

AmCham Annual Report

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Dear Members,

As each year passes, we are pleased to note that AmCham Slovakia continues to grow in size and strength with its presence in Slovakia as we focus our efforts on our three main pillars: contacts, information and advocacy. The 2006 Annual Report reflects how these pillars drive the main focus of our events and activities throughout the year.

We do hope that AmCham Slovakia can continue to be a great source of contacts, information and advocacy within the international and Slovak business community for a good long time to come.

Over the past year, AmCham members have had an opportunity to participate in nearly 100 activities and events organized by AmCham Slovakia. We hope that each and every member was able to find something of value in our active organization.

It has been a great privilege and honor for me to serve as president of AmCham Slovakia throughout the past year. As to the mission of the American Chamber of Commerce in Slovakia, I see it clearly defined to protect and promote the common economic interests of its members.

The mission also needs to include promoting free enterprise, market economy and ethical business practices among members and the Slovak community as well as promoting strong economic relations between Slovakia, the United States, and other democratic countries.

As Slovakia continues to gain an ever-increasing positive international reputation, I feel that AmCham Slovakia can continue to increase its importance as well. This past year has proven that we are on the right track. We hope to bring AmCham Slovakia to a new, even more effective level in the coming year.

In the past year, we have expanded member benefits best tailored to our members' needs in various ways. One of these was to introduce the AmCham Executive Business Club, a forum for fruitful exchange of ideas and issues of importance for AmCham's top level of members. We have further expanded our activities in eastern Slovakia as our membership base and frequency of activities continue to grow. In addition, we have become a driving force in ensuring Slovakia's competitiveness and creating a knowledge-based economy in Slovakia. We believe that we have also positively influenced the business environment, helping to attract even more investors to Slovakia.

The past year has indeed been challenging and exciting for the American Chamber of Commerce in Slovakia. We hope that this Annual Report reflects the challenges met through the past year, and the exciting challenges yet to come.

AmCham - A VERY Active Chamber!

The American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham) was founded in 1993 in Bratislava as an independent and self-supporting organization, entirely dependent on contributions from its members. Currently, its membership has reached more than 300 international and Slovak companies, including many of the largest and important firms in Slovakia.

Its effort is to "build bridges" among businesses and help them fulfill their goals and missions much easier than on their own. AmCham contributes to the development of healthy business climate to improve conditions not only for its members, but also for other businesses operating in Slovakia. Its prestige, strong positions among other foreign chambers operating in Slovakia and the wide range of activities help all the AmCham members to become a vivid business partner at the Slovak market.

Throughout the last decade, AmChams activities have significantly increased and it has become more active in various areas of the political, legislative and economic scene in Slovakia. The evidence of the AmCham expansion is the opening of the Košice office in September 2003 to offer increased services to companies in Eastern Slovakia.

AMCHAM'S THREE PILLARS

Throughout the past year, AmCham Slovakia has frequently shown that it is dedicated to serving its members through the support of its three main pillars: contacts, information and advocacy.

1) Contacts

AmCham members appreciate the access to a great variety of local and foreign business partners, clients, Slovak and American politicians and even other expatriates as well. AmCham organizes numerous regularly scheduled events throughout the year, including monthly Business Cocktails, Business Breakfasts and Roundtable Luncheons. By attending these events, members have an opportunity to obtain important contacts to facilitate their business activities and become more visible in the business environment.

2) Information

One of the most significant pillars of AmCham Slovakia is acting as a valuable, reliable and consistent source of a great variety of information. Our publications, including Connection magazine, the Membership Directory, Membership Benefits and Opportunities, Slovak Brochure, Annual Report, and the web site, are just some of the ways we provide information to our members.

3) Advocacy

The opportunity to be part of a powerful unified and representative voice is one of the advantages of AmCham membership. Through our committees, Task Forces and other advocacy efforts, AmCham members who share common interests, issues and challenges can approach the government or other appropriate authorities as a compelling, effective voice to support continual development of the business environment in Slovakia. AmCham is supportive in the area of advocacy, particularly in:

Lobbying, Troubleshooting, Networking, Research, Cooperation with the Government on legislation drafting, Consulting with the Government on problem solving, Opportunity to work in Task Forces, Addressing comments to drafts of legislations, General and economic overviews, Letters of recommendation for members, Administrative and consulting services, Contacts with the Government representatives and VIPs, Customized mailings, etc.



**The American Chamber of Commerce
in the Slovak Republic**

OUR MISSION IS:

TO PROTECT and promote the common economic interests of AmCham members.

TO REPRESENT, express and manifest the views of AmCham Members in all types of issues, including economic, trade, commerce, finance and industry, among others.

TO INFORM by collecting and disseminating information concerning trade, industry, agriculture, finance, banking, transportation, health care, NGOs, manufacturing, technology, professional activities, taxation and related laws, economics, and other related topics.

TO ASSIST, in a non-commercial, non-profit role, our Members wholly engaged in trade with, or considering trade with, enterprises in the SR or elsewhere to attain legitimate objectives.

TO MAINTAIN excellent relations with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and other Chambers of Commerce and commercial organizations of the USA located in the USA and elsewhere.

TO PROMOTE economic relations between the Slovak Republic, the United States of America, and other countries with regard to trade, industry, agriculture, finance, transportation, health care, NGOs, manufacturing, technology, professional activities, and other related activities.

TO HELP undertake all other lawful actions incidental or conducive to the attainment of these objectives.

OUR ECONOMIC IMPACT - OUR ECONOMIC POTENTIAL

Over the past few years, the American Chamber of Commerce in SR has dynamically grown in size and strength to a strong membership base of well over 300 members. AmCham Slovakia is a well-respected organization that actively cooperates with the Slovak government and other political bodies.

- ◆ Since 2000, the number of Corporate Patrons (companies with highest level of membership) has increased from 14 to 50. These companies have a significant economic position in Slovakia and aggressively support the activities of the Chamber.
- ◆ The economic impact of AmCham's members is exponentially increased when taking into consideration the extensive network of supplies and business partners that benefit from the economic activities conducted by these companies.
- ◆ In addition, throughout the last few years, AmCham Slovakia's activities have substantially increased as it has become increasingly active in various elements of political, legislative and economic life in Slovakia.

THE ECONOMIC IMPACT of AMCHAM SLOVAKIA: Beyond the Bottom Line

AmCham Slovakia is proud of its ability to have a positive impact on the economic environment of Slovakia through the dynamic potential of our members. AmCham Slovakia members include the key drivers - both international and domestic - behind the economic development of Slovakia. Our member investments and turnover are vital growth engines for macro-economic expansion in Slovakia, profiting not just business, but communities and individuals as well. This is an achievement far beyond the bottom line. Our success brings success to the nation.

