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London Film Premiere of 'Charlotte: A Royal at War'



HRH Grand Duke
Henri of Luxembourg

Members of the Grand Ducal
Family, the Embassy and the
film production team

A very successful London Premiere of the film 'Charlotte : a Royal at War' (aka 'Léif Lëtzebuurger') took place on 19 September 2008 at BAFTA in the presence of TTRRH the Grand Duke and the Grand Duchess of Luxembourg and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester. The audience of distinguished guests were welcomed by the Luxembourg Ambassador, Mr Hubert Wurth. Speeches were given by the Minister for Culture, Higher Education and Research, Mrs Octavie Modert and Mr Ray Tostevin. The film, an emotional rendering of the historical events surrounding Grand Duchess Charlotte's exile during WW2 and the role of the BBC in shoring up support both for the Grand Duchess and for the people of Luxembourg against the Nazi regime, was very well received. HRH the Grand Duke brought the event to a close with a heartfelt speech and presented a gift to the BBC, accepted by Mr Olexiy Solohubenko, Executive Editor of the BBC World Service, as a token of gratitude.

Earlier in the day a reception was held at the Ambassador's Residence where HRH the Grand Duke presented the medal of 'Chevalier de l'Ordre de Mérite Civil et Militaire d'Adolphe de Nassau' ('Knight of the Order of Civil and Military Merit of Adolph of Nassau') to the coproducers of the film 'Léif Lëtzebuurger' Mrs Candice Allen-Olson and Mrs Lynn Rothwell, and to the director Mr Ray Tostevin in recognition of their work in promoting a difficult period in the history of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg to a wider audience.

The DVD of the film 'Léif Lëtzebuurger' is now on sale at £18.99 + £2 postage. To order, please contact GRACE Productions on enquiries@graceproduction.com

St. Nicolas On 5 December 2008 at 5.30 pm, Mrs Francisca Wurth, the Ambassador's wife, will receive an honoured guest, His Holiness St Nicolas, at the Residence, 25 Wilton Crescent, London SW1X 8SA. 'De leiwe Kleeschen' will be happy to greet all the children present (up to 12 years old). To attend, please call 020 7235 6961.

Dual Nationality in Luxembourg

The long awaited law on Luxembourg nationality was passed by the Luxembourg Chamber of Deputies in October 2008. The law, applicable on 1 January 2009, will introduce the possibility of dual nationality. The new law will hopefully simplify passport applications. Furthermore it will be possible for those aged 18 and over to recover their Luxembourg nationality if they had previously chosen a different nationality. Further information is available at www.mj.public.lu/nationalite. The Luxembourg Ministry of Justice has set up an 'infoline nationalité' on +352 247 88 5 88 to reply to your questions.

The Centre for Luxembourg Studies at the University of Sheffield

under the directorship of Professor Gerald Newton, is the only institution in the UK focusing on the research and teaching of Lëtzebuergesch. Each year, the Luxembourg Embassy awards a prize. The 2008 prize went to Rhiannon Jane Price. Congratulations! In 2010 the University of Sheffield and the Luxembourg Government will establish a Luxembourg Chair.



Patrice Moor Exhibition

The Luxembourg Embassy hosted an exhibition of the paintings of Patrice Moor, a Luxembourg-born artist from 12 to 26 November 2008. For further information, please email Patrice direct on patrice.moor@btopenworld.com.



3rd Award Ceremony of Post Graduate Certificates in Leadership Studies, Exeter University, 9 October 2008

The collaboration between Exeter University and P&T (Postes et Télécommunications Luxembourg) was initiated in November 2005 to train future leaders. The Luxembourg Ambassador and Mrs Wurth, P&T Deputy Director General Mr Marcel Heinen and Mr. Paul Peckels, Member of the Board of Management, attended the ceremony. Next year's programme will see students from P&T and from Goodyear Tires SA participating.

In your contacts with the Embassy, these members of our team will help you:



Angèle Da Cruz, Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission, is from Dudelange and studied in Brussels, Madrid and Bruges. Before joining the Ministry as a diplomat, she worked at the Permanent Representation of Luxembourg to the United Nations in New York. Thereafter, Ms Da Cruz spent several years at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Luxembourg before being posted to London on 7.7.2005.

