





Personnel News



European
Commission



Catherine Day
-Secretary General-

Start: 21/11/2005
From: DG ENVR
Nationality:   IR

Day is Commission's New Secretary General


CATHERINE DAY has become the first woman to take up the role of SECRETARY GENERAL of the EUROPEAN COMMISSION, replacing her compatriot DAVID O'SULLIVAN, who moves to DG TRADE. The changeover took place on November 21st, part of a major reshuffle of Directors General and Deputy Directors General with Ms. Day taking up her position from her previous post in DG ENVIRONMENT.



European
Commission



Johannes Laitenberger (38)
-Spokesman-

Start: 21/11/2005
From: Barroso's Cabinet
Nationality:  GE

New Spokesman for Barroso


JOHANNES LAITENBERGER is the new spokesperson for President of the European Commission JOSÉ MANUEL BARROSO. He will take up his position on November 21st, replacing FRANÇOISE LE BAIL who has now taken up the post of Deputy Director General for Enterprise and Industry. Previously Mr. Laitenberger has worked in Barroso's cabinet, dealing specifically with issues concerning competition, legal matters and home affairs.



EUROCHAMBRES



Pierre Simon (70)
-President-

Start: 01/01/2006
Nationality:  FR

Leitl Goes, Simon Arrives


PIERRE SIMON, President of the Paris Chamber of Commerce, will become the new President of EUROCHAMBRES, the Association of European Chambers of Commerce and Industry, as of January 1st 2006. Mr Simon will succeed the current President CHRISTOPH LEITL who has headed EUROCHAMBRES since 2001 and has been granted the title of Honorary President of EUROCHAMBRES.



Union of
European
Federalists



Friedhelm Frischenschlager (62)
-Secretary General-

Start: 06/11/2006
Nationality:  A

Frischenschlager Takes up Position with UEF


The Federal Committee of the UNION OF EUROPEAN FEDERALISTS has elected FRIEDHELM FRISCHENSCHLAGER as the new Secretary General of the UEF. A long-time member of the Austrian Parliament and an MEP from 1996-99, Dr. Frischenschlager has more recently worked at the OSCE Mission in Kosovo. Outgoing Secretary General BRUNO BOISSIERE will become the Permanent Representative of the INTERNATIONAL CENTRE OF EUROPEAN TRAINING in Brussels.



Cassidy &
Associates Europe



Lord Charles Henry Plumb (80)
-Senior Counsel-

Start: 11/2005
Nationality:  GB

Lord Advises Cassidy & Associates Europe

LORD CHARLES HENRY PLUMB, Member of the HOUSE OF LORDS in England, has joined CASSIDY & ASSOCIATES EUROPE as a Senior Counsel. Lord Plumb was the President of the EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT from 1987-1989. Other positions previously held include President of the NATIONAL FARMERS UNION and the INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS, President of the ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF ENGLAND and Chairman of the INTERNATIONAL POLICY COUNCIL ON AGRICULTURE.



Aerospace and
Defence Industries
Associations



Francois Gayet (60)
-Spokesman-

Start: 01.11.2005
From: THALES
Nationality: FR

Gayet Becomes Secretary General of ASD

The AEROSPACE AND DEFENCE INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION (ASD) has appointed FRANCOIS GAYET as Secretary General. Mr. Gayet joined ASD on November 1st from THALES where he held a number of senior positions, the most recent being Senior Vice President of Marketing and Sales. He succeeds ROGER HAWKSWORTH who has led ASD and its predecessor AECMA for the past four and a half years.



European
Parliament



Gabriele STAUNER (57)
-MEP-

Start: 01/01/2006
Nationality: GE

Stauner Returns to European Parliament

DR. GABRIELE STAUNER of the German CSU (Christian Social Union) will return to the EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT following the departure of DR. JOACHIM WUERMELING, who will join the GERMAN MINISTRY OF ECONOMICS AND TECHNOLOGY as State Secretary on January 1st, 2006. During Dr. Stauner's term as MEP from 1999 to 2004, she most notably served on the Committee on Budgetary Control.



European
Parliament



Giovanni Procacci (50)
-MEP-

Start: 15/11/2005
Nationality: I

Procacci Joins ALDE

GIOVANNI PROCACCI has joined the GROUP OF THE ALLIANCE OF LIBERALS AND DEMOCRATS FOR EUROPE on November 15th. Mr. Procacci was an MEP from 1999-2004, serving on the Committee of Agriculture and Rural Development. He has now returned to the EP following the departure of the MICHELE SANTORO of the SOCIALIST GROUP, who resigned his seat in October to appear in Adriano Celentano's TV-show Rockpolitik.

Events 28/11-02/12/2005



1/12

Europa - Quo vadis?

