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Dear friends,

After the promising start of 2011 and plenty of new activity in the field of Belgo-Bulgarian economic relations, I think it is time to get together to look back and to look forward. The month of June offers two such occasions: **the general assembly on 6 June in the Hilton**, and **a reception for BBL members on 22 June at the embassy residence together with the participants of an AWEX business mission** visiting the country. I am looking forward to seeing you on both events. To conclude, I would like to congratulate Evelina Ivanova from VDG. Our distinguished board member received an award for her merits as a women entrepreneur and takes a place in the already impressive looking list of award-winning members this year.

Marc Michiels



BBL General Assembly 6 June Hilton Sofia

The members of the Belgium Bulgaria Luxemburg Business Club are kindly invited to attend the General Assembly meeting which will take place on 6 June, at 18.30 h in the Mousala II meeting room of the Sofia Hilton hotel. The meeting is the occasion par excellence to have your say on last year's activities and the plans for the future. Please confirm your participation to Iliyana.atanasova@tlg.bg or 0885 500 988.



Joint reception BBL members - AWEX trade mission

The Wallonia Export and Investment Agency is bringing a group of Belgian businesspeople to Romania and Bulgaria. On 22 June they will arrive in Sofia coming from Varna. They are invited to attend a reception at the residence of the Belgian embassy, **and so are all the members of the BBL**. Please confirm your presence at the reception, which will start at 19.30 h., 22 June, ul. Prof Kiril Popov n°33. Pour your information, we repeat the list of participants from last month's newsletter

- Deltrian International, www.deltrian.com Air filtration sector for automotive industry, gaz turbine, clean rooms, BioPharma, HVAC, food processing.
- Ecotechnopole Wallonie, www.etp-w.be. Active in green energy & waste treatment.
- Lebrun Joseph Armurerie, specialized in handmade, individually tailor-made luxury hunting weapons.
- Samtech, www.samtech.com. Engineering software, Computer Aided Engineering for Mechanical and Thermal analysis.
- Broyeurs Soudron Sacre. www.broyeurs-soudron.com . Developing grinding equipment from design to onsite assembly for limestone, phosphate, kaolin, coal, gypsum, dolomite, other minerals.
- AIRWATEC, www.airwatec.com. Active in water filtration and water treatment by ultraviolet.

If you are interested to get more information or to meet with delegates of these companies please contact AWEX office at sofia@awex.bg or call 02 9797435

Vandergeeten receives awards for female entrepreneurship



At a special ceremony in the Sofia Sheraton Hotel, BBL Board member and female entrepreneur Evelina Ivanova received two special awards for her business achievements in the past years. One is the "honorary golden badge" the Confederation of Employers and Industrialists in Bulgaria (CEIBG), the other is a special prize from the Ministry of Economy. Congratulations to Evelina and the people from her company, VDG-AB ! For those of you who forgot why exactly the services rendered by VDB are so important to society: they are the people

responsible for the import and distribution of some of the chocolates, sweets and snacks you can find in all the mayor distribution chains.



Samtech comes to Sliven

The Belgian company SAMTECH from Liege will participate and present a paper at the National Conference on MECHANISMS, MECHANICS OF THE MACHINES, MACHINEBUILDING AND ENERGETIC TECHNOLOGIES 2011 organized in Sliven on June 24 by the Technical University Sofia, Faculty of Engineering and Pedagogy - Sliven

For further details:

http://www.tu-sliven.com/Konferencii/MMT/Pokana_EN_11.pdf



LA WALLONIE.
LA CHALEUR DE VIVRE.

New website for Wallonia Tourism

<http://www.tourismewallonie.be> is the name of the new tourism portal for people wanting to explore the south of Belgium. It contains a wealth of information on excursions, walks and different routes along the sights and sounds of Wallonia. Among the many useful links is one to the "[gîtes de Wallonie](#)", ideal for finding suitable accommodation.



Corstjens Worldwide Movers Group is proud to be part of Belgium moving company Gosselin Group

Corstjens Worldwide Movers Group is the pioneer in providing moving services in Central and Eastern Europe. It started in 1946 in the Netherlands as a small domestic company and developed our international operations in 1982 by opening an office in Belgrade. After that followed branches in Sofia, Bratislava, Moscow, Warsaw, Prague, Budapest, Kiev, Riga and other prominent cities. In 1999 we

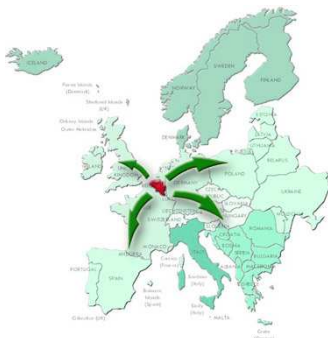
became a member of the Antwerp based Gosselin group, which allows Corstjens to provide services on its own in Europe and Asia. We work for leading multinationals, embassies, government institutions and private individuals, clients who highly value expertise, quality and reliability. We have acquired a wealth of experience executing moves to and from locations around the world.

Belgian exports up by 20 per cent in 2010 *

According to the Institute for National Accounts, Belgian exports in 2010 amounted to €212.3 billion, and imports for the same period for 213.8 billion. This represents an increase of 19.6% and 16.9% respectively compared with the figures for 2009. The balance of trade for the year closed with a deficit of almost €1.5 billion. This is an improvement of around €3.8 billion compared with the balance for 2009. Throughout 2010, export volumes rose by 10.8%, while import volumes increased by 5.7%.

* figures based on the national concept

<http://www.nbb.be/DOC/DQ/N/DQ3/HISTO/ENP1012.PDF>



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CURRENT EXHIBITIONS AND EVENTS – BELGIUM

*** Hungry Eyes**

9 February - 5 June 2011

Antwerp, Photo Museum

<http://www.fotomuseum.be>

*** Joan Miró, the lyrical painter**

24 March – 19 June 2011

Brussels, Espace culturel ING / ING Cultuurcentrum

<http://www.ing.be>

*** Andy Warhol and co ... w**

28 January - 25 September 2011

Stavelot Abbey

<http://www.abbayedestavelot.be>

UPCOMING EVENTS – BELGIUM

*** Jeff Wall. The Crooked Path**

Exhibition, Brussels, Bozar, 27 May - 11 September 2011

*** Hôtel Aubecq. Victor Horta**

Exhibition, Brussels, Royal Museums for Fine Arts of Belgium, 1 July - 9 October 2011