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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 Member:

Atos Origin

Individual Member:

Christine Horyslawsky

Quote of the Month

"If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door."

(Milton Berle, American comedian and actor, 1908-2002)

Best Wishes for 2009 from AmCham Belgium

Beardsley elected AmCham Belgium President

Scott Beardsley, Director of McKinsey & Company, was officially confirmed as **President of AmCham Belgium** by the Board of Directors on January 8, 2009. He is succeeding Denise Rutherford who returned to the US to take up a new global role at 3M. Following his election, Scott Beardsley was interviewed by Trends magazine. The article will be available in this week's issue on Thursday, January 15.

Launch of the LinkedIn AmCham Belgium group

The Online Networking workshop on January 29 will mark the launch of the **AmCham Belgium's LinkedIn group**. This group, which is only open to members of the Chamber, will facilitate networking and discussion between them. AmCham Belgium will also use this platform to increase its interaction with its members by launching discussions on relevant topics.

New features on the AmCham Belgium website

With the launch of the new AmCham Belgium [website](#), event participation fees can also be paid via credit card online.

Every employee of a member company can now create **their own account** to benefit from the member rates. Don't forget to log in when registering for an event to get these fees.

Third Party Publications

Interested in **sharing your business expertise** with other AmCham Belgium Members? Through our new website, we invite our members to submit relevant non-commercial reports, studies or articles of interest to the US-Belgian business community. These publications can relate to different topics and this service will be shortly made available in an easy searchable manner.

For more information, please visit the [Third Party Publications' page](#) or

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Reminders

Thursday, January 22 from 12.00-2.00 p.m.

Young Professionals @ Noon Luncheons - Sponsored by ING

This event, which is organized by the Young Professionals, are aimed at professionals in their 20s and their 30s who wish to optimize their business networking. At this luncheon, they will be hearing Erik Dralans, President and CEO of ING South West Europe, explain his climb through the ranks of work life. This event is fully booked.



Thursday, January 22 from 6.00-8.00 p.m.

New Year Reception with Belgian Officials - Sponsored by Citibank

Don't miss our annual gathering with Belgian Officials from various cabinets and administrations. We will address the economic situation and what we all could do in this context to reinforce Belgium's image as an attractive country for foreign investors. For AmCham Belgium Members Only.

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Thursday, January 29 from 4.00-6.00 p.m.

Informative Workshop on "Online Marketing" with Charlie Crouch - In collaboration with Boston University

Join AmCham Belgium and Boston University for this lively, entertaining workshop presented by Charles Crouch. This informative workshop will look at some of the new social networking forces that are changing the way business is being done today. We will cover how to build a good online profile for social networking sites and how to use this profile to market yourself and your business to others.

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Wednesday, February 4 from 1.30-6.00 p.m.

"The New US-Belgian Double Tax Treaty" – A conference with Larcier

This afternoon conference will give you the opportunity to learn about the various aspects of the US-Belgian Double Treaty from legal and tax specialists who will present their views on this Treaty. The topics that will be discussed with the support of a panel of experts include dividends, partnerships, LOB and arbitration.

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Future Events

Thursday, March 12, 2009.

**Annual General Meeting followed by a Business After Hours –
Sponsored by Ernst & Young**

Annual General Meeting from 5.00 – 6.00 p.m.

Registration and welcome from 4.30 p.m. Then, a presentation of AmCham Belgium's activities for 2008 and plans for 2009. For AmCham Belgium members only.

Business After Hours from 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.

Take part in our first Business After Hours Reception of 2009. Mix and mingle with AmCham members and Board members at this important networking event after the Annual General Meeting.



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