IMPORTANT ECONOMIC FIGURES CONCERNING AMCHAM SLOVAKIA

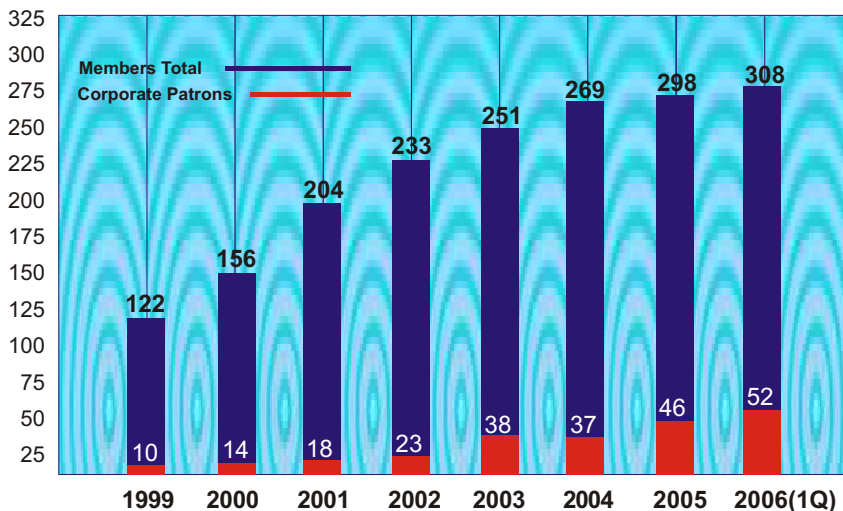
AmCham Slovakia is aware of its economic potential. AmCham members are some of the most important elements in the economic development of Slovakia. Their investments and turnovers are essential engines for macroeconomic expansion in Slovakia.

- ▶ Total annual turnover represented by AmCham members: **360 billion SK**
- ▶ Number of employees in AmCham membership: **120,000 people**
- ▶ Out of a total of **300 AmCham members**, approximately:
 - ▶ 90 are subsidiaries of US companies
 - ▶ 120 are Slovak companies
 - ▶ 90 are multinational companies

The majority of AmCham companies operate in:

- ◆ Manufacturing and Production (31 companies)
- ◆ IT (33 companies)
- ◆ Consulting and Accounting (29 companies)
- ◆ Banking and Insurance (24 companies)
- ◆ Recruiting and Executive Search (21 companies)
- ◆ Education (14 companies)

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT



- ◆ *Throughout the year, AmCham Slovakia organizes approximately 100 different events*
- ◆ *AmCham Slovakia is active and involved*
- ◆ *We are going places!*

AMCHAM EVENTS

AmCham provides a great number of events throughout the year. The most frequent were Business Breakfasts and Business Cocktails. In addition, we offer our members opportunities to participate in specially organized seminars and conferences covering a great variety of topics. AmCham Slovakia also holds special events, such as, AmCham Executive Business Clubs, Job and Internship Fairs, Slovak Ministers Speakers Series, EU Business Briefing Series, Roundtable Discussions with the U.S. Embassy, just to name a few. Moreover, AmCham is well known for organizing festive seasonal events, such as an Annual 4th of July/Independence Day Celebration and the Annual Thanksgiving Gala Dinner.

REGULAR EVENTS

Business Breakfasts

Business Breakfasts are held at least once or twice a month. The aim of AmCham Business Breakfasts is to provide an opportunity for our members to meet and discuss current topics connected to the business environment with business specialists, government representatives, VIP's, special guests, etc. Business Breakfasts begin with a presentation of the invited speaker, followed by an opportunity for the attendees to ask questions. Attendance reaches 70-120 people, depending on the topic. Breakfast usually starts between 8:15 and 8:30 and lasts until 10:00 a.m.

Those regular Business Breakfasts (not including the "Speaker Series" Breakfasts and the "EU Business Briefing Series") held during the past year were:

April 26, 2005 - sponsored by NESS Slovakia with Peter Kartous - Director of Archives and Files Department of Public Administration Section of the Slovak Republic Ministry of the Interior, Roman Balogh - Business Consultant, NESS Slovakia and Jozef Novota - ECM Unit Leader, NESS Slovakia Topic: "Records Management Satisfying Legislative Requirements", Radisson SAS Carlton Hotel, Bratislava

June 10, 2005 - with Ivan Mikloš, The Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance of SR. Topic: "Tax Reform", Golden Royal Restaurant, Košice

June 30, 2005 - with Scott N. Thayer, Chargé d'Affaires, Embassy of the USA. Topic: "A Perspective of US/Slovak Relations", Hotel Danube, Bratislava

July 7, 2005 - with Scott N. Thayer, Chargé d'Affaires, Embassy of the USA. Topic: "A Perspective of US/Slovak Relations", Restaurant Monte Bianco, Košice

October 7, 2005 - with Ivan Mikloš, The Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance of SR. Topic: "Slovakia's Competitiveness Strategy" Dom Techniky, Žilina

October 11, 2005 - with Zsolt Lukáč, State Secretary, Ministry of Reconstruction and Regional Development of SR, Martin Valentovič, Analyst, M.E.S.A.10 and Tomáš Kozák, Principal Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of SR. Topic: "Regional Development Policy and Competitiveness" Café Reduta, Bratislava

November 3, 2005 - with Ján Hudacký, Member of the European Parliament. Topic: "Our Voice in Brussel", Hotel Karpatia, Humenné

November 11, 2005 - with Ján Kotuľa, State Secretary, Ministry of Transport, Posts and Telecommunications of SR, Martin Valentovič, Analyst, M.E.S.A.10 and Alexander Auboeck, Country Director, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). Topic: "Infrastructure and Regional Development" Hotel Slovan, Košice

November 15, 2005 - with Daniel Lipšic, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Justice. Topic: "Judicial Reform in Slovakia" in Hotel Danube, Bratislava



November 24, 2005 - sponsored by Citibank (Slovakia) with Ivan Mikloš, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of SR. Topic: "Slovakia's Competitiveness Strategy", Reduta Poprad, Poprad

December 8, 2005 - with Martin Bruncko, Ministry of Finance of SR. Topic: "Building a Knowledge-Based Economy in Eastern Slovakia" Hotel Slovan, Košice

December 13, 2005 - with Rudolf Zajac, Minister of Health of SR, Rodolphe Vallee, U.S. Abassador to Slovakia and Miroslav Lednár, Chairman of the AmCham Health Care Committee. Topic: "Intellectual Property Rights Protection and Drug Pricing Policies", Radisson SAS Carlton Hotel, Bratislava

January 25, 2006 - Alexander Auboeck, Country Director, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), Mária Hurajová, Managing Director of Slovak American Enterprise Fund (SAEF) and General Director of Bratislava Stock Exchange, Róbert Šimončíč, President of the American Chamber of Commerce in the Slovak Republic and General Manager of Microsoft Slovakia. Topic: "Improving Access to Venture Capital - Boosting the Slovak Economy", Hotel Danube, Bratislava

Business Cocktails

AmCham Slovakia's Business Cocktails are regular monthly events for the general membership, business partners, and other potential members contacts. These rather festive events offer our members an opportunity to enjoy time with their business partners in a relaxed atmosphere. It is an excellent place for meeting new people, socializing and obtaining new contacts.

