

# THE CIRCLE - NEWSLETTER

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Good Morning !

It's 1999 ! And the Euro has arrived !

Very best wishes to each and everyone of you ! All the best and lots of success in your new and ongoing ventures.

Besides the Euro, the main event in the last-year-before-the-year-2000 will be of course the Circle Annual Meeting in Germany.

After Antwerp, Madrid, Oslo, Vienna, San Francisco, Paris, Geneva, London and Pamplona ,  
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**1999 CIRCLE MEETING:**

April 30 - May 3, 1999

**BADEN-BADEN**, Germany

Hosted by Dirk Haro

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You are all expected to be arriving on Friday April 30, and start leaving on May 3. Because May 1 & 2 will be filled with all the goodies of Baden-Baden and surroundings.

Including but not limited to its famous baths and spas, the second oldest casino of the world, the new Festspielhaus, and tons of wining and dining places in the beautiful Black Forest.

And not to forget that Strasbourg with its famous old town is just about 45 minutes away ...

A detailed program is in the works; but as you should know by now, you'll never know what's going on unless you have been there yourself.

Travel hint : Frankfurt Airport is about 1 hr from Baden-Baden.

Please inform Dirk Haro asap about your plans in order to arrange lodging inside. Latecomers will have to sleep outside in the Black Forest !

**--- Gossip ---**

Seems to have been a quiet period, as not much gossip has reached us. Or you were all very busy ...

The most important Circle person, **Dirk Haro**, because he is organising our next party, just went through a job change. Note already his new e-mail address. Other specifics about the new job might follow.

But that's not all Dirk is doing. He recently met with **Lars Johnsen** in London to discuss investment strategies and God and the world.

And that same Dirk (is this starting to be his column ?) was heading to Austria for some ski-adventure, together with the other renowned travellers like **Luis Martinez-Aoiz**, **Wilfried Kainz**, **Petter Danielsen** and probably also **Jan Melsen**.

So, finally we came to the Jester. **Jan** has been around (no news sofar ...). Setting up parties in Barcelona, going on holiday to San Francisco, going on weekend to Amsterdam, autumn holidays in Italy, dreaming about Laos, ... and still claiming to work for Butterfield !

Whereas **Wilfried** is getting used to his position as vice-president of Do&Co.

After some really nice summer holidays in Québec, **Jos Piron** met with **Wilfried Kainz** in Vienna for some top-food-poultry talks last september.

And almost also 'as usual' some Circle members gathered in Paris last October during the Sial Food Fair. **Beatrice Leduc**, **Luis Martinez-Aoiz**, **Petter Danielsen** and his girlfriend Ulrike and **Jos Piron** met at Beatrice's place for a nice dinner-evening.

### **Presidency**

Further to previous announcements, please note that this is my last-but-one Newsletter. I hope to get one more out in Spring, before the next Annual Meeting.

A new Circle Presidency is to take over at the Baden-Baden summit. You are therefore advised to seek between yourselves a new management in order to prevent the Circle form being shut down.

### **Data-Base**

As usual an updated copy of the database comes along with the newsletter. Several changes

have been processed since the last edition

### **Circle Membership Fee**

This dramatic situation, as discussed in the last few Newsletters, has not improved. This explains that the database lists will still get shorter. Bankruptcy is not a subject, but disappearance is.

The fee-paid item in the date-base now relates to the status of the 1999-fee. Please check also your previous list to find out about your 1998-status.

### **Epilogue**

The people who have the most demanding bosses are those who are self-employed.

**... AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**