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Upcoming Events

June 22 – American Club of Brussels Golf Tournament



**June 24 – US Investor in the Spotlight Luncheon
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**July 2 – AT Kearney CEO Luncheon on "World out of Balance"
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**September 4 - Business After Hours
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Annual Directory 2008/2009 Update

The AmCham Belgium 2008/2009 Annual Directory is an active reference tool where relevant information can be found on all AmCham Belgium members as well as all US Companies in Belgium (including non-members). We invite all members and US Companies to send their company's updated information to [Simon Andrew](#) by July 4. Look out for your company information update form in your mail box soon.

Committee News

The members of AmCham Belgium's Human Resources (HR) Committee are currently planning a seminar on privacy rights and data protection to be held on November 13, 2008. They are also closely monitoring issues such as the new LIMOSA legislation issued by the Belgian government and the changes being made regarding work permits. The committee acts in the interest of AmCham Belgium members. For more information about the HR Committee, [click here](#).

Lobbying

Education and Business: Insights from the 2008 United States Direct Investment (USDI) Report. The Business Confidence Survey, included in the 2008 AmCham Belgium USDI Report, revealed that the decreasing availability of all qualified workers, but especially scientists and engineers, has become one of Belgium's disincentives to investment. At the May 21 public seminar, presenting the 2008 USDI report, many investors raised concerns over the decrease in students opting for technical studies. Industry representatives said students had little real awareness of the job opportunities open to those with technical qualifications and said they would favor moves to encourage integrating work experience into university study programs. AmCham Belgium is pursuing those issues with the responsible Ministers of Education. For more insights from the 2008 USDI report, [click here](#).

AmCham Activities

› **AmCham Belgium would like to thank those who responded to the 2007 Communications Audit survey on AmCham Belgium's communication tools.** Read the September 2008 ABJ for a featured article on the results of this Communications Audit.

› **Networking in Brussels is necessary for business, AmCham Belgium members said in a study conducted in 2007.** To ensure that we provide key networking opportunities for all of our members,



September 10 - M2M Workshop organized by FULCRA on "Retirement Planning"



September 26 - 60th Anniversary Gala Celebration featuring AmCham Belgium US-Belgium Award

For all AmCham Belgium events, you may register [online](#), by [email](#) or send us a fax at 02/ 513 35 90.

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Quote of the Month

"The successful person makes a habit of doing what the failing person doesn't like to do."

**(Thomas Edison,
American Inventor
1847-1931)**

we invite you to give two minutes of your time to complete our [networking survey](#). We want to know your opinion on networking in Brussels. The results of the survey will be published on the AmCham website and communicated through eNews. For more information, contact Annemieke Biesma (issues@amcham.be / 02 513 67 70).

► **The June edition of the AmCham Business Journal (ABJ)**, is hot off the press and focuses on US Investment in Belgium. Topics in this edition include the AmCham Belgium 2008 USDI survey, keeping Belgium on the Map, and the US-Belgium Income Tax Treaty conference. To read this issue, [click here](#)



Events Just Passed. . .

► **On May 21, 2008, AmCham Belgium presented the results of the US Direct Investment in Belgium (USDI) 2008 Report** with a press conference and public seminar. The USDI Report provides detailed information on current trends in US investment in Belgium and found that the high employment cost was "the main reason for not investing in Belgium." However, Belgium was ranked as the 6th most popular destination for USDI within the EU-15 in 2006. To view press coverage of the seminar and of the findings of the survey, [click here](#)

Other events just passed include:

US Investor in the Spotlight Luncheon sponsored by Accenture, and held on June 2. [Click here](#) to learn more.



Business After Hours Showcasing Reception sponsored by Euronext, and held on June 4. [Click here](#) to learn more.



Young Professionals Luncheon with Marc Lambotte, CEO Unisys, sponsored by Unisys, and held on June 12. [Click here](#) to learn more.

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