

Special Events and Networking Opportunities

GOVERNMENT DINNER AT REDOUTENSÄLE



Tuesday, September 28
19:00 – 22:00

Host : Prime Minister of Upper Austria,
Dr. Josef Puhringer

Biography

Dr. Puhringer has been President of the Upper Austrian Government and Representative of Upper Austria since his election in March of 1995. His responsibilities include external and European affairs, internal administration, culture, press, constitution, interior service, statistics, and health and financial affairs.

PLENARY PANEL DISCUSSION



Wednesday, September 29
8:00-9:30

Dr. Holger Lochmann
Chairman-Working Group on Nonroad
SSI Engines; Division Manager,
Emissions and Regulatory Affairs,
ANDREAS STIHL

Biography

Education

After school and military service, he started to study chemistry and chemical engineering at Technical University Darmstadt Germany in 1988. His main interests were atmospheric chemistry, chemical engineering and analytical chemistry; followed by a PhD at TU-Darmstadt focusing on the development of an analytical method for ultra small volume samples, such as single plant cells or single rain drops.

Professional Experience

In 1999, he joined STIHL as R&D engineer for catalyst development. In 2001, he became the leader of the central chemical lab of STIHL, responsible for fuels, oils, plastic materials, after-treatment technologies and exhaust emission analysis.

In 2005, he moved to his current position as division manager for governmental relations and emissions at STIHL. Simultaneously, he was elected as chairman of the small SI engine group within Euromot. Within this function, he worked with European Commission, US-EPA, CARB and many other legislative bodies worldwide on the harmonization and development of new emission standards.

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Jacques Compagne
Secretary General
ACEM – The Motorcycle
Industry in Europe

Biography

Education

Mr. Compagne graduated from the Institut Supérieur des Sciences Economiques et Commerciales of Paris, option Marketing Studies and Research; he is also a graduate of the Institut Commercial of Nancy.

Professional Experience

Mr. Compagne has been active in the motorcycle sector since 1974.

Until 2003, Mr. Compagne held different responsibilities at Peugeot Motorcycles, a subsidiary of PSA Peugeot Citroën Group (1987: Export Area Manager; 1992: Marketing Director; 1998: Public Affairs Director; 2001: Public Affairs and Communication Director). From 1998 -2003 Mr Compagne was also Secretary General of the Chambre Syndicale Nationale du Motorcycle, the French motorcycle manufacturers association. Having ensured in 1996-2003 the Chairmanship of the Co-ordinating Committee in ACEM - The Association of Motorcycle Manufacturers in Europe, from 2004 Mr Compagne has joined ACEM as Secretary General.

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Dr. Paul Rübiger, Member of EU Parliament

Biography

Education

1967 – 1972: Farm machinery design at Styria polytechnic

1972 – 1978: Business administration, marketing and production engineering at the University of Linz, Upper Austria

1978 – 1984: Doctorate in licensing marketing at the University of Linz, Institute for Auditing, Trusteeship and Accountancy

Professional Experience

- Blacksmith, Company Rübiger, precision smithy, hardening, mechanical engineering and construction for plasma plating and environment-friendly metal cleaning
- Foundation of companies in Germany, France and Great Britain

Political Experience

1991 – 1996: Member of the Regional Parliament of Upper Austria

1996: Member of the National Parliament of Austria

Since 1996: Member of the European Parliament

Functions in the European Parliament

- Member of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy
- Member of the Delegation for relations with Switzerland, Iceland and Norway and to the European Economic Area Joint Parliamentary Committee
- Substitute Member of the Committee on Budgets
- EPP Small Business Spokesman on the WTO Steering Committee
- Substitute Member of the Delegation for Relations with the Arab Peninsula
- Deputy Chairman and Treasurer of the Austrian People's Party in the European Parliament
- President of SME-Global since 2003
- Member of Scientific Technology Options Assessment (STOA)
- Member of the Lisbon Strategy Coordination Group
- Member of the non-permanent Committee on the climate-change

Representation of Interests

Austrian chamber of commerce:

1996 – 2000: Vice President of the Upper Austrian section

1991 – 1996: curator of WIFI Upper Austria

2000 – today: deputy-chairman section industry

