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GACCoM's Fall Greetings

Didn't the summer go by in a blink? With fall just around the corner, this ChamberBrief looks back at the busy summer season we have had at GACCoM, full of new initiatives and events. At the same time, we want to invite you to join us during the cooler months that will bring more content-driven events such as our IMTS reception, Renewables and Energy Efficiency Roadshow, and 1st German American eMobility Forum. Join us for heart-warming favorites as well, such as our September Stammtisch at the Berghoff's Oktoberfest, our Annual Executive Wine Dinner, and another Stammtisch classic - you guessed it - the Christkindlmarket, which opens on November 24.

Upcoming GACCoM Events

- **IMTS 2010 German Night Reception**
09/14/2010 InterContinental Hotel, Chicago, IL
- **YEC Monthly Stammtisch - Special Oktoberfest Edition!**
09/15/2010 The Berghoff, Chicago, IL
- **HR-Executive Circle: Best Practices in Hiring Procedures**
09/16/2010 GACCoM Office, Downtown Chicago, IL
- **Annual Renewables and Energy Efficiency Roadshow**
09/27-29/2010 Chicago, IL; Detroit, MI; Columbus, OH
- **9th Annual Executive German Wine Dinner**
11/12/2010 Chicago, IL
- **1st Annual German American eMobility Forum**
11/17-18/2010 Birmingham, MI

GACCoM in Germany

- **2010 Transatlantic Program - Young Technology Leaders (TAP-YTL): Sustainable Architecture & Urban Planning**
09/19-27/2010 Includes stops in Berlin, Hamburg, Cologne and Freiburg. For further information, please visit transatlanticprogram.org
- **Kollegentag-Verband der Geschäftsführer**

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09/23/2010 Dessau-Rosslau

- **IHK Sprechtag - Doing Business in the USA**
10/01/2010 IHK Regensburg
- **AHK USA Roadshow**
10/04/2010 IHK Kiel
10/05/2010 IHK Hannover
10/06/2010 IHK Duisburg
10/07/2010 IHK Nürnberg
10/08/2010 IHK Leipzig - VHP Information Event
- **Energy Efficiency Transatlantic Program**
10/19-22/2010 Munich, Stuttgart, Mannheim, Frankfurt, Cologne. Apply now at gaccom.org/smartgrid2010
- **Opportunities in the US Food and Beverage Industry**
10/25/2010 IHK Rostock
10/27/2010 IHK Bielefeld
11/03/2010 IHK Chemnitz

For more information on any of our Germany events, please contact Virginia Attaway Rounds at rounds@gaccom.org

Job Opportunity at GACCoM

Manager, Consulting & Career Services

GACCoM, located in downtown Chicago, is looking for a full-time Manager, Consulting & Career Services with 3-5 years of work experience.

[View job description](#)

We are currently looking for a number of bilingual positions at client companies as well. Check our website for more!

German Tall Ship Roald Amundsen stops at Navy Pier



August 26, 2010, Chicago, IL

From August 24 - 29, twenty historic tall ships were welcomed at Chicago's Navy Pier as part of the 2010 Great Lakes Tall Ships Challenge®. Among them was the German vessel Roald Amundsen which made for a magnificent location for a networking reception hosted by GACCoM together with the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Goethe-Institut Chicago. More than 100 GACCoM members and friends enjoyed a beautiful summer night aboard the Roald Amundsen, filled with food and drinks, conversation, a raffle, and, of course, the great stories told by captain Hugo Bauer as well as a peek behind the scenes.

GACCoM hosts its first food-themed German Business Delegation



July 19-23, 2010, Chicago, IL

As of 2010, the German American Chambers of Commerce (GACCs) act as the official export partner of the German food industry in the United States. A broad range of programs is being organized nationwide to support primarily small and medium-sized exporters in their market entry efforts.

GACCoM was the first chamber to welcome six renowned companies on a week-long Business

Delegation Trip to Chicago - this time with a focus on the Sweets and Snacks industry. An expert roundtable on Monday, July 19, was followed by a themed reception, 'A Taste of Germany,' an ideal opportunity for over 80 distinguished attendees to network with company representatives, sample the displayed products, and receive an introduction to the individual product portfolios. Over the course of the week, the delegation attended a total of over two dozen one-on-one meetings with potential American partners and completed several local storechecks including individual meetings with buyers as well as store managers.

