in disciplines outside Political Science or outside academia.

New blood should change this. In the past, too many functions ended up concentrated in the president's hands. For the first time, we have a programme committee in place for the upcoming meetings in Quebec which is separate from the executive. That is dictated both by the importance of the Quebec meetings -- in which we hope to be hosting ECSA members from around the world -- and the need to ensure that members get better service than they have received in the past. Separate committees open the way for a more effective division of labour and, in the long run, a much stronger and more participatory organization.

For my own part, I am glad to be moving on to the second tier of leadership (where I have promised to cause considerably less trouble than Mao Tse Tung in the period before the cultural revolution). Five years is a long time to lead a single organization. I am going on sabbatical and have research and writing to which I want to attend. More important, the willingness of others -- I am thinking of people like David Long, Amy Verdun and Edelgard Mahant, to name a few -- to take the leadership, the programme for the year 2000 -- is evidence that ECSA-C will be in good hands. Ideally, we would have more members than we do, but aside from that, I am convinced that ECSA-C is stronger and more viable than when we started, or for that matter, from just a few months ago. I find it difficult to think of better circumstances to leave -- particularly if I will not be far away. Adieu and thanks for your help.

Steve Wolinetz,
(Almost) Past-President

**ECSA-WORLD MEETING,
17-18 September, 1998**

The Fourth ECSA-World Conference took place in Brussels, September 17-18, 1998. The theme for the meeting was "The European Union and the Euro: Economic, Institutional, and International Aspects." The meeting, jointly sponsored by ECSA Europe and ECSA World, with able assistance from DG X's *Action Jean Monnet* and Mdme. Jacqueline Lastenouse and her staff, brought together the presidents of some 40 ECSAs, from inside and outside the EU, paper-givers, and some 200 representatives of national ECSAs. Attending on behalf of ECSA-Canada were Steven Wolinetz (President), Amy Verdun (Secretary), Edelgard Mahant, Patrick Crowley, Bill Chandler, Gerald Schmitz, and Howard Leeson.

The biannual meeting provided an opportunity not only to meet with old friends and new ones, but also to gather in the conference centre of the newly opened Charlemagne Building, just down from the Berlaymont (still wrapped in white for asbestos removal). The opening plenary included remarks by Mr. Spyros Pappas, Director General, DG X, (Information, Culture and Audiovisual) and Prof. Rudolf Hrbrek, ECSA Chairman, and addresses by (then) Commissioner Marcelino Oreja, ex-Commission President Jacques Delors, and Philip Maystadt (President of the PSC, Belgium). The highlight, of course, was Delors' speech, in which he laid out his ongoing vision of Europe.

Opening plenaries were followed by meetings of working groups on different aspects of the EURO, on both the afternoon of Sept. 17th and the morning of the 18th, and a plenary in which the chairmen of the working groups brought together their interim conclusions. As usual, at this fourth biannual meeting, a variety of papers were presented, *albeit* too rapidly with insufficient time for discussion or digestion. Veterans of these meetings will be aware that they are different in tone than standard academic meetings in which the emphasis is on presenting new research and work being readied for publication. Here, the objective is to demonstrate to sceptics on the Commission staff and others (e.g. the European Parliament) that academics can be useful. Whether this setting does the job is a matter for debate. However, it does provide an opportunity for those attending to go to Brussels and meet with people involved in other ECSAs as well as Commission staff.

The biannual meetings also provide an opportunity for ECSA Presidents to meet with DG X staff and talk about what their organizations are doing. Here, I can give only a partial report. The September Air Canada pilots' strike delayed my departure, but ended soon enough that I was able to arrive midway through the meeting. That enabled me to tell others what we, ECSA-Canada, were up to, but to hear about the activities of only a handful of other ECSAs. Suffice it to say that ECSAs are in some ways as varied as the countries in which they come from, though not necessarily in direct correspondence to them. Some like ECSA (US) or UACES in the UK are huge, active organizations, while others are much smaller and considerably less active.

