



The Industry and National Assembly for Wales Association



NZBPT Business Study Attachments – a great result for 2006



The Trust is very appreciative of all of the corporate members who have been involved with this year's applications for the time and effort they have given to this important part of the Trust's overall study programmes. Without exception, the feedback from the members who have completed their attachments has strongly emphasized the value to them of the attachment and their strong advocacy on the worth of this programme for Members of Parliament. With a record number of applications from 23 members of Parliament interested in undertaking a study attachment with one of the Trust's corporate members, it was always going to be a challenge to fully achieve those attachments in one year. So it has proved. As the parliamentary year has progressed, the parliamentary demands on members' time and hence availability to undertake an attachment has meant that not all of the attachments have been able to go ahead. However the following twelve members of Parliament will have completed their attachments by year's end:
 Tim Barnett – *Air New Zealand*, David Bennett – *Westpac*, Mark Blumsky – *Vodafone*, Steve Chadwick – *Fonterra*, Tim Groser – *TVNZ*, Nathan Guy – *Genesis Energy*, Sue Kedgley – *Foodstuffs*, Colin King – *Auckland International Airport*, Moana Mackay – *SKYCITY Entertainment*, Paul Swain – *Vector*, Chris Tremain – *Lion Nathan*, Judy Turner – *TVNZ*.

IABP holds its Annual December Events

On December the 11th 2006 the International Association of Business and Parliament held its members conference in London to share experience between the IABP Members and to bring participants up

to date with new developments nationally and internationally. With the introduction of the IABP director Designate of the European Business and Parliament Scheme, Ms. Natalia Federighi, the focus was also on cooperation throughout Europe. European institutions were represented by Mr. Bruno Pragnell of the Enterprise Experience Programme in the European Commission. The event was also attended by representatives of two of the founding member companies of the EBPS, Solvay and Unilever.



The IABP national chapters were represented by the following: Armenia – Mr. Poghos Shahinyan, Flanders (Belgium) - Nina Mees, Finland - Ms. Annaleena Makila, Georgia – Ms. Salome Shapakidze, Moldova – Dr. Romeo Turcan, Northern Ireland – Mr. Sean Neeson MLA, Spain - Mr. José Luis de la Peña, Sweden Ms. Gunilla Ohlin, United Kingdom – Amelia Knott, Wales – Ms. Vivienne Rudall, Wallonia (Belgium) - Mr. Guy Preaux. Each of whom gave reports on the progress of their organisations and their plans for the coming year.



The Rt Hon Jonathan Hunt, New Zealand High Commissioner to the UK and the Vice

Change of Address

As of December 2006 the following address is new HQ of the IABP

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President of the IABP, presented his vision of the Business and Parliament concept drawn from his extensive experience as the former president of the NZBPT. This was followed by Presentation by the IABP President to Senora Lucila Gomez-Baeza, Founder of the Business and Parliament Scheme of Spain, Founding Member of the IABP for her extraordinary contribution to the IABP and Circulo De Empresarios.

This event was followed by a reception at Portcullis House hosted by the IABP President, Bruce George MP. A number of British parliamentarians from both the Commons and the Lords attended with ambassadors from Ukraine, Georgia, Armenia and Moldova. Both of these events highlighted the strength of the existing network and its development beyond the bounds of the EU and Commonwealth. IABP is most grateful to all those who attended and participated to make the day such a success.

These events were preceded on the 10th of December by the Regional conference for the IABP Emerging Democracies Chapters: Armenia, Georgia and Moldova. The aim of the meeting was the sharing of experience, to agree regional co-operative activity; increase knowledge of IABP programme methodology and agree centre and national funding approaches. Ms. Federighi of the European Business and Parliament Scheme also attended reflecting the growing importance of IABP's relationship with the EU and its European Neighbourhood Policy countries.

That evening there was a Supervisory Board meeting of the IABP which discussed among other issues the report by the Secretary General and the financial report by Company Secretary.