AmCham Business Cocktails are some of the most popular AmCham events. They are held at various venues in order to present different places and different styles of refreshments. The venue can be also chosen according to the preference of the sponsor. Attendance reaches 120-150 people.

Business Cocktails are sponsored by one or more member companies that can present their products, services, and management structure during a short presentation. The Business Cocktails held during the past year were:

April 6, 2005 - "Meet the Candidates" Business Cocktail sponsored by SAP Slovensko at Tempus Fugit, Bratislava



April 19, 2005 - sponsored by Všeobecná úverová banka at Golden Royal Restaurant, Košice

May 31, 2005 - sponsored by Newco Košice and Thaylor-Wharton Harsco at Monte Bianco, Košice

June 9, 2005 - outdoor Business Cocktail sponsored by Squire Sanders at Aucafé, Bratislava

June 28, 2005 - sponsored by U.S. Steel Košice at Rokoko Restaurant, Košice

July 27, 2005 - Farewell Cocktail Reception for Scott N. Thayer, Chargé d' Affaires, Embassy of USA sponsored by BAE Systems, CSC Computer Sciences, Accenture, Hewlett Packard and KPMG at Alizé Restaurant, Bratislava



September 21, 2005 - sponsored by QBE poisťovňa at Monte Bianco, Košice

October 27, 2005 - Halloween Business Cocktail sponsored by IBM Slovensko at Malecon Cuban Bar, Bratislava

November 22, 2005 - sponsored by Obal Servis at Hotel Belá, Košická Belá

December 15, 2005 - Christmas Business Cocktail sponsored by TTC Telecom in Košice

February 16, 2006 - sponsored by KPMG at Steam & Coffee, Bratislava

February 21, 2006 - sponsored by Eurowill and Suportera at Hotel Kohal, Košice



April 5, 2006 - "Meet the Candidates" Business Cocktail sponsored by Citroen at Au Café, Bratislava

The AmCham Executive Business Clubs

The AmCham Executive Business Club comprises an exclusive group of chief executives of Corporate Patron and Corporate Permanent membership companies. The major purpose of its quarterly meetings is to create a top-level speaking forum for corporate leaders enabling them to discuss key business issues, exchange ideas and share insights in a relaxed and constructive atmosphere.

The AmCham Executive Business Club meetings held in the last year were:

May 12, 2005 - Executive Business Club. Exclusive Partner: Accenture. Topic: "Upcoming Transition from the Slovak Crown to the Euro" with Peter Ševčovic, Director of the Monetary Policy Department, National Bank of Slovakia and Ludovít Odor, Director of Financial Policy Institute, MF SR and Peter Gonda, Analyst, Conservative Institute of M.R. Štefánik at VÚB Premises, Bratislava



September 29, 2005 - Executive Business Club. Exclusive Partner: Accenture. Topic: "Foreign Direct Investments in Slovakia" with Roman Kuruc, Director of SARIO (Slovak Investment and Trade Development Agency), Mr. Ondrej Sočúvka, Advisor to Prime Minister, Government Office SR, Mr. Peter Škodný, Managing Director, Accenture and Mr. Franz Vollmann, Divisional Manager, Molex at Luxor Business Club, Bratislava

November 3, 2005 - Executive Business Club. Exclusive Partner: Accenture. Topic: "Digital Literacy in Slovakia" with Miroslav Majoroš, CEO, Slovak Telecom, Beata Brestenská, Member of Parliament, NR SR and Miroslav Kukučka, Representative of Government for Information Society, Ministry of Transport, Post & Telecommunications of at Luxor Business Club, Bratislava

March 23, 2006 - Executive Business Club. Exclusive Partner: PrivatBanka. Topic: "Removing Barriers in the Slovak Capital Market" with Ivan Mikloš, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Ministry of Finance, Martin Barto, Deputy Governor, NBS and Viliam Ostrožlík, Chair of the Board of Directors and General Manager, Privatbanka, a.s. in Club Alizé, Bratislava

Seminars and Conferences

Seminars and Conferences are focused on specific issues and topics for a specific audience. The speakers are usually international visitors, politicians, businesspersons, government representatives, diplomats, etc. Seminars and Conferences are organized on an irregular basis according to the schedule of the visiting guest or the requests of the sponsor or co-organizer.

The Seminars and Conferences held in the last year were:

September 12, 2005 - Business Luncheon with H.E. Rodolphe Vallee, new U.S. Ambassador. Sponsored by AMSLICO, Citibank, IBM, Molex, Obalservis, Taylor-Wharton Harsco, U.S. Steel Košice and Variakov. Hotel Bankov, Košice

October 20, 2005 - Human Resources Regional Conference. Topic: "Maximizing and Managing Talent: Confrontation of Theory and Practice" at Crowne Plaza, Bratislava

October 26, 2005 - Business Seminar in cooperation with Adecco. Topic: "Beyond Enron...Ethics at the Heart of Leadership" presented by Steve Harrison, Chairman of Lee Hecht Harrison. Radisson SAS Carlton Hotel



February 21, 2006 - Business seminar in cooperation with Cisco Systems and TTC Telecom at Hotel Karpatia, Humenné

April 11, 2006 - MINERVA Conference: "Slovakia's Achievements and Challenges on the Road to a Knowledge-Based Economy" in Radisson SAS Carlton Hotel, Bratislava

SPECIAL EVENTS

Besides its Regular Events, AmCham Slovakia organizes many special events. The major special events are Thanksgiving Gala Dinner, 4th of July / Independence Day Celebration, Job and Internship Fair. In addition, there are smaller special events that are held for a special occasion, for example the Patron's Luncheon, Tours & Trips, Sports Day, Trade Missions, the Thanksgiving Charity Drive, Government Reforms Speaker Series, etc.

June 2, 2005 - Member Tour of Piešťany & Trnava sponsored by Avent Slovakia, Johns Manville, ON Semiconductor and Hotel Sergijo Piešťany.

September 8, 2005 - "Welcome Reception" for Mr. Rodolphe Vallee, new U.S. Ambassador at Panorama Center - Slavín, Bratislava

September 24, 2005 - "Challenge Cup" Sports Day, TJ Spoje, Bratislava

September 30, 2005 - AmCham Patrons Luncheon at Aucafé, Bratislava

November 29, 2005 - Charity Drive 2005 Press Conference, Hotel Danube

December 14, 2005 - Charity Lunch for Homeless people at Missionaries of Mother Theresa, Petržalka

MAJOR EVENTS

Seasonal events are the most appreciated and colorful of all the AmCham events. One of the largest and most anticipated casual events (with many surprises) is the Annual 4th of July/Independence Day Celebration. The Annual Thanksgiving Gala Dinner is the most festive event, full of delicious food, beautiful outfits and entertaining musical performances. Moreover, AmCham participates in other events such as Sports Day and the UNICEF Garden Party, which are organized together with other Chambers of Commerce operating in the Slovak Republic. AmCham also organizes events orientated to the job market, such as the Job and Internship Fair (spring).

