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NINTH ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

for deceased Members and former Members
of the European Parliament

European Parliament
30 May 2017
Yehudi Menuhin Space
5.45 pm - 6.15 pm

*With the participation of Hyeonjin Jane Cho (violin) member of
Queen Elisabeth Music Chapel and Philippe Lambert (trumpet).*

PROGRAMME

“1st Partita in B minor BWV 1002- Double”
by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
played by Hyeonjin Jane Cho

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**Welcome**  
**by Enrique Barón Crespo**  
President of the EP FMA  
*(please be seated)*

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Tribute on behalf of the EP President Antonio Tajani
by Bogusław Liberadzki
Vice-President of the European Parliament

First reading

Read by Manuel Porto

Watch, dear Lord with those who wake or watch or weep tonight,
and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend your sick
ones, O lord Jesus Christ, rest your weary ones, bless your dying
ones, soothe your suffering ones, shield your joyous ones, and all
for your love's sake.

By Saint Augustine (354-430)

Second reading

Read by Edward McMillan-Scott

The Blessing

May the road rise to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your back.

May the rains fall softly upon your fields
until we meet again.

May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

“Give me a light
that I may tread safely into the unknown.”

And he replied:

“Go out into the darkness
and put your hand into the hand of God.

That shall be to you better than a light
and safer than a known way.”

So I went forth:

and, finding the hand of God, trod gladly into the night.
And the led me towards the hills and the breaking of the day
in the long east.

From “The Desert” by Louise Haskins (1875-1957)

Third reading

Read by Jan-Willem Bertens

“We have learned to fly in the air like birds and swim in the sea like fish, but we have not learned the simple art of living together as brothers.”

By Martin Luther King (1929-1968)

Fourth reading

Read by Brigitte Langenhagen

Fading leaf

Every blossom heralds fruit

Every morning dusk.

Nothing earthly is eternal

But change, but flight.

Even the loveliest summer yearns

To feel autumn and to fade.

Be patient, leaf, and hold still

When the wind comes to take you.

Play your game and do not resist,

Accept your fate in silence.

Let the wind, which severs your hold,

Blow you home again.

By Hermann Hesse (1877-1962)

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“1st Partita in B minor BWV 1002- Sarabande”

*by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

**played by Hyeonjin Jane Cho**

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Honour Roll Call

(all rise)

Read by Lord Richard Balfe
Vice-President of the EP FMA

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**Minute of silence**

*(remain standing)*

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Philippe Lambert plays

“Amazing Grace”

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**Conclusion**

**by José María Gil-Robles Gil-Delgado**

Former President of the European Parliament

Former President of the EP Former Members Association

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“1st Partita in B minor BWV 1002- Allemanda”

by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

played by Hyeonjin Jane Cho

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**European Hymn**

*(all rise)*

# IN MEMORIAM

† 14 March 2016

**Jaime VALDIVIELSO DE CUÉ**

**EPP, Spain (1994-2004)**

Jaime Valdivielso de Cué died at 77 years of age.

He served as a Spanish member of the European Parliament from 1994 to 2004. During his time in Parliament, Mr Valdivielso de Cué was a Member of the Group of the European People's Party.

He served as a Member of the Committees on External Economic Relations and on Industry, External Trade, Research and Energy. He was also a member of the delegations for relations with Japan and Russia, of the Delegation to the EU-Russia Parliamentary Cooperation Committee, and of the Delegation to the EU-Hungary Joint Parliamentary Committee. Between 2002 and 2004 he was Vice-Chair of the Committee on Industry, External Trade, Research and Energy.

At the national level he represented Partido Popular for 10 years.

† 18 March 2016

**Gerd Ludwig LEMMER**

**EPP, Germany (1979-1994)**

Gerd Ludwig Lemmer died at 90 years of age.

He served as a German Member of the European Parliament from 1979 to 1994. During his time in Parliament, Mr Lemmer was a Member of the European People's Party Group.

He served as a Member of the Committees on External Economic Relations, and the Delegation to the EC-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee. He was Vice-President of the Delegation for relations with Turkey and the Delegation to the EEC-Turkey Joint Parliamentary

Committee.

At the national level he represented Christlich Demokratische Union Deutschlands.

† 21 March 2016

**Diego de los SANTOS LÓPEZ**

**RBW, Spain (1990-1994)**

Diego de los Santos López died at 80 years of age.

