



TRADER

January 2010

Happy New Year

MVITA looks forward to serving our members in 2010. The TRADER keeps MVITA members informed of upcoming international events and other international happenings in the Miami Valley and Southwest Ohio.

Upcoming MVITA Happenings and Events

MVITA 2010 Membership Drive

As a current MVITA member, you should have received by e-mail a Membership Renewal Invoice in November. We thank those members that have already responded with their payment. We will be mailing a reminder to those members that have not yet paid.

As MVITA is a volunteer Not-for-Profit organization, membership dues are essential to MVITA's growth and success in its mission to promote international trade. Your continued financial support through your dues payment is greatly appreciated.

Monday – January 25th – DCOWA/MVITA Joint Dinner

Place: Sinclair Conference Center (Dayton, Ohio) **Time:** 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Cost: \$40 for MVITA Members, \$50 for Non-Members, \$20 for Students.

Vouchers for Free Parking at the Sinclair Center will be provided at the door.

Ambassador Charles A. Ford, former U.S. Ambassador to Honduras (2005 to 2008) will be the featured speaker for this dinner. In addition to Ambassador Ford's 25 year career in the Foreign Commercial Service, he served as the Senior Advisor to the Ambassador on U.S. business issues at embassies in Argentina, Spain, Guatemala, the United Kingdom, Venezuela and the U.S. Mission to the European Union.

Register by e-mailing Jim Ireton at mvita@earthlink.net or calling 937-226-8482

Wednesday – February 10th – MVITA Executive Luncheon

Place: Marriott Courtyard at UD Arena (Dayton, Ohio) **Time:** 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

Cost: \$45 for MVITA Members, \$55 for Non-Members, \$25 for Students.

MVITA will host an Executive Luncheon with the Netherlands Consul General, Willem Schiff and Honorary Consul for Ohio, C.A. "Arnie" de la Porte. Pierre van Kleef, Director of the Chicago Office of the Netherlands Foreign Investment Agency will be the featured speaker for this luncheon. The title of his presentation will be: **"The Netherlands: stepping stone in the European market"**

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Other Upcoming International Events & Happenings

Thursday, January 21st (Hebron, KY) – EACC Networking Event

Place: Hahn Automation, 2595 Arbor Tech Dr., Hebron, KY, 41048

Time: 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm **Cost:** \$15 EACC members, \$30 non-members..

The European-American Chamber of Commerce will hold a networking event at Hahn Automation, Inc. Hahn Automation is a German company with a full service organization at this location serving the automotive, consumer goods and pharmaceutical markets in North America.

For more info or to register: Contact EACC at: 513-852-6510 or e-mail: eacc@europe-cincinnati.com

Monday, January 25th (Cincinnati, OH) – International Trade Seminar

Place: Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber – 441 Vine St., Suite 300, Carew Tower, Cincinnati, OH 45202

Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm **Cost:** None – RSVP Required as seating is limited.

This is a seminar for Cincinnati Area small and medium-sized businesses looking to grow their exports or enter the export market with the support of U.S. Government programs.

To register: Call Rachel Miller at 513-684-1021 or E-mail at Rachel_miller@brown.senate.gov

Tuesday, January 26th (Dayton, OH) – EMTEC and Saitama, Japan Business Exchange

Place: EMTEC Office – 3155 Research Blvd., Dayton, OH 45420

Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm **Cost:** None – RSVP Required.

This is an opportunity for a half-day of technical business exchanges and one-on-one meetings with 3 leading companies from Saitama, Japan, a sister city to the State of Ohio for the past 25 years. The companies will be presenting their companies, technologies and services. They will then be available for further discussions with you of mutual potential business interests.

To attend or for additional information: Contact Kathy Marshalek at 937-253-0033 or E-mail at kmarshalek@emtec.org

April 10 to April 20 (Brazil, Chile & Peru) – Trade Mission 2010

The Ohio Department of Development is organizing a Trade Mission to Sao Paulo, Brazil; Santiago, Chile; and Lima, Peru from April 10-20, 2010. This mission will be led by the Department's Global Markets Division in partnership with the Council of Great Lakes Governors. The purpose of this mission is to assist small-to-medium sized companies from the Great Lakes Region to export their products to these rapidly growing markets. Registration deadline is February 5th, 2010.

For more information: Contact Sean Corson at 614-728-4775 or e-mail Sean.Corson@development.ohio.gov