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I. Ambassador Dr. Klaus Scharioth now patron of the TAP

We are delighted to announce that Ambassador Dr. Klaus Scharioth, German Ambassador to the United States, has taken on the patronage of GACCoM's Transatlantic Program. With this patronage Ambassador Scharioth demonstrates his support for the German-American relationship, which he believes can be strengthened particularly via direct local experiences made by the next generation's professionals, thus building mutual trust, friendship and cooperation. He remarks that the German government ranks the TAP among the highest of the numerous student exchange programs between the United States and Germany.

[Click here to read Ambassador Scharioth's official Message of Greetings](#)

II. Meet the Sponsors:

While the Transatlantic Program has been financed through seed money provided by the German government during the first couple of years, the program is now transitioning towards private financing with the help of corporate and other sponsors. *We are proud to present two new sponsors of the TAP 2009:*



KOMET of America, Inc. recently joined as a corporate sponsor of the Transatlantic Program 2009. KOMET is servicing the North American market for the KOMET Group, with production, engineering, distribution and service facilities in the US and Mexico. The KOMET Group is one of the leaders in the area of hole making tools for the metalworking industry.

"Why do we sponsor the Transatlantic Program? International personnel development is one of the keys for the success of the Komet Group. This is why we have decided to sponsor the TAP, which will give us the opportunity to support young talents in **gaining international experience.**"

Dr. F. Hans Grandin, President/CEO

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WHU – Otto Beisheim School of Management in Vallendar, Germany, recently joined as sponsor of the Transatlantic Program 2009. WHU is one of the leading, internationally oriented private German business schools, which continually tops both national and international rankings. WHU is accredited by numerous national and international agencies, such as the European Quality Improvement System

(EQUIS), the Foundation for International Business Administration Accreditation (FIBAA) and is a member of the AACSB (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business), one of the most prestigious accreditation institutes in the world.

Alongside the B.Sc. program and the consecutive M.Sc. program WHU also offers the Master of Law and Business (MLB, together with the Bucerius Law School in Hamburg), a full-time Master of Business Administration (MBA) and a part-time Kellogg-WHU Executive MBA in cooperation with the renowned Kellogg School of Management in Evanston, near Chicago, IL.

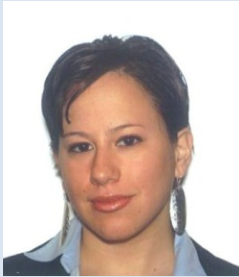


“Why do we sponsor the TAP 2009?” WHU pursues a determined policy of growth.

The TAP gives us exposure to a large pool of talented students who may wish to build upon their TAP experiences in Germany and continue their international education with a Master’s degree at one of Germany’s leading private business schools.”

For more information on WHU - Otto Beisheim School of Management, please visit www.whu.edu.

III. Introduction of TAP 2008 Co-President Anaïs Flores



My name is Anaïs Flores and my hometown is Akron, Ohio. I am thrilled to have been elected TAP 2008 Co-President. The opportunity to improve upon language skills while traveling, experiencing another culture and making friends has certainly been a rewarding and memorable one for me as I am sure it has been for all of the TAP participants.

Though there were some tough times I am sure there were A LOT more good times that we won’t be able to stop talking about when we go back home ;-) !!!!

I can’t wait to see everyone in January at the Alumni Reunion and am looking forward to keeping in touch with all of you.

Including the 2008 group, the TAP Alumni Network comprises almost 100 alumni. Each year elects its own president, and all co-presidents together help GACCoM move the TAP Alumni Network forward. Anaïs Flores, the 2008 co-president, recently finished her two-month internship in marketing & translation at impress media GmbH in Düsseldorf.

IV. Applications for the TAP 2009

The application process for the TAP 2009 has now started. Again, we are looking for up to 25 highly motivated, well qualified U.S. undergraduate students who are eager to learn more about German business and politics and to gain first-hand work experience in Germany. Participants will have the opportunity to apply and expand their German skills in an authentic business environment, thus tapping into new career opportunities.

The new program starts on May 23, 2009 with a ten-day Immersion Seminar in Berlin, featuring daily German language building activities, intercultural training, visits to companies and organizations, discussions with representatives from German business and politics and day trips to further key cities, such as Hamburg and Leipzig.

On June 4, 2009 the participants will begin their two- to six month internships at different companies and organizations throughout Germany. The Interim Seminar will take place in Cologne from July 9 to July 11, 2009.

Please see www.transatlanticprogram.org for further details. You’ll also find comments of the TAP alumni and pictures from previous TAPs. The **application deadline** is **October 24, 2008**.

Be sure not to miss this first step towards an exciting and challenging summer 2008 in Germany!

Voices of the TAP 2008

The Transatlantic Program served me as a fantastic networking tool. Not only was I able to acquire business contacts for the future but I also made some great friends in the process and had A TON of fun!!!
-- Anaís Flores, OH

The Transatlantic Program opened my eyes to a new way of looking at business and culture in Germany. The entire ten days in Berlin were stimulating and enriching on every level, from business to the arts. This program 100% gave me the chance to be immersed in the German culture and to see Germany from a perspective which tourists do not get to see.
-- Allison Fleece, IN



The Transatlantic Program has given me the opportunity to experience Europe in a way that no study abroad program could. Instead of being in the classroom, I get to learn hands-on and experience what it is like to live as a professional in Germany.
-- Dan Downes, IL

See www.transatlanticprogram.org for more stories and pictures of the TAP and information on the Immersion and Interim Seminars.

We look forward to receiving applications for the TAP 2009 and welcome your ideas and feedback in order to continuously further this “*chance of a lifetime*” experience (Sheena van Etten, TAP 05).

Your TAP Team at GACCoM!

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