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday



2:30 pm



Joseph Borrell Pat Cox

Hosted by the President of the EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, JOHN BORRELL, DR. ANDRÉ LEYSEN of the INTERNATIONAL CHARLEMAGNE PRIZE FOUNDATION and the MAYOR OF AACHEN, DR. JÜRGEN LINDEN, this event will bring five recipients of the prestigious Charlemagne Prize to the podium. In a debate moderated by PAT COX, DR. GRO HARLEM BRUNDLAND, JACQUES DELORS, DR. GYULA HORN, and GYÖRGY KONRÁD will discuss the direction in which Europe is heading at this critical juncture. The event will be attended by HRH PRINCE PHILIPPE OF BELGIUM and Prime Minister GUY VERHOFSTADT amongst other high ranking current and former officials.

European Parliament, Spaak Building
Rue Wiertz 60, 1047 Brussels



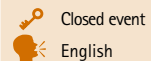
Charlemagne Prize Foundation



European
Parliament



City of Aachen



Closed event
 English

28/11

Protection vs. Liberalisation: The Outlook for Trade Talks

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday



5:30 pm

Part of a regular series of 'Café Crossfire' debates that will look specifically at the issues surrounding the Hong Kong WTO ministerial talks later this year. Hosted by FRIENDS OF EUROPE in association with FRIEDRICH EBERT STIFTUNG. Speakers will include KARL-FRIEDRICH FALKENBERG, JAVIER MORENO SANCHEZ MEP and SIMON STOKER.



Javier Moreno Sanchez

La Bibliotheque Solvay
Rue Belliard 137, 1040 Brussels



Friends of Europe



Friedrich Ebert Foundation



Registration required
 English

29/11

Rural Areas as Engines for the Lisbon Strategy

- Monday
- Tuesday**
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday



8:00 am - 6:00 pm

This conference aims at supporting the renewed LISBON AGENDA and the EUROPEAN COMMISSION'S INITIATIVE i2010 in order to foster new rural development plans and regional cohesion programmes. Presentations by senior Commission officials will be followed by panel discussions. The day-long event will close with a networking dinner at 19:30. The conference itself is free of charge, although prompt registration and payment are required for the dinner.

Conference Centre Albert Borschette
Rue Froissart 36, 1040 Brussels



European Federation for Information Technology in Agriculture, Food and the Environment

- Registration required
- English

30/11

The EU and the Western Balkans: Visa, Asylum & Immigration

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday**
- Thursday
- Friday



2:30 - 5:30 pm

This event is part of a series of activities undertaken by the EPC's Enlargement & Neighbourhood Europe Programme on the Western Balkans. MR. FRANCO FRATTINI, Vice-President of the EUROPEAN COMMISSION with responsibility for Justice, Freedom and Security will be the keynote speaker. The conference will also launch the latest report by the CPP/International Crisis Group on Visa Policy in the Western Balkans.



Franco Frattini

Renaissance Hotel
Rue du Parnasse 19, 1050 Brussels



King Baudouin Foundation



European Policy Centre

- Registration required
- English

30/11

What is social? Was ist sozial?

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday**
- Thursday
- Friday



6:30 pm

The opening of an exhibition of German political cartoons, 'What is Social?' presents the winning entries of a cartoon competition run by the INITIATIVE SOZIALE MARKTWIRTSCHAFT and the weekly magazine, FOCUS, showcasing German humour in Brussels. Hosted by SILVANA KOCH-MEHRIN, MEP and Professor DR. HANS TIETMEYER.



Silvana Koch-Mehrin



Hans Tietmeyer

European Parliament, foyer
Rue Wiertz 60, 1047 Brussels



Initiative Soziale Marktwirtschaft



ALDE

- Registration required
- English/German

2/12

The Business Climate in Europe: Bullish or Bearish?

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday**



8:30-10:30 am

Every year, EUROCHAMBRES undertakes a qualitative survey of business expectations in the regions of the EUROPEAN UNION and the candidate countries. This year's survey results will be presented in Brussels on the occasion of a round table-debate. Invited speakers include MR. JOAQUIN ALMUNIA, Commissioner to the EC (Economic and Monetary Affairs), MRS. PERVENCHE BERÈS, MEP (Chairwoman of the Committee ECON) and FRANCIS CARPENTER, Chief Executive at the European Investment Fund.



Joaquin Almunia

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- Simultaneous translation into English, French

Happy Birthday



András Gyürk (33)
02.12.1972

-MEP-

Jean-Marie Beaupuy, MEP (62) 28.11.1943 +++ Friedrich-Wilhelm Graefe zu Baringdorf, MEP (63) 29.11.1942 MEP +++ Martin Kieffer, Managing Director (47) 30.11.1958 - Federal Association of German Producers and Importers of Spirituous Beverages +++ Wolfgang Kreissl-Dörfler, MEP (55) 01.12.1950 +++ Jean-Luc Bennahmias, MEP (51) 02.12.1954 +++ Johan van Hecke, MEP (51) 02.12.1954 +++ Linda McAvan, MEP (43) 02.12.1962 +++ Andreas Mölzer, MEP (53) 02.12.1952 +++ Mario Borghezio, MEP (58) 03.12.1947

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