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Meeting	E.MAlumni Association Board & EIUC representatives
Date	17 July 2010 – 17:30 – 18:30
Location	Lido, Venice
Participants	For E.MAlumni: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Giorgos Kosmopoulos (GKos) – E.MAlumni President• Schwausch Christiane (CSch)• Corinna Greco (CGre)• Lydia Malmedie (LMal)• Victor Bojkov (VBoj)• Igor Vorontsov (IVor)• Filipa Schmitz Guinote (FSG) For EIUC: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prof. Horst Fischer - EIUC President• Prof. Florence Benoît-Rohmer - EIUC Secretary General• Prof. Fabrizio Marrella – E.MA Programme Director

Prof. Fischer started by congratulating the E.MAlumni Board for the election.

E.MAlumni Board, GKos:

Thanked the EIUC Board for all the support and encouragement given to the E.MAlumni Association and for facilitating this first meeting.

Recalled the general goals of the association: promote human rights, support to masteroni, partnership and support to EIUC.

Stated that one of the main aims of this E.MAlumni Board for its current mandate is to develop the financial sustainability of the association.

Appreciated the support of the EIUC, in particular in the form of co-financing, especially to kick-off the first activities. To this effect, a preliminary indicative draft budget was distributed to the EIUC Board representatives.

Gave a quick explanation of planned activities (see Minutes of Board Meeting of 17/18 July 2010)

- Comments on the mentoring scheme initiative:

Prof. Marrella expressed concern regarding the inclusion of Masterini in the mentoring scheme: potential difficulty separating academic and personal issues, which may generate confusion or imbalance of information given to all Masterini.

LMal clarified that the mentoring scheme is a one-on-one contact to provide/seek advice on personal aspects of working in the field of human rights, exclusively. Academic issues are outside the scope of such scheme.

- Comments on career advice for masterini and recent graduates:

While the idea is generally supported, **Prof. Marrella** noticed the need to coordinate the logistics of such initiative, if organised during the graduation days (schedule is usually tight).

CGre clarified that the career advice seminar could also be organised at the end of the first semester once students return from the field trip and await first semester marks (end of January 2011).

EIUC, Prof. Fischer:

Suggested that the main aim of the E.MAAlumni Association should be to support the E.MA programme.

Stated that priority should be given to providing services to the alumni and not to Masterini.

Emphasised the need to extend the membership base. This will create a core budget and allow the association to co-finance initiatives. Would have liked to see a more concrete plan on how to increase and consolidate the membership base, in particular the determination of the membership fees.

- **GKos** explained that because this meeting time was earlier than initially planned, the E.MAAlumni Board had yet been unable to discuss membership fees and the strategy to consolidate the network.

Advised the E.MAAlumni Board to organise a big first fundraising event.

- **CSch** inquired about whether EIUC would be able to provide initial financial support to open the bank account and assist for the first fundraising event.
- **Prof. Fischer** said he was not able to guarantee support for bank services, but that sponsorship of the fundraising event would be possible, subject to evaluation of a concrete proposal.

GKos closed the meeting saying that the E.MAAlumni Board would continue with its internal brainstorming and finalise the strategy for the association.

GKos and Prof. Fischer agreed to try to meet briefly the next day (18 July) to talk about the strategy.

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