He served as a Spanish member of the European Parliament from 1990 to 1994. During his time in Parliament, Mr Santos López was a Member of the Rainbow Group in the European Parliament. He served as a Member of the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development and he was part of the Delegation for relations with the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Delegation to the EC-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee.

At the national level he represented Partido Andalucista for 4 years.

† 22 March 2016

**Frode KRISTOFFERSEN**

**EPP, Denmark (1988-1989/1994-1999)**

Frode Kristoffersen died at 85 years of age.

He served as a Danish member of the European Parliament from 1988 to 1989, and from 1994 to 1999. During his time in Parliament, Mr Kristoffersen was a Member of the European Democratic Group and later member of the Group of the European People's Party.

He served as a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Security and Defence Policy and in the Political Affairs Committee. He was also a member of the Delegation to the EU-Poland Joint Parliamentary Committee, Delegation to the EU-Bulgaria Joint Parliamentary Committee, Delegation for relations with Latvia, and Delegation to the EU-Latvia Joint Parliamentary Committee. In addition, Mr Kristoffersen was also Chair of the Delegation for relations with Norway in 1989.

At the national level he represented Det Konservative Folkeparti for 6 years.

† 19 May 2016

**Marco PANNELLA**

**CDI, NA, ERA and ALDE, Italy (1979- 2009)**

“Marco Pannella, who was a Member of the European Parliament from its very first direct elections, for nearly three decades always saw the ‘European homeland’ as the focus for his political struggle and commitment.

Leader of countless battles for civil and political rights in Italy and the rest of the world, in the name of the indivisibility of the rights granted to every human being, the construction of Europe was always at the centre of his endeavours at the European Parliament.

Vice-Chair of the parliamentary committee that produced the draft Treaty on European Union in 1984, he always stood alongside Altiero Spinelli and led all the initiatives calling for ‘more Europe’, criticising governments and the Delors Commission itself when the latter gave the impression of ‘not daring enough’ on the path towards integration. The battles to free the former Soviet bloc countries, those against extermination by hunger and those to defend the rights of citizens and oppressed peoples were some of Marco Pannella’s greatest struggles – the latest one being the right to knowledge all over the world.”

*By Gianfranco Dell’Alba*

† 5 June 2016

**Gianluca BUONANNO MEP**

**NA and ENF, Italy (2014-2016)**

Gianluca Buonanno died at 49 years of age.

He served as an Italian member of the European Parliament from 2014 to 2016. During his time in Parliament, Mr Buonanno was a Non-attached Member, and later was a Member of the Europe of Nations and Freedom Group. He served as a member of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy and in the Delegation to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly.

At the national level he represented Lega Nord for 2 years.

† 13 June 2016

**Potito SALATTO**

**EPP, Italy (2009-2014)**

Potito Salatto died at 74 years of age.

He served as an Italian member of the European Parliament from 2009 to 2014. During his time in Parliament, Mr Salatto was a Member of the Group of the European People's Party.

He served as a member of the Committees on Constitutional Affairs, and on Budgets, integrating also the Delegation for relations with Iran, the Delegation for relations with the Palestinian Legislative Council and the Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean. In addition, he was Vice-Chair of the Delegation for relations with Iran between 2012 and 2014.

At the national level he represented Il Popolo della Libertà (2009-2014) and Popolari per l'Europa (2014).

† 10 July 2016

**Katharina FOCKE**

**PES, Germany (1979-1989)**

“I first met Katharine Focke when we were both among the first Members directly elected to the European Parliament in 1979. From the first day, she was an outstanding member of the Socialist Group, and of the European Parliament as a whole. She brought with her experience as a member of the Bundestag, as a close collaborator with Chancellor Willy Brandt, and as Minister for Youth, the Family and Health. Her entire personal and political life was marked by her intellectual and pugnacious commitment to European unification. In 1984 she led the SPD's European Parliament election campaign. From 1984 to 1987 she was the respected, shrewd and influential Chair of the Committee on Development and Cooperation. Even after she had left Parliament, she remained to the end of her life a critical but convinced supporter of the unification of Europe and the European Parliament. Katharina Focke, a great European, an admirable woman and colleague, died on 10 July 2016 at the age of 93 in Cologne.”

*By Klaus Hänsch*

† 29 July 2016

**(Paddy) Patrick Joseph LALOR**

**SOC and EDA, Ireland (1979-1994)**

Patrick Joseph Lalor died at 90 years of age.

