



The Industry and National Assembly for Wales Association



CIRCULO DE EMPRESARIOS

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The European Business and Parliament Scheme

The Board of the IABP's European Business and Parliament Scheme, chaired by the First Vice President of the Parliament, Alejo Vidal Quadras Roca MEP has taken a number of decisions to establish the scheme as a fully functioning service for all 750 Members of the Parliament and its senior officials. A major promotional programme has been agreed focusing on the Committees, the majority of which deal with economic related issues. Staffing and accommodation issues have been agreed and are being progressed together with the development of the scheme's business membership which will initially be made up of pan-European businesses and later the rural economy and small business sector will be represented through relevant organisations. A broad business membership, with the national schemes interested in taking MEPs from countries other than their own, will ensure that the scheme can provide members with experience of any aspect of the European economy. The Scheme is being shaped to the particular needs of a Parliament which is inundated with information from lobbyists, is international in composition and unusually large. If an MEP wishing to undertake a programme comes from a country with a scheme, that scheme is offered the opportunity of providing the programme. Otherwise it is provided thought the European business membership which will be servicing programmes for the MEPs from the nineteen countries without schemes. On occasion European national schemes will also be offered the opportunity of host these MEP programmes.

The Board have also agreed on a Green Member to ensure that the Board is fully representative of the make up of the House. The much respected Mrs Ideta Hertzog MEP, of Hungary, has accepted the Board's invitation to represent the new member countries. A Socialist she combines extensive business experience in European companies and political experience.

Gay Mitchell, MEP (Ireland) is likely to be the first Member from a country without a scheme to undertake a programme. In this case the program will be provided by VOKA as he has asked to undertake it in Belgium.

Johan Richter, who has responsibility for the Parliamentary participation in the Lisbon process has been recommended by the Secretary General's Department for a program as part of his top management programme. It will focus on European law making, is it precise enough, does it cause an overburden of legislation? Also how do companies in real life deal with the issues of innovation and competitiveness. Finally what have been the direct and indirect implications of the chemical Directive? The Swedish Society of Politics and Business are providing the programme involving a number of enterprises.

Johan Richter will be providing a detailed report to the Parliamentary authorities on these issues which are of fundamental interest to the IABP and will be making this available to the Association. Isler Beguin MEP, the Chair of the European Parliamentary Delegation to Armenia and Azerbaijan has asked to accompany Edward Macmillan-Scott MEP, Vice-President of the Parliament on his official visit to Armenia on the 6th of June when he will be launching IABP-Armenia on behalf of the President of the Parliament.

IABP and the Sultanate of Oman

Sheikh Aflah Al-Rawahy has informed us that following the IABP assessment and recommendations made to the President of the State of the State Council it has been agreed by the Bureau of the Council that the IABP will undertake the programme recommended for the State Council Secretariat. A first step in what is hoped will be a long term relationship.

IABP Annual General Meeting in Brussels

Draft Programme

Sunday 18th June

- 17:00 Board meeting at the hotel
- 19:00 Dinner with participants

Monday 19th June

- 10:00 General Conference
Chaired by the Rt Hon Bruce George MP, President

Sharing of experiences in managing the business and Parliament schemes and discussion on issues requested by members.

Discussion on the updating of the benchmarking document.

- 12:30 Depart for Lunch

12:45 Lunch in the European Parliament
Hosted by the First Vice President and attended by the Chairs of relevant Committees.

14:30 Annual General Meeting

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the Meeting of the 12th December 2005
3. Matters arising
4. Election as an Hon Member of Lucila Gomez Baeza
5. Proposed new Directors
6. Financial report
 - a. The Audited Accounts for 2004 – 2005
 - b. The Budget for 2007
7. Appointment of Graeme Bruce and Partners as Auditors
8. Secretary-General's Report
9. Discussion on Board's Strategic development proposals

- 17.00 Conclude AGM

17:15 Follow up Board meeting on the issues raised from the discussion on the Strategic proposals.

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