

The Hall of Euro Chambers in Egypt

One Europe, Twenty Five Members

The Confederation of Egyptian-European Business Associations

The Confederation of Egyptian- European Business Associations was founded in May 2004. This confederation consist of agreements was signed between the Egyptian- Italian Chamber, the Egyptian- German Chamber, the Egyptian- British Chamber, and the Egyptian- French Chamber.

This has been considered a major leap in Egyptian- European relations. The new confederation started with over 3000 members that are the members of founding associations that have been working in Egypt for over half a century. Their knowledge, technical, and administrative qualities could well boost joint cooperation between major business associations and aid authorities throughout Europe.

This formation is considered the best among those submitted for discussion in over six months. These discussions were held between joint business organizations along with the head of the European Union, European Delegations, and ambassadors of the European Union. This formation ensures that cooperation will be improved with respect to the complete independence of existing organizations.

This important step came due to an understanding of the severe need for a strong non-governmental organization on both the Egyptian and European sides. Especially in the presence of several well-established business organizations and bilateral chambers of commerce. At times, it has been witnessed the lack of a vehicle for coordination among them to build cooperation with the organizations and authorities of the European Union

In addition to a lack of specialized business organizations to activate the relationship between Egypt and the European Union members who do not have joint chambers, The Confederation aims at creating a common high level Egyptian-European dialogue.

It aims to enhance cooperation between Egyptian business organizations to unify the European cooperation front, in addition to increasing interest from European partnership agreements and preparing for Euro med Free Trade Zone in 2010. The Confederation also plans to accelerate the process of modernization, the transfer of advanced technology and management methods, and encouraging the investment and promotion of Egyptian exports to the Euro med market.

The Confederation will also play the role of joint bilateral chambers of European Union members which do not have their own chambers, by presenting several services through relevant organizations along side implementing numerous European programs, on which many are decentralized programs.

The activities of the Confederation include supporting the joint Egyptian-European dialogue and inviting opinions on current issues through technical reports, workshops, seminars and panel discussions in addition to the declared opinions by European delegations and missions of European Union members.

The Confederation will become the primary source of data for Egypt and Europe besides being the coordinator of numerous joint Egyptian-European programs. It will support and establish new business associations for European Union members who currently do not have bilateral associations.

The membership of the Confederation includes the heads of the four founding organizations, one representative of each European Union member, the chairman of the joint business organization, if any, or the president of any company operating in Egypt selected from among three candidates nominated by their embassy. There will be no direct company memberships since this will be left up to the bilateral business organizations.

Moreover, no membership fees will be accepted, since the founding organizations will finance all activities in addition to financing made from grants and joint projects which the member organizations will implement. The German Chamber will host the General Secretariat of the Confederation.

The Confederation will consist of an Advisory Council of the representatives of the 25 member states, headed by the representative of the state led by the European Union which will change every six months starting with Holland first.

There will be an Executive Board formed of the representatives of the four founding organizations and three members from the Advisory Council which represent the fifteen original member states and representatives of the ten new

states, to be changed every six months consistent with the same list as the head of the European Union.

The Executive Board will be chaired for one year in turn by a representative of one of the founding states starting with the U.K., as it was the first head of the European Union. The General Secretariat will be managed by a Secretary General selected by the Executive Board.

Confederation Iftar in Alexandria to honor

**General Adel Labib
Governor of Alexandria**

On Sunday October 8, 2006 at Gardenia Ballroom

Opening Speech

Dr. Eng. Nader Riad

Chairman

General Adel Labib

Mr. Hano Halinen, Finland Ambassador – European Union Head

Mr. Klaus Eibermann, European Union Ambassador

Ambassadors & Consuls of the European Union

Dear Brother, Mahmoud El Keissy, Confederation Chairman

Mrs. Hassana Rashid, President, Alexandria Confederation Branch

Chairman of Business Organizations

Political and Executive Leadership of Alexandria

Dear Guests,

It is my honor to be here on behalf of The Confederation of Egyptian European Business Associations, the twenty five member chambers, more than seven thousand member companies, to welcome you all and General Adel Labib, Governor of Alexandria who has honored us with this first encounter with him and the business council and the organizations of civil society, at the first Ramadan Iftar held by the Confederation in Alexandria.

