ACTIVITIES

March 31 – April 1, 2003

The Miami European Union Center in cooperation with the Jean Monnet Chair, the North-South Center and the Center for European Studies at the National Autonomous University of Mexico sponsored the Second Annual Symposium on Regional Integration: “The European Union and the North American Free Trade Agreement: Comparative Regional Integration and Mutual Relations.” Scholars from Europe, Latin America, the United States and Canada participated in this event, addressing topics such as security, migration, trade, and future trends in regionalism. Members of the EU Consular Corps in Miami, the business community, and the press also participated in this conference. Karsten Voigt, Coordinator for German-American Relations in the German Foreign Office was one of the keynote speakers. The closing keynote address was given by Frans van Daele, the Belgian Ambassador to the United States.

The Jean Monnet Chair in conjunction with the Miami European Union Center sponsored a guest lecture by Pedro Gomis-Porqueras, Professor of Economics at the University of Miami. Professor Gomis-Porqueras presented on the structural funds of the European Union.

Members of the Miami European Union Center presented their papers at the European Union Studies Association Biennial International Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. Joaquín Roy, Joe Jupille, Aimee Kanner and Roberto Domínguez participated in this event, presenting on various topics including the European Parliament, the European Convention, and the state of Transatlantic relations. During the Conference, Joaquín Roy chaired the inaugural meeting of the European Union-Latin America-Caribbean interest section.

The Jean Monnet Chair in conjunction with the Miami European Union Center sponsored a guest lecture on the European Court of Justice. The talk was given by Olivia Tambou, Professor of European Law at the University of Angers in France.

The Jean Monnet Chair in conjunction with the Miami European Union Center sponsored a guest lecture by Joseph Jupille, Associate Director of the Miami European Union Center at Florida International University. Professor Jupille presented on the European Parliament, including the evolution of its powers, the role of national parliaments in the European Union, and the future of the European Parliament in terms of the upcoming enlargement process.
March 3, 2003

The Jean Monnet Chair in conjunction with the Miami European Union Center sponsored a guest lecture on “The European Union’s Relations with the Mediterranean: The ‘Barcelona Process.’” Andreu Claret from the European Institute for the Mediterranean in Barcelona spoke about the current state of EU-Mediterranean relations, the ways in which external factors affect these relations, and possible future scenarios.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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. The Miami European Union Center is sponsoring the panel, “Europe’s Vision of Latin America and the Caribbean,” to be moderated by Joaquín Roy.

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.