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I had the honour to be President of the CCBE.

I had the privilege of working with so fantastic people from the CCBE delegations and staff, always treating and considering each and everyone of them as he/she was really the most essential part of the CCBE, which indeed was the case.

I signed the act of purchase of our beautiful premises in Rue Joseph II in Brussels.

I started our European Lawyers' Foundation, a fundamental instrument to allow CCBE members to enjoy EU Projects, without involving directly the CCBE staff, already in that time extremely engaged, as it still is nowadays.

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During my Presidency, I tried to give our Plenary Sessions and Standing Committees some touch of formality and ceremony, in order to better underline the importance of the role that CCBE meetings have: so that the European anthem was played at the beginning, and the CCBE flag was exposed at the Presidency table.

I always tried to scrupulously respect the timing of the meetings which I presided: to recall everyone not to dedicate too much time to coffee breaks and lunches, I gave the CCBE as my personal gift a quite sonorous bell.

I believe that CCBE Past Presidents (me excluded, of course) are a value to be preserved and recognised: so I organised, on the occasion of Plenary Sessions, a lunch with them.

During the Presidency of my successor, Maria Ślązak, I had the opportunity of meeting Lech Wałęsa: it was a touching, special moment, which marked me forever.

It is difficult to describe the emotion of meeting such an important person who, together with Pope John Paul II (whom I was so lucky to meet and greet as well personally in 1979), had the incredible merit to start the breakup of Communism.



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