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## 3<sup>rd</sup> TAP-YTL Newsletter 2011

### Meet the 2011 TAP-YTL: Water Management Delegation and Take a Look at Their Itinerary



The German American Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest (GACCoM) is thrilled to introduce the 2011 Transatlantic Program-Young Technology Leaders (TAP-YTL): Water Management delegation. The 12 individuals were selected following an intense three-week application and screening process after the program had been publicized nationally to thousands of academic and business contacts. Delegation members represent eleven different US states from Maryland to California and feature various professions and areas of study within the water management field, as well as different levels of German proficiency.

The TAP-YTLers are eager to visit Germany from October 30-November 7, 2011 to get an introduction to Germany as a water industry visionary. Düsseldorf, Aachen, Hamburg, Berlin and Cottbus are on their agenda and the stops will include expert meetings, presentations, site visits and lots of networking. The overall TAP-YTL experience is geared to build transatlantic networks and promote transfer of know-how through content-driven encounters. [Click here](#) to meet the TAP-YTL: Water Management delegation and learn more about the trip details.

Become a Fan of "Transatlantic Program - Young Technology Leaders (TAP-YTL)" on Facebook and Be the First to Get Trip Updates.



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## 2. Ambassador Dr. Ammon Supports TAP-YTL



Dr. Peter Ammon took office as the German Ambassador to the United States in August of this year. Following the tradition of his predecessor, Ambassador Dr. Scharioth, Germany's leading diplomat in the US took over the patronage of GACCoM's TAP-YTL program calling it an "important and forward-looking initiative."

Learn more about the Ambassador's motivation to support TAP-YTL in his [Words of Greeting](#)

### 3. TAP-YTL Alumna to Travel with North American Das Haus Exhibition

By Meredith Marsh



"Das Haus" on display in Atlanta,  
GA

As a participant in last year's TAP-YTL: Sustainable Architecture & Urban Planning, my fellow delegation members and I got a unique, behind the scenes look at some of Germany's most innovative buildings and sustainable developments. As part of our week-long trip we visited Technische Universität Darmstadt (TU Darmstadt) and toured the school's two winning entries from the Solar Decathlon, a US Department of Energy-sponsored competition in which 20 collegiate teams from around the globe design, build, and operate solar-powered houses that are attractive, cost-effective and energy-efficient. These advanced solar-powered buildings served as inspiration for faculty team leader Professor Hegger and his firm HHS Planer + Architekten AG to design Das Haus, an interactive mobile pavilion

showcasing German renewable energy and energy efficiency technology.

I am pleased to announce that Das Haus began its North American tour on Oct. 17 in Atlanta. The exhibit will be traveling to 12 major cities in the United States and Canada through the end of 2012. As Das Haus Project Coordinator, I will accompany each stop on the tour, providing on-site technical expertise and guided tours of the pavilion. I am thrilled to have this opportunity to build off of my experiences with the TAP-YTL program by working at GACCoM on the Das Haus exhibition.

In the spirit of the Solar Decathlon houses, Das Haus encourages international collaboration by positioning the tour as a platform to bring together industry professionals and key multipliers essential to implementing these innovative energy efficiency and renewable energy strategies in North America. The ongoing support of the Chamber network will facilitate continued discussion and industry partnerships for years to come. For more information, and a list of cities and event details, please visit us at [www.dashaustour.com](http://www.dashaustour.com) and [Become a Fan on Facebook](#) . We look forward to seeing you at Das Haus!

2010 TAP-YTL alumna Meredith Marsh is the Project Coordinator for Das Haus and will accompany the pavilion to each location on the tour. The exhibition is organized by the German American Chambers of Commerce and the Canadian German Chamber. Das Haus is supported by the Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology and the Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Affairs, as well as the Energy Efficiency Export Initiative and the Renewable Energies Export Initiative.

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### 4. TAP-YTL and Goethe-Institut in the German American Trade Magazine (GAT)



Read up on the development of GACCoM's TAP-YTL program and its strong partnership with the Goethe-Institut. The GAT magazine of the German American Chambers of Commerce (GACC), made this fun read their spotlight article for the September/October issue. Access to the otherwise member-only GAT flip book is exclusively granted to the broader TAP-YTL network [here](#).

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## 5. Internships with GACCoM



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GACCoM is always on the lookout for qualified candidates for internships in our Consulting, Membership & Events, PR & Communications, Accounting and Christkindlmarket departments. If you know of anyone looking to gain hands-on

practical experience in a challenging bilingual and bicultural environment, please send them our way! More information about these internship opportunities and general requirements can be found under [www.gaccomm.org/en/career-services/internships-at-gaccomm](http://www.gaccomm.org/en/career-services/internships-at-gaccomm)

## 6. Open Position for Bilingual Candidates



GACCoM's Career Services is currently seeking an Executive Assistant to provide comprehensive support to the President/CEO of a US subsidiary of a German-based manufacturing organization. This position will be located in the Northwestern suburbs of Chicago. Major duties include drafting correspondence, maintaining calendars, making travel arrangements, preparing presentations and documenting business meetings. Interested candidates must have high-level proficiency in German and English and a minimum of 3 years of administrative experience.

For more information, please contact Justin Flaxbart, Manager, Consulting and Career Services at the German American Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest (GACCoM) at [flaxbart@gaccomm.org](mailto:flaxbart@gaccomm.org) or (312) 644-3369.

## 7. GACCoM Events in November

- [Annual Executive German Wine Dinner](#)  
November 4, 2011 in downtown Chicago, IL
- [German American Water Forum](#)  
November 8, 2011 in Rosemont, IL (near O'Hare airport)  
November 10, 2011 in Cincinnati, OH
- [Skilled Workforce: Find, Train, Retain](#)  
November 17, 2011 in Rosemont, IL (near O'Hare airport)
- [Christkindlmarket Chicago](#)  
November 23 - December 24, 2011 on Daley Plaza, downtown Chicago

Best,  
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