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

## Welcome to our new Members!

### Regular Members:

**JT International  
Port of Zeebrugge  
Strategy & Co.  
VZW Felix De Ruyck  
Hippodroom**

## Quote of the Month

"It's a job that's never started

## New Articles of Association Approved

At the Extraordinary General Meeting held on Monday, March 30 after the Lunch Causerie at KBC Bank, AmCham Belgium members gave their final approval of the revision of the Chamber's Articles of Association. The final versions will be published in French and Dutch in *Moniteur Belge/Belgisch Staatsblad* and will then be available in English, French and Dutch on the AmCham website. The full revision updates the Articles of Association in line with current legislation and provides more transparent governance of the association.

## Important Message to Members: Membership Benefits Expire End of April

As of May 1, 2009, all members who have an outstanding membership invoice (dated December 1, 2008) will lose their membership benefits. These benefits will be withdrawn until the invoice is settled. If you are unsure as to whether your personal or company membership invoice has been paid, please contact [Simon Andrew](#), Membership Coordinator to have your status. We thank you for your understanding.

## Terms and Conditions for Events

Please be informed that payment for events must be made in advance. You can either pay by bank transfer or at the time of registration on our website by credit card. If we do not receive your payment prior to the event, you will be invited to pay at the registration desk.

For more information, please refer to the point 3 in our [terms and conditions](#).

## Annual Directory @ credit crunch price!

In this period of hard times, the AmCham Belgium's Annual Directory is *the* resource for doing business in Belgium. It contains detailed information on nearly 1,600 American businesses in Belgium, as well listings of all Chamber members – including those who are not of U.S. origin. Get the latest Annual Directory at a special price of €50 (excl. postage) by [clicking here!](#)

This offer is for non-member companies. If you are a member, please contact [Simon Andrew](#) for a better fee!

## News from the HR and Legal & Taxation Committees

that takes the longest to finish."

*(J. R. R. Tolkien,  
British scholar &  
fantasy novelist,  
1892 - 1973)*

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In the light of falling stock markets worldwide, the treatment of stock distribution programs, such as stock options is again in the spotlight for tax and social security purposes. The Human Resources and Legal and Taxation Committees are joining forces and creating a joint Working Group to make recommendations on changes they believe would make such schemes more attractive.

Interested? For more information on the Stock Option and Grants Working Group, please contact [Marcel Claes](#) or [Sue Wheeler](#).

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## M2M - Discount offers

Don't miss out on the latest [M2M offers](#)! AmCham Belgium's Member-2-Member (M2M) program is a special offer where members can promote their Belgian business services and products to the Belgian business community by offering exclusive discounts and promotions to AmCham Belgium members.

For more information, please contact [Simon Andrew](#).

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## Reminders

**Monday, April 27 from 6.00 – 9.00 p.m.**

**"How to thrive in difficult times – Adjust to change" A NEU Workshop – Sponsored by ING.**

**Limited seats available so register now to ensure your participation.**

Jill Adams, a Dale Carnegie Trainer, will give you the best tips during this workshop to react effectively and efficiently to change in an organization.



**Wednesday, May 6 from 5.00 – 8.00 p.m.**

**Business After Hours – Sponsored by Katoen Natie.**

Enjoy the second Business After Hours of 2009 where you can network during a visit of the Katoen Natie offices in Kallo.



**Wednesday, May 13 from 4.30 – 8.00 p.m.**

**"Labor flexibility, a way out of the crisis?" A NEU Conference – Sponsored by Claeys & Engels.**

Join our panel discussion with HR specialists to get an overview of the current possibilities of flexibility in the work organization and suggest new solutions in order to overcome the crisis.

**CLAEYS & ENGELS**  
Law Firm

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## Future Events

**Monday, May 25 from 4.00 – 7.00 p.m.**

**“Surviving the Downturn and maximizing the Upturn” A NEU Conference – Sponsored by Management Centre Europe**

Members of the FutureWork Forum will discuss which strategies to implement for your company and your staff to get ready for the change.



**Wednesday, June 3 from 12.00 – 2.00 p.m.**

**Young Professionals @ Noon Luncheon – Sponsored by DHL.**

The President and CEO of DHL Express Europe, Scott Price will receive the Young Professionals at the DHL headquarters in Diegem.



**Tuesday, June 9 from 8.30 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.**

**“The impact of the crisis on mergers & acquisitions” – Sponsored by Berwin Leighton Paisner.**

Legal and taxation experts will come together for a seminar on the Belgian Law of January 31, 2009 and its impact on restructurings and acquisitions on distressed companies.

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## Partner News and Member Happenings

What's going on with fellow AmCham Belgium's members? Make sure to check out our home page every week to keep up-to-date with member happenings.

Click below to find out the different Member news of the past month:  
Member and Partner News: [Week 16](#), [Week 15](#), [Week 14](#), [Week 13](#).

Have your company news in this section! Send it to us at [external@amcham.be](mailto:external@amcham.be).

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