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### About This Publication

Each year we graphically profile one of our key member industry groups within the annual publication. This year's focus is on the health sector. With many top US and Norwegian pharmaceutical companies represented within AmCham's ranks, this was a natural choice.

Ironically, due directly to the Norwegian government's refusal to protect pharmaceutical patents to the extent that they are in other developed nations, research images as shown herein are in danger of becoming less common. Simply put, weak patent protections undermine the ability of research-based companies to develop innovative medicines.

While such a position may make sense for the government's healthcare spending in the short term, the long term affects are far less rewarding – diminished patient access to modern medicines is a rising trend in Norway.

AmCham member companies have already released R&D staff due to decreased sales and diminished future outlooks. Member firms' US-based corporate headquarters have taken note – and allocate less and less R&D funding to their Norwegian arms in favor of destinations with patent protection in line with international norms.

On the political side, US Senator Lugar, US Ambassador Whitney, and numerous other US trade representatives have expressed their concern to leaders of the Ministries of Health, Finance, Foreign Affairs, and Trade & Industry – without receiving any tangible response whatsoever. Rather, those concerned are told to talk to *another Ministry*. Clearly, this "not my problem" posture does not convey concern for the future of pharmaceutical R&D investment in this country.

AmCham Norway is, however, deeply concerned. We will therefore continue to work with members and other pro-business organizations to resolve this issue simply and concisely – just as was done in Finland last year. We are determined to be able to proudly display images of Norway-based pharmaceutical R&D within future publications.

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## Dear American Chamber Members



arlier this year I marked my first anniversary as Ambassador to Norway and as the Honor able Chairman of the American Chamber of Commerce in Norway. The year has taught me many things. Above all, it has strengthened my belief that the United States and Norway share a truly special relationship. Our close bilateral partnership is important not only to our own two nations, but to the entire world. From Sudan to Afghanistan, Somalia to Sri Lanka, from combating corruption to promoting global energy security, our nations are working together to make the world a better place.

The close economic and commercial ties between the United States and Norway exemplify the best in our relationship. Our many years of doing business together have brought about an exchange of people, ideas and values that has formed a vital pillar of our long friendship. Ensuring that our special relationship remains sound will require great effort and care in the 21st century. All of us shoulder a great responsibility to continue working to bring our nations closer together.

Since I first addressed the Chamber at last year's Annual General Meeting, I have had the honor and the pleasure of meeting many Chamber members, both in the Oslo area and in my travels throughout the country. I have heard my Norwegian friends in Stavanger tell about the "crazy Americans" who came years ago, believing there might be oil under the North Sea. I have visited a major U.S. health care investment near Kristiansand that is developing cutting-edge technologies to detect cancer in its early stages. I have shared my enthusiasm for American cars with American Car Club of Norway members at their beautiful headquarters in Trondheim. There are so many more examples. But all these endeavors have in common one thing above all – they demonstrate the great things that Norwegians and Americans can achieve when we work together.

I have gained a deeper appreciation for the Chamber's impressive work over the past year by participating personally in many of its events – the Executive Roundtable on Norway's ethical investing practices, the Offshore Northern Seas Conference "Power Lunch" in Stavanger, and the first annual Venture Capital Symposium during Oslo Innovation Week, to name just a few. It was also my great pleasure to host Chamber members at my residence last September, and I look forward to doing so again later this year.

In the coming year I intend to work closely with the Chamber on a number of important initiatives, including increasing educational exchanges between the United States and Norway. I know that many of you have studied or undergone training in the United States yourselves, and that many Chamber members sponsor educational and training programs there for their employees. I greatly appreciate your efforts and I encourage you to do more. It is vital that our two nations increase the level of educational exchanges if we are to maintain the strong ties that have traditionally bound us.

Once again, I congratulate the Chamber for another successful year, and I look forward to working with all of you to ensure even greater success in 2007.

Sincerely,

Benson K. Whitney
US AMBASSADOR

# AmCham's Success Story: your contributions = greater benefits



#### **Dear Fellow Members:**

2006 represented my 10th year on the Board of AmCham Norway. Meanwhile, I've never been more proud to play an active role within this organization and to boast of the success we've enjoyed to date. Jason Turflinger, our Managing Director since 2003, has translated his enthusiasm and commitment to AmCham into tangible results for the organization by generating three straight years of profitable growth. At the end of 2006, we had 136 members and we expect this number to reach 150+ by the end of 2007. Each one of us has a great chance to capitalize on this success by both contributing to and benefiting from an AmCham that continues to grow in size and prestige.

For example, all members continue to have the opportunity to participate in the Chamber's industry focused committees, such as Pharmaceutical, IT and Security. Participation in these committees provides you with the opportunity to steer the direction of future Chamber events and policy initiatives.

In terms of our relationship with the US embassy, our newly arrived Ambassador, Benson K. Whitney, was our keynote speaker and guest at the Chamber's annual meeting in 2006. Since then, we haven't wasted any time in building a closer relationship between the US Embassy and the Chamber, especially on certain joint initiatives. There were a number of events held in Oslo and Stavanger over the past year where we've cooperated together. The topics covered energy, corporate security and the Norwegian pension fund.

Our biggest joint effort took place in mid-October during Oslo Innovation Week thanks to cooperation with the City of Oslo and member firm Nordic American.

On the first day, during the Venture Capital Symposium, we were fortunate to hear from Ambassador Whitney, an experienced business leader, on 'international innovation and commerce through investment'. In addition, I was honored to represent AmCham by participating on a panel discussion with several other professional experts and Norwegian government officials to examine "how can we stimulate innovation and entrepreneurship in Norway".