ANNUAL 4th OF JULY - INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION July 2, 2005

Another July in Slovakia was livened up by the 11th Annual AmCham Independence Day celebration held at the Bratislava Castle grounds and was well attended by more than 700 celebrants into the wee hours of the night. Although inclement weather threatened to dampen the spirits of the partygoers, the rain relented, the sun broke through, and all who made the decision to attend were rewarded with a slice of Americana in Slovakia.

“Welcome to AmCham City”! said the announcement at the gate to entrance of the festivities. An updated western town façade, mechanical bull, a stilt walker dressed as Uncle Sam, and a Statue of Liberty enriched the traditional, Old West atmosphere and created for the guests a real spirit of America. They guests marveled at the festive parade, various attractions and musical performance full of American flair. The traditional American food was a real hit, which included popcorn, cotton candy, hot dogs and hamburgers, not to mention an import from Mexico, tacos! The kids who came to the celebration had many attractions to choose from, such as a jumping castle, trampolines, face painting, climbing wall, magician show and animals from the Bratislava Zoo.

The American-style parade was led off by a contingent of US Marines carrying the flags of the United States and Slovakia. The colorful Kleopatra Majorettes followed, and Scott N. Thayer, Charge d'Affaires, US Embassy in Slovakia, along with his wife Nena, had the honor of riding in a horse-drawn carriage, which was followed by a motorcade of historical cars that included passengers Róbert Šimončič and other AmCham Board Members, VIP guests, and many others.

All who came to celebrate America's Independence Day were entertained by dance performances by groups including the Country Mostik Group, Country Cloggers, the Country Line Dance Club of Bratislava, and country music played by VESLARI, a popular band hailing from Košice.

The highlight of the evening was a magnificent display of fireworks supported by rousing renditions of classic American music. Afterwards, the evening morphed from country music to a disco theme - music that roused all latestayers to move to the groove and dance on into the night beneath the stars and castle lights.



ANNUAL THANKSGIVING GALA DINNER

November 25, 2005

“Jazz You Like It” was held at Bratislava's Incheba Exhibition Center on November 25, where Americans and Slovaks alike jointly celebrated the traditional American holiday of Thanksgiving. The gala evening was attended by close to 700 guests from the member companies of the American Chamber of Commerce in the Slovak Republic, in addition to various representatives from business, political and diplomatic circles.



The ceremonial dinner, complete with roast turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, yams and traditional “brownies”, has grown to become one of the most popular festivities during the 12-year history of AmCham. During the opening reception, the guests were welcomed by President of the American Chamber of Commerce, Róbert Šimončič, and Executive Director Jake Slegers.



The ceremonial dinner was accompanied by a program brimming with entertainment and a tombola, which yielded SKK 125,000 in donations for the charity project known as the “AmCham **Thanksgiving Charity Drive 2005**”. During the yearlong charity project, some SKK 725,000 was collected and distributed to nine non-profit organizations around Slovakia.



Performances by The Gustav Brom Big Band and Petra Lipa lent a jazzy touch to the evening's events, which also included the AmCham Award ceremony. For the fifth year running, this award goes to the person who has most contributed above and beyond the call of duty to AmCham's successful activities in Slovakia. The 2005 award went to Michal Pinter from the U.S. Embassy, whose long-term cooperation with AmCham has greatly contributed to the intensification and permanent improvement of relationships among the companies associated within the American Chamber of Commerce in Slovakia and the U.S. Embassy.



AmCham Thanksgiving Charity Drive 2005

The American Chamber of Commerce: Helping People in Need for 11 Years

This year, member companies of the American Chamber of Commerce in the Slovak Republic have donated SKK 725,000 within the framework of charity fundraising known as the “Thanksgiving Charity Drive”. The funds were distributed among nine Slovak organizations to which Jake Slegers, Executive Director of the American Chamber of Commerce, handed over symbolical checks.

The charity fundraising presents an opportunity for all member companies to support projects that are not necessarily related to their scope of business, but can have an immense impact on the lives of many people. “For the American nation, the Thanksgiving Day celebration is a symbol of family cohesion, love and help. This is exactly the reason why we run charity fundraising in this period - not only to help people in need, but also to bring their difficult lives to the foreground. Charity fundraising is a clear sign that business activities are not the one and only priority of the American Chamber of Commerce in Slovakia,” said Jake Slegers, Executive Director of the American Chamber of Commerce.

The funds from the Thanksgiving Charity Drive are distributed to charity organizations, children's homes, senior citizen homes and other non-profit organizations operating in Slovakia. In selecting the organizations that are to receive donations, the American Chamber of Commerce is assisted by Slovak non-profit organizations. When making a decision, the Chamber primarily assesses the purpose for which the donated funds will be used and distributes them among the different regions in Slovakia.

The non-profit organizations that received funds for their projects this year include:

- 80 000,- ♦ Civil Association “Hope for Down“
- 55 000,- ♦ Retirement Home “Radost’, n.o.“
- 2x PC and 2x printer ♦ Special School and Practical School
- 120 000,- ♦ Save the Heart, 1st Foundation of Cardiac Surgery
- 100 000,- ♦ Šrobar’s Institute for Respiratory Diseases and Tuberculosis for Children
- 100 000,- ♦ Civil Association DLAŇ
- 120 000,- ♦ Stredisko evanjelickej mládeže Veľký Slavkov
- 60 000,- ♦ Civil Association “Smile On Me“
- 20 000,- ♦ Mother Theresa Missionaries of Charity, Bratislava

Amount distributed in Charity Drive (in Sk):

1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
350 000	360 000	505 000	577 500	680 000	835 000	757 000	725 000

JOB AND INTERNSHIP FAIRS

February 22, 2006 - Košice

March 1, 2006 - Bratislava

“With our Annual Job Fair, we try to contribute to the development of the Slovak economy by encouraging young Slovaks to find jobs in Slovak based companies or gain valuable work experience in the United States,” said Jake Slegers, Executive Director of AmCham.

The American Chamber of Commerce in Slovakia held on March 1 its Seventh Annual AmCham Job and Internship Fair at the Radisson SAS Carlton Hotel in Bratislava. This event ran from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and was teeming with students from beginning till end. AmCham Slovakia also held its Third Annual Job and Internship Fair in Košice on February 22 at Dom Techniky, where many students took the chance to begin building their brighter and better futures by bringing their CVs and gaining contact with the most prosperous companies operating in Slovakia.

The purpose of the Job and Internship Fair is to assist students in receiving an overview of successful companies and, in addition, to provide them with more information regarding the labor market. Throughout the entire day, students took the opportunity to get an indication of the inner workings and corporate culture of individual companies, establish first contacts with personnel of their human resources departments, as well as testing their knowledge in short interviews. In addition, specialized seminars were prepared for students to help them create draft resumes and teach them various techniques that could come in handy during interviews. A new feature of this already traditional event was the presence of American Embassy representatives at the Bratislava venue, who provided information concerning the student Summer Work and Travel Program. This year, 28 Slovak and foreign companies operating in Slovakia participated in the Job and Internship Fair at the Bratislava event, along with the representatives of City University. More than 1,000 students were in attendance for both of these events, and AmCham is already looking forward to the next year's Job and Internship Fair!