More important, was what DG X officials and Mdme. Lastenouse, who was about to retire, had to say. As usual, the message was that the Commission was finding it more and more difficult to do what it wanted without scrutiny from the Parliament. Both in 1996 and again in 1998, this meant changes and reorganization for ECSA-Europe and ECSA-World (merged together and given a separate legal personality in 1996, as a result of necessities partially explained at the time). According to Mdme. Lastenouse, ECSA World was now to be expected to go its own way, with less and less assistance from DG X and the Commission in general. Whether this will happen remains to be seen. Some of us -- friends in ECSA (US) and in UACES (among others) -- would applaud a more academic and less orchestrated form of meeting. Whether this will come to pass is another matter. I cannot speak for others, but I am not holding my breath. I can say with certainty that the departure of Jacqueline Lastenouse will make a difference. Mdme. Lastenouse put so much effort into her work that it is difficult to imagine DG X without her. We, and of course others, are grateful for her efforts and wish her well in her retirement.

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The EURO in Comparative Context: Monetary Unions Past, Present and Future.

Workshop held at York University, 4-5 March 1999. Organised by Edelgard Mahant (Glendon College, York University), Patrick Crowley (St. Mary's University and Middlebury College) and Steven Wolinetz (Memorial University of Newfoundland). Co-sponsored by the European Community Studies Association of Canada (ECSA-C) and the Canadian Centre for German and European Studies/Le Centre canadien d'études

allemandes et européennes (Université de Montréal/York University).

Despite snow and cold, ECSA-Canada and the Canadian Centre for German and European Studies sponsored a two-day workshop on the "Euro in Comparative Context," at York University, in Toronto, March 4-5, 1999. Participants included faculty, undergraduate and graduate students from History, Economics and Political Science. A few practitioners, including John Murray of the Bank of Canada, were also present. Approximately fifty persons attended one day or another. Snow, cancelled flights and icy roads prevented others from attending. Unfortunately, this included Her Excellency, Mdme. Danièle Smadja, the newly appointed Ambassador to Canada from the European Union, who was to open the conference. Mark Webber, acting director of The Canadian Centre for German and European Studies, and Steve Wolinetz, outgoing President of ECSA-Canada, opened the workshop in her absence.

The conference included papers from historians, economists, and political scientists and concluded with a workshop for graduate students contemplating research on the EU. Kurt Huebner (York University) chaired the first panel, "Monetary Unions: Where did they exist, why were they created and what became of them." The panel looked at historical aspects of the Economic and Monetary Union (EMU) process. Xavier de Vanssay (York University) delivered a paper entitled "Monetary unions in historical and comparative perspective." He argued that there have been a number of monetary unions and currency boards whose experience we can learn from. Both the Scandinavian Monetary Union and 19th century German monetary unification provide insights into EMU. If a monetary union is to survive, it should be based both on convergence and willingness to cooperate.

Tim LeGoff (York University) discussed the different coinage systems used in France through 1789 in a paper entitled "Monetary Unification in France Under the Monarchy." The French monarchy used its control over the value of the currency to raise revenue. Only when the livre was pegged to silver in 1726 did this change; the livre remained stable until the French Revolution. LeGoff drew parallels to contemporary Europe:

wage differentials in eight EEC countries were less diverse than in 18th century France.

Alison Meek (University of Toronto) presented a paper entitled "The US and European Integration in the Postwar Years," focussing on the US role in European integration through the Treaty of Rome. Part of her PhD dissertation, her paper emphasized the ways in which the US government, despite its enthusiasm for European integration, sometimes maintained a hands-off policy. Allison also offered insights into the origins of Euratom.

Eric Helleiner (Trent University) contrasted the present day creation of a single currency with the nineteenth century creation of national currencies. In "One Money, One Identity: From National to Supranational Currencies in Europe," Helleiner argued that nation currencies had been part of a wider process of nation state building. Currencies played an important part in this process for communication and creation of a common identity. Thus far, there has been no conscious overt effort to use the Euro as a vehicle to create a common European identity.