On the second day of this event, fourteen Norwegian start-ups had the opportunity to pitch their business ideas to seven visiting US venture capitalists. Considering that our long-term goals at AmCham include supporting new business and contributing to the business policy debate in Norway, you can see we've taken some tangible steps in the right direction.

As the Chamber continues to evolve we'd also like see member participation progress at an even higher rate. More specifically, every member should not only have active Chamber contacts but also at least one person who has as a part of his or her job description the responsibility of seeking to fully exploit the possibilities of Chamber membership. We expect to see more success stories by our members who should be making key business contacts thanks to active participation in Chamber related committees and events.

All of us are ambassadors of our respective companies and countries of origin. AmCham will continue to serve as a platform for you to develop and expand trans-Atlantic business ties whenever possible. Thanks to valuing your active support over the years and to building on our success to date, our newly elected Chairman, Dr. Trond Unneland of Chevron Norge, is empowered to lead AmCham Norway to the next level.

André Demarest

## Board of Directors



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# AmCham Norway Momentum > Action > Results



As has been the case for the past four years, your Chamber continues to grow and prosper. Membership has more than doubled and there is no end to the trend in sight. Events in 2006 were numerous and well-attended. Highlights included

- incoming US Ambassador Whitney's introductory events in both Stavanger & Oslo
- a visiting bi-partisan US Congressional delegation event hosted at Telenor
- our Power Luncheon with George J. Mitchell, Chairman of both DLA Piper & Disney, and no less than seven well-respected US
   Venture Capital industry professionals presenting for two days at both Oslo City Hall and Nydalen.

2006 was also a year of legislative engagement foundation for AmCham Norway. Improved working relationships with key policy decision makers on behalf of member companies has been augmented with improved cooperation with other business advocacy groups.

More and more members are realizing that AmCham is uniquely positioned to convey views on behalf of members or groups of members. My responsibility going forward is to ensure that AmCham is optimally equipped to carry out this increasingly important role on behalf of our growing membership base.

Some of the issues we are monitoring and/or acting upon on behalf of members include:

- Automobile taxation fair practices
- Business security & information sharing
- Business tax incentives / deductions
- Education fair practices (student exchange & international primary school support)
- Ethical investment fair practices
- Food production subsidies & tariffs
- Foreign investment advocacy

- Intellectual Property Rights (Pharmaceutical & IT industry policy, regulation, & enforcement)
- Labor fair practices (work visas & management rights)
- Military procurement fair practices
- US Norway tax treaty (development & modification)
- US taxation policy of US citizens abroad
- US wine fair practices

Members will observe that many future events will directly tie-in to these engagement areas. If you or your colleagues have an interest in collaborating and contributing on any of these issues, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With the Norwegian economy witnessing continued exceptional natural resource-fueled growth, and the US economy holding steady, now is the time to implement changes that will encourage increased mutual US-Norway trade and investment. Obstacles on both sides of the Atlantic should be dealt with swiftly so that future business investment is not needlessly directed to alternate international destinations.

A steadily increasing trend in US-Norway business investment can no longer be taken for granted. Especially related to lacking Pharmaceutical Industry IPR, outdated food-stuff tariffs, and foreign investor rights, Norway and the US are not currently best-in-class. Although weaknesses can be boiled down to a handful of key issues, the broader perception held by potential investors is perhaps even more damaging.

Therefore, your Chamber will continue to promote and develop Norwegian-American business relations – but now in a more proactive, fundamental way. It is the next logical step for our evolving organization. I, along with our newly elected board and Chairman, look forward to working with you to secure future successes!

Sincerely,

Jason Zurflinger MANAGING DIRECTOR

### Who We Are



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# What We Do

AmCham Norway works to serve its members to further the development of trade and commerce between the United States and Norway by acting as a collective voice for Norwegian-American business.

#### AmCham Norway strives to:

- Encourage Norwegian-American business relations
- Promote the mutual interest of its members
- Provide social, business and policy forums for its members
- Strengthen Norwegian-American bonds by providing necessary information about these markets
- Facilitate networking opportunities between American and Norwegian business leaders
- Act as a host to the international business community to enhance professional development
- Participate in AmCham programs and receive information on protecting your business from unfavourable governmental regulations
- Assist in utilizing US Embassy channels with direct access to the American Government
- Produce and provide useful publications such as newsletters and an annual membership directory

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## AmCham Norway

# Committees

AmCham Norway's Committees are the main instruments used to develop and deliver members' opinions to the Norwegian and American governments. Active participation by all Corporate Members in the Committees is encouraged. Without your support, AmCham Norway cannot be an effective voice on the policy issues that matter to you.

Each Committee is composed of a small steering group and a larger corresponding group. All Corporate Members are welcome to become corresponding members. Through AmCham's network, corresponding members receive e-mail updates on Committee activities, position papers, and meetings with decision makers. Furthermore, corresponding members are expected to be active, delivering their input on the issues that matter most to them.

Typically, each full Committee convenes twice a year. You can apply to be added to an electronic mailing list in order to provide a fast and efficient information exchange system between meetings. The steering group manages interim activities.

#### AmCham Norway committees:

Executive

Energy

Pharmaceutical

Overseas Secruity Advisory Council (OSAC)

IT

Program & Events

Membership

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### **Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee, composed of Chamber Board members, actively participates in the management of the Chamber. The group meets at least five times per year and consists of the Chamber's Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, US Embassy Liaison and up to four other Board members. Executive Committee members are appointed for one-year terms at the Annual General Meeting. Members of the Executive Committee represent Chamber member companies such as Fast Search & Transfer, Ræder Advokatfirma and Manpower.