He served as an Irish member of the European Parliament from 1979 to 1994. During his time in Parliament, Mr Lalor was a Member of the Group of European Progressive Democrats (1979-1984) and a Member of the Group of the European Democratic Alliance (1984-1994). He was Vice-President of the Parliament's Bureau (1982-1984 and 1984 to 1987) and Vice-President of the European Parliament between 1982 and 1987. Mr Lalor was also Vice-Chair of the Delegation for relations with the countries of South Asia and for the Delegation Delegation for relations with the Member States of ASEAN and the ASEAN Interparliamentary Organisation (AIPO) and the Republic of Korea.

At the national level he represented Fianna Fáil Party for 15 years.

† 20 August 2016

**Charles-Emile LOO**

**PES, France (1979-1989)**

Charles-Emile Loo died at 94 years of age.

He served as a French member of the European Parliament from 1979 to 1989. During his time in Parliament, Mr Loo was a Member of the Socialist Group. He was a member of the Committees on Transport and on Development and Cooperation.

At the national level he represented Parti Socialiste for 10 years.

† 26 August 2016

**Winfried MENRAD**

**EPP, Germany (1989-2004)**

"I was not the only one who noticed Winfried Menrad. Together with his assistant Gerlinde Michelfelder and Dr Klaus Kellersmann they were a strong and reliable team: worth their weight in gold, as social policy is really a tough area to work in. With his in-depth knowledge of both the employer's and particularly the employee's side of industry, Winfried Menrad, social policy expert par excellence, was an interesting

conversation partner and advocate. He was honest, sincere, convinced and convincing in his arguments. He was authentically the same person in real life as in his papers, articles, speeches, lectures and visits, which all had to do with the greater and lesser social questions of our existence. I had nothing but admiration for his conscientiousness.

In 2005 he published his 'Manifesto for wealth accumulation and property in the hands of workers' under the over-arching title 'The Social Offensive' ('Die soziale Offensive. - Manifest für Vermögensbildung und Eigentum in Arbeitnehmerhand'). That book bore the dedication: 'To Erwin Häussler, my greatest teacher of social and wealth policy', to which I will gladly add: 'Mine too, and the teacher of many of our colleagues'. In social policy you have to have the courage to fight your own corner, and step up bravely in a difficult environment. It is not an easy option. He succeeded in this through his perseverance, friendliness and modesty. He was a model for us all."

*By Brigitte Langenhagen*

† **10 September 2016**

**Andrew PEARCE**

**ED, United Kingdom (1979-1989)**

"Andrew Pearce was the British Conservative MEP for Cheshire West and Wirral from 1979 to 1989.

When the UK joined the Union in 1973, he came to Brussels with the first wave of British recruits to the Commission and helped establish the British Conservative Association in Belgium of which he was Chairman. He had previously been a candidate for the UK parliament in Darlington and Islington.

He was a dedicated member of the parliament's delegation to the ACP-EEC Joint Assembly, which from time to time he chaired.

After his wife Myra died, he lived in a flat at Formby surrounded by paintings and memorabilia, punctuated by bouts of travelling. They had four children.

Andrew was a thoroughly decent man and a very good European : may he rest in peace. "

*By Bill Newton Dunn*

“Andrew Pearce was born in Ormskirk in 1937 and went to school in Liverpool starting a love affair with that City that lasted for the rest of his life. A qualified engineer, he was one of the first British citizens to apply for the European Commission serving in the Customs Administration from 1973 until he was elected to represent Cheshire West the European Parliament in 1979. He became a recognised expert on African Development, serving as Vice President of the ACP Assembly. On losing his seat in 1989 he returned to the Commission and specialised in tourism policy. On his retirement he travelled extensively visiting more than 100 countries and was a member of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce and the Civic Society.

Andrew Pearce was above all a practical man who liked to get things done; he had no time for political correctness. He was extremely conscious of his industrial background and Northern roots and never afraid to speak up for “his area” and its needs even when it was less than politic to do so.”

*By Anthony Simpson*

† 21 September 2016

**Leonidas DONSKIS**

**ALDE, Lithuania (2009-2014)**

“Leonidas Donskis was a Lithuanian Liberal MEP from 2009 to 2014. He was a philosopher, political theorist, historian of ideas, social analyst, and professor of politics and head of ‘VDU Academia Cum Laude’ at Vytautas Magnus University at Kaunas. He was deputy chairman of the Lithuanian Jewish Community.

