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UPCOMING EVENTS IN BRIEF:

8 November:

Morning meeting with Mikhail Kasyanov.

14 November:

AEB-presentation & Euro drinks at The Embassy.

6 December:

DBC Christmas Party at **The Embassy.**

(details under "News from the DBC Board" below)

Who is who on the Board of DBC

Chairman: Hans-Christian Mordhorst, Maersk

Vice Chairman: Erik Stenfeldt, Individual Member

Board Secretary: Lasse Drustrup, OMIR

Treasurer: Dan Jensen, DI

Board Member: Christian Poul Mortensen, Icopal, editor of the DBC Newsletter.

Alternate Board Member:

Niels Jensen, Arla Foods, **Web Master**
Roman Tsurkan, Dania LAW

Secretary of the DBC: Ekaterina Zvantseva, DI.

NEWS FROM THE DBC BOARD

Dear DBC Member,

I would first like to welcome new board members Christian Mortensen (ICOPAL - new editor of our Newsletter), Niels Jensen (ARLA FOODS - new webmaster), Lasse Drustrup (DI/OMIR - new board secretary) and Roman Tsurkan (DANIA LAW), We have been re-constituted as a board and are thus ready to start planning for 2008 activities. It is still too early to review 2007, but the Board has tried to keep a balance between social, cultural and business activities. However for us to serve you, our members, even better, we need your input. Therefor we would be grateful if you share suggestions for 2008 activities with us through secretariat@dbc-moscow.ru

We are presently looking at making some simplifying changes to the by-laws, which will be communicated as proposals in due time prior to our AGM early 2008. This is done by Roman Tsurkan and Erik Stenfeldt. We are also looking into the role of and value for sponsors - so as mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, we are keen to hear from present and potential future sponsors on how sponsoring DBC could be of additional value. This is coordinated by Niels Jensen and Christian Mortensen.

As some will know, FC Copenhagen are playing UEFA Cup football in Moscow against Lokomotiv Moskva on 29/11. DBC Member and Wonderful Copenhagen Goodwill Ambassador Joergen Bollesen has taken it upon him to try and arrange a gathering so we can all join in on supporting FCK.

Your Board hope for strong participation at the remaining events of 2007 and look forward to your suggestions for how we can make things even better in 2008.

Best regards

Hans-Christian Mordhorst
Chairman DBC Board

NEWS FROM THE ROYAL DANISH EMBASSY

- Visit to Moscow by HRH Prince Joachim 12-16 September

HRH Prince Joachim visited Moscow as the guest of honour at the Kremlovskaya Zorya 14 September. On this occasion the Ambassador invited all Danes in Russia for a reception and the Embassy prepared a program including various cultural and commercial events.



General Manager at H. Lundbeck A/S, Jes T Trygved, informs HRH Prince Joachim about the activities in Russia during the Danish Health Care Exhibition at the Embassy.



HRH Prince Joachim participating at a Christmas tree seminar at the Embassy held by the Association of Danish Christmas Tree Farmers for Russian Christmas tree importers

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- VII Economic Forum in Sochi 20-23 September

The Embassy participated at the economic forum in Sochi to get an overview of the preparations for the Winter Olympics 2014 as well as the opportunities for Danish firms in Krasnodar Region. The commercial department is preparing a report, which may be ordered through evgkho@um.dk.

- Commercial visit to Krasnodar

The Embassy is planning a visit to Krasnodar region in early 2008 for Danish building and construction companies in order to follow up on the contacts established during the economic forum in Sochi. The program will include meetings with decision makers and potential partners, company visits as well as site visits to the Olympic areas. Please contact camjen@um.dk for more information.

- Press Tour to Denmark 12-16 November

The Embassy has organized a trip for journalists from 10 Russian media including ITAR-TASS, Rossijskaya Gazeta, Expert and Gazprom to Denmark for corporate events and seminars on sustainable energy supply as well as environment friendly and CO2 reducing technologies. The goal is to inform the Russian government, business community and population about Danish policies, products and R&D within this sector.

