



# NEWSLETTER

## Looking forward to another great year!

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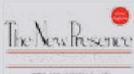


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Welcome to the 8<sup>th</sup> year of the International Business Forum!

We are off to a great start this year, beginning with another successful luncheon at the lovely Mlýnec restaurant (please see pictures on page two) and the first P3 Quiz Night at the beautiful Augustine Brewery Bar.

There are quite a few great events booked in for the coming months, including a Speaker Luncheon with Sanjiv Suri, Founder and CEO of Zatisi Group, a Business Ethics Seminar, sponsored by Prague College and - due to popular demand - a second chance to attend a Speaker Luncheon with H.E. Jan Thompson, the British Ambassador to the Czech Republic. We are also looking to hold a Health & Wellness seminar in the spring, which will focus on "Tips for Chilling Out", geared towards the busy executive or business owner. Please check your weekly event updates and the IBF website for all the latest news, attendance lists or to register.

This year, we will be continuing with the IBF voucher programme, to help our members save both time and money. Instead of being hassled with an invoice after each event, you will only get ONE invoice from us, and the cost of events will be automatically deducted from your voucher as you register. Furthermore, you can save up to 2,000 CZK! Event vouchers can be used for all events that you or a guest attend in 2015. Contact us if you would like to find out more.

As in previous years, if you have a great idea for an event, or if you would like to sponsor an event, please contact us and we will put together a great sponsorship package. Also, if you have any company news or deals for the Weekly Update and website, please send it over and we will be happy to post it.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

With warmest regards,

### The IBF Board

Howard Chapman  
Martin Kanyza

Jan Grozdanovič  
Ian Bryan

Jonathan Hallett  
Jo Weaver

Eva Doyle

## Welcome to our newest Board Directors

In order to ensure that the IBF has a fully operational board, two new members were co-opted at the beginning of 2015; Ian Bryan and Eva Doyle. Read on to find out a bit more about them:



**IAN BRYAN** | Ian Bryan Architects

Ian Bryan is the owner and Managing Director of IBA (Ian Bryan Architects, s.r.o.), which he established in Prague in 1997. Ian has more than 25 years' experience in the field of architecture and is registered as an architect in both the UK and the Czech Republic. After qualifying at the Edinburgh School of Architecture, he worked in London, Glasgow and Riga, before moving to Prague in 1994.

Through the success of projects such as the Kempinski Prague, the Státnický Mlýn mixed-use development, and office HQs for Deloitte and CBRE, Ian's practice has developed a reputation for high-quality residential, hotel and workplace projects. Ian has witnessed at first hand the transition from a post-communist to developed market economy from the real estate and design



**EVA DOYLE** | P3 Logistic Services

Eva Doyle is a consultant M&A advisor at P3 Logistic Parks, and has a background specialising in mergers and acquisitions, real estate and international taxation. Eva has worked on many landmark deals in real estate and other sectors, including the largest office and logistic deals in the Czech Republic, the purchase of Interspar CR by Ahold and other deals in Poland, Romania, Italy, Russia, Slovakia and Serbia.

Eva studied at Trinity College in Dublin before working at Arthur Anderson in London and Prague, and KPMG in Prague and Warsaw. She has lived in Prague off and on for 12 years.

Eva likes travelling, great food and pub quizzes!

## RECENT EVENTS

### Annual Christmas Gala

Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> December at the Augustine Hotel



Nearly 60 IBF members and their guests gathered to ring in the season at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual IBF Christmas Party, sponsored by the Augustine Hotel Prague. The evening featured an impressive meal in the ballroom that dazzled all senses, followed by dancing and revelry in the hotel's beautiful Brewery Bar.



### New Year's Luncheon

Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> January at Mlynec



At this year's New Year's luncheon we were excited to welcome a lot of old friends, as well as meet a few new ones. The lovely new interior of Mlynec served as the perfect backdrop for a sensational three-course luncheon. We look forward to seeing more of all of our members at IBF events, seminars and working groups throughout the year.

### Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> November at CMS Cameron McKenna

The focus of this year's AGM was all about getting new members for the coming year. We decided to start a new initiative, which is by offering an event voucher worth 3,000 CZK to any member who introduces another to the IBF. Michael Stimson stepped down after many years as an IBF Board Director, and the IBF officially went paperless! In an effort to keep all of our members fully informed about upcoming events, we are now starting up an SMS mailing list for those who would like to receive information by text message. Contact us to join this list, or if you have any other ideas, comments or questions for the IBF.

### Hockey Night with the IBF, CanCham and CANZA

Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> January at the Tipsport Arena

These VIP Hockey Nights always prove to be very popular, and it is always nice to mingle with some new faces from other Chambers! Sparta played an impressive game against Litvinov, raising Sparta's place in the ranking. Great job!

### P3 Quiz Night

Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> February at the Augustine Hotel Prague

The first Quiz Night of 2015 was a great success in the Augustine's beautiful Brewery Bar. Five teams competed over two rounds of challenging, interactive questions. Congratulations to the Cushman team, who narrowly took P3 for the win! We look forward to another great trivia evening in April.

### Speaker Dinner with Erik Best

Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February at V Zatisi

It is not often that we get to enjoy the beautiful Zatisi "Crystal Room", and who better to enjoy it with than one of Prague's most esteemed political commentators, Erik Best. This first Speaker Dinner of 2015 proved popular, with questions and conversation lasting long into the night. We look forward to our two upcoming Speaker Luncheons, taking place in March and April.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Orbium s.r.o. ● Augustine Hotel Prague ● Torben Damgaard ● Marta Guthova