CONNECTION MAGAZINE

The AmCham Connection magazine is one of the most appreciated services that AmCham members regularly use. According to the Membership survey 2003, Connection ran away with the top evaluation with a surprising 96% readership (the top two readership categories include 50% who read Connection frequently and 36.7% who identify themselves as reading it from time to time).



General information and readership

The AmCham magazine “Connection” is the official monthly news publication of the American Chamber of Commerce in the Slovak Republic. It is distributed free of charge throughout Slovakia to over 270 AmCham members, affiliated companies, NGOs, government and governmental organizations, VIPs, economic, political and diplomatic authorities, foreign companies, biggest Bratislava's hotels, organizations and all embassies in Slovakia. Connection is also circulated in the business community, both Slovak and foreign, including foreign chambers of commerce in Slovakia, sister chambers of commerce in Europe and the headquarters of the American Chamber of Commerce in Washington. Some copies of each issue are sent to the Slovak Embassy in the USA and US political representatives as well. Besides other recipients, both members and non-members, include attendees of all AmCham events.

Content

This full color, business-oriented publication in English language, with a professional layout, was first published in 1996. It has gradually become a respected and highly regarded source of information for top managers, decision-makers, and economic, political and diplomatic elites, and VIPs, due to its focus on topics that are of crucial interest to this community.

The total print run is 850 to 900 copies. Every issue focuses on one basic topic/cover story. The topics covered in the last year include Banking and Insurance Trends, Telecom, and IT, Welcome to a New Europe, Focus on PR and Advertising, Travel and Tourism, Regional Development, Workforce Performance, Health Care, Focus on Education, Foreign Direct Investment, Industrial parks, and more. The magazine features crucial aspects of business life in Slovakia, especially the mutual commercial relations between Slovakia and U.S. Articles on international and domestic economic topics are prepared by specialists on economic, political, legislative, social issues, providing a deep insight and respectful views and opinions. The magazine also includes the reports from the events organized by the AmCham office in Bratislava and the AmCham office in Košice.

The editorial content also includes many other sections and special interest columns - up-to-date Member News, list of new and current AmCham members, Letter to Members, Success in Slovakia, Member Profile, Interviews with politicians, economists or other experts, Profiles, Legislative focus, Questionnaires among members on different topics, etc.

DIRECTORY OF MEMBERS

The American Chamber of Commerce in the Slovak Republic (AmCham) publishes an annual Directory of Members in the English language, a comprehensive list of member companies with all-important contacts, addresses, description of their business activities and other facts about them. The main purpose for publishing the Directory of Members is to further increase membership benefits through providing our members more complex and detailed information. This will hopefully enhance networking opportunities within AmCham membership as well as improving their image within membership as well. Moreover, the better image our members have, the better the position for AmCham.



The Directory of Members presents detailed descriptions of the main business activities of all member organizations and individuals. Our members have an opportunity to write a brief (up to 100 words) description of their core business activities together with contact information. In addition, the company profile may contain the history of a company, its industry strength, objectives and future plans. The presentation space of every member company will include the present address, telephone and fax number, email and name(s) of the contact person(s). In addition, all Corporate Patrons have their logos published as Patrons.

- ◆ Comprehensive listing of AmCham Members
- ◆ Contact information, contact persons, description of business activities of member companies
- ◆ Information on AmCham Slovakia
- ◆ Contact information for AmChams in Europe
- ◆ General Information, basic economic and statistic data on Slovakia
- ◆ Listing of representation of Slovakia in USA and USA in Slovakia
- ◆ Free to all members of AmCham Slovakia

To be part of the listing in Directory of Members, all AmCham members are given an opportunity to present their company, its history, its successes, actual business activities and contact information in a brief company profile.

MEMBERS DECEMBER	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Corporate PATRONS	10	14	18	23	38	37	48
Corporate PERMANENT	38	49	50	50	47	54	62
Corporate ACTIVE	47	59	104	127	135	156	166
Non-profit Institutions	14	17	20	23	21	18	20
Individuals	13	17	15	10	10	4	2
TOTAL	122	156	204	233	251	269	298

WEB SITE

AmCham Slovakia launched its first website about five years ago. The growth of information technologies and usage of the Internet led to major changes on our website. In addition to the information service that it provides, AmCham has also transformed its website into a marketing and promotional tool. AmCham continuously improves its website: **www.amcham.sk**. Visitors to the official AmCham web site can easily find various types of information:

- ◆ Daily update of news related to economic and political events, foreign direct investments, statistical data etc. (source- SITA online service)
- ◆ Adhoc updates of the AmCham calendar
- ◆ Monthly update of the three major articles from the newly released Connection magazine
- ◆ Quarterly update of the publication “Destination: Lisbon” (the previous name: “The Road to Brussels“) - Since September 2003, Working Group experts on EU accession in the American Chambers of Commerce in the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary have jointly produced a quarterly “Road to Brussels” (nowadays “Destination: Lisbon“) report, which address the practical impact of the accession processes and the relevant legislative changes in Slovakia in specialized articles. Providing a regional perspective, the articles are a collaborative effort of all three contributing AmChams. The bulletin also contains general information focused on the most important enlargement related issues, a calendar of upcoming EU related events, and information regarding EU policy changes.
- ◆ Adhoc updates of all the speakers presentations from events organized by AmCham
- ◆ Updates of the section called “How to Start a Business” provided by Allen & Overy
- ◆ All information in the “Advertisement” section contains information and a price list for advertisements in Connection magazine, banners on the web site and advertisements in the Directory of Members
- ◆ Section called “Opportunities”, which contains: Trade Opportunities (with space for AmCham members and non-member companies to promote their business, products, services etc.), Job positions (providing space for companies, individual and students to look for new employees) and Community Bulletin Board (for any visitor looking for an au-pair, cleaning lady, English teacher or has items to buy, sell or donate).
- ◆ Section “Business”: any visitor can get an updated information regarding the legislative changes in Slovakia
- ◆ Membership Section: includes information about membership, benefits, criteria for becoming an AmCham member etc. The section also includes a list of all AmCham member companies. All AmCham members have a login name and password for the “Members Area Only”. The password allows any of the AmCham members to access information about AmCham companies, complete committee reports, etc.



If you have any questions concerning the official AmCham website or you are interested in promoting your company on **www.amcham.sk**, please, contact Katarína Kešjarová, AmCham PR Coordinator via phone: 00421-2-54 64 0535 or send e-mail to katarina.kesjarova@amcham.sk.