I was privileged to sit next to him for five years as Liberal members of the Development committee. He was quiet, charming, and opposed all extreme or exclusionary attitudes and violent politics, and was an advocate of reason and conscience. Getting to know him, and working with him, was exactly what makes the parliament a truly exceptional place.”

*By Bill Newton Dunn*

† 12 November 2016

**Paul VERGÈS**

**COM and GUE/NGL, France (1979-2009)**

Paul Vergès died at 91 years of age.

He served as a French member of the European Parliament from 1979 to 1989, and from 2004 to 2007. During his time in Parliament, Mr Vergès was a Member of the Communist and Allies Group (1979-1989), and a Member of the Confederal Group of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left. He was Chair of the Delegation for relations with the countries of South Asia (1983-1986) and also of the Delegation for relations with the Mashreq countries (Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria) between 1987 and 1989. Mr Vergès was also Vice-President Delegation to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly (2004-2007) and a member of Committee on Regional Policy and Regional Planning, and of the Committee on Development and Cooperation.

At the national level he represented Parti communiste français and Parti communiste réunionnais.

† 30 November 2016

**Rudolf WEDEKIND**

**EPP, Germany (1981-1989)**

Rudolf Wedekind died at 88 years of age.

He served as a German member of the European Parliament from 1979 to 1994. During his time in Parliament, Mr Wedekind was a Member of the European People's Party Group.

He was member of the Committees on Youth, Culture, Education, Information and Sport, Committee on Development and Cooperation, Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions, Delegation for relations with the Maghreb countries, and a member of Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy.

At the national level he represented Christlich Demokratische Union Deutschlands.

† 5 December 2016

**Mogens Niels Juel CAMRE**

**UEN, Denmark (1999-2009)**

Mogens Niels Juel Camre died at 80 years of age.

He served as a Danish member of the European Parliament from 1999 to 2009. During his time in Parliament, Mr Camre was a Member of the Union for Europe of the Nations Group. He was Vice-Chair of the party for 10 years. Mr Camre was also a member of the Committees on Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs, on Budgetary Control, on Employment and Social Affairs, and on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection. In addition, he was also a member of the Delegation for relations with the Maghreb countries and the Arab Maghreb Union, and of the Delegation to the EU-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee.

At the national level he represented Dansk Folkeparti for 10 years.

† 22 December 2016

**William ABITBOL**

**UEN and EDD, France (1999-2004)**

William Abitbol died at 67 years of age.

He served as a French member of the European Parliament from 1999 to 2004. During his time in Parliament, Mr Abitbol was a Member of the Union for Europe of the Nations Group (1999-2001) and a Member of the Group for a Europe of Democracies and Diversities (2001-2004). He was Vice-Chair of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs. In addition, Mr Abitbol was a member of the Delegation for relations with Switzerland, Iceland and Norway and of the Delegation for relations with the countries of south-east Europe.

At the national level he represented Rassemblement pour la France for 5 years.

† 25 December 2016

**Mauro CHIABRANDO**

**EPP, Italy (1984-1994)**

Mauro Chiabrando died at 84 years of age.

He served as an Italian member of the European Parliament from 1984 to 1994. During his time in Parliament, Mr Chiabrando was a Member of the Group of the European People's Party. He was Vice-Chair of the Committee on Regional Policy and Regional Planning (1984-1987) and of the Committee on Development and Cooperation (1992-1993). He was also a member of the European Parliament to the Joint Assembly of the Agreement between ACP and EEC (ACP-EEC), as well as a member of the European Parliament to the Joint Assembly of the Agreement between the African, Caribbean and Pacific States and the EEC (ACP-EEC). In addition, he was part of the Delegation for relations with Cyprus.

At the national level he represented Democrazia cristiana for 10 years.

† 5 January 2017

**Rolf LINKOHR**

**PES, Germany (1979-2004)**

“Rolf Linkohr was an inspired choice as Coordinator for the Socialist Group in the Energy and Research Committee in 1979.

A year later I was asked to prepare the committee's budget opinion. I got a call from Commissioner Davignon who was concerned that the USA was way ahead of the Community in information technology. He proposed a new common programme: ESPRIT (European Special Programme for Research in Information Technology). My challenge was to secure the finance.

