

European Chambers of Commerce Newsletter



Joint European Events:

- **February 25, 2010**
European Cocktail
Networking Reception
- **March 10, 2010**
European Business Seminar
Topic: Tax Incentives
- **March 27, 2010**
European Sport Activity
Networking Event: Get a
Taste of Sailing with Miami
Sail Laser

Closer Collaboration among European Chambers

As a result of the success of recent joint European events, the French, German, Italian, Spanish and UK Chambers have partnered up in publishing a monthly newsletter for their members. In addition to this monthly newsletter, these European Chambers have decided to join forces and share the discounts and benefits, which were previously exclusive to each Chamber's members, with all of the participating European Chambers' members.

In this first issue of the newsletter you will also find a calendar of events, with both the joint and the specific Chambers' events, providing a complete overview of each Chambers' activities. The first joint European event of 2010 will be a networking reception at the Setai Hotel, on February 25, 2010 at 6:30 PM. Special hors d'oeuvres and selected drinks will be provided free of charge for all members during the first hour. This will be another great opportunity to mingle with other Europeans at a beautiful location. Based on the success of our past cocktail receptions, they have decided to have an event like this one periodically.

The European chambers would like to offer more benefits to their members in addition to networking opportunities. They also want to focus their activities on high level business events. For this reason, they have decided to plan a seminar series on business related topics that target an audience of local European-based companies. The speakers in this seminar series will be from both government agencies, and important local organizations who are well informed on these various topics. Having reputable speakers of this caliber, will assure impartiality on subject matters covered during the entire series.

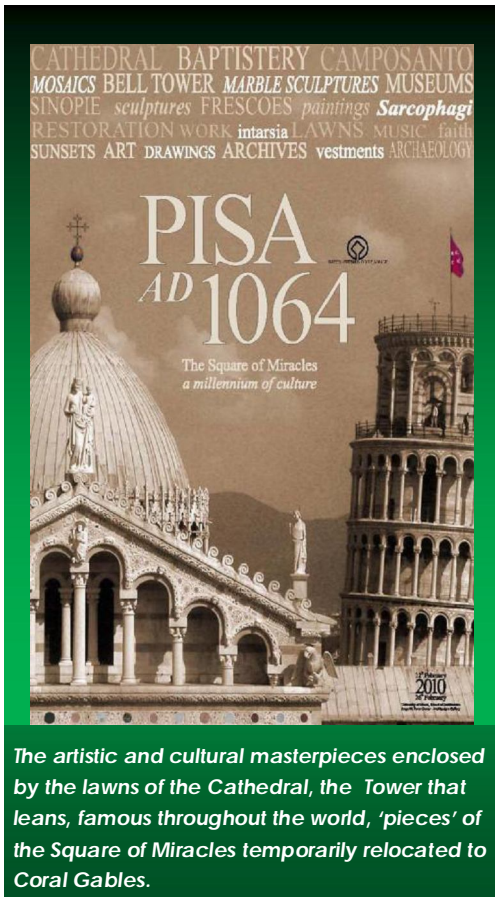
The first business seminar will take place on Wednesday, March 10, 2010, at the Beacon Council from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. The topic will be State and Local Tax Incentives for Businesses. The speakers of the first seminar will be Frank Nero, President of the Beacon Council, who will talk about local incentives, and Manny Mencia, Sr. Vice President International Trade and Business Development Enterprise Florida Inc, who will talk about incentives from the State of Florida.

Dates, topics and speakers for the remaining of the 2010 European seminar series will be announced shortly. Space is very limited. At this time, the invitation is only open to members of each Chamber.

If you have any comments or feedback please contact your respective Chamber. We hope that you enjoy our first edition of the European Newsletter.

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promoting the
European
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trade, investment
and
competitiveness."**





The Opera della Primaziale Pisana



ITALY-AMERICA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - SOUTHEAST

The Italy-America Chamber of Commerce Southeast is pleased to announce an upcoming unique exhibition. The Opera della Primaziale Pisana, the board that manages this wonderful square, is honoured to collaborate with the IACC and the prestigious University of Miami, School of Architecture, which for two weeks will become its temporary exhibition venue: architectural charms, the daily work of those who for centuries have taken care of preserving this exceptional Medieval heritage for the future, the restoration work completed on the Leaning Tower as told by the protagonists, and then the true heart of the exhibition, the 'treasure chamber' and the Piazza del Duomo's marble.

The Opera della Primaziale Pisana has been active for nearly one thousand years of history, centuries during which the buildings of the Cathedral, the Baptistery, the Leaning Tower and the Monumental Cemetery have taken shape and have been embellished with rich, precious sculptural and pictorial decorations in which the most important Medieval and Renaissance architects and artists were engaged.

