

Candidature by Pompeo Della Posta

I am Associate Professor in Economics at the University of Pisa, and I have been a member of the Executive Committee (EC) of the Alumni Association (AA) for the last four years. I have been a member of the Career Sub-committee and for the last two years, I have acted as Treasurer of the EC.

My relationship with the EUI started quite a few years ago and continued after I got my Doctorate in Economics, since I have been Library Assistant in the Department of Economics for several years. I believe that this puts me in the rather peculiar position of knowing several generations of EUI researchers, something that has turned out to be very useful in the organization of the past initiatives of the AA and that might be of help in the organization of the future ones too.

Moreover, living nearby Florence often allows me to participate in initiatives and events regarding the AA in which it would be difficult otherwise to have any representative of the EC.

As for my past activity in the EC, I should mention the co-organization of an Alumni Conference on Globalization in 2005 and of an Alumni Conference on Europe and the Crisis, in January 2010.

In case I get re-elected, I would like to contribute in several ways to the further development of the AA:

- by working in a close and friendly collaboration with the other components of the EC and by paying attention to the suggestions and requests coming from the members of the AA;
- by reinforcing the linkage between EUI researchers and Alumni, since the strength of the Association depends very much on the contribution of new enthusiastic entrants. This could be done, for example, by strengthening the existing local chapters and by encouraging the creation of new ones;
- by contributing to organize new Alumni conferences. In my view, this is an effective and fruitful way to bring the Alumni back to work together and to better recognize their *alma mater*. In particular, I would like to contribute to the organization of a conference on the role played over time by the EUI (significant speeches, lectures and conferences, the contribution given by single professors or researchers, and so on) in the different aspects (monetary, economic, historical, legal, political) of the process of European integration. In the past, other alumni had advanced a similar idea – although to be realized in different forms – and it is a pity that they decided to withdraw it. I am sure that a cooperative effort – that should always characterize the activities of the AA - this time will allow completing this project successfully.
- by favouring the success of the EUI AA Working Papers Series, whose project has been just approved by the past EC and of which it has been agreed that I will be one of the editors.
- By continuing the other successful initiatives that have characterized the activity of the Alumni Association so far (Career day, Chianti walk, Alumni Prize, Donation of fees, presentation of books by Alumni etc.), and in particular by increasing the visibility of the AA though the Internet, so as to favour the interactive communication among alumni all over the world.

Buon voto e cari saluti a tutti!!!

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