

Dear Friend,

## Annual Dinner

**Friday 2nd December, Welcome drinks at 19:00 followed by the dinner at 19:30.**

*Restaurant 100, Royal Over-Seas League, 100 Princes Street, Edinburgh EH2 3AB*

**There are still a few tickets available, so help us by booking early.**



Our after-dinner speaker is **Mark Hanniffy**, the Consul General of Ireland in Scotland.

His topic will be:

**"Brexit and the European Union - the view from Dublin".**

**Reserve your place:** Please register before November 25th, otherwise we cannot guarantee a place.

As a student member of our organisation, you are entitled to the special reduced rate of £28. Any other guests you bring should pay the non-member rate of £38. If your guests are students, then they can register quickly by filling in the form at the bottom of the page <http://www.euromovescotland.org.uk/support.htm>.

**Full name:** \_

**Tel/mobile:** \_

**No of people at non-member rate: (£38)** \_

**No of people at full-member rate: (£35)** \_

**No of people at student rate: (£28)** \_

(Paid-up members are entitled to buy two tickets at £35. Any non-member guests will be required to pay the higher rate.)

**Special dietary requirements or other comment:** \_

### How to pay:

Select one of the following methods:

- **Cheque** - Please send a cheque made out to "the European Movement in Scotland" and post it to Mr. W. Rodgers, 99 Trinity Road, Edinburgh EH5 3JX.
- **Bank Transfer** - Account name: The European Movement (Scottish Council) Sort Code: 80-11-00, Account Number: 00285169. When setting up a bank transfer if you are asked for a reference put your name and either postcode or telephone number so we can differentiate you from someone else with the same name.
- **Paypal** but only by visiting our website: <http://www.euromovescotland.org.uk/events.htm>

**Note:** You will receive email confirmation once the payment has been received. You are not registered until full payment has been received. Thanks for your understanding.

### Menu

Mushroom, tarragon & brandy veloute  
Salmon & crème fraiche terrine, king prawn tails, tomato mayonnaise  
Smoked duck, orange, watercress & chestnut salad

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Roast East Lothian Turkey, sage & onion stuffing, pigs in blankets, sprouts & chestnuts, honey roast carrots, roast potato, turkey jus

Baked supreme of salmon, confit fennel, baby potatoes, tomato & black olive fondue

Braised rump of Scottish beef in a rich port, button mushroom & pancetta sauce, creamed potato & parsnip mash, buttered kale

Wild mushroom ravioli, smoked cheddar cream sauce

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Christmas pudding with warmed brandy sauce  
Chocolate & caramel salted torte, vanilla ice cream  
Selection of Scottish cheese, celery, homemade chutney, biscuits

## AGM

As most of you are aware, the AGM was preceded by a talk given by Professor Christian Kaunert, Professor of European Politics and Academic Director of the Institute for European Studies at the Free University of Brussels on the topic "Brexit - the view from Brussels". We are hoping to receive some notes from him soon which we will include in a future email and put on our website. There were so many questions after that the AGM started 20 minutes late!

After the minutes of the previous AGM were approved, the chairman read his report.

### Chairman's report

Our activities during the last twelve months were, quite understandably, dominated by the referendum. I don't intend to comment on the campaign or the result here, other than to say that it was hugely disappointing and damaging, but I do want to praise strongly the campaign which EMiS fought in Scotland thanks to the efforts of both the committee and many members and supporters.

Lord Campbell, our President, led the successful media campaign with his usual skill and determination and was frequently present in the media with our message. We organised ten high profile public events across Scotland with leading panellists. Ayr was cancelled at the last moment owing to the tragic death of Jo Cox. We co-ordinated our activities with the official campaign, Scotland Stronger in Europe.

Details of all the events and the panels, together with all the other things we undertook are still on the Movement website. There were also quite a number of house parties thanks to the initiative of John Purvis and others. We also participated in other campaigns, campaigned on the streets and through a co-ordinated media and our social media campaign became a recognised focus for a non-party political Scottish perspective on the EU referendum.

Orbit Communications, via Alex Orr was of considerable assistance in the media campaign and as a base for our activities. With their assistance we were able to employ our assistant, Amrita, for six months and she made a valuable contribution to our campaigning effort.

Considering the very limited funds at our disposal I believe the contribution we made to the debate and campaign in Scotland was out of all proportion to our size and resources. This was thanks both to the professional support of Orbit and very much to the huge effort and commitment of the Executive Committee and a dedicated group of members and supporters in the Campaign Group and elsewhere. The expert support of Roundhouse with media design was of great assistance.

We made considerable, but ineffective, efforts to raise funds from other sources, particularly business, but in the end it was our own members who, through generous donations, for which many thanks, funded the campaign. Here particular thanks must go to the late David Millar, a long-time and valued supporter of EMiS, to whom the Movement has also had cause to be grateful in the past. He will be sorely missed. Also to Sir Gerald Elliot who has been a staunch supporter of EMiS.

Unsure of how much funding we would have available we registered as a campaigning body with the Electoral Commission and managed to obey all the rules.

