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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!

### *Sustaining Member:*

**The Hilton Hotel Antwerp**

### *Regular Member:*

**Pure Services SPRL**

## Quote of the Month

“Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find

## Annual Dinner 2009 with Prime Minister Van Rompuy

AmCham Belgium is pleased to invite you to the 2009 Annual Dinner which will take place on Monday, June 15, 2009 at Le Méridien Hotel in Brussels. This will be Belgian Prime Minister Herman Van Rompuy's first Annual Dinner with AmCham Belgium and he will speak of the impact of the Belgian regional and European elections on the economy.

Do not forget to sign up for this special AmCham Belgium event.

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## Foreign Investors' Agenda Update

In support of our policy shaping activities, in May AmCham Belgium will be bringing out the first of a series of updates derived from our Foreign Investors Agenda 2008.

Look out for the “Foreign Investors Agenda Update - Focus on Innovation”, and let us know what you think. Please e-mail Marcel Claes at [mclaes@amcham.be](mailto:mclaes@amcham.be) or Sue Wheeler at [swheeler@amcham.be](mailto:swheeler@amcham.be) with your comments and thoughts.

You can access the Foreign Investors' Agenda update via our website from May 15, 2009.

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## Memorial Day

On May 23 and May 24 2009, the American Overseas Memorial Day Association in Belgium will conduct a series of Memorial Day Ceremonies honoring the thousands of American soldiers who fell in Belgium during the Two World Wars. The ceremonies will take place at three different cemeteries:

Saturday, May 23 at 10 a.m.: The Ardennes Cemetery, Neuville-en-Condruz

Saturday, May 23 at 4 p.m.: Henri-Chapelle Cemetery, Aubel / Hombourg

Sunday, May 24 at 3 p.m.: Flanders Field Cemetery, Waregem

For more information see <http://www.aomda.org>.

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## New intern at AmCham Belgium

out how far one can go.”

*(T.S Elliot, British poet,  
1888 - 1965)*

## Contact Us

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As of April 27 2009, Rikke Broendum has joined the team at AmCham Belgium as External Relations and Projects Intern, replacing previous intern Flora Dewar, to whom we send best wishes for her future career. Danish, Rikke has been working for two years as a business journalist before joining AmCham Belgium. She is currently pursuing a Masters degree in International Relations in Brussels.

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## AmCham Business Journal

The upcoming edition of AmCham Belgium's Business Journal will be out in the first week of June and its theme will be "Business Education". You can read more about every aspect of education and training in Belgium and be updated on the latest activities at AmCham Belgium.

This will be the last print version of AmCham's Business Journal which, in the future, will be replaced by a new electronic version.

The AmCham Business Journal will be available for download via our [website](#).

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## 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 by credit card at the time of registration on our website. 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 point 3 in our [terms and conditions](#).

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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, 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 staff to get ready for change.



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

**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.



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## Future Events

**Thursday, June 11 from 12 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.**

**CEO Patron and Sustaining Luncheon “Creating Sustainable Organizations”** with **John Ryan, CEO of CCL** - Supported by CCL

John Ryan, CEO of the top-ranked Center for Creative Leadership, moderates a discussion of the essential leadership skills for emerging from challenging times and creating a sustainable future.



**Monday, June 15 from 7.30 p.m.**

**AmCham Belgium Annual Dinner**

Join the annual dinner with the exclusive attendance of **Prime Minister Van Rompuy** at Le Méridien Hotel in Brussels.



**Thursday, June 25 from 6.15 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.**

**AmCham Belgium Young Professionals at Microsoft**

AmCham's Young Professionals invite you to a conference at the innovative offices of Microsoft.



**“The Impact of the Crisis on Mergers & Acquisitions” – Sponsored by Berwin Leighton Paisner. Postponed. Date to be confirmed.**

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 of 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 20](#), [Week 18](#), [Week 17](#)

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

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