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# Brand America



Fredrik Norman is a corporate advisor on public relations and public affairs. He is the founder of The Norwegian Friends of America (Venner av Amerika).

Founding the Norwegian Friends of America – Venner av Amerika – has been an interesting experience. From the very beginning, the mission of our small organization has been to strengthen the cultural, political and military cooperation between Norway and the United States.

In almost fifty radio broadcasts, a number of newspaper articles and more than a dozen television appearances since 2003, we have tried to contribute to achieving this goal by providing an alternative voice in the Norwegian public debate with a more positive perspective on the United States.

Addressing the distinguished members of the American Chamber of Commerce in Norway is clearly different from participating in debates in the Norwegian news media. The members of this fine organization are all, naturally, friends of America.

Repeating the many virtues of the United States in this context would be preaching to the choir, for lack of a better term. Instead, in such a forum of friends, it can be more productive to go the opposite route -- namely to challenge the readers by examining some of the troubles which the United States currently faces in the world. Specifically looking at the state of Brand America or at recent developments in the public perception of the United States abroad.

Fundamentally, the state of American business is strong. With regards to the U.S. economy, it is still by far the world's largest, and it is also growing at a more rapid pace than many of the economies of other major industrialized countries.

However, the public perception of the United States abroad may be changing. Indeed, according to Matthew Moneyhon of the Princeton Project on National Security, the United States has a serious image problem.

To be sure, the U.S. is still recognized as a leading place to do business and a top tourist destination. But an increasing number of polls show that American governance, cultural heritage and people are no longer as widely respected or admired.

In a 2006 survey by the Pew Research Center, America's reputation abroad continued its decline. This year, America's global image has even weakened among close U.S. allies like Japan, after showing some signs of stabilizing a year ago, in 2005.

When asked to evaluate their feelings of warmth toward the United States on a 100-point thermometer scale, European ratings declined from 64 degrees in 2002 to 51 in 2006, according to Transatlantic Trends, a public opinion survey undertaken annually by the German Marshall Fund of the United States.

In a survey by market researchers NOP World, honesty is ranked among the personal values the respondents consider least important to the American culture, together with faith and equality. At the same time, these were the top personal values ranked by respondents as extremely/very important in their own lives.

Among the most notable declines in this poll from 1999 to 2004, in terms of values associated with Brand America, are internationalism and altruistic values such as equality, social tolerance, open-mindedness and preserving the environment.

Some experts now fear that the troubles of Brand America may be spilling over to American brands. In 2001, 61 of Business Week and Interbrand's 100 Best Global Brands were American. This year, in 2006, only 51 on the same list of the 100 Best Global Brands were American. On average, this means that the U.S. has been losing two Best Global Brands every year.

In particular, the decline of Brand America is worrying for brands traditionally associated with selling the American Dream. For many top U.S. firms, this has been a core competency as long as America has been the world's most powerful brand.

Consumers have sought to associate themselves with the ambitious American lifestyle, and cultural icons such as Coca-Cola, Disney, Marlboro and McDonald's have been able to offer a price premium over local products. If Brand America's reputation now slips, so may the value of American brands.

In fact, according to the 2006 Edelman Trust Barometer, opinion leaders now apply a significant "trust discount" for major U.S. brands operating in Europe. In the UK and Germany, American companies currently receive only the level of trust otherwise exhibited towards companies from South Korea, China and India.

What is causing this shift in global opinion?

Some would argue that the people of the world still like Americans, but they have steadily declining respect for American policies. However, laying the blame on controversial U.S. policies alone may be counterproductive. While some resentment of America certainly results from the misunderstanding of, or disagreement with U.S. foreign policy, there are other important reasons as well.

Professor John A. Quelch at Harvard Business School points out that long before the Iraq conflict, "the triumphal tone of America's global march set off a backlash. Brands such as McDonald's, Starbucks and the Gap have become targets for protesters in many parts of the world".

Only for a third of the world's people is American foreign policy the most significant factor in their low opinion of the U.S. For the remaining two thirds, clearly, other factors weigh heavier.

According to research by Dr. Quelch together with professors Douglas Holt and Earl Taylor published in the Harvard Business Review, local brands show what we are, while global brands show what we want to be.

Today some argue that Brand America no longer represents what all international consumers "want to be". America has lost some of its "cool".

Simon Anholt, the British Government's advisor on Public Diplomacy, argues that America, like all market leaders, is simply facing the consequences of having fulfilled most of its ambitions:

"Its dominant market position is described as a monopoly; every action it takes in order to protect its commercial interests creates shrieks of protest; its (usually wellintentioned and occasionally bungled) attempts to live up to its responsibilities as sole superpower and maintain a bit of order around the planet are called empire building; its confidence is called arrogance; its good acts described as hypocritical; and when it really does do something bad or wrong, all hell breaks loose."

As market leader, America is also the object of higher expectations. Consumers don't demand that local companies tackle global warming, but they expect multinational giants to do so. Similarly, people may turn a blind eye when local companies take advantage of employees, but they won't stand for transnational players like Nike and Polo adopting similar practices.

Mr. Anholt concludes that, nevertheless, America has a market out there--hundreds of millions of people who have grown up with strong feelings for America, the land of opportunity, the land of the free, the home of the brave. In his words, "the world wants Brand America back."

It is crucial for friends of America and American business to reverse this trend. Certainly, policy and the U.S. government have a role to play in this matter. However, U.S. companies and their foundations also need to invest, because it is essential to their long term growth.