As much now as then, our daily work continues to be that of handing down to the future generations this immense artistic, cultural and religious heritage.

The exhibit will be open from February 12 to 26, 2010. For further information please contact the IACC at 305-577-9868.

New British Consulate General



Business Council Miami
Your South Florida Gateway to the World

We have a new Consul General in Miami!!! Kevin McGurgan has replaced fellow Scott, Keith Allan, who has been appointed HM Ambassador to Turkmenistan. As Consul General Kevin's responsibilities cover the state of Florida, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands. Prior to his move to Miami, Kevin was Deputy Head of the NATO Provincial Reconstruction Team in Afghanistan, and before that Deputy Head of the Iraq Policy Unit, responsible for political and security advice to British Minister on the situation in southern Iraq.

Kevin has a proven track record in the management of crises and international security issues. Kevin and his family look forward to enjoying a more peaceful life together among the palm trees of Florida. The British American Business Council and community looks forward to working closely with the Consul General and the UK Trade & Investment team.



Consul General Kevin McGurgan

Alderman Nick Anstee Visit to South Florida

Alderman Nick Anstee, Lord Mayor of the City of London visited Southern Florida and addressed a luncheon on Friday January 22nd sponsored by the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, the Florida International Banking Association, UK Trade & Investment and the British American Business Council. Alderman Anstee's 'territory' covers the City of London, the financial hub of the nation and a major financial center for Europe. He is therefore very interested in discussing the impact of the

recent financial turmoil in Miami, a major financial center for Latin America and the Caribbean. At the luncheon Alderman Anstee addressed: **"Coming out of the Downturn: Imperatives for Leading Financial Center in the Next Decade."**



Alderman Nick Anstee



The Beacon Council
Miami-Dade County's Official Economic Development Partnership

The Beacon Council is charged with bringing new, job-generating investments to the community, while assisting existing businesses in their efforts to expand.

New Partnership with the Beacon Council

The German American Business Chamber (GABC) Miami will sign an official affiliation agreement with the Beacon Council of Miami Dade in March 2010 to further develop and strengthen the relations and commitment between the two organizations. There has been always strong ties between Germany and Florida and looking at trade between Miami and Germany, Germany takes a strong 23rd spot with a total trade amount of \$1.340.385.870 in 2008. Germany's trade with the United States increased by 5.89 percent in 2008. South Florida's exports to Germany increased in the year 2008 by 4110% due to a large increase in motor vehicles.



The agreement proves the strong interest on both sides to engage in a closer collaboration, and the GABC Miami is proud to be a strong part in it.

The GABC Miami has been promoting and supporting trade between Germany and Florida for over 20 years and is an official affiliate of the German American Chambers of Commerce (Deutsch-Amerikanische Handelskammern - AHK) since 2008.

Alimentaria 2010: International Food & Drink Exhibition

The International Food and Drinks Exhibition, Alimentaria, is once again preparing to make Barcelona the world's food and beverage capital. This eighteenth edition will be held from 22-26 March 2010, earning once again its place as the sector's most important Spanish trade show, being the most essential at an international level.

One of the newest features for the following edition is that Alimentaria will be entirely held at Fira de Barcelona's Gran Via venue, as a response to "repeated requests from exhibitors and visitors and taking a realistic approach to the current economic situation", explains J. Antonio Valls, exhibition director and managing director of Alimentaria Exhibitions. By concentrating the exhibition in one single site, Alimentaria wants to maintain the number of participating companies offering them the option of attending with smaller stands, having almost 5,000 companies around 94,500m2 of exhibition space.

Alimentaria has become a true international center for business operations, where more than 20% of the show's 150,000 visitors come from abroad, increasing the figure to 30% in the case of exhibitor companies, more than 1,500 firms from 75 different countries.

This important trade show aspires to establish itself as a vehicle for the internationalization of the Spanish food and beverage industry and to this effect is carrying out an ambitious effective foreign promotion campaign.

For more information please visit www.alimentaria-bcn.com



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Alimentaria 2010
Salón Internacional de la Alimentación y Bebidas
International Food and Beverages Exhibition

Barcelona
22 - 26 Marzo/March
Fira de Barcelona
Gran Via

Alimentaria Exhibitions
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www.alimentaria-bcn.com

GOBIERNO DE ESPAÑA
MINISTERIO DE INDUSTRIA, TURISMO Y COMERCIO



French conglomerate **Bouygues Construction** has won a 440 million euro contract to build a road tunnel in Miami in a deal with the Florida Department of Transportation.

One of the world's leaders in building, civil engineering, electrical contracting and maintenance operating in over eighty countries, Bouygues Construction is a French company founded in 1952 and involved mainly in Europe, Asia-Pacific and Africa. But as it is willing to achieve international expansion, it chose Miami to establish a foothold in the Caribbean and Latin America.

