

European Union Center, Texas A&M University

Past Events: 2005

Conference: 19th All-Texas Geography Conference

Date: December 3, 2005

Description: The European Union Center of Excellence sponsored two of five sessions in the 19th All-Texas Geography Conference, in Corpus Christi, Texas. The conference offered five sessions; two of which were sponsored by the EUCE. The first of these sessions, The European Union through Data Analysis, was taught by Dr. Sarah Bednarz, Professor of Geography at Texas A&M University and U.S. Member of the Commission of Geographical Education of the International Geographical Union. More than 60 teachers attended this session, where they received various publications from the European Commission about the EU, as well as teaching materials developed by Dr. Bednarz and produced by the EUCE. Dr. Erick Prout, Associate Professor of Geography at Texas A&M University, taught the second session on the European Union Expansion. More than forty teachers attended this session and received various publications from the European Commission about the EU, and teaching materials developed by Dr. Prout and produced by the EUCE.

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EUCE program funding source: European Commission

Seminar: Dr. Gabriela Thornton, EUCE Center 2005–2006 Fellow from University of Miami

Date: November 1, 2005, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Description: Gabriela Thornton, the European Union Center of Excellence Center 2005–2006 Fellow, gave a seminar presentation entitled The Emerging European Defense and Its Implications for Transatlantic Relations.

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EUCE program funding source: European Commission

Student Forum: Student Panel on Turkey

Date: October 25, 2005, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Description: The European Union Center of Excellence organized a panel seminar entitled Europe in Turkey, Turkey in Europe? The EUCE moderated the panel, which included participation by the Texas A&M University Turkish Student Association and two University of Texas graduate students and one graduate student from the Department of Government.

Cosponsors: European Union Center of Excellence, Texas A&M University and the Texas Alliance for Geographic Education

EUCE program funding source: European Commission

Public Servant Visitor: Crista Markwalder-Baer, Swiss Parliamentarian

Date: October 16, 2005, 11:30 am - 2:30 pm

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Description: The European Union Center of Excellence coordinated the visit by Crista Markwalder-Baer, Swiss Parliamentarian, to meet with faculty in the George Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University

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Ambassadorial Visit: Gunnar Lund, Ambassador of Sweden

Date: October 12, 2005, 1:00 - 9:00 pm

Description: The Honorable Gunnar Lund, Ambassador of Sweden to the U.S, met with representatives of the Swedish private sector, the Swedish Honorary Consul Jan Dryselius, and the European Union Center of Excellence in an informational meeting followed by an official dinner with representatives of the larger Houston community at the Oil Club in Houston, Texas.

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EUCE program funding source: European Commission

Ambassadorial Visit: Petr Kolár, Ambassador of Czech Republic

Date: October 1, 2005

Description: The European Union Center of Excellence coordinated the visit by Petr Kolár, Ambassador of Czech Republic to meet with Texas A&M University faculty.

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Scholarly Visitors: Dr. Arturo Molina Collado and Dr. David Martín-Consuegra, University of Castilla-La Mancha, Spain

Dates: September 1, 2005 - January 31, 2006

Description: Dr. Arturo Molina Collado and Dr. David Martín-Consuegra, Professors of Marketing and Social Sciences at the University of Castilla-La Mancha (UCLM) in Spain, visited Texas A&M University from September 1, 2005 to January 31, 2006. Texas A&M and UCLM have a formal agreement that includes exchange of faculty, researchers and students, and Dr. Molina Collado and Dr. Martin-Consuegra were hosted by the European Union Center of Excellence under this agreement. While at Texas A&M they conducted research in the Mays College of Business and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, where they joined colleagues in their areas of expertise to develop new curricula for courses to be taught at Texas A&M and UCLM in the future.

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Curriculum Development

Date: August 16, 2005 – August 15, 2006

Description: During the 2005–2006 academic year the European Union Center of Excellence facilitated the development and enhancement of European curriculum in the George Bush School of Government and Public Service, the College of Education and Human Development, and the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, tailored to the specific needs of each one of the colleges. In addition, it provided support to the College of Liberal Arts as they work on the initial stages of development

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for the new MA and PhD programs.

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Funding: EUCE Faculty and Student Research Grants

Date: August 16, 2005 - May 16, 2006

Description: In an effort to stimulate European and transatlantic relations research and the development of collaboration projects and formal agreements with EU institutions, the European Union Center of Excellence made available four research grants in the academic year 2005–2006. The competition was open to all Texas A&M University tenured and tenure-track faculty and graduate students who wished to add or enhance a European/transatlantic component to their research project or add a European/transatlantic dimension to a course.

Faculty Grant Recipients:

Dr. Patrick Burkart, Assistant Professor, Department of Communication, Texas A&M University: Intellectual Property Rights for Software in the EC.

Dr. Joan Mileski, Associate Professor, Department of Maritime Administration, Texas A&M University at Galveston: The Effects of European Union Regulation on the Competitive Strategy of Maritime Industry Firms.

Dr. Ercan Sirakaya, Associate Professor, Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences, Texas A&M University: Measuring the Impact of Travel on Racial Prejudices of German Tourists Visiting Turkey.

Student Grant Recipient:

Mr. David C. Nelson, Doctoral Candidate in the Department of History, Texas A&M University: Survivors or Opportunists? The Mormon Church in Nazi Germany.

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Public Servant Visitor: József Gráf, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Hungary

Date: May 1, 2005

Description: The European Union Center of Excellence coordinated the visit by József Gráf, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Hungary, to meet with faculty in the College of Architecture, Texas A&M University.

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