Joseph Nye, Dean of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University concludes: "American companies and their brands directly touch the lives of far more people than government representatives do. Business must engage."

## Business Leadership in Norway



Kimberly Lei is the General Manager of Eli Lilly Norge.

Scandinavia is among Europe's leaders, in regard to the percentage of women in the workforce. However, when examining the number of decision-making roles held by women in business sectors, Norway falls well behind the US. Eli Lilly's General Manager in Norway, Kimberly Lei is one of the small number of women serving as Managing Director of sizable firms in Norway. What sets Kimberly apart from other leaders?

With nearly 10 years of management experience across marketing, sales, engineering and manufacturing, Kimberly's fast-rising career progress landed her in the role of Managing Director at only 32 years of age. Kimberly grew up in a small town in Illinois just outside of Chicago. She attended the University of Illinois, where she achieved highest honours in Industrial Engineering and then, after some work experience, continued on to get her MBA from Harvard Business School. Kimberly spent the first five years of her career in the United States and has worked for the last 7 years in Europe. Her broad background of cross-functional and

cross-cultural experiences in the US and Europe, Kimberly believes, have helped set her up for success in Scandinavia.

Kimberly learned many lessons during the course of her career in the US and Europe, many of which she has found applicable in Scandinavia. One interesting example she gives is how differences in competitiveness and willingness to self-promote between cultures impact the way people are viewed. She describes the US as a "blue-ribbon" culture where blatant competition and winning is hard-wired into business life. She found the UK culture, by contrast, to encourage a more

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modest form of competition and strong dose of understatement in how folks communicated positive things about themselves. Stepping into Norway, where she first experienced "Jante Loven", she found a stark difference in people's willingness and comfort level in standing out in a crowd. It turns out that these differences have a major impact in human resources, in areas like recruiting and career development, where assessing someone's potential is central. One of Kimberly's key attributes, and one that has furthered her success in each culture she has integrated into, is her ability to adapt quickly to and accept differences in cultures.

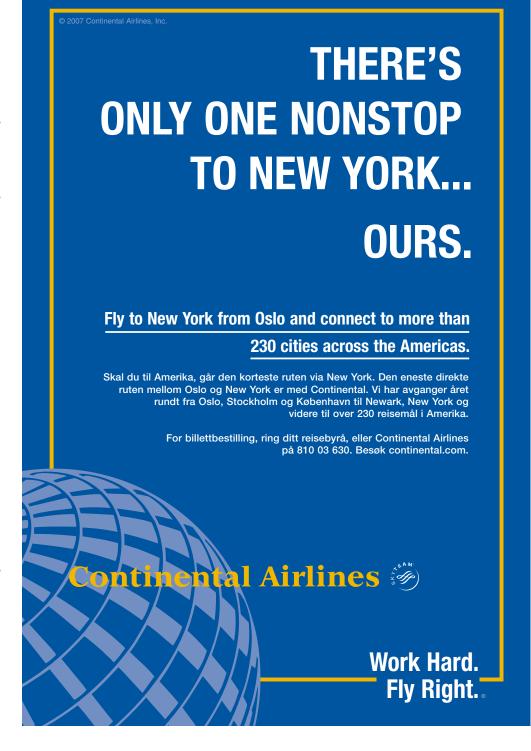
Before coming to Norway, Kimberly's perception was that all of Scandinavia, Norway included, enjoyed relatively

equal numbers of female and male managing directors. As she assumed her position leading the Norwegian operations for the world's 10th largest pharmaceutical company, Eli Lilly, she was shocked to learn walk into her first industry association meeting and find less than 5 of around 50 firms to have women leaders at the top. This discovery emphasizes that while women are in a relatively high proportion of top posts in the public sector in Norway, far fewer women today occupy top positions in the business sectors.

A study by the Center for Corporate Diversity in Norway recently reported top leadership, within Norway's 100 largest companies is made up of just 14% women. And of these 100 companies, 52 do not have a single woman on their leadership team. According to the International Labor Organization, women are found in 45% of high-level, decision making positions in the US. Why then is there such a significant difference in the numbers, especially when Norway holds the perception of being the very model of global gender equality?

Kimberly points out that Norway is well ahead of most European countries and has shown an impressive willingness to take bold actions to re-dress the imbalance of gender in leadership roles. To illustrate, she highlights the recent madate by the government that requires that women hold at least 40% of all positions on corporate boards.

Kimberly's view on this is as follows, "Clearly, there is much progress yet to be made before women are able to participate fully in leading businesses in Norway. While setting targets such as the 40% rule is always controversial, I welcome the action as a fascinating and important experiment that might just drive the balance of the genders forward by leaps and bounds, and be of great benefit to businesses."



# 2006 Events

#### January

5<sup>th</sup> Business After Hours

Ms. Susan Bekkmo and Ms. Kathrine Johnston from The Performance Group spoke about the importance for managers to understand cross-cultural diversity

within their firms. In cooperation with The Performance Group.



#### February

2<sup>nd</sup> Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC)

Mr. Leslie Edwards, the UK & Middle East team leader for Clayton Consultants discussed kidnap-for-ransom and protection of top managers of firms located in vulnerable regions.

Sponsored by 3M Norge.

8th Executive Round Table

Ms. Annika Groven of Amundsen led a discussion examining the challenges that US wines face in the Norwegian market and strategies to increase the 1,5 % marketshare were proposed. Amundsen kindly provided samples of US wines for the round table participants.

Sponsored by Amundsen.