Transatlantic Climate Bridge Conference on Renewable Energy & Emission Trading



July 21, 2010, Chicago, IL

The German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nuclear Safety, and Nature Conservation (BMU), together with GACCoM and the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany held a 1/2 day conference to provide an update on the latest renewable policy developments from the US and Germany.

After a greeting by Onno Hueckmann, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany, the audience had the opportunity to hear top experts from governmental institutions from both sides of the Atlantic discuss similarities and differences between the US and Germany renewable energy policy, feed-in tariffs, wind energy, emission trading, carbon credits, and local perspectives. The panelists included Dr. Martin Schoepe, BMU (Head of Division, International and EU Affairs, Renewable Energy), who was joined by Howard Learner, Environmental Law and Policy Center; Sylvia Pilarsky-Grosch, German WindEnergy; Thomas Cushing, Chicago Climate Exchange; Michael Mehling, Ecologic Institute; and Jonathan Feipel, Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity. This conference took place within the framework of the Transatlantic Climate Bridge, an initiative by the German Foreign Office and the BMU to foster transatlantic cooperation and partnership between Germany and the US in the climate and energy arena.

Watch the broadcast:

[Transatlantic Climate Bridge Conference](#)

BioEnergy Business Delegation and Conference



June 21-25, 2010, Des Moines, IA

The BioEnergy Business Delegation and Conference was an exciting opportunity for leading bioenergy companies and experts from both sides of the Atlantic to discuss opportunities for co-operation, as well as the trends in bioenergy technology.

The primary objective of the conference was to open a dialogue for partnership, to learn about synergies between German and US companies, and to further promote growth and success in the bioenergy industry.

The attendees of the BioEnergy Business Conference included system and component manufacturers, technology suppliers, developers, investors, public policy makers, and other stakeholders with an interest in the renewable energy field, especially bioenergy.

During a roundtable discussion prior to the main conference, the German bioenergy delegation was able to gather first-hand information about the U.S. bioenergy market from U.S. market and policy experts. Furthermore, the delegation visited various bioenergy research institutions and commercial facilities in the Des Moines and Cedar Rapids area, with more than seventy one-on-one meetings with potential US Business partners scheduled.

The BioEnergy Conference and Delegation took place under the framework of the Renewable Energies Export Initiative and was supported by the German Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology.

GACCoM says Goodbye & Welcome



Helmut Rausch

This summer, GACCoM bid farewell to the outgoing Deputy Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany, Roland Herrmann, who retired and returned to Germany. He will be missed in Chicago. Roland Herrmann is succeeded by Deputy Consul General Helmut Rausch. We would like to welcome our new Deputy Consul, and we are looking forward to close cooperation.

GACCoM Welcomes New Members since June 2010

AET/Advanced Extruder Technologies Inc. +++ AFC America Ltd.+++ Attorney Christian Geier +++ Freiburger Lebensmittel GmbH & Produktions- und Vertriebs KG +++ Elgin Area Chamber of Commerce +++ JP Morgan Chase +++ Krieg DeVault LLP +++ Landmark Productions, LLC d/b/a Criterion Productions +++ Michigan Economic Development Corp. +++ Monroe Bank & Trust +++ MS Precision Components, LLC +++ Natecs International, LLC +++ Perry County Development Corporation +++Risk Management Resources, Inc. +++ Spencer Fane Britt and Browne LLP +++ SUMA America Inc. +++ TRANS-PAC International GmbH +++ WindGuard North America, Inc.

Member News

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- [Siemens to strengthen wind business in North America](#)
- [Hella-Samsung partnership develops rearview camera](#)
- [SMARTRAC reports on first six months 2010: Growth of 37 percent in sales and increase of sales guidance for the full-year 2010](#)
- [Lufthansa Sees Rise in 2010 Profit After Strong Quarter](#)
- [Kostal expands automotive operations in Michigan](#)
- [iBio and Fraunhofer Execute Business Development and Marketing Agreement with GE Healthcare](#)

Please [check our website](#) regularly for the latest transatlantic, "green" industry and member news.

Last but not least...

We are currently in the process of putting together our 2011 Calendar of Events and would welcome your suggestions and ideas.

Also, our 2011 Annual Sponsorship Opportunities will be available shortly.

If you have comments or suggestions, please contact our Director of Membership and Chamber Development, Jayne Riemer-Chishty, at riemer-chishty@gaccomm.org or call 312 494 2169. We value your opinion!

Please visit our [website](#) for information and pictures from recent GACCoM events. You also have the opportunity to download speaker presentations and video clips from many of our conferences, panels etc.

Best regards,
Your GACCoM Team