

the Chinese term for Luxembourg, said the pavilion's architect Francois Valentiny.

//Business games 2009

The first Luxembourg Business Games last year attracted over 220 teams and more than a thousand participants in the first inter-company multi-sports tournament. This year's event will be held on 13th June. See www.businessgames.lu for details.

//Amcham: careers & leadership

Amcham's Evening Seminar at the NH hotel on Thursday 19 February on the topic "Managing and Motivating During the Three Periods of the Career Life Cycle" with special guest speaker Dr. Jacques Limoges, Associate Professor, Sherbrooke University, Canada. In these years more than ever, keeping the right people motivated is a key priority. The speaker shared his paradigm which splits the career life cycle in 3 periods, each of which encounters specific blocks and requires specific motivational approaches.

Then on 12th March the monthly ABAL luncheon looked at "Leadership Obama Style". So what is Leadership? There are various different models, but generally one must display a number of qualities to display

leadership, e.g. vision, visibility, results-focus, commitment, self-belief, team-work, courage, communication and integrity. Chris Garratt added two more: human and charisma. He then went on to provide examples of these to demonstrate how Obama shows leadership.

Upcoming events:

Mon 30 March: American Chamber ABAL Luncheon at Sofitel, Kirchberg, with Guest Speaker Dr. Ekkehard Stiller, Dean of Miami University Luxembourg, who will reflect on his experiences at Miami University and in Luxembourg prior to his impending retirement.

Mon 4 May: American Chamber ABAL Luncheon at Sofitel, Kirchberg, on the topic "US Tax Policy under President Obama".

Tue 19 May: American Chamber Evening Seminar (venue to be confirmed) on topic "U.S. and Luxembourg Tax Update"

//Network on nutrition

Food was on everyone's minds from The Network membership on Wednesday 18 February at the Sofitel, Kirchberg where Swedish guest speaker Nathalie Visser explained and answered questions about

nutrition during their monthly evening meeting. The talk was entitled 'Know What You Eat! Artificial Foods and More!' In a nutshell, Visser stated that we as consumers are used to buying huge quantities of food at a low price with a long shelf life. We also want to make foods quickly. People now do not eat food – but food products. Visser urges us to check our food labels.

Upcoming events:

Wed 25 March: The Network AGM & Speed-Networking, at the Sofitel, Kirchberg

Wed 22 April: The Network monthly meeting at Sofitel, Kirchberg, with Special Guest Darren Robinson of Badenock & Clark speaking on "Improving Interview Techniques".

//Chinalux and New Year

The Year of the Ox was welcomed into Luxembourg on Tuesday 3 February at the Abbaye de Neumunster. Chinalux, the Chinese-Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce, and La Jeune Chamber économique du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg (JCI), hosted the event which attracted almost 500 guests who were able to browse an exhibition of works of art by a number of Chinese artists which adorned the walls of the cloisters.

//Indian Chamber launch

The inaugural Indian Business Chambers of Luxembourg launch event is planned for Monday 30th March. However, at time of press no further details were available. See 352 when they become available.

//Telecom

//More state money for broadband

The government has pledged 100 million euros new investment over the next three years to beef up the country's broadband network. Improved internet "backbones" will be laid going north to Clervaux, east to Wasserbillig and west to Redange, with an improved connection to Brussels. There



Chris Garratt

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