ACTIVITIES

February 27, 2003

The Miami European Union Center sponsored a breakfast briefing by Werner Hoyer on Germany in an international context. Dr. Hoyer is a member of the Bundestag, the lower house of Parliament of the Federal Republic of Germany. He is a member of the Freedom Democratic Party, and the Committee of Foreign Relations. Previously, Dr. Hoyer served as Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Government. During his briefing, Dr. Hoyer discussed various issues including the current world situation, his evaluation of the German government’s position on the crisis in Iraq, and his interpretation of the relations between Germany and the United States.
Nouray Ibryamova and Roberto Domínguez, research associates at the Miami European Union Center, presented papers related to the European Union at the International Studies Association Annual Conference in Portland, Oregon. “The European Union’s Eastern Enlargement: Security Implications,” was the subject of Ms. Ibryamova’s presentation, and Mr. Domínguez presented on “Reshaping the Hegemony: The European Union Foreign Policy toward the United States.”

The Miami European Union Center in cooperation with the Jean Monnet Chair sponsored a lecture by Luis Ritto on “European Union Enlargement: Challenges and Consequences.” Dr. Ritto is Head of the Caribbean Division of the European Commission in the Directorate-General for Development. During his lecture, he spoke about many issues but particular on the implications of the upcoming enlargement for the Iberian countries, as well as the Latin American and Caribbean countries and their traditional relations with the European Union.

Joaquín Roy, Co-Director of the Miami European Union Center, gave a presentation at the Dadeland Rotary Club of Miami. He spoke about the upcoming European Union enlargement and the institutional reform debate currently underway in the European Convention.

The Miami European Union Center and the University of Miami’s College of Arts & Sciences hosted a luncheon/seminar on the implications of the upcoming EU enlargement and South Florida’s as a gateway for current and future EU member states. The key note speaker at this seminar was Minister Counselor Miroslaw Luczka from the Polish Embassy to the United States. Participants in the various panels included Caroline Bradley, University of Miami School of Law; Joaquín Roy, Miami European Union Center, University of Miami; Ambassador Ambler Moss, North-South Center, University of Miami; and Ralph Clem, Miami European Union Center, Florida International University. Participants discussed a wide range of topics associated with the enlargement including banking, business and law issues.
The Miami European Union Center in cooperation with the Consul General of France and the Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany sponsored a seminar and reception in honor of the fortieth anniversary of the Elysée Treaty on Cooperation between France and Germany. Held at the University of Miami’s Founders Hall, participants in the seminar included, Roger Kanet of the University of Miami, Joaquín Roy of the Miami European Union Center at the University of Miami, Nicol Rae of Florida International University, Joseph Jupille of the Miami European Union Center at Florida International University, the Hon. Volker Anding, Consul General of Germany, and the Hon. Christophe Bouchard, Consul General of France.

The Miami European Union Center co-sponsored a Foreign Affairs Breakfast Lecture with the Beacon Council. The guest speaker was Günter Burghardt, Head of the European Commission Delegation to the United States. The talk was held at the Coral Gables Omni Colonnade and entitled, “The United States and the European Union: A Partnership for All States and Seasons.” During his lecture, Ambassador Burghardt addressed the current state of relations between the United States and the European Union, focusing on the strong ties that have traditionally characterized this transatlantic relationship.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 27-29, 2003
Latin American Studies Association conference in Dallas, Texas. On Thursday, March 27, 2003, Joaquín Roy will chair a business meeting of the Europe-Latin America interest section.

March 27-29, 2003
European Union Studies Association conference in Nashville, Tennessee. There will be a special session on European Union – Latin America – Caribbean relations chaired by Joaquín Roy on Friday, March 28 or Saturday, March 29, 2003.

March 31-April 1, 2003
The Miami European Union Center and the Jean Monnet Chair in cooperation with the Dante B. Fascell North-South Center and the Center for European Studies of the National Autonomous University of Mexico are sponsoring the 2nd Annual Symposium on Regional Integration entitled, “The European Union and the North American Free Trade Agreement: Comparative Regional Integration and Mutual Relations.” This event will be held at the Founders Hall at the University of Miami, Miami, Florida. Presenters from the United States, Latin America and Europe will present at this international conference. For additional information or to confirm your attendance, contact Aimee Kanner at the Miami European Union Center at akanner@miami.edu
April 4, 2003


May 1-3, 2003

XXI Workshop for Editors and Journalists: “The EU and the Americas.” This workshop is organized by Florida International University and The Miami Herald in cooperation with the Miami European Union Center. There will be a panel with participating journalists from some of the most prestigious European newspapers including Le Monde and El País.

May 9, 2003

The Miami European Union Center is sponsoring the second annual Schuman Day Concert by the Alhambra Orchestra. The concert will include a special rendition of Ode to Joy, the anthem of the European Union. This event will take place at 7:00pm at the Methodist Church in Coral Gables, Florida.