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PREFACE

This collection of contributions dealing with *The European Union in the World* is a tribute to our dear friend and colleague Marc Maresceau. It is a mark of respect for a remarkable person and a successful legal scholar whose activities inspired and influenced generations of students, academics and practitioners alike.

Choosing a topic for this *Liber Amicorum* was rather easy. As the European Commission acknowledged in 2008, Marc Maresceau's pioneering work on the study of EU external relations law in general, and on EU enlargement and neighbourhood studies in particular, is a true success story.¹ In their forewords, Hubert Bocken, Paul Demaret and Jean Raux eloquently describe how Marc Maresceau sought and found his way in the academic world and how he founded and developed the European Institute of Ghent University as a renowned centre of excellence for the study of EU external relations. Everybody who had the opportunity to visit the Institute's library will also see how Marc's passion for books—so strikingly expressed in the foreword of his mentor Guy Schrans—left his marks on the Ghent University law faculty.

Marc Maresceau is a man of the world. During his rich academic career he visited countless places to teach about the European integration process and the role of the EU as a global and regional actor. Marc Maresceau is also a visionary European. Before anyone else, he understood the importance of EU enlargement and the relations between the Union and its neighbouring countries. At a time when international academic co-operation was not as evident as it is nowadays, he established close contacts with numerous colleagues abroad. Very often those professional relations quickly developed into long-lasting personal friendships. This explains why so many colleagues enthusiastically accepted our invitation to write a contribution in this volume. Others who could not deliver their piece

¹ European Commission, 'The European Union and the World—European Success Stories', available at: <http://ec.europa.eu/education/jean-monnet/doc/success2008_en.pdf>.

before the deadline expressed their great appreciation for his work and personality. Marc's network of friends and colleagues seems unlimited. It is therefore almost unavoidable that we omitted, and herewith apologise, some persons who might have wanted to write a testimonial of their appreciation for Marc as well.

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FOREWORD BY HUBERT BOCKEN
A TRIBUTE TO A COLLEAGUE AND A FRIEND

It is a great pleasure and honour for me to contribute to the *Liber Amicorum* for Marc Maresceau with an overview of his academic career. This allows me, in another manner than with a contribution on EU Law, to participate, in the company of a pleiad of distinguished scholars of European law, in the tribute to an eminent professor and good friend. Not only have we been colleagues for more than thirty years at the Law Faculty of Ghent University, but also I had the pleasure of sharing with him and his wife Ghislaine many family summer vacations, strictly leaving behind us all university concerns.

Many aspects of Marc Maresceau's career and his international approach to academic life find their roots in his scholarly peregrinations as a postgraduate student and as a junior professor and in the many contacts and friendships he established in that period.

He graduated in diplomatic sciences at Ghent University in 1971. His interest in European law having been sparked off by Professor Guy Schrans and sustained by Professor Marcel Storme, he completed, with greatest distinction, the newly established programme in European law in 1972. The same year a fellowship brought him to the International Relations school at Johns Hopkins University in Bologna, where he would also get in touch with the Faculty of Law of Bologna University and more particularly with the young Italian scholar of European law, Paolo Mengozzi, later professor at the same faculty and Advocate General at the European Court of Justice. Their association would grow steadily from joint student seminars in 1987 and 1988, over a series of common conferences and publications, to a university-wide agreement between Ghent and Bologna universities. Bologna also explains Marc's love for gnocchi, tris de pasta and other Italian delicacies. A year later a grant from the Swiss confederation brings him to the Institut Universitaire des Hautes Etudes Internationales at Geneva. In 1973, his talents are honoured by the NFWO, the Belgian National Research Fund (of which he will chair the Legal Committee from 2000 to 2006), with a six-year research grant.

While mostly based in Geneva, he prepares, under the direction of Guy Schrans, his doctoral thesis on direct effect of Community law which he defends with great distinction in 1977. Next, he works in Edinburgh as a Leverhulme Fellow, under the direction of Professor John Mitchell and with the late John Usher with whom he will regularly cooperate in the future. Edinburgh is also the place which sparks his interest in book collecting and where his affair with second hand bookshops begins. Having been appointed part-time professor at Ghent Law School in 1981, he is a member of the delegation of Ghent law professors led by professor Storme, who visit China and start a longstanding co-operation with the Chinese Ministry of Justice and the law schools managed by it. In 1984, Marc Maresceau becomes a full-time professor and also holds the 'Belgian chair' in King's College in London. His friendship with Francis Jacobs, then professor at the College and later Advocate General at the European Court of Justice, evolves into another long-lasting co-operation. In 1998, Marc's former doctoral student, Piet Eeckhout, is to succeed Sir Francis Jacobs as chair of European law at King's College and to become director of its Centre of European Law. In 2007, Francis Jacobs is awarded the degree of *doctor honoris causa* at Ghent University, at Marc's proposal.

Following the same path, and long before internationalisation had become a common objective of academia and a criterion for the evaluation of every professor, Marc adopts an international approach to academic life. He clearly values personal ties and friendship more highly, as a basis for international scientific co-operation, than large-scale institutional arrangements. Most of his later international projects and relations will largely be based on his personal contacts with other EU law scholars. Next to Mengozzi, Usher and Jacobs, in particular, reference also has to be made to Peter Balázs in Budapest, Gabriel Wilmer at the Brussels Seminar and in Athens Georgia, Jean Raux at Rennes I, Claude Blumann at Paris II, Haluk Kabaalioglu in Yeditepe, Istanbul, Paul Demaret in Liège and at Bruges, Alan Dashwood in Cambridge, names which all appear in co-authored publications and programmes of joint conferences and more ambitious research projects. From very early on, Marc also widens the horizon for the selection of his junior teaching staff. Elisabetta Montaguti from Bologna, Kirstyn Inglis from Dundee, Erwan Lannon from Rennes, Marc-André Gaudissart and Stanislas Adam from UCLouvain, were or are members of his staff next to his local academic offspring, Piet Eeckhout, Anne-Marie Van den Bossche, Inge Govaere and Peter Van Elsuwege. He was able to complement the often limited funds the faculty can make available for staff with a continuous flow of external funding and more particularly with repeated grants from the Jean Monnet and Tempus programme and endowments from FWO, the Flemish government, the University research fund and especially with repeated grants in the IUAP (Interuniversity Attraction Poles) and GOA (Concerted Research Actions) programmes. Over the years, he transformed the European Institute from a one-man operation into a research centre of international renown.