Past Events:

- Visit to Russia Today

The DBC arranged a visit on the 10 of October to the television station Russia Today.

The purpose of the visit was a discussion with the stations political commentator Peter Lavelle. 30 persons participated and it was almost more than there was room for, but is also created a lively and informal atmosphere which is important for a lively debate.

It was important for us that the discussion did not turn into a monolog from Peter Lavelle and it surely did not. A large number of questions including the political future of Russia, the presidential elections, the role of the media in the Russian democracy, western European views on Russia as well as the murders of Politkovskya and Litvinenko were actively discussed.

Whether you agree or disagree with Peter Lavelle, the DBC Board hopes that it was an interesting evening.

Upcoming Events:

8 November

The next DBC-event is a morning meeting with former Prime Minister Mikhail Kasyanov. As Chairman of the public-political movement "Russian Popular-Democratic Union" Mikhail Kasyanov will present his views on the upcoming Duma elections and Russian politics.

Venue: Embassy of Denmark. Time: 10.00

14 November

Two committees of AEB will present their work, results and possible benefits for the members of the Danish Business Club. The two committees are Agriculture and Customs & Transportation. DBC members who are not directly active within these sectors may still benefit from the presentations, as parts of the content are of general nature. Following the presentations, the Ambassador hosts the Scandinavian Euro drinks reception at the residence, which is a good networking opportunity for European Businesses.

Venue: Embassy of Denmark. Time: 18.00

6 December

Having given due consideration to the format and potential number of participants for the annual Christmas Party, the DBC board had agreed with the Ambassador to host it at the Residence. This implies a maximum on the number of participants of 80 persons. As a new element a participation fee will be charged. Any surplus generated from this event will be granted the Embassy Dacha. For those in need, the DBC will issue receipts for participation. Subscription will be on a first come – first serve basis.

Venue: Residence of Embassy of Denmark. Time: 1800

The **new tougher rules regarding business visa**: As you are probably aware, Prime Minister Viktor Zubkov signed a decree on 4 October tightening the rules for business visa. A recent article in The Moscow Times on this issue and possible consequences is attached to this newsletter. Interpretation of the decree and its implications for each of us is an individual issue, for which the DBC cannot assume any responsibility. However, the DBC encourages all members to stay updated on this issue.

The **DBC website** and the DBC newsletter being edited by Niels Jensen of Arla Foods and Christian Poul Mortensen of Icopal are "living organisms" that needs input from its active members. We therefore encourage you all to pay frequent visits to the website and submit any ideas, news, case stories etc. to the two editors.

Thank you note to our sponsors in 2007

The DBC board would like to address a warm thank you to our **Main Sponsor Dania Law Firm**, and our **Supportive Sponsors Handelsbanken, Grundfos, Danfoss, Maersk Line, Arla Foods, and Air Alpha**.

Without your kind contributions, DBC would not be the preferred professional and social forum for Danish business and Danish business people. We sincerely cherish the attitude of our sponsors, whose main priority with regards to sponsoring DBC it is to maintain and develop a business club that balances social activities with more business oriented networking opportunities. The same thanking note goes to all the other sponsors of our individual events throughout the year. We are always happy to count on your support.

Any companies interested in sponsoring the DBC in 2008 may contact the Board.

MEMBERS' BENEFITS:

Don't forget to take advantage of some of the benefits of being a DBC member, including use of the **DBC JOB CENTRE** and **MEMBERS' CORNER** on our website, as well offers from associated trade partners:

- Obtain up to 50 percent discount on corporate purchases of **Royal Copenhagen**. For more information contact Alexander Chelnokov, Royal Copenhagen in Moscow, atc@royalcopenhagen.com.
- Obtain up to 30 percent discount on a variety of insurances from **Rossia Insurance Company**.