

# THE CIRCLE - NEWSLETTER

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The World Football Championship in Italy managed to (temporarily) halt the civil war in Lebanon during some games. It also delayed the making of this newsletter. But finally,

**This is it ! the first newsletter of the nineties !**

Things happen, and they happen fast. Since the last Newsletter of december '89 we all grew half a year older; and maybe, just maybe some of us got wiser as well (wishful thinking!).

The month of May has been a pretty busy one for some USF-MBA Alumni. The last week-end of april the First Annual Meeting took place in lovely Antwerp. You'll find a report of this event attached.

Several Circle-members only went back home afterwards to pack a clean shirt and leave again for The City By The Bay. Indeed, the class of 1989 celebrated their Graduation last May.

However, it is not only partying that keeps us people on the move.

**Lars Johnsen** quit his job at QED Research of Palo Alto where he worked as a financial analyst. He is returning to Norway by the end of june. He already had some successful interviews. Lynda, his wife-dancer of course accompanies him to this cool place. Good luck to both of them, and welcome back to the old world.

**Michael Horn** too is moving back to Germany. He already had several promising interviews during a short holiday. He returned to San Francisco to finish up his consulting career. He will be back in Germany by the end of august.

**Luis Martinez** got his infamous corks in the wine spectator, a magazine which specializes in wine making. He also made some contacts to Napa wineries and is returning to Spain by the begin of july.

**Wilkin Tai** left San Francisco as well. He used to play around there as a financial analyst, but now he managed to escape to the tropical paradise of Singapore.

This makes **Christophe Lemaire** the last of the Mahicans staying in San Francisco.

**Dai Takahashi** went on what he calls a 'little' business trip. He spent one month cruising through South-Africa, providing technical assistance to a local steel mill.

**Yvette Ikolo** is on the move again. By the end of july she plans to leave the rain of Belgium and return to the sun of Zaire.

**Ramon Ortiguela** will start his traineeship with Manufacturers Hannover bank later this

summer.

**Jan Melsen** is going for gold, at least when mileage is concerned. He started the nineties with a real worldtrip. Jan is reporting on everybody he visited, so watch it: the KGB may be dismantling, but Jan isn't! You'll find his report later in this newsletter.

### **Data-Base**

As 'usual' a copy of the data-base comes along with the newsletter. Several updates have been processed since the last edition. The data-base also got a cosmetic change. Since hardly anybody used the three addresses that were provided for, the third one has been omitted. We are publishing a "current address" and a "backup address". The idea is that the current address is the place where you live/work, and that the backup is an other contact possibility (the old permanent address, parents, prison, etc.).

Please check on your and your friends information, because:

*knowledge = power*

*but*

*wrong information = falling flat on your face*

### **Annual Meeting**

The Annual meeting took place during the last weekend of april. The most amazing about it, is that it really happened. Of course this was planned when we started the Circle, back in May 1989 in San Francisco, late that night (actually, early that morning).

Attached to this Newsletter you will find the minutes of the meeting itself and an article written by Wilfried Kainz. He also submitted this article for publication in the USF Alumni News.

The first Annual Meeting was excellent. I was actually amazed when, on saturday afternoon april 28, all those people arrived one after the other. Willy, Alexander, Wilfried, Brigitte, Bernard, Marlyse, Mariano, Ramon, Anne, Yvette, Minka and her sister Saskia.

We had a guided tour of Old Antwerp. The guide adapted to our group telling about the historical links of Antwerp with the different countries present. The tour ended at the Pelgrim, a popular pub in a cellar.

Later that night, we had dinner with all 13 of us at the Peerdestal. During dinner we held the Annual Meeting: the one and only point of discussion was resolved quickly: next year's Annual Meeting will be in Spain, organized by Mariano and Ramon. So, you better start learning Spanish! The night ended with some more drinks at De Groote Witte Arend and De Pieter Pot, where more and more people started appreciating the variety of Belgian beers.

On sunday, we all managed to get up one way or another, most people visited the Vogeltjesmarkt that morning. We were supposed to go by train, but we missed the train. No problem, we split into three cars and drove to Brugge. There we had also a city guide to show us around in historical Brugge. He also arranged for us to get a boat trip

on the Reien (canals) at a reduced rate. We stayed in Brugge for dinner. What about Cuba ?

By midnight we all got back to Antwerp, we were tired but still decided to finish off with 1 drink (which lasted and lasted ...).

On monday we cruised through the Antwerp harbor in the early morning, having breakfast on the bus! We then drove to Brussels where we visited the E.E.C. There we were announced as graduates from Berkeley ! So we had to be careful not to talk too much about U.S.F.!

In the afternoon we visited an old, but still operational, artisanal Geuze brewery (including tasting of course!) and Mini-Europe. After farewell drinks on the Brussels Market Square the remaining 6 people returned to Antwerp for dinner.

That night appropriately closed the first Annual Meeting with a bottle of champagne. The cork of this bottle, treasured by Brigitte, is hopefully the first of a big collection!

Besides all the good memories we keep from this gathering, there is also one extremely important consequence for the future. The decision was made, and unanimously supported, to have the 1991 Annual Meeting in Spain. Mariano and Ramon will be organizing. We are looking forward to

### **ESPANA 1991 !**

This concludes the third edition of the Newsletter. Many sincere thanks to all who contribute to it by dropping a card, a letter or a call about what's happening to them and their friends.

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