

## *R*ENCONTRES EUROPEENNES



*"Die beste Bildung findet ein gescheiter Mensch auf Reisen"*  
Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

*Notre Europe* conducts and publishes regularly interviews with personalities from a wide range of backgrounds, on the theme of European identity. Over and beyond a "Defence and Illustration" of the European project, the exploration we have undertaken rests on a gamble which we are fully aware does not go without risks. We are:

Backing Jacques Delors's view that a shared political culture, precondition to the "ever closer union" between European peoples, "will not be built like a single market, but will be wrought through the exchange and confrontation of ideas";

Backing that it is in the **free discussions** of chance encounters that we will find new words and a truer language to "talk of Europe";

Backing indeed that the **commitment** of men and women of vision and charisma can give Europe the fresh impetus she needs.

By piecing together these fragments of a new European discourse, we hope to fire up in our readers the best that Europe has bequeathed to us: a taste for encounters, a curious, enquiring mind and the love of travels.