AMCHAM POLICY ACTIVITIES

AmCham Committees, Working Groups and Task Forces focus their activities on monitoring and evaluating the legislative and business environment in the Slovak Republic. Much of their activities involve commenting on and proposing changes to drafts of legislation prepared by the government. Sometimes the Committees or Task Forces cooperate directly with the Slovak government on drafting new legislation. They try to supply AmCham member companies with useful information and advice in a particular area. In order to share ideas and strategies to tackle common business-related concerns, some committees actively cooperate with other AmChams in the region. Following, is an outline of each of AmCham Slovakia's committees.

Health Care Committee

The core of the committee's activity throughout the past year was an intensive dialogue with the Ministries of Health and Economy as well as all other relevant state institutions with the objective to help to fulfill the criteria for de-listing Slovakia from the "Special 301 Watchlist" of the U.S. Trade Representation that is concerned with protection of IPR. Considering the complications given by the Health Care Reform and its wording of the legislation in the area of IPR, the progress achieved during this period was definitely laudable.

Chair: Miroslav Lednár, Merck Sharpe and Dohme

Issues:

- Protection of Data Exclusivity
- Intellectual Property Rights
- Drug Pricing and Reimbursement Policies

Human Resources Committee

After commenting on the Pension reform in 2004 and beginning of 2005, the Committee has focused rather on providing AmCham members with information on trends in the HR business through the Connection magazine and regular events. The Most significant event was definitely the annual AmCham HR Conference in October 2005 to the topic "Maximizing and Managing Talent". With presentations from high-level experts from six countries - Greece, Ireland, Belgium, Switzerland, Hungary and Slovakia - the conference met with much success. As AmCham represents many expatriates working for our member companies, we continue the efforts to ease up the process for residence permits and visas both in Slovakia as well as for Slovaks working or simply traveling to the US.

Chair: Don Bauza, Eagle Global Investment Services

Issues:

- HR Conference
- Job Fair
- Residence Permits and Visas for Expatriates

Competitiveness Committee

AmCham Slovakia is committed to building a knowledge-based economy in Slovakia and promoting the global competitiveness of the country. Since the most crucial factors for advancing Slovakia's score in the competitiveness charts are improved law enforcement, investments into human capital and education, and informatization of the society, AmCham Slovakia has established a new Competitiveness Committee, with two active working groups: Working Group on Business Environment and Working Group on Education and Information Society. Their work focuses on issues such as reform of the Slovak judicial system and education system; open legislative process and centers of excellence. Throughout the first months of its existence, the Competitiveness Committee provided input for meetings with Ivan Mikloš, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of SR, Daniel Lipšic, then Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Justice of SR, Zsolt Lukáč, State Secretary of the Ministry of Construction and Regional Development of SR, Martin Bruncko, Chief Economic Advisor to the Minister of Finance and author of the MINERVA project, and many others. Based on the discussions with members of the Competitiveness Committee and relevant Slovak and EU public officials, AmCham Slovakia initiated and organized (in cooperation with the Ministry of Finance of SR and Representation of the European Commission in SR) a high-level conference entitled "Slovakia's Achievements and Challenges on the Road to a Knowledge-Based Economy". The conference, held on April 11, 2006, was clearly a huge success for AmCham Slovakia, and another milestone in its development.

Working Group on Business Environment

Leadership: Kirk Collingwood, (Philip Morris) and Nataša Nikitinová, (Squire Sanders)

Issues:

- Reform of the Judicial System
- Open Legislative Process
- Regulatory Impact Assessments

Working Group on Education and Information Society

Leadership: František Jakab, (Cisco Systems), Branislav Lichardus, (City University) and Boris Miškovic, (Slovak Telecom)

Issues:

- Reform of the Educational System
- Centers of Excellence
- Public campaign for use of ICTs

AMCHAM POLICY ACTIVITIES

Public Procurement Task Force

On September 28, 2005 the Slovak government approved the draft of the revised Public Procurement Act. Given the feedback of our member companies, AmCham decided to form a Task Force to comment this piece of legislation and subsequently formulated a draft of the Position Paper, which was submitted to all relevant committees of the Slovak National Council, expressing dissatisfaction with its content. After its implementation, members were then provided with an opportunity to address the director of the legislative department of the PP Office with their comments to the new Act and received explanation to all the controversial provisions.

Chair: Hugh Owen, Allen & Overy

Issues:

Revision of the Public Procurement Law
Role of the Public Procurement Office

Legislative Committee

Starting in 2005, the Legislative Committee has been operating on an ad hoc basis. Reflecting on the activities of the former AmCham's EU Affairs Committee, AmCham office initiated a meeting of interested members in June 2005, where it was decided that the new proposed version of the draft Act on Lobbying is lacking in clarity and some of its provisions are hardly workable. It was also agreed that AmCham should formulate a new Position Paper. In August 2005, AmCham office compiled and distributed two documents – The AmCham Position Paper on the Act on Lobbying and the AmCham Policy Brief on the Act on Lobbying. The Policy Brief was based on the legal analysis of the Act on Lobbying and its impact on AmCham member companies, and was kindly provided by the Legislative Committee members. This analysis formed the base for the AmCham Position Paper on the Act on Lobbying, which was delivered to MPs from the relevant committees of the National Council in September 2005. Most of the AmCham comments were mentioned at the meetings of the NR SR Committees and majority of parliamentarians agreed that the current version of the draft should be reviewed. The AmCham Act on Lobbying Initiative has thus gradually become a very successful advocacy effort. In the course of summer 2005, we have seen an active involvement of our member companies, and AmCham was able to comment on the draft Act in all phases of the legislative process.

Chair: Kenneth Johnson, Weinhold Legal

Committee meets on ad hoc basis, recently analyzed pieces of legislation:

Act on Lobbying
Act on Proof of Property Origin

List of Major AmCham Advocacy Documents Released Throughout 2005:

April 6, 2005

Response to the Public Consultation on the Act on Lobbying (EU Affairs Committee – operating on an ad hoc basis since 2005)

April 26, 2005

Position Paper on the Bill on Proof of Property Origin (Legislative Committee)

June 10, 2005

Position Letter to the Ministry of Interior on Residence Permits (HR Committee)

August 29, 2005

Policy Brief on the Act on Lobbying (Act on Lobbying Initiative)

September 2, 2005

Position Paper on the Act on Lobbying (Act on Lobbying Initiative)

September 12, 2005

Position Paper on Transparency in Decision-Making Process in the area of Drug Pricing and Reimbursement and its compliance with the EU Transparency Directive (Health Care Committee)

October 13, 2005

Position Letter on the Revision of the Income Tax Act (CSR Initiative)

November 22, 2005

Position Paper on the Revision of the Public Procurement Law (Public Procurement Task Force)

Corporate PATRONS

 High performance. Delivered.				 CONSULTING. TECHNOLOGY. OUTSOURCING
 CORPORATE AND INVESTMENT BANK CRÉDIT AGRICOLE GROUP				 EXPERIENCE. RESULTS.
				
