

Personnel News



Energy Charter
Secretariat



André Mernier
-Secretary General-

Start: 01/01/2006
Nationality: BE
Working Languages:
FR, EN, RUS

New Secretary General of the Energy Charter Secretariat

ANDRÉ MERNIER has been appointed the new Secretary General of the Energy Charter Secretariat as of 1 January 2006. Mr Mernier is succeeding Dr RIA KEMPER. Before taking up this position, Mr Mernier was the Head of Energy Services in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Belgium, and has enjoyed a distinguished career in the Belgian foreign service, including service as Belgian Ambassador in Geneva from 1996-1999 and in Moscow from 2000-2004.



UN and UNDP
Office in Brussels



Antonio Vigilante
-Director-

Start: 01/04/2006
Nationality: IT
Working Languages:
IT, EN, ES, FR

New Director of UN and UNDP Office in Brussels

ANTONIO VIGILANTE has been appointed the Director of the Brussels Office of UN and UNDP as of 1 April 2006. He has been working at the United Nations Development Programme since 1981. From July 2001 to March 2006 Mr Vigilante served as UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Egypt. Mr Vigilante is the author of many publications related to development issues in specialized reviews and books as well as newspaper articles, in addition to 3 books on other subjects.



Council of the
European Union



Christian Schwarz-Schilling
-EU Special Representative for BiH-

Start: 31/01/2006
Nationality: DE
Working Languages:
DE, EN

Schwarz-Schilling appointed new EU Special Representative for BiH

Dr CHRISTIAN SCHWARZ-SCHILLING has been appointed as the European Union Special Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina as of 31 January 2006. Dr Schwarz-Schilling is a former federal Minister for Post and Telecommunication of Germany (1982-1992). As a member of the German Parliament (1976-2002), he served in various capacities, including Chairman of the Subcommittee on Human Rights and Humanitarian Aid (1995-1998). In 1995 he was appointed the International Mediator in Bosnia and Herzegovina.



PLEON



Timo Sieg
-CEO-

Start: 01/04/2006
Nationality: DE
Working Languages:
DE, EN, FR

Timo Sieg to head PLEON Europe

PLEON, Europe's market-leading agency for public relations and public affairs, effected a generation change within its European management as of 1 April 2006. RAINER ZIMMERMANN, CEO Europe, and ALEX SCHOEP, President Europe, stepped down from overall control and handed over management of the company to TIMO SIEG. Mr Sieg has been the CEO of Pleon Germany since 2004 and has served the company as managing partner for ten years. He will head Pleon Europe as CEO. Mr Schoep has taken on the role of Chairman.



European
Commission



Lieve Fransen
-Head of Unit-

Start: 23/03/2006
Nationality: BE
Working Languages:
EN, FR

New Vice Chair of the Global Fund to fight HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria

On 23 March 2006, LIEVE FRANSEN – currently EC Board Member of the Global Fund to fight HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFATM) – has been unanimously elected Vice Chair of the Board. The newly nominated Vice Chair will be co-responsible for the governance of the Fund and its key policy decisions and operations together with the Chair, Dr Carol Jacobs from Barbados. While maintaining the role of EC Board Member as Head of the Human and Social Development Unit in DG Development, Lieve Fransen will assume her new task of Vice Chair with immediate effect and till the end of April 2007.



APCO



Hugh Pullen
 –Associate Manager–

Start: 24/03/2006
 Nationality: GB
 Working Languages:
 EN, FR

Hugh Pullen appointed APCO's Associate Manager

HUGH PULLEN joins APCO as an Associate Manager after three years on secondment to European Commission's Directorate General Trade (DG Trade), where he was responsible for trade relations with Southeast Asia and for global aspects of European corporate social responsibility (CSR) policy. Previously, he worked in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in the United Kingdom.



ORF



Paul Schiefer
 –Correspondent–

Start: 01/01/2006
 Nationality: AT
 Working Languages:
 DE, EN, ES, FR

New Correspondent of ORF in Brussels

PAUL SCHIEFER, a 32 year-old Austrian journalist, has arrived in Brussels to serve as correspondent of ORF as of 1 January 2006. He has been working at ORF since 1997. Mr Schiefer is covering European news for both ORF's radio and TV. He will stay in Brussels for the next two years.



EAPB



János Erős
 –President–

Start: End of 2005
 Nationality: HU
 Working Languages:
 HU, EN

New President of EAPB

JÁNOS ERŐS, CEO of the Hungarian Development Bank LTD in Budapest, Hungary has been elected as President of the EAPB Administrative Board for an assignment of two years. Mr Erős is therewith the successor of Dr WOLFGANG KULTERER of the Hypo Alpe-Adria-Bank in Klagenfurt, Austria who was EAPB president in the past 4 years.



