



As we do every month, we would like to inform you about some of the most important AmCham activities.

PROFILES OF NEW MEMBERS

As our Membership Directory is published only once a year, you may want to include this company in your directory for future purposes.

- [TREVES Slovakia](#) – Corporate Member

This link brings you to a Membership Area requiring your company's password! If you do not have it or have lost it, please contact the AmCham office.

Manage your company information, add or update your contact preferences for your partners, members of AmCham anytime at www.amcham.sk! To check your current information and profile, log in to the Membership Area. Login requires your company's password, so if you have lost or forgotten it, please contact the AmCham office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

We would like to inform you that you can register for AmCham events on our website www.amcham.sk !

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Business Breakfast on "Finance Transformation"

- Sponsored by ACCA and PwC
- Hotel Crowne Plaza, Bratislava, from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM
- Make reservations at breakfast@amcham.sk

Tuesday, May 15, 2012

Continuous Professional Education Business Breakfast on "Fraud Prevention for Enterprises"

- In cooperation with the Czech Republic Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE)
- Participants will earn 2 CPE credits!
- Hotel Doubletree by Hilton, Hlavna 1, Kosice
- Make reservations at: Kosice@amcham.sk

Monday, May 28, 2012

Business Seminar on Data Protection and Cyber Security

- The seminar will provide views of legal experts, business representatives as well as representatives of state administration, including speakers from Allen & Overy, AT&T, Facebook, ESET Services and other companies.
- Hotel Radisson Blu Carlton, from 12:00 to 15:00 (lunch included)
- Would you like to become a sponsor or cooperate with us on this event? Contact anna.michalkova@amcham.sk

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

"Outdoor" Business Cocktail – tentative

- A L I Z Ě, Hurbanovo námestie 6, Bratislava, from 6 PM

Monday, June 18, 2012

Conference: Europe 2020

- Under the auspices of the Vice-President of the European Commission: Maroš Šefčovič, with participation of other high level representatives of the European Commission and the Slovak Government
- Hotel Radisson Blu Carlton, from 10:00 AM
- Would you like to cooperate with us on this high level conference? Please contact: anna.michalkova@amcham.sk

More events are being planned and will be on our website as they are finalized.

PAST EVENTS

Presentations and pictures from past AmCham events can be found at: <http://www.amcham.sk/?Gallery&id=1>

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Business Breakfast on "The Fast Close: How Fast Can It Be?" – Košice

- Sponsored by: Deloitte
- The breakfast dealt with the problems, experiences and best solutions associated with the preparation of fast-close financial statements in line with IFRS and Slovak legislation.

Thursday, April 19, 2012

Business Seminar on Intellectual Property Rights

- Sponsored by Allen & Overy, Microsoft and Philip Morris Slovakia
- Kempinski Hotel River Park, Bratislava

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

AmCham General Assembly 2012

- At this exceptional event, we presented our activities, achievements and major advocacy successes in 2011. Check out the profiles of our newly elected/ re-elected Board members at: <http://www.amcham.sk/about-amcham/amcham-board>

AMCHAM IN THE MEDIA

- On April 2, 2012, Radio Lumen reported on the AmCham expert seminar on 'Poverty Alleviation in Eastern Slovakia,' which took part in Košice. The seminar was organized in cooperation with the Carpathian Foundation, with the support of T-Systems Slovakia, and sponsored by Getrag Ford Transmissions Slovakia, RWE and US Steel Košice.
- On April 3, 2012, Hospodárske noviny featured an article on the current situation with regards to payment discipline, and its impact on companies in Slovakia. Matej Firický of White & Case provided comments on behalf of AmCham Tax Committee.
- As part of its coverage of the World IP Day, TASR conducted interviews with representatives of our member companies (incl. Microsoft and O2) at our Seminar on IP Rights, which took place on April 19, 2012. TA3 also conducted an interview with our main guest from European Commission and invited one of the speakers, Mr. Fedorko of Microsoft as a main guest to their studio.
- Additionally, TASR also published an article based on the AmCham press release on the World IP Day on April 26, 2012.
- On April 27, 2012 SITA published information about AmCham elections of the Board of Directors, specifically

naming all of the newly elected board members as well as the Board members who are still on the Board from last year.

- On April 30, 2012 the Slovak Spectator featured another article in the AmCham column. This time, the topic was tourism, and the article was written by Gerald Haberhauer of Kempinski.