	 Quality In Everything We Do			
				
	 Alleviating Pain - Restoring Health - Extending Life			
 exclusive Steelcase dealer	 ON Semiconductor		 "Life is our life's work"	
				
	 NEVERENDING ENERGY			
	 USE NOTHING ELSE!		 Member of RB Group	 A Subsidiary of United States Steel
				

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3M (East) AG	Cepit Management	Eurowill
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A Investment	Chemes	Forel International School
ABC Klima	CFM Slovakia	Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
Academia Istropolitana Nova	Cisco Systems Slovakia	GEFCO Slovakia
Accenture	Citibank (Slovakia)	GfK Slovakia
ACCOR Services Slovakia	Citroën Slovakia	Gilbos Slovensko
ACE- The Language School	City University, Bellevue USA	GlaxoSmithKline Slovakia
A&D Global Business Relations	CMC Graduate School of Business	GlobalTel
ADECCO	Coca- Cola Beverages Slovakia	Grafton Recruitment Slovakia
Advokátska kancelária JUDr. Jaroslav Ružička	Comenius University in Bratislava	Gratex International
AGENTUA ALEX	Connex CEE	Green Cross
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Air Products Slovakia	CSC Computer Sciences	GTECH Slovakia Corporation
AJS Management Slovakia	Csekes, Vilagi, Drgonec & Partners	HBO Česká Republika
Alcatel Slovakia	CWS Slovensko	Heuréka Evolution
ALLEN & OVERY Bratislava	Československá obchodná banka	Hewlett-Packard Slovakia
ALLIANT	DaimlerChrysler Automotive Slovakia	Honeywell
Allianz - Slovenská poisťovňa	Dalkia	Hotel Devín
Allied Pickfords	DELL	Hudson Global Resources
AJG - Amrop Jenewein Group	Deloitte	HVB Bank Slovakia
AMSLICO AIG Life poisťovňa	De Vere & Partners	IB Grant Thornton Consulting
Amway Slovensko	DITEC	IBM Slovakia
Amylum Slovakia	DocuGuard Slovakia	IILE
Aon Slovensko	Dolphin Slovakia	Immorent Slovensko
Apple Pie	Domov Slovakia	Inforama
Arthur Hunt	Eagle Global Investment Services	ING Bank
Arval Slovakia	ECENTER	Institute for Public Affairs
The Association for Culture, Education & Communication	The Edison Consulting Group	INTERDEAN International Movers
AstraZeneca AB	Egon Zehnder International	Interel Public Relations
AT&T Global Network Services Slovakia	EIC Slovakia	IQ Servis
Audax Plastics (Europe)	Eli Lilly	Istroconti Consulting
Auto-impex	EMERSON	Istroenergo Group
AVENT SLOVAKIA	The Emília Kováčová Foundation	Jaysons Industries
AVIS Rent a Car	Ensafe Slovakia	Johns Manville
AYS Placement & Wokrshops	Enterprise Resource International	Johnson & Johnson
BAE Systems	Entrans	Johnson Controls International
BCG Bratislava Consulting Group	Epicor Software Slovakia	Jonckheere
Bekaert Slovakia	EQ ENGINEERS SLOVAKIA	Junior Achievement Slovakia
Bella Venezia	Eras Data - Pro	Key 6 Business Solutions
Best Western Hotel Sergijo	Ernst & Young	KNO Slovensko
Bliss	ESCORR	Koliba Production & Services
Boehringer Ingelheim Pharma	ESET	Komerční Banka Bratislava
Bonul	eTel Slovensko	KPMG
Bristol - Myers Squibb Export	Eufinex	Kraft Foods European Business Services Centre
British Airways	EurActive	Krivak & Co. Associated Lawyers
British International School Bratislava	Eurest	Lear Corporation Slovakia
Business Communication	EuroView	Lease Plan Slovakia B.V.
Business Lease Slovakia		Lexus
Calyon Bank Slovakia		Limousine Services
Capgemini Slovensko		Linklaters
		LPH Vranov n/T.
		Ľudová Banka

Lugera & Makler	QSI, International School of Bratislava	U.S.Steel Košice
Macquarie Capital	Radisson SAS Carlton Hotel	UPC Slovensko
M + W Zander	Regus Business Centre relocation	Van Geel Slovakia
Maersk Agency	S & T Slovakia	Variakov
MaMaison Residence Sulekova	Salans	VB - Leasing
Manpower Slovensko	Salve Group	VGD, Podzimek a Šuma
MARSH	SARIO	Vincent Doprava
Masnyk Advisory Services	SAP Slovensko	Virtual Reality Media
Mazak Slovakia	SAS Slovensko	VIVIEN
McDonald's Slovakia	Sauer-Danfoss	Volvo Truck Slovakia
McKinsey & Company	Saver Manufacturing	VSE - Východoslovenská energetika
Medtronic Slovakia	Scanservice	Všeobecná úverová banka
Merck Sharp & Dohme IDEA	SEPS	VVMZ
Meydan Hotel Danube	Servodata Bratislava	Vzdelávacie a poradenské centrum
Microsoft Slovakia	SHELL	Wavex
MmD Public Relations Slovakia	Siemens Business Services	Weinhold Legal
Molex Slovakia	SITA	WEST Export Import Company
Motorola GmbH	Slovak American Enterprise Fund	Whirlpool Slovakia
NESS Slovakia	Slovak Committee for UNICEF	White & Case
Net & Web Services (NWS)	Slovak Parcel Service /UPS	Wiktor Leo Burnett
Newco	The Slovak Spectator	World Lodging Resources
NM Management	Slovak Telekom	Xerox
Nordic Sun Worldwide	Slovak Television Company	Západoslovenská energetika
Norr Stiefenhofer Lutz	Slovenergo	Zephiros
Novell Slovensko	Slovenská pošta	Zoznam
Novitech	Slovenská Sporiteľňa	
OBAL - SERVIS	Slovenské lodenice Komárno	
Ochotnický Partners	Slovenské liečebné kúpele Piešťany	
Office & Hotels Direct	Soitron	
Omnipublic	Solidita	
ON Semiconductor Slovakia	Spiller Farmer	
Oracle	Squire Sanders	
Orange Slovensko	ST trade	
P&Bert Management Consulting Group	Sun Microsystems Slovakia	
PDI Slovensko	Sympatia Finance	
Perspecta	Synergie Slovakia	
Peterka & Partners	Synovate	
Pfizer Luxembourg Sarl	System Access Slovakia	
Philip Morris Slovakia	T-Mobile Slovensko	
Pioneers First	Tacoma Consulting, Tacoma Auditing	
Plastic Molding Technology Slovakia	Tapvest	
Plastipak Slovakia	Target SK	
PMC International	Tatra banka	
Pontis Foundation	Tatra-Leasing	
PosAm Bratislava	Taylor-Wharton Harsco	
PPA Controll	TEAMCONSULT	
PPI Adhesive Products (C.E.)	Technopol International	
PricewaterhouseCoopers	TMF RERO	
Printec Slovakia	Trade Commission of Denmark	
PrivatBanka	Traser Sprinkler Systems	
PROCESNÁ AUTOMATIZÁCIA	Trenkwalder Management Partners	
Professionals	TTC Telecom	
Promea Communication	Tube City	
Promolux	UniBanka	
Provident Financial		
QBE Poist'ovňa		
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Exclusive Services Providers

AmCham is truly grateful for its Exclusive Service Providers, which support AmCham in various ways. All of the Exclusive Service Providers offer certain services at no cost to AmCham.