ERTICO



Alessandro Carrotta
 –Project and Development Manager–

Start: 16/02/2006
 Nationality: IT
 Working Languages:
 IT, EN, ES, FR

Alessandro Carrotta joined ERTICO

ERTICO's team of experts has been enhanced with the addition of ALESSANDRO CARROTTA, who joined ERTICO on 16 February 2006 as the new Project & Development Manager. Dr Carrotta holds a Master's degree in Management Engineering and a PhD in Operations Research. His professional experience started in business consulting with Arthur Andersen and Value Partners in Italy. Prior to joining ERTICO, Dr Carrotta worked at the European Commission in Brussels as a scientific officer. At ERTICO, he will lend expertise to the eSafety Support Office.



Bell Pottinger
 Public Affairs



Kevin Doran
 –Account Director–

Start: 01/06/2006
 Nationality: GB
 Working Languages:
 EN, DE, FR

Doran leaves British Medical Association (BMA)

KEVIN DORAN will be leaving the British Medical Association (BMA) Brussels Office after three years as the BMA's EU Liaison to join Bell Pottinger Public Affairs in London where he will deal with European affairs. Mr Doran has been working with BMA for three years. He arrived to Brussels in 1999 and now is moving back to London.

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Events 10/04 – 16/04/2006

EVENT OF THE WEEK

10-Apr



18:00

Lecture: Europe, international competition and the 7th Framework Programme

Domenico Rossetti di Valdalbero, European Commission and Paraskevas Caracostas, European Commission are set to speak on competition within the 25 countries of the European Union.



Rossetti di Valdalbero

European Parliament, EAS,
room 300
Rue Belliard 135
1040 Brussels



Institut Européen des Relations Internationales

Registration required

French

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10-11 Apr



10:00

General Affairs and External Relations Council



Ursula Plassnik, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Austria

GAERC, General Affairs and External Relations Council is meeting on 10 and 11 April in Luxembourg. On Monday the meeting is bringing together the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and the Ministers of Development. On the second day only the Ministers responsible for foreign affairs are meeting.

Conference Centre FIL
Rue Carlo Hemmer 5
7034 Luxembourg



Council of the European Union

On invitation only/ for members only

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11-Apr



18:00

Lecture: The international economic system and the central banks



Belgian National Bank

IERI is holding the lecture on the international economic system, the role of the central banks and the multinational entities of management and control. Jean-Jacques Rey, Director Honorary of the Belgian National Bank, talks about the European Union's position among other players in the world economic system.

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room 300
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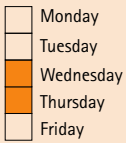
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12-13 Apr



19:30

Celebrate Euro-Pesach



'Seder' for Pesach organised by the European Jewish Community Center

The European Jewish Community Center (EJCC), which serves civil servants and officials of the European institutions, organises 'Seder' for Pesach. Pesach (passover) is the 8 day observance commemorating the freedom and exodus of the Israelites from Egypt during the reign of the Pharaoh Ramses II.

RSVP before April 5th.

European Jewish Community Center
Rue Froissart 109
1004 Brussels



European Jewish Community Center

Entrance fee

13-Apr



11:00

Presentation on the Indian budget 2006-2007

Presentation on Indian budget 2006-2007 hosted by the Indian Embassy. With the command of such a vast, significant and vital global economy the budget bears relevance for all.



Presentation at the embassy of one of the world's fastest growing economies

Indian Embassy Brussels
Chaussee De Vleurgat 217
1050 Brussels



Belgo-Indian Chamber of Commerce

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13-Apr



18:00

WWF dinner and screening of a documentary



Royal Museum for Central Africa

„Pushing the boundaries for conservation in Virunga National Park“ - Documentary in English with subtitles in French and Dutch. Followed by discussion of the threatened park in Belgium's former colony at the Royal Museum for Central Africa. The event is coorganised by WWF - Belgium.

Royal Museum for Central Africa
Levensensteinweg 13
3080 Tervuren



WWF - Belgium

Registration required, Entrance fee

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Happy Birthday



Guy Verhofstadt

-Prime Minister of Belgium-

11.04.1953



★Geoffrey Van Orden, MEP 10.04.1945 ★ Ludger Felix Ramme, Secretary General of European Confederation of Executives and Managerial Staff 10.04.1962
★ Raymond Frenken CNBC Correspondent 11.04.1966 ★ Jürgen Creutzig, President of European Council for Motor Trades and Repairs 11.04.1940 ★ Juergen Creutzig, President of CECRA 11.04.1940 ★ Luis Yanez-Barnuevo Garcia, MEP 12.04.1943 ★ Joseph Daul, MEP 13.04.1947 ★ Pascal Kerneis, MD of European Services Forum 13.04.1962 ★ Jan Brezina, MEP 14.04.1957 ★ Giovanni Claudio Fava, MEP 15.04.1957 ★ Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, MEP 15.04.1953 ★ Mariann Fischer Boel, Commissioner for Agriculture 15.04.1943 ★ Kingsley Amis, British writer 16.04.1922 ★ Charlie Chaplin, British entertainer 16.04.1889 ★

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