

May 24, 2006

Recently at the Embassy

US and Hungary Explore S&T Cooperative Opportunities



On May 22, Ambassador Walker opened a two-day forum at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences for American and Hungarian policy makers, researchers and scientists to explore science and technology for potential Hungarian-United States cooperation. Officials of the U.S. Army International Technology Center-Atlantic and the U.S. Embassy's Office of Defense Cooperation and Office of Environment, Science, Technology and Health attended. Representatives from the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, the National Research and Technology Office, as well as the Ministry of Defense, also participated. ([More▶](#))

Alcoa Representatives Meet PM Gyurcsány

On May 18, Ambassador Walker accompanied Alcoa chairman and CEO Alain Belda to meet Prime Minister Gyurcsány and discuss the company's operations here. The Ambassador also hosted for Mr. Belda and members of Alcoa's executive leadership, who were touring the company's facilities in the region, a dinner with Hungarian business and government leaders. Alcoa is the second largest U.S. investor in Hungary.



ICAF Group in Budapest

A 21-member News Media Industry Group of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces visited Budapest May 15-16, 2006, to discuss foreign policy issues and the situation of the Hungarian media. With the help of the Embassy Public Affairs Section and the Office of the Defense Attaché, the group visited *Inforádió*, *Magyar ATV*, Hungarian News Agency (MTI), *Heti Válasz*, *Magyar Nemzet* and *Népszava*. ([More about ICAF▶](#))

Ambassador Observes Hungarian Air Force Operations

On 18 May, Ambassador Walker joined Hungarian Air Chief Major General János Sági on a tour of Hungary's Air Force Headquarters and the new Control and Reporting Center (CRC), the main operations center for monitoring all air traffic over Hungary, located in Veszprém. The Center reports to NATO authorities on a regular basis and is also the home of Hungary's Air Operations Center (AOC).



Visa Appointments for Employees of Major Companies

The Consular Section of the Embassy has launched a program to encourage and facilitate business travel to the United States. In the past three months, the Consular Section contacted almost a dozen U.S. companies operating in Hungary and offered for their employees and family members an opportunity to make an appointment at the Embassy and apply for tourist visas. To date eight companies have participated. The Embassy has also begun to expand the outreach program to larger Hungarian companies and professional organizations.

Looking Ahead

Web-Chat on Guantanamo and Detainee Issues with State Department's John B. Bellinger

Thursday, May 25 at 18:00 h [\(More▶\)](#)

Church & Dwight Comes to Hungary

On May 25, the U.S. Commercial Service welcomes to Budapest representatives of Church & Dwight, a Princeton, New Jersey-based maker of consumer and personal care products. Church & Dwight, founded in 1846, is the world's leading producer of sodium bicarbonate, popularly known as baking soda, and markets the venerable Arm & Hammer brand, as well as other consumer and specialty products. Church & Dwight is looking for a distributor in Hungary.

[\(More about Church & Dwight▶\)](#)

Men's Health Week in Hungary

The third annual Men's Health Week in Hungary, will take place June 4-11, 2006. "Men's Health Week" is a collaborative effort between Hungary's Ministry of Health, National Health Development Institute, National Institute of Oncology, and the Hungarian Healthy Cities Network. The Week will kick off Sunday afternoon in Budapest's Városliget. [\(More▶\)](#)

New Publications

Defense Issues, NATO, Response to Terrorism May 2006

A publication by our Information Resource Center (IRC) with U.S. Government documents, think tank publications, and magazine articles.

[\(Newsletter▶\)](#)

Significant Events in U.S. Foreign Relations (1900 - 2001)

An Electronic Journal of the U.S. Department of State
April 2006

This issue offers a framework for examining how U.S. foreign relations have evolved over the past century, influenced by the legacy of America's founding ideals of protecting individual rights and freedom.

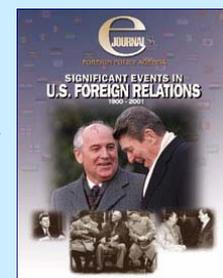
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In the News... from Washington

Security Tops New Iraqi Government's Agenda

Foreign Press Center Briefing With Ambassador James Jeffrey, Senior Advisor For Secretary of State And Coordinator, May 22, 2006

[...] The Iraqi army still will require a significant amount of heavy equipment and logistics training before it becomes a fully modern military force. This process will likely take several years, but, Jeffrey said, noting that the U.S. Department of Defense has \$3.7 billion in funding for Iraqi equipment as part of a larger supplemental request to Congress, "we will see what the Iraqi needs are, and we will try to do our very best to be helpful in the future." [\(More▶\)](#)



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