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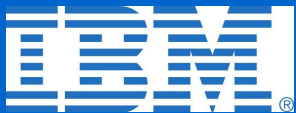
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## Upcoming Events

**December 2 – Doing Business in the US, a CASE and US Embassy Seminar**

**December 4 – US Investor in the Spotlight Luncheon Sponsored by**



**December 16 – Luncheon with Top Officials of the Belgium Tax Administration**

**January 15 – New Members Open House Reception**

## AmCham Belgium's Acting President is...

Former Vice-President, **Scott Beardsley**, Director of McKinsey & Company Inc. Belgium, has accepted to be the Acting President of AmCham Belgium to replace **Denise Rutherford**. Dr. Rutherford is returning to the USA to take over the position of General Manager of 3M Aerospace and Aircraft maintenance. Beardsley has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2002 and a Vice-President since 2004.

## Navigating Economic Uncertainties

To face the new challenges and to take advantage of the opportunities in those tough times, **AmCham Belgium** chooses as its theme for 2009: **Navigating Economic Uncertainties**. The Chamber will organize several events covering various aspects of crisis management and of how to be ready for the upturn. As in previous years, conferences, workshops and luncheons will be organized in order to inform participants and give them an occasion to network. Special attention will be paid to small and medium companies.

## Call for new members in Committees

**AmCham Belgium is calling out for Committee members.** Help the Chamber's activities by sharing your time and expertise with one of the five issue-oriented committees (Communications, Executive, Human Resources, Legal and Taxation and Membership Committees) and the numerous working groups and subcommittees. These committees help to voice your business interests to the Belgian federal and regional governments and to other businesses in Belgium. Your participation will help you to enhance your professional experience and contacts with other members.

For more information, please visit [our website](#) or contact the [secretariat](#).

## AmCham Belgium's Foreign Investors' Agenda 2008/2009

The **Foreign Investors' Agenda (FIA) 2008/2009** will be released during the last week of November. The FIA comprises **AmCham Belgium's recommendations** to the federal and regional governments to further improve the business climate and to increase foreign investment in Belgium. After a period of economic and political turmoil, we point to the overriding need for stability and certainty with all measures impacting business. AmCham's Belgium's



**January 22 – Young Professionals @ Noon Luncheons Sponsored by ING**



**January 22 – New Year Reception with Belgian Officials Sponsored by Citibank**



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**Welcome to our new Members!**

**Regular Members:**

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**Quote of the Month**

"Small opportunities are often the beginning of great enterprises."

**(Demosthenes  
Greek orator  
384 BC - 322 BC)**

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recommendations, which are based on our members' input, focus especially on the need to make the Belgian labor market more competitive and efficient.  
For more information, please contact [Sue Wheeler](#), Project Manager.

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## Strategic Sponsorship

If you are interested in **increasing the benefits** that you receive as a member, you should participate to the **Strategic Sponsorship Program**. You will have the opportunity to reach thousands of executives, business and political leaders and others throughout the US-Belgian business community. AmCham Belgium provides acknowledgement of sponsors' support through broad and ongoing sponsorship **recognition**, allowing for extra **visibility and exposure**. Make sure you read the letter coming your way within the next few days for the new 2009 to 2011 offer.

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## AmCham Activities – Outreach

**AmCham Belgium** is organizing more events out of the Brussels-Capital region. In this context, events took place in and around **Liège** and also in **Gosselies** where participants discovered the impact of Caterpillar on the region. For its latest event, **AmCham Belgium** is reaching out to the **Antwerp** Business Community for a Business After Hours Reception at the Hilton Hotel in Antwerp on November 20.

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## Events Just Passed...

▶ **Business After Hours at the Hilton Hotel Antwerp** on November 20. [Click here](#) to read about this event.



▶ **Privacy in the Workplace: Europe versus the US? – A HR Committee event – Supported by DHL** on November 13. For more information, please [click here](#).



▶ **CO<sub>2</sub> Neutral – Defined – A Young Professionals' group event. Supported by KBC and CO2logic**, which was held on November 6. [Click here](#) to read the event coverage.



‣ **Selected AmCham Belgium Members were invited to the US Breakfast event** on November 5 organized by **the US Embassy to Belgium, the US Embassy to NATO and the US Representation to the EU.**

‣ **AmCham Belgium supported the US Elections event organized by the American Club of Brussels and the Bulletin**, on November 4 which saw a full house at the Renaissance Hotel.

‣ Reception hosted by **US Ambassador to Belgium Sam Fox with screening of the film "From Explorer ships to Partnership: A Voyage through US-Belgian Relations"** and held on October 28. [Click here](#) to learn more.

‣ **Is there a future for the manufacturing industry in Western Europe? – US Investor in the Spotlight Luncheon – Sponsored by Caterpillar** and held on October 23. [Click here](#) for the event coverage.



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## Partner News and Member Happenings

To read about what's new with **Google Belgium, First Industrial Europe, CB Richard Ellis N.V/S.A., Lydian Lawyers, FedEx Express, Microsoft B.V.B.A., British Airways, Amigo Hotel N.V/S.A., Janssen Pharmaceutica, A.T. Kearney**, and other AmCham Belgium members, [click here](#).

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