



10th Annual Transatlantic Forum
Presented by
Transatlantic Leadership Academy (Formerly SLLF/Europe)
and
State Legislative Leaders Foundation

“Our Health, Ourselves: Lifestyles for Healthy Living”

Bad Ragaz and St. Gallen, Switzerland
July 1 - 5, 2009

AGENDA

(As of 6/18/09 - final schedule will be available at check-in)

Tuesday, June 30, 2009

US Participants travel to Zurich

Wednesday, July 1, 2009

All day Arrival of participants in Switzerland
Participants will be greeted at Zurich International Airport only!
After arrival, a waiting room at the Radisson Blu Zurich Airport Hotel
will be provided. Transfer to Hotel by bus
(travel time: approximately 90 minutes)

Check-In **Grand Resort Bad Ragaz**

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Welcome by The Hon. Ferdinand Riederer
Chair, Transatlantic Leadership Academy

Time at your disposal

6:30 - 8:30 pm Informal Welcome Reception at the Hotel (optional) [*casual attire*]

Dinner Dutch treat

Thursday, July 2, 2009

- 9:00 am **European Board Meeting of TLA** (European board members only!)
Grand Resort Bad Ragaz [business attire]
- 10:00 – 11:30 am **Guided Tour of the 4th Swiss Triennial of Sculptures** [*casual attire*]
- Europe's largest open-air exhibition of sculptures from May to October 2009 in Bad Ragaz and Vaduz.
- Already in previous years Bad Ragaz attracted several hundred thousands of holiday guests, art lovers and local inhabitants with its display of sculptures and art in the streets, in hotel gardens, parks and public places.
(www.badragartz.ch)
- 11:30 – 12:30 pm Quick Lunch at the “Dorfbadhalle Bad Ragaz” (Bad Ragaz Spa)
- 1:15 pm Depart for the city of St. Gallen by bus [*business attire*]
- 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm Private Organ Concert at the St. Gallen Cathedral
- 3:00 pm **Guided tour of St. Gallen Abbey, including the world famous Abbey Library**
The Abbey Library is one of the oldest and most beautiful libraries in the world, and today it is part of the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage.
- 5:00 pm **Opening Ceremony of the 1st Transatlantic Forum of TLA**
Plenary Chamber of the St. Gallen Canton Parliament (Kantonsrat)
- Speakers: The Hon. Ferdinand Riederer,
TLA Chair, Member of the St. Gallen parliament
- H.E. Dr. Josef Keller,
President of the St. Gallen Canton Government (as of June 1, 2009)
- The Hon. Thomas Scheitlin
Mayor of St. Gallen
- Mr. Stephen G. Lakis
President of SLLF, USA
- Musical Performance by the Swiss Army Band
- Moderator: Mr. Alfons Schöps,
Director, Transatlantic Leadership Academy
- 7:00 pm **Official Welcome Dinner**
Hosted by: H.E. Josef Keller, President of the St. Gallen Canton Government
- Location: Klosterwiese (outdoor), in case of bad weather at the

“Festsaal der Ortsbürgergemeinde”

Afterwards Return to hotel or

9:00 pm **“The Dancing Cathedrale”**
Special Dance Performance at the St. Gallen Cathedral (optional)
This program is part of the St. Gallen Summer Art Festival

Friday, July 3, 2009

8:00 am Departure for the Valens Medical Center (Klinik Valens) [*business attire*]

8:30 am Official Welcome by Mr. Stefan Metzker, Executive Director

9:00 am Session I
“Life-long Learning: Lessons from Neuro-rehabilitation”

Speaker: Prof. Dr. Jürg Kesselring
Head of Neurorehabilitation, Rehabilitation Clinic Valens, Switzerland

9:30 am Session II
“Oncology 2009: Change Has Come”

Speaker: Prof. Dr. Thomas Cerny,
*President, Swiss Cancer League,
Chief of Oncology, Canton Hospital of St. Gallen*

10:00 am Coffee Break

10:30 am Session III
“Is Old Age Limiting Medical Interventions?”

Speaker: Prof. Dr. Christoph Hürny,
Chief of Geriatrics, Bürgerspital St. Gallen

11:00 am Short tour of the Clinic Valens

Noon Lunch buffet hosted by the Clinic Valens at the panorama terrace

1:00 pm Session IV
“Health care stew! Politicians, lobbyists, pharmaceuticals, doctors, and hospitals: what is the right mix?”

Speaker: The Hon. Prof. Karl Lauterbach,
*Member of the German Bundestag,
Director of the Institute of Health Economics and Epidemiology,
Cologne (to be confirmed)*

2:00 pm Session V
General Discussion

- 3:00 pm End of Sessions at Clinic Valens
- Return to Bad Ragaz
- 4:00 pm Session VI
“The State Budgets and Health Care: Are Lawmakers Prepared to Care for Their Citizens? The Swiss Perspective”
- Speaker: The Hon. Heidi Hanselmann,
*Member of the St. Gallen Canton Government,
Health Commissioner*
- 5:00 pm Depart for the Principality of Liechtenstein [*business casual attire*]
- 5:30 pm Welcome by The Hon. Arthur Brunhart,
Speaker of the Liechtenstein Parliament at the Parliament Building
- Introductory remarks:
- “The History of Democracy in the Principality of Liechtenstein”**
Speaker: The Hon. Arthur Brunhart,
*Speaker of the Liechtenstein Diet
Speaker Brunhart is also Deputy Director of the Liechtenstein State Museum*
- Followed by Short walk through downtown Vaduz, capital of Liechtenstein
- 7:00 pm Dinner at the famous Restaurant “Torkel” in Vaduz
Eurotoque-Chef Rolf Berger, who received 15 Gault-Milleau Points, will prepare the menu for us.
- The wines are from the vineyards of the Prince of Liechtenstein, right outside of the restaurant (outdoor seating, rain or shine).
- Return to Bad Ragaz

Saturday, July 4, 2009

- 6:30 – 8:30 am Breakfast
- All session will take place at the Grand Resort Bad Ragaz [*business attire*]
- 9:00 am Session IV **“The History of the Swiss Pharmaceutical Industry”**
- 10:00 am Session V
“Switzerland – A Success Story”
- 11:00 am End of Sessions
- 11:15 am Official Celebration of the 4th of July

