

CIRCAP FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Minutes meeting, year IV 2010 - 2011

On 11th of October 2010, at 14.30 the fourth annual meeting of *CIRCaP Friends Association* has taken place, as part of the opening day of the New Academic Year at CIRCaP.

At the meeting were present:

- Members of the Association: 19
- Members of the Board: Nicolò Conti, Francesco Marangoni, Angela Movileanu
- Special Guest of the Event: Prof. Mark Franklin (Stein Rokkan Professor of Comparative Politics at the European University Institute)

The summary of the meeting:

1. Opening of the meeting and presentation of the **Budget 2009-2010** by the President of the Association, Nicolò Conti (see the Budget in the Appendix).
The budget was approved by vote by the members of the Association present at the meeting.
2. Prof. Cotta, who served as member of the Board with the portfolio of 'Alumni institutional relations' over the past two years was renewed his mandate with unanimous vote.
3. **The first awarding of the Alumni Association Prize to support the internationalisation of CIRCaP students.** The institution of this prize was proposed and agreed during the last year meeting of the Circap Alumni, to be funded in the years to come from the special fund of yearly donations from Circap Alumni. The winner of the prize is decided by an external independent referee out of the pool of applications for the prize.

Two prizes of € 500 each were awarded this year. The prizes were assigned by our guest and referee, Prof. Mark Franklin and the two winners are:

- Stefano Braghiroli (year of programme enrolment 2006-07) and
 - Aline Sierp (year of programme enrolment 2007-08).
4. **Seminar offered by Prof. Mark Franklin** about the differences among EU and US PhD programmes and the strategies that PhD students should make in order to get successful.

APPENDIX:

Balance on 1 October 2009	1,602.04
<i>Revenue</i>	
Contributions for SRAM courses	1,199.50
Research funds (LAPS)	20,497.50
Research funds (Partirep)	10,000.00
Research funds (World Food Programme)	11,000.00
Donations	1,011.65
<i>Expenditure</i>	
Hospitality for JB Seminar	469.55
Brussels Trip of Master students	476.00
Research assistants (LAPS)	17,340.00
Research assistants (Partirep)	3,201.00
Research assistants (WFP)	8,683.00
Taxation on Research Assistanship	6,935.00
Bank and administrative expenses	446.05
Balance on 30 September 2010	7,760.09