16th Power Luncheon

Ms. Grete Faremo of Microsoft, Mr. Egil Ofstad of Ericsson and Mr. Jørgen Smith of the Norwegian Patent Office addressed the discrepancy between consumers, local courts and the business community in regards to how much protection innovators should be granted.

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#### March

13<sup>th</sup> Business Cocktail Reception US ambassador Benson K. Whitney addressed key players and decision makers in Stavanger on his first trip to the region for this reception. Sponsored by ExxonMobil Norge.

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#### April

5<sup>th</sup> Business After Hours

Handling the media in a correct manner that will benefit your company is an important feature for successful companies. Mr. Jon Sæverud Haddal gave an interesting presentation, were he covered the most crucial threats and opportunities for members and their companies.

Sponsored by Talk.



#### Mau

13<sup>th</sup> Holmenkollenstaffetten AmCham members and staff joined together in competitive spirit to run from Oslo, up to Holmenkollen, to finishing triumphantly in Bislett Stadium. After the race team members and friends relaxed pool-side at the Grand

Hotel's top floor pool and bar. Sponsored by Hard Rock Café.



#### June

8th Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC)

Mr. Skjalg Kallestad, Safetly Advisor for ExxonMobil and Mr. Colin Sullivan, Regional Security Advisor for the US Embassy discussed companies ability to adapt to agile conditions and to normalize operations once an emergency has passed.

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17<sup>th</sup> Patron Luncheon

Ask Mr. Cruise hosted a special patron member event showcasing the Costa Magica cruiseliner. Members enjoyed a tour of the vessel as well as a wonderful 3 course lunch aboard the ship.

Sponsored by Costa Cruise Lines.



22<sup>nd</sup> Patron Fjord Tour

Special guests and patron members enjoyed a rainy summer afternoon aboard a RIB (Rigid Inflatable Boat) touring 3 Oslo area watering-holes. This three hour tour made stops at Hvalstrand, Oscarsborg, Lille Herbern at Bygdøy.

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#### August

17th 6th Annual Sødertrøm Cup

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21st Power Luncheon

Mr. Gunnar Berge from the Norwegian Petroleum Directorate and Mr. Stephan D. Wherry of Marathon Petroleum Norge discussed the rewards and the challenges for the oil service companies.

Sponsored by Marathon Petroleum Norge.



25<sup>th</sup> Power Luncheon

US representative, Joe. L Barton together with Mr. Stig Eide Sivertsen and Mr. Ric Brown from Telenor and Telenor Nordic respectively conducted discussions with government officials, and company representatives regarding telecommunications issues.

Sponsored by Telenor.



#### October

4th Power Luncheon

Former Senator George J. Mitchell, partner and chairman of DLA Pipers global board shared his perspective of global challenges in the 21st century within business.

Sponsored DLA Piper.



16 – 17<sup>th</sup> Venture Capital Conference The Venture Capital Symposium, apart of the broader Oslo Innovation Week, focused on investments, international innovation and venture capital. Special guest speakers from the US VC industry shared information and know-how about prospects, trends and key issues in the VC environment. Sponsored by DLA Piper, Continental Airlines, Clarion Hotel, Glitnir, and Trigcom.



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#### November

2<sup>nd</sup> Business After Hours

Mr. Arne Peder Blix, the CEO of Norse Solutions shared his insight on Employee Compensation in Norway, EU and the US. The presentation focused on how companies can recruit and retain competent personnel as well as emphasized which equity - based payment instruments proved to be most efficient.

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11th Marine Ball

AmCham special guests attended the US Marine Corps 231st annual birthday ball at Cannon Hall, Akershus Festning, Oslo.

23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Members, business colleagues, Norwegian and American government representatives and friends were welcomed for an authentic American Thanksgiving Dinner at the Grand Hotel. For the first time, CARE Norway was chosen as the AmCham charity partner.

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28th Executive Roundtable

Senior Wal – Mart representatives met with Norwegian government officials about the companies exclusion from the national pension fund in June. Participants benefited from the possibility of open exchange of ideas and information.

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#### December

1st Power Luncheon

Dr. Jostein Mykletun, Deputy Director General of the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs held a presentation in Stavanger regarding region-to-region and institution-to-institution relationships, and how these can be shaped for optimum commercial success on both sides of the Atlantic. Mr. Ole Melberg of Energ Ventures, Mr. Steinar Olsen of MI Norge and Mr. Pål M. Reed of Hitec Vision Private Equity partook in a panel discussion after the presentation.

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#### **OSAC Event Disects** Kidnapping-for-Ransom

February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006 Date: 3M Norge Headquarters, Venue:

Skjetten

The first Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC) meeting of the year took place on February 2nd at 3M Norge's headquarters just outside of Oslo. Although the presentation was entitled "CEO Security," the keynote speaker, Christopher Schramm (Security Advisor, Clayton Consultants), was quick to point out that every member of an international company is a potential target for kidnapping, and security measures should be thought out for CEO's as well as all lower level employees.

Mr. Schramm noted that there are 1,000 to 1,500 reported cases of kidnapping per year throughout the world, with up to 15,000 unreported incidents. Of the reported cases, 68% end in payment and release of the prisoner, 13% released without payment, 9% are rescued, 7% are killed, and 3% escape. Mr. Schramm stressed that businesses should have a security plan

in effect which covers extortion and the unfortunate possibility of a kidnappingfor-ransom event.

