

President Karabuda briefs YEPP members on moral rights at campaign days

ECSA President Alfons Karabuda was invited to speak during the Youth EPP Campaign Days held on the 05-06 December 2013 in Brussels. The EPP is currently the largest represented political group in the European Parliament. Mr. Karabuda spoke about



the importance of respecting author's rights when campaigning on social media sites and stressed the necessity of consulting the original creator when his or her work is used.

The event was a fantastic opportunity to start a dialogue on the importance of going about using someone's works the right way. ECSA is committed to brief further political parties on social media campaigning on the issues such as moral rights, copyright and freedom of the art in the course of the next months.

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Secretary General Ager addresses International Authors Conference in Zagreb, Croatia

On 10th December 2014, Secretary General Patrick Ager delivered a key note speech on the role of author's right for Europe's cultural and creative industries. Mr. Ager centered his discourse on copyright as a creative force in the 21st century in Europe and discussed harmonisation of copyright rules at the European level. In light of the digitalisation and dematerialisation of carriers of cultural works, Ager also referred to the recently published EC consultation on the review of copyright and discussed in depth the main chapters



of the consultation, which are of relevance for the community of composers and songwriters. The consultation can be accessed [here](#).

Finally, Secretary General Ager re-iterated that copyright is first and foremost a law dedicated to works of art and that any reform or harmonisation must guarantee that the interests and rights authors are respected, this for the overall benefit of society and culture.

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ECSA members celebrate their anniversaries!

Early December DKF, the Danish Art and Classical Composers Union, celebrated its 100th Anniversary!

Next, will be UCMF, the French Film Composers Union, who will host a concert presenting French film music on 10th January 2014 in celebration of its 10th anniversary. More information about the event and details on how to purchase tickets can be found [here](#).

Upcoming events

ECSA's Annual General Assembly meetings of the three committees *apcoe*, *ecf* and *fface* will take place on the 13th and 14th of February at the Flagey Cultural Centre in Brussels.