Session II on the next day included presentations by Peter A. Johnson (Columbia University), Amy Verdun (University of Victoria) and Mitchell Smith (Middlebury College). Peter Johnson's, "The Euro and the Myth of Independent Central Banks: Lessons from Germany and Elsewhere," argued that central bank independence and price stability were not a direct link to the hyperinflation in the 1920s and 1930s. Mitchell Smith's paper, "The Euro and the Penetration of Society by Economic Integration," examined German domestic institutions. Amy Verdun's "Why EMU happened -- A Survey of Theoretical Explanations" reviewed the literature and explanations for monetary union.

A roundtable on "The Euro, the World and the International Economic Crisis: What Difference Would the Euro make to Europeans as the Crisis Spreads," chaired by Bernard Wolf (York University) put economists in the spotlight. Patrick Crowley (Middlebury College), Stephen Harris (Carleton University) and John Murray (Bank of Canada) examined the Asian crisis of the past year and the ways in which the Euro affects the global economy. Some focussed on Canada while others

examined the effects of the stability pact on the Euro.

The gathering concluded with a special graduate student workshop. Students presented research plans and brain-stormed with visiting faculty about the directions which their research might take. Graduate student participants included were Michael Harvey (Toronto), Sally Fernandez (York), Carina Knol (York), David D'Andrea (York), Poland Lai (Carleton), Matthew Begbie (McGill), Bill Hogg (McGill) and Chris Benedetti (McMaster).

The workshop generated lively presentations and discussions. Its interdisciplinary character sparked discussions. Conference organizers Edelgard Mahant, Patrick Crowley and Steven Wolinetz did a great job getting people together. However, the workshop would not have succeeded without the support of the Canadian Centre for German and European Studies and its staff, particularly Caralee Gill, who did an excellent job in ensuring that things happened when they should. Nor could the workshop have taken place without support from the Delegation of the European Union in Ottawa (which provided ECSA-C with seed money and sponsored a reception), grants from the Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT), and assistance from the Departments of Economics, History, and Political Science at York University.

Patrick Crowley (St. Mary's University and Middlebury College) is bringing conference papers together in an edited volume. The workshop is the first of several which ECSA-C hopes to cosponsor with Centres for European Studies and other organizations in Canada. The next one will be in Victoria, B.C. in October, 1999 (page x, this issue).

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ANNOUNCING A WORKSHOP

'Conceptualising the New Europe: European Monetary integration and beyond' University of

Victoria, B.C. Canada, 16 and 17 October 1999.
Conference Organisers Amy Verdun and Oliver
Schmidtke.

Almost fifty years after the Schuman Plan, Europe stands at the eve of a major transition. It has introduced the single currency, the euro, in eleven Member States. It also is considering institutional reform in preparation of the expansion of the EU with countries from Central and Eastern Europe. During these fifty years many attempts have been made to conceptualise the European integration process.

Traditionally the debate has been between the neofunctionalists and the intergovernmentalists. However more recently other approaches have gained terrain. The economic and monetary integration process offers an interesting case study for theories of European integration.

This workshop brings together scholars that have theorised about European integration as well as scholars with knowledge about the process of economic and monetary integration. The aim is to advance further our understanding of the European integration process, develop concepts and theories.

Participants will be encouraged to adopt a variety of different theoretical approaches (neofunctionalism, intergovernmentalism, multilevel governance, supranationalism, transactions theory, new institutionalism, constructivist approaches, feminist approaches, knowledge based/ideational approaches etc.). The main case study will be EMU. Nevertheless, papers that look at different case studies will be welcomed as well.

After the two day workshop, a selection of the papers will be published in a volume 'European integration theory and the euro'. The workshop and book aim at focusing on a broader question of what European integration is all about, how European integration theories inform us about the integration process, what dynamics are at stake, who the core actors are, how they operate, and what factors determine the outcome of the process. EMU will offer a case study for the applicability of the theoretical approaches. This workshop welcomes participation of scholars and students.

Core questions:

- 1) What is the usefulness of the traditional integration theories, i.e. intergovernmentalism and neofunctionalism? How do the newer approaches (e.g. multilevel governance) differ from these earlier approaches, and how do they contribute to the debate? What should the future generations of European integration theorists focus on?
- 2) What do the theoretical approaches teach us about the European economic and monetary integration process? Do different theoretical approaches shine light on different parts of the story? Where will we go from here?
- 3) How is the European integration process embedded in wider global trends? How are specific national factors important for understanding the integration process?