I consulted Rolf who immediately grasped the importance of the proposal. Thus began the progression from ESPRIT to Framework to the current Horizon 2020. Rolf was a key figure throughout.

Following a visit to the United States Office of Technology Assessment, which guided research planning, Rolf determined to create a similar approach. Thus was born STOA (Science and Technology Options Assessment). Rolf understood that Research was the key to improved productivity.

Rolf guided this work throughout his membership of the European Parliament. I shall ever be grateful for the opportunity I had of working alongside him.”

*By Gordon Adam*

“It was my privilege to serve on the Committee on Research and Energy with Rolf Linkhor from 1994 to 2004. We belonged to different political groups but found a common interest in research and scientific matters, particularly in energy. I was grateful to him for welcoming me in the European Energy Foundation where he was President and very knowledgeable about all manner of energy issues. He was a very civilised and tolerant man with political opponents such as myself and colleagues on his side alike. I felt honoured to succeed him as President of the European Energy Forum (as it had become) when he stood down from the Parliament in 2004. His achievement in building up the status of the EEF into probably the most successful interest group in the Parliament was considerable. He chaired its events with a mixture of quiet authority and good humour which was an important ingredient in its success. In addition he was an influential member of the Energy Committee, speaking with confident knowledge on a wide range of subjects.”

*By Giles Chichester*

“When buildings for the European Parliament had only just started to go up, Rolf Linkohr and I for several months shared a tiny office in what was then the new building in Rue Belliard. It was really too small even for just one of us, but with Rolf in his calm, unflustered and cultivated way it was easy to forget the intolerable office conditions with many intense discussions on the future of Europe, the European Parliament and most of all his specialist area, technology and energy policy. Long before others did, he saw that Europe could only have a future as a leading technological power. He fought doggedly against real or perceived technophobia, ignorance and lazy thinking among our colleagues of all political groups. His language skills and expert knowledge enabled him to be heard and respected in Parliament across linguistic and political borders. The European Social Democrat Rolf Linkohr, who had his political home in Stuttgart and Baden-Württemberg, one of the

technology centres of Germany and Europe, died at the age of 75 on 5 January 2017.”

*By Klaus Hänsch*

“I had the privilege to be a good friend and colleague of Rolf Linkohr during the parliamentary period 1999-2004 and afterwards. I remember with pleasure our work together in the ITRE Committee and in the many and fruitful activities of the European Energy Foundation, of which Rolf was the founder and an extraordinary President.

Rolf was a man of high human quality, great generosity, sharp intelligence, remarkable political skills and amazing knowledge in many different fields. A conversation with him was always enriching and inspiring. Everyone who had the fortune to meet him and enjoy his company agree that he was a wonderful person and a real gentleman that his many friends will never forget. Rolf has left a mark in the European Parliament that will remain for ever.”

*By Alejo Vidal-Quadras*

† 7 January 2017

**Lelio LAGORIO**

**PES, Italy (1989-1994)**

“Known as the ‘Grand Duke’, a cultured and rigorous lawyer, a great politician and fine strategist, recognised for the clarity and elegant style of his language, he was particularly successful in professionally representing the institutions.

He was known as the ‘Grand Duke’ because, in the 1970s, he was the first President of the Tuscany Region and a great supporter of the transfer of powers to the regions, which he considered to be a genuine government.

In 1965 he was Mayor of Florence, where he was appreciated for his conscientiousness and effectiveness.

A socialist and key player in the history of left-wing government in the 1980s, when he became Minister of Defence he increased military budgets and modernised the organisation of Italy’s military apparatus, tactfully, yet standing firm in his convictions. He also developed some fundamental reforms as Minister of Tourism and Entertainment.

He was elected to Parliament nine times, becoming leader of the Socialist Party (PSI) in the Italian Chamber of Deputies and in the European Parliament.

I shall always be grateful for his polite and precious advice which, as he said, were based on the teachings he received from Professor Piero Calamandrei: 'integrity, moral courage to go against the tide, against the dominant fashions, independence of judgment, even in relation to friends, harshness but fairness towards opponents'.