More precisely, Bouygues won a contract worth \$700 million for a road tunnel in Miami, in the framework of a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) signed with the Florida Department of Transportation. A conclusion that took nearly four years due to economic challenges, political problems, and diminished access to credit for large transportation-related public-private partnerships.

The tunnel will provide the Port of Miami with a second access road, which will link in with the interstate network and MacArthur Causeway and become the principal route for trucks, decongesting downtown Miami. Such a project had already been considered several times since 1981 but the final accord was only reached on October 15, 2009. The Port of Miami's tunnel construction will begin in mid-2010 and should last four and a half years.

February 2010 Calendar

Combined European Chambers of Commerce

European Cocktail Networking Reception

Date & Time: February 25, 2010 | 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Location: The Setai South Beach | 2001 Collins Ave | Miami Beach, FL 33139

Description: European Cocktail Networking Reception at the beautiful Setai Hotel together with the European Chambers in Miami.

Members: Free

Non Members: \$20

British American Business Council

European Bank Compliance Challenges & Successes in Latin America

Date & Time: February 17, 2010 | TBA

Location: TBA

Description: Panel Discussion followed by a Reception

Please RSVP to all events to Baccmiami@gmail.com unless otherwise stated.

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French American Chamber of Commerce

Business Card Exchange

Date & Time: February 10, 2010 | 7:00 PM

Location: Sci-Sci Restaurant | 1053 Brickell Plaza | Miami, FL 33131

Description: Details coming soon.

RSVP: By calling 305- 374- 5000 or by writing an email to info@faccmiami.com

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February 2010 Calendar

German American Business Chamber

Stammtisch at the Fritz & Franz Bierhaus

Date & Time: February 4, 2010 | 6:00 PM

Location: Fritz & Franz Bierhaus | 60 Merrick Way | Coral Gables, FL 33134

Description: Stammtisch at the Oktoberfest at the Fritz & Franz Bierhaus

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Italy-America Chamber of Commerce Southeast

TASTE OF PISA: GOURMET FOOD AND WINE TASTING

Date & Time: February 12, 2010 | 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Location: Rotunda Hall @ Westin Colonnade Hotel | 180 Aragon Avenue | Coral Gables, FL 33134

Description: The one-day fair is **open only to buyers of the food & wine industries** and is reserved to business meetings between exhibiting producers and importers, distributors and restaurateurs.

Participation is **free** and there is no obligation to buy. Registration is recommended.

Contact: If you are interested in attending this event, please call 305-577-9868 or email to danzeo@iacc-miami.com.

Pisa AD 1064

Date & Time: February 12 to February 26, 2010

Location: Jorge M. Perez Architecture Center Irvin Korach Gallery UM School of Architecture | 1223 Dickinson Drive | Coral Gables FL 33146

Description: An exhibition brought to the City of Coral Gables by Opera Della Primaziale Pisana, Pisa, Italy. Exhibit runs through February 26, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., daily (including weekends). Free and open to the public.

L'Aperitivo + Cocktail 101

Date & Time: February 18, 2010 | 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Location: MaiTardi, 163 NE 39th Street | Miami, FL 33137

Description: The IAAC cordially invites members and non members to the Aperitivo series. At every event, one of Aperol's top bartender will present a variety of inviting ideas on how to enjoy the distinctive taste of Aperol in innovative new cocktails.

RSVP: By email to tanti@iacc-miami.com

Members: FREE

Friends of the Chamber: \$10.00

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Spain-US Chamber of Commerce

Spain-US Chamber Members Luncheon with the Mayor of Miami, Tomas Regalado

Date & Time: February 4, 2010 | 1:00 PM

Location: Hotel Four Seasons Miami | 1435 Brickell Avenue | Miami, FL 33131

Description:

RSVP: By calling 305-358-5988 or by writing an email to recepcion@spainchamber.org. Space is limited.

Members: \$40.00

Friends of the Chamber: \$50.00

IESE Business School Event

Date & Time: February 4, 2010 | 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Location: Price Waterhouse Coopers LLP | 1441 Brickell Avenue, Suite 1100 | Miami, FL 3313

Description: IESE professor, Luis Cabral will be presenting "The evolving business model of the music industry" session. For more information please contact Stephanie Ray at (212) 956-0400

University of Miami: Center for Hemispheric Policy

Date & Time: February 5, 2010 | 7:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Location: JW Marriot Hotel Miami | 1109 Brickell Avenue | Miami, FL 33131

Description: LATIN AMERICA 2010: ECONOMIC, BUSINESS AND TRADE FORECAST

RSVP: By email to chp-rsvp@miami.edu or by fax to (305) 284-9871

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