It also gives me great pleasure to welcome the Ambassadors of the European Union, the European Delegation and the leaders of the largest Egyptian and European businesses, a distinguished group of industry, trade, political and executive leadership.

Such honor is augmented by my receipt of the Chairmanship of the confederation as a representative of the Arab German Chamber of Industry and Trade from my dear brother Mr. Mahmoud El Keissy. Mr. El Keissy has led the Confederation with great ability and skill throughout the past year as a representative of the Egyptian-French Chamber to become the official representative of Egyptian European relations at all organizations of the Confederation, Parliament, specialized organizations. He established branches in Belgium, Spain, Alexandria, the Red Sea and Upper Egypt, thus opening channels of cooperation with the largest business organizations and carrying out dialogue with all ministries and governorates of Egypt.

Such success and uniqueness places the burden of responsibility on me to carry the torch. I will not spare any effort in achieving this aim in cooperation with my brother Mr. Mahmoud El Keissy and the heads of member business organizations, in collaboration with the ministers of trade and industry, production and services and the governors. All this with the continuous support of Dr. Klaus Eibermann, European Union Ambassador and his colleagues the Ambassadors of the European Union states and in continuous consultation with all Egyptian and European chambers.

Today, I will not go into detail of the program or work plan. Our Confederation has a complete program for all of next year which includes conferences, exhibitions, political encounters in Egypt, Belgium, Spain, Germany, England, Holland, Italy, Finland and others of the European Union states for the purpose of attracting investments and modern technology, promoting exports, tourism and creating job opportunities.

Besides this full program, a number of activities will be added this year in the four main fields:

First: Development of human resources through advanced vocational and managerial training and enhanced education.

Second: Transfer and adaptation of modern technology to achieve world standards through linking industry, services and Egyptian and European research centers .

Third: Conservation of the environment and natural resources and energy, as well as applying new methods to energy.

Fourth: Activating the Confederation branches at the Red Sea and the South Valley to be at the same level as Alexandria Branch.

In conclusion, I thank you all and wish us all luck for the benefit of Egypt.

Dr. Eng. Nader Riad
Chairman

Dear Dr. Nader,

I hope that you and your family are doing well.

Please accept our congratulations regarding your nomination as the President of CEEBA! We wish you all success for the honourable and responsible mission to enhance business relations between Egypt and Europe.

I would also like to thank you for your traditional invitation to Iftar for the MPL-Staff and the Board members.

We are looking forward to the training-visit of Mr. Diaa and Ms. Hala in early November in Germany, and we have designed an interesting programme for them to ensure the sustainability of Mubarak Public Library.

For today, please accept my kindest regards.

**Yours,
Christian Hanelt**

Dear Shahira,

I was very pleased to receive your e-mail concerning my friend and brother Dr. Nader Riad's continued and active progress in the industry world of Egypt and Europe. Knowig him over the last 40 years (yes forty) he consistently surpasses all expectations and continues to affect those who are around him in a very positive way.

Please convey my heartfelt congratulations to him, his family and Bavaria family. I would appreciate an e-mail whenever Dr. Riad is planning a trip to the US in the future.

Best regards

Milad Milad (milad.a.milad@sargentlundy.com)

Dear Dr. Riad,

**I would like to congratulate you to this very prestigious
chairmanship!**

With kind regards,

Herbert Poellinger

Congratulations and all the best to Dr. Riad!

Ulrich Herfurth

Sehr geehrter Herr Dr. Riad,

zu Ihrer Wahl zum Präsident der CEEBA möchte ich Ihnen heute herzlich gratulieren.

Zu Ihrer verantwortungsvollen Arbeit wünsche ich Ihnen vor allem sehr viel Erfolg und eine glückliche Hand. Ich hoffe es nimmt nicht all zu viel Ihrer kostbaren Zeit in Anspruch. Sicher ist, dass es für Ägypten und die EU durch Ihren Einsatz wirtschaftliche Fortschritte geben wird. Ich bewundere Ihren persönlichen Einsatz für Ihr Land sehr.

Ich würde mich freuen wenn Sie mir bei unserem nächsten Treffen mehr davon erzählen würden.