Following the referendum we have held a members/supporters event on 29th September when Professor Drew Scott took us through the options facing Scotland and the UK following the decision to leave the European Union. We used this opportunity to discuss the response of EMiS to the decision and were in broad agreement on the stance of EMiS towards the planned exit from the EU.

In September we also made a detailed and comprehensive submission to the Holyrood inquiry into Scotland's future relationship with the EU. The basis of the submission was drafted by Elspeth Attwool, with additions by other experts from the committee.

This year I am stepping down from the Chair of EMiS. I have had the privilege of chairing EMiS through the Independence Referendum in 2014 and the EU Referendum in 2016 and I am immensely proud of what we have achieved and that thanks to the efforts of so many people our small organisation has been perceived as being far bigger than it really is. Successful organisations need constant change and with the new challenges facing us I am convinced that a fresh (and younger) viewpoint will lead the Movement on to growth and influence in respect of the challenges facing Scotland in 2017 and in the future.

Thank you and good luck.

### Treasurer's report

The treasurer's report was attached to our previous email. (If you would like it again, please contact me and I will be glad to send it.) He expanded on his with a few comments:

The figures have all been distorted by significant projects (Referendum in 2015/16 and Question Time Project in 2013/14 and 2014/15.)

One part time staff member was taken on towards the end of the period to strengthen our central administration resource over the critical months of the Referendum.

Funds were contracted with Orbit Communications for "professional services" in order to

a) raise further cash from business (not as successful as we had hoped so, by mutual agreement, the contract was scaled down), and

b) provide a steady stream of PR presence via the media

Donations from members, rather than corporate, did however rise significantly following our first appeal.

Overheads are now minimised. In many respect we have done this by drawing on the goodwill of volunteers.

The period after these accounts was, of course, dominated by the Referendum. The healthy balance shown here at March 31st was supplemented by further donations but costs during the Referendum took our balance down to about £3,000. Funds as at 16 November were £4,700.

Looking to the future, membership income is holding relatively steady. A notional income of about £3,400 could reasonably be assumed. Donations might reasonably be assumed at £600.

"Other events" income refers mainly to the Annual Dinner and is therefore cancelled out by the cost of holding it.

Set against this, are ongoing costs of about £1,000 leaving a margin for deploying to projects/events of about £3,000.

The Treasurer concluded by expressing his gratitude to Janet Hammersley for her support and to Ian Doig who again audited the accounts.

### Membership report

As a result of the referendum our following was greatly increased as the following diagram shows.

	Nov 2014	Nov 2015	Nov 2016
Paid-up members inc student members	195	197	215
Non-members	47	89	156
Total circulation	242	286	361
Twitter followers	500	929	1,648
Facebook likes	201	730	1,236

I also thanked Alex Orr whose great experience with social media helped boost these numbers.

I also maintain our website and was pleased to report that in the month of June, the number of our unique visitors increased ten fold over the previous year.

#### Election of office bearers and executive committee

The following people stood down from the committee:

**Alan Armitage**- secretary

**Derek Hammersley** -chairman

**Janet Hammersley** - although I will continue to do the website for a little longer and continue with the email letter until my successor takes over.

**Willis Pickard**. - Willis has been a member of the committee for over 11 years and in the past was responsible for producing our hardcopy newsletter that went out to all our members. Having done this myself in the past for other organisations, I know how time consuming, and sometimes frustrating this can be. We are all grateful to him for his commitment in the past. More recently he has been a great help editing and proofing articles for us. His presence, help and guidance will be missed.

The following people were elected:

Office bearers: Chair -Vanessa Glynn, Vice-chair - David Clarke, Secretary - Sally Kramers (YEM), Treasurer Bill Rodger.

#### Members of the Executive Committee

Elsbeth Attwooll, David Brew, David Gow, Derek Hammersley, Anne Kerr, Nigel Lindsay, Helen Millar, Iain Mitchell, Alex Orr, John Purvis

Ken Robertson has agreed to take on the role of Membership Secretary. According to our constitution, the committee is full but he can be co-opted at the first Executive Committee meeting following the AGM.

## Other events which may be of interest ...

Please note these events are not organised by EMiS

### Valkommen till Sverige - Migration & asylum in Europe's most welcoming country.

**Tuesday 22 November, 18:00 – 20:00**

*Appleton Tower, Lecture Theatre 1, 11 Crichton Street, Edinburgh EH8 9LE*

Mikael Ribbenvik, Acting Director of the Swedish Migration Agency, explains why Sweden has become the Nordic nation with the most open attitude to migrants and refugees and shares his experience in managing the recent surge in migration applications.

For more information and reserve a place, click [here](#).

### Scotland and the Single Market

**Wednesday 23 November, 17:00 – 18:30 Doors open 4.30pm**

Wine reception to follow.

Organised by the Edinburgh University European Union Society.

For information about EUEUS

*The University of Edinburgh, 50 George Square, Lecture Theatre G.03, EH8 9JU*

Panel:

- Kirsty Hughes, Senior Fellow · Friends of Europe
- Mure Dickie, Scotland Correspondent · Financial Times
- Anthony Salamone, PhD Candidate in Politics. University of Edinburgh

Chair: Martine Bisenius, European Union Society Committee Member.

More information on [Eventbrite](#).

Janet Hammersley  
Administrator