

## **AMCHAM hosts Miami University**

The Sofitel in Kirchberg was the venue on March for the April ABAL luncheon, held at the end of March due to the Easter holidays.

Following a welcome in which AMCHAM Chairman Paul Schonenberg introduced Guest Speaker Dr. Ekkehard Stiller, Dean of Miami University Luxembourg, as a solid rock of the US community in Luxembourg who has passion, excellence and charm.

Dr Stiller addressed the 50-strong audience with vigour and passion, and described his early life before detailing aspects of Miami University in Luxembourg. He first quoted Pia Shapiro, outgoing President of the International Bazaar who said that it is a joy to work for ourselves, but it is a greater joy to work for the good of others. Dr Stiller said that this is the responsibility of those working in education.

Miami University of Ohio in the Midwest USA started its Luxembourg campus in 1968 (they celebrated their 40th anniversary last October) before moving to Differdange in 1997 where they have 130 students who come normally each for one semester to the chateau with its own history. The students come to discover Europe and themselves while they stay as paying guests in host families after undergoing an important orientation programme once they arrive.

Dr Stiller retires at the end of June after 25 years of what he describes joy, happiness and excitement of a voyage of discovery of who we are and who we want to be.

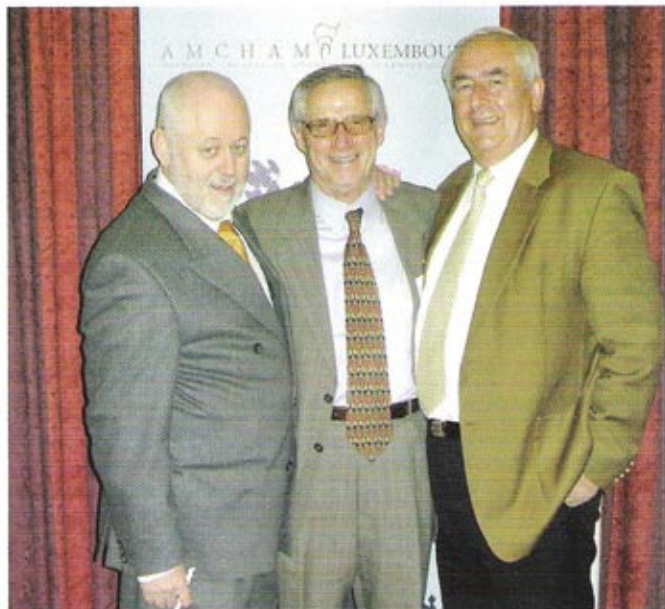


Photo L-R: Paul-Michael Schonenberg, Dr. Ekkehard Stiller, Chris Garratt.