



Warsaw, 24th of March, 2012

To the

Mr. João Cravinho

Ambassador and Head of the EU Delegation to India

With cc to Pavel Svitil, Fernando Nino Page, Sarojini Kaul,

Subject: First meeting of the European Association of India Study Centres (EAISC) in Warsaw on March 23rd / 24th, 2012

Your Excellency,

We take pleasure in informing you about two initiatives that we have taken up during the first meeting of the European Association of India Study Centres in Warsaw on March 23rd / 24th, 2012.

For one thing, we shall apply jointly for an Erasmus Mundus Action 2 grant. The idea is to strengthen the nexus of European India Study Centres and to further develop academic cooperation between Indian and European universities in the spirit of the successful India EU Study Centre Programme (IESCP) that ran from 2009 to 2011 and included the following universities:

Aarhus University
Leiden University
Milan University
University of Applied Sciences, Bremen
University of Applied Sciences, Reutlingen
University of Warsaw

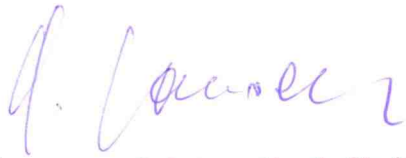
and our nine Indian partner universities namely IIT Madras, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Mangalore University, Manipal University, MS University, Pondicherry University, Symbiosis University, University of Delhi, University of Rajasthan .

Secondly, we are trying to develop a joint European Master programme in Contemporary Indian Studies which provides for a study of one semester each at two EU universities plus one Indian university.

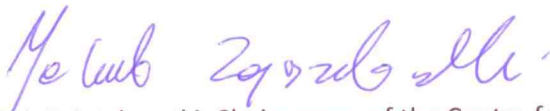
We should be grateful if you could take cognizance of and give support to the initiatives mentioned above.



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