Mr. Sven Christian Apenes (KRE Manager, AIG Europe - Norway) noted that kidnappings are dispersed between the various business sectors: 30% Financial, 24% Oil & Energy, 20% Agricultural & Foods, 15% Manufacturing, 11% Entertainment. Mr. Apenes also presented AIG's role and responsibilities for insuring kidnapping events for international businesses.

The meeting also included a panel discussion featuring both keynote speakers and Mr. Colin Sullivan (Regional Security Officer, US Embassy). One of the main concerns of the audience was the level of risk for kidnapping in Scandinavia. Mr. Schramm answered that question by stating that Scandinavia is a "low risk" region with only 1-2 cases per year.

Another concern from the audience was the post-event interest in actually catching the kidnappers. Mr. Schramm stated that "there is a [kidnapping] industry...you know who you're dealing with...many get away with it."

An audience member also asked if he should discourage his employees from





traveling to "hot-spot" areas. Mr. Sullivan answered that as an alternative to providing travel advice, one should direct employees to www.travel.state.gov, a website that gives excellent information about travel warnings to countries throughout the world.

AmCham Norway's Jason Turflinger gave special thanks to event partner AIG Europe and hosts 3M Norge.



#### Roundtable Discussion: American Wine Sales in Norway

Date: February 8th, 2006

Venue: AmCham Norway office, Oslo



US wine sales in Norway account for only 1.5% of total sales. The years first AmCham roundtable discussion attempted to dissect the factors behind this stunningly low figure. Annika Groven (Sales Consultant, Amundsen) presented the issue and relevant figures, as Jason Turflinger (Managing Director, AmCham Norway) moderated the discussion. Also in attendance were members of the American Embassy, Food Services Industry, as well as the Public Relations and the Independent Press.

The group brainstormed various reasons behind the poor performance of US wines in Norway, this discussion revolved around the main idea that American wines are simply forgotten as a valid choice when making a wine purchase. This low awareness can be attributed to a lack of media coverage of American wines, as well as the difficulties that American wineries and distributors are confronted with in regards to marketing the product in Norway. A member of the roundtable commented that throughout the world "a lot is going on behind the scenes...to make various wines exciting", the group concluded that not enough is going on behind the scenes in Norway, and this fact must be reversed in order to increase American wine popularity in Norway.

As the traditional French, Italian, and Spanish wines are on the decrease in Norway and making way to new exotic countries, this gives American wines a great opportunity to step forward and demonstrate the great quality that the US has to offer, thus clinching a critical opening niche in the market share. The American Chamber of Commerce in Norway has an established role, and is also in a unique position in





that it can directly assist the American wine companies in achieving this goal. AmCham confirmed its commitment to this goal during the roundtable meeting by taking on special responsibility for this issue over the coming year.

#### Power Lunch – Intellectual Property Rights

Date: February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Venue: Grand Hotel, Oslo

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This power luncheon topic is of the utmost importance because currently there are no bans on pirated goods for sale in Norway. Norway is being used as a gateway to third party countries in the EU.

When it comes to IPR awareness and copyrights, the internet has provided a new and extremely efficient channel for piracy. In the media we have heard of this issue related to music and movies, but it is a major concern for all areas of business and products.

Our first guest speaker, Grete Faremo of Microsoft gave us an overview of Norway's



strong and growing economy. She also described Norway's economy as open, considering Norway has large tendencies to buy and sell abroad.

She then moved onto the topic of patents. Norwegian patents are in the stage of taking off. Currently Norway is at the bottom of the list when it comes to the number of patents filled, per year, in the Nordics. But Norway is quickly gaining on the competition.

In regard to the value of IPR, companies have always cooperated, but business should really partner for future benefits. Proper systems need to be put into place. There needs to be a patent system up and running on a global basis. To achieve this goal, there needs to be a solution that will benefit small, medium and large companies alike.

Egil Ofstad of Ericsson, with the Patent Unit Branch, put emphasis on motivation. That it is key to motivate people in your own company to come up with ideas and that there needs to be a focus on the promotion of innovation. He also outlined strategies such as firms buying technology from others or even cross-licensing. These methods are quite commonly cheaper than inventing the technology yourself.

We would like to thank all of our guest speakers and the participants in the panel discussion.

#### The 6th Annual Søderstrøm Cup

August 17th, 2006 Date: Venue: Miklagard Golf Course,

Kløfta















At this year's AmCham golf tournament sixteen teams of various levels of skill competed fiercely for the first place Søderstrøm trophy and a trip to New York, courtesy of Continental Airlines. AIG was the victorious team, consisting of teammates Steinar Kleven, James Paddon, Lars Gaute Østebø and Morten Jacobsen. They encountered tight competition from Clear Channel in second place, Coca-Cola Drikker in third, Chrysler/Sun Microsystems in forth and UPS-SCS in fifth.

The closest to the pin prizes were awarded to Douglas Apostol from the American Embassy and Siri Nedrebø of Clear Channel both receiving dinners for two courtesy of the Hard Rock Café Oslo. The longest drive was an impressive 290 meters by Marius Juul Møller from DLA Nordic and Ingunn Stenbro of UPS-SCS won the women's side.

In addition to some great golfing on the charming Miklagard golf course, members had a chance to enjoy a Segway test-run and take a peek at some new Chrysler vehicles on the course and at the clubhouse.

Despite a short surge of rain, the members emerged at the end of the day with smiles to the traditional BBQ dinner and awards ceremony. Six additional wonderful prizes ranging from weekend-stays for two at Clarion Royal Christiania Hotel and weekend rentals from Avis to gift cards at the Miklagard Proshop and Linje Aquavit rounded out the tournament's end.