Papergivers will be invited to present papers on the following subjects:

- General review of theories of European integration
- Specific theoretical approaches on European integration (e.g. constructivism, neo-institutionalism, knowledge based/ideational approaches, feminism)
- Economic theories of integration
- Global and national trends relevant for understanding the European integration process.
- Understanding EMU's creation.
- Lessons from Canadian fiscal federalism
- Problems and successes of EMU

Participants will include among others: James Caporaso (U of Washington, Seattle), Oswaldo Croci, (Laurentian), Patrick Crowley, (Middlebury College), Kenneth Dyson, (Bradford, UK), Kevin Featherstone (Bradford, UK), Liesbet Hooghe, (U of Toronto), Erik Jones, (Nottingham, UK) Peter Leslie, (Queens) David Long, (Carlton) Peter A. Johnson (Columbia), Gary Marks, (U of North Carolina), Wayne Sandholtz, (U of Cal, Irvine), Dieter Wolf, (Bremen, Germany).

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CALL FOR PAPERS/PANELS:

The European Community Studies Association-Canada (ECSA-C) / Association d'Etudes sur la Communauté européenne-Canada (AECE-C) will be holding its third biennial Conference in Quebec City July 31-August 2, 2000. The main theme for the congress is "European Odyssey: The EU in the New Millennium."

ECSA-C will be meeting with the Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA) and the International Political Science Association (IPSA). CPSA meets from 29 July – 1 August. IPSA meets from 1- 6 August.

Proposals to submit panels or papers may be made directly to the Programme Chairs (for instructions see below). The deadline for proposing panels and papers is 1 November 1999.

Panels and papers related to the main theme will be grouped under five major sub-themes:

1. European Integration, sovereignty, legitimacy, accountability and democracy
2. Federalism, Multilevel governance, Citizenship, values and identity
3. Institutions, interests and policies
4. Consolidation of the European Union, enlargement, the Euro, the Treaty of Amsterdam
5. Theories of European integration

The main theme and sub-themes can also be taken as a rough guideline for paper and panel proposals slightly outside the main scope of the conference. The Programme Committee explicitly welcomes comparisons between the EU and Canada, interdisciplinary panels and paper proposals from non-political scientists.

Proposals for panels and papers can be forwarded to the Programme Chairs at the addresses below. Please ensure that the proposal includes the full details of the convenor, all paper-givers and the discussant (i.e. full name, last completed degree, academic title, institutional affiliation, mailing address, tel/fax numbers, email address. Also, please provide the title of the panel and of each paper as well as a short abstract (250 words) of the overall theme of the panel and of each paper.

Bienvenue à Québec!

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CALL FOR GRADUATE STUDENT INFORMATION

ECSA-C is committed to increasing communication and knowledge sharing between graduate students in Canada working on the European Union and/or its member states. As such, we are attempting to create a graduate students register. This will be a list of graduate students, their institutions, stage of study, and research interests.

If you know of any graduate students doing research on Europe, or if you are a graduate student please email Michael Harvey:
 (mharvey@chass.utoronto.ca).

Include name, institution, stage of study, research interests, and any other information that is relevant. We hope that this may lead to a graduate student newsletter and perhaps graduate student workshops.

CHRISTIAN SUOJANEN INTERNSHIP

During his stage at the European Commission, Christian Suojanen worked in Directorate General 1, the external relations section of the EC. Working in the Japan Desk of DG 1 (DGIF1), Christian worked on a number of Commission projects. His responsibilities included monitoring the Japanese economy in light of the Asian financial crisis, reviewing the trade relationship between Japan and the EU to ensure compliance on the part of the Government of Japan with trade agreements, both under the GATT/WTO, and bilateral agreements. Christian worked on the EU/Japan trade deregulation dialogue, preparing background material for, helping to manage, and participating in the summer 1998 EU/Japan trade deregulation dialogue conference in Brussels. Other duties included trips to the 113 Committee of the Council, when the Japan Desk was to report to the Permanent Representatives of the EU Member States, and acting as the Japan Desk's Liaison to the EC's Market Access Committee.