Anne-Marie Zurn, Chancellor, has been with the Luxembourg Embassy for over 20 years. Anne-Marie has a degree in Education. She is in charge of the administration of the Embassy which involves many different tasks including financial running, building maintenance, staff issues, visas, passports and legalisations and she looks after Luxembourg travellers in distress.



Marie-Anne Pegg, Consular Officer, is a Dijon-born Londoner of 30 years. A graduate of Politics, Philosophy and History, she is a bilingual PA and is currently looking after the Luxembourg community in the UK as well as visa matters.



Jenni Morton, PA to the Ambassador, joined the Embassy in October last year, having recently moved to London from Luxembourg. As a graduate in interpreting and translating from Heriot Watt University in Edinburgh, she has had a varied career to date combining teaching English in the Far East with working as a multi-lingual PA at the European Organisation for Nuclear Research in Geneva and more latterly at the European Investment Bank in Luxembourg.



Other News:

In 2008, **Arend & Medernach** celebrated the first anniversary of their London office at 46 Gresham Street, London EC2V 7AY, Tel: +44 (0)20 7776 2961 - Fax: +44 (0)20 7776 2979.

Oostvogels Pfister Feyten hosted a financial presentation on Luxembourg Private Equity and Alternative Investment Structures at the Ambassador's Residence on 25 June 2008.

Bernard Massard hosted a wine-tasting lunch on 17 October 2008 also at the Ambassador's Residence.

The '**Golden Bridge Award**' is an annual award presented to the most successful Belgian or Luxembourg company exporting to the United Kingdom, in both the service and manufacturing sectors. This year's award was presented to Modular Lighting Instruments (BEL).

The Luxembourg Ambassador was present at these events.

CNA inauguration

A year ago, the Centre national de l'Audiovisuel moved to a new building at 1B rue du Centenaire, L-3475 Dudelange, Tel. 52 24 24 1 Email: communication@cna.etat.lu. The CNA provides an open platform to the public and to professionals for sound and image resources and archives.



Trifolion

The Trifolion in Echternach was inaugurated on 24 April 2008 and is a new addition to the cultural landscape of Luxembourg. The Trifolion's remit – its three leaves – covers Culture, Tourism and Conferences. The Luxembourg Embassy hosted a reception on 9 October for the European Union Baroque Orchestra, which is Orchestra-in-Residence at the Trifolion for a period of 5 years.

Useful Addresses:

Luxembourg Society was formed in 1942 to promote closer relations and friendship between Britain and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. It provides a forum where Luxembourgers in Britain and Britons, with a connection to Luxembourg, meet through its regular informal gatherings in London. It has particular relevance to students studying here. The informal drinks evenings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the usual venue, the Penderel's Oak in 283-288 High Holborn. Membership (£3 - students £1) is open to anyone who has (or has had) dealings with Luxembourg and who would like to meet others with similar interests.

www.luxembourgsociety.co.uk

Belgian Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce in London

The 1921 Belgian / Luxembourg Economic Union established a long tradition of close economic and monetary cooperation and provided the framework for a network of Belgian Luxembourg Chambers of Commerce round the world. The BLCC aims to help Belgian and Luxembourg companies do business in the UK to succeed and prosper, which in return benefits the Belgian, Luxembourg and British economies. They organise networking events and provide a range of business services.

www.blcc.co.uk/

The Young Chamber (TYC) - part of the Belgian Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce (BLCC) - is the platform for young Belgian and Luxembourg professionals living in the UK.

www.theyoungchamber.org/TYC/

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Society of Luxembourg Students in Britain (SLSB)
President: Mr Alex Steinmetz
www.slsb.lu

Luxair www.luxair.lu
Tel. 020 7055 5005 at London City Airport
Tel. Reservations Call Centre 0800 2456 4242
Luxair operates 4 daily flights to Luxembourg from London City Airport. Luxair gave up its Luxembourg-London Heathrow route on 25 October 2008.

Other airlines flying to Luxembourg

VLM has 3 daily flights from London City Airport to Luxembourg. BA operates 2 daily flights from Gatwick to Luxembourg. A special timetable applies on Saturday and Sunday.

The Luxembourg Tourist Office has moved to:

Suite 4.1, Sicilian House
Sicilian Avenue, London WC1A 2QR
Tel: 020 7434 2800 - Fax: 020 7734 1205
www.luxembourg.co.uk
Director : Mr Serge Moes

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30, place Guillaume II, L - 1648 Luxembourg
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