

News from the Europeanists network

Since the formal establishment of the network at the beginning of the year, we are planning on convening and holding a large symposium (hopefully in 2007) on the theme: *Anthropology in Europe. Facing the challenges of academic convergence and cooperation in higher education and in scientific research*. This symposium is meant to appeal to practitioners from the different areas, 'traditions' and schools of Anthropology; in an effort to recapitulate on this broad discipline's past and present identity and its likely future status, in Europe more specifically. Moreover, the symposium will aim at becoming a forum for debate on the challenges and opportunities the discipline is to face in the establishment of the European Higher Education and Research Areas (the so called *Bologna* doctrine and policies). In preparing the ground for the symposium, our intention is to appoint a task force with the special commission to research and produce a *Report on the Status of Anthropology in Europe*. The Report would then be taken as a sort of *White Paper* or basic document, which to a considerable extent help in framing the symposium's works and debates; as well as being thoroughly scrutinized and discussed in a specific panel during the meeting.

On the occasion of the 9th EASA Conference (Bristol, September 2006) the Europeanists network will hold its first formal 'business meeting', where final decisions should be taken in regard to the issues referred to above; as well as all other issues that pertain to the aims and management of the network. On top of these, we endeavour to elaborate and agree on a priority research agenda in the field of the Anthropology of Europe, from which a number of collaborative research projects would eventually spring. We expect that we would be able to produce the first of potential research proposals stemming from the network's agenda by the end of 2006, at about the time when the EU's 7th Framework Programme will be in place. Apart from the above mentioned 'business' meeting, members of the network are planning to convene several workshops on Europeanist issues in the framework of the 9th EASA Conference.

The editing of the proceedings of the European Science Foundation's workshop *Towards an Anthropology of Europe...*, held in Litomysl, Czech Republic, is in progress. A volume is scheduled to appear in 2006; as well as one or maybe two

journal's special issues. Work is also being done in setting up a mailing list, as well as an independent website for the network, with link's to EASA's website. We take these as being important tools for communication between members of the network. They are also to become a platform for carrying out all type of exchanges and interactions online, and for the development of the network's projects.

If you would like to have more information about the Europeanists Network or become a member, please contact: **Andrés Barrera-González** at abarrera@cps.ucm.es Or alternatively write to any of the members of the Steering Committee. A full list of members of the network, their academic affiliation and e-mail addresses appeared in the previous EASA Newsletter, N° 39, May 2005.