*By Monica Baldi*

"Lelio Lagorio, Secretary of Italian Defence between 1980 and 1983, has been a positive presence in NATO. At the end of 1979, the Italian Armed forces were out of the mainstream of the Alliance which played its strategic game in central Europe. The Soviet Union directed its missiles SS 20 against Western Europe while NATO countered its move by planning to deploy in Western Europe its own missiles. This option however would not fit the game since only the US and Great Britain took sides with NATO while France, being out of it, could not join the team. As for Germany, it was willing to deploy NATO missiles only if another continental NATO country would join. Being so, the participation of Italy was a must. One can imagine what this situation meant for Italy which before had been out of the game. Italy took full charge of its role and Lagorio brilliantly acted among the top leadership of NATO obtaining full credit for its work. It was the beginning of a positive trend for Italian defence."

*By Luigi Caligaris*

"Lelio Lagorio, Trieste 1925 - Firenze 2017, was a socialist reformist member of the Partito Socialista Italiano - PSI, Mayor of Florence, and President of the Tuscany Region, member of the Italian and European Parliaments, Ministry of Defence and later of Tourism, Vice President of the Union of Socialist Parties of the European Community, forerunner of PES.

Opponent of the fascist dictatorship, at the end of the war he graduated in law as a student of Pietro Calamandrei, one of the fathers of the Italian Constitution; he was his assistant professor for years at Florence University.

A lawyer, journalist and author of many publications, Lelio Lagorio was a convinced European. As a militant and representative of the leadership of the PSI, he was a supporter of the political autonomy of PSI on the national and international scenario with reference to the Communist Party and the USSR.

A supporter and protagonist of the Socialist Party's participation in the Italian Government, as a defense minister he actively supported the deployment of the Euro missiles in Italy, thus contributing to the end of the Cold War.”

*By Pia Locatelli*

† 7 January 2017

**Mário SOARES**

**S&D, Portugal (1999-2004)**

“Mario Soares was my friend, my comrade in the fight against the Iberian dictatorships and my role model as a democrat and a European. We worked together to establish democracy in our two countries and bring about a rapprochement between them. For Portugal, he embodies the advent of democracy and the end of colonialism.

For Spain, he was a friend and brother who strove to bring us together with Portugal under the same system of alliances and enable us to share our European destiny by joining the European Community together on 1 January 1986. He waited for our negotiations to be concluded with the courtesy typical of the Portuguese.

After serving as Prime Minister and President of the Republic of Portugal and President of European Movement International, he joined our ranks at the European Parliament. He was open-minded and approachable, knowledgeable and urbane, with the warmth and simplicity common to so many great men.

*By Enrique Barón Crespo*

“He was constant. He was loyal. He was a democrat. He was a socialist. He believed in the European Union. Above all, he had a warm personality. He was not dogmatic. He was flexible and showed himself capable of adapting to unpleasant circumstances. He showed great resilience in difficult times, under the dictatorship and in the critical period of the

restoration of democracy in Portugal. His Spanish friends took him as a model for the new kind of politicians that Spain needed in the second half of the last century. As a member of the European Parliament he could always be relied on in the common endeavor to create a united Europe dedicated to improving the living conditions of our peoples and to struggle for peace in Europe and in the world at large. Europe has lost a great man. As a person he cannot be replaced. His friends and colleagues will never forget him.”

*By Manuel Medina Ortega*

† 17 January 2017

**Henry CHABERT**

**EDA and EPP, France (1989-1994)**

Henry Chabert died at 71 years of age.

He served as a French member of the European Parliament from 1989 to 1994. During his time in Parliament, Mr Chabert was a Member of the Group of the European Democratic Alliance (1989-1991) and an Ally of the Group of the European People’s Party (1991-1994). He was Vice-President of the European Parliament to the Joint Assembly of the Agreement between the African, Caribbean and Pacific States and the European Economic Community (ACP-EEC) from 1992 to 1994, and a member of the Committees on External Economic Relations as well as part of the Delegation for relations with the countries of South Asia and the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC).

At the national level he represented Rassemblement pour la République for 5 years.

† 28 January 2017

**Salvatore TATARELLA**

**NA, UEN, EPP, Italy (1994-1999/2004-2014)**

“Some of the colleagues with whom I worked for many years at the European Parliament are no longer with us. However, they live on in the history and day-to-day activities of Parliament, which has been the focus of our ambitions for a Europe that is more ‘united in diversity’, as the European Convention put it. As I write this letter, I am reminded in

particular of William Abitbol, Morgens Camre and Salvatore Tatarella, who were members of the UEN Group of which I was vice- and co-chair, and of Potito Salatto of the EPP.

