

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ADB Annual General Meeting 2004

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▲ *New ADB board 2004*

The Annual general meeting of the ADB was held at 29 March at the Hollandse Club. The members were informed on activities held in 2003 and looking forward to 2004, also updated on new developments and the new structure within the ADB:

✦ **Member Questionnaire**

A member questionnaire was held amongst all members of the ADB to gain more insight in members opinions on the ADB activities and the proposal for the new structure. The response of the questionnaire is 77 out of the 220 members (thank you all!) The results are shared with all of you in a separate article in this edition of the ADB Magazine.

✦ **New Structure ADB**

In order to provide even more opportunities for people to meet and share experiences and issues, **Clusters** are being introduced by the ADB in the format of Lunch meetings where likeminded people can discuss countries (China Cluster) or doing business in Singapore (Small business Cluster) are being discussed. These two clusters are chosen to kick off this new development within the ADB

✦ **The ADB Board composition for 2004**

- Tom de Jong - President
- Nick van Holstein - Vice President
- Wim Samlal - Honorary Treasurer
- Charlotte Ruegg - Honorary Secretary
- Frans van de Bospoort - Member
- Jeroen Keunen - Member
- Ruud Lantinga - Member

✦ **Annual Dinner and Dance**

This year the ADB has found a superb location in the members-only **China Club** with it's spectacular views over down town Singapore to celebrate on the 29th of May with the

members the annual Dinner and Dance. All are invited to attend!!

The annual general meeting also presented the Annual report of 2003:

✦ **Annual report of the Board for the Year 2003**

The Board of the Association of Dutch Businessmen in Singapore ("ADB") hereby presents it's annual report. This report covers the calendar year 2003.

Composition of the Board:

- Tom de Jong - President
- Nick van Holstein - Vice President
- Rob Nijst - Honorary Treasurer
- Lieke Rijken - Honorary Secretary
- Frederika Tielenius Kruythoff - Member
- Jeroen Keunen - Member
- Ruud Lantinga - Member

In the course of the year we saw the departure of Frederika Tielenius Kruythoff, Rob Nijst, and Lieke Rijken who all left Singapore. The Board thanks them for their contributions to the ADB.

✦ **Review of Membership numbers**

- 1 January 2003: 232 ordinary members and one honorary member (the Ambassador);
- 31 December 2003: 208 ordinary members and one honorary member (the Ambassador)

During the year we have welcomed 59 new members (73 in 2002) and 83 members have left the association (58 in 2002).

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➤ **Review of ADB activities**

Monthly meetings

The monthly meetings were well visited during the year 2003. A contributing success factor to these monthly meetings was the "Happy Hour". During the gatherings of 2003, the following speakers shared their thoughts and views:

January	New Years Borrel Residence of ADB Board member Lieke Rijken
February	No meeting
March	Annual General Meeting Hollandse Club
April	Tex Gunning President Unilever Bestfoods Asia
May	No meeting
June	No meeting
July	Mr. Rein Willems, Economic Development Board Recommendations and Outcome Specific emphasis on the oil/chemical industry in Singapore Boardmember Economic Development Board Singapore Executive Vice President of Procurement and Products Business Units Shell Chemicals
August	ADB Summertime Networking BBQ
September	Serv Wiemers, China First Secretary Dutch Embassy Peking, Netherlands Business Support Offices
Oktober	Professor Helmut Schutte, The Myths of Globalisation Professor of international management Dean, Asia Campus INSEAD
November	No meeting
December	No meeting

The Borrels provide an excellent opportunity for new members to introduce themselves, and for networking in general. Guest speakers can look forward to inter-active discussions with the members in response to various presentations. Attention for these presentations is enhanced by pre-views in the monthly Magazine of the ADB.

Company visits and other related activities

February	Parkview Square Building Arjen Blom Divine Society
March	Ballast Ham Dredging project in Tanjung Pelepas Kees de Groot Ballast Ham

June	ABP Brewery Henk de Bruin
December	VOPAK Terminals Robert Dompeling John Paul Broeders

The Board is most grateful to the organizers and hosts of these occasions. Members who are interested in hosting similar visits or events, are kindly requested to contact the Board.

➤ **ADB Black Tie Dinner and Dance**

The twelfth annual Black Tie dinner was held on Saturday 24th of May, as usual at the Hollandse Club. With 60 people attending, the event was again successful. The Black Tie Dinner started with a glass of champagne for every guest in the Trade Winds Bar. To stimulate the contacts between the guests, the organizing committee had arranged a pre-planned table seating, where people changed half-way through the dinner. This was done to give members an opportunity to get acquainted with one another. The evening's Theme was "The ADB goes ASEAN" The tables represented different members of the ASEAN and were decorated with props to representing these countries. There was also a contest for the most ASEAN look for the guests. The lucky winners received a weekend hotel stay and a brunch both from the Hilton. The five course dinner was excellent. The starter Dutch asparagus, flown in especially for the evening, was a real treat. During the dinner the Dutch/ Singaporean band "Blindspot" played some lounge music After dinner they played some excellent dance music, which kept most people on the dance floor to the early hours of the morning. The sponsors who made this event possible were ING and NIB capital.

➤ **Newsbrief**

The Newsbrief (now Magazine) remains the most important means of communication amongst our members. The Editorial Committee, under the management of the Chief Editor, Sascha Roosen, produced the Newsbrief. The composition of the Editorial Committee changed slightly during the year. In 2002 the Editorial Committee introduced the 'special edition': besides ten normal editions of the Newsbrief, two 'special editions' were launched, with every edition having a dedicated theme. The reason for implementing the themed editions is to provide a more in-depth vision on these topics on a Singaporean level. The Newsbrief is self-supporting, thanks to our advertisers in this monthly magazine. The ADB would like to express its sincere gratitude to both the Editorial Committee and our advertisers for their continued support. 