- Entrans provides AmCham with translation services
- Gratex International maintains the official AmCham web site
- PricewaterhouseCoopers provides auditing
- Wiktor Leo Burnett provides AmCham with graphic design of *Connection* cover page
- Xerox assists with printing AmCham invitations



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Criteria for Membership in AmCham Slovakia

General Criteria

As membership in the American Chamber of Commerce is at all times at the discretion of the Board of Directors, potential members are asked to adhere to the following points and answer the questions contained below.

- ◆ Applicants for membership in AmCham Slovakia must deliver confirmation of official registration of the organization in Slovakia or abroad.
- ◆ Applicants for membership are asked to provide a brief profile or informational material(s) describing their business, which includes description of the activities, short history, size of the company, etc.
- ◆ Applicants for membership must provide only true and exact information to AmCham Slovakia.
- ◆ Applicants for membership must be an American, Slovak or foreign company with interest in American business orientation and/or relations and being part of the bridge for Slovak/American business, and committed to free enterprise and promotion of international economic relations consistent with the purpose of the Chamber as set forth in its Statutes.
- ◆ Organizations applying for membership in AmCham Slovakia must be in good standing in the community and acceptable to the Chamber.
- ◆ Applicants for membership in AmCham Slovakia must not promote their own interest to the detriment of the Chamber and must not be disruptive to the goals of the Chamber
- ◆ Applicants shall not be established Associations of companies, nor shall they have duplicate activities to those of the Chamber.

Additional Criteria for Non-Profit membership:

- ◆ Non-Profit Organizations applying for membership in AmCham Slovakia must provide information about the sources of funding of the organization.
- ◆ Non-profit Organizations should be engaged in the furtherance of commerce and/or international trade.
- ◆ Individual/Organization applying for membership in AmCham Slovakia must be independent from political influences.
- ◆ Non-Profit organizations need to provide:
 - a list of at least 10 clients
 - a list of major projects

Additional Criteria for Individual membership:

- ◆ Applicants for Individual membership in AmCham Slovakia must prove that he/she is self-employed, or represents a business that is not yet listed on the Slovak Commercial register.
- ◆ Individuals applying for membership in AmCham Slovakia must be independent from political influences.
- ◆ The fee as an Individual Member is valid only until the end of the calendar year. The applicant agrees to apply as a Corporate member in the following calendar year or may choose to remain in the individual member category, but will be charged the same membership fee as if a Corporate Active member.
- ◆ Applicants for Individual membership must provide an outline of their business interests and intentions.
- ◆ Applicants for Individual membership must respond to the following questions:
 - Why are you joining AmCham Slovakia?
 - What do you expect from membership in AmCham Slovakia?
 - What would be your contribution to AmCham Slovakia?

**Every applicant for membership must submit
a 100 word outline of their business activities!**

Membership Categories

Corporate PATRON

Open only to companies qualifying for Corporate Permanent or Corporate Active membership, who strongly support the Chamber's activities. A Corporate Patron member is entitled to:

- ◆ participate in all Chamber events and activities
- ◆ receive all Chamber services
- ◆ written acknowledgement in Chamber Publications
- ◆ have logo displayed at each event
- ◆ four (4) voting representatives
- ◆ two (2) invitations to the AmCham Executive Business Club events

Membership dues are **100 000 (SKK)** or its equivalent per annum.

Corporate PERMANENT

A Corporate Permanent level is for "Big Business" with a world-wide annual turnover of one million US dollars or more. A Corporate Permanent member is entitled to:

- ◆ participate in all Chamber events and activities,
- ◆ receive all Chamber services
- ◆ three (3) voting representatives
- ◆ one (1) invitation to the AmCham Executive Business Club events

Membership dues are **70 000 (SKK)** or its equivalent per annum.

Corporate ACTIVE

A Corporate Active level is for "Small Business" with a world-wide annual turnover of less than one million US dollars. A Corporate Active member is entitled to:

- ◆ participate in all Chamber events and activities,
- ◆ receive all Chamber services
- ◆ two (2) voting representatives

Membership dues are **25 000 (SKK)** or its equivalent per annum.

Individual or Non-Profit Institution

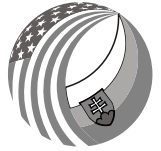
An Individual Person or Non-Profit Institution member is entitled to:

- ◆ participate in all Chamber events and activities,
- ◆ receive all Chamber services
- ◆ one (1) voting representative

Membership dues are **15 000 (SKK)** or its equivalent per annum



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM



The American Chamber of Commerce in the Slovak Republic
Crowne Plaza, Hodžová nám. 2, 816 25 Bratislava, Slovak Republic,
Tel.: (4212) 5464 0534-5, E-mail: amcham@amcham.sk,
Web: www.amcham.sk

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1) Name of Organization or Individual: _____

2) Name of Responsible Person: _____

3) Other Contacts: (Name of the person and e-mail):

CEO: _____

PR & Marketing: _____

HR: _____

Finance: _____

Other: _____

4) Address: _____

5) Phone: _____ 6) Fax: _____

7) E-mail: _____ 8) IČO: _____

9) Website: _____ 10) IČDPH: _____

11) Invoicing Address (if different than mailing address): _____

12) Ownership Structure: (Please circle one letter in each column)

CURRENT STATUS OF COMPANY

- a- New company (including green field)
- b- Existing company
- c- Joint venture
- d- Privatized State Enterprise
- e- Other (Please specify)

LEGAL FORM

- a- Individual
- b- Limited Liability Company
- c- Private Joint-Stock Company
- d- Other Legal Form
- e- State-owned Company
- f- Other (Please specify)

13) When and Where Established: _____

OPERATING INFORMATION

1) Description of Business/Activity

2) Current Number of Employees (Incl. Management): _____

3) Area of Business (Please check only one area):

- | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Office Supply |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Automotive | <input type="checkbox"/> Information Technologies | <input type="checkbox"/> Design, Publishing and DTP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank, Insurance, Capital Market | <input type="checkbox"/> Law Firm | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consulting and Accounting | <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing and Production | <input type="checkbox"/> Recruiting and Executive Search |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education and Training | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing and Promotion | <input type="checkbox"/> Retail and Wholesale |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foundation | <input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous / Other Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Security Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality Firms and Restaurant Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Moving and Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Telecommunications, Internet, Web Sites |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health care and Pharmaceuticals | <input type="checkbox"/> News and Information Agencies | <input type="checkbox"/> Traveling and Tourism |