I shared some of the key moments of my political life with Salvatore Tatarella, who was a Member of the European Parliament from 1994 to 1999 and from 2009 to 2014 and also served as the mayor of Cerignola, the deputy mayor of Bari and an Italian MP. He is very fondly remembered by a number of colleagues from across the political spectrum. Salvatore showed true fighting spirit in battling illness with the support of his wife Paola, a kind, brave and strong woman, and his beloved children Fabrizio, Annalisa and Giuseppe.

We will remember him as a cultivated, well-informed and articulate man who was devoted to his local community and successfully made his country's traditional values part of his modern approach to politics. He was a true friend."

*By Cristiana Muscardini*

† 2 February 2017

**Josep VERDE i ALDEA**  
**SOC, Spain (1986-1999)**

"We shared almost thirty years of common parliamentary experience, in the Spanish Cortes and in the European Parliament. He was an excellent jurist who knew very well how to combine his role as a representative of the people with his institutional responsibilities. Although he maintained a serene and severe external appearance, he could always be relied on in difficult moments. His advice was based on thorough reflection and knowledge of the problems he had to deal with. He never allowed his personal problems to influence his work as a member of Parliament. Under a stern external appearance, he maintained a sober sense of humor, not ready to make a joke but that he could use effectively to underline contradictions in the political discourse. His contributions to the parliamentary system and to the European Union should not be forgotten."

*By Manuel Medina Ortega*

† 9 March 2017

**Franco BORGIO**

**EPP, Italy (1984-1994)**

Franco Borgo died at 84 years of age.

He served as an Italian member of the European Parliament from 1984 to 1989, from 1989 to 1992, and from 1992 to 1994. During his time in Parliament, Mr Borgo was a member of the Group of the European People's Party (Christian-Democratic Group).

He was Chair of the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development between 1992 and 1994, and Vice-Chair of the same committee between 1989 and 1992. Mr Borgo was also a member of the Delegation for relations with the Member States of ASEAN and the ASEAN Interparliamentary Organisation (AIPO) and of the Delegation for relations with the Maghreb countries (Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia). Lastly, he was also a member of the Committee on Development and Cooperation and a member from the European Parliament to the Joint Assembly of the Agreement between the African, Caribbean and Pacific States and the EEC (ACP-EEC).

At the national level he represented Democrazia Cristiana for 10 years.

† 23 March 2017

**Nikolaos VAKALIS**

**EPP, Greece (2004-2009)**

Nikolaos Vakalis died at 77 years of age.

He served as a Greek member of the European Parliament from 2004 to 2009. During his time in Parliament, Mr Vakalis was a member of the Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats) and European Democrats.

He was a member of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy between 2004 and 2009, and he was a part of the Delegation for relations with India, and a member of the Delegation to the EU-Romania Joint Parliamentary Committee.

At the national level he represented Nea Dimokratia for 5 years.

† 29 March 2017

**Magdalene HOFF**

**SOC, Germany (1979-2004)**

“Magdalene Hoff, who died on 23 March 2017 at the age of 76, was an impressive figure of imposing stature with a professional background exceptional for a woman at the time. She studied construction engineering, but rapidly made a career in politics. In 1971 she became a member of the SPD, in 1975 a councillor in her home town of Hagen, and in 1979 a Member of the first directly elected European Parliament. She worked there until 2004 on the construction of the European House in a variety of capacities at all levels: in the party, in the Socialist Group and on the bodies of the European Parliament, eventually becoming a Vice-President. For many years she was Chair of the Interparliamentary Delegation for Relations with the USSR, later the CIS. She followed the enlargement process with great dedication. ‘We still do not have a comprehensive information and communication strategy for the public’, she once said in a plenary debate; these words were prophetic and are now truer than ever. Her life, as a mother with three children, had its difficult times. While still a Member of Parliament she underwent a dangerous operation, from which she never fully recovered. This sapped her strength, but does not detract from her achievements, which will not be forgotten.”

*By Karin Junker*

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**Outi OJALA**

**GUE/NGL, Finland (1996-1999)**

Outi Ojala died at 70 years of age.

She served as a Finnish member of the European Parliament from 1996 to 1999. During his time in Parliament, Mr Wedekind was a Member of the Confederal Group of the European United Left/Nordic Green Left.

She was member of the Delegation for relations with Estonia and Delegation to the EU-Estonia Joint Parliamentary Committee, and a Vice-president Committee on Employment and Social Affairs.

At the national level she represented Vasemmistoliitto.