AmCham Norway would like to thank our sponsors, UPS SCS, Chevron, Chrysler, Clear Channel, Coca-Cola, Continental, Fast Search and Transfer and Manpower, whose generous support made the tournament possible.

#### Oslo Venture Capital Symposium

October 16th-17th, 2006 Date: Venue: Oslo City Hall, Oslo

Gathered at Oslo City Hall, the Venture Capital Symposium brought together professional venture capitalists from both the US and Norway to share know-how and best-practices with an audience of Norwegian policy makers and local business leaders.

The Symposium was administered by Am-Cham, City of Oslo, Nordic American, the US International Trade Administration, and Venture Lab as a part of the broader Oslo Innovation Week, which accommodated more than 2,000 participants over several days of conferences throughout the Oslo region. The Symposium was made possible by AmCham member sponsors Clarion Hotel Royal Christiania, Continental Airlines, DLA Piper, Glitnir, and Trigcom.

Participants covered several key issues during

the symposium - with special emphasis on the international venture capital outlook, US vs. European trends, successful international investment strategies, innovation and entrepreneurship.

Newly designated Minister of Trade & Industry, Mr. Odd Eriksen, used the opportunity at the onset of the event to announce a new initiative by his Ministry to produce an innovation whitepaper. This underscored the innovation focus that prevailed for the reminder of the symposium.

State Secretary Frode Berge's subsequent testimony that "Norway has a fundamental structural problem in that it's far more rewarding for people to invest in their houses than to invest in [corporate] shares" underscored the need for increased shareholder incentives as a means for increased corporate innovation. With reference to innovation spawned from educational institution / private sector partnerships, US venture capitalist Mr. Jack Biddle stated that "managers of many US universities believe that there is a lot of money to be made if they go into business" for themselves. According to Biddle, "it just doesn't work that way. By trying to contractually make the university rich, they end up with 100% of nothing. MIT & Stanford, however, actually encourage their professors to leave – with no strings attached. The presumption is that, as a professor gets rich, he'll give money back to the school - but he doesn't have to. Therefore, the institutions that ask for nothing get a lot. The institutions that ask for a lot get nothing."

During his commentary, AmCham's Chairman Mr. André Demarest challenged the Norwegian government to give the private sector more tax incentives to take risk.

Finally, and perhaps most profoundly, Ms. Lesa Mitchell of the US-based Kaufmann Foundation stated that "entrepreneurial concepts start early. When kids don't see scientists and engineers as the rock stars within their world, they will not gravitate toward those fields."











#### Thanksgiving Charity Dinner

November 23rd, 2006 Date: Grand Hotel, Oslo Venue:



ExonMobil.

The annual Thanksgiving dinner, cosponsored by ExxonMobil, Icelandair and Glitnir, was in keeping with American holiday traditions. Members came together to share an evening with authentic roasted turkey, stuffing and homemade pumpkin pie served with California wines. The evenings keynote speakers were Mr. Gunnar Andersen, Secretary General of CARE Norway and Mr. Jostein Mykletun from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In the true spirit of the Thanksgiving holiday, AmCham's Executive Committee proudly selected CARE Norge as 2006's AmCham Thanksgiving Dinner charity partner. CARE is a leading humanitarian organization fighting global poverty with special emphasis on working with poor women.

Thanks to prize donations, including two business class tickets to the US courtesy of Icelandair, a limited edition Motorola Dolce & Gabbana Razor mobile telephone, and weekend stays for two at both the Radisson SAS Scandinavia and the Rica Grand Hotel, proceeds of over 30,000 nok from the event went to this praiseworthy organization.







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www.manpower.no and www.manpower.com

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www.marathon.com

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www.mossww.com

#### MSD Norway



MSD originated in Darmstadt Germany at the end of 1600s. MSD merged with Powers-Weightman-Rosengarten

and Sharp & Dohme, something that led to growth and a position as one of the largest pharmaceutical companies in the world. MSD Norway was established in 1970 and holds 140 employees in its branch in Drammen, the administration headquarters in Scandinavia.

www.msd.no

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www.nordic-american.com

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www.hydro.com

#### Pfizer Norway



#### Partner for bedre helse

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www.pfizer.com and www.pfizer.no

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www.pwc.com

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www.sas.com

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www.unisys.no

#### **UPS Norway**



UPS is a provider of specialized transportation, logistics, capital, and e-commerce services. The company was founded in 1907 as a messenger company, and is now a \$42.6 billion company. The headquarters for UPS are located in Atlanta, GA,

but UPS operates in approximately 200 countries. UPS employs 407,200 worldwide, whereas 58,800 are international employees.

www.ups.com

#### Wyeth

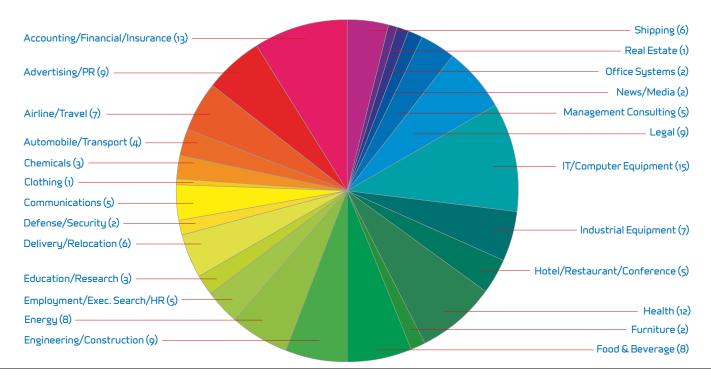


Wyeth is one of the world's largest pharmaceutical companies. It has offices all over the world, and

employs more than 50,000 people with a presence in 145 countries. Wyeth's headquarters is located in Madison, New Jersey (USA). Wyeth's product areas include vaccines, biopharmaceuticals, and nutritional products, and Wyeth has an active research and development department. In Norway, Wyeth has 43 employees in its Oslo office.

