

SwissCham Annual General Meeting 2006

Budapest, Hungary

May 26 – 27, 2006

Friday, May 26, 2006	
09:30 – 09:45	Welcome Statement Jürg Schweri, <i>President, SwissCham</i>
09:45 – 10:00	Welcome Statement Dr. Istvan Béres, <i>President, SwissCham Hungary</i>
10:00 – 10:30	Presentation Dr. Ábel Garamhegyi, <i>Deputy State Secretary, Hungarian Ministry of Economy and Transport</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:30 - 13:00	Cooperation between the Chambers of Commerce and the Network <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Osec Consultancy, Trade Fairs and the "Dritte Trägerschaft" Project: New Developments Stephan Oetiker, <i>Head of Consultancy & Information, Osec</i>➤ A Cantonal Chamber of Commerce's Function in the Chamber Network Dr. Lukas Briner, <i>Director, Zurich Chamber of Commerce (ZHK)</i>➤ SwissCham Hungary: Strategy, Activities and Successes of a Bilateral Chamber of Commerce Dr. Csilla Halasz, <i>Executive Director, SwissCham Hungary</i>➤ Pool of Experts Martin Naville, <i>CEO, Swiss-American Chamber of Commerce</i>➤ Case Study: The Swiss-American Free Trade Agreement and the Role of the Chamber Martin Naville➤ Discussion
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	SwissCham Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Swiss Export Risk Guarantee (SERV) Beat Kälin, <i>Head, UBS Export Finance</i>➤ SwissCham and the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Jean-Luc Peyrot, <i>President, Chambre de Commerce Suisse en France</i>➤ Bilateral Chamber of Commerce Secretariats Jürg Schweri➤ SwissCham's Training Program and the "Dritte Trägerschaft" Project Susan Horváth, <i>Director, Swiss-Chinese Chamber of Commerce</i>➤ Osec/SwissCham Cooperation Dr. Rolf Jeker, <i>President of the Board, Osec</i>➤ Discussion
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Presentation Jean-Daniel Gerber, <i>State Secretary, SECO</i>➤ Discussion

<p>17:00 – 17:30</p>	<p>Internal Discussion of State Secretary Gerber's Presentation Jürg Schweri</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ What role should SwissCham play in the future? ➤ What adjustments/changes are necessary or desirable? ➤ What changes do the bilateral chambers of commerce require?
<p>19:30 – 22:30</p>	<p>Gala Dinner: Budapest History Museum</p> <p>Guest Speaker: Gábor Demsky, <i>Mayor of Budapest</i>. Dr János Kóka, <i>Minister of Economics and Transportation, Hungary</i>, and Jean-Daniel Gerber, <i>State Secretary, SECO</i> will attend the dinner.</p> <p>Meeting Point: Please meet at 19:40 in the Lobby, Budapest Marriott Hotel. Bus transportation will be available to the Budapest History Museum and back to the hotel after the event.</p>
<p>Saturday, May 27, 2006: Annual General Meeting</p>	
<p>09:30 – 10:15</p>	<p>Agenda</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approval of the Annual General Meeting 2005 Minutes 2. President's Report 2005 3. Financial Statement 2005 4. Auditors' Report 5. Discharge of the President and Board 6. Activities and Budget 2006 7. Members <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. New Members 8. Elections 9. Annual General Meetings 2007/2008 10. Varia
<p>10:15 – 10:45</p>	<p>Coffee Break</p>
<p>10:45 – 11:00</p>	<p>The Significance of Central Europe for Switzerland Dr. Marc-André Salamin, <i>Ambassador of Switzerland to Hungary</i></p>
<p>11:00 – 11:45</p>	<p>The Hungarian Revolution of 1956 from a Swiss Perspective Dr. Andreas Oplatka, <i>Neue Zürcher Zeitung, Foreign Affairs Editor, Correspondent for Eastern Europe (1968-2004)</i></p>
<p>11:45 – 12:00</p>	<p>Concluding Statement Jürg Schweri</p>
<p>12:30 – 14:00</p>	<p>Lunch and Conclusion of the Annual General Meeting</p>
<p>15:00 – 18:00</p>	<p>Guided Tour of Budapest (with mini-bus)</p> <p>You will visit the Pest District, the monumental Heroes Square with the Centennial Monument, Andrassy Avenue, the Diplomats' Quarter, the Opera House, St. Stefan's Cathedral, the Parliament from outside, the Academy of Sciences and other public buildings along the Danube River. You will cross the Danube to the Buda side and visit the historic Castle District, the Matthias Church and the Fishermen's Bastion.</p> <p>Meeting Point: Please meet at 14:45 in the Lobby, Budapest Marriott Hotel</p>
<p>20:00 – 23:00</p>	<p>Dinner: Kárpátia Restaurant</p> <p>This is a traditional Hungarian restaurant in the heart of old Budapest. The restaurant is a short walk from the Marriott Hotel.</p> <p>Meeting Point: Please meet at 19:45 in the Lobby, Budapest Marriott Hotel</p>

SwissCham Annual General Meeting 2006 Cultural Program

On Friday, May 26, a cultural program will be organized during the day for persons accompanying SwissCham members.

10:00 – 15:00	Bus Trip to Szentendre
	<p>Szentendre, a small artists' village founded by the local Serbian community, lies on the banks of the Danube 20km north of Budapest. It is known for its many galleries, quaint little shops, cafés and churches.</p> <p>During the visit you will see the ceramics collection of Margit Kovács, a specialist in representation of the female form. You will eat lunch in a cozy, local restaurant (Rab Ráby), and have the opportunity to shop for gifts and souvenirs.</p> <p><u>Meeting Point:</u> Please meet at 09:45 in the Lobby, Budapest Marriott Hotel.</p> 