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## E.MA 10th Anniversary & EIUC Events



The **EIUC/E.MA Opening and Awarding Ceremony 2007** that took place on 23 September 2007 in the beautiful **Scuola Grande San Rocco** in Venice was especially significant as it marked the **10th anniversary of E.MA cooperation**. This has been a tremendously enriching experience for both the students, the universities, and the institutions involved. In recognition of this achievement EIUC expanded the programme of events for the weekend of 22-23 September 2007.



**Sunday 23 September** started with a **matinée panel discussion** devoted to the theme of **Prospects and Priorities for the Humanisation of the International Order**. Prestigious speakers in the panel discussion were **Abdul G. KOROMA**, Judge, International Court of Justice; **Manfred NOWAK**, E.MA Chairperson, UN Special Rapporteur on Torture; **Martin SCHEININ**, UN Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms while Countering Terrorism; **Gianfranco**

DELL'ALBA, Head of Cabinet, Italian Ministry for European Affairs; Edward McMILLAN-SCOTT, Vice-President, European Parliament; Bernd EISENBLÄTTER, Managing Director, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) GmbH; and Vladimir VOLODIN, Chief of the Human Rights and Gender Equality Section, UNESCO. The panel discussion was welcomed by Luana ZANELLA, Councillor of the Municipality of Venice.



The moderator of the discussion was Horst FISCHER, EIUC President. The matinée took place from 10.00-12.30 in the Sala del Piovego of Palazzo Ducale in Venice.

- Almost 500 persons attended this year's solemn **E.MA Degree Awarding Ceremony** that took place on **Sunday 23 September 2007** in the beautiful **Scuola Grande San Rocco** in Venice.



The EIUC Ceremony for the 10th Anniversary of the European Master's Degree in Human Rights and Democratisation was hosted by Cà Foscari University of Venice, Univirtual and Arciconfraternita di San Rocco.



The event started with the solemn entrance of Rectors and Professors of the 41 E.MA Participating Universities.

Welcome addresses were given by **Horst FISCHER**, EIUC President; **Pier Francesco GHETTI**, Rector, Cà Foscari University of Venice; **Franco POSOCCO**, Guardian Grando, Arciconfraternita di San Rocco; **Jaime ORAÁ**, Rector, University of Deusto - Bilbao; [Massimo CACCIARI](#), Mayor of Venice; [Rita ZANUTEL](#), Councillor, Province of Venice; and [Alberto TESSERIN](#), Vice-President, Regional Council, Region of Veneto.



A [special anniversary address on "10 Years of E.MA Experience"](#) was offered by Antonio PAPISCA, University of Padua, Former European Programme Director of E.MA.



E.MA Graduates 2006/2007 and E.MA Students 2007/2008 were also proud to be addressed by personalities such as [Emma BONINO](#), Italian Minister for International Trade and European Affairs; **Edward McMILLAN-SCOTT**, Vice-President, European Parliament; and **Vladimir VOLODIN**, Chief of the Human Rights and Gender Equality Section, UNESCO. A message was sent by [Pierre SANE](#), Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO.

Two video messages were sent by two other important guests that contributed to the success of the E.MA project and were unable to attend the ceremony for its 10th anniversary:

- **Benita FERRERO-WALDNER**, Member of the European Commission in charge of External Relations and European Neighbourhood Policy;
- [Mary ROBINSON](#), EIUC Honorary President, and former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.

One of the most emotional moments of the event was the awarding of European Joint Degree to the 10th generation of graduates: the Masters 2006/2007.

The ceremony started at 4.00 p.m. and ended at 7.00 p.m.

For further details please contact Ms. Corinna Greco who acted as anchor person for these events.