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What a Week! Foundation Week is finished and, ten days on, we are just getting back to normal here at the EFC secretariat.

I hope you enjoyed the event as much as I did. I want to sincerely thank all the speakers and participants who made the Week such a fantastic display of what foundations are about, and who pushed us into engaging in important conversations about what we do, how we work and how we relate to institutions and stakeholders outside our own sector.

The Week was an unprecedented undertaking with 80+ sessions; an Interactive Fair which included an exhibit on Darwin brought by the Gulbenkian Foundation; a concert by South-American superstar Juanes; a Puccini concert; the launch of the EFC's 20th Anniversary Book; the awarding of the Raymond Georis Prize for Innovative Philanthropy; the launch of "Global Philanthropy", a book by Norine MacDonald and Luc Tayart de Borms; and so much more. A particular highlight was the speech by European Council President Herman Van Rompuy, who unequivocally endorsed the European Foundation Statute.

Another development during the Week was the naming of Marco Parlangei, Chief Executive of Fondazione Monte dei Paschi di Siena, as the next EFC Chair. He will take on his new role from May 2011. Congratulations to Marco!

I really want to thank you for trusting the secretariat and making it possible for Foundation Week to work.

Enjoy your reading,

Gerry Salole
EFC Chief Executive

THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHT

Check out the highlights from Foundation Week!

Foundation Week 2010

Day 1: Foundation Week kicks off!
Day 2: Find out what's up at Foundation Week
Day 3: Second half of Foundation Week begins with opening of AGA and Conference
Day 4: President of European Council endorses European Foundation Statute
Day 5: First-ever Foundation Week closes in Brussels
Nadja Hirsch, Member of the European Parliament, addresses delegates at EFC AGA and Conference

Benchmarking & Capacity Building

EFC and Fondazione Cariplo are pleased to announce the launch of a dynamic new training series
New Capacity Building website tool launched

Communications & Research

2009 EFC Annual Report and Financial Statement
Anniversary book documents EFC's first 20 years
Gerry Salole interview in VITA magazine
Panel advises foundations to think like journalists
Social media on foundations' minds

EU Affairs & Advocacy

EU prepares voluntary anti-terrorist financing guidelines for non-profit organisations
EU ministers recommend promotion of philanthropic support for research
Have a say on EU policy strategy on children's rights!
Commission's proposals to promote vocational education and training
Accessing EU funds: simplifying the rules of the game
Study on the Implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities presented to Commission's High Level Group on Disability
Foundation Week EU sessions: presentations and further information
EU Affairs Monthly Snapshot- June 2010

Legal & Fiscal matters

European Commission joins foundation representatives to discuss how to relieve public benefit foundations from the VAT burden

Networking & Collaborations

Save the date for the conference on "reasonable accommodation at the workplace in light of the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities" : Brussels, 23 September 2010

Nascent European network of environmental funders aims to push boundaries of thinking
Stiftung Mercator organises an International Symposium on Arts Education in Europe

EFC Member & Partner News

Beyond the games: Reflections from South Africa during the World Cup
Foundation for Future Generations to announce winner of its 2010 Grand Prix
Katherine Watson appointed Director of European Cultural Foundation
Kavita Ramdas to step down as President and CEO of the Global Fund for Women
Final report of the Stakeholder Dialogue on Climate Change Mitigation and Social Justice in Europe published
Open Estonia Foundation's Mall Hellam named European of the Year 2010

Philanthropy News Roundup

How Can Foundations Demystify Their Work?
Funders should invest in impact measurement to help charities compete for scarcer funds, says report