Christian found his in-service training period with the European Commission to be a highly rewarding, excellent experience.

Alex Moens
Simon Fraser University

TRANSATLANTIC MASTERS PROGRAMME: PUBLIC POLICY AND THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

Few graduate students have the opportunity to study overseas. Fewer still have their costs subsidized while they do so. And yet such has been the good fortune since 1998 of students enrolled in a new collaborative Transatlantic Masters programme in Public Policy and the Global Economy at three Canadian and four European universities. They owe their good fate to a programme aimed at strengthening cooperation in higher education between Canada and the European Union and funded until 2001 by these two governments.

The transatlantic MA programme is offered by a collaboration across the universities of Toronto, McMaster, and Montreal in Canada and Bath, Tilburg, National University of Ireland (Maynooth) and Paris 7 in Europe. Students enrol in one of the participating partners and follow a common core curriculum, which includes courses in policy analysis, comparative public policy theory, comparative research methods, and supranational structures and globalisation, as well as a thesis. Students can undertake course work and do thesis research at one of the overseas partner universities. To date three students (one from McMaster University, two from the University of Bath) have graduated from the program. Currently, five European students are studying at McMaster University and the University of Toronto where they are doing course and thesis work, while one student from the University of Montreal is studying at Bath.

In addition to developing a common core curriculum, the Transatlantic MA in Public Policy and the Global Economy is committed to electronically assisted distance learning as a component of the collaborative program. In the 1998 spring term, under the direction of Professor Tony Porter at McMaster University and Professors Ian Gough, Graham Room, and Theo Papadopolous at Bath University, 26 Canadian and European students simulated the international negotiation of labour standards. Following considerable advance preparation, the negotiations were launched with a video-conference, continued over a three-week period through the exchange of email, and ended with a video conference. Not only was an agreement negotiated, but the experience itself received high pedagogical marks - from participating faculty and students alike. One University of Toronto student described the simulation experience as "an excellent way to facilitate the open exchange of ideas and perspectives that is usually impossible with individual essay assignments."

Annual workshops are also a component of the program. In April 1998, the University of Bath hosted the first of these, under the broad theme of "Undertaking Doctoral Research on Comparative Public Policy". Students and faculty from several European universities as well as from the three Canadian partners participated over a two-week

period in workshops on research methods and resources; lectures on globalisation and social policy; and sessions in which students presented and discussed their thesis research.

From May 10-21 1999, the University of Toronto will host the second annual workshop, under the theme of "Globalization and Public Policy." The workshop will consist of a series of seminars and panels that address the theme of globalization and public policy, as well as entail a series of sessions that enable students to discuss a number of issues related to the design and execution of thesis research.

For those who seek further information, each participating Canadian university has advertised the Transatlantic MA on its web site. Brochures are also available from the graduate directors at the University of Toronto, McMaster and Montreal.

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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

This is ECSA-C's second newsletter. What I stated in the first issue is still valid, viz.: In order to make this medium useful to all ECSA-C members, it is important that they become involved with the Newsletter. In the spirit of making it a vibrant, attractive means of communication, I would like to hear from readers about improvements in content and style. Please let me know what additional features you would find useful. And, most important, please submit items for publication. In addition to the usual news items (publications, new courses, research projects, graduate student news, recently defended theses and dissertations, and so on) you are urged to submit short articles of the kind found in this first issue. While, clearly, primary emphasis in the Newsletter will be on the EU and on Canada-EU relations, students of European integration realize that increasingly domestic matters in member states are closely linked to EU affairs. Hence you should not hesitate to submit items that in the past would have fallen under the rubric of comparative national (European) politics. I can be reached by e-mail (michelmann@sask.u.sask.ca), fax (306-966-8839) and mail (Acting Associate Dean (Academic), College of Arts and Science, 9 Campus Drive, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK. S7N 5A5). I look forward to hearing from you.

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The European Community Studies Association-Canada (ECSA-C) is an association of student, professors, and others interested in the European Union and its member states. Founded in 1995, we work to promote study and knowledge of the European Union in Canada. Membership is open to anyone interested in the history, politics, economics, or societies of the EU and its member states.

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