POLICY UPDATES

[Business-Academic Cooperation Committee](#)

- Mentor Network Program Bratislava is taking place on May 17, 2012. Selected students will have the chance to meet various CEOs and discuss issues they are interested in.

2012: Year of Education

- On April 25, 2012 Business – Academic Cooperation Committee met members/experts of 2012: Year of Education initiative in order to discuss the next steps, and follow up from the meeting with the Minister of Education. Members joined working groups – primary, secondary, university level. Our members presented several projects - IHP, Nemaj na Salame, MaxMan Consultants – MaxMan University and Mentor Network Program.
- We are promoting AmCham Member companies that have successful case studies related to business-academic cooperation. Let us know about your projects which are bridging the gap. Please find this section [here](#).

[Employment and Social Affairs Committee](#)

- We have invited the new minister to the Europe 2020 conference, to open the Employment and Growth panel.
- In addition, the Committee is finalizing a position paper with key issues (based on the call to the new government). The position paper should be presented to the new Minister of Labor at a business breakfast. In the meantime, we also hope to present it to the State Secretary, whom we will invite for the Committee meeting in May/ June 2012.

[Energy Committee](#)

- We have invited the new Minister of Economy and the Minister of Environment to the Europe 2020 conference, in order to open the Energy and Climate panel.
- We have also approached the State Secretary of the Ministry of Economy with a request to attend our Energy Committee meeting in May 2012. We are waiting for his response in order to set up a specific date. We are also planning to schedule meetings with the State Secretary of the Ministry of Environment and the chairs/ vice chairs of the Parliamentary Committees for Energy and for Environment.

[EU Affairs Committee](#)

- The Committee has submitted comments to the National Program of Reforms, through the inter-departmental review. The evaluation of the comments can be seen [here](#).
- We hosted a guest speaker from the EU Commission at the Seminar on Intellectual Property Rights, and we also gave the Committee members an opportunity to attend an informal luncheon with him on Thursday, April 19, 2012.
- We have invited Mr. Blaha, the chairman of the EU Affairs Committee at the Parliament to attend our next Committee meeting in May 2012.

Healthcare Committee

- The minutes and presentation from last committee meeting were sent to the members. We have also sent the members a suggestion for cooperation from honorary consul for Slovakia in Kansas City.
- Next session is planned for May 18, but it will depend on Government Priorities to be approved in Parliament at the beginning of May.

Public Procurement Task Force

- We have sent letters to both the Minister of Justice and the Minister of the Interior, congratulating them for being appointed by the President and mentioning our activities in the field of public procurement, including an invitation for a business breakfast.
- We are planning a meeting with three State Secretaries: Finance, Justice and Interior and the members of our Public Procurement Task Force in order to discuss our cooperation with the government on formulating the new Act on Public Procurement. The meeting will take place at the end of May. The Task Force will meet once before to come up with the right strategy for the meeting with the State Secretaries.

Tax Committee

- The Tax Committee meeting took place on April 4, 2012. The committee members agreed on comments on the National Program of Reforms, which were submitted as part of the inter-departmental review. The Committee also agreed to prepare a strategic document with our goals, and to send it to the Minister of Finance with the congratulation letter.
- The Committee is reviewing the position paper, which will serve as a basis for the Business Breakfast with the new Minister of Finance in May/ June 2012.

Tourism Committee

- The AmCham Tourism Committee Meeting took place on April 20, 2012. At the meeting, the Committee elected Chair and Vice Chairs, and evaluated the activities of BTB with our guest, the Executive Director of BTB, Ms. Potocarova. We discussed Tourism Seminar and agreed on the agenda of the next Tourism Committee meetings.
- Mr. Haberhauer of Kempinski was elected as a Chair of the Committee and Ms. Mikulasova, Welba and Mr. Bobovnický, IMP as Vice Chairs.
- The General Assembly of the BTB took place on April 24, 2012, but no conclusions have been reached.



AMCHAM "CONNECTION" MAGAZINE

The March/April issue of *Connection* is out! Check out the articles covering topics of Slovak Elections, FDI, Taxes and Energy.

The May/June issue will feature topics on Healthcare as well as IT & Telecoms. For more information contact our Editorial Team at connection@amcham.sk.

The issue plan for 2012 can be found [here](#).

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