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John F. Welch COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Conference cycle

***“Luxembourg: where we came from;
where we are;
where lies our possible future?”***

**Norbert Becker, Chairman of the Board of Regents & Dr. Alfred Steinherr, Academic Director
invite you to a discussion of Luxembourg’s success and visions for the future at
a time of dramatic uncertainties.**

- Target audience:** Open audience, Luxembourg residents (domestic and foreign) with an interest in understanding the country, its success and a vision for the future for Luxembourg at a time of dramatic uncertainties and change.
- Timing:** A cycle of 9 conferences starting in October 2012 and finishing with the final panel roundup in June 2013.
- Venue:** Various
- Topics and speakers:** Given the relevance of the issues discussed, the presentations will be recorded and available for reviewing on the University’s website: www.shu.lu. Each conference will address two/three subjects as indicated in the program.

Conference 1 – Looking back with satisfaction

Date: Wednesday, 24 October 2012; 6:30-8:00 pm

Venue: BGL BNP Paribas

A historic/institutional look back: From 1815 to 1956

Emile Haag, Professor of history, Miami University Differdange; former Director of Athénée Luxembourg

Denis Scuto, Professor of history, University of Luxembourg

Immigration: For 100 years a source of growth

Serge Kollwelter, Founder and past President, ASTI

Is there poverty in Luxembourg?

Antoine Haag, Professor of economics, Université de Paris Ouest - Nanterre La Défense

Conference 2 – Statistics do not always lie

Date: Thursday, 15 November 2012; 6:30-8:00 pm

Venue: Hôtel Le Royal, Luxembourg

What do the statistics say about Luxembourg?

Guy Schuller, Member of the Executive Committee, STATEC

A sharp eye on the public sector budget

Carlo Thelen, Chief Economist, Chamber of Commerce of Luxembourg

What are the main favorable factors of the pension scheme at present? Are these factors due to prevail in the future?

Robert Kieffer, President, Caisse Nationale d'Assurance Pension

Conference 3 – The European destiny of a small country

Date: Thursday, 13 December 2012; 6:30-8:00 pm

Venue: Jean Monnet Building, European Commission

Luxembourg's role in building Europe

Jacques Santer, former Prime Minister of Luxembourg and former President of the European Commission

The advantages of being small

Mario Hirsch, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, European Union Institute for Security Studies

Conference 4 – Industry means steel in Luxembourg. Still true?

Date: Thursday, 17 January 2013; 6:30-8:00 pm

Venue: ArcelorMittal, Boulevard d'Avranches

The historic role of industry for Luxembourg's economy and society

Charles Barthel, Director, Centre Robert Schuman

The past and future importance of the steel industry

Michel Wurth, Member of Executive Committee, ArcelorMittal

The industrial policy of Luxembourg

Jacques Lanners, Vice-Chairman, Fedil

Conference 5 – Finance & Technology: Two pillars of the Luxembourg Economy

Date: Thursday, 21 February 2013; 6:30-8:00 pm

Venue: Forum Da Vinci, Association Luxembourgeoise des Ingénieurs, Architectes, Industriels

The finance industry

Alfred Steinherr, Professor of economics and finance; Academic Director, Sacred Heart University

Ernst Wilhelm Contzen, CEO Deutsche Bank; Chairman, ABBL

High tech industry and services

Mark Tluszcz, Co-Founder & CEO, Mangrove Capital Partners

Romain Bausch, President & CEO, SES

Conference 6 – Champions League: Regional and urban development

Date: Thursday, 14 March 2013; 6:30-8:00 pm

Venue: European Investment Bank

Urban and regional development

Markus Hesse, Professor of urban studies, University of Luxembourg

Paul Helminger, former Mayor of Luxembourg City

Luxembourg: The epicenter of the “Grande Région”

Claude Gengler, Director, Forum EUROPA Foundation, Luxembourg

The long-term competitive position of Luxembourg

Lionel Fontagné, Professor of economics, Université Paris I, Panthéon Sorbonne

Conference 7 – Brain-driven future?

Date: Thursday, 18 April 2013; 6:30-8:00 pm

Venue: University of Luxembourg

Human capital as a driving force of future wealth

Nicolas Schmit, Minister, Ministry of Labor, Employment & Immigration

The significance of the University for Luxembourg's society

Rolf Tarrach, Rector, University of Luxembourg

Conference 8 – The beauty and the beast

Date: Thursday, 16 May 2013; 6:30-8:00 pm

Venue: Palais épiscopal

What Spirituality for a Cosmopolitan Luxembourg in the Heart of Europe?

Father Jean Ehret, Professor of theology, Sacred Heart University

A recent cultural history of Luxembourg with a speculation about the future

Paul Bertemes, mediArt

Conference 9 – Summing up: A tentative sketch of Luxembourg in 2030

Date: Wednesday, 12 June 2013; 6:30-8:00 pm

Venue: Chamber of Commerce of Luxembourg

A panel including some of the previous speakers will be communicated at a later stage

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