www.wyeth.com and www.wyeth.no

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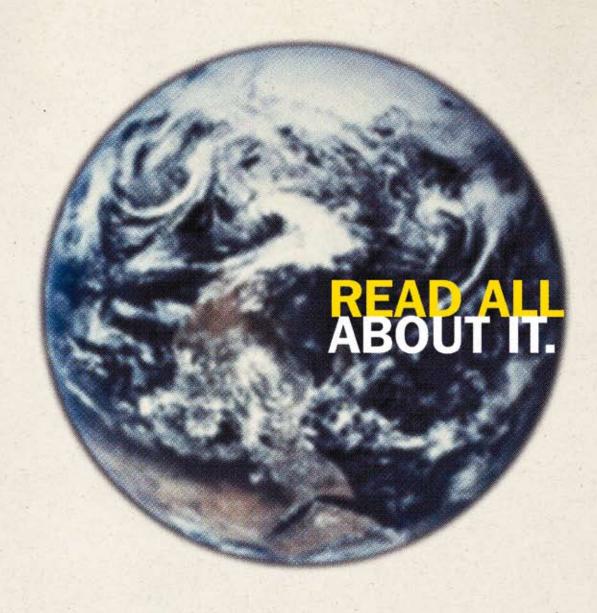
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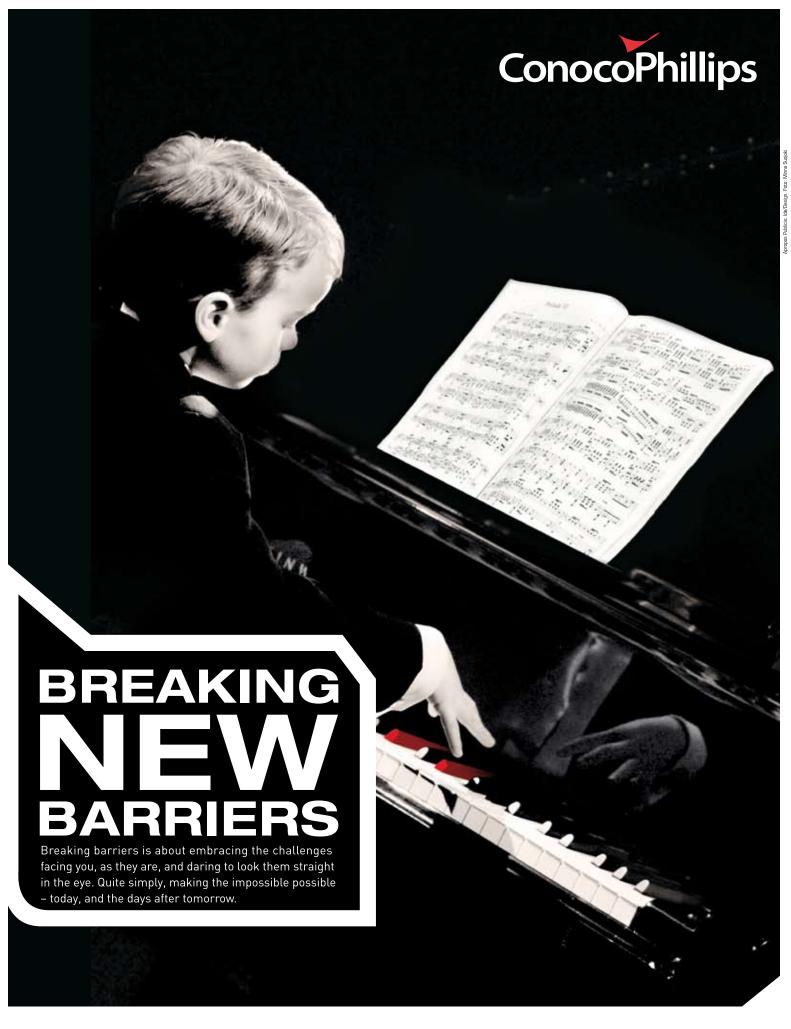
# Where is the Membership Directory?

AmCham Norway has shifted its focus from a large yearbook and membership directory to a more functional and up-to-date guide.

#### Key upgrades include:

- Replacement of the printed "Membership Guide" section with an online, regularly updated .pdf version accessible to members via a hidden area of the AmCham website
- Increased printing and distribution throughout Norway, the US and Europe due to smaller size
- Strengthening of publication as a marketing and information resource toward Norwegian political bodies, other business representation organizations, and Norwegian / US corporate managers

AmCham members have received an e-mail with details on how to access the online Membership Guide. If you are an AmCham member and need this information please contact us at amcham@amcham.no.



ConocoPhillips is an international integrated energy company with activities in more than 40 countries. The headquarters is located in Houston, Texas, USA. The company has coordinated its operations in Norway and the UK, and the North Sea activities are led from the company's European headquarters in Tananger, outside of Stavanger. ConocoPhillips is the largest foreign operator on the Norwegian Continental Shelf. The company is the operator of the Greater Ekofisk Area, and has attractive ownership stakes in fields including Heidrun, Troll, Statfjord, Visund, Oseberg, Alvheim and Grane. The company also has downstream activities in Norway under the JET trademark.