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Wir haben für diese Woche bei Arburg einen Termin bekommen für die Bemusterung des Griffwerkzeuges. Wir dachten, dass wir jetzt die Daten von Arburg benötigen und die dann weitervermitteln werden. Wir haben nur eine passende DEMAG Maschine. Das hätte keinen Sinn ergeben noch mal auf diese Maschine zu gehen und dann das Werkzeug zu versenden. Auch habe ich veranlasst, dass Ahmed Galal mit bei der Bemusterung dabei sein wird. Er lernt dann das Werkzeug kennen. Er kann uns dann bei der Verlagerung behilflich sein. Es ist das schwierigste und komplizierteste Werkzeug, das wir für Bavaria gebaut haben.

Wir arbeiten gerade den Geschäftsführervertrag für H. Galal aus und die Gründungsurkunde für unsere Tochterfirma in Kairo.

mit freundlichen Grüßen

aus Deutschland

Werner Gubesch

Geschäftsführer

Sehr geehrter Herr Dr. Riad,

zu Ihrer Wahl zum Präsidenten und Vorsitzenden der Aegyptisch-Europäischen Wirtschaftsvereinigung möchte ich sehr herzlich gratulieren und für Ihr Wirken für diese Vereinigung alles Gute wünschen! Diese Wahl ist Anerkennung Ihrer persönlichen Unternehmerleistung und Ihres internationalen Wirkens, ein Zeichen, auf das Sie vor dem Hintergrund Ihrer persönlichen Leistung sehr stolz sein können!

Ich möchte es nicht versäumen, Ihnen persönlich mitzuteilen, dass ich die Minimax zum Ende des ersten Quartals 2007 verlassen und mich neuen Herausforderungen stellen werde. In diesem Zusammenhang meinen Dank für die gute und faire Zusammenarbeit, die guten Gespräche, die wir hatten -auch wenn sie dann doch nicht die Resultate hervorbrachten, die wir gemeinsam gewünscht hatten. Ich empfand Sie immer als einen fairen und offenen Gesprächspartner, den ich zu jedem Zeitpunkt unserer Gespräche respektieren konnte.

Schließlich noch eine Frage an Sie: Ich bin mit der Vermarktung des Firmengeländes in Bad Urach beauftragt. Sie hatten bei Ihrem Besuch in Bad Urach Interesse an der Versand- und Lagerhalle bekundet. Haben Sie auch heute noch Interesse an der Halle und können wir darüber sprechen oder war das nur im Zusammenhang mit unserer Relocation nach Aegypten zu sehen? Gerne höre ich von Ihnen in dieser Angelegenheit.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen/Best regards

Peter Schweinsteiger

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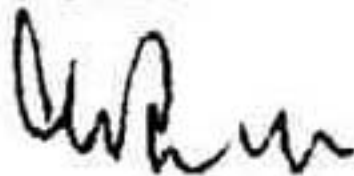
Sehr geehrter Herr Dr. Riad,

zu Ihrer Wahl zum Präsidenten der Confederation - Egyptian European Business Association übermitteln wir Ihnen unsere herzlichen Glückwünsche.

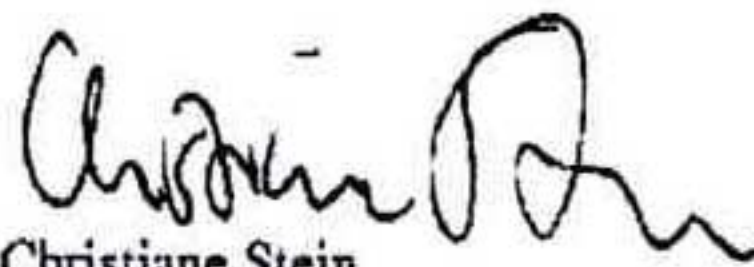
Mit Ihnen steht nun ein engagierter Streiter und eine sehr erfolgreiche und umsichtige Führungspersönlichkeit an der Spitze der Organisation. Die Wahl in das neue Amt ist eine große Auszeichnung und Würdigung Ihrer Person und stellt für Sie eine große Herausforderung und eine tolle Aufgabe dar, in die Sie Ihre vielfältigen Erfahrungen einbringen können.

Wir wünschen Ihnen eine fruchtbare Amtszeit sowie viel Erfolg bei der Verwirklichung Ihrer Zielsetzungen bei der Förderung des ägyptisch-paneuropäischen Handels sowie des Herstellens eines leistungsfähigen Netzes der ägyptischen und europäischen Wirtschaftsverbände.

Herzliche Grüße



Dr. Bernd Rödl



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